



## BEST IN THE BUSINESS!

The tears flowed, the mascara ran, and words failed after Jenni and Dean Lewandowski of Glen Forbes were named winners of the 2023 Bass Coast Business of the Year award at a glittering event at the Cape Paterson Surf Life-saving Club last Friday night.

They took out top honours for their relatively young venture, Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage, with the judges commending them on the research, planning, and education that played a key role in delivering a new product.

But their secret to success, according to Jenni Lewandowski, is all about personal, friendly service and anticipating their clients' needs... isn't it always! See details inside.

# IT'S OPEN

## It's 'sensational' and it cost \$31.3M

IT'S been a long and winding road to get to the opening of the Cowes cultural centre, according to Senator for Victoria Jess Walsh, but the destination has made the journey worthwhile.

Senator Walsh was one of three people to have a hand in the opening of the stunning, new, \$31.3 million facility last Saturday afternoon, and the unveiling of the Boonwurrung language name 'Berninneit', tastefully positioned on the front facade of the massive structure.

But Senator Walsh made something of a faux pas, certainly as far as some councillors are concerned, when she acknowledged that the community had taken to

calling the new facility, 'Bernie's'.

Joining Senator Walsh in opening the centre were Bass MP Jordan Crugnale and Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, who true to his word, revealed the final cost of the project, although others, like council watcher Graham Jolly, beg to differ.

"Who knows what it really cost. They haven't included the cost of finance, the value written off on the old building and whether or not they've included the cost of all the fittings, artworks and the like in the overall cost."

"Perhaps we'll never know," Mr Jolly said.

But, speaking after the official opening, while taking a walk through with invited guests and VIPs, Cr Michael Whelan said the facility would be there for present and future generations to enjoy.

"It's a wonderful facility, the first Passivhaus public building in Australia, which is pretty significant, and something that will set a standard in building efficiency for other community and public facilities."

"A lot of people have had a hand in the project and we certainly welcome them taking credit for that. I think it's something we can all be proud of."

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# Positive reaction in Leongatha as VCE exams commence

LEONGATHA Secondary College (LSC) VCE students at Mesley Hall were generally pleased with the English exam paper on Tuesday, discovering they were well prepared.

"They sounded pretty positive," assistant principal Tanya Chalmers said of the students' reaction.

"They're an awesome cohort and have been working really hard over the past few months."

Tanya highlighted a change that has occurred at LSC this year with the introduction of fortnightly study revision sessions VCE students undertook with their teachers, aimed at boosting exam results.

It was one of LSC's smallest VCE groups for some years.

This year's lower exam numbers are partly a reflection of the strong Vocational Major (VM) program at the school for students wishing to go into apprenticeships and trades.

"In the past, those students



**Leongatha Secondary College student Jude Fixter's happiness shows after sitting the VCE English exam.** A01\_4423



**Leongatha Secondary College assistant principal Tanya Chalmers said students expressed confidence they went well in Tuesday's VCE English exam.** A02\_4423

may have stayed to do their exams but now they can have one foot out the door in an apprenticeship and still be at school," Tanya said, with this year's VM participants able to slide straight into full apprenticeships next year.

LSC student Jude Fixter was one of those who tackled the English exam and was pleased

with the paper. He explained the exam was divided into three sections, the first relating to the analysis of a single book, the next a comparison between a book and a film, and the final section an argumentative piece.

In the middle section, the task was to compare the book *Ransom* and the movie

The Queen.

"There are some overarching themes, such as grief and leadership, which were prominent in both the film and the book, and you talk about the similarities and differences," Jude said.

The fact the book has an ancient Greek setting and the film is based in 20th century England didn't faze him.

Jude said having completed multiple practice exams stood him in good stead, giving him confidence in writing to time and understanding the general themes that would arise on the paper, but there was still uncertainty entering the exam room, not knowing what specific prompts would arise.

The final section of the paper required students to analyse an argument that is put forward.

"I'm happy with how it went," Jude said as he headed off to prepare for other exams, with those being PE, further maths, history and visual communications.

It's open, it's 'sensational' ...and it cost \$31.3M

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"It will host many arts and cultural occasions over the next few decades, and we encourage everyone to come in and have a look at the museum, go to the library or go to a show, get a feed and just have a relax."

Cr Whelan said he was proud of what the council team and the community had been able to achieve together, noting they had arts and community groups "embedded" in the process to get the best result.

"We won't have any trouble attracting artists in the future. Everyone will want to come here."

A celebration of Aboriginal arts and culture has been front and centre with the opening of the new arts facility, not only with the name 'Berninneit', which Cr Whelan said was a 'thank you' message to our First Nations' People in perpetuity, but also with Bunurong Aboriginal Land Council representatives Jillian and Jess West having a key role in the opening and Baluk Arts presenting the first exhibition in the gallery.

Monash MHR Russell Broadbent, who arranged for the single biggest government contribution to the \$31.3 million project, \$5 million in funding from the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Program, was also a special guest at the official opening at 3.30pm.

Earlier, Cr Whelan said the centre would meet the needs of the growing Phillip Island region long into the future.

During construction, he said, it had generated 100 full-time jobs and added \$19.2 million in local economic value to Bass Coast.

Senator Walsh, representing the federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, said centres like Berninneit play a vital role in communities.

"Investments in these centres are more than bricks and mortar – they are places where stories are told, culture is celebrated, and laughter is shared," Senator Walsh said.

"The spirit of this centre is captured beautifully by its name, Berninneit, a Bunurong word meaning 'gather together'."

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said the centre was a whole of community effort and would serve, inspire, nourish locals and visitors for years to come.

"I can't wait to see the array of cultural events, happenings, performances and artistry our region has to offer and will also attract," Ms Crugnale said.

"Berninneit is about gathering together, and I have no doubt it will absolutely become the cultural and social beating heart of Phillip Island – Millowl – and create a beautiful sense of pride."

The week of celebrations will continue, with Berninneit opening to the community on Thursday November 2 and a grand program of events rolling out from Saturday, November 4.

## Young hoon grew up fast after Schoolies' incident

HOW do you get a dangerous driving charge down to a good behavior bond with no conviction? Ask Melbourne barrister Damon Hunter.

Mr Hunter put up one of the best pleas you'd ever hope to hear in defence of his client, a 20-year-old Ringwood man, Tristian Rossi, who got caught up in the excitement of 'Schoolies Week' in Cowes in November 2021, and smoked up his tyres around the Church Street-Thompson Avenue roundabout under the gaze of local police.

Acknowledging to police afterwards that he "was just showing off" in front of a group of fellow revellers when he loudly revved the engine of his Holden Commodore and screeched his tyres as he travelled east along The Esplanade past Bass Avenue at 11.03pm on Monday, November 29, Mr Rossi told the Wonthaggi Magistrate's Court last Friday that he was ashamed of his actions.

He attracted the attention of police when he smoked up the tyres and lost traction while turning right into Steele Street, and continued on to the

Chapel Street roundabout, in front of Coles, where he again lost traction and revved the engine loudly before being pulled over by police.

The first-year P-plate driver immediately had his car impounded for 30 days, and thanks to the fact that no speed was involved, nor alcohol or drugs, he lost his licence for the mandatory period six months in court last week.

It was a significant penalty for a person who drives a delivery truck for a job but it could have been worse, a lot worse except for the efforts of Mr Hunter.

In a text-book presentation that not only offered commendable substance, but also a genuine level of empathy, Mr Hunter didn't shy away from the fact that the behaviour might have led to tragedy on the busy streets of Cowes.

"If you'll allow me, your honour, he actually acknowledged to police on the night that he was "being a dickhead".

And not notwithstanding the fact that the incident was "out of character" for an otherwise clean-living young man, and not only disappointing

to himself but also his family, Mr Hunter said the incident was aggravated by the fact that there were people in the vicinity, creating the potential for a threat to life and property.

"Not only were his actions foolish and stupid, but it was only as a result of luck that his actions didn't result in injuries to himself or someone else."

But Mr Hunter said a number of things were at play at the time of the incident: Mr Rossi was aged only 18, was caught up in the excitement of finishing his exams, was dealing with some mental health issues and also the recent death of his grandmother whom he described as having a "crucial" impact on his client's life.

He said his client had already completed a defensive driving course as a result of the incident, had written a letter of apology to the police and the courts, and produced several glowing references, which were all the more meritorious as Mr Rossi had revealed the circumstances of the incident to his employer and the other referee.

Mr Hunter made a plea for the minimum period off the

road, so he could keep his job, and asked for a no-conviction penalty, as his client was keenly interested in a career with the Australian Federal Police when he was eligible to apply at the age of 23.

The account of the circumstances and Mr Rossi's remorse clearly impressed Magistrate Alanna Duffy who handed down an "adjourned undertaking", essentially a 12-month good behaviour bond, the minimum six-month licence disqualification, a \$200 donation to the SES and significantly, no conviction on the charge, which will be wiped from Mr Rossi's record if he completes the 12 months without incident.

Mr Hunter said his client had grown up considerably in the last two years, and given the fact that no alcohol or speed was involved, and crucially that no one was injured, he deserved the chance the court was offering him.

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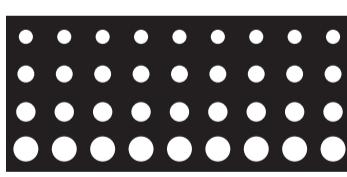


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### SOUTH GIPPSLAND



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**WED | Nov 1**

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Wind AM: SW 15-20km/h  
Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h

9° **17°**



**THUR | Nov 2**

Cloudy.  
Wind AM: SW 15-20km/h  
Wind PM: Light

9° **18°**



**FRI | Nov 3**

Cloudy.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: S-SW 15-25km/h

9° **17°**



**SAT | Nov 4**

Partly cloudy.  
Wind AM: SW 15-20km/h  
Wind PM: S-SE 20-30km/h

9° **18°**



**SUN | Nov 5**

Cloudy.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: SE 15-25km/h

9° **19°**

## IN BRIEF

### Free online fire danger session

THE South Gippsland Shire Council, in conjunction with the CFA, is offering a free online session on Tuesday, November 14 about how to prepare your property for the fire season.

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### Old and New: Applications open for Local History Grants

COMMUNITY groups from across Victoria are invited to apply for the latest round of local history grants, celebrating and preserving the state's rich history for future generations.

The Local History Grants Program supports groups to record and share the stories of their local areas.

Victorian community groups are encouraged to apply for a

share of \$350,000 available in the latest round of support.

Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for individual projects.

Over the years, projects have included newspaper digitisation projects, exhibitions, anniversary projects and conservation of precious community collections by historical groups, museums, schools and sporting clubs.

Last month, the Government announced funding of \$423,000 to support the Victorian Community History Awards, and a new round of the Local History Grants Program.

Applications for grants close on Monday December 11. Visit [prov.vic.gov.au](#) for more details and to apply.

### Blinky Bill says 'hello' to Inverloch police

Inverloch Police Station had a visit from a friendly koala early last Tuesday morning.

The local police advised that the little fella didn't have a crime to report but wanted to say hello.

"Perhaps he was trying to get an application to join the police force," an officer suggested.

The handsome visitor was afforded a police escort to ensure he made it safely home to his gum tree.

### Supporting disability self-help groups

DEDICATED groups that improve the lives of people living with disability and their families are being supported by the Victorian Government to continue their critical work.

Applications are open for a new round of Disability Self-Help Grants, supporting groups to strengthen their work to provide social, emotional and practical support to people with disability and their families or carers.

A total of more than

\$265,000 is available over two years, for grants of up to \$7000 per year for up to two years.

The grants can support groups to meet the costs of general expenses, running costs and minor works and equipment.

The latest round of grants are also available for use in new ways, including providing activities that celebrate pride and recognition and paying for guest speakers at events for their members.

Further information about the grants can be found at [providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/disability-self-help-grants-program](#).

### Learner driver allegedly teaches himself

Wonthaggi police allege a 17-year-old male from Poowong North, who only held a learner permit, was behind the wheel of a 2005 Kia Optima sedan with no supervisor.

The vehicle piqued the interest of the local police on the night of Sunday October 22 and they followed it into Kingston Road where it was intercepted.

The driver is alleged to have committed several other offences and will shortly receive a summons to attend the Children's Court in Wonthaggi.

The vehicle has been impounded for 30 days at a cost of \$1290.

Police stressed they are always around and are committed to removing unauthorised drivers from the road in Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires.

### Community concern over growing Gippsland crime

A FOCUS on increasing police presence in Gippsland following the release of recent crime statistics is being urged by the Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny

O'Brien.

Mr O'Brien said data provided clear evidence that crime across Gippsland has been steadily rising since 2014, with particular concern about South Gippsland Shire.

"Crime in South Gippsland Shire has risen by 66.6 per cent over the past nine years while Wellington Shire has increased 11.7 per cent and Latrobe City has risen 9.7 per cent.

"In recent months I have been contacted by numerous constituents in South Gippsland with concerns about crime, including burglary, theft and hoon driving. I know local police are struggling with poor resourcing."

Mr O'Brien said it was clear that the Government's continued focus on the city was coming at the expense of community safety in country areas.

"I've been campaigning for some time for better police presence in our communities and have joined with community members in places such as Loch, Korumburra and Mirboo North to advocate for better staffing of our local stations.

"These crime figures are alarming and should send a clear message to the Government that action is needed.

"I am regularly contacted by constituents who feel a lack of police presence in their community is leading to increased hoon driving and other anti-social behaviour.

"I have always said that our local police do a great job under significant pressure, but they are clearly stretched, and it is unfortunate that the Government seems to think that these areas can be left to their own devices.

"The Government must act now to ensure our country police stations are adequately staffed and resourced to deter crime in our communities and put a stop to this concerning trend."

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# Best business: Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage

THERE was an emotional finish to the Bass Coast Business Awards on Friday night when relative newcomers, Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage at Glen Forbes, walked away with top honours.

While owner-operator Jenni Lewandowski was brought to tears at the announcement, her partner Dean was rendered speechless when they emerged as the 2023 Bass Coast Business of the Year against stiff competition from the likes of 2022 winner Wildlife Coast Cruises.

"We're ecstatic, we never expected to win it," said Jenni Lewandowski.

"It's an absolute honour."

Established at the gateway to Bass Coast in 2017, and building up to more than 200 caravans and boats on site at any one time, their secret to success is simple – it's all about personal service.

"Dean and I take it right back to the basics. We meet everyone at the gate when they arrive. I regularly talk to our customers, and I have all their names and numbers on my phone.

"I know them, and their families and we know when they take their holidays. We know what they need."

Having built their business up to capacity, Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage is ready to grow again with an expansion project presently before the shire.

Maybe the award will help them get it across the line.

The annual awards night was held at the magnificent Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club, perched high above the spectacular ocean vistas of Bunurong Marine National Park.

The night opened with a Welcome to Country by the Bunurong Land Council's Mark Brown, followed by Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan who congratulated the businesses who had "put themselves out there" to not only win an award but also the benefit from sharing and networking.



Bunurong Land Council representative Mark Brown and Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Michael Whelan welcomed a big crowd of local business and tourism operators to the 2023 Bass Coast Business Awards at the Cape Paterson Surf Club last Friday night.

One of the highlights of the evening was the overwhelming response to the People's Choice Awards categories. This year, the program received a staggering 2300 votes, nearly doubling last year's count. The community's increasing involvement in celebrating local businesses in the region is heartening, according to the Council, which extended its gratitude to all those who participated.

"We thank all 54 applicants who submitted entries from businesses across diverse sectors, including construction, hair and beauty, health, hospitality, manufacturing, the visitor economy, retail, and professional services. Among these, 35 businesses applied for the awards, and we were thrilled to welcome 25 first-time applicants who took their place on the stage of recognition," said the council in a statement about this year's awards.

The judging panel for this year's awards was comprised of six industry professionals who generously volunteered their time to support the Business Awards.

The panel included: Kim Storey Destination Phillip

Island, Andrea Evans-McCall Countries University Centre, Rebecca Massaro Interchange Gippsland, Heidi Hamm, Sustainability Victoria, Melissa Cashman Phillip Island Nature Parks and Jennifer Carroll GoTo Solutions.

#### Judged Category Awards:

- Access, Equity and Inclusion (sponsored by Interchange Gippsland). Brinnie T Design winner, YES Youth Hub runner-up.
- Business Innovation (sponsored by Corio Generation). TerraLab winner, Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre runner-up.
- Food and Beverage. Harman Wines winner, Merindah Hill Farm runner-up.
- Hair and Beauty. her. Skin & Day Spa winner, Hair by Sarah Azzato runner-up.
- Environmental Sustainability (sponsored by Westernport Water). Wildlife Coast Cruises winner, Bass Strait Direct runner-up.
- Event Excellence (sponsored by rEVENTS Academy). NYE on the Hill winner, Bass Coast Cycle Challenge runner-up.
- Marketing and Communications (sponsored by Destination Phillip Island). Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage winner, San Remo Hotel runner-up.
- Retail and Services. Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage winner, San Remo Butchers runner-up.
- Trade. Rotaret Hydraulic Engineering winner, Bass Coast Plastering runner-up.

Service). Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre winner, San Remo Hotel runner-up.

- Business of the Year (sponsored by Harman Wines). Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage.

#### People's Choice Awards:

(sponsored by Bass Coast Shire Council).

- Accommodation and Tourism Attraction. Anchor Belle Holiday Park winner, NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park runner-up.
- Food and Beverage. Harman Wines winner, Merindah Hill Farm runner-up.
- Hair and Beauty. her. Skin & Day Spa winner, Hair by Sarah Azzato runner-up.
- Health and Lifestyle. Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre winner, Balance Health Phillip Island runner-up.
- Online, Mobile and Home-based Business. We Are Phillip Island winner, Patricia Jamieson Celebrant runner-up.
- Retail and Services. Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage winner, San Remo Butchers runner-up.
- Trade. Rotaret Hydraulic Engineering winner, Bass Coast Plastering runner-up.

## Roads debacle continues on South Gippsland Highway



The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is disappointed that no works have yet been undertaken on the South Gippsland Highway at Foster North.

GIPPSLAND roads continue to deteriorate as a result of neglect and funding cuts.

"The South Gippsland Highway at Foster North near the Grassy Spur has become so worn and polished due to a lack of maintenance that I've had truck drivers raise concerns that they will lose grip and control of their vehicles," The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said.

"Indeed, this is the same stretch of road where a motorcycle police officer had a serious accident some months ago and yet nothing has been done to fix it.

"I wrote to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety in July about this stretch of road only to be told that it was part of a 'management plan' with no timeline given for when the road surface will be fixed.

"All that has happened is that 80 km/h speed signs have been erected that also refer to 'roadworks' which is a complete misnomer as no roadworks have or are occurring."

Mr O'Brien said the Foster North section was just one of dozens of areas on the South Gippsland and many other highways around the region that are in a poor state due to funding cuts.

"We have seen a 25 per cent cut to the road maintenance budget this financial year which takes the total cut since 2020 to 45 per cent. If people are wondering why our roads have got so bad there's only one direction to look.

"Without the necessary funding VicRoads and its contractors are ham-strung - to the extent that the Government is planning no road resurfacing program this year for the first time in decades.

"That will just make our roads more susceptible to damage and more problems in the future."

Mr O'Brien said the solution is additional funding for road maintenance as well as more scrutiny and accountability over road building and maintenance contracts.



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## Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

LAST week was National Children's Week – an annual national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children.

Based on Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the theme for Children's Week 2023 is "Children have the right to relax, play and to take part in activities they enjoy".

I think that our community works together to achieve this celebration – something I see and hear on my travels – from the joyous laughter of kids having fun in playgrounds to seeing families surfing together on the local beaches...

During Children's Week, Council along with many of our community not-for-profit organisations, schools and early childhood services organised open days, displays, special events, virtual spaces and activities for children and families.

This was a fantastic opportunity for families in our region to enjoy fun, engaging and educational experiences.

With a rapidly growing population, we are pleased about recent events confirming further funding for kindergartens in our region. We have also just hosted the first of many partnership roundtables with key organisations in our region to address early childhood workforce shortages in Bass Coast to help prevent lengthy waiting periods for families seeking childcare arrangement and to ensure a more equal footing for all young children into kindergartens.

This week we were thrilled that the Wonthaggi Guide Park Playspace won the 2023 National Landscape Architecture Award – a testament to the vision of those involved for so many to be able to enjoy playing there now – a space for connection for families.

I meet a lot of people in the community on my travels and the feedback around activities for families is always positive. We have beautiful beaches, playgrounds, activities, libraries, incredible businesses supporting children and so much more.

Of course, we've just had the Moto GP in town as well with many days of fun despite the wild weather. Great to see so many families out amongst the crowds of bikes.

With Berninnett opening, we are excited to be including a significant amount of programming specifically for children and families – much of which are free and low cost to ensure all can enjoy. I'd encourage you to pop over to the Island and see what's on offer.

If you're looking to do something this evening for Halloween – get dressed up in your scariest outfits and head on down to Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre. Hosted by the YES Youth Hub and our community partners there are a series of sessions in a safe and age-appropriate space which you can find on our website.

I'd further encourage everyone to check out our website for events, look out for posters and book into the many events coming up as well as new libraries with story-times and much more. Our entire region has areas for all ages and with our vision of the Dino Trail and other advocacy projects, we hope that there will be many more adventures and memories to be made across the Bass Coast region for generations to come.

In addition to everything local, we can't forget all our visitors of all ages – we've just been awarded a Finalist in the 2023 Victorian Tourism Awards! So, fingers crossed for a win there and thanks to our community for your courage to open incredible businesses for locals and visitors and to everyone for being warm and welcoming to ensure our region is a continued leader for tourism.

# Scheme loss an 'absolute tragedy'

PERMANENT residents of Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay on Phillip Island say it was an "absolute tragedy" that their \$35 million road and drainage improvement project was voted down recently, in what has been revealed as a narrow 47 per cent to 53 per cent result.

With a margin of only 62 votes out of 1041 property owners, it would have taken only a swing of 31 residents to change the outcome.

And they've launched a petition calling on the Bass Coast Shire Council to revive the scheme, via an alternate model that would see streets upgraded in those areas most severely impacted by traffic and dust.

"I don't blame the people who voted against it, and I don't blame the council for their engagement strategy. What I do blame the council for is not offering alternatives," said permanent resident of 17 years, Lou Pecora of Surf Beach.

"The council came up with the project they wanted and said, 'look it was successful in Pioneer Bay and that's what we are doing here'.

"But it's a completely different situation in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay with distinct areas and needs, plus you don't have to be Einstein to work out that when you've got 70 per cent permanents, like Pioneer Bay has, against a majority that aren't

permanent, you've got to be going about it a different way.

"Of the 1041 residents affected by the Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Scheme, you've got a relatively small number living on the 10 or so roads most severely affected by traffic and dust.

"The rest live on relatively quiet roads where they don't have to worry about it.

"It would be nice to think that these people would say 'I don't have a problem, but I'm prepared to pay \$24,000 to help someone else out' but the reality is they don't do that," said Mr Pecora.

"But it doesn't take away from the fact that there are serious health implications from the dusty roads and the open drains that need to be addressed.

"Many of the people who own houses down here don't experience the muddy, flooded roads we have in winter and they rent out and pick their times when they come down here but the rest of us have to live with it.

"That's why the council had to produce some alternatives, not just say 'we know what's good for you'."

Mr Pecora said he'd been told by a council staff member that "it's time to move on, the community has spoken" but he believes that council can't just let it go, which is why he has raised a petition.

"Some of the people who voted against it are now

having second thoughts because they were told that when this option was voted down, council would offer an alternative and they're shocked it's just been completely dropped."

Mr Pecora said he favoured an innovative treatment for The Esplanade, one that highlighted the immense beauty of the foreshore area while supporting the sensitive environment with its Short-tailed Shearwater rookeries as something that could have attracted government funding.

"It comes back to council in December, we believe.

"They can't just abandon the scheme and force the 47 per cent of people who voted for it to continue living in third world conditions."

A 'Do Not Allow Council To Abandon The Surf Beach & Sunderland Bay Special Charge Scheme' petition has been launched on the public campaign website Change.org. Mr Pecora is urging people to get on and sign it, but he's under no illusions about how hard it will be to unscramble the egg that is the Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Special Charge Scheme.

"Please pass this on to other devastated residents before the December 13 Council meeting, and also pass it on to those that have voted 'NO' but who may want a change of mind."

## No end in sight for 'DAL' and planning changes

IT'S known as the 'DAL' - a process whereby the Bass Coast Shire Council's distinctive areas and landscapes are protected under a new Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), being developed by the state government in partnership with local government and traditional owners.

But so drawn out has the review been, considering such proposals as locking up many of the settlement boundaries for shire's townships, that the government has had to "re-declare" Bass Coast as a Distinctive Area and Landscape so the process can continue.

One problem with that is the Bass Coast Shire Council's planning response will remain in a state of flux while that is going on with some of the shire's own policy reviews delayed or left incomplete while they wait for the state government to get its act together.

Meanwhile, the anxiety continues for the Cape Paterson community who are worried about significant expansion of the township on the north side.

It doesn't provide much confidence that the government will be able to discharge the powers it is taking away from councils, under such initiatives as

Victoria's huge housing plan and in response to IBAC's investigation of alleged planning corruption at a council level.

The 're-declaration' of Bass Coast was announced on Thursday, October 26 by Bass MP Jordan Crugnale.

The Bass Coast Shire area, said Ms Crugnale, contains distinctive rural and coastal landscapes, significant biodiversity and cultural heritage values, productive agricultural land and natural resources, and was first declared under the landmark DAL legislation in 2019.

"I want to assure our community that the DAL is well progressed and that it is being redeclared as the Act requires that a Statement

of Planning Policy (SPP) be prepared, endorsed and approved within one year of the declaration commencing," said Ms Crugnale.

The draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) was prepared by the former Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in collaboration with Traditional Owners – the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation,

Bass Coast Shire Council, other agencies and authorities, and with local communities.

During the public consultation in 2022, a total of 747 written public submissions were received.

**Read the full story at sgst.com.au**



Cr Clare Serve has been serving the community on Bass Coast Shire Council for the last 10 years.

## Councillor recognised for decade of service

BASS Coast Shire Council's Cr Clare Le Serve was recently recognised for 10 years of service at the Municipal Association of Victoria's Councillor Service Awards.

The awards celebrate the achievements, commitment and dedication of long serving councillors across the state.

The Western Port Ward councillor is currently serving her third term, having represented the Leadbeater Ward from 2012 to 2016, and then the Western Port multi-member member ward from 2016 to 2020, and 2020-current.

"What a brilliant achievement," mayor Cr Michael Whelan said.

"Serving our community for the four-year term of a council is a great honour for councillors, however a 10-year term deserves a high amount of recognition for Cr Le Serve. We thank Clare for her continuous work and support for the community and all that she has achieved."

## Chart the course for the San Remo Structure Plan

BASS Coast Shire Council is excited to announce a unique opportunity for the San Remo community to actively participate in shaping the future of their town.

As they project significant growth over the next two decades, Council are keen to hear your thoughts and insights to create a Town Plan that truly reflects the values and priorities of residents.

San Remo holds a special place in the hearts of those who live, visit, or work there, and Council acknowledge its deep significance to the Bunurong people, the traditional custodians of this land.

With projected growth on the horizon and an aging population, it is essential that plans for the future are responsible and inclusive.

To address this, Bass Coast Shire Council is currently developing a Town Structure Plan that will serve as a roadmap for the town's layout and provision of services in the coming years.

The plan will encompass a wide range of aspects, from planning controls to transportation, infrastructure, urban expansion, and essential services.

Council is actively seeking feedback and insights from residents, visitors, businesses, and all members of the community.

Feedback will be appreciated and will also be instrumental in guiding the development of the San Remo Town Plan.

To share your thoughts and participate in this important process, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/sanremoplan.

For additional information or inquiries, please feel free to reach out to the Council's Strategic Planning Team at 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or 5671 2211, or email strategicplanningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

# Coal Creek improvements continue

COAL Creek Community Park and Museum's restored rotunda, the park's improved waterways and tidied up General Store will all be on show at the booked out All Hallows' Eve event tonight.

While efforts continue to improve facilities, the dramatic increase in volunteers at the park is the strongest sign of Coal Creek's resurgence after the pandemic.

When Coal Creek team leader Kim O'Connell started his role, there were just three volunteers remaining, with that number having now jumped to around 35, and Kim attributing that to people realising they can have a positive impact on the park by volunteering.

Newly inducted volunteer Roxy of Korumburra is a native Mandarin speaker, terrific news for Chinese tourists who will enjoy hearing her chat about Coal Creek without the need for translation.

Sentinel-Times toured Coal Creek recently with Kim and South Gippsland Shire Council's manager of economy, community and investment Christian Stefani to observe progress.



Coal Creek team leader Kim O'Connell and South Gippsland Shire Council's manager of economy, community and investment Christian Stefani with the park's restored rotunda. A03\_4423

Kim spoke of the close working relationship that now exists with council.

"We feel integrated into the shire," he said, noting the support of Christian and council's coordinator of arts, culture and visitor economy Penni Ellicott.

The park's current exhibition 'Changed Forever' runs until December 4.

"It's about conflict and the impact it leaves on veterans," Kim

said, adding visitor numbers have been lower than for previous exhibitions but the impact has been deeper on those who have attended.

Christian highlighted the importance of Coal Creek's reimagined exhibition space, ideal for displaying the works of local artists and touring exhibitions such as 'Changed Forever', which has been brought to Coal Creek from Melbourne.

An upcoming summer exhibition in the park's auditorium will showcase South Gippsland's tourism assets.

Christian spoke of the importance of Coal Creek in promoting the arts sector in combination with the park's heritage elements, and its ability to play a part in introducing visitors to other aspects of what the broader South Gippsland region has to offer.

In addition to the restored rotunda, restoration work is taking place on Coal Creek's railway carriages, and clearing of weeds and sediment from the park's waterways, has also taken place.

It is still intended to get the bush tramway operational, with Kim saying it needs to be determined how to ensure that is done in a sustainable fashion. With in-house expertise continuing to increase, it is intended to draw on that to help carry out required works on buildings most in need of attention, with funding then to be sought for other work.

The General Store building will be open for All Hallows' Eve after extensive tidying up inside.

Welcome Spring,  
Hello Hayfever!

**Bena Ong**  
Pharmacist

Terry White  
Chemmart  
Leongatha



SPRING is finally here, and with it comes a burst of fresh greenery, vibrant blooms, and the joy of shedding winter coats. As we embrace the warmer weather, there's one thing that also makes its presence felt – hay fever season.

Hay fever, scientifically known as Allergic Rhinitis, has nothing to do with hay and doesn't actually cause a fever. It's triggered by allergens that come into contact with our noses and eyes. Pollen is a common culprit, but dust, mites, mould, and animal hair can also set off an allergic reaction. The symptoms strike quickly, leaving us with irritated, swollen, and inflamed noses.

We're no strangers to the telltale signs of hay fever:

- Runny, itchy, and congested noses
- Irritated, watery, and red eyes
- Itchy ears, throat, and palate

If you're looking to dodge these pesky symptoms, making your home allergen-proof is a smart move.

Invest in an air purifier with a HEPA filter, keep windows closed, limit outdoor exposure, and consider donning a mask, especially on breezy days.

Living with hay fever can be challenging, affecting our daily lives. Thankfully, there's a range of solutions available to us in the form of tablets, sprays, and eye drops.

Antihistamine tablets provide relief from sneezing, runny noses, and irritated eyes. Their flexibility allows you to take them when symptoms flare up and stop when you're feeling better. For itchy, watery eyes, antihistamine eye drops come to the rescue.

Intranasal corticosteroid nasal sprays tackle inflammation when used consistently. They both treat and prevent symptoms, though they take a bit longer to kick in. Pairing them with an oral antihistamine tablet offers a powerful combo, giving the spray some time to work its magic. Using a nasal rinse before the spray enhances its effectiveness by clearing away excess pollen and mucus, letting the active ingredient work its best.

With around one in five Australians affected by hay fever, there's no shortage of options to manage your symptoms. At TerryWhite Chemmart, our doors are always open for a chat. We're here to help you navigate hay fever season and regain your comfort.



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## Terry White to expand services through pilot program

LEONGATHA'S Terry White Pharmacy is among those set to participate in Victoria's 12-month 'community pharmacist pilot program', enabling it to provide specific extra services previously only available through a GP, having already been approved for the program.

The Victorian Government initiative of expanding the range of services pharmacies can provide is intended to improve access to health care for Victorians, with pharmacies to receive government funding.

Initially, extra services will involve being able to issue a resupply of contraceptive pills without a new prescription and providing antibiotics for uncomplicated urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women.

Later, participating pharmacies will be able to provide a travel clinic service offering travel-related vaccinations, as well as treatment for mild skin conditions.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas noted the initiative is based on overseas examples.

"With pharmacy consultation and prescribing already



Pharmacist Zac Timpano from Terry White Leongatha is excited to be able to offer extra services soon as part of a new State Government pilot program. A09\_4423

commonplace in many countries, we know it can provide a safe and affordable alternative for Victorians, while freeing up GPs for those with more urgent needs," she said.

While the pilot program officially began on October 27, Terry White Leongatha's participating pharmacist Zac Timpano is awaiting the required training.

Zac explained that once the program is running at the

pharmacy, each customer's eligibility will be determined based on individual circumstances, with the need to take account of the person's medical situation.

Those who are not eligible will be referred to appropriate services.

Zac stressed that there will be no charge for determining eligibility and that medicines provided through the program won't cost any more than they

would if prescribed through a GP.

A government spokesperson stated that travel health consultations and treatment for mild skin conditions will roll out in coming months.

While the pilot program has launched in some pharmacies, others are still able to apply.

Leongatha's Amcal Pharmacy has already done so but is awaiting confirmation it has been approved.

The State Government indicates that 400 pharmacies across Victoria have joined the pilot program, with 200 more expected to come on board over coming weeks.

To participate, pharmacies need to demonstrate they have appropriate facilities, such as a private consulting room, and at least one staff member who has undergone the required training.

Under the pilot program, there will be no charge for consultations regarding UTIs, resupply of the contraceptive pill or mild skin conditions.

Pharmacies may charge a fee for travel health consultations and vaccinations according to the government.



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### Board chair and director opportunities in the Victorian Public Health Sector

The Minister for Health and the Minister for Ambulance Services, the Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP, is pleased to invite applications for part time board chair and board director positions on Victorian government hospital boards. The positions start on 1 July 2024 and appointments are for two to three years.

These positions provide an exciting opportunity for Victorians to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our communities. Applicants are selected for their capabilities, including personal and professional attributes, experience, knowledge, and skills that contribute to the strategic leadership and oversight of health care for the Victorian community.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring boards reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. Applications are welcomed from people of all ages, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and from lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, gender diverse, intersex and queer people.

Safe and high quality healthcare for all Victorians is a priority of the Victorian Government. Applicants must be able to demonstrate and provide evidence in support of the capabilities they identify in their applications.

Applications close at **Midnight Sunday 19 November 2023**.

Further information about Victorian health service boards and how to apply, please go to the following website: [www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications)

## South Gippsland Summer Pool Season with the Y

THE Y South Gippsland in partnership with South Gippsland Shire are excited to be again working together to operate a number of the Outdoor Pools in South Gippsland as well as the SPLASH facility in Leongatha.

The Y will be operating the Mirboo North Outdoor Pool, the Korumburra Outdoor Pool and the Poowong Outdoor Pool this Summer and beyond. In even better news for community, South Gippsland Shire have made the decision to reduce the temperature trigger for opening to 23C, down from 25C last year. This means more days of swimming for you!

### Season Dates:

Mirboo North OP – opens from Monday November 13 to Sunday March 31, 2024

Korumburra & Poowong OP's – open Saturday December 2 to Monday March 11, 2024

Manager Glenn Marsham, said, "with the pools opening more days this year, we are seeking more people to join the team to become a lifeguard. Working with the Y is a great opportunity to get some Summer cash, learn new skills and make a great contribution back to community and may even be the career path you have been looking for."

Could this be you? The Y is seeking people from all walks of life, 16 years through to 60+. If you enjoy working in a team, providing a fun, safe and welcoming environment for people, then we would love to hear from you.

In partnership with the Y, Chisholm Tafe will be hosting a full Pool Lifeguard Course at the South Gippsland SPLASH facility on November 11 and 12 and funding is available for eligible candidates who are recruited by the Y, to cover the course cost.

If you would like to know more about what is involved in becoming a lifeguard or joining the team at the Y, click on the QR code below or reach out to Derek at the SPLASH on 5662 5911.

### South Gippsland Outdoor Pools operating hours:

- Mirboo North Outdoor Pool Monday November 13, 2023 to Sunday March 31, 2024 Morning Swims – Monday/ Wednesday Friday: 6am to 9am School Days – Monday to Friday: 3pm to 6pm Saturday / Sunday / School Holidays /Public Holidays: 12pm to 7pm
- Korumburra and Poowong Outdoor Pools Saturday 2 December 2 to Monday March 11, 2024 School Days – Monday to Friday: 3pm to 6pm Saturday / Sunday / School Holidays /Public Holidays: 12pm to 7pm

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# Ruth Chambers named Outstanding Primary Teacher



Ruth won the Outstanding Primary Teacher award at the Victorian Education Excellence Awards on Friday evening.

WONTHAGGI Primary School teacher Ruth Chambers has claimed the 2023 Victorian Education Excellence Awards Outstanding Primary Teacher at Friday night's awards ceremony after being named a finalist earlier in the month by Minister for Education Ben Carroll.

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

"It's an absolute thrill. I'm so excited. I didn't assume anything, so when they made the announcement that was pretty exciting."

"It was really lovely because I had two colleagues from work with me, our principal, Wendy Truett, and a teaching colleague, Tammy Grimley. They were part of the team that wrote the nomination in the first place, so it was great to have them there with me."

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

At the award ceremony Ruth spoke about the importance of everyone having a voice, seeking out the truth and being kind in what is often a crazy world.

"There were probably about a 1000 people there and a whole lot of staff that were waiting on the tables came up to us afterwards and said, 'I went to school in Wonthaggi or I know Wonthaggi because such and such lives there; so, it was just also really exciting that the town of Wonthaggi is getting some recognition for some very solid teaching that occurs here in our schools."

"It is a really great thing to have a such a positive, heartfelt story coming out of schools, particularly at this time," Ruth said.



Bass Coast College students Ashton, Saher, Lexi, and Mia after completing their Year 12 English exam. Z01\_4423

## Year 12's undergo final English exam

THREE essays; including two texts and a pro analysis – covering Maxine Beneba Clarke's *The Hate Race*. A memoir, and David Gulpilil Charlie's *Country* – A film by Rolf De Heer were the topics of the Year 12 English exam for Victorian school leavers.

The students at Bass Coast College completed their Year 12 English exam at the Wonthaggi Town Hall on Tuesday morning leaving their seats in hope of good results.

Year 12 students Allanah O'Brien and Nicola Hales said the names of these topics will forever be etched in their minds. With three exams to go until the end of the 2023-year student Nicola said, "We can only leave with hope we've done well."

Whilst Allanah continues to study for an additional five exams for her methods classes.

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# Cash for containers starts this Wednesday

VICTORIA'S container deposit scheme, 'CDS Vic', is set to kick off on Wednesday, November 1 and both Bass Coast and South Gippsland will be fully participating in the can and bottle return program from day one.

The scheme will reward Victorians with a 10-cent refund for every eligible can, carton and bottle they return.

But just as importantly, those cans and bottles will go into the recycle system and be saved from landfill and also stopped from fouling up the environment.

For South Gippsland and Bass Coast residents, you will be able to get a refund for your eligible containers at two collection points operated by local firm 'Can Collect', at sites located in Wonthaggi and on Phillip Island.

The collection points will be open seven days-a-week to help local residents, community and sporting groups, and businesses to benefit from the scheme.

The collection points are located at:

- Wonthaggi, 36 Inverloch Road, Wonthaggi
- Phillip Island, 14 Harvey Drive, Cowes

Can Collect collection point opening hours are Monday-Friday 8.30am-4.30pm, and Saturday-Sunday 9am-3pm.

Local operator, Will Hams and the Can Collect team are up and going now, awaiting the Wednesday, November 1 start.

"As Can Collect, our role is community engagement, not only are we encouraging individuals to come down with their cans, bottles and cartons



**Will Hams and the crew at Can Collect, an operating partner in the State Government's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS), for the Wonthaggi and Phillip Island area are all set at their depots in Wonthaggi and Cowes for the start of the program kick off on Wednesday, November 1.**

for recycling, but we'll also be getting in touch with the sporting clubs, community groups, men's sheds, businesses and people running events to assist them with their fundraising efforts," said Will this week.

"As an operating partner, we are the main collection point for Bass Coast and South Gippsland where you can come in and exchange your cans and bottles for cash.

"We can also assist those

organising events or bulk collection with the big pink plastic bags and blue bins for the occasion.

"What we're saying is it's better to get paid for the recyclables than to pay to take it to the tip."

A local group, including Will Hams, Lukas Webb and Brad Olsson, have set up Can Collect, with depots in Wonthaggi and Cowes, as part of the scheme and they're encouraging the

community to embrace the idea, not just to turn waste into cash, but also doing something for the environment.

The funds generated by individuals can also be directed to charity.

## How it will work

You purchase a drink. You return your empty drink container to a refund point. With 600 refund points planned across Victoria, you can choose

a location that is convenient for you.

You receive a 10-cent refund for every eligible container you return. You can choose to keep the funds or donate to a participating charity, community group, environmental group, educational organisation or sports group.

Your returned container is given a new lease on life. The material is recycled and remanufactured into a new product, saving it from landfill or littering the environment.

## Containers eligible for refund

CDS Vic will target beverage containers that most commonly contribute to litter and are often consumed away from home. This includes plastic soft drink bottles, glass beer bottles, soft drinks and alcohol sold in cans, and small fruit juice cartons.

A complete list of eligible containers can be found in the Container Deposit Scheme Regulations.

Eligible containers include:

- Non-concentrated fruit or vegetable juice
- Flavoured milk
- Beer
- Soft drink
- Mixed spirits

Exempt containers include:

- Glass wine bottles
- Glass spirit bottles
- Juice bottles 1 litre and over
- Cordial bottles
- Milk (other than flavoured milk)
- Concentrated fruit or vegetable juice
- Health tonics



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## CAN COLLECT

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Ash Taylor's artistic design has won over the public vote and will be painted in the Leongatha Railway Precinct.

# New mural for the Railway Precinct

THE mural will be painted by Ash Taylor who was selected following a public voting process which attracted 365 entries. Ash's concept design combined ecologically significant flora and fauna with a contemporary design and engaging colours. It received 56 per cent of the votes.

The mural will be painted on the back of the Bair Street facing shops and will bring the blank, black canvas to life. Ash has a background in visual communications and worked in graphic design before moving her career to muralism.

She has completed large-scale murals in Queensland, New

South Wales and Western Australia and recently facilitated a workshop in Brisbane to teach artists techniques to scale artworks to mural sized proportions.

The concept design has now been finalised, and Ash will start painting in November. People are welcome to come to the precinct site to observe the mural take shape.

The mural is funded as part of the \$6 million Great Southern Rail Trail Precincts Project (Leongatha and Korumburra), which received a total of \$3 million through the Australian Government's Building

Better Regions Fund and \$2 million through the Victorian Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund.

"I would like to thank the three short-listed artists who each came up with impressive mural concepts and congratulate Ash on her successful design," South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Nathan Hersey said.

"We are excited with the final design that has been created and look forward to seeing it progress over the next month."

For more information about the Ash Taylor's final mural concept, please visit her website: [ashstaylor.com/leongatha](http://ashstaylor.com/leongatha)

## Wonthaggi Apex Club celebrates 50 years

THE Wonthaggi Apex Club 50th reunion was held at the Wonthaggi Golf Club on Sunday.

Around 30 people attended the day, with a few walk ups joining in.

The reunion offered a wonderful opportunity for former members to catch up and reminisce on the contributions to the town.

"It's a chance to have a get together and to chew over the old times," original member Don Burke said.

Apex started in Wonthaggi in 1954, running until 1996.

In its heyday, dinners were held fortnightly, lifetime friendships were forged and the community benefited from its projects.

Apexians were greatly involved in the community, contributing to many public events including, but certainly not limited to, Inverloch's Carnival, Carols by Candlelight, door knocks for charities, and supporting the Wonthaggi Citizen's Band.



Wonthaggi Apex Club's Bob Evans, Don Burke, Vin Tuddenham, Ian Herron and John Gardener at Sunday's reunion.

They were also involved in paper drives and the annual Christmas stocking raffle.

Presently, former members are fighting to have the Apex sign returned to Apex Park.

"There was a sign many years ago, but it was removed, and we don't know where it is. People in the community don't always know where Apex Park is because

there's no sign," Don said.

"Mitchell House is the same, there should be an Apex sign there as well."

"When we started, it was just a little bush block. We cleared the whole lot and planted the gum trees around it."

Don said he had approached Bass Coast Shire Council to have the signs reinstated.

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## Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



### MAV Meeting

Last week, the new Chief Executive Officer of the Municipal Association of Victoria, Kelly Grisby and the President, Cr David Clark met with the MAV representatives from the Gippsland region to share insights and hear about matters of importance to our region.

Being on the Board for MAV has given me the opportunity to collaborate with Councillors across the State on issues that affect us all and that are important to Gippsland. I will continue to take the matters from our region to the MAV to feed the needs of our region into policy and advocacy priorities.

### Youth Council

We have 10 amazing young people who have already put their hand up and are participating in the Youth Council.

If you or someone you know would like to share in this opportunity, we are still happy for more young people to join.

For more information, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/youth)

### Children's Week

This week, we celebrated our youngest locals with a Children's Week event at Coal Creek in partnership with Myli – My Community Library.

This year's theme was "children have the right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy".

I really value the time I get to spend with my son Hugo, whether that be on the farm or doing activities, including with other friends and families. It is truly amazing what they learn in such a short time, often through play.

I also appreciate that children can make us better adults as we strive to be an example and plan for a better future for the next generations. I know that having a son helps me strive to be the best I can be and to be a positive example to him.

We can always celebrate our children and the things they enjoy.

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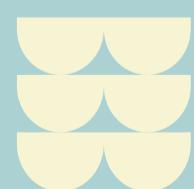
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**Digital Skills Workshops:** Our interactive workshops, led by experienced facilitators, will cover a wide range of topics, including Introduction to iPads and Email, Emergency Management and Health, Video Calling, Brainfit Activities, Online Shopping, and Staying Safe Online. These small group sessions offer attendees the opportunity to ask questions and get hands-on experience with various digital devices.

**One-on-One Sessions:** Book a one-on-one session with a friendly member of the Myli team to receive personalised guidance. Our team is here to assist with using eLibrary resources, such as e-books, e-audiobooks, digital magazines, and newspapers, navigating email and social media, and answering questions about smartphones, tablets, and basic computer use. We're dedicated to helping seniors build confidence in their digital skills.

**Drop In with Your Device Sessions:** Have a tech question or need assistance with your device? Drop by the library during specified times, and our staff will provide on-the-spot support for your digital or tech issues. No registration is required, although wait times may apply during busy periods.

In today's fast-paced digital age, technology has become an integral part of our lives. Whether it's staying connected with loved ones, accessing crucial information, or exploring new gadgets, the Digital Skills events at Myli Library are here to bridge the digital divide for seniors. These sessions will take place at Myli library branches throughout October, November, and December.

For more information or to register for a Digital Skills event, please visit or phone your local library branch, call us on 1800 44 6954, or visit our Events page - [myli.au/DSW2023](http://myli.au/DSW2023)

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# Minister Suleyman happy for future initiatives at Korumburra RSL

STATE Government Minister for Veterans, Natalie Suleyman, and Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria, Tom McIntosh, visited the Korumburra RSL sub-branch on Tuesday, hearing its president David Jackson expressing his appreciation of recent government support, and sharing his plans for the future.

The government provided over \$14,000 towards now completed replacement window frames and external painting of the RSL clubrooms.

While Korumburra RSL's next project, a revamp of its billiard room, is being funded locally, there are further plans to install a new kitchen and to provide upgraded accessible toilet facilities.

Mr Jackson spoke of the importance of ensuring the long-term future of the sub-branch for modern day veterans who will value its services in the future.

"We're here to look after their needs," he said, explaining that the RSL provides a place to go for comradeship and conversation.

Ms Suleyman expressed her appreciation of the contribution veterans have made to Australia, acknowledging their service and sacrifice as well as that of their families.

"We're forever grateful for your courage," she said.

Visiting RSL sub-branches throughout Victoria and



State Government Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman and Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh (both pictured in centre) visited Korumburra's RSL sub-branch, seeing its progress and hearing about further plans. A04\_4423

working with those in organisations such as Legacy and Soldier On is an honour, Ms Suleyman declared.

She commented on the completion of the windows and external painting at Korumburra RSL, alluding to the need for future assistance.

"I'm happy to hear the project has been successful and I've already heard of numerous new projects," she said.

Ms Suleyman added that shortly the Government will announce its next round of grants, including those for restoring avenues of honour and war memorials, and for capital works, encouraging those

at Korumburra RSL to work with their local member, Mr McIntosh.

"I'll be eagerly awaiting Tom's advocacy," she said of her expectations of helping with further improvements at the sub-branch.

During her visit, Ms Suleyman urged veterans and current service personnel to take advantage of the Victorian Veterans Card introduced by the State Government this year, describing it as "a small way of saying thank you to our veterans and their families".

The card provides a variety of concessions, including on car registration and fishing

licences, and allows for free public transport travel on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

Ms Suleyman also highlighted the importance of the Government's jobs program that assists people to transfer from military service to civilian life.

"In the last 12 months, we've been able to reach our target of over 1400 young veterans who were able to transition successfully into secure government jobs through our projects," she said of the initiative which involves government and Major General David McLachlan.

## Finalists demonstrate strong primary care sector in Gippsland

THE 16 finalists for the 2023 Gippsland Primary Health Awards represent a broad range of primary care services and programs across the region.

The awards celebrate and acknowledge the work of health professionals and organisations in Gippsland with the winners announced at Gippsland Primary Health Network's annual general meeting and awards event in Traralgon on Wednesday November 15.

Gippsland PHN Acting Chief Executive Officer, Angela Jacob, congratulated the finalists and praised all the entries in this year's awards which demonstrated the outstanding services and programs being delivered to improve the health outcomes of the community.

"Every day, people are going

above and beyond to ensure our Gippsland community stays safe and their health and well-being is improved," she said. "It is important we celebrate their amazing work."

The finalists and categories are:

- Populations – creative ways of engaging with communities
- Foster and Toora Medical Centre - Cultural Awareness
- Maddocks Garden Aged Care Staff – Intergenerational Playgroup
- West Gippsland Healthcare Group - Aboriginal Health Team
- South Gippsland Hospital - Day Respite Service
- Health – commitment to improving quality of care
- Gippsland Southern Health Service Impact Program

- Yarram and District Health Service Dialysis Unit
- Latrobe Community Health Service and Latrobe Regional Hospital – High Risk Foot Service

- Headspace Morwell – LG-TIQA+ program
- Service – improving the health system
- West Gippsland Healthcare Group – Cultural Awareness
- Wellways - Mental Health in Aged Care Program
- South Gippsland Positive Ageing Service
- Australian Community Support Organisation – Head to Health Intake and Assessment Prevention – demonstrating innovation
- Latrobe Community Health Service, Latrobe Leisure Morwell and Gippsland Regional

Integrated Cancer Service Exercise Program

- Latrobe Community Health Service and Latrobe Health Assembly – Health Supermarkets

Latrobe project partnership for Reach for the Stars

- GippSport, Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault and Gippsland Women's Health – Winter 2023 Orange Round Campaign

Rural Financial Counselling Service Gippsland

The Primary Health Awards will be held in the Traralgon Performing Arts Centre, Grey Street from 6-8.30pm. It will feature keynote speaker, globally renowned public health expert and advocate, Dr Sandro Demaio, who is the Chief Executive Officer of VicHealth.



## Berryden Working Sheep Dog Trial



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# Old Pool resurfaces in Korumburra

EXCAVATION work to prepare for construction of the new kindergarten building at Korumburra Primary School provided a surprise reminder of the past, revealing the remains of the school's swimming pool that closed in 1964.

It sparked memories for the president of Korumburra Historical Society Bob Newton who attended the school as a youngster and swam in the pool.

He said it was a popular spot in the summer that played an important role in young people learning to swim.

Some of Bob's mates have shared their memories of the pool with him, saying they earned their 'Heralds' there.

That referred to a learn to swim campaign run during the 1960s by The Herald, with certificates awarded to those who successfully swam the required distance.

Bob said the establishment of the town pool led to the closure of the school one.



The wall of the long-buried swimming pool at Korumburra Primary School was revealed by recent excavation work.

## Car and lifestyle festival coming to Tarwin Lower

THE Tarwin District Community Lifestyle and Automotive Festival is on this Sunday, November 5.

As well as showcasing a range of vehicles, the show now includes a lifestyle component to promote the best of South Gippsland.

"We've decided to expand on the car show this year. We ran the car show before COVID and brought it back last year. It was a success, but this year we want to expand the festival to include a range of local clubs, artists and producers," vice

organiser and Venus Bay/Tarwin Men's Shed member Garry Dobbs said.

"The whole concept is to showcase what we have right here in South Gippsland."

Located at the Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve, the family friendly festival will run from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

As well as lifestyle stalls, emergency service displays, vehicle displays, food trucks and markets, children will be entertained by the free activities.

Additionally, tractor demonstrations will take place

from 11am.

This is a free event for drivers and children under 16.

For passengers and patrons, entry to the festival is \$10 per head.

The festival will help drive funds for organisations the Venus Bay/Tarwin Men's Shed and the Tarwin and District Auto and Machinery Club.

"I believe the car club donates money to some very worthy causes. We will also be putting money towards Stroke Foundation," Garry said.

Donations will also help continue the work the local clubs do within the community.

With around 800 attending last year's event, the festival is hoped to attract around 1500.

"We most certainly want to continue the festival (long term) and keep expanding it. Perhaps there could be opportunities to expand the room for food trucks or include a swap meet in coming years," Garry said.

Small engines will be set up on Saturday with free admission to have a look.

## Anticipated fixes to landslips

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

However, the timeframe for repairs is subject to confirmation of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, resourcing limitations and environmental conditions, a council spokesperson said.

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

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

Other affected roads are open but with restricted access.

The other seven landslips are located at:

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

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

## Commercial Street works set for summer

WORKS on the Korumburra Commercial Street streetscape are expected to commence during summer, with a public tender process occurring.

Planned improvements include kerb and footpath replacements, new street furniture and landscaping.

Traffic measures to reduce speed and improve safety along Commercial Street are also included in the design, as is improved parking accessibility.

Associated works include water main replacements in Commercial Street, which will be undertaken by South Gippsland Water.

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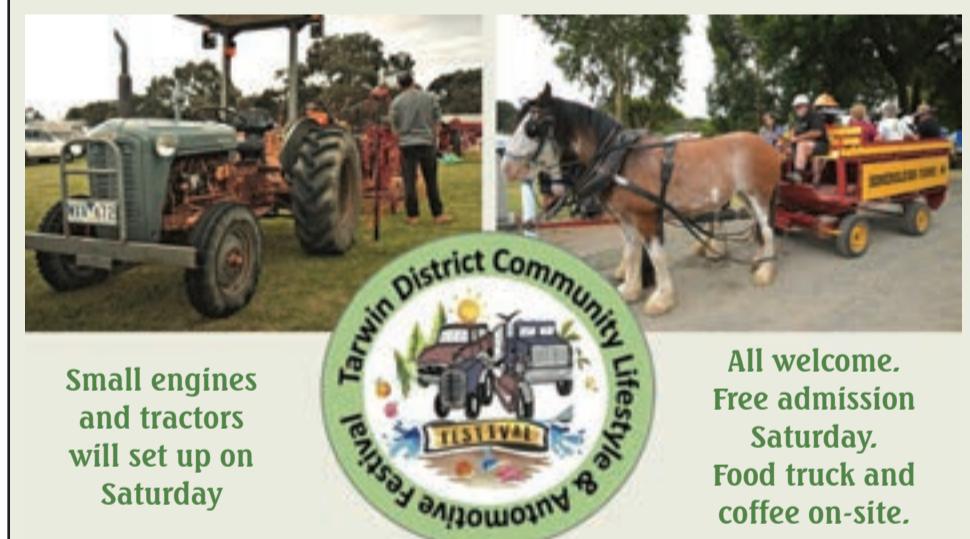
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## \$200 million loss may force post office closures

FOLLOWING a loss of \$200 million loss for Australia Post in the 2022-23 fiscal year Australia Post's CEO Paul Graham has called on a need for regulatory reforms.

The company hasn't run at a loss since 1989 until the last financial year and according to SmartMoney, Mr. Graham emphasised the need to consolidate or close post offices to keep the business going.

Current regulations by the Federal Government made in 1989 state that there must be a minimum of 4000 post offices nationwide, with at least 2500 in rural and regional Australia.

This essentially leaves communities in regional and rural small towns who are already lacking in essential services vulnerable to having their local post offices being closed in the future.

There are presently 4271 offices operating across Australia.

Mr. Graham was looking to put rural and regional customers at ease, stating that although he is essentially asking for a cut to the number of post offices,

"We will never abandon the regions and rural Australia, but it makes no sense for Australia Post to keep the same number of post offices where there is a clear oversupply and where customers are simply not using the service," Graham said.

While Mr. Graham has highlighted there are an excess number of branches within a small radius within metropolitan areas, no single post office can be counted as secure as the losses mount.

While parcel delivery has remained a strong part of the business, there has been a significant decline in traditional letter services, accounting now for less than 20 per cent of Australia Post's revenue, and post offices are costing \$1.3 billion a year to operate.

While Mr. Graham noted that most Australians no longer visit the post office, they are "required by regulation to operate a network larger than all the supermarkets combined".

Australia Post is required by law to operate commercially and doesn't receive any funding from the government.

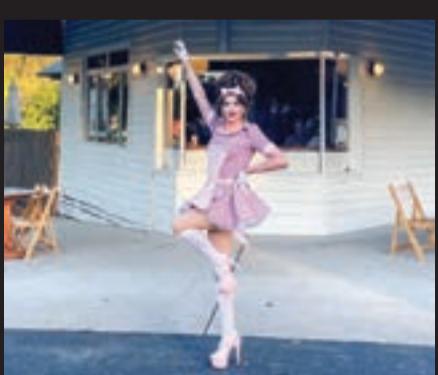
In a federal report earlier in the year it was suggested that Australia Post upgrade some services to digital to help save money.

There were subsequently some changes made with the partial removal of 'sorry we missed you' cards for MyPost customers.

Australia Post is also facing increased competition from both local and international postal delivery services like Sendle, Uber Connect and Amazon.

Also recently receiving a barrage of negative customer responses in relation to increased prices, Australia Post looks to face continued challenges, especially in the lead up to Christmas as other delivery companies are utilised.

Mr. Graham has commented that without an overhaul of the existing regulatory framework, the institution might soon need to lean heavily on taxpayer funds.



## Aubrey steals the show

Aubrey Haive entertained diners at Moo's in Meenyan, confidently strutting the restaurant floor while conducting a Friday trivia evening and setting the scene for Saturday's Meenyan Marty Gras.

Organiser Marty Thomas said the trivia event was added to boost entertainment for those staying in town for the weekend.



Man and dog negotiate the ramp to Venus Bay's Beach One, with a resident calling for beach access to be improved. A05\_4423

# Call for improved access to Beach One

THE NEED for improved access to Beach One in Venus Bay's First Estate is a concern to resident Keith Tindall who said it is time for action to ensure the safety of community members and visitors.

He argues the unsealed gravel ramp presents a tripping hazard for the elderly and others with mobility challenges due to its indentations, hollows and crevices despite each of those issues being minor in nature.

Keith said the danger is increased by the lack of handrails.

"It is daunting for the aged, of whom I am one," he said, adding the ramp is also a challenge for pregnant women, infants and those with disabilities.

Keith has almost tripped more than once, expressing concern that a fall would likely result in him suffering anything from bruises and scratches to broken bones.

"As a consequence, I need an able-bodied person with me to lend a shoulder each time I go to the beach,"

he said.

Keith questioned whether the ramp meets the requirements of the local surf life saving club and its need for beach access for its personnel, vehicles and equipment.

Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club president Kimberley Gee outlined the club's point of view.

"We've always thought it would be good to have a separate pedestrian access point, but that would be something Parks Victoria would have to approve, and I know they have concerns around the area with erosion," she said.

Kimberley explained the ramp needs to be cleared of pedestrians for the club to move its equipment onto and off the beach.

While members of the public are generally patient and cooperative, there are some challenges.

"In an emergency situation, trying to get access to the beach quickly can sometimes be difficult," Kimberley said.

However, she conceded that even with a separate entry

point to the beach some people will still use the ramp.

Kimberley noted Parks Victoria rakes the ramp and clears the sand build up ahead of the summer period to ensure it is in the best condition possible.

Parks Victoria Area Chief Ranger Gerard Delaney outlined the challenging nature of the area in which Beach One is located.

"The sand dunes along Venus Bay are extremely dynamic; natural processes such as winds, waves and tides move sand and sediments, leading to a constant and sometimes rapid reshaping of the coastline," Gerard said.

"The gravel ramp to Beach One, which is built on these sensitive sand dunes, is monitored regularly by Parks Victoria to ensure ongoing and safe access for visitors and approved vehicles, such as those used by life savers from the Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club.

"Overnight we can see an extensive build-up or loss of sand over the ramp; this

continual erosion creates a challenge for constructing any built structures on the beach, which could become a possible hazard to visitors."

As well as routinely inspecting the Beach One access ramp, Parks Victoria indicated its rangers use a skid steer or Bobcat to restore access quickly and safely.

Parks Victoria states that it works with the Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club, ensuring there is a marshalling system to safely get vehicles onto the beach.

While Keith acknowledged the current streetscape works occurring in the town's First Estate, including improved guttering, footpaths and parking bays, he said the focus of Venus Bay, particularly in holiday periods, is the beach, adding that it is packed during summer.

Keith is calling for a sealed ramp with railing.

He noted the potential dire consequences of a fall for the individual concerned, raising the prospect of resultant legal action.

## Raffle to support Learning for Life

THE Inverloch VIEW Club gives its thanks to the members of the community who supported the recent fundraising 'Spring Raffle', and to the wonderful sponsors who made it possible.

The funds raised will provide support for the Smith Family and their 'Learning for Life' educational support program.

With one in six children in Australia living in poverty it has never been a more important time to support a child with their education.

RIGHT: Winners and sponsors of the Inverloch VIEW Club's Spring Raffle included Louise Hunt, Helen Sutton, Jill Steer and Helen Dand.



# Sets a new standard in community buildings

THE new Cowes cultural centre, Berninneit, has set a new standard in energy efficiency as the first Passivhaus public building in Australia.

"We're happy with the result, as a whole," said architect James Stewart.

"Love this area here with the afternoon light coming in (front foyer).

"And the way the shadows of the trees plays across the front of the building."

Mr Stewart said a range of energy efficient features were built into the facility from solar panels to systems which enabled thermal comfort with minimal heating and cooling by using insulation, ventilation, airtightness, and window and door design.

Developed in Germany in the 1980s, Passivhaus accreditation relies on achieving performance-based standards in efficiency, and the use of materials, so the jury will be out until an assessment of performance is completed.

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said as well as being appropriate for the time, he said the building set a standard for others to follow.

"We need to be looking to bringing other buildings up to standard as well," he said.



**Members of the construction team for the new Cowes cultural centre, including project manager McCormick Constructions Ross McDonald, site manager Brent Maloney and architect from Jackson Clements Burrows James Stewart, said they were pleased with the result at the official opening last Saturday.**



**Checking out the new library inside the Cowes cultural centre last Saturday were facilities manager Jenny Dunn, West Gippsland Library Corporation CEO Leanne Williams, Bass MP Jordan Crugnale and library branch manager for San Remo and Cowes Jessica Berry.**



**Josh West, a proud Palawa man from the Bunurong Land Council, joined with his cousin Jillian West to perform the welcome to country and smoking ceremony for the opening of the new \$31.3 million Berninneit cultural centre at Cowes last Saturday. He also played the didgeridoo before and after the speeches and while special guests, including Victorian Senator Jess Wash, representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King.**



**Victorian Senator Jess Wash said the Berninneit cultural centre would benefit present and future generations after being officially opened last Saturday.**



**Former State Minister for Conservation, Kay Setches, attended the opening of the new Cowes cultural centre where she met up with Victorian Senator Jess Walsh, Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, Bunurong Land Council representative Jillian West and Sam Bennett BCSC Coordinator of Corporate Events.**

'Berninneit' also means 'thank you'

THE Bunurong name of the new Cowes Cultural Centre Berninneit means "gather together", but it also says thank you to the traditional owners of Bass Coast, according to Mayor Cr Michael Whelan.

Speaking at the opening of the new cultural centre last Saturday, Cr Whelan said we need to listen to the wisdom of 60,000 years if we are to overcome our present challenges.

"As well as the strips along the windows, the safety strips and things like that they've been consulted in the layout of the gardens and those sorts of things. And it's been really important that the naming is something, which I won't go into now, but it really says "thank you very much". And as Julian (West a proud Palawa and Bunurong woman) talked about her father (Japanangka Errol West) and the stories and the wisdom that he conveyed, we know that 60,000 years of occupation of this land has bought deep and great wisdom. And we, at our peril, with our western reductionist thinking, don't take it on. So, we need to, in a climate change scenario, and in a situation of somewhat degraded environment, we need to step up and really start listening."

**What's on at Berninneit?**

AS WELL as the first artists' exhibition in the new gallery at the Berninneit Cowes cultural centre, presented by Baluk Arts, opening this Friday, November 3 and the annual exhibition by the Artists Society of Phillip Island, opening this Thursday, there's a enormous array of entertainment to celebrated the opening of the \$31.3 million facility.

Officially, at least, the program will be launched at a ticketed function on Wednesday, November 1 but already the printed program is out with comedian Akmal, the versatile broadcaster Brian Nankervis, Kate Ceberano, Kate Miller-Heidke and Ralph McTell of 'Streets of London' fame, just some of performers who will be there over the next few months.

The jury is still out as to whether local performing arts groups, including the ballet clubs, Offshore Theatre and the like will be able to afford the new venue's overheads, but council is certainly giving the success of the venue a red-hot go by the calibre of the talent they've signed.

The significant exhibition mounted by Baluk Arts, with five of the country's most talented First Nations creatives including Lowell Hunter (AKA Salty One), Adam Magennis, Mitch Mahoney, Patrice Mahoney and Charlie Needs Braces; will be quite something to see.

As will the Artists Society of Phillip Island's annual Melbourne Cup Weekend Exhibition, open from Thursday, November 2, featuring 230 works in all genres, for sale and competing for a 'best in show' prize of \$1000. There'll also be a youth art show, featuring 60 local primary school entries.

## Berninneit opens this week!

Berninneit, our new cultural centre in Cowes, is open to the public from this Thursday, 2 November.

Berninneit features a new library, theatre, art gallery, hall and customer service centre.

There are so many events coming up!

Visit [www.basscoastculturalvenues.com](http://www.basscoastculturalvenues.com) to find out what's happening.

Berninneit, 91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes  
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Howard Booth's Lochchester garden will be one of those on show during the Loch Village Garden Festival.

## Loch Village Garden Festival a local delight

EIGHT open gardens will feature in this year's Loch Village Garden Festival on Saturday November 4, with six of those in the village, and a couple of park-like country gardens.

The festival is presented by Loch Village Garden Club and Loch Village Arts Council.

People are invited to take a walk around historic Loch Village to discover its parks, view garden art and sculpture and purchase fresh local produce from its stores.

Loch Village eateries offer visitors food and wine from the South Gippsland region.

On the art front, visitors are encouraged to take in the 'Return to the Secret Garden' exhibition in Loch Village, which explores the theme of 'renewal', and can also enjoy the Bena Hall Art Show en route to one of the rural open gardens.

The 'Return to the Secret Garden' exhibition will be at 1 Clarence Street, Loch and runs until November 7 from 10am until 3pm daily, after commencing at 6pm on Friday November 3 with opening drinks.

Bena Hall Art Show is open November 4 and 5 from 10am until 3pm, with bookings needed for its opening night on Friday,

November 3.

In addition to appreciating the outdoors and a spectacular array of plants and settings at the open gardens, there are further opportunities at the festival for those keen to learn more about gardening as Loch Village Arts Council secretary Jan Ashton outlined.

"This year we are delighted to welcome three specialty plant growers to our festival; Urban Tree Growers, Narkabundah Wildflower Nursery, and Strzelecki Heritage Apples will be available for sales and specialist garden advice," Jan said.

Those specialists will be located at the rear of the Loch Post Office in Roy Street.

Participating gardens will be open from 10am to 4pm.

Garden Maps will be on sale on the day at the Loch Post Office, corner of Victoria Road and Roy Street, with those maps serving as entry tickets for the open gardens, with adults \$10 and children free.

"Previous festivals have attracted many visitors, and we hope to see more of the same exploring our beautiful garden village," Jan said.

"We like to bring folks together for a relaxing and informative outing leading up to the festive season."

# Working Dog Trials not to be missed this November

THREE days of brilliant Border Collies and clever Kelpies will be showing off their sheep herding skills at the Korumburra Showgrounds this November for the South Eastern Working Sheep Dog Trials.

This year's event is set to be a big one with over one hundred dogs competing with their handlers.

The working dogs will take on more than 400 sheep, with each dog having to work three sheep at a time around a course consisting of three obstacles and a pen.

The dog and handler work in synergy, combining instinct, skill, and patience as they contend with the often-uncooperative sheep.

While Sheep Dog trials began with a slow start in the 1930s and over time interest has grown with about 30 competitions held annually in Victoria.

Local Border Collies, Ruby and Mumu from Hopwood Estate will make their debut in the Novice Trial.

Owners and handlers Sean and Jinyan O'Leary have been training the eighteen-month-old pair at Berrys Creek and with sheep on their own farm.

"They are going good here at home. When they go to the training days, it's a little bit different, because it's different sheep than they're used to and different environments, so they have to work a little bit harder," Sean said.

The canine pair came from the same litter, but their temperaments vary greatly, which will make for an interesting day at the trials for the O'Learys.

"Ruby is really calm and compliant, so she responds really well to the commands. Mumu thinks she knows best and that she can do it her own way, so she takes a little bit more discipline," Sean explained.

The Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association was formed in 1927 by those who saw the need to foster the working and



This year's South Eastern Working Sheep Dog Trials at Korumburra Showgrounds is set to be a big one with over one hundred dogs competing with their handlers.

breeding of better sheep dogs and to improve their quality.

The trials work on a points-based system, starting out with 100 points and then points are lost if dogs go off course or are unable to navigate the sheep through the obstacles within the fifteen minute limit.

Sean became interested in the dog trials after attending an event a couple of years ago and has been training the Border Collies since getting them.

"Training involves getting all the basics right, from stopping them, making sure they're getting around the sheep, working with enough pressure and force on the sheep to move the sheep, but not being aggressive."

This is called balancing the sheep. Sean is hopeful that Ruby and Mumu will get around the course without too much trouble.

"If the dogs do the best they can and we do the best we can for our first time, we'll take it all as a learning experience. But we're confident that they'll do okay."

The South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trials will be held from Friday to Sunday November 11 – 13 at the Korumburra Showgrounds. Entry is by gold coin donation.

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

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**'Kiki' Joseph (second from left) performs with the Treble F Singers.**  
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## South Gippsland community backs 'Kiki' Joseph

THE GROUNDSWELL of support for popular South Gippsland identity Ariane 'Kiki' Joseph to be granted a Carer Visa was apparent at Friday's 'Voices for Kiki' event as community members packed Meeniyan Town Hall.

They came to raise funds for her appeal against the Federal Government's decision not to grant her the visa for which she applied despite the devoted care she gives her Leongatha-based aunt Marie-Claire, who is blind and has other health challenges.

Early in the evening, presenter Bruce Grainger made a comparison between Mauritian Kiki's situation and the Murugappan family's protracted but ultimately successful fight to return to the Biloela township that had embraced the Sri Lankans as community members.

While Kiki has not been placed in immigration detention, as was the case with the highly publicised Murugappan case, she remains unable to undertake paid work in Australia, with her daughter Elisabeth also in limbo having completed school and not allowed to earn an income.

As well as her contribution as a carer, Kiki has thrown herself into many aspects of community life.

She performs with the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band and the Treble F Singers, and volunteers at a couple of Leongatha op shops.

The stirring sounds of 'I am Australian', a song reflecting the nation's diversity, concluded the fundraising evening for Kiki, with the large audience joining in enthusiastically.

Performers volunteered their time to support Kiki, with the evening blending a range of musical styles and comedy.

With extensive experience as a professional singer, Kiki was at home on the stage on Friday evening, whether performing with the brass band, the Treble F Singers or giving a powerful rendition of Tina Turner's 'Simply the Best'.

Kiki's sister Annick Cerdor, who has provided great support for her and Elisabeth during their time in Australia, also sang, delivering her version of 'La Vie en Rose', and acted as Bruce's co-presenter.

Long-time friend of Kiki, Ben Sandapa, who often performed with her at Mauritian hotels, also took the stage, playing keyboard and singing.

Another enduring friend of Kiki's, who has known her since their mid-teens, Danny 'Dandan' Noel expressed his delight at Friday's turnout and the terrific community support it signified.

As well as the \$25 entry fee, attendees dug deep to buy raffle tickets, with an auction for a Fender Montara guitar raising \$555. As of Monday the total figure raised was \$11,000 and climbing.



**Dancing the day away at the Dumbalk Music Event was, back from left, Meredith Henry, Adrienne Butcher, Leanne Mullens, Faye Harris, Cheryl Dobson, Russell Mullens, Leanne Wangman, Laurel Roberts and Jenny Brereton, front, Brad Dobson and Ken Harris.**

## Music entices at Dumbalk Hall

MUSIC lovers descended on the Dumbalk Hall on Saturday.

Around 90 people turned out throughout the day to enjoy a concert of country music, and classic hits from the 50s to the 80s.

The musical acts had people out of their seats, dancing and enjoying the recently founded event.

The lineup featured Leon Argent, Leongatha's Travellin' Country Two – plus one, Marya Stait – Eric and Vida Scott, and Chris Newman.

Music was played from 11am until 6pm, attracting plenty of activity back to the Dumbalk Hall.

"I think it was a really good event," organiser Ian Richards said.

"The reason we put it together is because the hall hadn't been used for a period of time. We wanted to do something about it and get the community involved."

"We want to run another one early next year and keep it going from there."

Mr Richards and his family financed Saturday's music event, and the money raised

from ticket sales will go towards next year's event.

Mr Richards said he was grateful for the support from the community and those who travelled to Dumbalk to enjoy the day.

The event was backed by the Dumbalk Fire Brigade – which provided a barbecue – and Gippsland Baked Potatoes.

## Fundraisers back local women supporting each other

TWO important women's charities were supported by the Women for Change fundraising event on Sunday afternoon.

The Go Girls program and the Women Drivers' Program were at the forefront of the minds of those who attended the event at Inverloch's Dirty Three Wines.

Go Girls is a program helping participants regain self confidence and take control of their futures, often leading to full time employment.

The Women Drivers' Program operates similarly to the L2P program – helping people obtain their licence – but is open for women above the age of 24.

With more than 120 people in attendance, \$5000 was raised from ticket sales and the raffle.

Women for Change intended to raise a further \$1500-\$2000 to support next year's programs.

"We've had fundraisers around International Women's Day before and campaigned for donations, but this is our first big event," Women for Change's Nina Barry-Macaulay said.

"The Women Drivers' Program is around \$700 per participant to support, and the Go Girls program is another \$3000-\$4000 to run again next year."

"We started off a bit conservative because we weren't sure how we were going to go, but now that we have all these amazing people here, let's go for it."



**Women for Change's Nina Barry-Macaulay with former Go Girls participant Heidi Vanzet and Women Drivers' Program mentor Zoe Keltie. Heidi and Zoe were guest speakers at Sunday's fundraiser at Inverloch's Dirty Three Wines.**

Women for Change became aware of Sunday's chosen charities through previous grant applications and networking.

"We have run grants programs and have had people come to us – that's how the Women Drivers' Program came to us," Nina said.

"Go Girls is something we became aware of through networking, and we thought it connected to our purpose so beautifully. They needed funding and we wanted to help."

The local community got behind Sunday's fundraiser

with some generous donations.

"We have had so many amazing donations from local businesses. It's really heartwarming to see people stepping up, participating and being so generous," Nina said.

"The more incredible painting was donated by Fiona Kennedy. It's absolutely stunning and its our centrepiece of the raffle."

"We've also had vouchers donated from businesses and little door prizes, it's been awesome."

Local band Hot Tub lent its

musical talents to provide the entertainment.

"Women for Change is a sub charity of the Bass Coast Community Foundation and one of the band members is a former foundation member," Nina said.

"They gifted their talents to the event, and it was really special."

Nina thanked Dirty Three Wines for hosting the event.

The Inverloch business not only donated the venue, but generously gave a percentage of the bar to support the local programs.



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## Community Hub

Date	Activity	Business
<b>Friday 10 November</b>	OFFICIAL OPENING - 12.00pm Live music, giveaways, food, guided tours and activities.	Myli
	Ask a Librarian Desk Adventures in Wonderland - Find yourself in a classic picture book.	
	Historical photo display Stories of local history narrated by Brian Blake Books for sale, including Joseph White Hugh Hendry recorded talk 1950 Advertisements from the Korumburra Cinema	
	11.30am to 1.00pm - Face painting 1.00pm - Drumming, dance, percussion and soaring vocal harmonies with WALA Adventures in Wonderland - Find yourself in a classic picture book.	
	Local historical photos on display for Remembrance Day	
<b>Monday 13 November</b>	10.30am - Storytime 11.30am - Baby Rhyme Time 2.30pm - Digital Skills Workshop: iPad Basics 3.30pm - Digital Skills Workshop: Introduction to Email Adventures in Wonderland - Find yourself in a classic picture book.	Myli
	1.00pm to 3.00pm - Unhurried Conversations	
	Historical photo display Stories of local history narrated by Brian Blake Books for sale, including Joseph White Hugh Hendry recorded talk 1950 Advertisements from the Korumburra Cinema	
	10.30am - T'ai Chi Qi Gong 2.30pm - Digital Skills Workshop: Video Calling 3.30pm - Digital Skills Workshop: Health Adventures in Wonderland - Find yourself in a classic picture book.	
	11.00am - Korumburra Community Hub Tour 1.00pm to 3.00pm - Games and Giggles 10.00am to 11.30am - Learn to make scones 2.00pm to 3.30pm - Welcome Afternoon Tea 3.30pm - Orange Flower Making	
<b>Tuesday 14 November</b>	Historical photo display Stories of local history narrated by Brian Blake Books for sale, including Joseph White Hugh Hendry recorded talk 1950 Advertisements from the Korumburra Cinema	Myli
	11.00am - Korumburra Community Hub Tour 1.00pm to 3.00pm - Games and Giggles 10.00am to 11.30am - Learn to make scones 2.00pm to 3.30pm - Welcome Afternoon Tea 3.30pm - Orange Flower Making	
	Historical photo display Stories of local history narrated by Brian Blake Books for sale, including Joseph White Hugh Hendry recorded talk 1950 Advertisements from the Korumburra Cinema	
	10.30am - Storytime with Bindi the Library Dog 4.00pm - Mario Kart Tournament After School Activity Adventures in Wonderland - Find yourself in a classic picture book.	
	11.00am - Korumburra Community Hub Tour 1.30pm to 3.30pm - Let's Play 500 1.00pm to 4.00pm - Crafts with Barb	
<b>Saturday 18 November</b>	Historical photo display Stories of local history narrated by Brian Blake Books for sale, including Joseph White Hugh Hendry recorded talk 1950 Advertisements from the Korumburra Cinema	Myli
	11.00am - Elio Simonetti Magician 10.00am to 11.00am and 12.00pm to 1.00pm - Face painting Adventures in Wonderland - Find yourself in a classic picture book.	
	11.00am - Sunshine Spreaders and Chatty Café Morning Tea with Milpara and Myli 1.30pm - Myli In Real Life 4.00pm - Soft Toy Sleepover Adventures in Wonderland - Find yourself in a classic picture book.	
	11.00am - Korumburra Community Hub Tour 10.30am to 3.00pm - Korumburra Craft Group	
	Historical photo display Stories of local history narrated by Brian Blake Books for sale, including Joseph White Hugh Hendry recorded talk 1950 Advertisements from the Korumburra Cinema	

**Myli - My Community Library** - Weekdays: 9.30am to 5.00pm  
Saturdays: 10.00am to 12.00pm (Extended 4.00pm closing time on Saturday 11 and Saturday 18 November for opening week)

**Milpara Community House** - 9.30am to 4.30pm (Monday to Friday)  
(Opening week hours, regular hours may vary)

**Korumburra Historical Society** (Opening week hours, regular hours may vary)  
Weekdays: 11.00am to 4.00pm Saturdays: 11.00am to 3.00pm

**Korumburra Community Hub Facility Manager** - 9.00am to 5.00pm  
(Monday to Friday) 15 Little Commercial Street, Korumburra.

The Korumburra Community Hub is a brand new community venue for Korumburra and a new home for Myli - My Community Library, Milpara Community House and the Korumburra Historical Society.

The Hub will be **officially opened** at 12.00pm on **Friday 10 November**, and everyone is welcome. Can't make it then? Don't worry, there's a whole week of special opening activities planned.

So please stop by, join in, and help us celebrate this exciting new facility. Special opening events will run from Friday 10 November to Saturday 18 November (Closed Sundays).

Date	Activity	Business
<b>Wednesday 15 November</b>	11.00am - Yoga Rhyme Time for Babies and Toddlers 2.30pm - Digital Skills One-on-One Sessions 3.30pm - Digital Skills Drop-In Sessions Adventures in Wonderland - Find yourself in a classic picture book.	Myli
	1.30pm to 3.30pm - Milpara Singers	
	Historical photo display Stories of local history narrated by Brian Blake Books for sale, including Joseph White Hugh Hendry recorded talk 1950 Advertisements from the Korumburra Cinema	
	10.00am to 12.00pm - Sunshine Spreaders and Chatty Café Morning Tea with Milpara and Myli 1.30pm - Myli In Real Life 4.00pm - Soft Toy Sleepover Adventures in Wonderland - Find yourself in a classic picture book.	
	11.00am - Korumburra Community Hub Tour 10.30am to 3.00pm - Korumburra Craft Group	
<b>Thursday 16 November</b>	Historical photo display Stories of local history narrated by Brian Blake Books for sale, including Joseph White Hugh Hendry recorded talk 1950 Advertisements from the Korumburra Cinema	Korumburra and District Historical Society
	10.30am - Storytime with Bindi the Library Dog 4.00pm - Mario Kart Tournament After School Activity Adventures in Wonderland - Find yourself in a classic picture book.	
	11.00am - Korumburra Community Hub Tour 1.30pm to 3.30pm - Let's Play 500 1.00pm to 4.00pm - Crafts with Barb	
	Historical photo display Stories of local history narrated by Brian Blake Books for sale, including Joseph White Hugh Hendry recorded talk 1950 Advertisements from the Korumburra Cinema	
	10.30am - Storytime with Bindi the Library Dog 4.00pm - Mario Kart Tournament After School Activity Adventures in Wonderland - Find yourself in a classic picture book.	
<b>Friday 17 November</b>	11.00am - Korumburra Community Hub Tour 1.30pm to 3.30pm - Let's Play 500 1.00pm to 4.00pm - Crafts with Barb	Milpara
	Historical photo display Stories of local history narrated by Brian Blake Books for sale, including Joseph White Hugh Hendry recorded talk 1950 Advertisements from the Korumburra Cinema	
	11.00am - Korumburra Community Hub Tour 1.30pm to 3.30pm - Let's Play 500 1.00pm to 4.00pm - Crafts with Barb	
	Historical photo display Stories of local history narrated by Brian Blake Books for sale, including Joseph White Hugh Hendry recorded talk 1950 Advertisements from the Korumburra Cinema	
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**Bob Olney celebrates his 100th birthday at Carinya Aged Care last week, with a 75th wedding anniversary on the way, and wife Elsie's 100th next May.**

## Bob blows 'em away with 100th birthday secret

WHEN Bob Olney of Korumburra sailed past 100 years on Monday, October 23, he wasn't taking any of the credit for his long life himself.

At a party with family on the previous Sunday and also with friends at Carinya Aged Care on the day, he said simply that "good genes" were to be thanked instead.

"Home-grown food, hard work and dancing until I was 90 but mostly just good genes," said Bob as he cut his second birthday cake in as many days.

According to his daughter, Elaine Collyer, who was at both events, her mum, Bob's wife for 74 years, Elsie, is also due to celebrate her 100th birthday in May next year.

"They danced a few times a week until they were 90. We're pretty lucky to still have them both with us."

Bob and Elsie were wheat and sheep farmers in the Western District until they retired to Grovedale near Geelong and ultimately Korumburra a few years ago, when two rooms came up at Carinya, to be nearer to family members.

"They've absolutely loved it here," said Elaine.

There were letters from King Charles III, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, Department of Veterans' Affairs and others congratulating Bob, who blew out his candles and then shared a superb-looking cake with residents, staff, family and friends at Carinya.

Staff at Carinya received the following letter from Bob's family: "Sincere thanks for the wonderful care and best wishes for Bob's 100th on Monday. Bec, your cake was very special and Chris, you made the afternoon terrific along with your helpers. Thank you also to all the staff for your wishes and greetings. It has been a real treat."

"Here's to Bob, a centenarian with a heart of gold! Happy 100th, Bob!" they said on Facebook.

Carinya Aged Care now has three centenarians; Bob Olney who turned 100 on Monday, October 23. Topsy Cairns who passed the 100 milestone in March 2023 and Flo Cooper who turned 104, also in March this year.

## Nominations open for Landcare Awards

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# Three quarters of a century of childcare celebrated

CELEBRATING 75 years of Leongatha Community Preschool Centres (LCPC) was a joyful occasion on Friday for current and former staff, parents, children and committee members.

The sun shone and kids had a ball participating in a range of activities, whether painting, checking out the animals in the petting zoo, creating giant bubbles or tumbling with Leongatha Gymnastics Club.

Attendees enjoyed free sausages and chats, with many adults reflecting on their involvement with LCPC.

South Gippsland Shire Councillor John Schelling was delighted to be at the Hassett Street Preschool to mark the special milestone, with his children having enjoyed their preschool days at LCPC during the 1990s.

John was a committee member, carrying out maintenance tasks and organising working bees.

"It was a nice place for parents to come and catch up," he said of the friendly vibe the centres provide, a sentiment shared by those whose children attend LCPC now, whether at Hassett Street or the Allora Kindergarten.

The passion the staff have for providing a vibrant, stimulating and fun learning environment for the children under their care is a common theme that arises when speaking to parents.

As well as recollections of Allora and Hassett Street, the former Michael Place centre was also remembered.

LCPC outgrew its Michael Place home within 25 years of the organisation's 1948 opening, with parents sleeping on



**Co-President of Leongatha Community Preschool Centres committee Brogan Campbell with former staff member Trish Berryman and current early childhood teacher Jodie McGannon.** A11\_4423

the building's veranda to secure places for their children.

The official opening of the Hassett Street Preschool occurred in 1976, with Allora built in 2012.

Current early childhood teacher Jodie McGannon has loved her time with generations of children at LCPC since she began teaching there in 1999.

She, along with Co-President for the LCPC committee Brogan Campbell are thrilled to see the organisation mark three quarters of a century.

"We're proud it's been operating for so long and the fact we're still run by a committee of management, run by families for families," Jodie said.

Brogan is clearly happy to be

part of that committee of management, seeing the benefits for her children and others who attend Hassett Street and Allora.

"We have amazing educators here," she declared.

Former assistant Trish Berryman who worked for LCPC for 16 years summed up the joy those educators experience.

"The unconditional love you get from the kids is what makes it the best job," she said.

After speeches, a tree was planted to mark the occasion, and a time capsule was filled with memories of the present day, including a letter from former long-term educator Ellie McIntyre.

The capsule will be opened for the centenary of LCPC in 2048.



**Chloe creates a giant bubble.** A10\_4423

## Merv honoured at Inverloch Men's Shed

THE Inverloch Men's Shed honoured its founder and first life member Merv Riley at the regular meeting of members on Monday, October 16.

Merv recently turned 96. It took little encouragement for Merv to talk about his long life. His early years spent at Ferndale near Warragul.

"We had to ride a pushbike ten miles to school," he said.

On leaving school, Merv was young to start work, but he saw an opportunity to work in the timber industry and decided to "give it a go".

He went on to work in sawmills around Tonimbuk and the Drouin area.

He moved to Nowa Nowa/Cabbage Tree and worked as a contractor in the timber industry.

On a holiday to Western Australia, he was offered a job with a team building a pipeline across the state.

Merv returned to Victoria and met a lady Joyce who "took his fancy", were married and had four children.

Wanting a more settled life for the family, Merv bought a dairy farm at Dumbalk and later went on to manage a beef cattle farm in the area.

Merv's next change of occupation saw him become a school bus driver and he continued in this role for 24 years.

He cherished the years driving



**The five life members of the Inverloch Men's Shed, from left, Merv Riley, Brian Williams, Cam Liddicoat, Ken Roberts and Owen Tyler.**

the school bus.

He made many friends and remembers the Christmas parties specially.

Merv said that in all the years as a driver he never once had to deal with bad behaviour.

During a holiday in Charlton in central Victoria, Merv was encouraged to visit the local Men's Shed.

He was very taken with the idea of "blokes having a yarn and doing a bit of work".

Returning to Inverloch he talked to a local councillor about exploring the possibility of a Men's Shed in Inverloch.

He gathered a few men at the community centre to discuss the proposal.

The group grew and met regularly at the community centre before building a purpose-built shed with a workshop and meeting facilities.

This is now the Inverloch Men's Shed Inc, on the

Recreation Reserve.

Merv's three sons and daughter live in the district.

He has had time in the Wonthaggi Hospital recently, where several of the nurses remember him fondly as their bus driver, one even saying that her mother drove on Merv's school bus.

The members of the Shed were pleased to see Merv in good health, wish him a happy birthday and honour him as a special member.

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## OH WHAT A FEELING

# Students farewell Bass Coast College



Mia Jolly, Kyla Chapman, Ruby Brosnan, Abbey Chapman and Tess Wingfield with their bedazzled school uniforms at Bass Coast College.



Archer Reid and Ashton Hewitson adapted their uniforms for their final day of classes at Bass Coast College.



Year 12 students Ella Macphee, Heidi Peterson, Laetitia Pugh, Scout O'Neill and Lucy Peterson showed off their creative flair for their last day of classes at Bass Coast College.



Claudia Leys, Toby Challinor and Finn Gibson were part of Bass Coast College's graduating 2023 class on Wednesday night.



Year 12 Technology award recipient Luke Dosiak, Science award recipient Tess Wingfield, Science award recipient Kayla Humphrey and Mathematics award recipient Elijah Fokkens.



Year 12 Humanities award recipient Isaac Seuren, Health and PE award recipient Kayla Humphrey, English and Literature award recipient Ella Macphee and the 2023 Henry Hammond Award recipient Seth Cummins.



The Headstart Vocational Award went to Charley Logan, the ADF Long Tan Future Innovators Award went to Kayla Humphrey and the ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award went to Jake Dennerley.



Noah Robertson, Blake Finlayson, Jake Dennerley and Charlie Berry were recognised for their success in the South Gippsland Schools Music Program.



The 2023 student leadership team Noah Robertson, Jake Dennerley, Asha Boyd, Chloe Woolley, Mica Geronimo, Kayla Humphrey and Heidi Peterson celebrated their graduation evening.



Charley Logan, Lily Spradbury, Scarlett Evans, Kaitlyn Shepherd and Poppy Evans graduated from Bass Coast College.



YEAR 12 students graduated from Bass Coast College Wednesday October 18.

A graduation evening was held at Silverwater Resort, where 150 students received their certificates.

For the students, it has been a year to remember.

In amongst their final exam preparation, they saw multiple sport teams head off to states, received accolades for the Senior Band, participated in the school production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and the Talented Students Concert, went on excursions and camps, and marked their final year with the Year 12 formal.

College principal Darren Parker said he was proud of the students and the resilience they had shown during their six years at Bass Coast College.

"You have a range of stories behind you. You've come from a range of challenging circumstances, and you've nailed it. That success can mean different things to different people, but it's success nonetheless," he said during his graduation speech.

"As a collective, please don't forget that you have been through one of the most challenging circumstances that we've known in our history, and hopefully we don't revisit ever again. In year 2020 and 2021, you were in Year 9 and 10. Look at where you are now. If ever there was something that was challenging, it was that era. Not only did you survive, you thrived."

Senior campus principal Ross Bramley said it was amazing to see the Class of 2023 make their journey from Year 7 to Year 12.

"The other day, I was reminiscing and I thought back to May, 2017, when I went around to each primary school and I met most of these fine people and introduced them to the world of Wonthaggi Secondary College/Bass Coast College," he said.

"I am very privileged to have had the honour to follow this group from Year 7 to the end of Year 12. It's an experience that is wonderful – to see where they start and see them finish their schooling and prepare themselves for life after school."

The Year 12 students also had their last day of classes on Wednesday.

To mark the occasion, they bedazzled their uniforms.

"It's just a fun way of finishing off the year. The kids were fantastic. They developed really creative, but also really appropriate, ways of expressing their individuality with their uniforms," Mr Bramley said.

"We trialled it last year, and it was highly successful and highly popular amongst the students."

"As always, the case, we have a conversation about what they can do, and as long as their focus stays on their learning and preparing for their exams, we're happy to include some fun things for them to do."

"Everybody got involved in some way, even if it was just their name of a few jewels. It was amazing to see."

The Year 12 students will now be shifting gears to take on their exams, which will take place over the next few weeks.



Territory Manager of Scholastic Stuart McCarthy, parents, and friends' association (PFA) member Natalie Griggs, Kongwak teacher Fiona Moldrich, and PFA president Virginia Branton-Hunt, with students, front, Charlotte and Lincoln Perrett, and Isobel Hunt enjoying the bi-annual book fair at Kongwak Primary. Z09\_4523

## Scholastic: supporting literacy in schools

KONGWAK primary school – a small rural school nestled in the hills of South Gippsland are blessed to have a community that loves books and all things reading, and as a result the children have access to a wide range of new books including take home readers with the support of Scholastic.

Due to enrolment numbers, not all government schools have access to an internal library or a wide-range of books on the school grounds to improve literacy skills in their little learners; however, with the support from Scholastic, all schools in Australia are entitled to take part in book club – free of charge, and in return earn points for their school.

Scholastic provide fiction, non-fiction, and take-home readers for students at all reading levels.

Parents and Friends Association (PFA) president at Kongwak Primary School, Virginia Branton Hunt said Scholastic supports our school through book club and bi-annual book fairs.

"As book club coordinator for the school, I facilitate these initiatives. Money spent by families on new books awards our school with points which we can redeem for school learning resources. A win-win for all!"

Stuart McCarthy is the Scholastic Territory Manager for Casey, Cardinia and Gippsland and on Wednesday morning Stuart made

a visit to Kongwak Primary to meet the PFA members, teachers and students in person and thank them for their support in bridging the important class-to-home reading gap.

The theme of this current fair is 'Hats Off to Reading' and in celebration of the literacy program at Kongwak Primary the students took part in a hat parade with three prizes given out to children - \$20 each redeemable for current book fair books.

Scholastic has been the market leader of Australian children's publishing for 50 years, bringing the joy of reading to multiple generations of Australian families.

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"Reading access, choice and practice helps children improve their literacy skills every day," said Stuart.

## Wardy's Newhaven College Christmas tree - 24 years of giving

WARDY'S Christmas Tree is a proud Newhaven College tradition of giving. Running since 1991, the tree is back again to bring joy to those in need this Christmas. Anyone in our community are invited to place new, unwrapped gifts for children of all ages under the tree in main reception (closes December 7).

The gifts will be distributed to local families in need by St Vincent de Paul to spread some Christmas spirit and show support within our wonderful community.

Wardy's Newhaven College Christmas Tree began when teacher and Deputy Principal John Ward (now retired) called upon Newhaven College families to think of others at Christmas by donating a gift to families in need.

"Twenty-four years ago, I went to a conference in Wonthaggi where a participant spoke on the hardship some people in the Bass Coast Shire region face." Wardy reflects. This revelation impacted Wardy and he wanted to make a difference.

"I went back to the College

and put-up Wardy's Christmas Tree where we collected donated gifts from the College and local Phillip Island communities to give to local children in need at Christmas time."

The number of families donating gifts increases each year and members of the public also come in and place gifts under the tree.

Newhaven College has a tree located in main reception and the students love checking the presents to see what has been donated.

"Learning about the giving tree encourages our students to think of others", John said.

"It is a living example of our College values of Respect, Empathy and Responsibility that they can relate to."

Newhaven College thank San Remo IGA and Aldi Cowes for their support, along with the support of the Newhaven College and the broader community. Every year the College is overwhelmed by the generosity of families and community members who place a gift under the tree and thank you for your support.



Mila, Bridget and Peyton love checking the presents to see what has been donated under the Christmas tree in main reception.

## South Gippsland teachers recognised

STAFF in schools across the Diocese of Sale celebrated World Teachers' Day on Friday, October 27. Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale Mr Paul Velten expressed gratitude to educators and all school staff for their passion and commitment to ensure students have the best possible learning opportunities.

"World Teachers' Day is more than just a celebration. It is an opportunity to celebrate the value of the teaching profession and shine the spotlight on the remarkable teachers, both new and experienced, who are going the extra mile to advance their skills and leadership through professional development or higher degree study," he said.

Over the past year, 39 primary and secondary teachers in the Diocese successfully completed a Master of Education in Evidence-Based Teaching, while a further five graduated with a Master of Education and Theology, through sponsored study.

In the South Gippsland area, Ms Jennifer Lawlor, Ms Dianne Gin and Ms Patricia Martin of St Joseph's Primary School, Wonthaggi, attained a Master of Education in Evidence-Based Teaching.

Ms Nicole Dudman – director of Catholic Identity and Mission – and Mr John Ryan – Deputy Principal Wellbeing – at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College recently graduated with a Master of Education and Theology.

Mr Velten said taking additional studies while teaching showed the dedication these teachers have in deepening their skills to provide the best possible education for students.

"Supporting staff through sponsored study is a major focus of Catholic education. This encourages teaching excellence, collaboration and career satisfaction, which helps retain talented individuals within our Catholic schools," he said.

"Catholic schools also offer scholarship and bursary programs to support staff career development, while new teachers are supported through the Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) Graduate Induction and Mentor Programs.

"World Teachers' Day is an opportunity for everyone to thank teachers and school staff for their dedication. Happy World Teachers' Day to all school staff across our Diocese."

## Schools Wellbeing Program needs green light

THE Nationals MP and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Melina Bath said the government needs to give schools and service providers certainty for ongoing contracts to 2027.

"The Education Department made a commitment to inform principals of ongoing funding by the end of Term 3, but school communities remain in the dark.

"Over 600 Victorian public schools, including 34 in Gippsland, benefit from the services of chaplains and student welfare officers.

"Our school chaplains provide a safe and non-judgemental space to unpack student concerns and support positive behaviours, building resilience in our young people.

"In addition to normal childhood and adolescent challenges, the social disruption of school lockdowns have understandably left young people increasingly worried for their futures.

"It is well documented that there are increased rates of social isolation and loneliness in children and young people which has contributed to rising mental health and wellbeing challenges – their support needs must be prioritised."

Ms Bath said as a former teacher she can attest to value of chaplains and the quality welfare programs they provide.

"Many studies verify the program's effectiveness in supporting the wellbeing of school students and the broader school community."

"Preventative wellbeing and early intervention in schools ensures our students receive priority care – I am calling on the Minister to make a positive announcement for schools in my Eastern Victoria electorate so the program can continue for years to come."

## Coal Creek's Children's Week Extravaganza

CHILDREN were getting their face painted, petting baby animals, making flower bracelets and craft items, and listening to stories at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum last week.

Childrens Week is celebrated every year and this years theme was "Children have the right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy".

They did just that, with over 100 families attending the Korumburra event hosted by the South Gippsland Shire Council, in partnership with Myli - My Community Library.

The event was a celebration of childhood and children, and provided an opportunity for families and children to come together and have fun in the community.

"It's fantastic that families from the whole of South Gippsland made the effort to come today given that the weather wasn't looking very good," said Michelle Donohue, Supported Playgroup Facilitator from South Gippsland Shire Council.

"Families still came out in droves with their children to celebrate their childrens right to play and interact with others in the community."

The children and family services team from Council and members of Myli came together to organise and host the free event which was also supported by a \$700 government grant.

It was the first major Childrens Week event held since COVID and the team from council spoke about the importance of providing outdoor play for children because of the positive impact it has on all aspects of development.

They were pleased to be able to offer activities that incorporated lots of elements of nature play on the day and that were accessible to all.

"We make it a free event to ensure all families have the opportunity during childrens week to come and celebrate," explained Michelle.

It also provided the perfect opportunity for families for Coal Creek Community Park and Museum to showcase its great indoor and outdoor spaces and capacity for hosting community events.



Inverloch Playgroup enjoyed a special performance by Chris Elkington last Tuesday.

## Puppeteer woos playgroupers

ON TUESDAY morning, October 24, a crowd of 30 playgroupers and their carers, from Inverloch Playgroup, were wooed by puppeteer, Chris Elkington, from Elkpuppets.

The children enjoyed a show with songs, a game and a story based on Mary's Little Lamb.

Chris later performed at Wonthaggi Playgroup.

Each week the playgroupers enjoy indoor and outdoor activities including a craft activity, song and story time.

If you are interested in joining either the Inverloch (Tuesday 9.30am-11am in the Inverloch Hub) or Wonthaggi Playgroup (Monday and Wednesday 9.30am-11am at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church) ring Jenny on 0491 101 474.

# Empowering people with a disability since 1953

CONNECTING 2 Australia (C2A) was established in Victoria in 1953 with a mission to support people with a disability to live their chosen life. With an original focus on children - the organisation saw the demand to support adults to have equal participation in society.

The local C2A participants, families and support workers attended the Wonthaggi Hub to celebrate C2A's 70 years of servicing the community.

In attendance to celebrate the 70th milestone was teaching staff Jack and Nicole from Bass Coast Specialist School, Kirsten from Bass Coast Health, Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, and Bass MP Jordan Crugnale - together recognising the effort of C2A in helping those people with a disability to live a fulfilling life in an inclusive society.

Senior Support Worker Claire Walmsley has been with C2A for 17 years, and she shared that the culture and the people is what helps C2A retain their staff.

"At C2A we provide disability supported employment and there is a general acceptance from our community to help our participants with skill development from as young as 18 years," said Claire.

"We also assist the elderly with social interaction through a community group, and our eldest member is over 70 years old. We have



Connecting 2 Australia (C2A) Wonthaggi Hub celebrate 70 years of disability support. Dale Max, Kirsten of Bass Coast Health, Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, Mick Speekman, Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, C2A Business Manager Jenn Hockey, Brooke Pearce, and Senior Support Worker Claire Walmsley. Z06\_4423

many participants who have had support with C2A for over 40 years, and it's so rewarding - just an incredible place to work."

C2A Business Manager Jenn Hockey hosted the 70th anniversary celebration at the Wonthaggi Hub, with C2A Chief Executive Officer Steven Johnston and directors Marc Di Genova, Lisa Charter, and Tim Crowe (Chair) speaking virtually.

"As we commemorate our 70 years of service, let us not only celebrate the achievements but also the boundless

potential of those we serve. Together, we can continue to make strides towards a more inclusive and equitable society," said Marc.

Marc recognised the attendance of family members, carers, and support workers by stating "your presence is a testament to your shared commitment to making the world a better place for those people living with a disability."

Jenn explained that opening the Wonthaggi Hub that connects with the opportunity shop provides the participants with an all-inclusive

space where they feel connected and develop life skills.

"We also work closely with respective organisations throughout Bass Coast and South Gippsland that help support our participants in disability employment, including garden maintenance and fleet vehicle washing."

The dedicated staff and support workers at C2A are welcoming more participants to join the Wonthaggi Hub to help them feel more connected to their community. For more information visit [connecting2australia.org](http://connecting2australia.org)



Volunteers Ted, Richard, Glenda, Pete, Mary (front), Jessica, Stella, Jenny, and Chris gather at the community garden in preparation for the November Spring Free Shop. Z11\_4423

## Spring free shop at the Harvest Centre

VOLUNTEERS of the Wonthaggi community garden are hosting a 'Spring Free Shop' on Sunday, November 12 to help support the community during the hard financial times.

Now run in conjunction with the Men's Shed, organiser Jessica Harrison

welcomes everyone in the

community to either donate or come and look around the Harvest Centre spring garden.

"One person's trash is another person's treasure and in the current times it's fun to find something almost new, or even clean out your unwanted

goods," said Jessica.

The Harvest Centre community garden is located behind Mitchell House at 6 Murray Street, Wonthaggi (across the rail trail).

Bring along your bric-a-brac, clear out the wardrobe - because pre-loved clothing is always a treat, or even

donate some cuttings, seeds and seedlings and pick yourself up something new.

"We kindly ask no furniture or electrical goods; however, kitchenware, books, toys and DVDs are welcome." So, drop in from 9.30am until 12pm on Sunday, November 12.

"Everything is free!"

# Be fire ready

Our local CFA are prepared to act ahead of the Fire Season



## Will your garden 'blow up' when fire arrives?

AT THE Kongwak Fire Brigade, they've taken their responsibility to deliver the message about being prepared for the bushfire season to the next level.

With the help of Ross Chapman Cartage Kongwak, who supplied the scoria, they've developed a 'Firewise Garden' that not only offers a few tips but also makes you think about how well you are prepared at home.

"We encourage you to wander around our fire-wise garden out the front of the station, and read a few simple tips on preparing your garden this spring," the brigade says on Facebook.

If succulents aren't your thing, there are plenty of non-flammable natives to choose from too. This summer is shaping up to be hot and dry, and now is the best time to start preparing your property for the chance of fire."

Here are a few of their tips:

- Use groundcovers with low flammability with fleshy, broad and moist leaves.
- Avoid flammable mulches. Use gravel, scoria, pebbles, shells or recycled crushed bricks.
- Well-placed vegetation may help protect your house by reducing radiant heat, reducing wind speed,



The Kongwak Fire Brigade has developed a thought-provoking display at their fire station on how to prepare a 'Firewise Garden'. Maybe you should take a look.

and filtering embers

- Reduce the amount of fuel available for a bushfire. Remove flammable objects from around the house.
- Avoid planting shrubs under trees.
- Create defendable space.

The initiative dovetails in nicely with the 'Landscaping' page on the CFA website, where you can also download a CFA booklet called "Landscaping for bushfire, Garden Design and Plant Selection, at: [cfa.vic.gov.au/](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/)

plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/landscaping

Here you will find a comprehensive list of plants and landscaping methods which will go a long way to saving your house, whether you choose to stay and defend it or not.

"Landscaping for bushfire is much the same as any type of gardening. It involves planning, designing, planting and managing the area around your house. Design and plant selection for bushfire can help reduce the effects of direct flame contact and radiant heat on a house," according to the CFA.

'Landscaping for Bushfire: Garden Design and Plant Selection' provides information on garden design and plant selection which can be used for new or existing gardens in high-risk bushfire areas.

Make a plan to upgrade your garden and the surrounds of your house to give you and firefighters the best chance of defending it, bearing in mind that there will not be enough crews and fire truck to defend your property in the case of a widespread bushfire.

And if you take the advice of the Captain of the Kongwak Fire Brigade, Tony Reade, we have to approach our preparations for this year's bushfire season as if "this will be the year".

## Be prepared for bushfires

WITH a warmer than usual summer predicted, Gippsland Water is encouraging people to prepare for bushfires.

Managing director Sarah Cumming advised customers to include an alternative water supply in their bushfire plan.

"In the event of a bushfire, emergency services may need to access our water supply," she said.

"While we do have back up water supplies, it is important to plan for a range of different possibilities as emergencies can continue to evolve."

"People who intend to defend their homes from bushfire should follow advice from the CFA and ensure they have at least 10,000 litres from a separate water source and suitable firefighting equipment."

"Alternate water sources could include a water tank specifically for firefighting purposes, a swimming pool or dam, multiple rubbish bins, wheelie bins, bathtubs, laundry troughs or 200 litre drums."

"But remember, a special pump is needed to draw water from an independent supply."

"Leaving early is always the safest option to protect yourself and your family."

Residents should consider storing water in the fridge, or in jugs and bottles, to make sure they have enough drinking water in the event of a nearby fire.

For resources to help prepare for a bushfire, visit [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) and for emergency alerts and warnings, visit [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au).

Customers are encouraged to update their phone number with Gippsland Water to receive SMS notifications if their service is affected by an emergency.

In an emergency, call 000.

## Gippsland fires still burning

AS MUCH as the Gippsland fires of early October are out of mind, if not out of sight, some of them are still burning and local communities are still on alert.

Last week, Vic Emergency issued a Community Information message to various areas including Briagolong, Cobbanah, Culloden, Fernbank, Glenaladale, Lindenow South, Stockdale, The Fingerboards, Valencia Creek, Wuk Wuk and surrounding areas.

"The bushfire at Duffy Road Briagolong is not yet contained and firefighters have continued to black out in steep, challenging terrain," said Vic Emergency, noting that reinforcement of containment lines is nearing completion.

But it's a reminder that if we do see unfavourable conditions early in the summer, some of these fires can run again.

"Fire crews will remain on site and continue to monitor any changes to the situation."

## • CORINELLA FIRE BRIGADE



The Corinella CFA was represented at the Melbourne Firefighter Stairclimb.

### Juniors back their brigade

JUNIORS are rising through the ranks at the Corinella CFA.

The brigade has a junior program up and running, which has garnered 12 registrations.

The program is open to young volunteers between the ages of 11 and 15, allowing them to join the senior brigade after they turn 16.

"This program involves training one night a week to develop basic skills and learn about being in the CFA. It gives them a bit of an idea about the process," captain David Cox said.

Captain Cox said recruitment had slowed coming into summer and the brigade is always in need of more members.

"Anyone interested can come along to a training on Monday night at 7pm or contact the brigade via our Facebook page," he said.

"We also have maintenance checks on Sunday mornings, but the times can vary.

"Membership is important to all local CFA's. Never think you don't have enough time – there's always something to be done, operational or non-operational."

With fire season starting early in some parts of Gippsland, the Corinella CFA has heavily focused on drills, drafting and grass fire attacks at training.

Group exercises with other CFA's are planned for November.

The Corinella CFA asks residents to ensure properties are cleaned and accessible with summer approaching.

"Low lying trees and branches can cause problems for us," Captain Cox said.

"Also, houses with hydrants out front must ensure the hydrants are clear. Sometimes we find the hydrants are blocked by cars, grass and plant."

Residents are also asked to check their barbecue gas connections for any gas leaks.

Captain Cox suggested residents organise a fire action plan and asked vulnerable residents to contact the brigade.

"If people are living alone and need assistance, it's best for the CFA to know where they are so they are prepared in the event of a turnout," he said.

"During the summer months and hot days, please check on your neighbours, especially the elderly."

Pre fire plans are advised for extreme hot days. In case of an evacuation, residents should have their cars filled with petrol in case they need to enact their fire plan and leave.

The mobile education unit will be coming to the Corinella market in December, which will distribute fire ready information.

A forum was also held yesterday (Monday, October 30) at the Corinella and District Community Centre to help the community understand fire ready technology.

## • NERRENA FIRE BRIGADE



Firefighter Sarah Westward on the Nerrena Fire Brigade's truck, with Brigade Captain Samantha Smith and First Lieutenant Herbert Wildes are preparing for the fire season and urge community members to do so too. A01\_4523

### Plan and prepare for the fire season

NERRENA Fire Brigade captain Samantha Smith encourages locals to plan and prepare for the fire season.

She said ensuring fire tankers have easy access to your property and that your roadside number is clearly visible, both during the day and at night, are crucial elements of preparation.

Being a small rural brigade, people may assume those on the truck know their property but the Nerrena captain explained why property numbers are essential, with a number of fire brigades called on to help

in the area.

"Generally, a turnout consists of two brigades, the home location and a neighbouring brigade, and that could be three or four brigades on a hot day," Samantha said, noting that sometimes the local brigade is already on a job elsewhere.

Therefore, you can't assume there will be someone on the trucks of visiting brigades who is familiar with your property location.

With a hot summer predicted, Samantha urges people to be vigilant and to make sure they minimise fuel

load by removing excess vegetation from their properties, disposing of it responsibly.

Nerrena Fire Brigade is on the lookout for new members, both firefighters and people wishing to fill other roles.

Those roles include administrative duties, staging area management for large fires, events management, or acting as a delegate to Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria.

CFA provides accredited training and support and locals joining up can learn new skills.

## • KONWARRA FIRE BRIGADE

### Reduce fuel load early

KOONWARRA Fire Brigade captain Peter Hanily said South Gippsland's plentiful rain has promoted abundant vegetation growth this year, stressing the importance of getting on top of the situation before dry and hot weather turns that into a dangerous fuel load.

"Get in early before restrictions come," he urged those needing to do any burning off, adding that with expectations of a hotter summer there is a strong chance restrictions will arrive earlier this year.

Peter also highlighted the importance of ensuring you have a fire plan in place, saying brigade members are happy to provide advice and can visit your property.

Community members are welcome to pop into the fire station on Monday evenings if they have any fire safety related questions or are interested in joining the brigade, with training beginning at 7.30pm each week.



Firefighter Matt Roberts, First Lieutenant Tim Stephens and Captain Peter Hanily of Koonwarra Fire Brigade attended a briefing session on the approaching fire season and have undertaken training to ensure they are prepared. A02\_4523

While Koonwarra Fire Brigade was delighted to welcome six new members recently, Peter said there is always room for more, whether you wish to be a firefighter or help in other ways such as administration and maintenance, with age not a barrier.

The brigade has a presence at

Koonwarra Farmers Market on the first Saturday of each month, chatting to community members and cooking snags.

Brigade members have been tackling entrapment (burn over) and hazardous trees training, and have heard a briefing on what to expect this season.

## • SAN REMO FIRE BRIGADE



San Remo CFA expand their crew of volunteers with five new recruits. From left, Stefan Poll, Simon Wooding, Irwin Newberry, Francesco Esposito, Corbin Dagg, Flynn Swanwick and Rod Cameron. Z05\_4523

## Preparing to support the state

THE San Remo CFA volunteer numbers are up with five new members joining in the past month, and the crew have together been focusing on the summer preparations for months leading up with concern for the recent weather.

Captain Mark Thiele said, "With new members joining our numbers are good – of course we are always welcoming more recruits as we prepare for the worst and hope for the best with the season ahead."

The San Remo station recently welcomed Stefan Poll, Irwin Newberry, Francesco Esposito, Corbin Dagg, and Flynn Swanwick and are still encouraging female membership.

The volunteers train each Tuesday evening at the San Remo station, and captain Mark Thiele confirmed there are a couple of drills we must maintain related to wildfire safety.

"Our crew will practice in what we call a burn over drill – a crew protection drill, as well as focusing on those important skills of understanding the use of all the equipment used over the fire season," said Mark.

The new volunteers will complete the introductory before they can

respond to a call out, however they will each gain their introductory skills and training as part of the formalised training course.

"We are very hands on in each training session. We provide a safe learning environment and encourage everyone to get in there and not worry about making mistakes.

"No one is ever made to feel that they need to know more than they do – it's just about getting in there to practice their skills and as a new member it's also about meeting new people," Mark said.

The San Remo station is nearly 40 years old, and just meeting their requirements at the moment, so together the volunteers are looking at long term plans for the station – 'focusing on a ten year plan.'

The message this season from the San Remo volunteers is "it only takes a couple of weeks of warm weather with dry northerly winds and there is high risk, so clean up around your property and use the green bins to clear vegetation," said Mark.

"The far east is the driest on record and we are preparing to support the rest of the state."

## • KERNOT-GRANTVILLE FIRE BRIGADE



The Kernot-Grantville CFA is ready to target the local at-risk areas during the upcoming fire season.

## CFA offering safety advice

KERNOT-GRANTVILLE CFA is committed to helping its community stay safe during summer.

The fire season is on the way, and Kernot-Grantville CFA has asked locals to create a bushfire plan, download the Vic Emergency app, keep an eye on conditions and clean up properties.

"A big concern for us is the Gurdies and Grantville Nature Conservation Reserves, Adams Estate and Pioneer Bay," First Lieutenant and Community Safety Coordinator Andrew Blackney said.

"If people have moved to the area and have never lived rurally before, they could be at risk."

Brigade members are available to help the community ready themselves for the season.

The CFA plan to field questions at the Grantville market in November and intend on making a few property visits to ensure residents are safe.

Questions can also be sent to the Kernot-Grantville CFA Facebook page.

The brigade will continue gearing up for the season with training every Monday from 7.30pm at the Grantville station.

At the moment, they are focusing on ensuring the equipment is ready for the season and entrapment training is complete to ensure the crew is safe on site.

The brigade has a number of members operating from the Grantville station and the Kernot satellite station but could always use more day responders.

"We are doing well for members after hours, but we are a little light on for day responders," Lieutenant Blackney said.

In case of an emergency, residents are reminded the neighbourhood place of last resort is the Grantville Transaction Centre and Pioneer Bay's Daisy Avenue Reserve.



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## • BERRYS CREEK FIRE BRIGADE



Berrys Creek CFA captain Dannielle O'Loughlin with one of the brigade's trucks.

## Training underway in Berrys Creek

BERRYS Creek CFA is prepped for the upcoming fire season.

Preseason training is underway to ensure all members are ready for summer.

"We train once a month – the nights can vary, but it's usually on a Wednesday night," captain Dannielle O'Loughlin said.

"We are concentrating on our hazardous tree assessment at the moment. The assessment is a CFA requirement every three years, but we do a refresher every year."

The Berrys Creek brigade will also do a refresher on drafting.

Captain O'Loughlin urged residents to help the CFA prepare by finishing off their spring cleaning and property maintenance.

"I think East Gippsland will pose a challenge this season. We probably won't see any dramatic fires, but we still have sizeable fires in Berrys Creek, despite having three consecutive wet seasons," she said.

"In February, we were called out to a fire in Berrys Creek and five trucks were required."

"We aren't in fire restrictions yet, so if people need to burn off, they must remember to check the conditions first, particularly if it's hot and windy. They also need to remember that burn offs must always be monitored."

Berrys Creek is a small brigade with steady membership but have happily welcomed two new volunteers recently.

"We have a new volunteer having their membership finalised now and another is in the process," Captain O'Loughlin said.

Berrys Creek will be working towards a recruit succession plan and is willing to mentor the next generation of firefighters.

The brigade also has plans to continue upgrades to its station and intend build a new kitchenette in the future.

## Up to the green waste challenge?

BOTH shires, Bass Coast and South Gippsland, kick off their free green waste amnesty periods this Saturday, November 4.

Bass Coast's runs until Sunday, November 26 and South Gippsland, a more extended time, to Sunday, December 31.

The amnesty aims to encourage residents to prepare their properties for the fire season by removing potential fire hazards.

However, to improve the quality of the mulch produced, South Gippsland will not accept several plant species into green waste. These include blackberry, ragwort, broom, mirror bush, kikuyu grass, Hawthorn, cape weed, gorse, agapanthus, blue butterfly bush and pampas grass.

As well as those weeds, Bass Coast tips and transfer station will not accept palm fronds and yuccas into green waste.

Check out the council websites for times and drop-off locations.

# The Ruby CFA family

DAREEN Hardacre calls the Ruby CFA his family and with five other members of his own family volunteering in the brigade, it makes sense.

Darren followed in his father's footsteps, who followed in his own father's before him and now Darren's three children are part of the crew.

His eldest son Nathan Hardacre has been a member for over ten years and Nathan's girlfriend for six years, Tim, a lieutenant has been volunteering for seven years while his daughter Renee has been a crew member for 18 months and Darren's wife has been a brigade support officer for six years.

"I don't know if they've had much choice in the matter. They were born into it," Darren said.

With Darren's 30 years as a volunteer, between the six of them they've served over seventy years volunteering for the Ruby CFA.

The family enjoys the social aspect, the camaraderie and the friendships that are built over the years with others as well as the satisfaction of giving back.

"For me, it's pretty rewarding to go out and help family and the community out," said Darren.

"It's also really rewarding to pass on the knowledge to everyone, especially seeing the family coming through, all the kids coming up and



Renne, Darren and Tim Hardacre are three of six family members who volunteer for the Ruby Fire Brigade. ob25\_4423

learning some good life skills."

During the 2019/20 campaign fires in East Gippsland Darren, Tim and Nathan went out to fight and managed to get away on one truck at the same time.

The next day they became headline news with their photo on the front page of The Herald Sun.

Renee wasn't a member then, but she is now and has a goal to get all four of them on a truck together.

Darren comments that there are

challenging aspects to the job with bureaucratic pressure, less support and great expectations placed on the volunteers.

The brigade also faces financial pressure, but he is grateful for the local community who help raise money to buy gear and fix up the station, making it easier for the crew to get their job done.

"It's what we do. We just make it happen. A can-do attitude," Darren said.

## • RUBY FIRE BRIGADE

### Small but mighty Ruby crew

THE Ruby CFA are a small but active brigade that support the townships of Leongatha and Korumburra.

Their tanker and strike team can be deployed to fight fires anywhere in the state or interstate as requested or required, with crews already having helped at the recent Brigalong and Loch Sport fires.

A range of courses have been undertaken by members including breathing apparatus and hazardous tree training, A class foam, crew leading, chainsaw and low structure training.

The crew is practicing basic survival and emergency fire procedures, including what to do if on foot and out in the open, in a truck or in a house.

There is a role for everyone who is



Members of the small but active Ruby CFA crew are Renee Hardacre, Aaron Perks (Lieutenant), Darren Hardacre, Tim Hardacre (Lieutenant), and Matt Price (Lieutenant). ob24\_4423

interested in joining the Ruby CFA.

"Financial pressures and work commitments and families, and all that sort of stuff builds up, so we're always looking for more people," said Darren Hardacre, volunteer crew member.

Members get trained by the CFA and there are many opportunities for growth, as well as the enjoyment of the camaraderie within the crew.

Darren explained that farmers,

individuals and small communities need to prepare by having fire plans in place and communicating these to friends, family and neighbours.

The brigade have been fundraising to purchase a new light tanker to make it easier to get around hills and through smaller spaces.

Contact Ruby CFA via their Facebook page and join up via the CFA recruitment page.

## More firefighters but we've all got to prepare

FOREST Fire Management Victoria (FFM-Vic) has been boosted ahead of the upcoming bushfire season with more firefighters and rapid response capability.

Minister for Environment Steve Di-mopoulos said recently that the State Government has bolstered crew numbers to combat bushfires by investing \$21.7 million to create 100 ongoing and 54 fixed-term Forest Fire Operations Officer positions, adding to the 550 seasonal firefighters recruited to work with FFM-Vic this season.

The recent firefighter recruitment

builds an 1800-strong force of FFM-Vic personnel on the frontline, and alongside other partner agencies, departments and volunteers. Victoria will have more than 62,800 people in fire and emergency roles for this bushfire season.

Victorians are encouraged to do their part to stay safe this bushfire season by preparing their properties, making a Bushfire Plan and staying up to date on emergency information and warnings.

"Living with a changing climate means bushfires are occurring more

often and are more intense. That's why we are investing in our forest firefighters who are at the frontline of protecting our communities and environment," Minister Di-mopoulos said.

Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes and Forest Fire Management Victoria Chief Fire Officer, Chris Hardman, also had some reassuring words:

"Our emergency management services are well prepared for the upcoming bushfire season and I urge all Victorians to be ready too," said Minister Symes.

## • DUMBALK FIRE BRIGADE



Dumbalk Fire Brigade captain Dallas Campbell with son Trevor and grandsons Alex, Finn and Will are pictured with two vintage fire trucks at the recent celebration of the brigade's 75th anniversary.

## Plan and keep properties clear

DUMBALK Fire Brigade captain Dallas Campbell encourages people to prepare a fire plan, including a clear understanding of when it is safe to stay and defend your property, and when to leave in a timely fashion.

Keeping areas around houses and sheds clear of vegetation and clutter, and ensuring easy access for fire trucks are other crucial measures, as is having a clearly visible property number.

"Fire trucks are getting bigger," Dallas said of the need for unhindered property access, including adequate gates.

Without spotting a property number, it can be difficult for firefighters to locate a fire if it is not yet a major blaze and isn't near the road.

That can result in damaging delays, with the fire spreading while it is being searched for.

Dallas said a fire plan needs to

identify how you would get out if the need arose.

When preparing for the fire season, it is important to consider the situation inside your house and other buildings as well as outside.

Knowing where fire extinguishers are located and how to use them are among the considerations.

Dumbalk firefighters have been working on burnover drills, drafting and other training, and have attended a fire season briefing.

"It becomes second nature," Dallas said of the importance of keeping skills up to date, noting certain equipment isn't used often, so refresher training is valuable.

He encourages anyone interested in becoming a member of Dumbalk Fire Brigade to get in touch, whether they are seeking a firefighting role or a non-operational one such as administration or maintenance.

## • INVERLOCH FIRE BRIGADE



Firefighters at Inverloch Fire Brigade are all smiles at a recent training night.

## Navigating fire risks

INVERLOCH Fire Brigade will be housing the new South Gippsland ultralight as the brigade prepare it for its first major fire season.

"We've been heavily working on our skills maintenance – hazardous trees, entrapment drills... in recent weeks," Inverloch Captain, Shane Frogley said.

"We want to remind individuals to stay vigilant and keep an eye on the weather – if going, go early."

"Be aware of the new fire danger system and make sure you download the VicEmergency app and stay up to date."

The new national Fire Danger Rating System has four risk categories – Moderate (plan and prepare), High (prepare to act), Extreme (take action now to protect your life and property) and Catastrophic (for your survival, leave bush fire risk areas).

It's important to remember that the fire danger rating are for days when there's a risk of fires and you need to take action.

"The higher the fire danger, the

more dangerous the conditions and the greater the consequences if a fire starts.

"We have a few new estates that border farmland and our recommendation, as guided by CFA, is for residents to walk two streets back, should a grass and scrub fire break out."

Homeowners are also reminded not to be complacent either with messaging largely turning to bushfire awareness.

"It's still important to ensure smoke alarms stay up to date and are replaced every 10 years with the batteries replaced yearly (unit dependent).

"And BBQ safety is important. Check your gas bottles and fittings and if you want any tips or a free safety kit pop into the station Sundays from 10am."

For members looking to join, pop along Tuesday nights at 7pm or Sunday mornings from 10am for more information – training is held on a Tuesday from 7pm.



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## • DALYSTON FIRE BRIGADE



Dalyston Fire Brigade are urging the community to be aware and prepared this fire season.

### Be aware and be prepared

THIS year, the Dalyston Fire Brigade are laser-focused on tackling grass fires and the looming threat on the town's outskirts. While those living within the town's embrace are at a lower risk, those on the edge should remain vigilant.

Starting this week, pamphlets will be distributed to residents in Dalyston and Archie's Creek, imparting valuable insights on grass fire awareness and preparation.

Preparation for the bushfire season is crucial. Cleaning up before hot days arrive, staying informed about weather conditions through the Vic Emergency app during periods of fire danger, and staying hydrated are paramount. The key message is to be aware and prepared.

For those residing on the outskirts of town, readiness is vital.

"Have your valuables packed and preparations in place, ensuring a swift exit when the need arises, instead of rushing around in a panic," Dalyston Captain Roger O'Brien stated.

"In times of fire, knowledge is your

best defence."

For those in town, the key message is clear: in the face of danger, it's often safer to walk just a couple of blocks away, avoiding potential traffic chaos.

Training for the bushfire season commenced in early September but access to farm paddocks has been somewhat hampered by the wet conditions. Nevertheless, the brigade have persevered, revising their strategies weekly.

Dalyston Fire Brigade has two appliances with off road capability so is well equipped to respond to grass and scrub fires.

The dedicated team meet every Monday at 7.30pm and are eager to welcome new members both operational and non-operational. They encourage people from all walks of life to join their ranks, with a particular need for daytime volunteers.

Dalyston Fire Brigade is here to ensure everyone is fire-smart and ready for any challenge that may come their way.

## • WONTAGGI FIRE BRIGADE



Wonthaggi Fire Brigade are looking ahead to the upcoming fire season preparing all vehicles for local and strike-team possibilities. c11\_4423

### Staying fire-smart

WONTAGGI Fire Brigade is gearing up for a potentially challenging fire season as we transition from a La Niña to an El Niño period.

Over the past three seasons, the region has experienced relatively mild weather, leading to complacency in terms of property preparation and fire planning. Furthermore, a significant number of new residents have moved to the area during the COVID-19 pandemic and may be unaware of the region's conditions during a hot summer.

Recent fires in Gippsland have served as a reminder of the looming risks.

"We really want people to start looking at their fire planning, think about preparing their property and whether they'll leave early or stay and defend," Wonthaggi Fire Brigade Community Safety Coordinator, John Simmons explained.

"People should also think about heat. Particularly if they know of people who might be isolated, including the elderly. Heat is just as much a danger as fire in the summer season."

John also recommends using the

Vic Emergency app, where heat health warnings and fire danger ratings are available, and creating various zones that includes work, home and family.

"It's important to stay informed about changing weather conditions and fire danger ratings to prevent being caught off guard. The CFA website is a great resource – take your time to read over what affects you."

The brigade recommends that residents familiarise themselves with the updated fire danger rating system and check the CFA website front page for daily fire ratings.

"What you do now sets you up for the future. And remember to tell your immediate household, family and friends what your fire plan is."

As part of their community outreach efforts, Wonthaggi Fire Brigade is hosting information sessions to engage residents and provide valuable insights into fire preparedness in key fire danger areas including Cape Paterson (November 4 at 11am – Cape Tavern) and Harmers Haven (November 5 at 11am – Olearia Street car park).

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## • KILCUNDA FIRE BRIGADE



Kilcunda Fire Brigade is looking forward to engaging with local residents at community fire awareness events in the build up to the summer period. C08\_4423

## Importance of community readiness

AS A concerning fire season approaches, Kilcunda Fire Brigade is proactively reaching out to their community.

The brigade's primary focus is on raising awareness about fire preparedness with Captain David Wingfield emphasising the significance of standard practices, such as maintaining clean and litter-free yards, availing of the shire's green waste facility, having a well-defined fire plan and being aware of what you can and cannot do on total fire ban days.

"The unpredictability of grass fires, makes it essential for residents to respond swiftly. Therefore, having a comprehensive fire plan in place is crucial," Captain Wingfield explained.

"To support the community in developing their fire plans, we will be hosting community awareness events at various locations in Kilcunda – details will be posted on our Facebook page."

Every Sunday at 10am, the brigade's station will also be open providing an opportunity for residents to engage with brigade members and gather valuable insights and assistance, with their Christmas Community BBQ taking place on December 9.

Kilcunda Fire Brigade, comprised of a mix of experienced and enthusiastic new members, is gearing up for what may be a challenging season; focusing on training and inter-brigade exercises to prepare their team effectively.

As for the town's specific concerns, grass and scrub fires are the most likely to occur, driven by the local landscape and weather conditions.

"Residents bordering grasslands should be especially vigilant and prepare to leave early on catastrophic fire danger days," Captain Wingfield said.

"While Kilcunda doesn't have a designated refuge area, the town's main street and shopping area would be a safer zone in case of an emergency. It is also crucial to check in with family and friends."

With community safety at the forefront, Kilcunda Fire Brigade's efforts and initiatives are aimed at ensuring residents are well-prepared, informed, and ready to face the upcoming fire season.

Kilcunda would also like to thank an anonymous couple who recently donated a Milwaukee blower to the brigade to assist, in particular, with MVA calls.

## • POUND CREEK FIRE BRIGADE



Pound Creek CFA captain Ivan Smith, with community safety officer Allen Archbold and Second Lieutenant Darryl Mullett work together in the line of duty. Z01\_4523

## Large paddock fires run quickly

THE Pound Creek CFA is a rural brigade – meaning they draw out membership from surrounding properties and farms. Currently managing 34 members including some either commencing or just completing their general fire fighter training.

Whilst the brigade has some younger members, captain Ivan Smith said, "one of our minor issues is that our members tend to be on the older side, so having a few more young ones would be a good thing."

"Our brigade works very well. There is a lot of respect for each other regardless of position or experience which leads to a pretty effective team," said Ivan.

"We are currently focusing on the basics in training. The tasks and procedures that we need to execute with minimum thought in order to address any emergency we face. All our fire-fighters have completed their entrapment drill and hazardous tree training in preparation for the forthcoming fire season."

The Pound Creek station is fortunate in being situated on a large

parcel of land that the volunteers plan on turning into a training facility that will allow them to carry out some intensive sessions not only for their brigade but for others too.

Exercises would range from basic brigade scenarios to the more complex – involving multiple brigades, including CFA provided props that provide exposure to various emergency situations.

"We are in the early stages now but have general fire fighter, chainsaw and low structure courses scheduled over the next few months providing training for all brigades in the area."

As Captain, Ivan explained 'we are making sure that all our members understand the requirements of our brigade personnel when we have hot days or when we are asked to participate in strike teams formed to fight major fires in our own and other areas.'

"We ensure all our members have undertaken the mandatory training specified by the CFA to be completed on a recurrent basis. Our equipment is kept in a state of constant readiness."

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## • KORUMBURRA FIRE BRIGADE



Korumburra Fire Brigade Members are busy preparing for the summer season ahead.

## Korumburra crew here to help

THE Korumburra CFA crew are preparing ahead and practising their presummer training including hazardous trees and entrapment drills.

The crews have had a walk through at Burra Foods and Saputo to get an idea of the floor layouts and determine where equipment, staff and machinery are, and to discuss potential hazards as well as fire plans and fire drills.

The Korumburra crew aren't expecting fires to impact the town too much this season, but they are anticipating that the drying off around other areas of Gippsland because of El Nino will see them quite active.

"We're certainly expecting we'll be busy helping other people in other parts, other places," said Graham Denney, the Brigade Training Coordinator.

Graham predicts they will likely get called out to Erica, as, despite planned burns to reduce fuel loads,

it is a heavily forested area at risk of bush fires.

Which, he explained can leave local private landowners somewhat vulnerable, especially if they don't have enough crew members at home to keep an eye on things and help out with fires locally.

Graham recommends locals prepare for the season by cleaning up around properties, removing fire hazards, creating fire plans and having a look on the CFA website for tips.

"We're here to help but we can't be everywhere all the time," said Graham.

Having a few more people on the crew, with availability in the day would be beneficial and helpful to the Korumburra CFA crew and town.

Every Saturday morning from nine o'clock, crews are on hand at the station to have a chat about fire plans and becoming a member, for anyone who is interested.

## • LOCH FIRE BRIGADE



Colin Grenfell, Andrea Levey and Nola McGann of Loch CFA, in the cab undertaking an entrapment drill in preparation for the fire season. ob09\_4423

## Burn off sooner rather than later

MEMBERS of Loch CFA have been spending a lot of time conducting presummer drills and exercises in preparation for the season ahead.

Over the last six weeks members have been brushing up on skills to manage bush and grassland fires, as well as trying to incorporate a rescue scenario once or twice a month.

"I think that weather wise there'll be major concerns across Victoria, this summer," said Len Wyhoun, Captain of Loch CFA.

While the Captain believes that fires can happen anywhere, at any time, an area of concern is over the back of Nyora, off McDonalds Track.

"It might be a bit more of a concern than other years because of the

El Nino effect and the drying factors that are going on," Len explained.

Len advises people to prepare for summer by cleaning up and burning off sooner rather than later, as restrictions can be enforced quite quickly; and to follow council by-laws and register burn offs.

Loch CFA are also happy to go out and offer locals property advice ahead of the fire season, if needed.

While the brigade has a reasonably strong volunteer force and are good at retaining their numbers, Len would be grateful to see new members sign up.

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## • TARWIN LOWER & DISTRICT FIRE BRIGADE



Tarwin Lower & District CFA Captain Michael Moore, with Robyn Langford, Steve Walker, and Chris Indian. Z03\_4523

## Safe working practice keeps crew safe

OVER winter the members of Tarwin Lower have been training and bringing new members up to scratch with processes and mandatory training; creating safe working practices.

Most Sundays, even in the most atrocious weather conditions, members have been attending the main station to maintain all the equipment and tankers to ensure they are prepared for the summer season ahead.

Tarwin Lower and District Captain Michael Moore said 'the focus for all members of the brigade as we come into the active period is a burn-over drill.'

The safest position for the members is in the tankers with the specially designed spray system to keep the cabin occupants as cool as possible, under fire blankets and down below the windows away from the radiant heat.

"Temperatures in a bush fire could momentarily get as high as 700C, so where the tanker is the last point of

refuge, should the worst happen, this training is critical," said Michael.

"Also, of high importance is hazardous tree training, prompting each member on a fireground to best identify trees that are compromised by fire, visibly and sometimes not, to keep themselves safe."

The Brigade is gradually attracting new members, with some leaving and new members signing up.

"Overall, we have gained two members over the last few months."

Thick and overgrown coastal scrub around the coastal settlements is of concern with La Nina encouraging growth in farmland and gardens.

"We have already seen in other parts of Victoria fire that has escaped from land holders during reduction burns, moving into neighbouring bush land due to the wind conditions. Wind conditions must always be taken into account when burning off and burn offs should always be registered."

## • POOWONG FIRE BRIGADE



Pre-summer training for the Poowong CFA crew includes conducting entrapment drills.

## Poowong CFA gets new tanker

POOWONG CFA recently received a brand-new tanker which holds 1000 litres more than their other one, at 4000 litres.

Members have been doing a lot of familiarisation and training with the new tanker which has a crew cab and is able to transport members together, unlike the old one with a single cab, only fitting one crew member.

Zeb Mitchell, Captain of the Poowong CFA commented that the new tanker is far safer and better, as it gives the crew the opportunity to discuss, preplan and delegate tasks on the way to a job.

Ultimately, saving precious time and misunderstandings and they can now literally hit the ground running.

It also comes equipped with a bigger and better pump to put out fires much more quickly and efficiently.

In the last few months, the crew have been solidly training for entrapment drills, tree hazards as well as pre-summer briefings, and attended a Strzelecki group training exercise in Mirboo North in September.

The brigade has about half a dozen active members and half a dozen not as active. They could utilise more volunteers and it's always helpful to have extra crew members, commented Zeb.

Zeb advises locals to prepare for the season by clearing vegetation around their properties and ensuring there is heavy vehicles access to areas fires might occur, so crews can get in and put fires out fast.

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### • TOORA FIRE BRIGADE



Lieutenant Alex Berry and the Toora CFA are prepping for the fire season ahead.

## Toora gearing up for fire season

TOORA CFA is backed by strong numbers heading into the upcoming fire season.

With four new members recently recruited, the brigade has switched its focus to bushfire scenarios ahead of summer.

"During winter we focus on structural fires, and we switch that focus once we start heading into summer," Lieutenant Alex Berry said.

"The season has already started, so our training has been focused on getting to know the equipment and accessories again. We treat every season as if it's going to be large – you never know what could happen – so it doesn't hurt to always be prepared."

To boost numbers further, the brigade handed out brochures and held a sausage sizzle on the Referendum voting day.

The public was also offered a tour of the station in the hopes of sparking recruitment interest.

Toora CFA is equipped with one tanker for bushfires, a pumper for structure fires, and a big fill unit to drain water for dams.

To help the CFA during its busy season, property maintenance is encouraged.

Lieutenant Berry urged homeowners to take the time now to clean up their property to reduce the risk of fire.

"Make sure your grass is short, get rid of overhanging trees and make sure we have clear access to your property. We can't save a property if we can't access it," she said.

In case of emergency, Toora's town meeting point is at the recreation reserve, about one kilometre out of town.

For those interested in joining the CFA, Toora's brigade train at the station every Thursday at 7pm.

### • FISH CREEK FIRE BRIGADE



Fish Creek CFA's First Lieutenant John Poletti with captain Raymond Poletti alert the community to be prepared for the fire season. Z08\_4523



First Lieutenant John Poletti on-site at Fish Creek CFA station unloading portable lighting. Z09\_4523

## Remain alert this fire season

THE Fish Creek CFA and rescue brigade are travelling well, but always looking for new members.

Recruitment is slow, which reflects the situation in most regional towns as young people move away for employment which leaves little opportunity to volunteer or take part in the community.

Fish Creek CFA Captain Raymond Poletti said, "our training, as always covers a range of situations, we cover wildfire, structural fire, and road accident and rescue so our training schedule is varied – we are currently focused on the coming fire season.

"We have been doing mail drops with information on what can be done and what can't be done over the fire restriction season,

information on preparation for the fire season, and survival in the face of fire."

Places of concern for the Fish Creek volunteers are along the coast from Venus Bay through to Wilsons Promontory – this includes Walkerville, Waratah Bay, Sandy Point and Yanakie.

The Fish Creek CFA fire and rescue volunteers work closely with their neighboring brigades to ensure safety all year round, but especially in the summer season.

"Homeowners and farmers can prepare by making sure they have a fire plan in place, clear all areas around buildings – including the home, and dispose of rubbish appropriately," said Raymond.

"It is also important to plan

somewhere for people to gather in case of a fire when the occasion is required, know how to contact the combating authorities when required and generally be alert to the situation around you – especially on days of total fire ban."

Raymond explained that there are areas for people to gather if the time should arise, including football ovals, public gathering areas, and beach areas depending on where you are.

"My message this fire season is I hope people are aware of their surroundings, have a fire plan in place, clean up their surroundings and provide good access to your property in case the fire vehicle is needed. We hope for a fire and accident-free season," said Raymond.

### • MIRBOO NORTH FIRE BRIGADE

## Mirboo North CFA: new management and new recruits

THE Mirboo North CFA held their elections in April and fresh faces have taken over the roles of Captain and Lieutenants.

Trent Venten is now the CFA Captain, with Aaron Wilson as First Lieutenant and Noel Hough, Brayden Groen and Tony Ebeyer as Second, Third and Fourth Lieutenants respectively.

The crew have been running a recruitment campaign for the past few months and getting out in the community in an effort to promote the brigade.

Their efforts have paid off and the campaign has been successful with 13 new recruits signed up and undergoing training.

Getting on the trucks and using hoses for a running grass fire drill under the guidance of senior members was the most recent training held for new recruits.

While other members are keeping up their skills with entrapment, drafting and breathing apparatus drills.

The crew are being called out more than normal, particularly to burn offs that have become out of control, due to the drier conditions.



New recruits at Mirboo North undertake a running grass fire drill under the guidance of senior members. ob11\_4423

The crew recommends registering burn offs, having a plan in place, only burning off when it's not windy and not burning under trees or other structures.

An informational town meeting will be held by the CFA on Saturday November 18 from 1.30pm. Locals can learn about their responsibilities in preparing and planning for a fire.

CFA tankers, trucks and firefighting equipment will be set up so locals can have a look and gain an understanding of the capability and limitations of the brigade in the instance of large or multiple fires.

It's an opportunity to ask questions of the CFA, network and catch up with neighbours and get fire ready all whilst enjoying afternoon tea.

## • KONGWAK FIRE BRIGADE



**Kongwak Fire Brigade Captain Tony Reade and Firefighter Nigel Braithwaite during a clean-up after attending a building fire in the local area.**

## This could be the year, said Tony

CAPTAIN of the Kongwak Fire Brigade, Tony Reade, is well aware that "warning fatigue" can set in around this time of the year as authorities repeat their bushfire safety advice ad nauseum, along with the need for a written, and preferably well-practiced, bushfire plan.

But, according to Tony, we need to approach our preparations as if "this could be the year".

"You hate to harp on it, but you've got to. The best outcome is that it's not needed but when it happens, it is needed," said Captain Reade this week.

"People might say "it doesn't happen here" but it doesn't happen here until it does."

"This year is shaping up as a ripper. We've been told about the weather pattern, and we've already seen the effect of that up in East Gippsland and in NSW. We haven't had a major fire down here for a long, long time, but this could be the year."

"And that's the way we need to approach it."

As well as having a bushfire action plan, one that involves preparing a box of supplies and looking after the pets, he said there was a lot of work around the farm and home that needs to be done.

"You may have to leave so you need to put the things together you want to take plus enough supplies, toilet paper, non-perishable food, water etc, to last you for a few days."

Those looking for details on how to make a plan and to prepare your property for bushfire should go to the CFA website at [cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare)

Kongwak Fire Brigade has 26 members. They train every third Tuesday and meet every first Tuesday. In the past they've welcomed two new members and have two prospects. So, recruitment is good but they could always do with more, contact Captain Tony Reade 0427 368 277.

## • MEENIYAN FIRE BRIGADE



**Meeniyian-Stony Creek Fire Brigade urges people not to put off preparations for the fire season.**

## CFA urges act before it gets dry

MEENIYAN-STONY CREEK Fire Brigade Captain Paddy Eldred stressed the importance of taking action to ensure you are ready for the fire season, urging people not to leave preparations until late.

"It's about planning now before the dry season," he said, noting that while it has been wet lately, the prediction is for conditions to get dry earlier, with an El Nino declared and a hot summer forecast.

The captain said appearances can be deceptive, with an area often largely green but with dry patches under trees.

Paddy said now is a good time for people to do their burning off to reduce fuel loads, encouraging everyone to register their burns.

"We get a lot of false alarm calls, especially at night," he said in relation to unregistered burns.

Paddy is also urging people to get on top of long grass because it dries out quickly.

He stressed that it is crucial to keep grass down near electric fences, saying damp grass coming in contact with an electric fence can cause a

short out, presenting a risk of fire.

"We've had a lot of fires from electric fences over the years," Paddy said, adding that farmers often turn their electric fences off on days of total fire ban as a precaution.

Like other brigades, Meeniyian-Stony Creek firefighters have been focused on ensuring their training is up to date before summer conditions hit, with everyone who will be on a truck requiring minimum skills.

Brigade members have been undertaking entrapment training and the hazardous tree learning exercise, as well as undergoing a briefing session ahead of the fire season.

Paddy explained entrapment (burn over) drills involve everyone getting inside the truck, dropping down of heat curtains, and the use of the truck's external sprinkler system.

Volunteers are always wanted, with Paddy saying he has been part of the CFA for over 40 years and it is a great organisation to belong to.

Meeniyian-Stony Creek Fire Brigade usually holds a meeting on the second Wednesday of a month and training on the following Wednesday.



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## • GLEN ALVIE FIRE BRIGADE



Glen Alvie CFA's Laura Matthews, Heather Andrews and captain Craig Matthews prepare for training at the Glen Alvie station.

## Summer ready in Glen Alvie

GLEN Alvie CFA urged its community to protect against grass fire risks ahead of summer.

Now's the time to clear rubbish, trees and leaves to keep properties safe before the fire season strikes.

"People need to start doing the usual clean up and have a plan in place – decide whether they are going to stay and defend or leave early," Captain Craig Matthews said.

"Luckily, we aren't in a real 'bush' area, but grass fires pose a threat. You can have embers coming from kilometres away, which can be dangerous in certain conditions if your house is not prepared."

Glen Alvie CFA trains at the station monthly, preparing for a range of scenarios in case of emergency.

Recently, the brigade trained with other local brigades and the SES, with another group exercise planned in the next month or two.

"It's usual to get two brigades turnout to an incident, so the more we can do together, the better," Captain Matthews said.

"It's good to get to know the other

brigade members and see how they work. It's also good to work with the SES and see how they operate so we know how to assist them."

Captain Matthews said membership had been steady for a while and the station will be hosting an open day on the last Sunday in November.

"We have a lot of older members and some of them are starting to call time. We did have a few younger members, but they've moved away. It can be hard to attract recruits in rural areas," he said.

For those interested, there are a number of ways to get involved.

"You can contact any of our members or contact the CFA and they can put you onto your closest brigade," Captain Matthews said.

"New members then go through police and medical checks before going through the skills. There's also the General Fire Fighting course available. There are unlimited courses you can do to develop your firefighting skills."

The community can also keep up to date via the Glen Alvie Fire Brigade Facebook page.

## • LEONGATHA SOUTH FIRE BRIGADE



Jodi Butler of Leongatha South Fire Brigade advises community members to register their burn offs. However, once fire restrictions begin locally, a permit is needed to burn off.

## Ensure your property is clearly identifiable

BEING in a rural setting, Leongatha South Fire Brigade stresses the importance of community members ensuring their properties are clearly identifiable, and encourages people to register their burn offs to prevent brigades being called out unnecessarily.

"It's always an issue for the more rural brigades in being able to locate properties," Leongatha South Brigade safety coordinator Jodi Butler said.

People are encouraged to ensure their property number is clearly visible and reflective.

Jodi noted that people tend to burn off more in rural settings, with smaller brigades such as hers often called out needlessly because burns have not been registered.

"It's not mandatory to do so, but it helps us," Jodi said.

Registering a burn is a simple matter of calling the burn off notification number 1800 668 511.

Community members need to keep abreast of whether fire restrictions are declared for their area.

Once that occurs, a permit is required to burn off.

Leongatha South Fire Brigade members recently took part in a group training exercise based around Outtrim with other brigades, focusing on preparing to operate as part of a Strike Team, which are deployed to large incidents.

Skills related to communications, fire attack, teamwork and fire-ground leadership were sharpened and hazard tree assessments were also involved.

Leongatha South Fire Brigade has checked all its equipment ahead of the fire season, which is normal practice, and refreshed crucial skills.

"We have completed our required burn over training and online hazardous tree module," Jodi said.

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## • LEONGATHA FIRE BRIGADE

### Keep up with emergency alerts Leongatha Fire Brigade urges

COMMUNITY members are urged to keep up with alerts through the VicEmergency App, to have a suitable fire plan in place, and to ensure their properties are tidy, with Leongatha Fire Brigade encouraging people to prepare now following recent wet weather.

First Lieutenant Ben Patterson stressed that people shouldn't be lulled into a false sense of security by the recent "dump of rain".

He noted that despite fairly benign conditions, there have already been quite severe fires in other parts of Gippsland.

"We are still predicting a more severe fire season than the last three years," Ben said, emphasising the importance of seizing the opportunity to prepare properties now.

Firefighter Tahlia Ebery said keeping house guttering clear, lawns mowed, and clutter away from buildings are essential measures.

She cautioned people not to carry out tasks such as mowing on hot dry days, saying the Leongatha Fire Brigade attended a grass fire sparked by a lawnmower last fire season.

Ben noted grass fires present one of the larger risks in the Leongatha area.

"On extreme risk days, follow the advice to not use machinery that is likely to cause fires," he said.

Ben added that it is important to have



Leongatha Fire Brigade members Corban Davis, Ben Patterson (First Lieutenant), Ed Browning, Nathan Hawkins, Sarah O'Hehir and Tahlia Ebery, pictured during a recruitment drive this year, encourage community members to prepare for the fire season. A05\_2823

plans in place when using machinery in long dry grass so that you are ready to extinguish any fire that starts.

While highlighting the fact there are excellent resources on the CFA website to help people prepare for the fire season, Ben said community members are always welcome to chat to people at their local brigade for advice.

"We like to get involved with the community by providing advice on preparing their properties," Ben said.

Leongatha Fire Brigade's Facebook page is a valuable communication tool, with those messaging the brigade able to anticipate a quick response.

Leongatha Fire Brigade members have undertaken a range of bushfire training in readiness for summer, including all mandatory requirements as well as mapping exercises, pumping and drafting, running grass fire scenarios and participating in a group training exercise with other brigades.

## Prep for power outages ahead of fire season

VICTORIANS are being urged to prepare for an early start to the fire season and potential power outages this summer.

The recently released Australian Seasonal Bushfire Outlook warned there was a high chance of an early start to the fire season in Victoria this year, and fires in the Gippsland region earlier this month attest to that.

The Australia Energy Market Operator has also noted there is an increased risk of power outages this summer due to higher than usual electricity demand.

This year marks the completion of AusNet's Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter (REFCL) program as part of the State Government's Powerline Bushfire Safety program.

This operates like a safety switch, rapidly cutting power to fallen or damaged powerlines.

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### COMMENT

#### Clear local laws and commonsense needed

THE fact is that most of the South Gippsland local laws that caused a meltdown on social media last week are similar to laws that already exist in municipalities across Victoria.

At Bass Coast, for example, they have the same 300mm height limit on grass, that may be "making private property unsightly or detract from or not complement the amenity of the surrounding area" as South Gippsland.

Of course, as South Gippsland Councillors said, in answer to the criticism they received, it doesn't apply to grass, silage or hay for livestock and commonsense would tell you that's true.

Bass Coast also has a local law in place where, without a permit, a person must not place, permit to be placed, or allow to remain on a road or in a municipal place a bulk rubbish container that has also caused some angst with the South Gippsland Shire's new General Local Law 2024.

Technically, what it means is that you can't pick up your bulk waste bin with the tractor and take it out to the farm gate for the truck from J.J. Richards or another contractor to collect or empty.

And even roadside letterboxes could breach the local law about not obstructing the roadway.

Strangely enough, though, there's no sign of the weeds local law in South Gippsland's new set of laws that you'll find in Bass Coast's Local Law No. 1 Neighbourhood Amenity 2022, as follows: "An owner or occupier of land must not allow any noxious weeds to be present on that land."

Meanwhile, in Bass Coast's set of laws there's a local law where a person must not, without a permit, plant or remove vegetation from a nature strip or undertake any landscaping on a nature strip, road or municipal place.

However, unless there's a complaint, it's a rule that's rarely enforced, the result being a complete free-for-all on nature strips across the shire.

And the same goes for some of the other local laws at both councils. They're only there to provide a basis for managing any problems that arise.

But it doesn't excuse councillors from reading the material and deciding if the rules, or any other policy put forward by the administration, is clear and fit for purpose. That's what you are there to do.

It's also a symptom of not using monthly council meetings for the purpose they were intended, proper debate and discussion, explanations to the community where needed and the opportunity to bring the collective knowledge of the community to bear on good decision making.

#### Stop pushing own agendas

AFTER reading the article on page 12 of the Sentinel Times October 24 edition; titled 'Cr Gilligan makes her voice heard' I noted that once again a Councillor is using their elected position to push their own agenda.

According to South Gippsland Shire Council's own website, Councillors responsibilities include strategic planning and allocating resources via the Council budget, represent ratepayers and residents, advocate on a broad range of issues, liaise and co-ordinate with other levels of Government, non-Government, community groups and the private sector.

Nowhere does it state to push their own political agendas.

Name withheld



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

#### Ratepayers and Residents Association AGM

MANY community members are aware of the lamentable state of integrity in Victorian politics today.

The Victorian Ombudsman, IBAC, and others have repeatedly raised concerns.

Today, more than ever before, all levels of government need to be scrutinised, and held to account.

Bass Coast Shire Council is certainly no exception to that need.

Since 2016 Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association (BCRRA) has endeavoured to improve transparency, accountability, community engagement, and financial discipline at Bass Coast Shire Council.

Whilst BCRRA has had some success, there are some at council who strongly oppose the associations efforts.

In November BCRRA will be holding its 2023 Annual General Meeting and Public Meeting at the Wonthaggi Workmens Club.

The brief AGM will be immediately followed by a public meeting to discuss community expectations of future elected Councillors, and how BCRRA can best pursue its purpose into the future.

The meeting starts at 1.30 pm in the Kirrak Room.

This is an open public meeting and community members are welcome to attend.

All current councillors are invited to attend this event.

Given the ongoing secretive and autocratic behaviour of Bass Coast Shire Council, the need for a representative community ratepayer organisation appears to be more necessary today than it was back when BCRRA was formed in 2016.

NOTE: To assist with determining catering requirements please email intention to attend to [admin@basscrra.org](mailto:admin@basscrra.org).

We hope to see you at the Kirrak Room on November 18.

**Kevin Griffin, BCRRA Secretary**

#### New mayor up for election

COUNCILLORS are voting for a new Mayor next month.

It's high time for a new Mayor.

The less said about the current person the better.

**Rob Parsons, The Gurdies**

#### Bureaucracy on show

THE proposed review of the South Gippsland Council by-laws once again highlights the work of the fun police. Whist there is understandably some knee jerk responses on social media it is worth noting some of the shortcomings of particular clauses.

Council has endeavoured to answer some queries with a question-and-answer article however this creates even more uncertainty as the drafters have elected to renumber some clauses from the existing by-laws making comparisons difficult.

Clause 33 Unsightly and dangerous properties

Part of this refers to long grass over 30cm high etc but the clause applies to all private property and makes no mention of an exemption for property in the farming zone.

Clearly there is one rule for the council and one for ratepayers as most readers would be familiar with the unsightly Council storage dumps on the roadside. For example, Wild Dog Valley Road in Leongatha and another on the main road near Fish Creek and no doubt others.

Clause 37 suggests that only one boat or caravan can be kept on a residential property. If you have both, a permit for one must be obtained and that permit renewed annually. Furthermore if you are a tradesman with a work ute and trailer, and a boat and a caravan get the credit card out for even more permits and payments every year.

The penalty for non-compliance currently over \$300.

Clause 41 Animal housing including storage of stock feed. Again, there is no mention of an exemption for properties in the farming zone.

Clause 44 obviously the drafters are very good at cutting and pasting as there are numerous mentions in articles about this review to a manual called "Manual for Traffic at Control Stock Crossing" by Vic Roads. For the record the articles correct title is Manual for Traffic Control at Stock Crossings.

For a Council that is well aware of the importance of farming in the area, one can only wonder if the Council is keen to protect or prosecute those businesses.

**Doug McLaren, Leongatha North**

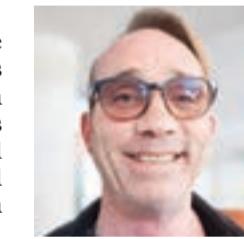
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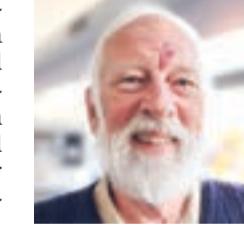
**Peter Jones**

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"Walk to post letters for exercise."



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"Posting letters and passports."



**Tim Bloomer**

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"Posting letters and we brought a phone from there."



**Tamikah Greenland**

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"Legal documents, licences, etc."

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

## ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

### WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE Neighbourhood House Community Lunch is offered each Wednesday during school terms from 12.30pm at Mitchell House. Our fantastic cooks are expert at preparing nourishing vegetarian friendly meals using fresh locally grown ingredients. There exists an open invitation to anybody from the community. There is no cost, however a donation to cover costs if this is manageable, is always welcome. To assist with catering please phone ahead or drop into Mitchell House to record your intention to share in an upcoming lunch.

The next and final Fixit Cafe for the year will be on November 19 between 11am and 1pm. In addition to the usual services, electrical items, tool sharpening and clock repair, there will be a gentleman present with knowledge of lawn mowers - if yours is causing you grief you might like to bring it in for a checkup! Bookings are essential - phone Mitchell House reception (5672 3731) to reserve a time for your repair.

Yoga groups are available each week for those interested in this calming form of healthy exercise. A more traditional approach is taken in the class on Tuesdays from 10.30am and a seated yoga program is offered on Thursday's from 2pm. Phone the reception desk at Mitchell House for more details and to register.

The Wonthaggi community like much of the Australian population, is pluralistic with people from many different origins. We celebrate this diversity and welcome newcomers to our town and of course to the Neighbourhood House! The Multi-Cultural Women's Group meets every Thursday at Mitchell House from 11am. This group provides opportunity for friendship and the building of social connections. The women share stories, learn new skills together and find support from one another. A warm welcome is assured for newcomers.

The initial gathering of the Bass Coast Parkinson's Support Group on October 13 was well received by those present. Support is available for those living with this challenging condition and their families and friends. The next opportunity will be at Mitchell House on Friday November 10 from 1pm. To enrol if you missed the first gathering, please contact Fight Parkinson's Victoria on 1800 644 189.

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



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### BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

SOME people say the need for basic computer courses is on the way out because everyone has a computer or smartphone now and young people are digital natives.

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### ■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

WHEN groups drop in for a garden tour, we are never sure what will capture their attention.

Last week, when the NDIS cooking group arrived, it was the many herbs and lovely poppies they were drawn to.

They were curious about how the garden plots were allocated and what it cost to join up. (Not much - average annual fee \$30 - was the answer).

Some participants were keen to try cooking stalks of the garden's rhubarb crop, others to take a handful of parsley and dill to garnish the lunch they had prepared in the BCAL kitchen. And all were delighted with the look and flavour of the just-picked carrots.

It's great for the regular volunteers to 'see' the garden through visitors' eyes, to appreciate anew the variety of vegies, herbs, fruits and flowers on offer.

To find out more about visiting or joining the community garden contact [tgordon@westnet.com.au](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) or drop in on a Thursday between 10 and noon.

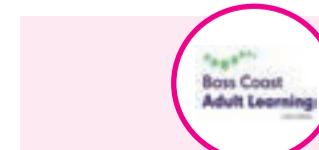
### ■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

THIS coming Melbourne Cup weekend, the Woodies will be having their annual display at the Newhaven Community Hall in association with the Phillip Island Patchworkers.

There will be displays and sales of the Woodies' work. This will be the last sale before the annual pop-up Christmas shop in December.

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For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit [wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au](http://wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au) or pop in to the workshop.



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### • FAITH FACTOR

## Truth in Turmoil

By Pastor Jeff Robertson,  
Connections Church Inverloch + Foster,  
Australian Christian Churches,  
[Wonthaggi and Inverloch ICC](http://Wonthaggi and Inverloch ICC)

THERE'S a lot going on in the world, and in our nation at the moment. Especially things that people disagree over. There's plenty of public arguments and criticisms about all sorts of things, including the old favourites politics and religion.

There's an old saying that suggests these things shouldn't be discussed because they're likely to lead to uncomfortable disagreements. I think this highlights two things; there are times to not discuss difficult issues because we need time out from stress and to be able to relate to each other positively on common ground. But it also highlights the importance of being able to have a difference of opinion with someone while still being respectful rather than destructive.

So how do we handle conflict and find solutions in the midst of turmoil? How can we come to an agreement when it seems people are often unwilling to understand the other side of the argument?

There's one person who I always admire for how he handled conflict, verbal attacks, and trick questions. Jesus had plenty of critics and opponents, yet never got trapped in his words, and never needed to retract a statement or make an apology. Sometimes he had strong words to say. But he listened, and spoke with love and compassion, while not compromising on the truth - teaching with his words, his actions, and his example. Obviously, not everyone agreed with him. But he didn't let other people dictate his character and how he responded.

Through whatever turmoil we witness in this world, may we follow His example. Be ready to listen, to show love and compassion, while still speaking truth - even when it's unpopular. Let's resolve to stay strong in our character regardless of what others say or do. And consider when being a peacemaker is more important than winning an argument.

To conclude with Jesus' words, even in turmoil and disagreement, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you".



### Bendigo Bank Festival Village

There will be a hive of offerings across the Fish Creek parkland, rail trail and village, including:

- **The Writing Challenge exhibition** will display all the wonderful stories submitted to the Writing Challenge 2023. All day Saturday 18 and Sunday 19.
- **Box Wars** where kids build a recyclable costume from boxes, Pirates, Unicorns, Animals and more. Saturday 18 at 4.30pm.
- **My Story Tent** is a dedicated space where the imagination is a wide-open world when we tell our own stories, and children create limitless unfiltered possibilities. All day Saturday 18 and Sunday 19.
- **Indigenous Literacy Foundation** will engage with festival goers on the educational disadvantages faced by Indigenous Australian children and young people by providing access to books and literacy program. All day Saturday 18 and Sunday 19.
- **Marg Haycroft and Wayne Cripps** – sharing some of their favourite stories collected over a lifetime of storytelling. All day Saturday 18 and Sunday 19.
- **Myli libraries** Fishy Stories program is silly songs and funny stories. Design a fishy badge or make a funny keyring, keeping little hands busy. 10.30am and 12pm on both Saturday 18 and Sunday 19.

- **Claudia Rubinstein** offers an exhibition of 2D and 3D works "Claudia's Imaginarium". Come along and lose yourself in a wondrous journey as you rediscover a child's world of play for children of all ages. Claudia showcase some of her creative journeys, storytelling, and bookmaking. All day Saturday 18 and Sunday 19.

- **Better Place Australia and Gippsland Family Pathways Network** offers live book readings including titles such as "Max's Divorce Earthquake" and other titles by Australian authors who focus on children's wellbeing in the face of family-life's hardships. All day Saturday 18 and Sunday 19.

For more information visit [fishystories.org/bendigo-bank-village-green](http://fishystories.org/bendigo-bank-village-green)

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• **Gabi Wang** hosts a workshop about books and writing followed by a Chinese Dragon drawing workshop. 10am and 1pm, Saturday 18.

• **Leigh Hobbs** hosts a workshop of creating characters. Come and draw Mr Chicken & Old Tom and learn how to make up and draw your very own funny

picture book characters. 12.30pm Saturday 18 and 10am Sunday 19.

• **Shelly Ware and David Lawrence** joint workshop will ensure everyone will come away with an idea for their own best-selling story (or even a Fishy Creek Writing Challenge one!), a fascinating central character (including a drawing) and a cracking opening line. 2.30pm Saturday 18 and 11.30am Sunday 19.

• **Meredith Costain** author of the Ella Diaries hosts a fun workshop writing different kinds of poems about your pets or favourite animals. 1pm Sunday 19.

• **Simi Gesnuik** offers a workshop that uses circus skills as a tool to spark students' imaginations. Participants

leave with a skill and a story. 2.30pm Sunday 19

• **Cassy Polimeni** offers a workshop that will introduce kids to Svalbard and the vault, incorporate guessing games, prizes and a cosy storytime, followed by creating seed art of your own to take home. 1pm Sunday 19.

• **Andrea Rowe** hosts a workshop that will transport kids back to the world of the award-winning picture book, Jetty Jumping and skate straight into a whole new adventure for this outdoor loving gang of adventurous kids with Sunday Skating. 2pm Saturday 18 and 10am Sunday 19.

• **Sarah Martin** offers workshop a session where she will read her story about

A FESTIVAL dedicated to children and storytellers of all ages is back for another year.

Fishy Stories – the Fish Creek's Children's Festival of Stories – has so many free Author workshops, free event and ticketed performances, that it has moved from a one-day festival to two days.

Fishy Stories is where children young and old will meet each other, guided and motivated by recognised wonderful authors, illustrators, performers and special events in story-making and storytelling.

It's where attendees will share in giggling laughter, tears of joy and emotions, and where hearts and minds will be transfixed and transformed, with new friends ending each experience exhilarated, inspired, and better connected for a better world for all.

Held over November 18 and 19, you can expect ticketed performances at the Fish Creek Memorial Hall, food and drinks, performances of selected Writing Challenge stories, sixteen free author workshops, a special Box Wars event and the Bendigo Bank Village Green and more.

how two seven-year-old girls from totally different backgrounds meet and become friends. 3.30pm Saturday 18.

• **Jeanette Rowe** offers a workshop that celebrates the Whose Book Series! And doing a guessing workshop for little ones with a bit of a cartooning workshop shown in for the older kids. 11.30am Sunday 19.

• **Craig Smith and Erica Wagner** offer a hands-on drawing a story workshop, participants will create a short narrative sequence of images, using characters created in the workshop. 4pm Saturday 18.

Head to [fishystories.org/free-workshops-2023](http://fishystories.org/free-workshops-2023) for more information.

### TICKETED PERFORMANCES

There are three performances being held at the Fish Creek Memorial Hall over the weekend, with Cirque Dissarray, Dr Hubble and Luigi Zucchini featuring on both days.

The Cirque Dissarray act incorporates three performers and a musician, with five children from the audience chosen to perform the show. 12.30pm Saturday 18

and 2pm Sunday 19 – try [trybooking.com/CLRAM](http://trybooking.com/CLRAM)

And back by popular demand is Dr Hubble. Bubbles only ever want to be spheres, but Dr Hubble will show you a square bubble. If you are lucky he might show you a hexagon, an octagon or a pyramid. You may even get to be the famous kid inside the bubble! 2pm Saturday 18

and 12.30pm Sunday 19 – try [trybooking.com/CLRLR](http://trybooking.com/CLRLR)

And finally, Luigi Zucchini – an international man of magic comedy with goofy Italian antics that entertains adults and children alike, along with his live animal friends and a never-ending bag of tricks and jokes, is back.

With 25 years of professional performances under

his hat – a top hat, by the way – Luigi Zucchini's name is synonymous with magic in Melbourne, particularly as founding director of the Australian Institute of Magic. 3.30pm Saturday 18 and 10am Sunday 19 – try [trybooking.com/CLROL](http://trybooking.com/CLROL)

All children tickets are \$12.50 each, families of four are \$67.50 and adult tickets are \$25.

### DETAILS

**Saturday November 18**  
from 10am to 6.30pm, and  
**Sunday November 19**  
from 10am to 3.30pm,  
in Fish Creek.

There is an official opening at 12pm on the Saturday.

Head to the official website [fishystories.org](http://fishystories.org) and scroll down to the Program Planner!

Fishy Stories is very fortunate to be supported by partners, sponsors and supporters, in particular: a major partnership with Events Gippsland an initiative between Destination Gippsland and South Gippsland Shire Council; a major donation from the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal; and a major sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank – Toora & Foster Community Bank.



## Fishy Stories

FISH CREEK CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF STORIES

# NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2023

FISH CREEK MEMORIAL HALL PERFORMANCES  
BOOK QUICKLY FOR TICKETS FROM \$12.50

Saturday 18th - 10am to 6.30pm

FREE WORKSHOP MARQUEES - 60 MIN AUTHOR WORKSHOP AND MEET & GREET.

Fishy Workshop Marquee #1	10.30am	12noon	1pm	2.30pm	4pm
	Alison Lester	Official Opening	Gabi Wang	Shelly Ware and David Lawrence	Craig Smith and Erica Wagner
Fishy Workshop Marquee #2	10am	12noon	12.30pm	2pm	3.30pm
	Gabi Wang	Official Opening	Leigh Hobbs	Andrea Rowe	Sarah Martin
<b>FISHY STORIES WRITING CHALLENGE</b>					
Live performances of the 20 selected winning stories from over 750 entries in the Fishy Stories Writing Challenge					
Performance Times: 11am, 1pm and 3pm					
Featuring Lou Endicott and Troy Larkin enacting the stories live!					
Visit the exhibition in the Art Cubes to read the entries and see selected Picture Stories					
<b>BOXWARS SPECIAL EVENT</b>					
Don't miss 'BoxWars' An underground Boxwars kids workshop event for children of all ages					
Held in the Fish Creek Parkland and Rail Trail from Saturday 4.30pm to 6.30pm					
<b>BENDIGO BANK VILLAGE GREEN ACROSS THE FISH CREEK PARKLAND, TENNIS COURTS AND RAIL TRAIL</b>					
All day from 10am to 4.30pm					
My Story Tent A place for Story-making and Story-telling	Indigenous Literacy Foundation Chat and learn				
MyLi Libraries Silly songs and funny stories. 10.30am and 12pm	Hare and Tortise Retail Outlet Buy all participating authors books				
Margaret & Wayne Sharing some of their favourite stories	Better Place Australia Live book readings that focus on children's wellbeing				
Claudia Rubenstein Exhibition and Storytelling	Bonnie McRae Fishy stories of suspense, red herrings, & clues!				

Sunday 19th - 10am to 3.30pm

FREE WORKSHOP MARQUEES - 60 MIN AUTHOR WORKSHOP AND MEET & GREET.

Fishy Workshop Marquee #1	10am	11.30am	1pm	2.30pm
	Andrea Rowe	Shelly Ware and David Lawrence	Meredith Costain	Simi Gesnuik
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## FISH CREEK MEMORIAL HALL PERFORMANCES

CHILDREN: \$12.50 ADULTS: \$25.00 FAMILY OF 4: \$67.50



### CIRQUE DISARRAY

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - 12.30PM  
SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - 2PM



### DR HUBBLE

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - 2PM  
SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - 12.30PM



### LUIGI ZUCCHINI

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - 3.30PM  
SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - 10.30AM

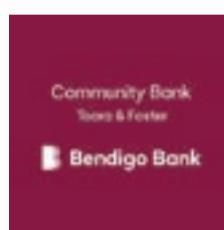


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Casey with AMPLIFY members Rose and Rah.

### LGBTIQA+ discussion and a drag show

LOCAL LGBTIQA+ group AMPLIFY are holding an evening of insightful panel discussions followed by a fun and family friendly drag show performance.

The event, titled 'We Have Always Been Here', seeks to advocate, educate and celebrate gender expression and gender experiences from local LGBTIQA+ youth aged between 12 and 25.

The panel discussion will involve special guests like Sally Conning, who is a local trans elder along with AMPLIFY youth group members.

What can be done locally to improve advocacy for young LGBTIQA+ people, to make them feel heard, as well as advice they would give to young families experiencing this and who they can reach out to, will be discussed.

"These are very contemporary issues that we're trying to address, but I think what it does is, it adds a really wonderful comparison by having a trans elder there to share what they experienced and how, although we've got so far to go, we've come such a long way. This is actually a really fruitful experience and a really hopeful opportunity," said Harriet Nunan, Community Engagement Officer from Headspace.

Following the panel discussion, three Drag Queens will provide exciting and entertaining performances, one of which is Aubrey Hayes, who featured in RuPaul's Drag Race.

AMPLIFY meets weekly at headspace Wonthaggi where they brainstorm themes and ideas around bringing these events to life.

The group has been youth led, voted on by youth, and designed by youth aged 12 to 25.

The group was the benefactor of a Victorian government 2022 Healthy Equal Youths grant, which comprised of \$10,000 funding to create inclusive and collaborative events for the community.

This is one of those events, designed entirely by AMPLIFY members, with back up support from Headspace, to promote engagement, educate and empower LGBTQIA+ people and improve understanding and acceptance within the broader local community.

The event will be held on Thursday November 9 at 5pm-7.30pm at The Union, Wonthaggi (Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre).

# What's on this Melbourne Cup weekend?

## Exhibition Opening - Baluk Arts presents: Millowl

**Thursday November 2: 6pm - 9pm**  
Berninneit, Cowes  
Cost: Free  
Exploring the spirit and place of Millowl/Phillip Island, featuring work by five of the country's most talented Aboriginal artists; Lowell Hunter AKA Salty One, Adam Magennis, Mitch Mahoney, Patrice Mahoney and live music performance from Charlie Needs Brace.

## Movies at Wonthaggi Library

**Friday November 3: 11.30am and 2pm**  
Murray Street, Wonthaggi  
Cost: Free

Settle down with an ice cream and enjoy a great film and great company!

Bookings: [eventbrite.com.au/e/movies-at-wonthaggi-library-tickets-695149399567?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/movies-at-wonthaggi-library-tickets-695149399567?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse)

## Places We Imagine: An Author Panel Discussion

**Friday November 3: 7.30pm - 9pm**  
Berninneit, Cowes  
Cost: Free

Approaching Place in Fiction. Three authors explore the role of place in their writing. Join them as they discuss the role of place in their fiction, the ways it has shaped their writing and how they envision the power of fictional place-making.

## Bena Hall Art Show

**Opening night: Friday 3 November 7pm - 9.30pm, Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 at 10am - 3pm**

Bena Community Hall, 41 Main Road, Bena  
Cost: \$15

Bena Hall is proud to showcase works of local Artists over the Melbourne Cup long weekend. Bookings: [trybooking.com/events/landing/1123550](https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1123550)

## Melbourne Cup Weekend Market and BBQ

**Saturday November 4: 9pm**  
Inverloch Community Hub, 16 A'Beckett Street

All welcome, inside and outside stalls.

## Phillip Island Patchworkers Annual Quilt Show

## The Living Circle Concert-Celebrating Our Gathering Place

**Saturday November 4: 10am - 4pm**  
Newhaven Hall, Cleeland Rd  
All monies raised support local emergency services.

Wonthaggi Woodworkers and Patchwork Maze also provide additional displays and sale of items.

## Uke For Fun

**Saturday November 4: 10am - 12am**

Wonthaggi Baptist Church, 2 Broome Crescent

We are offering an opportunity for ukulele players to get together once a month at 10am usually the first Saturday of the month.

## The Radiators

**Saturday November 4: 9pm**  
Westernport Hotel, San Remo

Cost: \$34.70 (18+)

Iconic Australian band The Radiators have carved a niche in the archives of Australian rock history and shared the stage with great Aussie acts such as AC/DC, Rose Tattoo and INXS.

Bookings: [westernporthotel.oztix.com.au/outlet/extras/cff2a2b6-028f-4fea-b1f3-9e08f5bccff8](https://westernporthotel.oztix.com.au/outlet/extras/cff2a2b6-028f-4fea-b1f3-9e08f5bccff8)

## Dog Trumpet 'Shadowland Tour Part 2' + Book Launch with special guest Jonnie Goes to Church

**Sunday November 5: 2.30pm**

89-91 Archies Creek Road, Archies Creek Hotel  
Cost: General admission \$30 + BF

Bookings: [trybooking.com/events/1098919/sessions/4079956/sections?embed=true](https://trybooking.com/events/1098919/sessions/4079956/sections?embed=true)

## Coronet Bay Fun Run/Walk

**Sunday November 5: 9am - 2pm**

Fred Gration Reserve, Bantering Bay Rd, Coronet Bay

Cost: Adult \$15, Child 14 and under \$10 Family 2 adults 2 children \$40

There is a choice of either a 3km street section or a 5km cross country section.

Bookings: [trybooking.com/events/landing/1102454](https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1102454)

## Melbourne Cup Eve @ The Invy Epsy

**Sunday November 5: 1pm - 3.30pm**

Berninneit, Cowes  
Cost: \$10

Bringing people together to celebrate the community itself in the brand-new cultural centre, with songs, stories, films and dance from children, conservationists, musicians and First Nation Elders and performers.

## Tarwin District Community Lifestyle & Automotive Festival

**Sunday November 5: 9.30 am - 3.30pm**

Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve Oval

Cost: \$10, Children under 16 free (show vehicles and drivers free)

A family fun day for all ages – the Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower Men's Shed in concert with the Tarwin Automotive Club are hosting a South Gippsland lifestyle. Cars, motorcycles, trucks, army tank, stationary engines, lifestyle stalls, food and coffee, market, emergency services display, children's activities and amusements. tractor demos and display presentations.

## Darlinghurst & Vixen of Fall

**Monday November 6: 9pm**

Westernport Hotel, San Remo  
Cost: \$23.50 (18+)

Darlinghurst is a Melbourne based four-piece Country group that is creating a fresh sound in the Australian Country music scene. Vixen of Fall, the product of Queensland's Northern sugar cane fields, hots summers and cyclones, the Vixens of Fall are a reflection of their homeland.

Bookings: [bit.ly/40exLkK](https://bit.ly/40exLkK)

## Tarwin Lower Market

**Monday November 6: 8am - 1pm**

River Drive, Tarwin Lower

The Hall markets are set in the hall and the surrounding grassy grounds generally on Monday public holidays. There are a wide variety of. There is usually live music entertainment.

## Too Cool for School! Home School Visit to The Library

**Monday November 6: 2pm - 3pm**

2 Smith Street, Leongatha  
Cost: Free

A fabulous, fun, monthly adventure just for homeschooling families! Get hooked on hands-on science and follow up at home with further fun experiments and ideas.

Bookings: [bit.ly/3ScMPO2](https://bit.ly/3ScMPO2)

## Archies fires up this weekend

THE big summer of music kicks off at the Archies Creek Hotel this coming weekend, as part of an extended Melbourne Cup Weekend of events and activities locally.

And what better way to celebrate the start of the entertainment season than with an 'Archies Creekfest' this Saturday night, November 4, featuring You Am I, Sweet Talk, and Stepmother; doors open 6.30pm, showtime 7pm?

Featuring guitarist and vocalist Tim Rogers along with band mates Russell Hopkinson on drums, Andy Kent on Bass, and (since 1999) Davey Lane on guitar, You Am I have long been one of the venue favourites at Archies and are renowned for a great live show.

On Sunday, November 5 it's 'Dog Trumpet' from 3pm, spearheaded by brothers Peter O'Doherty and Reg Mombassa, with Jonnie Goes to Church' in support.

Then it really kicks into gear right through November until the Painters and Dockers set the new dancefloor spinning on Saturday, December 2.

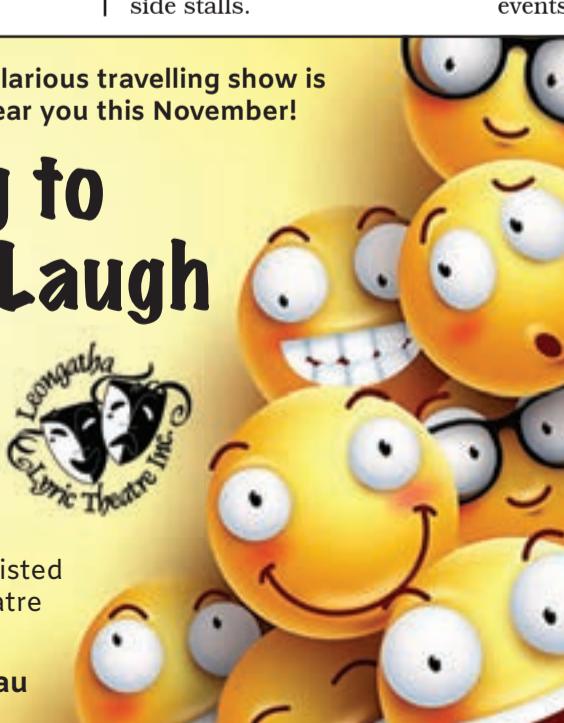
Leongatha Lyric Theatre's hilarious travelling show is back and coming to a hall near you this November!

# Something to make you Laugh

is a wacky and wonderful night of comedy with a touch of class to give your night some sparkle!

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# Baluk Arts Presents 'Millowl'

BALUK Arts is delighted to present its exhibition entitled 'Millowl' to launch 'Berninneit', the new Cowes Cultural Centre.

The exhibition features five of the country's most talented Aboriginal artists including Bunurong artist Adam Magennis, Nyul Nyul Saltwater man Lowell Hunter (aka 'Salty One'), Boonwurrung/Barkindji artist Mitch Mahoney, Guringai Saltwater woman Charlie Woods (aka 'Charlie Needs Braces'), and local Bass Coast resident Dunghutti/Ngayawana artist Patrice Muthaymiles Mahoney AOM.

The exhibition will feature an array of art forms, including a traditionally made stringy bark canoe, contemporary paintings, a sand sculpture and projections, all accompanied by a commissioned musical score. Each piece in the exhibition carries with it a unique story, connecting the viewer with the artist, in celebration of the spirituality and history of the land, sky, waters, and animals of Millowl.

In the lead up to the exhibition, Baluk Arts ran a series of public activations including a beachside workshop by Salty One at Berry's Beach. "For me... the sand is ultimately my canvas... We can learn a lot from understanding how indigenous peoples have looked after and nurtured the lands for countless generations."

The lead up also included a five-day residency with Mitch Mahoney creating a traditional stringy bark canoe which will feature in the exhibition.

"For us First Nations people, art

is a way of passing on knowledge. It's through the making of things, through the telling of those stories that we pass on knowledge to [the next] generation," Mitch said.

For the musical score, Baluk Arts has commissioned one of the fastest up and coming Aboriginal musicians in the country, Charlie Needs Braces, to create a unique piece that speaks to the artworks in the exhibition and to the island itself. "There are so many amazing things about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures," the musician said.

"I hope that [the work] evokes joy, happiness [and] celebrations!"

The opening ceremony will feature a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony by the Bunurong Land Council, providing an opportunity to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and their enduring connection to it.

Guests will have the privilege of hearing directly from the artists, gaining insights into their creative process and the stories behind their artworks. The opening will also feature a live performance by Charlie Needs Braces.

#### Event opening details:

'Millowl'

- Date: Thursday, November 2
- Time: 6pm-9pm
- Location: Berninneit, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes

The exhibition runs until December 27.

For more information visit [balukarts.org.au](http://balukarts.org.au) and follow @balukarts on socials.

*An immersive, contemporary Aboriginal art experience exploring spirit and place.*



Boonwurrung/Barkindji artist Mitch Mahoney.

## Fire for Feminism

THE MEENIYAN Art Gallery has always been dedicated to celebrating International Women's Day, with exhibitions in the past on the theme throughout the month of March.

Gallery Curator, Jasmin McNeill recently felt inspired by the work local artists are doing with fire and has called on artists who use fire in their creations, to apply for next year's exhibition.

"There's so many different mediums that involve fire in some part of the process and I thought it was a fun way to celebrate feminism through the idea of this flame of feminism that's been burning for years, and feminists are kind of these torchbearers towards equality and social justice."

Jasmin is expecting interest from a range of artists including pyrographers, ceramists, charcoal silver smithing and welding for example, and some she said that she may not have even thought of.

"I've really left it open for people to put in their own artistic input as well and the exhibition will be guided by the artists," Jasmin explained.

Applications are open to all artists, men and women, who would like to celebrate feminism in their work.

"I think it's a great way to show a diversity of work. It's just about capturing the diversity of feminist expression."

For artists who would like to apply, get in quickly as applications close tomorrow (Wednesday November 1).

https://trybooking.com/CLUUL by Thursday, November 10.'"/>



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### Town Hall transformed by the enchanting acoustics of Deep Peace

THE Bass Coast Chorale will present its second 2023 concert, "Deep Peace," in the acoustically beautiful Wonthaggi Town Hall on Saturday, November 25 at 2pm.

The title for this concert derives from a choral arrangement of the Gaelic Blessing: "Deep Peace". The theme of Peace and Love is repeated throughout the program.

The Chorale will present an entertaining variety of music including Musical Director, Mr. Larry Hills' special arrangement for the Chorale of popular songs from the 1970s. The concert will also include African American spirituals, three movements from the Vivaldi "Gloria," and some beautiful, contemporary choral works. The concert will conclude with excerpts from the "Miners' Requiem", a moving tribute to the thirteen miners who perished in the 20 Shaft disaster in 1937, written by Mr. Hills for the Wonthaggi Centenary in 2010.

The Bass Coast Chorale has been entertaining Bass Coast and South Gippsland audiences for eighteen years. During that time, it has presented many standalone concerts and has joined forces for major works with other Gippsland choirs. Profits from concerts have contributed more than \$29,000 to local community groups and charities.

"Deep Peace" is a one-off performance not to be missed at Wonthaggi Town Hall, Baillieu Street East – Saturday November 25 at 2pm.

Admission \$20 includes afternoon tea. Children free. Tickets at the door.

### Alison Lester to present a free workshop at Fishy Stories



Australian author and illustrator Alison Lester will be hosting a free workshop as part of Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories next month.

LEARN from some of Australia's best authors and illustrators in the Workshop Marquees as part of Fishy Stories – Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories – over November 18 and 19.

Alison Lester AM is among those to present a workshop – one of many free workshops being held by different, talented authors and illustrators over the weekend.

Alison is an Australian author and illustrator who has published over 25 children's picture books and two young adult novels: 'The Quicksand Pony' and 'The Snow Pony'.

In 2005, she won the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Picture Book of the Year for her children's book, 'Are We There Yet?: A Journey around Australia'.

Her books have been published worldwide. Alison won the Dromkeen medal in 2016.

Further, join children's author/illustrator, Gabrielle Wang as she talks about books and writing followed by a Chinese Dragon drawing workshop. It is suitable for those aged seven and up.

She is a children's author and illustrator born in Melbourne of Chinese heritage. Her stories are a blend of Chinese and Western culture with a touch of fantasy. She has written more than twenty books for young readers, many of them shortlisted for awards.

Leigh Hobbs will also be at the festival. An artist and author best known in Australia and the UK for the 23 children's books, he has written and illustrated featuring his characters Old Tom, Mr Chicken, Horrible Harriet, Fiona the Pig, Mr Badger and the FREAKS in 4F.

In total, there will be 12 authors and illustrators speaking across the weekend, so there is sure to be something for everyone.

So, keep an eye on Fishy Stories' social media – Instagram and Facebook – and the website [fishystories.org](http://fishystories.org) for all the latest information.

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# Join in the chorus at Coal Creek

EXPERIENCED singers and anyone else keen to contribute their voices are encouraged to join the 'Coal Creek Chorale' group by attending its Monday night rehearsals at the Korumburra RSL.

The choir will perform alongside the South Gippsland Concert Band during Carols at Coal Creek on Friday December 15.

Jenny Taylor encourages adults and children to contribute to the festive entertainment, stressing there is no requirement for you to be an experienced singer, with beginners performing only as part of the choir while more experienced singers tackle the solos.

A mixture of carols, jazz, rock and contemporary numbers will be sung at Coal Creek, ensuring there is something for all musical tastes.

There'll be plenty of familiar songs to involve the audience, such as 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree'.

As well as the Concert Band, local guitarists will play.

Children will have a starring role in performing 'The Little Drummer Boy'. Children need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend rehearsals. Rehearsals start at 6pm on Mondays, running until 7.30pm at Korumburra RSL.



Jenny Taylor and choir members at last year's Coal Creek Carols.

## Bass Coast Fine Film Group presents "Shayda"

ON SUNDAY, November 5, at 10.45am, the BCFFG is screening "Shayda", from Iranian-Australian writer/director, Noora Niasari.

"Shayda" is a powerful film that tells the story of an Iranian single mother, Shayda, who is living in Australia with her young daughter, Mona. The film follows Shayda's journey as she attempts to escape from her abusive husband and build a new life for herself and her daughter. Central to the film is a remarkable performance by Zar Amir Ebrahimi, who portrays Shayda with a quiet strength and determination. The character of Shayda is a testament to the resilience and heroism of women who fight for their autonomy and freedom, even in the face of great adversity.

The cinematography and visuals in "Shayda" are stunning, with the film's director, Noora Niasari, masterfully capturing the tension and emotion of Shayda's story. The film's use of light and shadow, as well as its attention to detail and composition, create a sense of intimacy and realism that draws the viewer into the story. The film's setting in Australia also provides a unique backdrop for Shayda's story, highlighting the challenges faced by immigrants and refugees who are trying to build a new life in a foreign land.

A deeply moving film, the nuanced portrayal of Shayda's character and her journey towards self-discovery and empowerment is a testament to the power of resilience and the human spirit. Through minimal dialogue and powerful

performances, the film unveils the harsh reality of domestic violence and the challenges faced by women who are trying to escape from abusive relationships. "Shayda" is a timely and important film that sheds light on the struggles faced by women around the world and the importance of fighting for one's freedom and autonomy.

To find out more head to: [bcffgs.weebly.com/shayda](http://bcffgs.weebly.com/shayda)

BCFFG Members entry is free on presentation of membership card, general public welcome with tickets at usual box office prices.

Film screening at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored and supported by the Bass Coast Shire.



Shayda is a cinematic triumph of resilience and redemption and is proudly presented by Bass Coast Fine Film Group on November 5.



10.45am SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
SHAYDA

"Shayda" follows Iranian single mother, Shayda, and her daughter, living in Australia as she attempts to escape from her abusive husband and build a new life. Shayda is a testament to the resilience and heroism of women who fight for their and freedom in the face of great adversity.

General public welcome. Members Free Entry!

@ WONTAGGI UNION CINEMA  
96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Check the website for more info:  
[basscoastfinefilmgp.weebly.com](http://basscoastfinefilmgp.weebly.com)



## WONTAGGI

### BINGO

WEDNESDAY 1pm - 3pm  
THURSDAY 8pm - 10pm

Come and join in the laughs at South Coast FM Bingo

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## Have a 'cuppa with a cop'

HAVE you ever wanted to ask a local police officer a question about an issue of interest?

Well, on Friday, November 10, you'll get the opportunity to do just that at a free 'Cuppa with a Cop' event at the Wonthaggi Library.

The Q & A session will be held from 10am to 11am.

Come and join us to meet your friendly local police force from Wonthaggi. It provides the opportunity for real conversations about issues that matter. Ask questions or share what's on your mind and enjoy a free cuppa while having a chat.

For enquiries, please call Wonthaggi Library on (03) 5672 1875.

Registration is not required for this event and walk-ins are welcomed.



A Melbourne Cup Grilled Mediterranean Tart

By Meg Viney

COLOURFUL and delicious, using spring vegetables.

### Ingredients

- Puff pastry
- 2 zucchini, about 15cm long and sliced lengthwise into 7mm slices
- 3 or 4 Lebanese eggplant, sliced as above
- 1 or 2 red capsicum, halved, seeds removed
- 2 onions
- olive oil (or garlic oil – see below)
- Feta cheese (several chunks)

### Garlic Oil

- 1 cup of good olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic
- a pinch each of salt and sugar
- Place the salt and sugar on a board and, using the side of a knife, crush it in the salt and sugar. Wait for it to become wet, then place it into the olive oil. So much better than purchased garlic oil!

### Method

Roll out the puff pastry to a 25cm circle and, using fingertips, create a little rim 1cm high. Chill for 30 minutes.

Toss the vegetables in olive oil. If you like garlic, use garlic oil.

Starting with the zucchini, grill until charred slightly. Do not turn. Remove to plate.

Repeat with the eggplant. Then grill the capsicum slices until the skins are charred. Remove to a paper bag which will steam the skins off. Skin then slice into strips.

To caramelise the onions – slice thinly and cook in olive oil, a good pinch of salt and likewise of sugar, over a low heat, lid on, for about 20 minutes. They ought to begin to caramelise.

Add a dash of balsamic vinegar and remove from the heat.

In a 200C oven cook the puff pastry for 20 minutes.

Remove and cool a little. Then pile up the vegetables, starting with the onions, then the other vegetables

Top with chunks of feta (mozzarella is okay) and cook in 200C oven for 20 minutes. Serve warm.



## QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

### TAYLOR SWIFT QUIZ

- [\$100] In which month next year will Taylor Swift be touring Australia? A. January. B. February. C. March. D. April.
- [\$200] What was the name of Taylor Swift's debut album? A. Taylor Swift. B. Fearless. C. Speak Now. D. Red.
- [\$300] In which year was Taylor Swift born? A. 1987. B. 1989. C. 1993. D. 1997.
- [\$500] Which of the following songs did Taylor Swift write when she was just 12 years old? A. "Love Story". B. "Teardrops on My Guitar". C. "Our Song". D. "You Belong with Me".
- [\$1000] What is the name of Taylor Swift's documentary released on Netflix in 2020? A. Miss Americana. B. Reputation. C. Folklore. D. Fearless.
- [\$2000] In which country will Taylor Swift be performing before coming to Australia? A. Indonesia. B. Singapore. C. China. D. Japan.
- [\$4000] Taylor Swift's second studio album, "Fearless," includes which of the following songs? A. "Love Story". B. "Wildest Dreams". C. "Style". D. "Lover".
- [\$8000] How old was Taylor Swift when she decided she needed to move to Nashville to further her career in music? A. 11 years of age. B. 17 years. C. 22. D. 31.
- [\$16,000] How old was Taylor Swift when she sang the American National Anthem at the US Open Tennis? A. 12. B. 14. C. 16. D. 18.
- [\$32,000] In what year did Taylor Swift win her first Grammy for Album of the Year? A. 2008. B. 2010. C. 2012. D. 2014.
- [\$64,000] Which of the following movies did Taylor Swift not star in? A. The Hunger Games. B. Amsterdam. C. Cats. D. The Lorax.
- [\$125,000] Which of these people has Taylor Swift not dated? A. Taylor Lautner. B. Jake Gyllenhaal. C. Conor Kennedy. D. Rupert Grint.
- [\$250,000] Who did Taylor Swift co-write the song "Exile" with? A. Ed Sheeran. B. Justin Bieber. C. Zayn Malik. D. Joe Alwyn.
- [\$500,000] What is Taylor Swift's net worth? A. \$200 million. B. \$550 million. C. 830 million. D. \$1.1 billion.
- [\$1,000,000] Taylor Swift's album "Red" was released in which year? A. 2010. B. 2012. C. 2014. D. 2016.

Quiz answers: 1. B. February. 2. A. Taylor Swift. 3. B. 1989. 4. C. "Our Song". 5. A. Miss Americana. 6. D. Japan. 7. A. "Love Story". 8. A. 11 years of age. 9. A. 12. 10. B. 2010 (aged 18). 11. Joe Alwyn. 12. D. \$1.1 billion. 13. D. Report. 14. D. Joe Alwyn. 15. B. 2012.

## WORD SUDOKU

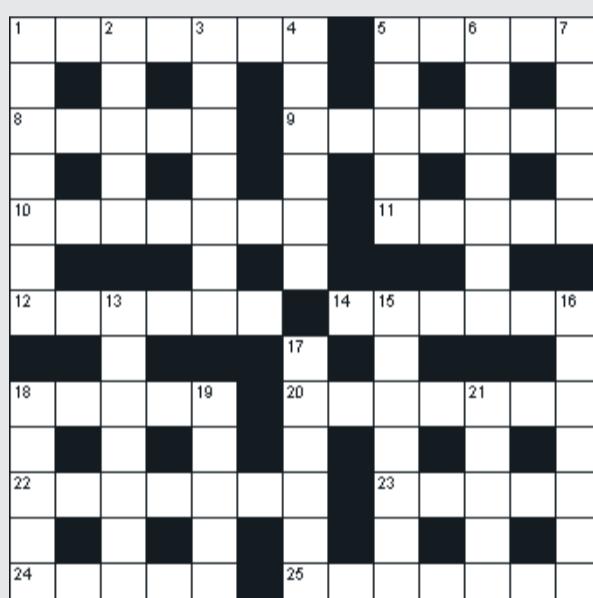
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### Instructions:

Only the letters HALLOWEEN can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each letter of the word CHRISTMAS once. Each vertical column can only contain each letter of the word CHRISTMAS once. Each horizontal row can only contain letter of the word CHRISTMAS once.

## QUICK CROSSWORD



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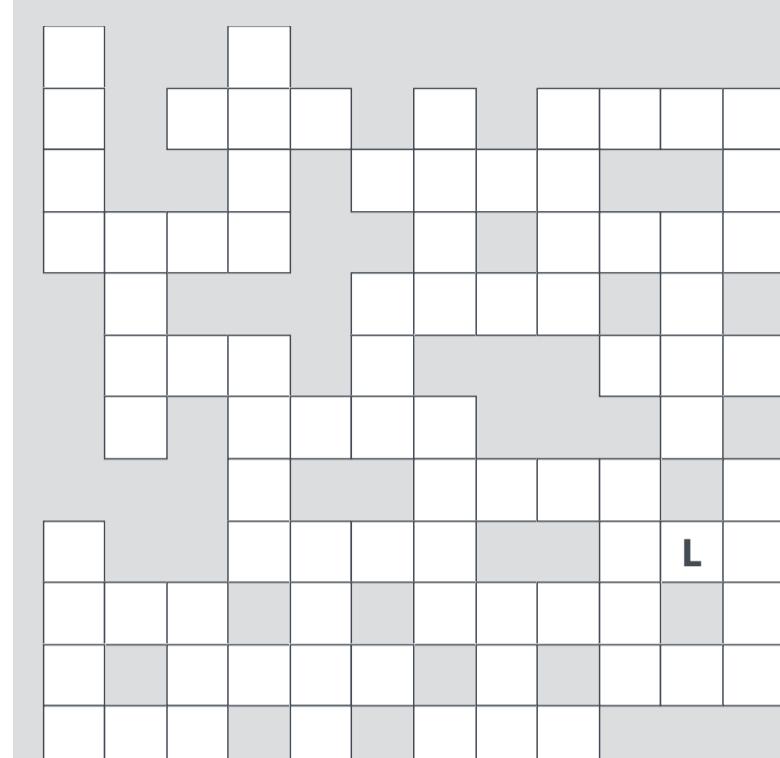
- Chains, shackles (7)
- Large container for milk (5)
- Campbell, supermodel (5)
- Having more foliage (7)
- Beneficiary of a will (7)
- Historical era (5)
- Street musician (6)
- Austrian capital (6)
- Hazard (5)
- Chorus (7)
- Open grassland in the USA (7)
- Duke's domain (5)
- Endures (5)
- Watered down (7)

### DOWN

- Organised group of devotees (3,4)
- Skimpy undergarment (5)
- Letter (7)
- Vendor (6)
- Stop (5)
- Heraldic creature (7)
- Compass point (5)
- Stories in instalments (7)
- Unbeliever (7)
- Vexed (7)
- Pal (6)
- Part of the eye (5)
- Early birds (5)
- Racecourse near Windsor (5)

## WORD FILL

Level: HARD



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## WORD SEARCH HALLOWEEN



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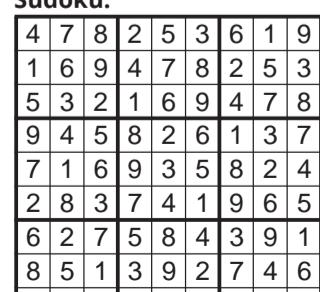


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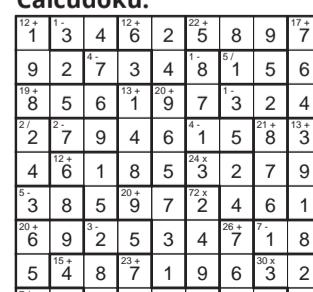
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Cindy McKnight who attended Leongatha Community Preschool Centres as a child, with her son Kobe. A13\_4423



Peyton Campbell with Neyah Enbom enjoy the 75th anniversary celebration of Leongatha Community Preschool Centres. A14\_4423



Michelle Chadwick with daughter Ella who attends Allora Kindergarten at the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Leongatha Community Preschool Centres. A15\_4423



Paul LePage with daughter Olivia who attends the Hassett Street Preschool enjoy the celebration marking 75 years of Leongatha Community Preschool Centres. A16\_4423



Harriett and Emily Rickell with one month old Audrey (in baby wrap) were enjoying making flower bracelets at the nature play station at Coal Creek for Childrens Week. ob17\_4423



Max and Alice Lineham loved getting their faces painted transforming into a ninja turtle and a princess at Childrens Week Activities. ob18\_4423



Sarah Vesty and Renae Mahoney gave their support to the Women for Change fundraiser on Sunday afternoon. tk17\_4423



Jack and Nicole of Bass Coast Specialist School attended the Connecting 2 Australia Wonthaggi Hub in celebration of C2A's 70 years of service. Z03\_4423



Matthew Frappier with Senior Support Worker Claire Walmsley at C2A's 70th celebration at the Wonthaggi Hub. Z04\_4423

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Childrens Week activities at Coal Creek, Connecting 2 Australia (C2A) celebrate 70 years of disability support, Leongatha Community Preschool Centres 75 year celebration, Don't Shoot Me, I'm Only the Piano Player event at Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre, Women for Change fundraising event at Dirty Three Wines , Dumbalk Music Event and Nyora Cricket Club Halloween party.



Georgia Sharp, Regan O' Cleary and Nikita Moyle enjoyed an afternoon at Dirty Three Wines for the Women for Change fundraising event. tk16\_4423

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Sally, Michelle and Gabby at Connecting 2 Australia in Wonthaggi recognise the dedicated community at the 70-year celebration. Z05\_4423



Bev, Joan, Maggie and Jo made the journey from Foster to attend the Don't Shoot Me, I'm Only the Piano Player event at Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre on Thursday. C05\_4423



Fay Quilford, Lyndal McKenzie and Hanna Lofgren at the Women for Change fundraiser, held at Inverloch's Dirty Three Wines. tk15\_4423



Eric and Vida Scott performed at the Dumbalk Music Event. tk01\_4423



Nyora Cricket Club committee member Natalie Mlinaric with Denni Uren at the club's Halloween party. tk09\_4423



Nyora's Elena Brown and Isla De Reus chose creative costumes for the Nyora Cricket Club Halloween party. tk10\_4423



Katheryn Pryor and Geraldine Archibald supported the Women for Change fundraising event at Dirty Three Wines on Sunday. tk14\_4423



Regular online bettors aged 18-34 spent an average \$886 a month across all forms of gambling and 82 per cent met the criteria for 'at risk gambling'. Photo: Mondadori Portfolio

## Young gamblers at risk

REGULAR gamblers at the greatest risk of harm are aged between 18 and 34.

This statistic was revealed in a new study by the Australian Gambling Research Centre at the Australian Institute of Family Studies.

The National Gambling Trends Study surveyed 955 people who bet online at least fortnightly on sports or races, and 1016 people who gamble at least fortnightly on pokies.

Regular pokies gamblers in this age bracket spend an average \$1453 a month across all forms of gambling, including \$500 a month on the pokies.

While gamblers of all ages had high levels of meeting criteria for 'at risk gambling', it was highest for these youngest pokies gamblers at 89 per cent – indicating they spend more than they can afford, or feel guilty and stressed about their gambling, for example.

Of all regular pokies gamblers, their last session was about two hours, with 53 per cent gambling alone.

Six per cent reported their last session on the pokies lasted more than 24 hours.

Meanwhile, regular online bettors aged 18-34

spent an average \$886 a month across all forms of gambling and 82 per cent met the criteria for 'at risk gambling'.

Of all regular online bettors, more than half had multiple betting accounts and 13 per cent had used an offshore unregulated betting account during the last 12 months.

Twenty-seven per cent used credit cards to gamble and less than seven per cent sought help for their gambling.

Around half of regular online bettors participate at least weekly in sports and race betting.

Research Fellow at the Australian Gambling Research Centre Dr Nancy Greer said while many Australians are enjoying racing carnivals and sports finals at this time of year, thousands are losing money gambling on these events.

"It may be tempting to gamble at this time of year – but it's important to think it through, set limits and be prepared to lose any money gambled," she said.

"It's also worth being aware of the seductive nature of gambling. Many from this study reported the negative impacts of regular gambling – for example, increased credit card debt, reduced

savings and spending money, or feelings of regret, shame and distress. Despite this, few reported seeking help for their gambling."

AIFS Research Director Dr Rae Kaspiew said the study supports recent moves by governments at all levels to reform the gambling industry.

As part of the survey, participants were asked to complete an open text field in response to four questions about the availability and accessibility, normalisation and marketing of gambling, as well as emerging trends.

Participants pointed to an increase in online operators, gambling apps and land-based pokies, as well as excessive marketing in the form of advertisements, promotions and sponsorships.

They also expressed concern about the risk of gambling-related harms to young people.

Many said they would like to see a ban on gambling advertising and a strengthening of regulations, making gambling harder to access.

Some mentioned a ban on pokies in pubs, clubs and hotels, leaving them located exclusively in casinos.

See [aifs.gov.au](http://aifs.gov.au) for more details.

# Real Estate South Gippsland and Bass Coast

## Rates expected to rise this Cup Day

IN A BLOW to all mortgage holders the four big banks have predicted the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) will once again raise interest rates when they next meet on Tuesday November 7.

The RBA has kept rates on hold for the last four months, with the last rise in June this year.

If interest rates rise another 0.25 per cent on Melbourne Cup Day, punters may have second thoughts of betting big as it will see the official interest rate rise to 4.35 per cent from its current level of 4.1 per cent.

Comparison site RateCity said that for the average Australian borrower who had a \$500,000 variable rate mortgage before interest rates began rising in May 2022, another 0.25 per cent increase would see their monthly repayments rise by \$76.

"Across all 13 hikes this would be a total increase of \$1210 to their monthly mortgage repayments – a 52 per cent increase," Rate

City said.

A significant amount considering the cost of living is already squeezing households and with petrol rising above \$2 and contributing to inflation, it could be a bleak lead up to Christmas for Australians.

Australia's inflation rate rose in the September quarter, boosted by the higher petrol prices and the consumer price index rose 1.2 per cent in July-September bringing the cash rate to 5.4 per cent, compared with 6 per cent in the June quarter, reported the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The RBA isn't forecasting for inflation to return to its "target" level between two and three per cent until December 2025.

There are reasons why the rate hikes aren't more aggressive, as it can cause a spike in unemployment, essentially risking a recession.

It is advised that people talk to their banks and creditors, before falling into arrears.

## Report drafted following affordability inquiry

A REPORT is being drafted following the conclusion of public hearings for the inquiry into the rental and housing affordability crisis in Victoria.

In a hearing for the inquiry held in August, Chair of Rural Councils Victoria, Mary-Ann Brown told the Legal and Social Issues Committee that rural Victoria will need 87,400 new dwellings over the next 15 years. If supply doesn't meet that growing demand, then the state's economy will suffer.

The failure to provide those extra homes could mean an annual gross regional product loss ranging between \$200 million and one billion dollars.

Submissions to the council were made from August this year with five public hearings having been conducted between

August and October, with the final hearing taking place on Tuesday October 10.

The committee will be drafting recommendations to alleviate insecurity, increase availability, and affordability issues faced by Victorian renters.

It will consider the adequacy of regulations governing the standards and conditions of rental housing, the impact of short-stay accommodation on the rental market and a range of other issues.

The Committee is currently undertaking additional research to inform the report.

The final report, including recommendations is due to be tabled to the Victorian Parliament by Friday November 17.

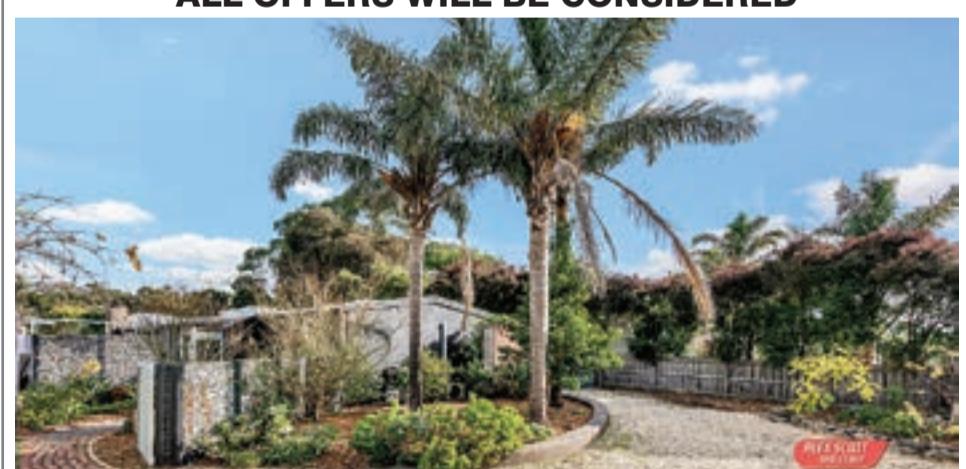
The government has six months to respond to the report from the tabling date.

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OPEN FOR INSPECTION: Saturday, November 4 at 2pm.

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Marni Redmond 0403 525 413

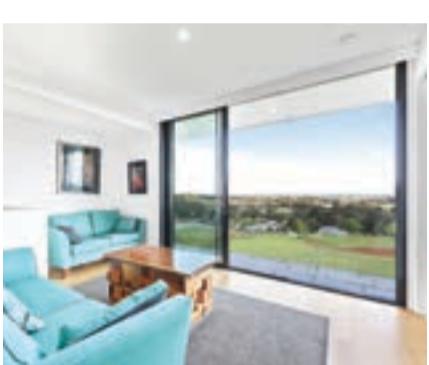
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## LIFE Moments

**HAMISH** James Gedye was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on October 18, weighing 5.34kg. He is a son for proud parents Tim Gedye and Tayla Robb of Wonthaggi, and a brother for River, 3.

Send your photos to [news@sgst.com.au](mailto:news@sgst.com.au)



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11 Burrows Way, **Leongatha**

**EOI** Closing Friday, Nov. 24 at 12pm (EST). If not sold prior.

**Agent** Nutrien Harcourts

Kellie Thomas 0438 647 449

kellie.thomas@nh.com.au

## Contemporary living with quality and style!

WELCOME to 11 Burrows Way, Leongatha!

This energy efficient, architecturally designed home is the epitome of modern living, offering a spacious and comfortable family home, with superb, elevated views. You will notice from the moment you step into this home the stunning fittings and fixtures and the high-end finishes that not a cent has been spared!

Features of the home include three bedrooms and two bathrooms. This property is not only perfect for families, but many of the features would also appeal to retirees. The master bedroom boasts a spacious ensuite and walk-in robe, providing a private sanctuary within the home, and capturing an amazing southern vista that lies before you. The remaining two bedrooms are generous, with one bedroom featuring a built-in bed, allowing the room to be multi-functional for an additional use.

The open plan living and dining area is flooded with natural light, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. The kitchen is a chef's dream, equipped with quality and modern appliances and ample storage space. The massive breakfast bar is perfect for gathering the family or an entertainer's dream!

The ground floor has been cleverly designed to use the area for functionality and not an inch has been wasted. It lends itself

to a studio or additional study space, additional storage for modern living and an oversized garage with a great workshop.

The deliberate design of this house has also included extra-ordinary features that are not always visible to the eye, from commercial double glazing to additional insulation. Internal plumbing and wiring for future additions to the home and a 6.6 kw solar system to minimise your energy bills.

Step outside and discover the expansive backyard, perfect for entertaining or simply enjoying the outdoors. The south facing deck provides a peaceful retreat, allowing you to soak in the beautiful views of the rolling hills and the gorgeous, manicured gardens below.

Situated in a desirable location, this property offers the best of both worlds – a peaceful neighbourhood and easy access to all that Leongatha has to offer. This home needs to be inspected to truly appreciate the attention to detail that the Vendors have contributed to this gorgeous property.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to make this house your dream home – contact Kellie on 0438 647 449 today to arrange your private inspection and experience the beauty of 11 Burrows Way, Leongatha for yourself.

11 Burrows Way is for sale by Expressions of Interest, closing Friday, November 24 2023 at 12pm EST – if not sold prior.

## Nutrien Harcourts Leongatha

47 Bair Street, Leongatha  
(03) 5662 2292

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JUST LISTED

**LEONGATHA**

Beautiful Family Home in Leongatha

- Spacious brick veneer home on 790m<sup>2</sup> block.
- Master featuring a WIR and generous ensuite.
- Modern kitchen with Caesarstone benchtops.

\$720,000



JUST LISTED

**LEONGATHA**

Spectacular Family Home!

- Modern family home on approx. 2,094m<sup>2</sup>.
- Master bedroom with ensuite and walk in robe.
- Large 3 bay shed, and great sized backyard.

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JUST LISTED

**HALLSTON**

Picturesque home on 14.49 Acres

- 'Yileen Berry Farm' mudbrick country style home.
- Additional 2 story guest house studio.
- River frontage, grazing land & berry patch.

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- Gorgeous period home with original features.
- Exquisite kitchen featuring quality appliances.
- Great shedding and rear lane access.

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JUST LISTED

**LOCH**

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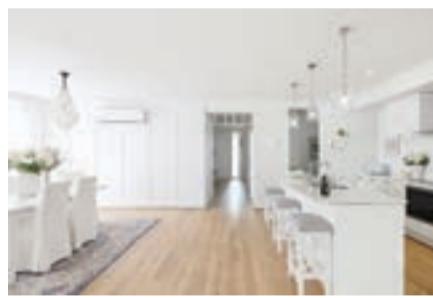
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**LEONGATHA**

Sweet but Solid!

- Beautifully renovated home on 619m<sup>2</sup>.
- Modern kitchen with quality appliances.
- Lovely outdoor decking/alfresco area.

\$495,000



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2 Bowsprit Way, **Kilcunda**  
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**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
 Mick Chambers 0418 349 783  
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## Coastal elegance

DISCOVER the epitome of coastal living in this enchanting residence situated on a spacious 700m<sup>2</sup> corner allotment with exceptional rural and coastal views. This beautifully presented home is a beacon of light and serenity, with its neutral tones and exquisite details throughout.

### Property Highlights:

- **Abundant Natural Light:** This home is bathed in natural light, creating an ambiance of warmth and comfort. The spacious design seamlessly incorporates the outdoors, bringing the serene coastal environment indoors.
- **Versatile Living Zones:** Offering two distinct living zones, this property caters to a variety of lifestyle needs. Whether you desire a cosy family retreat or a lively entertainment space, this home has it all.
- **Masterful Bedrooms:** Three generously sized bedrooms are complemented by the master suite, which boasts a walk-in robe and a stunning ensuite for your convenience and comfort.
- **Modern Amenities:** Two split systems ensure year-round climate control, while the well-appointed kitchen, adorned with stone benchtops and quality 900mm appliances, is a haven for culinary enthusiasts.
- **Multi-Purpose Space:** A versatile study doubles as a potential fourth bedroom, adding an extra layer of convenience to this already impressive home.
- **Elegant Touches:** The property is adorned with plantation shutters, ceiling fans, quality lighting fixtures, and deluxe curtains and blinds, ensuring both style and practicality.
- **Outdoor Bliss:** Step into the outdoor undercover area to savour tranquil moments while enjoying the stunning rural and coastal views. This space is perfect for alfresco dining or relaxation.
- **Ample Storage:** A double garage provides secure parking, and there's additional space at the rear for a van or boat, catering to your outdoor adventure needs.
- **Manicured Gardens:** The beautifully landscaped gardens surrounding the property create an oasis of serenity, making it an ideal place to unwind.
- **Eco-Friendly Features:** With a water tank and solar hot water system, this home emphasises eco-friendly living.
- **Privacy and Security:** The property is fully fenced, ensuring privacy and security for you and your loved ones and pets.
- **Area:** Only a short walk to golden beaches and iconic café, Kilcunda is only a short drive to Wonthaggi for shopping and only 90 minutes to Melbourne.

Embrace the coastal lifestyle you've always dreamed of. With its blend of elegant design, versatile living spaces, and mesmerising views, this home offers the perfect balance of beauty and functionality. Don't miss the chance to call this coastal retreat your own and relish the best of coastal living.

## Award-winning iconic home

THIS award-winning house by architect Peter Maddison of Grand Design fame has to be the most photographed and written about house on the Island. Its groundbreaking design was the winner of RAIA in 1995 and continues to attract attention today.

It is the most recognised house on Phillip Island for good reason.

The property sits on the cliff top of Surf Beach, with arguably the best view of the ocean you will ever see. Positioned to look straight out to Pyramid Rock, one is captivated by the waves crash along the island's rugged coastline. A boardwalk across the road allows for easy access to the ocean beach. 184 The Esplanade is an incredible location of natural beauty.

The house sits on a corner allotment, of almost a quarter acre in size, surrounded by a well-established garden.

The main house was designed to take full advantage of the views; to open up and embrace summer living and close down and snuggle up for wild winters. Standing like a sentinel on guard, it sees everything from Cape Woolamai to Pyramid Rock and is a full three storeys high. With a spiral staircase that links the floors, it gathered the name the 'Lighthouse' by the local surfers.

The home features a ground floor master bedroom and bathroom that opens out through French doors to a private

courtyard complete with a circular saltwater heated plunge pool.

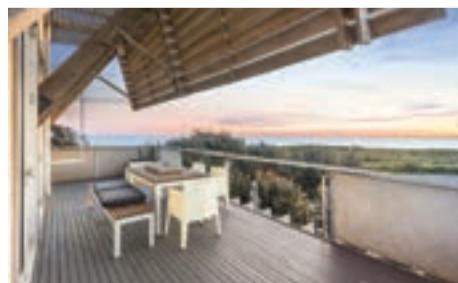
Up the spiral staircase you are immediately greeted with a 18ft high ceiling, with double French doors that just beckon you out to a large entertainer's deck, that soaks up the view. It is here, that you can feel like you are actually on a boat, the ocean is so close, you can actually hear the waves crashing on the shoreline. The room is open plan living, with a contemporary kitchen, complete with Miele appliances and of course an open fireplace.

The third level you will be greeted with a full roof top deck. This allows for a 360-degree view of the Island, captivating ocean, rural and bay views. At night to entertain under a galaxy of stars, is something incredibly special.

There is a separate fully contained guest pavilion, also designed by Peter Maddison. This was added in later years and allows space for visiting friends and family. The Pavilion opens to a linking courtyard that is the perfect place to retreat, entertain and enjoy the beautifully designed garden, that features spectacular lighting by the renowned 'Gardens at Night' company.

Call Alex Scott & Staff Phillip Island on 5952 2633 to arrange a private inspection of this magnificent property. You will not be disappointed!

Sale by Expression of Interest (EOI) closing 4pm, Thursday December 7, 2023.



2 | 2 Approx 1000m<sup>2</sup>

184 The Esplanade, **Surf Beach**  
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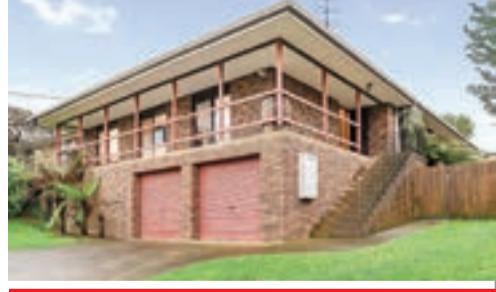
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## Students calve out careers in dairy

THANKS to the Gardiner Foundation, GippsDairy, Murray Dairy and WestVic Dairy, excited students from schools across Victoria were recognised at three online "Cows Create Careers" presentation days in October and November.

The presentation days celebrated the achievements of students who have completed the innovative Cows Create Careers project, which aims to increase the awareness of dairy industry careers in a very hands-on way: students rear and care for two three-week-old calves at their school.

During 2023, over 60 Victorian schools were provided with dairy industry curriculum, at no cost. A local dairy farmer teaches the students how to care for the calves, while an industry advocate visits the students to speak about their career in the dairy industry. Students are required to form teams to complete assessments based on the dairy industry. Students also learnt about the environment, technology and machinery used on farm. With all



**Korumburra Secondary College Cows Create Careers winning team of Tanner and Jordan.**

Cows Create Careers resources, the program prioritised student learning and aligned with ACARA curriculum.

The fun-filled and high energy online presentation days saw students participate in industry-based games and activities and the project's winning teams awarded prizes. John Hutchison, Jaydee Events director, said it is encouraging to see students so passionate to learn, and connect with,

Australia's vibrant dairy industry.

"The presentation days are a great way to recognise and celebrate both the students' and teachers' dedication to the Cows Create Careers project. Each year we continue to be inspired by their enthusiasm for the project," he said.

"It's extremely encouraging to see the ongoing benefits of the project; not only are the

students learning about the diversity of skills required in the industry, but it also directly connects them to their local community."

The project would not be possible without our major supply partner, MaxCare who supplies the milk powder nationally to all Cows Create Careers farmers and schools. Thanks also to our other sponsors Reid Stockfeeds, South Gippsland Shire Council, Bass Coast Shire Council, East Gippsland Shire Council, West Goulburn UDV and VFF, Daviesway, Dasco, Peach Teats and Stallion.

Locally Korumburra Secondary College took out the Gippsland Senior School award with local students Tanner Walker and Jordon Foote winning with "Barn Yard".

KSC won \$250 for their school, along with a gift voucher for the student's teams. Furthermore, they now have the opportunity to enter the Cows Create Careers national competition which will culminate with a national senior and junior winner each being awarded \$3000 for their school.

## Store sale report

**(By SGSA)**

AGENTS yarded around 2000 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale in a mixed offering.

There was no heavy steers yarded with only a handful of pens in the 450 to 500kg range, with a couple of annual drafts of lighter weighted weaners accounting for large percentage of the yarding along with the normal run of Xbreds and friesian.

Prices for steers were generally firm to a little dearer for the better-bred types while secondary and Xbred and dairy types improved \$50 to \$100 with local graziers prepared to stock up with recent good rains and a good season shaping up.

Heifers prices held pretty steady with some sales dearer for the better bred types with extra interest from a couple of East Gippsland orders.

## MARKET REPORT

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**Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023**

### Grown Steers

S Briggs 10 Angus	493kg	\$2.63	\$1300
Blackwood Grazing 26 Angus	454kg	\$2.73	\$1240
Blackwood Grazing 26 Angus	453kg	\$2.75	\$1250
Blackwood Grazing 26 Angus	439kg	\$2.73	\$1200
Blackwood Grazing 26 Angus	433kg	\$2.77	\$1200
Rostella Pastoral 21 Hereford	483kg	\$2.29	\$1100
Rostella Pastoral 20 Hereford	429kg	\$2.12	\$910
Rostella Pastoral 25 Hereford	394kg	\$2.15	\$850
Rostella Pastoral 21 Hereford	380kg	\$2.13	\$810
Rostella Pastoral 18 Hereford	366kg	\$2.16	\$790

### Weaner Steers

PA Chisholm 20 Angus	387kg	\$2.81	\$1090
Melaleuca Pastoral 18 Angus	385kg	\$2.33	\$900
B Hinson 24 Angus	369kg	\$2.38	\$880
C Christensen 10 Angus	354kg	\$2.71	\$960a
L Bastin 18 Angus	350kg	\$2.57	\$900
Walker & Linchan 12 Angus	331kg	\$2.47	\$820
G & V Lane 24 Angus	312kg	\$2.56	\$800
Radvenjoy 18 Angus	292kg	\$2.70	\$790
M & N Williams 10 Angus	273kg	\$3.00	\$820
Radvenjoy 20 Angus	269kg	\$2.45	\$660
T Van Vlet 19 Angus	253kg	\$2.09	\$530
Radvenjoy 20 Angus	225kg	\$2.50	\$630
Hollyridge Pastoral 18 Hereford	356kg	\$2.19	\$780
Meljar Pty Ltd 23 BBP	325kg	\$2.36	\$770
Deep Creek Farm 10 Hereford	319kg	\$2.53	\$810
Hollyridge Pastoral 18 Hereford	314kg	\$2.48	\$780
A Wilkin 15 MG	407kg	\$2.28	\$930

### Heifers

R & C Jackson 10 Angus	425kg	\$2.36	\$1000
M Berry 10 Angus	400kg	\$1.93	\$770
B Hinson 15 Angus	366kg	\$1.99	\$730
T & C Hulls 18 Angus	299kg	\$1.80	\$540
T & C Hulls 18 Angus	283kg	\$1.83	\$520
T & C Hulls 18 Angus	281kg	\$1.85	\$520
Radvenjoy 12 Angus	275kg	\$2.03	\$560
T & C Hulls 16 Angus	271kg	\$1.62	\$440
T & C Hulls 16 Angus	268kg	\$1.56	\$420
Radvenjoy 12 Angus	265kg	\$1.96	\$520
T & C Hulls 18 Angus	263kg	\$1.74	\$460
T & C Hulls 20 Angus	262kg	\$1.83	\$480
T & C Hulls 22 Angus	261kg	\$1.72	\$450
Radvenjoy 15 Angus	257kg	\$1.86	\$480
T & C Hulls 18 Angus	246kg	\$1.42	\$350

### X/Bred & Friesian

Jelbart Dairy 17 Freisian	389kg	\$1.41	\$550
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U Kratzat 20 Freisian	362kg	\$1.32	\$480
Sampson Ag 11 Freisian	317kg	\$1.16	\$370

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### Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, October 23, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	.....	\$20 to \$50
Friesian Bulls	.....	\$25 to \$58
Friesian Heifers	.....	\$40 to \$170
Beef Bulls	.....	\$32 to \$155
Beef Heifers	.....	\$32 to \$80
Number of Calves:	200	
Number purchased to rear:	60	

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## New skills at Pest to Plate workshop

THIRTY people, ranging from complete novices to experienced hunters, came away with new skills and full bellies at Tarwin Landcare Group's Pest to Plate workshop recently.

The group, guided by the Game Management Authority's (GMA) Dr Jason Flesch, skinned, gutted and butchered four fallow deer caught at Cape Liptrap and thoroughly enjoyed the venison sausages they ate afterwards.

The workshop is just one of the many activities run by Tarwin Landcare Group (TLG) over the past 18 months in its efforts to reduce the impacts of deer in and around the Cape Liptrap Coastal Park. As well as damaging native vegetation and waterways, deer eat valuable pasture, spread disease and are involved in an increasing number of motor vehicle accidents each year.

An important part of TLG's work has involved collaborating with individuals and agencies with skills and knowledge to help landholders control local deer populations.

This has included partnering with recreational hunters and commercial harvesters and hearing from experts like GMA on safe and responsible hunting.

TLG president Jillian Stanton said the program has built community confidence in recreational shooters who are now regarded as a valuable and trusted resource.



**Tarwin Landcare Group hosted a successful Pest to Plate workshop recently.**

"Our landholders have built strong relationships with the hunters who come out regularly to help manage deer, and foxes and rabbits as well. We're definitely seeing less deer at the moment and several farmers have reported increased lambing percentages which is a bonus," she said.

Three of those recreational shooters - Rory Bluett, Blake Barfoot and Darren Burns -

provided deer for the workshop and local landholder James Gemmell shot the fourth.

Jason, who completed his PhD in deer biology, showed participants how to assess the animals for signs of disease or ill health and to field dress the carcasses quickly and hygienically.

He then demonstrated safe and efficient butchering techniques on the first carcass,

describing each cut, its eating qualities and the variety of ways it can be used.

It was then over to the participants to skin and butcher the remaining three deer which they did with increasing confidence and - to everyone's relief - no injuries.

The next part of the workshop was dedicated to making the perfect venison sausage.

The overwhelming favourite was a bratwurst containing grated cheese and bacon but there were a number of contenders for second place.

A gluten-free sausage was also produced.

TLG is enormously grateful to the GMA for their support and to Jason and his assistant Chris Davies, who were extremely generous with their time and knowledge, and to Amber Creek Farm for supplying several kilograms of pork fat.

All participants thoroughly enjoyed the experience with Jillian saying: "As far as wins go, gathering the community together to turn a pest into sausages is up there with the best."

For more information about TLG's community controlled deer management program, contact Jenny O'Sullivan on 0419 153 377 or leapjos@gmail.com.

TLG runs a variety of environmentally focussed activities and welcomes new members: email tarwin@group.sgl.net.au for details.

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11 - May/June calved A.I. bred Holstein and Holstein cross, majority A2 cows.

2nd - 4th lactation not rejoined.

#### A/c - Heggart & Hornby

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## Cr Rae concerned about proposed laws' impact on agriculture

THOSE in South Gippsland Shire's agricultural sector are advised to look at council's proposed local laws and have their say before laws are finalised.

While councillors voted at their October meeting to release the draft General Local Law 2024 document for public comment, that vote followed Foster North farmer and councillor Scott Rae expressing concerns about proposed new laws affecting agriculture.

He highlighted a recent comment he heard that, "No one enacts legislation without the intent to enforce it," then suggested some of the new laws being considered appear to indicate a lack of understanding about the agricultural sector.

Cr Rae stressed agriculture is the largest source of wealth within South Gippsland Shire. While saying he has other areas of concern with the contents of the draft document, he focused on two specific proposed local laws that trouble him.

Firstly, a local law states that an owner or occupier of a private property must not allow that property to become unsightly or detrimental to the surrounding area due to excessive vegetation, including grass exceeding 300mm in height.

"There seems to be a shire-wide proposal that grass in excess of 300mm (in height) would be considered excessive vegetation; cows eat grass, sheep eat grass, (it's used for) silage and fodder production," Cr Rae said.

Secondly, changes have been included to ensure council assets are protected, with the local law forbidding damage to trees or vegetation on a road or in municipal places.

"It would appear landowners would be in breach if they control the council's roadside weeds on their fence lines by destroying vegetation," Cr Rae said.

He stressed he will be supportive of any reasonable concerns raised about the impact of proposed local laws on agriculture.

The draft version of General Local Law 2024 is now on display, with community members able to comment until November 2, whether in relation to proposed laws related to agriculture or other areas.

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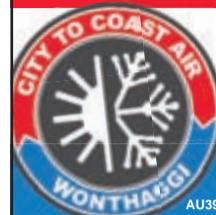
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**DOWLING** (Dixon),  
Janice Maree (Jan):  
26.02.1943 - 24.10.2023.

Loved and loving mum  
and mother-in-law to  
Peter and Kellie, Luan  
and Adam, Melissa  
and Paul, Shane  
and Mary.

Adored nanny to  
Brodie, Josh and Ella,  
Tara-Lee, Sam and  
Jassy, Chloe, Billy; Nat  
and Dion, Ryan,  
Lozzie; Cory, Daniel;  
Jeffrey, Elli,  
and Gareth.

**KEE, Ronald  
Alexander (Pud):**

Passed away  
peacefully on October  
24, 2023, aged 84.

Dearly loved husband  
of Yvonne.

Much loved dad to  
Joanne and Katie and  
stepsons, Scott, and  
Jason (dec.).

Loving Pa to 11  
grandchildren and 3  
great grandchildren

Love you always -  
Finally at rest

**"Go Saints"**

**McGANNON,  
Clifford James:**

Aged 87.  
Passed away on  
29.10.2023.

Loved brother and  
brother-in-law of Vera  
and Bob Dowel,  
Raymond and Annette  
McGannon, Marion  
and Eddie Bray, Elaine  
(dec.) and Reg  
Howard.

Also sadly missed by  
their families.

**ROSS, Kenneth  
James Hamilton  
(Ken):**  
01.05.1955 - 22.10.2023.

Passed away  
peacefully at home  
after a long battle,  
aged 68.

Cherished husband of  
Chrissy, my soul mate,  
best friend and partner  
for life.

Loving son of Jack  
(dec.) and Linda.  
Loving brother to Pat  
and Brian, Jeanne and  
Gary, Noddy and Jill.  
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Doug, Sherri, James,  
Fiona and Derek.  
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to Adrian, Daniel,  
Christie, Paula and  
Rachel.

Grandfather to 11 and  
great grandfather to 3.

**You will be in our  
hearts forever.**

Private Cremation.

**WILLIAMS, Karen  
Francis (Kaz):**  
22.11.1960 - 25.10.2023.

Passed away  
peacefully at Monash  
Medical Centre,  
Clayton, aged 62.

Dearly loved mother of  
Daniel, Sean, and  
Rowan.

Loved daughter to  
Hubert and Mahdi  
(dec.) and sister to  
Chris, Lilly, Kim (dec.),  
Dean and Adam.

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member of the South  
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and will be sadly  
missed.

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**WELCH (Brown),  
Lesley Yvonne:**

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by family at Abbey  
Gardens, Warragul on  
October 27, 2023.

Aged 86 years.

Dearly loved and loving  
wife of Donald (dec.).  
Much loved mother of  
David, Deborah, Greg,  
Robert, Richard, and  
Alison. Beloved sister  
of Max (dec.), Norma  
and John. A devoted  
grandma to Jenna,  
Peter, Kira, Kaiden,  
Gabe, Callum, Josh,  
Laura, Brianna,  
Nicholas, Christopher,  
Molly and Donald.  
Aunty to Stephen,  
Alan, Michael, Karen,  
Elizabeth, Anita and  
Sharon. A dear great  
grandma to Jaycen,  
Elise, Emily, Michaela,  
and Alyssa.

A life devoted to God,  
family, to others in  
need, to community  
and purposeful service.

Unstoppable in her  
Christian mission until  
rest has come. We  
delight in her life and  
spirit, our grief eased  
by her longed reunion  
with Dad and the  
certainty of her Faith.

Our family table is now  
empty at its' two ends,  
but you are always with  
us in love, and we look  
forward to the day we  
all finally gather  
together again.

We love you.

**DOWLING:**

The Funeral Service  
for Janice (Jan) Maree  
Dowling (Dixon) will be  
held at St. Paul's  
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father of Michael and  
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of Kim and Peter.

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Molly, Madaline,  
and Lachlan.  
Twenty years of  
missing you.

**JUNTAPUT, Samui:**  
16.05.1993 - 04.11.2021.

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you. I loved you from  
your first breath until  
your last and I will love  
you forever.

Life will never be the  
same without you. I  
miss your hugs, your  
laugh, your beaming  
smile, your passion,  
and your unwavering  
determination.

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Love Mum.

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The Funeral Service  
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- Demonstrated ability to plan, co-ordinate and deliver complex maintenance programs with effective use of work management, SCADA, IOTA and relevant IT software and systems.
- Ability to assess risk associated with assets and prioritise work programs based on risk.
- Well-developed communications skills with ability to effectively engage with management and other stakeholders.
- Ability to work collaboratively and constructively across an organisation and with external stakeholders.
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Hannah Clavarino Food Services Manager

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E: [hannah.clavarino@promcountryagedcare.com.au](mailto:hannah.clavarino@promcountryagedcare.com.au)



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Terry and Marie receiving their Certificate of Appreciation from VFF Branch Vice-President Gordon Vagg.

## Award for Marie and Terry Murphy

THE SOUTH Gippsland Branch of the VFF was recently honoured to be able to give a certificate of our appreciation to both Marie and Terry Murphy.

Terry and Marie have made an enormous contribution to the current branch and branches before we amalgamated them.

They both also contributed strongly to the District Council.

Both Marie and Terry served as Secretary and Treasurer at various times – often doing both jobs at the same time.

Damian also served as Secretary and Treasurer for this branch. It must run in the blood.

Between both Marie and Terry they contributed around 20 years each to South Gippsland Dairy industry, the branch, the DC and processor meetings.

They encouraged others to join and participate and produced the agenda, minutes and Treasurer's Report every month.

One of the largest problems of the industry was the milk running over the

paddock during the 1970's when Britain joined the EU.

Victorian farm numbers went from 19,000 to 14,000 and Terry and Marie were involved in supporting those setting up VicStock scales to raise money.

The money raised went to the District Council and we still have the use of it today.

Numbers went down quickly until it levelled out at around 8000 farms in 1996.

It would have been worse without the income for farmers from VicStock.

Milk production also decreased in Victoria. It took until 1995 for the production of whole milk to increase so as to pass the production in 1970 – even though the production per cow was increasing.

Marie and Terry were working on their farm and still putting in hours of Committee work for the branch, and DC.

The branch is pleased to acknowledge both of their contributions to our branch and the Dairy industry. They each worked hard for us all.

## Keep safe from thunderstorm asthma

VICTORIANS are reminded to protect themselves and their loved ones from the risk of epidemic thunderstorm asthma.

This can be done by using Victoria's world class risk forecasting system this grass pollen season.

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from the start of October until the end of December, brings with it a seasonal increase in asthma and hay fever – and the chance of thunderstorm asthma.

Epidemic thunderstorm asthma occurs when many people develop asthma symptoms over a short time caused by high amounts of grass pollen and a certain type of thunderstorm.

Victoria's forecasting system, which is operating from October 1 until December 31, enables people who have asthma or seasonal hay fever – and who are at risk – to plan ahead.

The forecasting system – launched in 2017 – gives a three-day forecast showing the risk of this type of event, from low (green), moderate (orange) to high (red) risk, across the nine Victorian weather districts.

The epidemic thunderstorm asthma risk forecast is available daily through the VicEmergency website and app.

and community members can set up a watch zone to receive advice and warnings for their area.

This system is also on [health.vic.gov.au](http://health.vic.gov.au), and the Melbourne Pollen website and app.

Melbourne experienced the world's largest epidemic thunderstorm asthma event on November 21, 2016, which resulted in 10 tragic deaths and thousands of people developing breathing difficulties in a very short time.

On high risk forecast days, Victorians with asthma or spring hay fever can reduce their risk by avoiding storms, particularly the wind gusts that come before them.

They should go indoors to reduce the chance of exposure, close windows and doors, and turn off air conditioners bringing air in from inside.

The current outlook is for an average grass pollen season for Victoria this year.

Those at risk should still ensure they take any prescribed medication as directed and follow their asthma action plan or use asthma first aid if they experience symptoms.

For more information on thunderstorm asthma and asthma first aid, visit the Better Health Channel.



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**A prodigious sporting talent, Ron 'Pud' Kee played in the 1955 Leongatha premiership team and later for St Kilda where he struck up a lifelong friendship with a famous Australian.**

## 'Pud' passes but not before making his mark

SUCH was the bond between great mates, Ron 'Pud' Kee of Inverloch and billionaire Lindsay Fox, that the logistics magnate landed his helicopter in the car-park at the Wonthaggi hospital recently, and called into Alchera House to see his longtime friend one last time.

Pud Kee was born in Leongatha where this prodigious young talent was recognised as a member of the 1955 Leongatha premiership team, one time kicking 19 goals in a reserves match and 11 in a senior game with Leongatha.

Also, a talented cricketer in the 1950s with the Leongatha Fire Brigade and Leongatha High School cricket clubs, he was asked to train at St Kilda and ultimately played two games in the seniors in 1959, where he struck up a friendship with Lindsay Fox, just starting out in business.

Fox had two trucks at the time, delivering heating oil around the suburbs, driving one of them himself and Pud Kee the other... the rest, as they say is history with Kee spending all of his working life at the firm.

The St Kilda Football Club carried a fine tribute on their website last week, to a man they said could have played a lot more senior games if he hadn't been overshadowed by star full forward Bill Young who had topped the VFL goal kicking in 1956.

The lightly built Young was dropped after a brief slump and the taller Kee took his place, making his debut against Collingwood at Victoria Park.

At St Kilda he began in the under-19s and played in the Saints under-19 premiership side of 1957. Progressing to the reserves he booted 42 goals in the 1959 season and was chosen in a VFL reserves team.

He left the Saints in 1960 to play for Poowong.

South Melbourne gave him a second chance in 1961, but with no opportunities at senior level he crossed to VFA club Moorabbin where he paired up again Lindsay Fox who joined Moorabbin in 1962.

Ron and Lindsay were part of the Moorabbin team which won the 1963 VFA flag the year before they disbanded as a club.

Kee also played a pivotal off-field role at the club, with daughters Joanne and Katie also involved in what was a family commitment to the Saints.

Here is the memorial story posted on the Saints website this week by Russell Holmesby:

Ron Kee was a popular figure at St Kilda in his playing career in the late 1950s and then left a lasting impression on another generation of Saints players as a volunteer at the club in the 1980s.

Ron moved to Inverloch in his later years where he was known as a excellent bowler.

As well as his two daughters and their extended families, Pud leaves his wife Yvonne, also a resident of Inverloch.

The Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr. Ronald Alexander Kee 'Pud' will be held at the Wonthaggi Golf Club, 11 Dr Sleeman Drive, Wonthaggi on THURSDAY (November 2, 2023) commencing 11:30am.

# Will works with Movember



**After many years of supporting Movember and raising thousands of dollars Will Hams from Inverloch has become an ambassador for the charity.**

WILL Hams, a 29-year-old from Inverloch first became involved in Movember in 2018 when he shared his story about mental health.

Will lost his Dad to suicide and he spoke about the impact of this and what his family have done to support their mental health and wellbeing on the journey after their significant loss.

This year, Will, who has hosted fund raising events for Movember in the past and has raised up to \$25,000 for the cause, is gearing up for a day of activity on the golf course.

He will be gathering a team of family, friends and acquaintances to once again raise money for Movember and yes, he will be growing a mo'.

"I will be growing a pathetic mo'. It will be blonde, and it will be bad," he said.

However, this year instead of simply being a supporter of the charity which tackles mental health through a number of programs with a focus on men's mental health, suicide, prostate cancer and testicular cancer, Will has also become involved in an ambassador role.

Through his Wonthaggi-based business Liminal Well-being, Will has entered a partnership with the AFL and Movember's 'Ahead of the Game' sector to deliver the programmes across Gippsland.

Ahead of the Game is a mental health literacy and resilience programme that is run in community football clubs.

It is one of Movember's core areas looking to help make an impact and support men that might be going through their own challenges.

It teaches players, parents, coaches, umpires and volunteers to understand mental health, build mental fitness and strengthen resilience. Players learn how to deal with challenges in both sport and life.

"It's available for young people aged 12 to 18, parents are involved, and it actually involves a whole club approach, and it's entirely free," explained Will.

Will has worked with both Inverloch and Wonthaggi Football Clubs to deliver the program. He is hoping to engage more clubs in the coming season.

Will's work through Liminal Wellbeing also expands to providing wellbeing support for small businesses and their

staff, including hospitality venues.

He has worked with The Middle Pub in Korumburra, the Inverloch Esplanade Hotel and Bass Coast Landcare.

"There's a lot of people that have been touched in one way or another, from mental health so it's certainly something that I get a lot out of being involved with," Will said.

Will, who has a background in Psychology, has different ways of working with different organisations and different people. Using methods that resonate and work for an individual is an important aspect to Wills work.

"You feel like you have a positive impact on people's lives and you might not know when or how that might occur or how big an impact that is, but that's ok with me, as long as you're getting out there and trying to create a positive experience," Will said.

To find out more about Ahead of the Game go to [liminalwellbeing.com](http://liminalwellbeing.com) and to find out how to become involved in Movember go to [movember.com](http://movember.com).

If you need support, talk to a GP or health professional. Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36 or [beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.org.au). Lifeline on 13 11 14 or [lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au). MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978 or [mensline.org.au](http://mensline.org.au).

## The power of equine assisted therapy



**Francesca Varney lives and works in Loch and brings her background in counselling and culture and leadership development to her equine assisted therapy and learning sessions.**

tenses up and they prepare for fight or flight. The second they realise that it was nothing, they have the ability with an outbreak to just relax their whole bodies and go back to grazing."

Whereas humans tend to store that tension and it builds up over time, from all the experiences that could have been something threatening but weren't. We become highly anxious, and our nerve system remains in an over stimulated and dysregulated state.

The therapy sessions are trauma informed and person centred, and might delve into a persons' background, family of origin and previous traumatic experiences.

It can be beneficial for people who have anxiety and depression, burnout and exhaustion or who have undergone big life transitions as well as those struggling with parenting or relationship issues.

Francesca has witnessed profoundly moving changes

Working with six horses, including three miniatures, a Welsh Cob, a Clydesdale Cross and a young one in training. Francesca explains that the sessions aren't horse riding or horsemanship, they are guides, teachers and co-facilitators.

Francesca will ask clients who haven't had much experience with horses to observe them and learn from observing and in turn reflect on their inner world.

"How do you feel about just observing the herd and how they communicate with each other? How they negotiate space? What they do?" Francesca will ask.

"Horses, by their very nature need to always tune in to whether someone or something is safe or isn't. They have to tune in with each other and with the humans around them, (to determine) whether it's the safe to stay or whether they go. They're always reading what's actually going on."

"It's really about slowing everything down and taking those observations and bringing them out and into the open," Francesca said about the work.

EAP and EAL sessions are available for everyone, including women, men and children. Francesca commented that it can be especially powerful work for men to reconnect with their own core and what it means to be a man in this world. Couples can also attend, as well as parents and their children. School holiday sessions for children for EAL are being held these coming holidays and can be funded under the NDIS.

For more information go to [thehorsewithin.com.au](http://thehorsewithin.com.au).



Glen Alvie Cricket Club is looking toward the future with the development of its juniors in all aspects of the game.

## Inclusion first at Glen Alvie Cricket Club

GLEN Alvie Cricket Club is working hard to safeguard its future.

With an attitude centred on the development and promotion of its rising stars, the club has turned its attention to the betterment of its juniors.

Young players who have risen through the junior ranks are now acting as mentors for the U17s and U15s, with opportunities to access coaching courses during the season.

"The mentoring is all about giving our juniors the chance to see that progression of where they can go with their cricket from the older players," Club President David Hynes said.

"Some of the junior players have come all the way through the ranks to play A Grade games, and they now make a real point of coming to watch the younger sides. The junior kids get a real buzz out of seeing those senior players coming along to watch them."

"The coaching is about future proofing the game and the club. It's about targeting some of our kids around 17 years of age who show promise and are interested in it, rather than recruiting senior coaches, which has been a problem for everyone."

Interested participants will go through the level one coaching course offered by Cricket Victoria, funded by the club.

"If we get enough interest, Cricket Victoria will actually come and run the coaching

By Tayla Kershaw

course for us here. We need about 10," Hynes said.

"We've reached out to some of the clubs that are nearby to see if they're interested. The way the league is going, we all have to work together. Old rivalries and past grievances, the hatchet has to be buried because in cricket – or any sport – it can be hard to get people interested.

"The more kids we have playing – whether it be for us or another club – the stronger the competition is going to be heading into the future. We certainly have a real focus on the league, not just our club. I'd like to think the culture is changing."

Hynes said the club is centred on inclusion to ensure players want to continue playing for the club long term.

"Our focus, certainly over the last few years, has been on growing our junior program and providing an environment in which players want to stay," Hynes said.

"Ours is family orientated club. It's all about inclusion and having fun. We've done a lot of work and a lot of research. It comes from elite programs like AFL and Cricket Australia – where players perform their best is where they feel comfortable and safe."

"It doesn't matter what your ability is – you're welcome and you're important here."

The focus on inclusion ensures the whole family has a place at the club.

"All parents want to help, but sometimes they don't know what to do. It's about providing them with opportunities as well," Hynes said.

"They can help out on training nights or game days. They can do things like scoring or umpiring, or checking to make sure the gear is looked after properly. All those little things create a bigger picture, especially out here."

"We're the team with no town. We need to be able to attract players. Parents drive out here for an hour with their kids, we need to be able to provide them with opportunities to hop in and help out."

Hynes said he had seen growth in junior numbers over the last few years, and there's still room for any other player who want to come out and see what it's all about.

"It has been really tough, we were struggling for any junior sides. To be fielding four now is great," he said.

"We've seen growth in interest from last year to this year as well. The beauty of what we offer is that players can come out any time. They can drift in and out."

"Some kids have clashes with things like basketball. We provide opportunities for those kids to still try and play both if they want. We just want them playing sport."



Michael Ardley (59) in dirt gears up for a new season of race-way. Photo: Napier Photography - Louise Norman

## Nyora Raceway fires up

WITH Melbourne Cup day coming up next Tuesday and many in the community given the opportunity to take Monday off work, Nyora Raceway will hold competition Sunday and Monday this weekend with major events across both days for the Open Standard Saloons, Crash and Bash Association and Wingless Sprints and Dirt Modifieds. All four classes will compete on both days of racing whilst Ladies Standard Saloons, Sports Sedans and Division 2 Hot Rods will also have a run on either of the two days.

Fans of eight-cylinder engines, along with the noise and power the cars with them produce will be excited by the V8 Dirt Modifieds competing in a \$5000 prize pool event across the two days. Daryl Hickson, Matt and Marcus Reddecliffe, Michael Ardley and Warrick Taylor are some of the Nyora member racers competing in the class for the weekend with Hickson the man to beat given his years of running at the front of the field.

Amongst the stout competition in the Wingless Sprints is Koo Wee Rup local Thomas McDonald, Adin Robertson, Jake Warren, Kim Gosling, Ricky Mills from Traralgon, Ben Hodge, Ebony Hobson, Christopher Temby, Travis Millar, and Peter Logue from Morwell. A winner is likely to come from this selection whilst there is many in the entry list close to figuring at the front of the field.

Crash and Bash competition for the Open class that competes on Monday includes local well known racers Jake Young, Dale Morrison, Brad Warren, Jayde Aarts, and Ron George. The Ladies class competes on the Sunday.

Racing on Sunday begins at 4pm whilst on Monday racing begins at 6:30pm. Pre-event online ticket purchase prices are adults at \$25, pensioners for aged care and disabled at \$10, teenagers aged 12 to 16 at \$5 all kids up to the age of eleven free. A family ticket of two adults and two teenagers is \$55.

Purchase of tickets at the track see's pricing change to adults at \$30, pensioners for aged care and disabled at \$10, teenagers aged 12 to 16 at \$10 all kids up to the age of eleven free. A family ticket of two adults and two teenagers is \$60.

Eftpos is available at the track and for enquiries you may contact 0428 847 888.



Nyora Raceway is back in action this weekend with Travis Millar competing in the Wingless Sprint.

## 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 31
▲ 2.30am	1.76m
▼ 8.05am	0.61m
▲ 2.13pm	1.50m
▼ 8.12pm	0.14m

WEDNESDAY	November 1
▲ 3.16am	1.80m
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▲ 2.55pm	1.51m
▼ 8.55pm	0.13m

THURSDAY	November 2
▲ 4.00am	1.74m
▼ 9.28am	0.59m
▲ 3.35pm	1.51m
▼ 9.37pm	0.13m

FRIDAY	November 3
▲ 4.40am	1.74m
▼ 10.06am	0.60m
▲ 4.14pm	1.48m
▼ 10.18pm	0.21m

SATURDAY	November 4
▲ 5.18am	1.66m
▼ 10.45am	0.61m
▲ 4.52pm	1.43m
▼ 10.58pm	0.28m

SUNDAY	November 5
▲ 5.56am	1.57m
▼ 11.23am	0.63m
▲ 5.31pm	1.37m
▼ 11.36pm	0.36m

MONDAY	November 6
▲ 6.34am	1.48m
▼ 12.01pm	0.67m
▲ 6.13pm	1.30m
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Email us your fishing photos  
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A great weekend was had by all at the Tambo Fishing Competition with 23 competitors and 47 fish weighed in.

## Tambo Fishing Comp

THE TAMBO competition held by Wonthaggi Angling Club is done and dusted for another year.

There were 23 competitors and 47 fish weighed in.

A great weekend was had by all.

The results are: Senior Male Brett Sharples with a bream weighing in at 686 Grams.

Senior Female was Maxine Kelly with a bream weighing in at 698 Grams.

Junior Male Jack Howell with a Bream weighing in at 585

Grams.

Junior Female was Lola Thompson with a Bream weighing in at 427 Grams.

King of the Tambo was Kelvin Temme with a combined weight of 2386 Grams.

Queen of the Tambo was Maxine Kelly with a combined weight of 2590 Grams.

Prince of the Tambo was Harry Howell with a combined weight of 1318 Grams.

Princess of the Tambo was

Lola Thompson with a combined weight of 427 Grams.

The team event winner went to the three D's, Deb Senior, Debbie Sharples and Darren Johnson with a combined weight of 4151 Grams.

Well done to all winners and thank you very much to all concerned behind the scenes for a great weekend.

Thank you to Wonthaggi Workmen's Club for their continued sponsorship.



Students learnt how to properly tie on a fishing hook using a couple of different knots under the guidance of Anderson Inlet Angling Club Inverloch Secretary Frank van Pelt. ob08\_4423

## Students get lessons on fishing

NINETY grade five and six students from Baxter Primary School gained some hands-on experience in various aspects of fishing from the experts and volunteers from Anderson Inlet Angling Club Inverloch and Fishcare Victoria.

Both the students and fishing experts watched the weather closely over the weekend in anticipation of the planned fishing activity to be held on Monday October 23.

Due to strong gusty winds and frequent downpours, the fishing event became five different fishing lessons that the students could use for a lifetime.

The students were split into

groups with one group learning how to properly tie on a fishing hook using different knots and some with oversized hooks.

Another group learnt about the local fish that inhabit the inlet and surrounding waters, including the varieties they would most likely catch and were shown carved wooden examples of some of these species.

The other groups ventured outside; one went to the grassed area to learn how to cast with students having fun trying to master their accuracy and skill by attempting to land their hook between two rubber fish.

Another group braved the elements which had shifted to

some bearable wind gusts and light sprinkles of rain by lunchtime and headed down to the waterside for a beach tour and pump in the sand for yabbies.

The groups rotated through all the activities and spent an enjoyable afternoon of their school camp learning invaluable skills from the anglers.

Fishcare hold fishing programs for schools all along Victoria's coastline and the Anderson Inlet Angling Club are happy to facilitate these events and volunteer their time and expertise.

They are hoping the event might evolve to have local schools participate in the future.

### KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, October 24.

Stableford: 28 players. A Grade: Peter Van Agtmaal (170) 37 points.

B Grade: Chris (Stooge) Muir (37) 36 C/B.

NTPs: first Ross Besley, seventh Neil Spargo, 10th Greg Wilson and 13th John Solly.

Thursday, October 26:

Stableford: four players.

Winner: Steve Rose (8) 33 points.

NTPs: 13th Peter Van Agtmaal.

Friday, October 27:

Junior nine-hole Stableford: four players.

Winner: Aaron Damon (54) 18 points.

Saturday, October 28:

Foursomes Championships: 42 players.

Sponsor: Don and Gwen Evison.

Gross: Roy Fleming and Billy Wrigley 74.

Net: Roy Fleming and Billy Wrigley 65 net.

NTPs: first Shayne Harland, seventh Donald Van Rooye, 10th Ian Morris and 13th Ian Gibson.

### Ladies

A SMALL group of women played last Tuesday prior to the forecast rain on Wednesday.

Merrissa Cosson (12) won with 31 points and was also NTP on the first and 13th greens.

There was a washout on Wednesday.

On Saturday, Trudi Mantell (28) won with 35 points and Merrissa (13) was runner up 34 points.

BDTL went to Shelley Snooks, (18) 31 points.

Jennie Loughnan had a nice shot to be a close NTP on the first and won the Kelly's Bakery award.

Over the past weeks, there have been a number of matches being played in the Singles Knock-out rounds, with some close results.

Two pairs travel to Foster to play in the SGGI Joyce Berry 4BBB Par Championship on Friday.

Well done to the winners and to club members Deb Wrigley and Heather Grist who won a BDTL.

Next Wednesday, November 1, will be the November Monthly Medal comp and the Star Medallist play-off will be on Wednesday, November 15.

The Christmas end of year dinner will be at the club house on Wednesday, December 6, at 6pm.

All current and past members are most welcome and if you are able to attend, please phone Merrissa on 0438 552 629.

### LANG LANG

Tuesday Stableford: field of 72.

Division 1: Winner: Roger Parker 37 points. Runner up: Daryl Barker 36 points.

Division 2: Winner: Steve Clark 38 points. Runner up: Aaron Tu-lau 37 points.

Ball rundown to 34 points.

Nearest the pins: Fifth: Daryl Barker. Ninth: Roger Parker. 12th: Bill Merrigan. 15th: Michael Fahey.

Wednesday ladies' Stableford: Winner: Jennifer Sullivan 36 points. Runner up: Leah Barker 34 points.

Ball rundown to 29 points.

Nearest the pins: Ninth: Leah Barker. 15th: Jennifer Sullivan. Thursday Par: field of 58.

Division 1: Winner: Daryl

Barker with +5. Runner up: Frankie Chiu with +2.

Division 2: Winners: Mark Ando with +3. Runner up: Russell Swan with -1.

Ball rundown to -2.

Nearest the pin: Fifth: David Wylie. Ninth: Bart McDonald. 12th: Paul L Moore. 15th: Robert Walker.

Saturday Stableford - 155 players.

Division 1: Winner: Jack Ingram with 41 points. Runner up: Rick Pearce with 38 points. Third: Rod Cameron with 36 points.

Division 2: Winner: Rodney Marshall with 39 points. Runner up: Noel Zunneberg with 38 points by countback. Third: Brian Webster.

Division 3: Winner: Andrew Poxon with 37 points. Runner up: David Preston with 35 points by countback. Third: Craig Mirtschin.

Ball rundown to 33 points.

Nearest the pins: Fifth: Wayne Kennedy. Ninth: Andrew Poxon. 12th: Frankie Chiu. 15th: Paul De Pasquale.

Third hole second shot: (0-18) Daniel Cameron.

Third hole second shot: (19+) Fia TooToo.

The Club Championships will begin on Saturday, November 11.

This will be the first of three rounds.

Remember to book in quickly, as this is always a very popular event.

### LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, October 24: Stableford.

Fifty-eight members/guests played in Tuesday's Stableford round against recording some excellent results.

A Grade winner: Winton Knop (11) with 41 points. A Grade runner up: Josh de Groot (16) with 39 points.

B Grade winner: Warren Dumm (21) with 35 points. B Grade runner up: Bert Borg (20) with 34 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Trevor Steer (23) with 37 points. C Grade runner up: Donald Smith (22) with 33 points.

NTP 14th: John Ryan at 2.50m. NTP 16th: Russell Williams at 5.00m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to John Ryan and Barry Attwood.

Thursday, October 26: Stableford.

The improved course conditions made for another day of high scoring for the 67 members/guests who played in Thursday's Stableford event.

A Grade winner: Malcolm Gin (9) with 39 points. A Grade runner up: John Simon (15) with 35 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Renato Monacella (17) with 37 points. B Grade runner up: Warren Dumm (21) with 36 points.

C Grade winner: Tim McCarthy (22) with 34 points. C Grade runner up: Alan Black (24) with 32 points on a countback.

NTP 14th: Paul Kennedy at 1.09. NTP 16th: Christopher Leaver at 1.40m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Peter Walsh, David Richards, Michael Thomas and Craig Hutchinson.

Saturday, October 28: Stableford.

Saturday recorded another excellent field of 84 members/guests who played in the Stableford event

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off the blue tees.

A Grade winner: Matthew Hilderbrand (10) with 35 points on a countback. A Grade runner up: Anthony Sparkes (12) with 35 points.

B Grade winner: Josh De Groot (15) with 40 points on a countback. B Grade runner up: Darren Read (18) with 35 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Michael Rowe (24) with 40 points. C Grade runner up: Timothy McCarthy (22) with 36 points on a countback.

D Grade winner: John Fraser (49) with 35 points on a countback. D Grade runner up: Ian Watson (37) with 31 points on a countback.

NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson at 1.94m. NTP 16th: Trevor Bowler at 3.00m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Gordon Allan, Daniel Yeap, Stuart Smith and Trevor Bowler.

**MIRBOO NORTH**

THURSDAY, October 26: Stableford.

A Grade: P. Woodall (9), 40 points.

B Grade: J. Smeriglio (18), 39 points.

DTL: R. Thompson, J. Hughes 36 and T. Whitelaw 35c/b.

NTP: fourth P. Woodall, sixth T. Whitelaw, 13th J. Smeriglio and 16th T. Bradshaw.

Birdies: fourth M. Payne, and 16th P. Woodall and J. Hume.

Saturday, October 28: two person Ambrose.

Day winner: Tim Traill and N. Bickerton (5.75) 63.25 net.

Second: S. Woodall and J. Davies (9) 64.

Third: P. Woodall and D. Woodall (3.5) 65.5.

DTL: N. Baker and T. Baker 65.5, P. Draper and M. Heiberg 66.25, G. Dawson and S. Hill-Smith 66.75, and J. McFarlane and J. Robbins 67.25.

NTP: fourth M. Heiberg, sixth Tim Traill, 13th J. Robbins and 16th M. Payne.

**PHILLIP ISLAND**

TUESDAY, October 24:

Men's Stableford 18H Competition: Winners: Stewart Hamilton (18) 42 points, Don Thomson (26) 38 points C/B and Steven Sloss (15) 38 points.

BDL to 33points C/B.

NTPs: fifth Joe Thompson, seventh Terry Crumpton, 10th Robert Sparkman and 17th Terry Crumpton.

Men's Stableford 9H:

Winners: Reg Browne (37) 20 points and David Gladman (17) 19 points C/B.

BDL to 17 points.

Thursday, October 26:

Men's 18-hole Stableford:

Overall winner: Craig Morris (26) 39 C/B points.

A Grade winners: A1 Tony Shannon (10) 38 points and A2 Rob Haydon (14) 36 points.

B Grade winners: B1 Jeff Sellenger (22) 39 points and B2 Dave Egan (21) 37 points.

C Grade winners: C1 Craig Morris (26) 38 points C/B and C2 Rob Chambers (25) 39 points C/B.

BDL to 32 points C/B.

NTP: fifth Robert Niven, seventh John Savas, 10th Shane Harding and 17th David Nicoll.

Nine-hole Stableford:

Winners: Ian Brown (34) 19 points and Clive Scott (23) 16 points C/B.

BDL to 14 points C/B.

Saturday, October 28:

Men's 18H Stableford:

Overall winner: Gregory Stewart (29) 44 points C/B.

A Grade winners: A1 Travis Johnson (8) 35 points and A2 Wayne Morris (10) 34 points C/B.

B Grade winners: B1 Max Walton (17) 41 points and B2 Paul Ledwith (15) 39 points.

C Grade winners: C1 Gregory Stewart (29) 44 points and C2 Harry Bentley (20) 41 points C/B.

BDL to 34 points.

NTP: fifth Neville Thurgood, seventh Mark Haringsma, 10th Justin McBean and 17th Mark Hill.

Ladies' 18-hole Stableford:

A Grade winners: A1 Adrienne Anglin (14) 41 points C/B and A2 Sue Brown (28) 41 points.

BDL to 36 points. NTP: fifth Zoe Frost, seventh Lesley Meadowcroft, 10th Helen Coghlan and 17th Ros Reid.

Saturday open nine-hole Stableford:

Overall winner: Steve Reiger (24) 20 points C/B.

BDL to 19 points C/B.

Sunday, October 29:

Foursomes Championships:

Net: Overall winners: Travis Johnson and Rowan Wales 68, and Mario Amato and Ron Magill 73 C/B.

Placegetters: Travis Johnson and Rowan Wales 68, Peter Cartwright and Barry Grazules 68.5, Mario Amato and Ron Magill 73 C/B, Scott Lethbridge and Dennis Osborne 73, James Bain and Tim Duff 75.5, and Max Walton and Chris Ross 76.

Gross: Overall winners: Peter Cartwright and Barry Grazules.

**SOUTH GIPPSLAND GOLF INC**

FOSTER Golf Club hosted the final South Gippsland Golf Inc women's event for 2023 last Friday.

The Joyce Berry 4BBB Par Championship has been held annually for more than 40 years.

Joyce Berry, in whose honour the event is held, was a captain and champion at Wonthaggi Golf Club for many years, as well as holding long term positions as a South Gippsland delegate and country teams member.

The conditions were quite heavy, but the weather was perfect.

Foster Golf Club reigned supreme, winning all four major events.

The Championship was won by club captain Beth Curram and Rachel Brown, with a scratch score of 86.

Beth (22) and Rachel (21) also won the handicap event with +7 significantly superior to some of the other scores recorded. Beth may have done some damage to her handicap.

Frances McGlead (33) and new player Kylie Collins (31) combined well to take out the Minor Scratch event with 97.

They finished their round with +5 to win the B Grade Handicap event.

Colleen Touzel (Leongatha) almost holed out on the 17th par three to win the nearest the pin and Elly Berryman (Woorayl) also had a great shot on the sixth.

Down the line balls went to Marg Johnson (18)/Merryn Dear (18) (Wonthaggi) +2, Irene Holm (20)/Susan Straw (22) (Meenyan) +1, Pauline Lancaster (27)/Elly Berryman (15) (Woorayl), Jan Beaumont (25)/Yvonne Everett (23) (Wonthaggi) Sq, Barb Warren (14)/Barb Britten (20) (Foster) -1, and Deb Wrigley (29)/Heather Grist (23) (Korumburra) -2.

**WONTHAGGI**

RESULTS: October 26, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18 hole.

Winner: Mick Bourke 29.

Runner up: Gary Youlten 28.

Ball sweep: Peter Magnussen 26.

Results: October 26, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford back nine hole.

Winner: Graham Ryan 18.

Ball sweep: Ray Hender 16 and Norm Burne 16.

Results: October 28.

Competition: Stroke 18 hole.

Winner: A: Alan Cubbin 70. B: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 74. C: Connor Ireland 67.

BDL to 74 C/B.

Ball sweep: Bailey Harvey 68,

Russell Parker 70, Kevin Bayley 70, Blake Cornelis 71, Frank Huber 72, Alan McLean 72, Doug Putt 73, Paul Cornelis 73, Norm Burne 74 and Ray Hender 74 C/B.

NTP: Julian Wintle second, Julian Wintle fourth, Ian Hack propin eighth, Michael Scott 13th and Geoff Huther 17th money hole.

**WONTHAGGI MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS**

A FINE blue sky day welcomed the field for the Wonthaggi Golf Club Mixed Scratch and JP Martin net Championship.

A 9.30am shotgun start got the field on its way.

Thank you to the generous sponsor The Wonthaggi Club for its great support.

The 2023 Mixed Champions were Mat (1) and Marg Johnson (17), who once again combined well to return 81 gross.

Runners up were Michael Scott (1) and Anne Walker (17) with 87 gross.

The JP Martin handicap event was closely contested with new pairings of Bailey Harvey (22) and Layla Robertson (40) 102 (31) 71 net on c/b from Alex Geyer (9) and Karen Sheerin (45) 98 (27) 71 net.

NTP: Men: 13th Alan Cubbin and 17th Alex Geyer. Ladies: eighth Marg Johnson.

BDL: Andrew Hooton-Shandley and Jan Beaumont 73.5, Simon O'Halloran and Patsy Britt 74.5, Stephen Kane and Catherine Bolding 76.5, and Ian Baker and Geraldine Prentice 77.5.

**WOORAYL**

CONGRATULATIONS to all the women who competed in the first round of the Club Championships sponsored by Leongatha Photographics and Electronics.

Despite the horrible weather, the golfers were loyal to captain Elly Berryman, as no one pulled out of playing mid game. The captain's report says 12C but that may have been the temperature inside the clubhouse.

The winner of A Grade was Jean Hayes with 99-22-77, B Grade Pauline Lancaster 114-25-89 and C Grade Jo Fennell 120-34-86.

DTL went to Elly Berryman 93-14-79 and Sharyn Rayson 98-16-82.

NTPs on eighth were Elly Berryman, 11th Elly Berryman and 17th Jo Fennell.

Clever golfers were Jo Fennell with a birdie on 17, Jean Hayes had a gobbler on fourth and Ann Poole had a gobbler on the seventh.



Woorayl Golf Club's grade winners were Jean Hayes, Pauline Lancaster and Jo Fennell.



Minor Scratch Championship and B Grade handicap winners Kylie Collins and Fran McGlead with the Joyce Berry 4BBB Championship and A Grade handicap winners Beth Curram and Rachel Brown. All winners were from Foster Golf Club.



Lang Lang's Chris Caig, Catherine Briant, Heather Payne and Megan Barker enjoyed their game on Saturday.



Korumburra Golf Club's scratch and net winners Roy Fleming and Billy Wrigley with presenter Ian Gibson.

## INVERLOCH

INVERLOCH Bowling Club regrets to advise that Ron (Pud) Kee has passed away at Kirrak House. Pud was a long-time member of the Inverloch Bowling Club, a friend to many and he will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Yvonne and family at this time. Vale Pud.

### Club Championships:

A number of matches have been played so far with a high standard of bowling taking place.

**Social bowls:** There will be no social bowls this week out of respect to Pud being laid to rest.

Last Thursday saw 32 bowlers play in eight teams of fours over two games of 10 ends.

Three teams finished with wins on both games. The hard luck story for the day was the team of Reg Varty (skip), Rob Howard, Daryl McStravick and Di Selby. They finished with two wins and 32 points.

Runners up were the team of Martin Hannaford (skip), Graeme Dunlop, Allan McLean and Jeff Curwood. They finished with two wins, 33 points and 14 shots up.

Winners on the day were Keith Cousins (skip), Ted Breasley, Tony Latham and Nick Collarosi. They finished with two wins, 33 points and 16 shots up.

A reminder for club members for Thursday social bowls that names now need to be in by 11am with play starting at 12.30pm. There is no break for lunch.

**Pennant:** Midweek: Division 1: Inverloch 48 Korumburra 66. Division 2: Inverloch 72 Lang Lang 66. Division 3: Inverloch Four 23 Inverloch Three 47.

Saturday: Division 1: Inverloch 55 Korumburra 66. Division 2: Inverloch 73 Wonthaggi 56. Division 3: Inverloch 56 Mirboo North 60. Division 4: Inverloch 55 Corinella 51.

## KORUMBURRA

PENNANT season is now fully underway with midweek starting this week.

Both sides were victorious.

In Division 1, bowlers travelled to Inverloch and came home with a win.

Jenny McVeigh carried the day with a 28 shot to 7-win Judith Nicholl went down 21 to 20 in a close one while Jo Lomagno went down 20 to 18 in another tight tussle.

In Division 3, the club hosted Port Welshpool in another tight contest Heather Garnham got up 24 to 23 while Cheryl Moore had a 19 all draw.

On Saturday, Division 1 travelled to Inverloch with a good result.

Rob Cosson got up 24 to 10 and Peter Spark had a 28 to 16 win.

Unfortunately, Shane O'Loughlin went down 28 shots to 19 – still a great result.

Division 2 travelled to Loch with the only bright spot being Jim Garnham.

Having an 18 all draw, Peter Hearn lost in a tight one 21 to 23.

Unfortunately, Rob Sund went down eight to 27 – not a good day.

Division 4 travelled to Fish Creek all to no avail. Mick Manning went down 18 shots to 22.

Alan Cherrett went down 17 shots to 22 and Mike Gallagher lost eight to 25 – not a good result.

Members are reminded to complete their club champion games by the dates required.



David Smith (S), Margaret Hoy (3), Max Williams (L) and Jim Noonan (2) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls winners.



The best one game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Terry Floyd (S), Frank D'Unieville (2), Tony Morris (L) and Mark Hanrahan (3).



Winners of the Bankers Event at the Wonthaggi Golf Club were Lyn Tagell, Wally Leijen, Peter Morgan and Denise Silver.



Nick Collarosi, Tony Latham, Keith Cousins (skip) and Ted Breasley were Inverloch Bowling Club's social bowls winners

## LEONGATHA

THE Leongatha Midweek Pennant Division 1 side journeyed to Phillip Island to play the first round of the program on Tuesday.

The final overall score resulted in a score of 76/41 shots in favour of Phillip Island.

Leongatha presented a disappointing picture of what the future holds unless improvement is gained by the availability and selection of players that meet the standard for Division 1.

The challenge is there for Leongatha to remedy the situation and be competitive as they once were in past years.

The Leongatha Division 4 side played its first game of the season in the Saturday Pennant competition because of having a bye in round one.

The contest was against a Phillip Island side and played on the Leongatha green.

Philip Island was the better side on the day and went home elated after recording an overall victory of 73/42 shots.

The Leongatha Division 2 side travelled to Fish Creek to do battle with a side that was expected to win if you assess their form.

Leongatha surprised all by falling over the line with a two-shot victory.

The final overall result was 53/55 shots.

Leongatha was the host club for the Division 1 contest with the Mirboo North premiership side, which was very entertaining for spectators because of the excitement and the atmosphere created by the players.

The Mirboo North side celebrated a victory on completion of the game with a final overall score of 49/62 shots.

The monthly triples event that was scheduled for October 25 was abandoned after the first round because of the bad weather conditions, which became unpleasant for bowling.

Bankers was played on Saturday afternoon and, to continue with the event, more players are required.

## LOCH & DISTRICT

NEW green and our new season has commenced. We have held several successful events the most recent being the Andersen Property Specialist sponsored triples day, the sun shone and the 14 teams who had travelled from near and far enjoyed their day, many vowing they'd be back as they had enjoyed their first visit to the club at Loch.

The winners of the day were Bev Button, Keith Button and Greg Hodge, they were presented with their prize money and the perpetual trophy by Leila Andersen assisted by Scott Andersen, teams from Corinella and Dandenong were the minor prize winners.

Our barefoot bowls competition is almost ready to commence and our Friday night burger/chicken wrap and bowls night is back, please feel free to join us for fun filled evening, and if needed the lights will be turned on to allow the games to be finalised, family fun is definitely promised.

## MIDWEEK

A COLD and miserable day greeted the family of bowlers this morning with the outlook being fairly bleak.

However, 38 bowlers turned up to once again fight it out for team(s) of the day – what a great turnout.

As time went by, bowlers were removing coats and jumpers as the weather improved.

As usual a lot of friendly banter among our players but this didn't distract from the quality of the bowling which was first rate.

A big thank you to Phil for preparing the green for the members, and to Terry for his hard work behind the bar.

Peter, Pauline and John continue week by week to do all the hard work to keep the club going – the bowlers thank them very much.

The winners on 36 points were David Smith (S), Margaret Hoy (3), Jim Noonan (2) and Max Williams (L).

Runners up on were Craig Brown (S), Sue Stansfield (3), Raffael Merante (2) and Margaret McConville (L).

Best one game winners on 28 points were Terry Floyd (S), Mark Hanrahan (3), Frank D'Unieville (2) and Tony Morris (L).

Everyone is asked to be on site by 10am to allow enough time for Peter to arrange the teams. This is not an easy or quick process.

Meanwhile, everyone is wished the best for their Pennant matches, both this weekend, as well as the midweek players on Tuesday.

## WONTHAGGI

IT was another busy week at the club.

Tuesday saw the start of Midweek Pennant with Division 1 travelling to Toora.

All three rinks had tight matches with two going down by narrow margins, with the other able to record a win.

It was a very close game all day with Toora in front at the end, with the final scores Wonthaggi 49 Toora 55.

Division 2 had a bye.

Wednesday was a washout with wet and windy weather.

Thursday saw a few less bowlers due to the weather being fine but cold.

Saturday saw three pennant teams at home.

Division 1 played host to Corinella on a fine but windy day with the wind from the north which as a crosswind made conditions a little tricky.

Two rinks had solid wins with the other, after being down early in their match, fought the match out well to minimise the damage to the overall score.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 69 Corinella 52.

Division 2 played host to Inverloch and was looking to make it two wins to start the season off well.

One rink had a solid win with the other two finding Inverloch a little better on the day.

The final score was Wonthaggi

56 Inverloch 73.

Division 3 travelled to Phillip Island looking to bounce back after a narrow loss last week.

Mixed results were the order of the day, with one rink having a solid win, another a narrow loss, with the other finding the going tough against good opposition.

The bowlers will dust themselves off and get back up again next week.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 50 Phillip Island 78.

Division 4 played host to Loch, also at Wonthaggi, and after a bye last week was looking to start the season off on the front foot.

One rink found the going a little tough against a strong Loch team.

The other two rinks like all good teams lifted and both had solid wins to win the match.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 62 Loch 59.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Midweek Pennant, Wednesday is Turkey Triples, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday Pennant.

Don't forget Cup Day with sheets on the board with sweeps on the day.

Also, Barefoot bowls is starting after Cup Day, look at the Facebook page for details.

Have a good week and good bowling.

## WONTHAGGI INDOOR

FIFTY-NINE players competed during the week.

Tuesday's winners with a win and a draw on plus 20 were Jos Kemper, Betty Huitema, Jenny Bakker and Marg Morgan.

Runners up on one win and a plus 12 were Jim Rodhi, Phylis Petersons and Lia Smith.

Friday saw two teams winning with the exact same score of plus 12 and winning both their games.

They were John Bird, Betty Huitema, Pat Novak, Jan Milkins, Brian Newman and Mary Spooner.

Runners up on one win and an amazing plus 23 were Dot Harland, Glenda Binch, Jim Wilson and Sylvia Mattock.




Gavin Slavin is the Founder and Director of the charity ride, the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge, which raises money to educate young people about driver and cyclist safety on our roads.

## Cycle the coast for road safety

THE BASS Coast Cycle Challenge (BCCC) is a charity cycling event in its thirteenth year with all proceeds going towards educating senior school students on road safety and cycling awareness.

BCCC Founder and Director Gavin Slavin organised the education program in conjunction with the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program.

To fund the program so it could go into all secondary schools in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland, and in an effort to try and decrease road accidents across the region, Gavin decided to put on a cycling challenge to raise the money.

"It's pretty close to my heart, because I've lost a couple of friends in cycling. I believe ed-

ucating our kids is the answer for improving our safety on our roads."

Since 2010, BCCC has helped over 3000 local students take part in the game-changing RYDA and L2P programs that deliver practical road safety information targeting attitude and awareness of young drivers and their passengers.

The charity ride is slowly gaining pace again after a lull during COVID, and last year 500 riders turned out from Victoria, NSW and Queensland, and Gavin is hopeful of getting more numbers this November.

Another new ride has been added into the event to keep it fresh and exciting and that is a 100 kilometre (km) gravel ride.

"Gravel bike riding is becom-

ing very popular, and it also gets people off the roads as well," Gavin explained.

With four other ride options, the challenge offers something for all ages and abilities and cyclists can test themselves with hills, the coast or both, over 40km, 53km, 85km or 121km loops.

E-bikes and other adaptive bikes are allowed so everyone who wants to participate can.

"Cycling out through the hills and then finishing off along that coast road is definitely the highlight of the ride," said Gavin.

It is a combined community group effort on the day with a total of 63 volunteer traffic marshals from local groups such as the Lions Club, the Men's Shed, the church and

many others helping out.

BCCC provide funds back to these clubs to give back and support the local community.

Refreshment stops along the loops will be provided, with water, electrolyte drinks, lollies and snacks available.

BCCC were also recently nominated for an Excellence Award through the Bass Coast Shire Council Business Awards.

"We're pretty proud of what we've achieved so far," Gavin said.

The ride will be held on Saturday November 11 from 7am, starting and finishing on Ramsay Boulevard, Inverloch outside the Beach Box Café.

For more information go to [basscoastcyclechallenge.com](http://basscoastcyclechallenge.com) or contact Katie Hodge on [bccyclechallenge@gmail.com](mailto:bccyclechallenge@gmail.com).

## South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club lead the way

SGB led the way in the Country District Competition, with 22 SGB swimmers being a part of the 89 swimmers making up the District 21 team, which is the fastest eight swimmers in each of the 8-11 years age groups from the seven clubs throughout Gippsland.

Emily Croatto and Archie Smyth had the honour of leading District 21 as the team captains and were delighted to accept the winning trophy on behalf of the team.

SGB's Lorri McKenzie and Sam O'Keefe helped coach the Gippsland team with Janelle Smyth as one of the Team Manager.

Both enjoy the district competition and bringing all the clubs juniors from Gippsland together as one team.

Those selected to represent District 21 from SGB were Emily Croatto, Jaya Dowel, Daisy Gilliam-Rodda, Cayden Gunn, Callum Hackett, Hannah Hunt, Ava Lucas, Austin Lynch, Ethan Lynch, Fletcher McRae, Hunter McRae, Reece McRae, Anna Miletto, Brooklyn Packer, Mitchell Packer, Ruby Pirouet, Josie



The team raced against the best from regional Victoria at MSAC in 50m races in their age groups. District 21, Gippsland once again won the day.

Richer, Mya Richer, Archie Smyth, Darby Smyth, Jemma Tagell and Mathew Thornby.

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perience.

D21 dominated the relays with District 21 coming first in the Freestyle relays for 8/9, 10 & 11 Girls and 8/9 & 12 Boys, with the 10B getting second. In the Medley first place went to the 10 & 11 Girls and Boys and second to the 8/9 Girls and Boys.

Individual winners

11 Girls: Emily Croatto

second Backstroke and Breaststroke, third Butterfly.

11 Boys: Archie Smyth second Backstroke, third Freestyle.

10 Girls: Josie Richer: third Breaststroke

8 Girls: Ruby Pirouet: third Butterfly

8 Boys: Austin Lynch: second Breaststroke and Butterfly, third Breaststroke. Mathew Thornby: third Butterfly

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SENTINEL-TIMES

## Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

Phantom: 1st on 17.5pts Dragonfly, 2nd on 15pts Alleygator and 3rd on 14pts Pba9x.

2s Company: 1st on 30pts King Pins, 2nd on 26pts Tinabe and 3rd on 22pts Him & Her.

ABL: 1st on 165.5pts Knackers, 2nd on 156.5pts Pinpals and 3rd on 148pts Just Bowl Already.

Business Early: 1st on 11pts Balls Deep, 2nd on 8pts Old Timers, 3rd on 7pts Wooly Rollers and 4th on 6pts Happy Hour.

Business Late: 1st on 9pts Jds's, 2nd on 8pts Team Rich, 3rd on 6pts Holy Splits and 4th on 6pts Bananas in Pyjamas.

This week's top scorers:

Men: Nick Harris 224, Riley Weinzierl 221 and Brendon Corvino 200.

Woman: Mary Dardha 167, Shannon Felmingham 157 and Karen Klym 155.

Thrilling victories and unexpected surprises at Spring Darts

IN A NIGHT filled with excitement, round four of the Spring Darts Series left no room for disappointment, boasting the best turnout The Phillip Island and Districts Dart League have seen so far.

With all four boards buzzing with action and 32 players giving it their all, the local darts competition was on fire.

The incredible support from both the seasoned members and new players added an extra layer of enthusiasm to the event.

The evening's champions, Snow, Meredith, Will, and Col, sealed their dominance with a resounding 7-0 victory, making sure they'd be remembered for rounds to come.

It was a performance that sent cheers echoing through the venue.

But the thrill didn't stop on the darts oche. John Battista won the coveted meat tray raffle, and in a heartwarming gesture, he generously donated it back and an impromptu auction took place with Scotchy bringing home the bacon – metaphorically, of course!

Of course, what's a darts competition without a beer raffle? David Healey was the lucky winner of the evening, savouring the taste of victory in more ways than one.

The League owes a heartfelt thanks to sponsors, San Remo Butchers and Blake/La Porchetta, whose generous support keeps the darts community thriving.

In addition to the excitement of the night, the Spring 23 Leaderboard had a shakeup. With four rounds down and four to go, Paul Gleeson took the lead with 23 points, extending his reign as the frontrunner. Laurie Jones, closely following with 18 points, has certainly not given up the chase. Tied for the third spot, Allan Stray and Bruce Lindsay, both with 17 points, are ready to make their mark in the rounds to come.

The Spring Darts Series is far from over, and with the competition heating up, who knows what surprises and thrilling victories await in the next rounds? One thing is certain; the local darts community is alive and well, and it's where all the action is happening this spring.

New players are always welcome. If interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female, please contact Scott Lethbridge 0407 543 154 [scott@glpc.com.au](mailto:scott@glpc.com.au).

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## Allambee Mirboo and District Tennis Association

ROUND four:

### Section 1 results:

Inverloch 6.41 defeated Koonwarra 2.25; Westernport 5.41 defeated Korumburra 3.30; Leongatha bye.

Ladder:

Westernport 31, Inverloch 26, Korumburra 18, Koonwarra 14, Leongatha 10

### Section 2 results:

Leongatha 5.60 defeated Baromi 4.48; Outtrim 8.68 defeated Korumburra 1.29.

Ladder:

Outtrim 36, Baromi 22, Leongatha 20.5, Korumburra 9.5

Korumburra won the ladies' sets and one men's set in Section 1 this week.

Well done to Ekala Moore on her first match in Section 1.

With its win, Westernport have now secured top spot on the ladder.

Inverloch was also the winner against Koonwarra.

Koonwarra only won one ladies' and a mixed set.

This match was a family affair with Greg and Alicia Marshman playing for Koonwarra and Michelle and Connor Krohn playing for Inverloch.

Outtrim was the big winner against Korumburra this week – Outtrim is well and truly on top in Section 2.

Korumburra was only able to take one set off this team.

Baromi v Leongatha was a well contested match.

Sean, Matt and Natalie Fraser for Baromi, Joel and Ethan Langstaff, and Susan Clark and Nicole de Longville kept with the theme of family in the game.

Leongatha was the winner this round.

Nick and Alex Beale, and Gavin and Chris Furness were the Outtrim family members.

Hopefully tennis will continue with families staying involved in the association.

There is no tennis next week for Melbourne Cup Weekend.

See you in a few weeks.

## Riverside Tennis Association

ROUND four results:

### Section 1/2 Doubles:

Poowong 0 - 0 defeated by Warragul 9 - 54; Hallora 4 - 31 defeated by Drouin Maroon 5 - 42; Drouin Gold 0 - 19 defeated by Moe 9 - 54; Neerim District 6 - 47 defeated Trafalgar 3 - 29.

Ladders:

Drouin Maroon 36, Warragul 30, Neerim District 30, Moe 26.5, Trafalgar 18, Hallora 16, Poowong 13.5, Drouin Gold 6

### Section 1 Singles:

Moe Red 3 - 7 - 46 defeated Moe White 1 - 2 - 28; Trafalgar 1 - 2 - 32 defeated by Drouin 3 - 6 - 42; Moe Blue had the bye.

Ladders: Moe Red 14.5, Moe White 13.5, Moe Blue 13.5, Drouin 5, Trafalgar 3.5

### Section 2 Singles:

Drouin Maroon 6 - 48 defeated Warragul 0 - 11; Pax Hill 5 - 48 defeated Drouin Gold 1 - 23; Trafalgar 3 - 37 defeated Moe 3 - 32.

Ladders

Pax Hill 24, Drouin Maroon 23, Trafalgar 21, Moe 16, Drouin Gold 4, Warragul 1



The Leongatha Town women get set for their first match against Inverloch at Inverloch last Sunday.

## Inverloch and Koonwarra-RSL impress in women's cricket

THE first of the Leongatha & District Cricket Association Women's competition kicked off on Sunday with the feature being an excellent contest between Nyora and Kilcunda Hammerheads at the Bass Recreation Reserve.

Sent in by Nyora, Kilcunda managed 104 off their 20 overs with Caroline Moore 15 and Sarah Tyrrell 11 leading the way. In response, Nyora always had the target in sight, but they had to keep the score ticking over, finishing with 121 off their 20 overs; Kystin Wurzbacher 24, Lisa Camp 13 and Shona Lynch 12 among the main scorers.

In other matches, both Inverloch Stingettes 133 and

Koonwarra Leongatha RSL 109 had comfortable wins over Leongatha Town and the Foster Tigers; Nicole Creaser 24, Mia Dugard 18 and Jessica McDonald 18 scored freely for Inverloch while Kathy Zacharopoulos 25, Melissa Carter 21 and Rachel King 18 did well for Koonwarra L/RSL.

The weather was ideal for the first round of competition and the matches were played in a good, competitive spirit.

**RIGHT:** Waiting for their chance to bat for Inverloch Stingettes on Sunday in the first round of LDCA Women's Cricket were Holly Williams, Mackenzie Slidders and Mai Dugard.



## Pitch invader doesn't deter Gonnas

By Anthony Bloomfield

AFTER a first round forfeit the Gippsland Goannas over 50's got their season off to a start with a trip down to the picturesque Caulfield Cricket Club #1 oval to front up against the strong South East Veterans Cricket Club.

The side that made the trip was a tad stronger than the one that ventured down for the corresponding game last season and was a great initiation for a couple of Goanna virgins playing their first game including Chris 'Buddha' Malone and Dave 'Caveman' Noble.

Skipper of the Goannas in Graeme Rankin won the toss and had no hesitation in electing to bat on the dry wicket which appeared as though it may play a little low later in the day. The Goannas were off to a horrible start when there was confusion between the opening pair of Rankin and Bloomfield with Ranks being run out for a duck. Wells joined Bloomy at the crease and set about savaging the attack to all parts of the ground, retiring on 41 with the score on 71.

Not to be outdone, Bloomy then finished off his innings with three boundaries in an over retiring on 40 with the score on 94. This had the

Goanna's eyeing off a 200 plus score when Kinnish joined Snags McDonald at the crease, however Kinnish didn't waste any time in departing after being clean bowled for a duck. McDonald fluffed around for a patient eight after scoring heavily on the Saturday, obviously his reflexes weren't quite what they should have been, and he left the centre stage with the score on 5/99. Steve 'Buck' Rogers and Pat Spiteri set about re-establishing the innings and were looking good until Spiteri was judged LBW off his thigh pad for a well-made 14 with the score 109.

Buddha Malone strode to the crease as the youngest player in the side for the first time in around 20 years and struck the ball beautifully and ran well between the wickets with Buck Rogers taking the score to 134.

South East moved a fielder into the deep and sure enough Buddha had a brain fade the very next ball placing one onto the chest of that fielder. The tide had certainly turned, and the innings became a matter of survival, Buck Rogers was bowled for a handy 15 as the score

moved to 8/144. Rodney Jones and Chris Anders took the score to 155 before Jonesy fell to a spectacular catch for five. Anders was joined by Dave 'Caveman' Noble in his first hit out and the Goannas crept their way to 166 at the completion of the 40 overs. Anders finished on 13 not out and the Caveman finished on four not out.

The South East bowlers fought back well after being mauled in the early overs with Wilkes and Stacey each taking 2 wickets while Rando and Sharp each took a wicket.

After the tea break the Goannas took to the field and struggled a little with their line as current Australian over 50's opener in Whybird and Bethume put on a solid opening stand of 56 before Cecil Haysom got the breakthrough as Bloomy took a regulation catch that many predicted he would drop as the ball floated and spun in his direction. Haysom picked up his second wicket for the day when Whybird departed with the score on 74.

The Goannas were still half a chance of taking out the win when Snags became airborne and nearly held on to what would have been a miracle catch, ultimately though the

force of the big boy's body hitting the deck saw the ball spill out. Ranks had to deal with a three-year-old pitch invader who out sprinted our fielders and mum was informed of the ramifications if little Johnny wore a cricket ball in the head and maybe it was in everyone's best interests if mum could encourage her kids back to the playground.

While the Goannas bowlers toiled hard, we were outplayed in the end as the South East Vets scored the winning runs with a little over six overs to spare for loss of just two wickets.

Buddha Malone added some youth and enthusiasm to the side and displayed some quality fielding efforts.

In the end the Goannas batting didn't quite stand up and had the score card continued the way it started then this would have been a very tight hard fought game right to the end. A number of the Goannas will soon head off to New Zealand for the National Over 55 tournament, no doubt Rankin and Kinnish will sit next to one another on the plane trip and compare notes about their duck pond exploits and how they plan to get their seasons back on track in the coming weeks.

## Wonthaggi Table Tennis

A RESERVE semi-final Monday night results:

Super Smash defeated Backhand 5 to 4; Bats defeated Chop 5 to 3.

What a thrilling finals series.

The occasion was buzzing with expectation and these teams delivered.

Super Smash led by number one Siobhan was superbly supported by emerging youngsters Poppy and Jack A.

A combination of veteran guile and adolescent gusto.

Backhand were gallant in the loss and indeed were one nudge away from flipping the result.

This match went to the deciding fifth set in the ninth and last game.

It ebbed and flowed like a Williamson's Beach king tide.

Backhand's captain Lee Lee won three from four in a solid contribution anchored by her slash and burn backhand power flick.

Bats prevailed over Chop with wily veteran Trish winding the clock back to her halcyon days, a time when balls were made from champagne cork, lacquered in mead.

She was outstanding, especially in the decisive match number eight against the formidable Jay.

The grand final between Bats and Super Smash will include three U16s, the aforementioned youngsters and Rhyder – outstanding effort.

A and A Reserve grand finals are to be played Monday, October 30 at 7pm.

A Grade Club Championships Wednesday night results:

Singles: Justin defeated Braden 3 to 0.

Doubles: Justin and Charley Donohue defeated Braden and Jack Donohue.

Justin has played this game for ever long and it shone through with impressive victories that were punctuated by poise, punch and polish – such a fun player to watch.

The first set was the highlight with Justin and Braden trading blows of the highest order.

Justin, and his happy feet, consistently finding the middle of the bat, turning defence into offence and scoring a runaway win. Sister Charley retains bragging rights over older brother Jack – stay nice, Charley.

## Phillip Island Bridge

A GREAT day was had with seven and a half tables at play on Monday, October 23.

North/South partners Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson came third on 55.56 per cent.

Bron Sund and John Farr nudged ahead by .34 per cent to finish second, and Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman charged ahead to win the day for North South on 67.36 per cent.

Winners for East/West were Marnie Myall and Paul Waylen on an even 61.61 per cent.

Next in line were Ruth Harvey and Ann Green on 56.25 per cent.

In third place were Anne Hodgson and Leng Haggith on 55.95 per cent.

Wednesday, October 25, was a little quieter with four tables.

Marnie Myall partnered with Shirley Stewart and took first place on 64.88 per cent.

Moya Crowley and Diane Coleman were in the winner's circle on 59.52 per cent, as were Molly Downing and Robert Maclellan on a neat 50 per cent.



Nyora Cricket Club committee members Tamara Hance, Natalie Mlinaric, Eleanor Dowel and Kristy Uren invited those brave enough into the haunted room. tk03\_4423

## Spooky fun at Nyora Cricket Club

IT was fright night at the Nyora Cricket Club as children in creative and spooky costumes celebrated Halloween on Saturday.

This is the second time the club has hosted a Halloween themed event, and it was thrilled with the turnout.

"We had more than 100 people, including 65 children," club committee member Natalie Mlinaric said.

"We've got some really fun activities for the kids; it's been really good. We have been blessed with beautiful weather two years in a row."

Some of the activities included an adaptation of the egg and spoon race using skeleton hands, sack races and quirky cookie eating contests.

The highlight of the evening was the haunted room, which included lots of spooky surprises.

The room was open for exploration once it was dark and lolly bags were offered at the end.

Barnzee's Hot Bake from Korumburra gave its support by making scarily decorated donuts for the event.

The Halloween event kicked off followed A Grade's win during the day, giving the club plenty of reason to celebrate.

"It was nice to see some of the cricketers who don't play anymore come down. They were saying it was amazing to see how many kids were running around the club," Natalie said.

The Halloween night is a community event for players, local families, and to help boost children's interest in the club.

"We are a family orientated club, and we like to see the kids getting involved," Natalie said.

"We're excited because this year we've got three junior sides. We've combined one of the grades with Korumburra so we could make sure the kids would get a go and we've been sharing home games with them."

The club thanked the volunteers who gave their time to provide a fun, thrilling Halloween party.



Aleesha Brown, Porsha De Reus, Jaclyn Brown and Grace Hogben were excited to celebrate Halloween at the Nyora Cricket Club.



Billeigh Upston, Tilly Hance, Ashlee Glover, Charlie Dowel and Jennifer Jovanovic enjoyed the fun activities at Nyora Cricket Club's Halloween party.

## Wombats a little too strong for Goannas

GIPPSLAND Goannas Over 70s side was narrowly defeated by the West Gippsland Wombats on a fine Spring day at Toomuc Reserve in Pakenham.

Players were welcomed by a pleasant breeze and a ground in excellent condition, with the Goannas sent in to bat and Fred Debono and Andrew Smith starting the innings.

The score had reached 27 in the 6th over when Smith was bowled for 13.

Debono was lbw soon after for 12 as stand-in captain Ian Southall and former Warrandyte player and Goannas recruit Warren Dummett came together.

Southall was stumped for 11 in the 10th over and Dummett for 14 a little later.

Steve Lincoln and Gordon Cowling steered the Goannas to

4/89 at the 20 over drinks break.

Lincoln retired for a well-made 25 from 30 balls and Cowling was run out for 15 when the score was 97.

Barry Nunn (8), Ron Lavel (5), Dick Noble (4) and Kel Bond (1) were all bowled, and the score was 9/109 in the 26th over.

Wayne Tatterson (10) and Ron Milnes (5no) batted a few more overs and took the score to a more respectable 128.

Cowling and Lavel opened the bowling for the Goannas after the lunch break, with just one run from the first 20 balls, and nine from the first 6 overs.

Smith, with a superb throw from about 25 metres, hit the stumps at the bowler's end to secure a good runout for the first wicket.

The score steadily mounted

as Southall, Smith and Nunn bowled the next six overs, Debono taking a good catch from Nunn's fourth ball, making the score 2/50 after 12 overs.

Bond came on and had wicket-keeper Dummett taking a sharp catch, followed by another next over by Noble in the gully.

The Wombats went to drinks at 4/85 and seemed to be coasting.

Cowling and Lavel resumed after drinks and slowed the run rate.

Noble came on, and after three overs had 1/3, with Cowling taking a good catch at backward square leg, and Southall had a second spell, hitting the stumps three times to have the Wombats in trouble at 7/111, then 8/119 after 32 overs.

The number 12 batsman retired, allowing the first retiree

to return to the crease.

He hit two fours to get the Wombats over the line in the 38th over.

The fielding from the Goannas was very good, and the bowling, especially after drinks, was tight.

Unfortunately, the Goannas batting had finished almost 10 overs and about 30 runs short of what might have been a winning score.

Wicket taking bowlers were Southall with 3/12 off eight overs, Nunn (1/10), Bond (2/19) and Noble (1/9).

The Goannas Over 60s will resume next Sunday with an away game against Endeavour Hills, while the next Over 70s game will be in two weeks' time against the ACS team at Moorabbin.



Phillip Island wicketkeeper Wade Paterson is right up in the action as MDU's Tim Bright looks to dispatch this delivery in the slow, early season going at Royal Rhyll on Saturday.

## C grade finally gets underway

### C GRADE

#### Phillip Island 6/96 d MDU 3/95

MDU - 1st INNINGS: T Bright 14, D Thomas 42, W Cocksedge 19, D Zuidema 9\*, D Feild 1\*. Bowling: S Niven 0/5, S Sirirathnage 1/12, C Fall 0/18, M Cleary 0/4, D Mani 1/18, J Johnston 0/21, B Marshall 0/17. Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: J Manning 28, G Excell 30, D Mani 0, S Sirirathnage 13, S Niven 8, J Allan 1, C Fall 7\*, Michael Cleary 6\*. Bowling: K Brown 0/12, D Feild 0/36, D Zuidema 2/23, S Riley 3/15, J Cleator 0/10.

#### Nyora 6/166 d Korumburra 6/83

Nyora - 1st INNINGS: J Bailey 3, C Knox 66, B Pugh 28, D Blackney 26, K Maclure 5, J Knox 15\*, Private player 2, Ryan White 0\*. Bowling: T Sorrell 0/25, J Douglas 2/34, J Dunn 0/11, M Foote 1/17, R Butler 0/7, H Jefferis 1/14, Jordon Foote 0/19, Caleb Turton 1/12, Jordan Terry 0/20. Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: P Whelan 8, C Turton 2, J Terry 4, R Butler 6, M Foote 5, T Sorrell 16, J Foote 6\*, T Morrison 27\*. Bowling: D Blackney 1/5, K Maclure 3/15, T Perkins 0/13, J Bailey 0/9, B Pugh 2/21, Ryan White 0/7, Brandon Mott 0/7, Jordan Knox 0/3.

#### Koon L/RSL 8/138 d Glen Alvie 7/134

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: P Roberts 0, R Luke 27, V Kumar Gopal 6, A Donohue 1, I Thorn 57\*, C Stewart 4, D Hynes 9, J Burke 10, W Bridle 6\*. Bowling: J Geary 1/6, J Pickersgill 1/12, G Matthies 0/1, B Thomas 2/19, R Collins 0/19, A Piksons 1/22, S Paterson 1/27, K Thorne 0/11, D Van Puyenbroek 0/12. Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: S Paterson 61, G Matthies 4, J Pickersgill 4, A Boxall 9, G Mattingley 0, K Thorne 25, R Collins 0, A Piksons 8, D Van Puyenbroek 6\*, J Geary 7\*. Bowling: W Bridle 1/29, D Hynes 3/8, O Luff 1/22, A Sinclair 1/24, J Burke 1/17, A Donohue 1/26, Cooper Stewart 0/11.

#### Town d Club

Town won by forfeit.

#### Inverloch d OMK

Inverloch won by forfeit.

### C GRADE

FINALLY, after three weeks of waiting, the LD-CA's C grade division got underway on the weekend with three interesting clashes.

#### Close win for Island

PHILLIP Island had to battle their way there, but successfully chased down MDU's score at the Rhyll Cricket Ground to open their season with a four-wicket win.

The travelling Demons won the toss and chose to bat first and despite only losing three wickets, just couldn't find a groove in the Island conditions, finishing their 35 overs with 95 runs on the board.

Dees' skipper Dale Thomas (42 off 117) was the standout, as Sachin Sirirathnage (1/12 from 7) was tough to get away.

In reply, the Sharks got off to a tremendous start behind openers Gavin Excell (30 off 49) and John Manning (28 off 38) but found themselves running out of steam towards the end. They were able to complete the chase though, despite some inspired bowling from Stephen Riley (2/15 from 7).

#### Nyora out of the blocks

NYORA has jumped out of the blocks with a huge win on the road, steam rolling Korumburra at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve.

The Cobras won the toss and chose to bat first and found the going really tough, seeing their top five batters all depart with single figure scores, luckily their captain Timothy Morrison (27\* off 48) was able to salvage the wreckage to



Phillip Island bowler Chris Fall bowled a tight line against MDU at Rhyll on Saturday in the first round for the C Graders.

see his side post 6/83 after their 35 overs.

Keith Maclure (3/15 from 7) was the standout for Nyora who made relatively easy work of the low total, despite losing six wickets to Jayden Douglas (2/34 from 7) and the 'Burra attack.

Colin Knox (66 off 86) saw his side home.

#### Two-wicket win for Koony'

KOONWARRA L/RSL have won their home opener, getting the better of Glen Alvie by two-wickets at the Koonwarra Recreation Reserve.

The visitors won the toss and elected to bat first, but unfortunately didn't see too much production outside of their skipper Ian Thorn (57\* off 66) as they posted 7/134 at the conclusion of their 35 overs.

Britney Thomas (2/19 from 4) was the best of the

nine Cougars bowlers.

In reply, the hosts looked well on their way behind Shane Paterson (61 off 85), but when he fell at 5/104 things opened up for the Alvie.

Koony' captain Kevin Thorne (25 off 43) stood tall but two wickets in the last five overs from David Hynes (3/8 from 7) really put the pressure on the Cougars tail.

Luckily for Koonwarra, that tail wagged just enough to see them home in the final over, thanks to some clutch batting from number ten Jordi Geary (7\* off 6) who's four off the penultimate ball of the game sealed the victory.

#### Town d Club via forfeit.

#### Inverloch d OMK via forfeit.

#### Kilcunda Bass - bye

## OMK makes its score count on Foster turf

### B GRADE, DIVISION 2

FOSTER'S decision to bowl first at home seemed set to reap the Tigers a win when visitor OMK was reduced to 8/110 off its 40 overs.

However, the Diggers bowlers responded in impressive fashion to engineer a 22-run win for their side.

OMK president Russ White finished with 4/16 from his full quota of medium pace overs while teammate Michael Whiteside's accurate pace bowling devastated the Foster top order as he reaped 3/4 from his five overs.

Number three batsman Jake Chaseling top scored for the Tigers with 21.

Andrew Sorensen was best with the willow for victorious OMK making 30.

Shaun Chaseling set the standard with the ball for Foster, taking 2/7 at under a run per over.

#### Phillip Island can't contain Nerrena

WHILE Phillip Island made a decent 7/135 after electing to bat at home, Nerrena calmly knocked off the total with three overs and seven wickets in hand.

However, that eventually comfortable reply got off to a rocky start when Nerrena opener Ashley Harrison succumbed for a golden duck off the bowling of Matthew Parsons (1/17).

Brian Gannon (48) and Raph Jefferis, unbeaten on 43, ensured there was no way into the game for the Sharks.

Earlier, Peter Cleary's not out 40 off 32 balls helped give Phillip Island's bowlers a total they could hope to defend but only three broke through, capturing a wicket each.

Nerrena's Patrick Johnston was the game's only multiple wicket taker with 2/37 but the miserliness of teammates Daniel Grigg (0/11) and Cameron Baudinette (1/5) off a combined 16 overs ensured Phillip Island's score was kept in check.

#### Kilcunda-Bass skittles home team Glen Alvie

GLEN Alvie failed to back up its decision to bat on its home turf, being despatched for just 53 runs by a ruthless Kilcunda-Bass attack.

Nathan Thatcher fought hard for a score of 21, being Glen Alvie's only batsman to reach double figures.

Shaun Tapscott (3/21) inflicted substantial damage early with the ball for Kilcunda Bass, with teammates Ben Rookes (3/19) and Rohan Duff (3/2) joining the party.

Despite having little to defend, Glen Alvie's bowlers showed tenacity to reduce Kilcunda-Bass to 3/8, but the Sharks cobbled together the remaining runs required while losing just one further wicket.

Lachlan McRae gave Glen Alvie a glimmer of hope, snarelling three early wickets and finishing with 3/16 off his full allotment.

#### Wonthaggi Club clubs Korumburra

KORUMBURRA sent Wonthaggi Club in, with Club scoring at a solid rate of 4.25 per over to post 6/170, a score that proved 97 runs too many for the Cobras to reach.

While Luke Anstey's 41 not out was the winning side's highest score, Justin Licis (35) and Chris Fraser (28 not out) were other solid contributors for Club.

Korumburra's Shaun McKinnon made his skipper's decision to bowl look good early, dismissing William Speed for just three and bowling his opening partner Jack Sheerin for 21.

McKinnon's 2/18 was edged out as the pick of Korumburra's figures by teammate Scott Head (2/17), while skipper Darren Scott finished with 2/25.

Nobody could really get going when Korumburra batted, with skipper Scott's 16 the biggest score.

Anstey's already good day for Wonthaggi got better as he claimed 4/24, while Lucas McRae snarelled 4/17, the pair's commanding 16 over combined effort ensuring the Cobras couldn't challenge Club's score.

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Town captain Luke Ashton comes forward to play a defensive shot.

## Inverloch triumphs in last over against MDU

### B GRADE, DIVISION 1

INVERLOCH finished the job with a couple of balls to spare and five wickets in hand against Meenyan Dumbalk United after the visiting MDU elected to bat and set the Stingrays a target of 156.

A sterling unbeaten 81 from 114 balls from Inverloch skipper Brett Debono laid the foundation for the Stingrays' successful chase.

John Richardson's 31 was the next biggest contribution for the winning side.

Andrew Richardson had the standout bowling figures for beaten MDU, conceding just 12 runs off his eight over allotment and dismissing Debono's opening partner Riley Harris for a duck.

Earlier, MDU made a slow and steady start to its innings, with opening pair Gary Webster and Wayne Prosser making 55 runs between them off a combined 136 balls.

Number three batsman Jai Bright stepped up the tempo striking 56 runs from 59 deliveries, including seven fours and a couple of sixes before being run out by Cooper Newman.

John Richardson was the pick of the Inverloch bowlers, sending down a miserly eight overs for just 13 runs and knocking over MDU skipper Craig Hoober for 18.

### Phillip Island too strong at home for Imperials

IMPERIALS chose to bat against host Phillip Island but were unable to set enough, despite the Sharks getting off to a shaky start in reply when Connor Epifano was sent on his way without scoring.

Phillip Island built its win around captain Kurt Lane's devastating 58 from 29 balls featuring four sixes and six boundaries.



OMK's Mitch Nicholas awaits delivery as Town wicketkeeper Davern Goss watches on.

### OMK flattens Town

LEONGATHA chose to send in visiting Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak at Scorpion Park, with OMK making a solid 6/146 from its 40 overs then delivering a powerful bowling and fielding display to secure a 68-run win.

OMK skipper Kris Kerr set the standard with the willow, making 65, with Mitchell Nicholas (21 not out) the next biggest contributor.

Viraj Peiris captured 3/32 for the Scorpions, with young leg spinner Ethan Smith taking 2/29, each bowling their maximum allotment of overs.

Wil Dawson's 18 was the highest score for Leongatha Town, with Ben Maguire's 3/14 from seven overs the best figures for victorious OMK.

### Korumburra musters enough against Cougars

WHILE Korumburra was knocked over for just 118 runs, with Jye Celebrine's 24 its best score, that total proved sufficient as the visiting Koonwarra Leongatha RSL could only combine for 82 runs.

The bulk of those came from the blade of Isuru Darshana who struck 34 runs.

Korumburra didn't allow the Cougars to settle, claiming regular wickets to reduce the visitors to 5/45, with the telling blow being the dismissal of Darshana by Bryce Riddell who finished with three wickets.

While the total rose to 71 before further loss, two wickets fell on that score.

### B GRADE

### DIVISION 1

#### Inverloch 5/159 d MDU 6/155

**MDU - 1st INNINGS:** G Webster 28, W Prosser 27, J Bright 56, M Hoober 2, C Hoober 18, T Zukovskis 3, C Fisher 11\*, A Dyke 2\*.   
Bowling: J Richardson 1/13, I Seuren 1/33, N Dobbie 0/6, A Mankhong 1/17, C O'Flynn 2/28, C Newman 0/25, T Debono 0/16, D Cashin 0/12

**Inverloch - 1st INNINGS:** B Debono 81\*, R Harris 0, K Joske 10\*, A Mankhong 0, J Richardson 31, I Seuren 0, J Rowe 1, T Debono 21\*.   
Bowling: A Richardson 1/12, J Palmer 1/27, J Bright 0/24, C Hoober 1/28, M Hoober 1/22, C Fisher 0/24, C Schwennesen 0/15

#### OMK 6/146 d Town 10/78

**OMK - 1st INNINGS:** K Kerr 65, C Quaife 8, D Creed 18, J Cuman 0, B Furness 7, S Taylor 5, M Nicholas 21\*, L Jones 0\*.   
Bowling: L Ashton 0/24, L May 0/10, T Strybosch 0/30, Y Ratnaike 1/15, E Smith 2/29, V Peiris 3/32 **Town - 1st INNINGS:** N Hodges 12, R Edwards 5, E Smith 0, Fill-in 10, Y Ratnaike 0, L Ashton 7, T Strybosch 3, L May 1, W, Dawson 18, D Goss 8\*, V Peiris 1.   
Bowling: S Taylor 1/16, B Maguire 3/14, J Greenwood 2/24, J Cuman 2/13, S Matthews 1/8

#### Phillip Island 5/110 d Imperials 10/106

**Imperials - 1st INNINGS:** G Sauvarin 9, C Bruce 11, F Botha 21, C Richards 15, A Casey 12, R McLennan 0, K Gray 1, C Reid 0, J Forrester 20, J Jeffery 3, L Anderson 0\*.   
Bowling: J Williams 1/21, H Arceo 1/27, D Womersley 2/8, K Lane 3/25, A Brayley 1/14 **Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS:** C Epifano 0, K Beaumont 9, T Blackwell 15, D Womersley 4, K Lane 58, H Peppard 6\*, M Arceo 5\*

#### Korumburra 10/118 d Koon L/RSL 10/82

**Korumburra - 1st INNINGS:** T M Allen 11, Z Barrett 22, M Allen 0, J Wrigley 12, S Dole 10, J Celebrine 24, L Gooch 3, P Richards 4, A Damon 7, B Riddell 3\*, M Olden 14.   
Bowling: No results supplied **Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS:** M Thomas 2, N Grimes 3, I Darshana 34, K Scrimshaw 0, A Drury 4, B Anderson 19, P Buckley 15, M Boswell 0, T Collins 0, R King 0, W Cashin 1\*.   
Bowling: No results supplied

### B GRADE

### DIVISION 2

#### OMK 8/110 d Foster 10/88

**OMK - 1st INNINGS:** R Quaife 0, T Walker 24, R White 15\*, B Walker 1, Private player 30\*, H Sorensen 3, P Harper 3, Michael Whiteside 7, Matt Whiteside 5\*, D Wylie 1\*.   
Bowling: D Clearihan 2/18, J Guganovic 1/22, S Chaseling 2/7, Fill-in 0/13, J Pilkington 0/6, J Chaseling 2/25, E Smith 1/17 **Foster - 1st INNINGS:** M Allott 5, J Pilkington 2, J Chaseling 21, B Busuttil 0, S Chaseling 2, D Clearihan 13, E Smith 14, S Webber 3, J Guganovic 8\*, J Anderson 0, B Cripps 0.   
Bowling: M Whiteside 3/4, D Wylie 0/18, H Sorensen 1/26, R White 4/16, T Walker 1/20, Private player 1/3

#### Nerrena 3/139 d Phillip Island 7/135

**Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS:** M Parsons 2, O Duggan 19, P Francis 1, T Hornsby 12, D McCausland 15, T Allan 22, P Cleary 40\*, A Williams 6, A Tolley 10\*.   
Bowling: D Grigg 0/11, C Baudinette 1/5, P Johnston 2/37, K Berryman 1/30, C Dougherty 0/35, R Elava 1/4, J Donohue 0/12 **Nerrena - 1st INNINGS:** A Harrison 0, B Gannon 48, R Jefferis 43\*, R Elava 19, C Baudinette 18\*.   
Bowling: M Parsons 1/17, T Allan 1/26, P Cleary 0/19, P Francis 0/22, A Williams 0/19, T Hornsby 1/14, A Tolley 0/13, Z Hughes 0/1

#### Kilcunda-Bass 4/54 d Glen Alvie 10/53

**Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS:** S Smith 3, J Tiziani 6, A Brown 4, Z Scholz 5, D Hale 0, A Moore 0, N Thatcher 21, J Brown 1, G Hynes 0, L McRae 4\*.   
Bowling: S Tapscott 3/21, B Rookes 3/19, R Duff 3/2, J Mahood 0/5, A Bedford 0/3, Todd Stacey 1/2 **Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS:** Brett Joseph 0, S Williams 19\*, S Leman 1, K McLean 6, R Gardiner 10, James Mahood 5\*.   
Bowling: L McRae 3/16, J Brown 0/7, G Hynes 1/13, N Thatcher 0/10, Z Scholz 0/7

#### Club 6/170 d Korumburra 10/73

**Club - 1st INNINGS:** W Speed 3, J Sheerin 21, J Lici 35, J Burns 11, J Shannon 1, A Babu 14, C Fraser 28\* L Anstey 41\*.   
Bowling: S McKinnon 2/18, B Nation 0/44, D Scott 2/25, S Head 2/17, P Churchill 0/47, G Edwards 0/14 **Korumburra - 1st INNINGS:** G Barrett 7, D Whelan 1, P Beadel 3, P Churchill 7, A Balfour 1, D Scott 16, P Edwards 10, B Nation 0, S Head 12, G Edwards 2, S McKinnon 0\*.   
Bowling: L Anstey 4/24, A Babu 0/11, L McRae 4/17, M Sharp 0/15, Chris Fraser 1/1, Jayden Burns 1/2

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**A1:** Ryan Thomas (Club) 75 ; Thomas Niven(Phillip Island) 3/6

**A2:** Henry Dolphin (Nyora) 117\* ; Ben McRae (Glen Alvie) 4/9

**B1:** Brett Debono (Inverloch) 81\* ; Ben Maguire (OMK) 3/14

**B2:** Brian Gannon (Nerrena) 48 ; Russ White (OMK) 4/16

**C:** Colin Knox (Nyora) 66 ; David Hynes (Glen Alvie) 3/8

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### NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

RND 5 - SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 4

#### A GRADE, Division 1

Town v Inverloch	Scorpion 1	Ashley Stride
Club v Imperials	Wonthaggi Turf	Ken Scrimshaw
OMK v Phillip Island	Outtrim	John Schelling
Sunday, November 5		
Korumburra v Nerrena	Korumburra	Glenn Plymin

#### A Grade, Division 2

Friday Night, November 3		
Club v Kilcunda-Bass	Dalyston	Garry Quilty / Glenn Plymin
Nerrena v Foster	Nerrena	Terry Rogers
Koonwarra L/RSL v MDU	Leongatha Turf	Les White
Nyora v Glen Alvie	Nyora	Ian Salmon

#### B GRADE, Division 1

MDU v OMK	Meeniyan	Brad Phillips
P-Island v Korumburra	Newhaven	Graham Wightman
Imperials v Town	East Campus	Oscar Tuchtan
Inverloch v Koon L/RSL	Inverloch Turf	Neil Grabham

#### B GRADE, Division 2

OMK v Nerrena	Digger Park	Michael Heenan
Korumburra v Glen Alvie	Korumburra	TBA
Kilcunda Bass v P-Island	Bass 1	TBA
Foster v Club	Foster GC	Michael Ryan

#### C GRADE - BYE ROUND

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Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
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A GRADE, Division 1			A GRADE, Division 2		
Phillip Island	24	6.203	Foster	24	2.200
Club	12	1.302	Nyora	24	1.886
Inverloch	12	1.251	Club	12	1.283
Korumburra	12	1.112	Glen Alvie	12	1.090
OMK	12	0.855	MDU	12	0.920
Town	12	0.786	Nerrena	12	0.649
Imperials	12	0.520	Koonwarra L/RSL	0	0.659
Nerrena	0	0.347	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0.471

B GRADE, Division 1			B GRADE, Division 2		
Inverloch	24	2.327	Kilcunda-Bass	24	2.894
OMK	24	2.079	OMK	24	2.067
Phillip Island	24	1.644	Nerrena	24	2.023
Koonwarra L/RSL	12	0.996	Club	12	1.438
Korumburra	12	0.954	Phillip Island	12	0.911
MDU	0	0.814	Foster	0	0.489
Town	0	0.495	Korumburra	0	0.395
Imperials	0	0.342	Glen Alvie	0	0.344

C GRADE		
Nyora	12	2.000
Koonwarra L/RSL	12	0.901
Phillip Island	12	0.505
Inverloch	12	0.000
Town	12	0.000
MDU	0	1.979
Glen Alvie	0	1.109
Korumburra	0	0.500
Kilcunda-Bass	0	0.000
OMK	0	0.000
Club	0	0.000

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Wonthaggi Club's Stewart Beaumont plays off his pads against Korumburra.

## Mixed bag on LDCA's second Saturday

#### A GRADE, DIVISION 1

AFTER the opening round of play in the Leongatha District Cricket Association's (LDCA) season was owned by Thilakaratne Dilshan's debut last week, the weekend's matches produced a mixed bag of results as things tightened up in A1.

#### OMK bounce back against Town

THREE teams opened their accounts after losses last week. One of which was OMK who bounced back beautifully after falling at the hands of Dilshan and the Cobras, easily taking care of Leongatha Town at the Outrim Recreation Oval.

The Diggers won the toss and chose to bat first, posting a decent total in the one-day contest, finishing 7/196 after their 40 overs thanks to a nice half century from Jake Cochrane (58 off 98) at the top of the order.

The Scorpion's chase didn't go to plan though, failing to find the same form they had a week prior against Wonthaggi, and falling for 130 all out, losing by 66-runs.

Ethan Lamers (3/21 from 8) the Digger's standout with the ball.

#### Club triumph securing first win

AFTER an astonishing debut last week, Thilakaratne Dilshan wasn't his same dominant self away from the Cobrads, as he and the Korumburra XI fell in Wonthaggi against Club.

The travelling Cobras won the toss and elected to send in their hosts to bat first but never really looked menacing enough to halt the Wonthaggi boys' momentum as they marched to 5/226 after their 40 overs.

Ryan Thomas (75 off 59) was the clear standout at number four, while Tom Crocker (2/40 from 7) tried hard with the ball.



A determined Tom Crocker in action against the might of Wonthaggi Club on Saturday.

In reply, the 'Burra boys readied their fierce batting lineup for a 200+ chase, but they never got the most out of it, seeing just three out of their 11 pass the 30 mark with the former Sri Lankan skipper (33 off 38) top scoring.

Ryan Birkett (3/26 from 5.1) pitched in with a brilliant spell for the hosts, who held the red-hot Cobras to 9/175 to take home their first win of the season.

#### Stingray's turn the tables on last season semi finalists

IN THE round's only match between two winless teams, it was Inverloch who came away with the points, taking down last season's Semi Finalists Nerrena by eight-wickets.

Nerrena won the toss on their temporary home deck at East Campus Oval and elected to bat first, but outside of their skipper Mitch Clark (55 off 101) and Timothy Wightman (39 off 47) they did not capitalise.

Stingrays skipper Andrew Donohue (3/31 from 8) stood tall and played a huge role in holding the hosts to 6/149.

#### Sharks dismantle Imperials

THE reigning premiers have sent a scary statement to the competition, going out clear on top of the table with a comprehensive win over the hometown Imperials at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

Phillip Island were asked to field first but that was a blessing in disguise, turning up the heat to the highest level and completely dismantling the Imps lineup.

Headed by Thomas Niven (3/6 from 5) the Sharks were feeding, skittling their hosts for just 56 inside 24 overs.

Against one of the competition's finest batting brigades, defending 56 was always going to be a tough task, and it proved too tough as the Islanders passed their target after 18 overs without losing a wicket to clinch the 10-wicket win and become the only undefeated team in the division.

## A GRADE

## DIVISION 1

## OMK 7/196 d Town 130

OMK – 1st INNINGS	
Jake Cochrane c: PG Rajapakshage	58
b: R Abeysinghe	58
Ethan Lamers c: F McLennan b: DLMP Gallage	28
Noel Creed run out: R Hume, J Giardina	20
Koby Brann c: J Giardina b: PG Rajapakshage	27
Paul Fermanis c: J Giardina b: DLMP Gallage	23
Jaxon Hayes run out: J Giardina	21
Adam Trotto b: A Ratnaike	3
Peter Dell not out	2
Nick Wylie not out	0
Extras (5w, 1nb, 7lb, 1b)	14
<b>Total 7/196 (40 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: PG Rajapakshage 8-0-25-1, A Ratnaike 5-0-26-1 (1w), DLMP Gallage 8-1-46-2 (3w), R Abeysinghe 6-1-17-1, F McLennan 5-1-27-0, R Hume 5-0-28-0 (1w), SC Clark 3-0-19-0	
Town – 1st INNINGS	
R Abeysinghe c: ? b: A Trotto	0
Jesse Giardina c: ? b: A Trotto	21
Amila Ratnaike c: ? b: P Dell	8
Pandukabhaya Jayasinghe c: A Trotto b: P Dell	3
DLMP Gallage c: N Auddino b: J Cochrane	58
Colin Bruce b: E Lamers	5
Archie Fixter c: ? b: E Lamers	3
Samuel Clark c: N Auddino b: E Lamers	0
Rhett Hume c: N Wylie b: M Sawyers	10
PG Rajapakshage c: ? b: J Hayes	7
Fletcher McLennan not out	3
Extras (12w)	12
<b>Total 10/130 (34.3 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: A Trotto 8-0-39-2 (4w), P Dell 5-2-14-2, E Lamers 8-1-21-3 (1w), N Auddino 4-1-8-0, J Hayes 5-0-22-1 (2w), J Cochrane 3-0-18-1, N Wylie 1-1-0-0, Mitchell Sawyers 0.3-0-8-1 (5w)	

## Inverloch 2/150 d Nerrena 6/149

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
Mitchell Clark c: D Clark b: A Donohue	55
Loc Roberts run out: L Rankin	1
Hayden Funnell c: C Asbury b: H Butcher	20
Timothy Wightman b: A Donohue	39
Jarrod Hoy c: D Clark b: R Newman	10
Ryan Clark st: J Butcher b: A Donohue	2
Darcy Berryman not out	7
James Kelly not out	4
Extras (4w, 1nb, 6lb)	11
<b>Total 6 / 149 (40 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: L Rankin 8-1-35-0 (3w), C Asbury 8-1-26-0 (1nb), R Newman 6-0-18-1 (1w), J Dugard 2-0-7-0, H Butcher 8-0-26-1, A Donohue 8-0-31-3	
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
Jack Butcher c: J Hoy b: Clark	22
Walter Taberner c: T Wightman b: R Clark	30
Andrew Donohue not out	46
Dylan Clark not out	44
Extras (6w, 1nb)	8
<b>Total 2 / 150 (35.5 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: J Trease 5-0-16-0 (1w), W Croatto 4-0-15-0 (4w), J Hoy 6.5-0-33-0 (1w, 1nb), T Wightman 8-2-29-0, R Clark 7-1-26-2, M Clark 3-0-21-0, D Berryman 2-0-9-0	

## Club 5/226 d Korumburra 9/175

Club – 1st INNINGS	
Mitch Thomas c: ? b: T Crocker	39
Stewart Beaumont c: J Whiteside b: T Dilshan	30
Ben Walsh c: ? b: P Edwards	20
Ryan Thomas c: J Richards b: T Crocker	75
Joel Brann run out: T Dilshan	44
Alexander Geyer not out	2
Emmet Dempsey not out	0
Extras (9w, 3nb, 3lb, 1b)	16
<b>Total 5 / 226 (40 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: J Whiteside 8-1-50-0 (4w, 2nb), H McNeil 6-1-30-0 (2w, 1nb), T Dilshan 8-0-31-1, T Crocker 7-0-40-2 (3w), H Ratnayake 8-0-57-0, P Edwards 3-1-14-1	
Korumburra – 1st INNINGS	
Tom Crocker c: J Hull b: R Birkett	32
Jason Richards c: J Sheerin b: M Thomas	4
Thilakaratna Dilshan c: J Hull b: R Thomas	33
Jacob Whiteside c: ? b: J Sheerin	19
Rumesh Rangana c: ? b: R Birkett	17
Hemal Ratnayake c: J Brann b: J Sheerin	30
Peter Edwards c: J Brann b: M McCall	5
Daniel Salmon c&b: M McCall	12
Noah Christensen not out	9
Mitch Young b: R Birkett	0
Harry McNeil not out	0
Extras (9w, 2nb, 2lb, 1b)	14
<b>Total 9 / 175 (35.1 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: J Brann 6-2-12-0, M Thomas 4-0-24-1, J Sheerin 8-0-50-2, R Thomas 4-1-31-1 (4w, 1nb), R Birkett 5.1-1-26-3 (5w, 1nb), M McCall 8-0-29-2	

## Phillip Island 0/57 d Imperials 56

Imperials – 1st INNINGS	
Luke Rogers c: L Cleeland b: S Ratnayake	13
Damon Ginnane lbw: S Ratnayake	0
Ryan Higgins c: L Cleeland b: S Kirton	2
DW Arachchige b: T Niven	16
Mark Lafferty b: T Niven	1
Timothy Sauvarin run out: T Niven, L Cleeland	0
Samuel Vagg not out	19
Aydan Williams c: B Johnston b: T Niven	0
Klayton McGrath run out	0
Martin Reidy b: G McCausland	2
Isaac Bolge b: Z Brown	0
Extras (2w, 1lb)	3
<b>Total 10/56 (23.3 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: SKirton 4-0-15-1, S Ratnayake 6-1-14-2, T Niven 5-1-6-3, Z Brown 7.3-0-20-1 (2w), G McCausland 1-0-1	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
Lachlan Cleeland not out	48
Heath Womersley not out	7
Extras (1w, 1lb)	2
<b>Total 0/57 (18.2 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: M Reidy 3-0-15-0, I Bolge 4-0-10-0, A Williams 0-6-0, T Sauvarin 3-1-8-0, D Ginnane 3.2-1-12-0, K McGrath 2-0-5-0 (1w)	



Glen Alvie's Andrew Dakin awaits behind the stumps as son Matt delivers to Kilcunda-Bass' Jaydan Tregear.

## Runs and wickets aplenty in A2

## A GRADE, DIVISION 2

WONTHAGGI picked up their first win of the season in an interesting second outing for the LDCA's A2 division, taking home a 73-run win over Koonwarra L/RSL in a McMahon Reserve runs fest.

The hosts won the toss and chose to bat first and posted a mammoth total of 6/254 after their 40 overs, highlighted by a Lochlan McLean's (105 off 63) century, David Britt's (98 off 92) near century and their 99-run stand.

The Club pair put Cougars skipper James Rushton (2/33 from 5.4) and his men to the sword and although they pitched in a brave effort in the chase behind Azhar Mehmood (66 off 68), the fatal blow had already been dealt.

Jake Trevisi (3/34 from 8) was great with the ball in the win, and helped hand Koony their second loss in as many games.

### A captains century

ANOTHER team who topped the 200 mark in their win was Nyora who got the chocolates at home against Nerrena on the weekend.

The hosts won the toss and never really looked back, getting behind their star opener Henry Dolphin (117\*) who's marvellous captain's century, alongside Aaron Kaddatz' (53) efforts, saw them race to 2/226 after their 40.

Archie Gannon (1/30 from 7) was gallant with the ball, but his side had a lot of chasing to do to bring home the win and they competed admirably but couldn't get it done, falling 47-runs short.

Tadgh Gannon (54) was the standout for the visitors against Dolphin (3/8 from 4) and the quality Nyora attack.

### Four-wicket win

ON THE other side of the tape, there was a couple of low scoring affairs as MDU



Glen Alvie bowler Matt Dakin on his way to figures of 2/33 off eight overs for the match.



Kilcunda-Bass' Aaron Conron caught lbw by Glen Alvie bowler Nathan Findlay.

fell to Foster at the Meeniyann Recreation Reserve to the tune of six-wickets.

The Demons won the toss and elected to bat, but it backfired on them, losing all of their wickets before their allotted overs were completed with just 92 runs on the board.

Opener Mitch McGrath (28 off 63) top scored in an outing to forget for the hosts, as the Tigers feasted behind the performance of Josh Toner (3/22 from 8).

In reply, despite losing both openers for less than 10, the visitors made easy work of the simple total, clinching the win just four wickets down with 16 overs remaining.

### Backfiring first bat

ANOTHER low scoring game was the contest between Kilcunda-Bass and Glen Alvie, which saw the visiting Alvie XI also claim a six-wicket win.

The Sharks won the toss and elected to bat first but just as it had for the Dees' it backfired too for Killy' Bass, losing all ten of their wickets for 111, although they were able to last into the final over.

Matthew Grayson (34 off 54) top scored in the innings while Ben McRae (4/9 from 7.4) did the damage with the ball.

In reply, the Alvie were able to reach the total inside 32 overs but not without a challenge from Todd Smith (1/17 from 8) and the Sharks.

## A GRADE

## DIVISION 2

## Nyora 2/226 d Nerrena 7/179

Nyora – 1st INNINGS	
Henry Dolphin not out	117
Daniel Esler c: B Trotman b: A Gannon	31
Aaron Kaddatz c: J Renden b: J Checkley	53
Gavin Hackett not out	1
Extras (15w, 7nb, 2b)	24
<b>Total 2/226 (40 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: J Checkley 7.5-0-58-1, M Croatto 2-0-10-0, A Gannon 6-0-30-1, T Harris 7-0-55-0, B Tauro 5-0-39-0, Z Trease 0-23-0, T Gannon 4.1-0-9-0	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
Zack Trease b: L Row	30
Josh Checkley c: J Shields b: L Row	4
Brandon Tauro c: J Henry b: M Rowe	31
Tadgh Gannon b: G Hackett	54
Joel Renden b: H Dolphin	28
Mitchell Croatto c: J Hackett b: H Dolphin	0
Dave Trotman not out	4
Tyson Harris st: J Shields b: H Dolphin	2
Billy Trotman not out	2
Extras (13w, 3nb, 2lb, 6b)	24
<b>Total 7/179 (40 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: L Brock 2-0-17-0 (2nb), H Dolphin 4-2-8-3 (1w), G Hackett 4-0-17-1 (3w, 1nb), J Henry 8-0-42-0 (2w), A Kaddatz 8-2-14-0 (1w), L Row 8-2-41-2 (4w), M Rowe 6-0-32-1 (2nb)	

## Foster 4/93 d MDU 92

MDU – 1st INNINGS	
Joel Sinclair c: H Griggs b: Fill-in	18
Mitch McGrath c: Fill-in b: H Griggs	28
Troy Sinclair lbw: J Toner	1
Steve Arnup c: H Griggs b: J Toner	11
Matt Olden c: J Toner b: H Griggs	0
Scott Browne c: H Griggs b: B Coates	

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A big crowd of golfers turned out on Sunday to back Korumburra's Billie Wrigley with his aspirations to take golf to the next level at the Gippsland Sports Academy next year. That's Billie front and centre with parents Matt and Tanya.

## How Korumburra backed Billie's golfing ambitions

A CHILD doesn't grow up in one home, according to the old African proverb, it takes a village to raise a child.

And the truth of that saying was evident at the Korumburra Golf Club on Sunday this week when close to a capacity field of golfers turned out to support Billie Wrigley's aspirations for golf, having just been selected to join the Gippsland Sports Academy's golf program.

"Yeah, it's good," said Billie of the strong turnout at the picturesque Korumburra Golf Course, nestled in the green rolling Strzelecki hills above the town.

It's not always the case at Korumburra Golf Club, where the course is starting to look its best after the winter,

but the weather was absolutely superb for golf and for a successful fundraiser.

Billie set off with a group of young mates to play in the 18-hole competition, a mixed four-ball event, but without a lot to prove after winning the foursomes championship at Korumburra the day before with partner Roy Fleming, the pair taking out the scratch with 74 off the stick, and also the handicap with a 65 nett – a nice day's work!

There was a hum of conversation and preparation in front of the clubhouse shortly before 10am on Sunday, then the 16 groups of four fanned out to their assigned tee positions for the shotgun start.

There were raffles, a sausage sizzle and awards

afterwards and a healthy sum raised to help with Billie's expenses next year, but it was more about the community coming together to support one of their own.

And at its best, that's what life in a country town is all about.

The winners of the four-person Ambrose were Paul Cooke, Mat Wrigley, Matt Harland and Tanya Wrigley 48.75, runners-up Oliver Cox, Levi Cocksedge, Jacob Wrigley and Christopher Buckland 54.25. Straightest drive Matt Henchall. A field of 63 played.

For anyone who wasn't able to attend but might like to make a donation in lieu, this can be done to account; BSB: 063 515 Acc: 1015 1946.



Among those teeing up a ball to support Billie Wrigley's golfing goals last Sunday were Jennie Loughnan, Kerri Besley, Heather Grist and Lyn McIvor.

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