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Smokin' bust

After making a record of the evidence, police gathered together more than 6000 cannabis plants and destroyed them onsite at the Koonwarra property, taking precautions to reduce the impact from the toxic smoke.

Police seize \$26M cannabis crop at Koonwarra

SOUTH Gippsland was the centre of two major police operations last week as officers uncovered one of Victoria's largest-ever hydroponic cannabis crops during a raid at Koonwarra on Tuesday, before an exchange of gunfire promoted one of the largest contingent of police to descend on a remote rural location at Dumbalk North on Thursday.

In fact, it was while Major Drug Squad (MDS) detectives were hard at work gathering evidence and destroying 6525 cannabis plants from the elaborate hydroponic setup at a property on Koonwarra-Inverloch Road

that the call went out about shots being fired at police around 1.30pm on Thursday, with the shooter still at large.

See story inside.

As a result of the massive drug bust, five Vietnamese nationals, four men and one woman aged 54, 51, 47, 35 and 25, were arrested and charged with cultivating and trafficking a commercial quantity of cannabis after officers from MDS, Morwell Divisional Response Unit and local uniform officers executed a search warrant at 7.45am on Tuesday, October 22.

The crop, with a staggering street value of more than \$26 million, was found in commercial-sized greenhouses on a leased rural property with officers reporting the plants ranged from small seedlings to fully mature specimens at a weight of 1.7 tonnes.

"Combatting the impact of drugs on our community is a major focus of Victoria Police," Major Drug Squad Detective Acting Inspector Leemara Fairgrieve said, noting the seizure would have a significant impact on the illicit drug trade.

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Dumbalk North ‘shooter’ remanded in custody

ARMED Crime Squad detectives have charged a 56-year-old Dumbalk North man with nine offences including discharging a firearm at police officers following a ‘siege’ incident in South Gippsland last Thursday, October 24.

It has been reported that investigators from the Illicit Firearms Squad attended a Foster-Mirboo Road address in Dumbalk North to execute a firearms warrant about 1.30pm last Thursday.

It is alleged a man who resides at the address fired shots at detectives.

They returned fire and while they weren’t injured during the incident, it has been reported that the offender sustained a gunshot wound before fleeing on foot.

Dozens of members of Victoria’s special operations group and critical response team descended on the scene, spending hours searching for the man until he was located injured at the property just after 5pm and he was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

While the incident unfolded, nearby farmers were instructed to stop working in their paddocks and to lock themselves in at home. Police also set up roadblocks at all access points, stopping movement in and out of the area for three hours.

Among those waiting at the roadblock at the corner of Farmers Road and Meeniyah-Mirboo North Road (Loves Lane) was



The scene at the corner of Milford Road and Farmers Road, Dumbalk North near where police set up a command post following an exchange of gunshots, allegedly between police and a local resident.

Dumbalk North resident Mitch Snow.

“I just want to get home and make sure everyone is alright,” he said, acknowledging he was unaware of exactly what was going on, beyond the significant police presence, or how long the roads might be closed.

Other residents of the small Dumbalk North community, some of them locked away inside homes near the incident scene, expressed their concerns on ABC Radio while the incident was still active.

Ultimately, police reopened the roads at about 5pm, after the alleged offender had been found, arrested and taken from the scene.

Police have reported that a 56-year-old man has been charged with a range of offences including:

- discharge a firearm at police officers
- reckless conduct endangering life
- 5 x assault emergency workers
- discharge firearm being reckless to the safety of a police officer on duty
- prohibited person possess firearm and ammunition.

He was remanded in custody to appear before the Melbourne Magistrates’ Court on January 20, 2025.

New IGA rewards program

Dear customers,

We will be launching our new rewards IGA rewards program in stores on Wednesday 6th of November. Our team will be assisting customers to sign up for the new program and customers that sign up in the first week will go into the draw to win 1 of 20 \$50 IGA gift cards.

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- Automatic entry into national member prize draws each month you scan your card
- Personalised offers emailed
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Customers will still earn one point per dollar spent in store but we will also have other benefits available to our members such as:

- The ability to redeem points to get dollars off your shop, at any value they wish at any time
- Points can be used to get a store gift card or items from the gift cabinet
- Automatic entry into our weekly prize draw to win a \$50 gift card just by making a qualifying purchase during that week
- Automatic entry for all store competitions

With the launch of a new rewards program, the previous rewards program will be ceasing. Customers will have a choice on how they would like to spend their existing point balance. There will be three options available such as using their points to get dollars off their shop, loading their point value onto a gift card or getting an item from the gift cabinet.

Customers will have until the 28th of February 2025 to redeem their points on the old rewards program or they will expire. We encourage customers to make their redemption choice when signing up for the new program to ensure they do not miss out on redeeming their balance.

We look forward to sharing this new program with you.

Police seize \$26M cannabis crop at Koonwarra

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“This is one of the most significant and complex cannabis hydroponic set-ups that we have seen in recent times.

“Drugs are a major driver of crime and this investigation shows our ongoing commitment against the illicit substances trade within Victoria and criminals who are attempting to benefit from this type of community harm.”

Police revealed that the operation was the result of information they received.

It’s understood the horticultural property, which was purchased in February 2024, contains at least two enclosed controlled-environment greenhouse growing areas measuring



Drone footage provided by Victoria Police shows the crops as they are removed from the greenhouses.

approximately 3500 sqm. Police said that the property was leased to the alleged perpetrators.

It took three days and a considerable amount of effort by up to 15 specialist police officers to exhibit the evidence, destroy the plants on site and clean up the scene.

Crime scene guards remained at the site overnight while the recording of evidence proceeded and ultimately the plants

were burned.

Police noted that precautions were taken when the cannabis was burned by fire personnel, due to the hazardous smoke.

“We urge members of the community to report any suspicion of drug-related activity to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report at crimestoppersvic.com.au,” Det Acting Inspector Fairgrieve said.

Watch the full interview with Detective Acting Inspector Leemara Fairgrieve from the Major Drug Squad livestreamed on Youtube at sgst.com.au.

The alleged offenders were remanded to appear in Latrobe Valley Magistrates’ Court on March 7, 2025.

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IN BRIEF

Its all about the
stairs in Bass Coast

BASS Coast Shire Council's Infrastructure Delivery team will start work on November 11 (subject to weather) to upgrade the Kilcunda Foreshore beach stairs.

These works have been scheduled during a period of predicted good weather and be ready in plenty of time for the sun and beach season!

The upgrade follows works currently underway in Cowes.

Works include a new hand-rail with part of the stairs to be removed and replaced. The stairs are well used and for the safety of residents and visitors are in need of an upgrade.

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

An alternate beach access point is Kilcunda Carpark Stairs East.

Details of this project can be viewed on Engage Bass Coast – engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au.

Leonard's hub launch

DEB Leonard, Independent candidate for Monash federal election is very pleased to have secured a Campaign Hub in Leongatha, right in the heart of the electorate.

"This will serve as a place for volunteers to meet, collect flyers and other merchandise, socialise and for members of the public to meet me and find out more about the campaign," Deb said.

To celebrate, Deb and the team are inviting the public to a Hub Launch on Wednesday, November 6 from 6pm to 8pm. Nibbles and drinks will be provided.

The Hub is located at 40B and C Bair Street and will take over the space where the Bronte's Store once was.

"We take over the lease on November 1 and will have lots of busy volunteers setting it up in preparation for the

launch. The rent is paid from donations raised over recent months from the community."

Deb said that momentum for the campaign is growing fast, with many people dissatisfied with the lack of meaningful action from both parties on issues such as costs of living, housing and regional roads, over the last decade.

"It's time for some fresh representation, someone that actually works for us, not for a party," said John from Meenyan, who is volunteering with the campaign.

RSVPs are essential for catering purposes; you can RSVP at debleonard4monash.com.au/events.

Cowes fire treated
as suspicious

A FIRE was reported at 3.45pm on Thursday, October 24 after an abandoned property opposite Coles and behind St Philips Anglican Church went up in flames.

Sergeant Chris Brinkman from Cowes Police Station was on the scene, blocking off access to Church Street while the Phillip Island and San Remo CFA responded to the situation.

"We're treating the fire as suspicious at this stage. We are aware that a couple of individuals were squatting in the property," Brinkman stated.

The Bass Coast Criminal Investigation Unit has since taken over the investigation with a 51-year-old man from Cowes assisting police with enquiries.

Authorities also warned the public to keep their windows closed due to the presence of asbestos in the roof of the building. While most smoke had dissipated by 5pm, the precaution remained in place.

Leadership change
at local school

PARENTS at a Gippsland school were advised last Tuesday, October 22 of the appointment of an acting principal at the initiative of

the Education Department.

Noting that authorities were unable to provide further detail on the circumstances, the school explained to parents that "there are policies and procedures that we are required to follow to ensure the integrity of the processes that are underway".

The school offered to provide an update when possible.

The news comes at a key time with VCE exams in full swing this week, starting with the English exam on Tuesday, October 29.

Operation Furlong

STAY safe, drive to the conditions and have patience this long weekend.

Police will be out in force over the Melbourne Cup long weekend with Operation Furlong kicking off on Friday, November 1 at 00.01am and finishing on Tuesday, November 5 at 23.59pm.

Highly visible police will be out on arterial roads and throughout Bass Coast and South Gippsland to increase driver awareness and encourage responsible driving to reduce the exposure to road trauma on road users. Police will be targeting high risk driving and will not tolerate speeding, distracted driving, driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, driving without seatbelts and fatigued driving.

Tomato planting time

IT'S Melbourne Cup weekend and the perfect weather to get out in the garden and plant those delicious red treats.

Head into Townsend Nursery, 315 West Area Road, Wonthaggi to snap a plant or two, open 9am to 5pm daily (closed Tuesdays).

From Branch Line
to Rail Trail

ROB Waycott's much anticipated book is launching this Wednesday (October 30) at Mirboo and District Historical Society (upstairs Shire Hall

Mirboo North).

Commencing at 4pm, everyone is welcome to attend the launch of From Branch Line to Rail Trail with books available to order through the Mirboo and District Historical Society.

Save the date for
Dalyston Show & Shine

AFTER dusting off the ute for this weekend's Tarwin District Community Lifestyle and Automotive Festival, keep her clean because Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club are bringing back their hugely successful Show & Shine to Dalyston Recreation Reserve on November 17, 7am – 2pm. Save the date and check out our special coverage next edition.

Gippsland TAFE
teachers stop work

TEACHERS from Gippsland TAFE have stopped work today as part of statewide protest over pay and conditions.

All TAFE Gippsland campuses are affected including Leongatha.

TAFE teachers are rallying outside the Morwell office of Harriet Shing MP as part of their industrial and political campaign to secure a fair and reasonable pay and conditions agreement.

The TAFE teachers are participating in a range of industrial actions including a ban on recording student results and completions, not working during unpaid hours, and a ban on state Labor MP campus visits.

It is almost two years since TAFE teachers received their last pay rise and almost two and a half years since the start of negotiations for improved wages and conditions.

TAFE teachers voted to escalate industrial action after the state government failed to put a decent offer on the table after an historic statewide twenty-four hour stop work in August.

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‘Sentence can’t soften the impact’ said Judge

COUNTY Court Judge Nola Karapanagiotidis acknowledged in court last Wednesday, October 23 that the sentence she was about to hand down to the man convicted of causing the death of Poowong teenager Noah Peacock would in no way soften the impact of his loss on the family and the wider community.

After pleading guilty to two charges arising out of a fiery crash on the South Gippsland Highway at Jeetho in August 2022, one of dangerous driving causing death and another of failing to render assistance at the scene, Jayden Tyler Colverd, 28 of Hampton Park, was handed a total custodial sentence of four years.

He will be eligible for parole after two years and nine months, but having already served 798 days of the sentence, he could be out of jail as early as May next year.

Judge Karapanagiotidis said the penalty in no way reflected the value of Noah’s life or the devastation felt by both the family and the local community but was instead the result of taking a wide range of factors into account. These included the seriousness of the wrongdoing, considered as “mid-range” by the court and both legal counsels, aggravating circumstances including the drugs and alcohol in Colverd’s system, fleeing the scene and prior offending, but also mitigating factors including the offender’s age, his early guilty plea, prospects for rehabilitation, difficult family circumstances, drug and alcohol use from an early age now under treatment, Colverd’s remorse and the recent diagnosis of ADHD



The “tragic and wholly avoidable circumstances” of the death of Poowong teenager Noah Peacock reached a conclusion in the Melbourne County Court on Wednesday when Judge Nola Karapanagiotidis handed down her sentence.

and PTSD.

Just as it has been right through the legal process, the courtroom was filled with the family and friends of Noah who had made their final pilgrimage to Melbourne from Poowong, Korumburra, Leongatha and the surrounding area to witness the dispensing of justice after what the judge described as “the tragic and wholly avoidable circumstances at Jeetho on August 11, 2022”.

As Colverd was being led from court, a family member directed some pointed remarks in his direction.

Prior to sentencing, a harrowing account of what happened on that day was read out to a silent courtroom.

“The collision occurred when a vehicle driven by the offender failed to negotiate the left curve alignment of the road and crossed onto the incorrect side of the highway and collided with a car being driven by Noah Peacock. The offender was 25 years of age at the time of the offending and resided with his mother in Hampton Park. He was unlicensed at the time, having his licence cancelled and disqualified from driving on the 18th of February 2022 for a period of two years. The victim of the incident was Noah Peacock who was 19 years old at the time.”

The South Gippsland Highway at the location, between Loch and Korumburra was

described as wet but in good condition, the sun was out and the visibility good.

Noah, a talented junior footballer, was on his way to football training. The offender, who was driving a white 2004 Ford Falcon station wagon, registered in his mother’s name, was driving to Leongatha allegedly to purchase an X-Box console.

A witness to the incident, Eleanora Biro, described being passed by Colverd’s car at about 4.20pm on Thursday, August 11, having just passed through the town of Loch. She was approaching the passing lanes when she noticed a car coming up from behind her “going like a rocket”. It happened “like a flash” she said, and the car was gone “in the blink of an eye”.

She lost sight of the white car for a brief moment but when she came around the next bend, she saw that it had collided head-on with another vehicle, having crossed double lines. The silver car, being driven by Noah Peacock, had been pushed by the force of the accident over to the left side of the road where it had hit a tree and was ablaze. Debris, including the car’s engine, was in the middle of the road.

As well as causing the crash and the death of the victim, Colverd ran from the scene and was not located by police until 4.50pm. He was later found to have both alcohol and Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (also known as THC) in his system, not enough to sustain a culpable driving charge, but enough for the judge to acknowledge that it likely impaired Colverd’s driving on the day.

Grantville woman floored by \$2 million Lotto win

A GRANTVILLE woman is \$2 million better off after being one of the weekend’s 10 division one TattsLotto winners, declaring she’ll forever treasure the moment she received a phone call to break the good news.

She and her husband were completely oblivious to their good fortune until The Lott made contact to reveal the enormity of their prize.

“You have a terrific job; you’ve knocked me off my seat,” the winner told The Lott

official on the other end of the line.

Saturday’s winning entry was purchased at Grantville Newsagency and LPO.

Owner Anant Patel bought the business in 2020 and has had a TattsLotto franchise for about two and a half years.

A staff member called on Sunday morning to tell him the exciting news, with Anant more than happy to have his rest interrupted.

“I was waiting for such a long time and I was pumped up,”

he said.

Many people ask whether the business has sold a division one winning ticket and the positive news is likely to encourage more people to give themselves a shot at a life-changing windfall.

Persistence paid off for the ecstatic winner.

“I’ve had a TattsLotto ticket each week for decades; where there’s luck, there’s hope,” she said.

“I’m a realistic person, but I’ve always had the hope and

always thought you’ve got to be in something to win it.”

The winner and her husband already have a few ideas on how to spend some of the prize.

“We’d love to help a couple of charities close to our hearts and, of course, family,” she said.

“We love travelling around Australia and it’s such a massive country, so this will help us have future adventures.”

Of the 10 division one winners, only one was in Victoria.

Beach safety messaging targetted at Cup weekend visitors

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks and Bass Coast Shire Council have started a public awareness campaign for beach safety ahead of the influx of visitors for the Melbourne Cup long weekend that will feature in the Phillip Island and Bass Coast Visitor Guide and on social media in various languages, alongside local media.

Council and the Nature Parks have been working closely with Parks Victoria, Life Saving Victoria and emergency services to review and collaborate on aspects of beach safety after a disastrous start to 2024 that saw six people drown across

Bass Coast beaches.

Visual inspections of beach safety signage will be conducted along the coastline to ensure visibility in the lead-up to summer and additional signage will be installed at certain beaches to improve the prominence of ‘swimming not advised’ messaging.

Every booked visitor to the Nature Parks from November through to April will also receive a beach safety message with their email confirmation reminding them to download the Surf Life Saving Beachsafe app and access important information available on the Life

Saving Victoria website. A new ‘safety’ website page has also been launched at penguins.org.au/visit/safety.

Catherine Basterfield, Chief Executive Officer at Phillip Island Nature Parks said the south coast of Phillip Island is famous for its fantastic surf and spectacular views, however its rugged and exposed coastline can be hazardous.

“The devastating incidents in Bass Coast last summer are an unfortunate reminder of the dangers of the ocean and particularly unpatrolled beaches.”

“As the long weekend

approaches and we welcome more visitors to explore Phillip Island, we want everyone to keep safe.”

Bass Coast Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Greg Box, said all organisations were committed to ensuring tourists are properly informed about the risks of our beaches “Bass Coast is a wonderful place where tourists and locals can experience beautiful beaches safely and we will continue to work closely with the Nature Parks, Parks Victoria and Life Saving Victoria to get that message out there,” Mr Box said.

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The site of the new IGA in Korumburra remains empty after almost a year after demolition began. ob01_4424

No firm date for construction of new Korumburra IGA

THE NEW IGA for Korumburra has been a long time coming, with the land first acquired in 2017, it wasn't until June 2023 that the site was officially handed over. In November last year, the plans and design documents for the new supermarket were fully endorsed by the council and demolition of the site began. A builder had been appointed and tenders were being sought from suitable subcontractors. At the time, Dom D'Agostino the IGA General Manager said they were anticipating an opening date for the

new, larger IGA to be in early to mid-2025. While excavation and construction works were anticipated to start in February of this year to meet that opening date, the site remains empty, almost a year after demolition began. According to an IGA spokesperson, due to the weather conditions, the builders had been appointed to another site with potential plans for construction to begin in January 2025. However, this is a tentative date only, so Korumburra locals shouldn't hold their breath.



Danny O'Brien MP and Melina Bath MP with Ray Poletti from Fish Creek CFA.

Get involved in volunteer survey

VOLUNTEERS are being encouraged to take part in a new survey to gauge the state of volunteering in Victoria. Nationals' MP and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Volunteers, Melina Bath said the study which is being conducted by Volunteering Victoria aims to capture trends and challenges in volunteering. "Each and every day, volunteers generously donate their time and talents making a positive contribution to our communities," said Ms Bath. "Whether it's delivering emergency services, caring for our environment, fundraising, coaching or administering

sport or cultural activities, or providing social support to people in need, our volunteers are truly the heart and soul of community." The last State of Volunteering report in 2019 showed volunteers contributed a staggering fifty-eight billion dollars' worth of benefits across Victoria. The Volunteering Victoria research team is hosting in-depth qualitative research sessions online and in person for volunteer managers, emergency services volunteers. To attend a forum or take the survey go to volunteeringvictoria.org.au/get-involved-state-of-volunteering-vic/#forums

Financial hurdles ahead for new Bass Coast council

THE polls have closed in local council elections and the first indications about who the voters have selected to represent them will come on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning in Bass Coast when the first preference votes from Group A ballots are expected to be revealed. But voters should be hoping that at least some of those elected can read a balance sheet. With a significant black-hole looming for Bass Coast, including a blowout in council borrowings from \$24.2 million in June 2024 to \$28.792 million by June 2025 and interest costs topping \$1.2m the following year, avid council watcher Graham Jolly has called for a focus on finances by the new council. "Why have our elected councillors not spoken up about the cost blowouts of 54 capital works projects, for example, to the tune of \$12,128,319 and the fact some of the 54 CWP are not complete but have already fully expended their budgets at June 30, 2024, taking the blowout to \$17,188,453?" said Mr Jolly. Among the variations is the \$47,369 spent on the Harmony Bells at the Cowes cultural centre where there was no budget, the additional \$107,000 spent on the Rhyll Hall (still 'underway' at June 30, 2024) and the \$262,459 over-spend on EV charges (budget \$345,754, actual \$608,213). Two bridge culverts at Ker-not (Gary Road \$247,500 over, Loch-Kernot Road \$133,000 over) went over budget while the replacement of toilets budget went underspent by \$174,000. With finances so tight, Mr Jolly asked why is it our councillors have sat silent on publishing the operations (income/expenditures) of the Cowes Cultural Centre as a stand-alone report quarterly. "Calling for a report on the real cost of Berninnet and reviewing its operations, including its financial performance as a stand-alone report, should be one of the first decisions of the next council." Mr Jolly also claims de-

partment budgets have been overspent by \$4.485 million. The annual report also quotes that 'Cash and cash equivalents' at the shire are expected to fall from \$49.8m at the end of June 2025 to \$34.6m at the end of June 2027. Mr Jolly is concerned about the shape of the shire's finances going forward, with no policy on achieving efficiencies in council operations, and he's not the only one. Speaking to the State Government's 'Economy and Infrastructure Committee' last month at Traralgon, during an Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Services, Bass Coast CEO Greg Box noted that even at \$103 million the Bass Coast Shire had a smaller budget than Carey Grammar School with an expenditure of \$113 million this year, despite having "1000 kilometres of local roads, 400 buildings and 200 kilometres of coastline" to look after. Speaking about the rate cap and rising costs going forward, Mr Box said the shire would need to find an additional \$1.6m annually if it wanted to keep from adding more roads to the 10 per cent in the "poor" category, and another \$1.2m to shift the cost of collecting rubbish from public areas away from the waste service charge (where it is unfairly paid only by those who get a bin pickup) to general rates. Both moves would soak up most, if not all of the revenue increase the shire could expect to get from the mandated 2.75 per cent increase in rates, without taking account of inflationary pressures elsewhere. Speaking about the fact that the 2.75 per cent increase in rates didn't even match the CPI of 3.8 per cent, Mr Box said there wasn't any concrete in the CPI basket. "For us, we do not buy too much milk, too many of those baskets of goods. We do buy a lot of concrete, a lot of electricity; a lot of the things that are actually escalating at costs that are way over that. We are finding a widening gap ultimately, and I guess that is one of the messages that we want to

send today." The impact of cost-shifting from other levels of government, on to local councils, was also discussed. Wrapping up, the Member for Eastern Victoria, Tom McIntosh MP, a member of the review committee, raised the impact of climate change and coastal erosion on the shire's budget and whether the council was able to factor in its response in the budget. However, while Mr Box acknowledged shared responsibility for the impacts of climate change in general and coastal erosion in particular, the shire simply did not have the resources to factor in a significant response to coastal erosion. "Our communities are living in places that we know are projected for inundation over many years, and as a consequence, we have to hold that conversation. Many of our assets, for example, in Inverloch, will be affected. When I say that as a council, I mean community assets will be affected in places like Inverloch, so there is a shared need for resolution in those spaces," said Mr Box. The Bass Coast Shire Council's financial position is so tight at the moment that it didn't have the money to go after and match grant funding available from the Federal Government's \$600 million Growing Regional Program, specifically designed to fund pools and sporting ovals to support community liveability. At a recent council meeting, Mr Box said the contribution required for this program was not in the current budget. "Following the adoption of the Phillip Island Recreation Reserve Masterplan, future funding is subject to review of Council's Long Term Financial Plan," he said at the time. Reviewing the Council's Long Term Financial Plan, developing a four-year plan and signing off on the shire's Vision Statement, all key guiding documents for council's programs, services and capital expenditure, will be among the first orders of business for the new council.



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Funding support for VIC emergency services

CORINELLA CFA, and Woolamai Beach, Inverloch and Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Clubs are among the emergency service providers across Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires, and other parts of Victoria, to benefit from this year's Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) grants.

The State Government grants, totalling over \$15 million, are intended to ensure Victoria's emergency service volunteers have the equipment they need to do their lifesaving work.

The annual grants program supports emergency services volunteer groups to purchase essential operational equipment like vehicles and appliances and undertake minor facility improvements.

Corinella CFA captain David Cox spoke of the importance of the \$288,333 funding that will help the brigade obtain a new light tanker.

"We are very fortunate and overwhelmed to be selected as one of the grant recipients and the acquisition of a second firefighting appliance further strengthens our ability to protect our Waterline communities and our neighbouring brigade response areas in their time of need," he said.

David described it as a great day for Corinella Fire Brigade and while highly appreciative of the government support also praised the local efforts that



Corinella CFA volunteers prepare for the season ahead and are excited by the announcement that will see them secure a new light tanker. Z01_4124

have been made.

"It couldn't have been achieved without the support and donations from our wonderful community," he said of the improvement to the brigade's capabilities.

"A lot of hard work from our dedicated members has now shown that anything can be achieved when we work hard to put our community first," David said.

Poowong CFA benefits from a grant of \$145,833 for vehicles and appliances, while Tarwin Lower District CFA gets \$140,833.

San Remo CFA got a \$100,000 grant for minor facility improvements, and Inverloch CFA received \$71,000 towards a Field Command Vehicle.

Dumbalk CFA obtained \$1526 for volunteer amenities,

with Mirboo North CFA getting just over \$4600 towards operational equipment.

Pound Creek CFA received a little more than \$2400 for battery operated tools.

With the ongoing threat of bushfires for regional Victoria, CFA will receive more than \$11 million to fund 179 initiatives.

Life Saving Victoria clubs will get almost \$880,000 towards what they need to respond during the busy summer period.

This includes more than \$80,000 for Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club for a complete makeover of the Smiths Beach Hut, with wall panel works, inside painting works and stair replacement.

Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club received \$31,246, while Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club gained \$43,178.

Inverloch's funding is assisting with the purchase of rescue boards, defibrillators, storage units and racks for anchors, buoys and hose reels.

Waratah Beach Surf Life Saving Club received just over \$26,500.

Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club were successful to the tune of \$19,160 towards rescue equipment including IRB Hull, outboard motors and surf rescue kit.

Minor facility improvements at Leongatha SES will be assisted through a \$14,000 grant.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale congratulated all the successful local volunteer groups, acknowledging their "stellar fundraising efforts and community support", which combined with government funding enabled them to obtain the necessary equipment.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien paid credit to local volunteers and stressed the importance of the VESEP grants.

"Our local volunteers put in countless hours supporting their communities, whether it's attending to fires, patrolling surf beaches or helping out in times of storm and flood," he said.

"The VESEP program is a critical source of funds for equipment to help them do their job supporting and keeping our communities safe."

Victoria's fire season officially begins

THIS year's Victorian fire season has begun with fire restrictions commencing in parts of the state yesterday.

CFA declared the first Fire Danger Period (FDP) for the 2024-25 fire season, commencing on Monday, October 28 for the following municipalities in the west and northwest of the state: Mildura Rural City Council, Yarriambiack Shire Council, Hindmarsh Shire Council, West Wimmera Shire Council and Horsham Rural City Council.

Victorians can expect a hotter and drier summer and communities should be preparing their properties and creating a Bushfire Survival Plan.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said with an increased fire risk expected in the west and southwest of the state, now is the time to take action and be ready for what's ahead.

"Fire safety is a shared responsibility and we ask Victorians to be prepared and stay informed," Jason said.

"Take this opportunity ahead of the FDP to clean up your property but also be cautious when burning off and ensure it's properly extinguished.

"Now is also the time to sit down with your household and prepare your bushfire plan."

CFA will be introducing further FDPs for Victorian municipalities in the coming weeks and months based on assessments of the amount of rain, grassland curing rate and local conditions.

Those conducting burn-offs must notify authorities online at the Fire Permits Victoria website (www.firepermits.vic.gov.au), or by calling 1800 668 511.

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A new home for Bass Coast Community Foundation as end of year celebrations get underway.

Community Foundation celebrates new home

THE Bass Coast Community Foundation invites locals to join them to celebrate their new home at The Wonthaggi Centennial Centre (1 Bent Street, Wonthaggi), at its annual end of year event on November 21.

Executive Officer Deb Watson said she was thrilled the Foundation have re-located to such a prominent location, enabling them to share space with local profit-for-purpose art organisation ArtSpace, and the Wonthaggi Information Centre, a gateway to information about Bass Coast.

"We're so excited for this fresh chapter for the Foundation. Being co-located with similar community-focussed organisations will assist us to remain connected and available to the community we serve," Deb said.

"We look forward to the additional opportunities that will present us by being based at this fantastic community location."

"We invite local people to celebrate with us as we continue to thank all the generous donors in our region who make our work to strengthen this region possible."

The end of year event will be held at the Wonthaggi Centennial Centre on Thursday, November 21 from 6pm.

Interested community members are invited to come and find out more about what the Foundation has been doing in 2024. This has included support for financial literacy in schools through the Centsible program; connecting local kids to community organisations as part of the Kids as Catalyst program; and support for women's economic participation programs such as the L2P women drivers program and Go Girls.

Tickets for the event are \$35, and includes drinks and nibbles. There will be a raffle and art for sale on the night.

Bookings via trybooking.com/CVPUF. For more information call Deb mobile 0493 110 802 or email info@bccf.org.au.



New e-scooter rules aim to keep riders and pedestrians safe with police out and about this season educating the public. C07_4424

Save the car, ride an e-scooter

By Chloe Kent

'WIND in my hair, you know how it feels. Gripping the handles there's no time to waste. Taking the corners, no room for mistake.'

E-scooters are legal. On October 4 legislation was implemented that made them legal for use on Victoria's roads and shared pathways, conditional upon a few requirements: the rider must be at least 16 years old, a helmet must be worn, you cannot travel more than 20km/h, you cannot be using your mobile phone, and you cannot carry a passenger. And, most importantly, you can only ride on shared-use paths (not footpaths) or roads with a speed limit up to 60km/h.

One rider discovered the law the hard way on Saturday, October 26 when they were caught by Bass Coast Highway Patrol around 10am travelling at 45km/h along the Bass Highway in Glen Forbes.

The 38-year-old was not only travelling on a 100km/h road but it's also alleged he returned a positive result to illicit drugs and was found to have a cancelled driver's licence and was disqualified from driving at the time of the offence.

You see, a modified e-scooter that can exceed 25km/h is deemed a motor vehicle, and

as such, general motorcycle rules apply.

While this offender will be summoned to Korumburra Magistrates Court for several offences, it is easy to follow the rules.

"The new rules are in place to keep everyone safe," Bass Coast Highway Patrol Sergeant Pearce explained.

"When riding, an approved bicycle helmet must be worn. There were a number of people who were seriously injured and seven fatalities on e-scooters between the trial period, which ran from December 1, 2021 to August 31, 2024."

2128 collisions were reported during the trial period in Victoria with most injuries sustained by individuals not wearing a helmet. Locally police are still investigating the circumstances of a male who later died from injuries sustained whilst on an e-scooter in San Remo earlier this year.

"E-scooters that exceed 25km/h, whilst not illegal, cannot legally be ridden in public, so keep these on private property."

"The initial phase is educating the public about the new rule, however, those found to

be in serious breach will face the consequences," Sgt Pearce stated.

"You don't need a licence to ride an e-scooter in Victoria. However, your driver's licence can be affected if you ride an e-scooter while affected by alcohol or drugs."

Surprisingly, whilst you cannot be drinking whilst riding, you can be on an e-scooter as long as your blood alcohol is under 0.05 BAC, however, for non-compliant e-scooters this is automatically lowered to 0.00 BAC.

The fines are not pretty.

Failing to wear a helmet will set you back \$395, whilst riding on a footpath is \$296. Exceeding the speed limit of 20km/h is \$346, whilst riding two abreast is \$198. And don't even consider holding a handheld mobile phone, this will come at a cost of \$593.

In Victoria a legal e-scooter is defined as a device which: has a maximum speed of 25 km/h when ridden on level ground, transports a person while the person is standing or seated, has two wheels (one in front of the other), has a footboard between the front and rear wheels, is steered by a handlebar, and does not weigh more than 45kg.

Separate rules and regulations apply to e-bikes and mobility scooters.

"Individuals must follow road traffic rules when riding an e-scooter and they must have front and rear lights."

Granted special powers, police can and will be utilising their speed detection technology to catch those doing the wrong thing.

"There are many shared pathway locations across Bass Coast and South Gippsland to use these devices, however, remember you are on shared paths, there may be horses, and young children can be unpredictable."

"E-scooters rely on calliper brakes; you will not stop suddenly if you are exceeding the speed limit; they are simply not built to stop quickly."

"We are becoming more flexible in our movements as new technology evolves, but we have to be conscious – if something unexpected happens can you live with the consequences."

So, before you consider hotting up the wheels and installing an e-scooter 'motorbike kit', think twice, because you will be caught.

"Keep non-compliant e-scooters on private property, and ride safely."

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Council voting over, progressive results next

VOTING is over in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland shire council elections but there should still be thousands of postal ballots to arrive after the official close of voting at 6pm last Friday, October 25.

In Bass Coast, where the ballots of 75.25 per cent of the enrolled voters in Bunurong ward have arrived, the turnout last time was 83.48 per cent, Island ward 66.99 per cent compared to 80.65 per cent in 2020 and Western Port 71.42 per cent so far compared to 80.53 per cent last time.

In South Gippsland, it's a similar story with 67.83 per cent of votes arriving in Coastal Promontory (77.85 per cent in 2021), Strzelecki 72.11 per cent (82.51 per cent in 2021) and Tarwin Valley 74.66 per cent (83.53 per cent in 2021).

Victorian Electoral Commission staff said Friday had been a busy day at the Old Post Office in Wonthaggi as voters took their final opportunity to vote in person or to drop off their completed envelopes.

Among the last to vote was Hemant Kumar of Wonthaggi. He didn't say why he was voting so late on the last day, but others making a final dash included a Phillip Island resident, driving across to Wonthaggi to make sure her vote counted, a Wonthaggi couple who'd had a change of address and didn't get their voting papers, and two others who didn't care about voting, just wanting to get their names ticked off to avoid a \$99 fine.



Hemant Kumar of Wonthaggi was one of the last people to cast his vote in the Bass Coast Shire Council elections.

It was an equally busy day at the electoral office in Smith Street, Leongatha.

Voting statistics reveal that most votes arrived at the Leongatha electoral office on Monday, October 21, after a flurry of voting the previous weekend. In Bass Coast, Wednesday, October 23 was a busy day for votes; Bunurong 957, Island 1541 and Western Port 1109 ballots arriving on the same day.

Candidate in the South Gippsland election, Jim Forbes of Poowong, said he believed the results were hard to predict.

"There are a couple of stand-out candidates you'd expect to see easily re-elected in South

Gippsland and Bass Coast, but it's by no means clear what the make up will be," Mr Forbes said.

"But what is clear is that there's been a change in what people think is important. Going around to community events and talking to people over the past four weeks, no one is talking about climate change or Indigenous issues anymore. It's all about the cost of living and what councils are spending our rates money on.

"It's the same over in Bass Coast."

Extraction of ballot papers started on Monday this week with first preference results,

from Group A votes, expected to be available as early as Tuesday as follows:

In Bass Coast

- Bunurong Wednesday morning, October 30
- Island ward Thursday morning, October 31, and
- Western Port Friday morning, November 1

In South Gippsland

- Coastal Promontory Tuesday afternoon, October 29
- Strzelecki Wednesday morning, October 30 and
- Tarwin Valley, Thursday morning, October 31.

The official results, after preferences, will be announced on Thursday, November 7.

State of the art ambulance station opens at Foster

THE Victorian Minister for Ambulance Services and the Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas visited Foster on Wednesday, October 23 to officially open a new state-of-the-art ambulance station in the town.

Minister Thomas said it was all about supporting our hardworking paramedics to do what they do best – save lives in their community.

The new modern amenities will enhance safety, security, and capabilities at the new branch, supporting a team of nine paramedics and 11 ambulance community officers.

"In regional areas like Foster, we know locals rely on their expertise and compassion of our hardworking paramedics in times of crisis. It is why new stations are so important to ensuring they are safe and comfortable at work," said Minister Thomas on Wednesday.

"This new station will give our local paramedics the modern, fit-for-purpose workplace they deserve, while ensuring they have the best facilities to continue doing what they do best; save lives."

Upgrades include a four-bay garage for ambulances, four rest and recline areas for paramedics to recuperate, training facilities, a fully equipped kitchen, car parking and improved security to make sure crews are safe right around the clock.

With the opening of the new Foster branch, the State Government has now built seven stations to provide extra support in the Gippsland region including Moe, Morwell, Orbost, Paynesville, Traralgon and Warragul.

Alongside improved infrastructure, the State Government has invested in a range of initiatives to improve access to emergency ambulance services in regional Victoria – increasing the number of dual paramedic crews, including at Foster, 24-hour ambulance stations and dedicated units that can respond to peak periods of demand.

The specific cost of the Foster project has not been revealed.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Free Green Waste

South Gippsland Shire Council’s annual Green Waste Amnesty is kicking off on Saturday 2 November and will run until Tuesday 31 December 2024.

Residents can dispose of their green waste for free at any of Council’s transfer stations during this period.

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, there are several species of weeds that are not accepted as green waste, including Blackberry, Ragwort, Broom, Mirror Bush, Kikuyu Grass, Hawthorn,

Cape Weed, Gorse, Blue Butterfly Bush, Bamboo and Pampas Grass. Species that are difficult to mulch properly are also not included in the amnesty such as palm fronds, Yuccas, Cordylines and other related species. If any of these species are taken to a transfer station, they must be disposed of as general waste with applicable disposal fees applying. Alternatively, they can be disposed of through the kerbside green waste collection service as this material is subjected to a different composting process.

For transfer station operating hours and locations, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tips

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Storm Recovery Session with Dr Rob Gordon



South Gippsland Shire Council and the Community Recovery Working Group are pleased to host a free recovery and resilience session on Wednesday 13 November at the Mirboo North Shire Hall.

Guest speaker Dr Rob Gordon will return to Mirboo North to share his insights into what to expect in the second half of the first year of recovery and how to build resilience for future emergencies.

If you plan on attending this event, please register your attendance at:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/stormeupdate

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 20 November 2.00pm (Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

There is still time to cast your nominations for the 2025 South Gippsland Australia Day Awards.

These awards are a chance to recognise and celebrate the many unsung heroes in our region. From the dedicated individual on weekend canteen duty to the organisers of events that unite our community, your nomination acknowledges the significant impact these individuals have on our community.

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Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien with new Australian citizens Lance Kirkwood Fraser, Wan Ching Chang, Kim Rochelle Kirkus and David Barry Groenendaal, and South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerry Ellis.

Residents commit to Australia

FIVE South Gippsland Shire residents became Aussies on Wednesday night in Leongatha, coming from four different countries. Lance Kirkwood Fraser migrated from Zimbabwe to be closer to his kids and friends who had happily settled here. Now Outtrim-based, he enjoys the countryside, particularly on a warm sunny day,

as well as South Gippsland's towns and villages with their eateries, pubs and communal events, and the region's friendly people. Kiwi Kim Rochelle Kirkus came to Australia on holiday to visit her family. She has settled in Tarwin Lower. South Gippsland reminds her of home and is the perfect place to enjoy nature

and the outdoors. Kim and her family love visiting local beaches, walking the Great Southern Rail Trail, exploring Wilsons Promontory, and sitting and listening to local wildlife. Foster's Wan Ching Chang moved from Taiwan to Australia and met her husband who works in the town. She enjoys the friendly community, arts, rolling hills

and beautiful places in Wilsons Prom. New Zealander David Barry Groenendaal was drawn to Australia by work and lifestyle opportunities. He has bought a house in Walkerville because he enjoys the beach and parks. The other new citizen, originally from the United States, did not wish to feature in the paper.

Disgraceful toilets in Korumburra to be replaced

THE MEN'S toilets at the Korumburra railway precinct according to one local are 'absolutely disgraceful' and apparently have been for a while despite several reports being made to council. Graffiti has been sprayed over every surface, vandalising walls, doors, the urinal and even one of the hand basins, in photos posted to the Korumburra Community Facebook page. With the introduction of the Korumburra Park Run a few months ago, which begins close to the toilets and for visiting tourists who also use them, locals are concerned how this vandalism reflects on the town, commenting on the post: Looks pretty bad for our town. We have a pretty consistent flow of out-of-towners

visiting on a regular basis. Also looks like we have a crime problem so future buyers are probably a bit put off by this. It's such a shame that youth think this is ok, if they put their time to good use instead of this, our council have let us down, graffiti, burnt-out cars and broken down caravans left around for weeks, not a good look for our towns and to encourage tourism. While another contributor to the post defends the actions of the suspected group of vandals, commenting, It's a direct reflection on the level of entertainment and support the youth have in the area. There is no youth centre, no facilities for them to mingle and socialise and nowhere for them to entertain themselves. So they find

things to keep busy even if it's not quite the right thing to do. Terry Waycott President of the Korumburra Round Table (KRT) said the toilets had been cleaned in June but were soon vandalised again. "Given the toilet block is being replaced we can only hope sanity will prevail. I am keen to see a task force set up to combat this abuse of public property in our community," he said. The South Gippsland Shire informed the Sentinel-Times that the toilets are scheduled to be removed next month and replaced with a new amenities block as part of the Korumburra Railway Revitalisation Project. "The new facility incorporates Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles,

which are aimed to reduce the risk of anti-social behaviours such as graffiti," said Kerry Ellis, CEO South Gippsland Shire Council. "Council endeavours to remove graffiti quickly, but the amount that is occurring across the region – and the frequency – is proving difficult to address. Vandalism is costly and frustrating for the community and for the Council teams who need to continually repair the irresponsible damage caused. If people have information on the people responsible for the vandalism, they are encouraged to contact Victoria Police." Snap, Send Solve is also an app which can be downloaded and used by community members to report damage or vandalism of public facilities directly to their Council.

Uncertain future for Mirboo North Italian Festa, as recess called for 2025

FOLLOWING a recent meeting, the Mirboo North Italian Festa Committee has announced that the festival will not take place in 2025. This decision comes in response to a series of challenges that have increasingly complicated the event's organisation. The decision is attributed to several factors: financial constraints, an overwhelming workload, complex risk management and compliance requirements, and a growing number of other festivals held around the same time, all requiring sponsorship and support from local businesses and community groups. As the festival's popularity has surged, the South Gippsland Council now recognises it as a major event,

adding to the administrative burden on the small team of 10 volunteers, according to the organisers. Rosie Romano, one of the organisers, expressed her regret, stating, "The Festa has grown significantly each year since its inception in 2016. We are proud of its status as a highly anticipated event that attracts visitors from across the state. However, the increase in attendees has led to a corresponding rise in the workload required to organise the festival." "The festival demands extensive risk management, traffic control, and emergency planning," Romano further explained. "Securing adequate funding for such a large-scale event is a significant challenge. Grant

applications have become more complex, often spanning 30 pages with numerous attachments, reflecting the event's increased scope. This requires meticulous organisation, management, and safety considerations." The Festa has always been a free public event that has provided substantial economic benefits to the local South Gippsland and broader Gippsland community. Romano acknowledged the wonderful support from many local sponsors and various organisations, including the Mirboo North & District Community Bank and Foundation, South Gippsland Council, Destination Gippsland, as well as the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, she also noted

that financial pressures are affecting everyone, including sponsors. Additional funding and volunteer support are crucial to maintaining the event's viability. Given these challenges, the committee has determined that it is not feasible to hold the event in 2025, and hopes that it may resume in the coming years. "Council is saddened to hear that the beloved Mirboo North Italian Festa will not be taking place in 2025," South Gippsland Shire Chief Executive Officer, Kerry Ellis said. "Many events rely so heavily on volunteers, and Council looks forward to working with current and future volunteers to hopefully continue the event into the future."



HELLO South Gippsland. At South Gippsland Shire Council, one of our key priorities is to work closely and productively with our key partners. Investing in these relationships helps us make South Gippsland a better place to live, work and invest, together. I along with Council's senior staff invest significant time and effort to do this work on behalf of our community.

This week, there were some amazing examples of this work. Council's Executive Leadership Team met with the CEO and senior staff from the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, senior regional staff from the Department of Transport and Planning, and the board and executive of South Gippsland Water. All separate meetings, and all extremely important to highlighting the needs of different communities and industries in our region. With the Department of Transport, Council staff conducted a comprehensive tour of our municipality to show them our transport infrastructure needs, particularly in the context of the expansion of the Victorian Livestock Exchange in Koonwarra and the developing offshore wind industry. The Executive Leadership Team presented to the South Gippsland Water board and executive about South Gippsland's growth, especially how we can jointly plan for the needs of our growing community and industry.

South Gippsland cannot progress without the close partnership of Council and key partners including all levels of government and local industry leaders.

Mirboo North Pool

Repair works at the Mirboo North Pool are continuing with the focus currently on the plant room, where significant damage was sustained. The works are being completed by a contractor, who has been engaged by Council's insurance company and are fully covered under our insurance policy. Works currently underway or complete include: Canteen and pool storage areas cleaned. Building Permit for pool shed obtained. Building Permit for boundary fence progressed. Pool shed and heat pumps ordered. Splash park play area equipment repaired. Council remains committed to updating the community on the progress of works at the Pool.

Election Period Over

The Council Election / Caretaker Period is now over, meaning that Council business returns to normal. Thank you to everyone who got their votes in on time to the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC). From here, the votes will now be collated and counted by the VEC. This can take some time, with the official declaration of successful candidates taking place on November 8 at 3pm. This event is open to the public and will be held at Memorial Hall, Leongatha, so please feel free to come along if you wish. I look forward to hearing who the community has voted in as Councillors for the next Council term.

Melbourne Cup Weekend

This weekend is the Melbourne Cup 'Long' Weekend. While Monday isn't a public holiday, many will be taking the opportunity to get away and enjoy some peace-and-quiet. If you are taking to the roads, please take care and drive to conditions. Everyone wants you to make it home to your loved ones.

NYE On The Hill takes out Best Regional Festival

WELCOME back to the Hill. The happy place. The place of Music Lovers' Dreams. The McLaren brothers, Aidan and Rhett, their team and family, have done it again this time winning the 2024 Music Victoria's Best Regional Festival for NYE On The Hill. In a star-studded ceremony at Fed Square last Thursday, Music Victoria revealed the winning artists, venues and festivals at the 2024 Music Victoria Awards.

The three-day music festival that is limited to 3000 people on the rolling hills of Krowera will see its 11th event take place over New Years later this year.

"It takes a massive effort to put on festivals, particularly regional ones, everyone in this category puts on great ones from commercial to community. Shoutouts to all the nominees, I know the hardships and what it takes to put them on. Emerging artists are what New Year's Eve is all about and we support Victorian ones and offer first festival opportunities to as many emerging artists as we can of all types," Rhett McLaren, Event Director said in his acceptance speech.

It's the second award for The Hills Are Alive Group in as many months, with the duo taking home the 2024 Bass Coast Business of the Year Award on August 23.

Alongside the McLaren's win, Australian youth music organisation The Push was formally inducted into the Music Victoria Hall of Fame alongside multi-instrumentalist, composer and sound designer Ollie Olsen who was sadly posthumously inducted following his passing last week.

Venue categories featured winners including Corner Hotel (Best Large Metro Venue), St Kilda Festival (Best Metro Festival), NYE On The Hill (Best Regional Festival), Torquay Hotel (Best Regional Venue Over 50 Gigs), The Sound Doctor (Best Regional Venue Under 50 Gigs) and Northcote Social Club (Best Small Metro Venue).

For a full list of finalists and winners head to sgst.com.au.



Every detail has been thought of in the Art Deco inspired space, down to the glassware. C06_4424



An old clock adorns the new space, but beware as both sides keep slightly different time. C03_4424

Escape to yesteryear at The Archaic

BOLD fun loving and independent – that's what they called her. Her beaded dress shimmering in the dimmed lights of the bar as her heels hit the distressed timber-look floors. The glass-reeled door swung open effortlessly now, but a hundred years ago, it might have hidden secrets behind a passcode.

Black pressed-tin Melbourne panels line the roof, while carved wooden wall panelling and kit kat cocoa gloss tiles along the bar nod to the Art Deco age.

At the marble carved bar, bronze drip trays and finishes glint under warm lights that dim as the night progresses. The draft tower is a mesmerising standout in a bar lined with gin, rum, whiskey and wine. A cocktail lovers delight.

Pink gin spritz in hand, she walks over to her friends, heels clicking. She was here two nights previous for a

function in the private room. Close enough to soak up the lively atmosphere yet secluded enough for intimate celebrations. The timeless notes of Louis Armstrong and His Hot Five float through the speakers...

It's easy to lose oneself in the layered stories, to immerse oneself in the what ifs, the imaginable history of The Archaic – a speakeasy-inspired tapas bar nestled within the old entrance of the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club.

The brainchild of General Manager Rod Bye and Committee, the space is a blend of old-world charm and contemporary flair, with vintage paintings, soft lamplight, and deco-inspired touches woven throughout a cosy, sophisticated interior.

A stately old clock presides over the scene, though it keeps two different times – one side keeps good, the

other is a little closer to island time. Here one can gather with friends for a social drink, enjoy a tapas date or a quiet wayfarer moment in an atmosphere that is truly like no other in town.

A feast awaits those who enter. Indulge in kataifi king prawns and crispy chicken tacos, share delicate scallop dumplings or popcorn chicken or dive in with a mezze platter to share when The Archaic opens its doors this Friday from 4pm. Accessible directly from the street or via a winding hallway past the Cavil Room.

Born from a restoration of the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, the front façade now recalls its original charm, while new timber windows open the space to the outside world.

Inside The Archaic don't expect to watch sports, with no televisions, instead settle into conversation with friends, people watch or enjoy the live

music on Sunday from 2pm.

A new chef with new menu will see tapas available from open to close.

"There is nothing like it," Rod smiled as the Sentinel-Times headed inside for a sneak peek last week.

"It gives our members and guests more choices. It's old worldly, yet modern, a place to unwind."

With weekly specials The Archaic is open Thursdays and Fridays from 4pm, Saturdays from 3pm and Sunday from 12 noon until late.

Whilst you're inside don't forget to book your next Christmas function with large spaces available right through to intimate 12-seater private dining quarters.

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Help keep Tarwin Lower exhibitions going

TARWIN Lower Community Health Centre provides a great space to showcase the creativity of local artists, running seasonal exhibitions, and is calling for a volunteer to enable that to continue.

The Centre was featured in this year's Art Connect South Gippsland Open Studio Art Trail with attendees enjoying a mixture of mediums and artistic approaches.

Volunteer Pat Freeman has been in charge of running exhibitions at the Centre where she is also a receptionist.

Her work is on display in the latest exhibition, including paintings of animals that feature in her children's books.

Pat stressed that organising the exhibitions is not particularly onerous and you don't need an arts degree, adding, "It's just common sense."

"It's essential to love art and to handle the artist and the art with respect," she said.

Part of that respect involves learning to stack art in the correct fashion to ensure it is not damaged.

The required volunteer will hang the works, but the artists set their prices, the Health Centre receiving 10 per cent of any sales.

It's important to make sure sales are recorded appropriately, with the centre's receptionists trained to do so.

Those interested in applying



Mandy Kuhne holds her award-winning Noisy Nature. A02_4424

for the volunteer role or learning more are encouraged to call the Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre on 5667 5680, leaving a message for Pat and including their name and phone number.

While Pat is a vastly experienced singer-songwriter, she swapped writing lyrics for children's stories when she became a grandmother.

Her nature-based books, 'Tarween Fairy Tales' are influenced by her love of wildlife and the decimation of many animals that are now on the endangered species list.

When she discovered the

indigenous name for her hometown was 'Tarween' meaning fairy, this set her on many an adventure, with the characters in her series of books raising people's awareness of their natural surroundings and what it means to exist in harmony with all living beings.

Pat's books are available at the Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre, as well as the town's IGA, and post office, the Venus Bay General Store and the Walkerville Kiosk, and will soon be available online.

Dumbalk's Mandy Kuhne joined Pat at the Centre recently, having also written a

children's book 'Noisy Nature' that earned a Language and Literacy Development Award.

The Noisy Nature books are illustrated by her nephew Alex Kuhne and can be purchased online at mandykuhne.com/noisy-nature or at Leongatha Newsagency.

Sentinel-Times also met Dr. ouin's Roz Crawford whose abstract art pieces are included in the current seasonal exhibition.

She uses a variety of mediums and makes her own 'floating' frames that give the appearance of not touching the edges of the works.

Roz has been doing a lot of encaustic work.

"It's beeswax that has a resin put into it and the resin's from trees; I make up the recipes, then I heat the wax, put pigments into it and then I paint with it, and I use a heat gun to fire it, and it smells gorgeous," she said.

Her works in the current exhibition include one done with oil paint and sand, inspired by the coastline at Rhyll, with acrylic paintings also featured.

She sometimes uses a technique that involves creating many layers, then sanding the work back, ripping out certain parts and leaving others intact.

"You just get to know it," Roz said of learning how to control that process to achieve desired results.



Sophie from Mirboo North Primary School (with her parents) won first prize for her poster in the National Water Week Competition.

Sophie wins first prize

MIRBOO North student Sophie has won first prize in the year one and two category for the Gippsland Water National Water Week Poster Competition.

Sophie used watercolour paints to create a beautiful poster to encourage others to look after our waterways and oceans.

The theme for this year's poster competition was, 'Water for all, inspiring action' with the aim of celebrating water and raising awareness of the issues surrounding this precious resource.

Victorian children from early learning through to grade six primary level are encouraged to design, draw or paint a poster that demonstrates this theme.

The winners were announced last week and were judged on and chosen by how attractive it looks from a distance, have art materials been used effectively and does the poster use innovative imagery, design or concepts.

First-prize winners in each category from all participating Victorian water corporations are automatically entered into the state level of competition.

National Water Week makes a splash across Australia every third week in October, inspiring individuals, communities and organisations to build awareness around the value of water.

Help wanted at Tarwin

TARWIN Lower Community Health Centre is on the lookout for more volunteers and service providers. While volunteers are needed for reception, those wanting to help their community but preferring the outdoors can pitch in with gardening, with the centre set on a couple of acres.

Pat Freeman, who volunteers on reception and runs the exhibitions, stressed that it is a health centre, not a medical centre and that while it already offers valuable services to the community, there is scope for more.

"We've got a big building and it is underutilised, so we could use more good energy coming in," Pat said.

As well as volunteering at the centre, community members help by donating to the centre's Community Cupboard, supporting those in need. Anyone wanting to volunteer at Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre or interested in providing services there is encouraged to email secretary Brian Henderson at bhenderson53@gmail.com.

New equipment at S.G. Hire to help with your excavating

S.G. HIRE in Leongatha has recently added to its impressive range of equipment, with a 3.5-tonne excavator now available.

The business has also purchased new 1.8-tonne excavators, a compaction roller of the same weight and a Bobcat S100 weighing just under two tonnes.

Owner John Burke described the features of the new equipment, starting with the larger excavator.

"You're going up two tonnes from where we were in capacity," he said, explaining the machine can comfortably excavate housing sites.

"It's capable of digging a lot heavier ground and is more time effective."

The excavator features a tilt hitch as well as a quick hitch, with John outlining the benefits.

"It allows the bucket to be set at an angle for tasks such



S.G.Hire owner John Burke takes charge of the new Komatsu 3.5-tonne excavator. A07_4424

as battering walls and making drains, without trying to get the machine up on an angle," he said.

Not having to angle the machine is safer and more time and cost-effective, with customers impressed by the tilt hitch capabilities.

John always puts hydraulic hitches on his machines, ensuring people can easily change buckets without having to get off.

The new excavators are made by Komatsu, with the smaller, 1.8-tonne models able to be towed to and from

the work site by a normal four-wheel drive.

That makes it easy for those such as plumbers to get a job done without needing to rely on a truck.

"Most of the equipment here is towable with a normal four-wheel drive," John said.

S.G. Hire has a tilt tray truck to transport the larger excavator to and from the work site, with contractors able to use their own floats to do so if they show they have appropriate insurance.

The new Wacker Neuson compaction roller is suited to jobs such as driveways and walkways.

It is a popular piece of equipment for landscapers and road contractors.

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Stock controller Keely Harper and floor manager Laura Kemper are looking forward to welcoming shoppers to Terry White Leongatha's VIP Christmas Sales Night. A04_4424

Christmas gifts at Terry White Leongatha

WITH the festive season fast approaching, Leongatha's Terry White Chemmart is holding its VIP Christmas Sales Night on Thursday, November 7, offering a broad selection of gifts for everyone, with special one-night-only discounts.

The event celebrates the launch of the Christmas catalogue.

There will be a storewide discount of 20 per cent for the evening, excluding prescriptions and pharmacy-only lines and already reduced items.

Attendees can enjoy a relaxed shopping experience, savouring nibbles and a drink as they browse the store.

The range of gifts is more extensive than ever and will be on show throughout the shop.

The business has sourced more gifts suited to men than in previous years, such as wallets and other leather items.

Floor manager Laura Kemper said that approach proved popular on Father's Day,

drawing more customers into the store in the lead-up to that event and subsequently.

There are also plenty of gift ideas for women and children, with babies through to teens catered for.

As well as jewellery, fragrances, bath products, lip glosses and handbags, there will be fun items such as board games, with a large range of gifts for all age groups.

During the VIP evening, decorated wooden Christmas trees will provide a festive feel to the shop and there'll be plenty of new items to explore, with lots of gifts going on display just in time for the occasion.

"It's that first opportunity to see what's in for Christmas and what the brands are bringing out," Laura said.

There'll be grand prizes and giveaways and everyone is welcome.

The VIP night runs from 5.30pm until 7pm.

Esso outlines platform removal plans

A SMALL but engaged audience in Leongatha on Thursday night learned how Esso Australia plans to decommission Bass Strait oil and gas fields, to ensure safety and protect the environment.

It was explained that infrastructure will be removed by large specially equipped ships, with the process varying according to the platform type, before being transferred to barges for transportation to the port at Barry Beach.

There, the structures will be broken down before being transferred by road or ship to recycling facilities.

The expectation is that 95 per cent of the infrastructure brought ashore will be recycled, including steel, copper, wood and plastic, with steel accounting for 80 per cent of the material used.

Decommissioning planning manager Simon Kemp stressed that every effort is being made to ensure the safety of workers and to safeguard the environment throughout the entire process.

However, removal of marine life attached to platform infrastructure is unavoidable.

"The International Marine Organisation called for a 55-metre clearance of seawater above for safe navigation of vessels, and so what we've done is try to balance that clearance with what you potentially leave behind," Simon said.

"We'll take up all of the top and that upper 55-metre section of the jacket," Simon said.

Piles extending deep into the seabed will remain in place, with Simon explaining their removal would be highly destructive to the area if it could even be done.

Seabed disturbance is intended to be minimised by cutting from inside pipelines to enable the removal of platforms.



Brad Law and Simon Kemp of Esso spoke at Thursday's Leongatha presentation. A16_4424

"There will be some discharges to the marine environment when we cut those pipelines," Simon said, explaining they will be flushed and cleaned prior to cutting but some residual fuel may remain.

It will be determined in the future what to do with pipelines, in terms of removal or leaving them in place.

"For campaign one we're not doing anything with the pipelines bar cleaning them," Simon said.

Barry Beach, where the jackets were built, offers the required space to break down the platforms and jackets. Using barges avoids any need to widen or deepen the channel and the Barry Beach wharf is in good condition.

An impermeable membrane will be laid down to prevent any leakage into the inlet, protecting the Corner Inlet Ramsar site, one of the areas that has raised the most public concern about the project.

Esso's onshore recycling manager Brad Law also spoke during Thursday's presentation, having responsibility for preparing Barry Beach to receive the platform infrastructure, then taking charge of the

breakdown process.

Brad explained the topsides of the structures will be surveyed prior to breakdown to ensure hazardous waste is dealt with appropriately.

He also said any wastewater generated during the breakdown process will be treated prior to being released, with a temporary wastewater processing facility to be established at Barry Beach. Much of the wastewater is intended to be recycled and reused onsite, limiting the volume needing to be discharged.

One of five Australian companies will be chosen as the contractor to carry out the onshore work, with the expectation it will take between two and three years to break down all the removed platform infrastructure.

The Dutch ship 'Pioneering Spirit' will arrive in the third quarter of 2027 to remove platforms and will stay for 130 days.

Those with questions can email consultation@exxonmobil.com

Esso will hold further public sessions during November in Welshpool, Foster, Yarram and Leongatha, as well as Sale and Lakes Entrance.



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Local school children enjoying the Welshpool and District Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show. B47_4324

Spring into Spring at Welshpool

SPRING is definitely in the air, more so some days than others with the Welshpool and District Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show just over a week away.

Circle both days in your diaries, Friday, November 1 from 1.30pm to 5pm, and Saturday, November 2 from 10am to 4pm at the Welshpool Memorial Hall.

‘Spring Wedding’ is the theme for this year’s show so be prepared to be amazed by a dazzling display of perfumed corsages, bouquets, button holes and flower girl baskets.

The Welshpool and District Horticultural Society Spring Show will be opened at 2pm on Friday, November 1 by Susi Milton from ‘TreeProject’, a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organisation which has been leading the way in sustainable re-vegetation since 1989.

TreeProject has facilitated the sowing of almost two million trees into the Victorian landscape through volunteer and community-based initiatives.

This year TreeProject has prepared one-hundred and forty-one thousand indigenous seedlings to be planted right across the state.

Copies of the Spring Show schedule are now available from Frances Grylls on 0481 385 122 or Prue Fleming on 0418 775 717.

Interchange Wonthaggi celebrates ten years of YAS

A DAY of games and music marked the tenth anniversary of the Young Adult Service (YAS) program at Interchange in Wonthaggi.

A day program that typically runs from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday.

YAS provides participants over the age of eighteen with a range of activities at Interchange sites in Wonthaggi, Morwell and Bairnsdale.

The day of celebration in Wonthaggi was shared by sixty participants, family members, representatives of community groups and program supporters.

YAS provides bus trips, skill-based activities and Fun Fridays.

Mondays have a coffee and chat session followed by outdoor sports and gardening or cooking.

On Tuesday YAS participants enjoy abilities sport, a drum circle, a healthy cooking program and South Coast FM.

Wednesday is swimming and library day.

Music practice and tenpin bowling is popular on Thursday and Fun Fridays can include mini-golf, barbecues or movies.

A favourite day out on Friday is the Traralgon Golf Club.

Community Access Worker, Ian Burke said YAS has twenty participants in Wonthaggi



John, Ray and Ian from the musical group Eagles 'n Snakes at Interchange Wonthaggi. B45_4424

aged between eighteen and sixty-five, with attendance varying depending on the day.

The Eagles 'n Snakes band rehearses regularly at Interchange performing at the Bass Coast Special School, Inverloch/Kongwak Primary School, Powlett River Primary School and Inverloch Twilight Market.

“The band named themselves,” said Ian Burke.

Eagles 'n Snakes express themselves musically by writing original music.

“They tell their own stories.”

Eagles and Snakes have recorded six tracks for Spotify ‘Live at Youki’s Shed, Vol 11’ and can be followed on Instagram.



Abbey McColl and Paul from Interchange celebrating ten years of the Young Adult Service in Wonthaggi. B42_4424

Flower donation lifts Hillside residents

FLOWERS brighten up any room and they’re also brightening up the lives of Hillside Lodge residents in Korumburra.

Kathy Richards from Korumburra Florist has been donating unused flowers to Hillside Lodge so residents can make their own floral arrangements.

The arrangements are now taking pride of place in the aged care facility managed by Gippsland Southern Health Service.

Hillside Lodge’s acting nurse unit manager Kerri Mowbray said the floral arrangement activities were good for the residents and for the décor of the home.

“At Hillside we have a



Residents Kathleen Yann and Beverley Male enjoy their flower displays.

number of residents who enjoy doing flower arrangements and the donation of flowers has been a wonderful contribution,” Ms Mowbray said.

“The residents enjoyed

putting together some lovely arrangements to place around the facility for all to enjoy.”

Ms Mowbray added that the residents were thankful for the donation.



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PROJECT UPDATE



REFINING STAR OF THE SOUTH

Star of the South is Australia's most advanced offshore wind project. We started feasibility studies in 2019 and have been listening to feedback and ideas from locals to help shape the project.

Over this time, we've used new information, data and feedback to refine the project. Here's an overview:



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WHAT'S NEXT?

The next step for Star of the South is to finalise an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and seek government approvals.

Once complete, the EIA will be made publicly available and submissions can be made through a formal process before approval decisions are made.

We'll keep you posted on timing and opportunities to get involved.

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Wondering what the offshore wind farm could look like?

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Frenchview delight in insightful dialogue with local leaders

By Dr Robert Cowley

AFTER some horrific, late winter/early spring weather, finally on Monday, October 21, in all its glorious hues, rose like a molten coin, over the calm waters of Western Port Bay.

Residents of Frenchview over 50s Lifestyle Village Grantville, were absolutely delighted, to welcome this weather change, along with two delightful visitors; Clare Le Serve; retiring Bass Coast Mayor; and Jordan Crugnale, MLA, former Mayor and now Member for Bass, in Victoria's State Parliament.

Together, they shared a treasure chest of informative instruction and offered much needed informational handouts. Many items of interest to residents flowed freely from these two wonderful ladies. They followed this, fielding questions from the floor to the delight of everyone who attended. Blessed with respite from the recent weather; it turned out to be much more than a simple - 'meet & greet over a cup of tea'.

Our Chair thanked Clare for the help she put in to save our historical path, enabling quick resident access to the foreshore. The community stature of our guests and questions fielded and answered, was not lost on Frenchview's residents. They enlightened everyone with openness, and desire to help, in short, an informational treasure trove, on how to access information through council and government.

Residents expressed times when information so desperately sought had eluded them; but with our visitors frank transparency, epiphany moments occurred. To one of our residents; Clinton Treloar; and for 'AFL Fans' – yes, Clinton is from the famous Collingwood Treloar family; thanks for your groundwork engaging Jordan Crugnale to join Clare. The meeting began with Chair Dr Robert Cowley introducing our visitors and closed with Secretary Alan Rye, thanking them.

Applications open for leadership program

COMMUNITY for Gippsland is pleased to announce applications for the 2025 Gippsland Community Leadership Program are now open.

Committee for Gippsland (C4G) CEO Tony Cantwell said the Gippsland Community Leadership Program (GCLP) is one of Australia's longest-running regional programs and continues to play a vital role in developing local leaders, particularly as the region faces an energy transition and the closure of the native timber industry.

"GCLP provides participants with an in-depth understanding of both the challenges and opportunities Gippsland faces, while developing individual leadership skills and inspiring further community engagement," he said.

"This program emphasises the importance of community connectedness, encouraging participants to work with industry, community, government, regional leaders, local schools, sporting clubs, charities, or not-for-profits to drive positive change in Gippsland.

"C4G is proud to be delivering the GCLP, building participants' confidence, leadership skills and knowledge of the region while strengthening local communities and industry."

One of this year's participants, Sarah Lawless from Mirboo North, shared her experience.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed exploring my values, communication styles and personal and professional goals, as well as learning so much about diverse aspects of Gippsland. I strongly recommend the opportunity to anyone in Gippsland," she said.

C4G and the GCLP would like to thank the South Gippsland Shire Council for its sponsorship of the 2025 program, as well as the scholarship providers and supporters who continue to help C4G deliver this vital regional initiative.

For more information, or to apply for the 2025 GCLP, visit committeeforgippsland.com.au/gippsland-community-leadership-program.



All friends after Foster Secondary College teachers score their sixth win in a row against the Year 12 students. B34_4424

Another win for the teachers at Foster Secondary College



A classy performance from Year 12 Co-ordinator and maths teacher Richard Johnston. B24_4424



Foster Secondary College Year 12 student clearing the ball under pressure. B25_4424

NOT SO MUCH a grudge match but a battle of wits when Year 12 students took on the teachers for their last day at school at Foster Secondary College.

Watching on with keen interest from the sidelines was College Principal Dean Duursma.

The eighties AFL recruit and former senior coach of Foster and now father to the AFL Duursma dynasty of Essendon midfielder Xavier Duursma, North Melbourne midfielder and forward Zane Duursma, Carlton running women's winger Yasmin Duursma, and seventeen-year-old Willem Duursma, potential top AFL draft prospect for 2025, Victoria Country representative and key Gippsland Power defender.

With Principal Duursma relegating son Willem to umpiring the balance was tipped in favour of the teachers including past premiership players from Foster and Inverloch/Kongwak.

Maths, Health and Human Development teacher and Year 12 co-ordinator Richard Johnston was a stand-out for the Foster teachers with glimpses of his form from the Foster-Tigers Alberton League 2010 premiership side.

Year 12 students Alby Edgelow and Lucas Buckland worked hard all day and former Leongatha Parrot and Inverloch/Kongwak Sea Eagle Shem Hawking played a blinder for the teachers.

Both male and female

teachers as well as young men and women from Year 12 were selected in the sides.

Standouts were Todd Holman, Jay Walker, Sammi Zeller and Kit Rothier, with the stronger players finding themselves frustrated to a degree by missed chances and mishandling in front of goal.

Pony Club National Junior Coach of the Year Adeline Collins was an inspiration for the female players.

The annual teachers versus Year 12 students football match is a day of celebration to mark the last day of the school year for the seniors at Foster Secondary College before the start of VCE exams.

"It was fantastic to see them all competing," said College Principal, Dean Duursma.

The game as always was played in great spirit and has become a popular tradition at Foster Secondary College.

"Everyone out there was having fun," said Principal Duursma.

The day started with teachers cooking Year 12 students breakfast followed by a game of golf then lunch at the Foster Golf Club.

The teachers maintained their stranglehold over the event winning 10-6-66 to the students' 9-6 60 in trying conditions.

Still to come for the Year 12 students is the final roll call, valedictory dinner, and awards night for all year levels on the last day of school.

Meeniyen moves to Marty Gras' beat on Saturday night



Founder of Prom Coast's most colourful event of the year, the Meeniyen Marty Gras Fundraising Ball, Marty Thomas and friend Kym Lewis arrive atop a pretty pink float to the cheers of hundreds of outrageously dressed revellers.

MEENIYAN staged its glittering night of nights last Saturday night, the annual Marty Gras fundraising ball, at the iconic Meeniyen Town Hall and what a roaring success it turned out to be.

Revellers hit the rainbow carpet early in the evening, in all their colourful finery, filling tables with food, drink, chatter and laughter but the fun was really supercharged by the arrival of the founder himself, Marty Thomas, on board a pretty pink float, accompanied by friend Kym Lewis.

Those in the hall surged outside again and onto the pavement in front of the hall, where cheers went up for the arrival of the patron of the event who took a turn around the town's CBD before parking outside the hall.

In a carefully choreographed move, another truck arrived soon after and when the sides were pulled open, music from

a 15-piece band leapt out, starting with the Jackson 5 classic 'Blame it on the Boogie', and there was dancing in the street until the sun came down and the celebrations moved inside.

DJ Golden Fleece kept the dancefloor full throughout the night with movers and groovers pausing only briefly to welcome to the stage the absolutely fabulous drag queen duo of the high-heeled, high-energy Xena Ghost and winner of Rising Drag Star of the Year at the MEDEAs for 2024, the fabulous Kat Zowthabag.

With equally fabulous food provided by the highly active Meeniyen branch of the Red Cross, Saturday night at Meeniyen was the place to be.

This year's event raised much-needed funds for the charity foundations Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA) in Cambodia and Gippsland Pride Initiative Inc.

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Year 12 students impress at the formal evening celebrating their last day of school. Photo: Craig Anderson.

Leongatha Secondary College Year 12s depart in style



Year 12 coordinator Mackenzie Nash and assistant principal Tanya Chalmers celebrate the achievements of the departing Year 12 group. A15_4424



Vocational Major student Charlotte Pors and VCE student Shea White are Jessie and Woody from Toy Story. A14_4424



Vocational Major students Kohdi Hobbs and Sophie Lester celebrate their time at Leongatha Secondary College. A13_4424



A bobsled leads the student pack towards the Year 12 breakfast. A10_4424

IT WAS a day of celebration for Leongatha Secondary College (LSC) Year 12 students as they marked their final day of school.

They provided a sea of colour arriving at the campus en masse in an array of entertaining costumes, before enjoying breakfast with parents, guardians and staff, followed by an assembly.

There was time for a rest after the morning's festivities before turning out in their finest for the evening formal held at the Korumburra basketball courts.

While it was a long day, assistant principal Tanya Chalmers was delighted with how smoothly everything went and that everyone enjoyed themselves.

LSC moved away from the muck-up day approach a few years ago, putting the focus on celebration, and the Year 12 group marked their final day of school in style, respecting others and their property.

This scribe was among the many people in the firing line for students armed with cans of spray string, but it was all in fun and easily removed.

As they headed for their breakfast, the excited group paraded through the streets and shared their celebrations with those in their education precinct at the primary and specialist schools, and with the public.

Tanya ran the breakfast with Year 12 coordinator Mackenzie Nash and senior school student engagement officer Abbey Kelson.

"It's really nice for us to be able to do something for them on the final day and give them some yummy food

to celebrate with their family," Tanya said of the trio's feelings, having worked so closely with the Year 12s.

At the evening's formal, Mackenzie reflected on some of the challenges the group has dealt with at high school.

"You've navigated school during a nationwide pandemic, faced extreme weather conditions, including multiple power outages, and juggled the demands of deadlines, TAFE, jobs, and extracurricular commitments, but despite these challenges, you've shown incredible resilience and determination," she said.

Mackenzie praised all the students for how they have supported one another.

She wished the VCE students the best of luck as they begin their exams, also wishing the VCE Vocational Major students well for whatever lies ahead as they embark on pursuing careers.

"Remember, life is not a straight path and there will be twists, turns, and unexpected challenges ahead, but I have no doubt that you are more than capable of navigating them," Mackenzie told the Year 12 cohort.

School leaders Bodhi Abernethy, Montana Kranen, Alana Lopez-Freeman and Chloe Challis reflected on their time at LSC.

Chloe praised the Year 12 group for persisting, despite the never-ending coursework and other challenges of a demanding period, noting they'll all be better for the experience.

"We have learnt that this year is not purely defined by academics; it was also about the memories and friendships we made together," she said.



Korumburra Year 12s celebrated and signed each other's shirts on their last day.



The Korumburra Year 12's on the last day of their 13-year school journey.

Final school days for Korumburra

THE KORUMBURRA Secondary (KSC) Year 12 Class of 2024 had their very last day of school last Wednesday.

The final-year students celebrated with the signing of shirts and the traditional KSC Year 12 Car Cavalcade at the end of the day.

And the following day, held their Year 12 celebration day by dressing up, dancing and entertaining staff and students during the morning assembly.

It was smiles and laughter all around as the Year 12's ended their ended their 13-year journey through school.

The students will go on to prepare for their upcoming exams and for all their exciting future endeavours.

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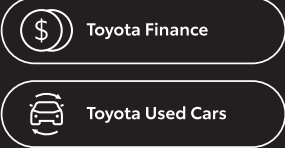
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Newhaven College Class of 2024 celebrating their hard work and dedication. z09_4424

Newhaven College students celebrate their graduation

NEWHAVEN College's Class of 2024 bid farewell to their school life last week, with a few days of festive activities. The three-day celebration commenced with a playful twist as students donned 'White Lie' T-shirts or 'blinged' their uniforms. This was just the beginning, as the days that followed were filled with Celebration Day dress-ups and competitive House commando games, at the Year 9 Environmental Centre. These activities provided an opportunity for the students to let off some steam before they embarked on the more official formalities of their final all-school assembly and emotional good-byes.

The pinnacle of the memorable last day was the release of 51 white doves, each symbolising one of the 51 students who embarked on their journey at Newhaven College during its inaugural year. To round off this momentous occasion, a

Valedictory dinner was held at Silverwater Resort, where the students had the chance to spend their final moments together as the close-knit Year 12 cohort, surrounded by their dedicated teachers and proud parents.

Addressing the gathered Class of 2024 at the final all-school assembly, Principal Tony Corr imparted a very heart-felt congratulations to each student.

On behalf of the entire College community, he said, "From all of us – congratulations. Not just on finishing your schooling, but on the extremely successful way you have completed your schooling. Not just in the last few days, not just in Year 12, but in your entire time with us here at Newhaven. You are a year level that has great admiration and respect from our school and our community – and that has been earned over many years."

"As a year level, you have come together as one over the journey. You have celebrated and supported each other through the best of times and the hardest of times. Your cohort has grown and evolved – together. Whilst today it ends, you will always be connected. No matter where life takes you. And like on your first day in Prep when your parents brought you to school, it is symbolic that your parents are here today to accompany you on your last day of school."

Mr Corr concluded, "Please know that while your time at school here may be over, the door to Newhaven will always be open to you."

The final assembly included the presentation of awards. Awards were presented to students in each Year 12 subject who had achieved the highest grades and made significant contributions to the development of their subjects for the benefit of all students.

Tony Corr, Newhaven College Principal presented the prestigious Principal's Prize to Max Arceo. Max is an all-rounder, showing leadership in every aspect of college life.

The prestigious Papworth Prize was awarded to Ella Berry who was also the recipient of both the ADF Future Innovators Award and academic awards for four subjects. Ella exemplifies the values and academic excellence for which Newhaven College is renowned.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) also recognised Gabriel Winterson with the Long Tan Leadership Award. Gabriel was instrumental in the Youth Parliament team this year, and one of the presidents of the SRC.

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

- Major award winners:**
- Principal's Prize – Max Arceo
 - Papworth Prize – Ella Berry
 - ADF Long Tan Leadership Award – Gabriel Winterson
 - ADF Future Innovators Award – Ella Berry
 - Year 12 Academic Endeavor Award – Harry Butcher

- Students who received one Academic Award:**
- Art Making & Exhibiting – Lucy Sullivan
 - Business Management – Gabriel Winterson
 - Chemistry – David O'Neill
 - Design Technology - Wood – Blake Baker
 - Economics – Wesley Morgan
 - English – Sienna Michie
 - Food Studies – Summer Crestani
 - Language (Japanese) – Airi White
 - Mathematical Methods – Tilia Pires-Andersen
 - Mathematics General – Charlie Deery & Alice Mabilia
 - Music Performance – Jasmine Turton
 - Media – Jemima Aitken
 - Outdoor & Environmental Studies – Claire Banks
 - Physical Education – Leo Savona
 - Systems Engineering – Santiago Leys
 - Theatre Studies – X Kesterson
 - Visual Communication & Design – William Bar Bar

- Students who received two Academic Awards:**
- English and Health & Human Development – Niamh O'Connell
 - English Literature and Psychology – Finn Leary
 - Legal Studies and Health & Human Development – Max Arceo

- Student received Four Academic Awards:**
- Chemistry, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics and Physics – Ella Berry

- Sport Awards:**
- Athletics – Sienna Michie & Sonny McMillan
 - Swimming – Jade Ruffin & Gabriel Smith
 - Cross Country – Max Arceo & Sienna Michie
 - SEISA Sports Certificate – Harry Butcher & Lily Mewett
 - Major Sports Award – Heidi Driscoll & Max Arceo

- Values Awards:**
- Bass House – Becky Heffer & Will Campbell
 - Clarke House – Tahlia Lindley & Daniel Caffieri
 - McHaffie House – Sonny McMillan & Archer Herbert
 - Sambell House – Claire Banks & Dean Lyle

- Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards:**
- Ella Berry, Tom Bird, Summer Crestani, Chloe Harris, Tahlia Lindley, Sienna Lowrey-Steiner, Alice Mabilia, Jade Ruffin and Jack Ryan.



David Jobe, Chair of the Newhaven College Board presented the Papworth Prize to Ella Berry who was also the recipient of both the ADF Future Innovators Award and academic awards in four subjects. Ella exemplifies the values and academic excellence for which Newhaven College is renowned.



Chair of the Board David Jobe and Principal Tony Corr release the doves with 2024 College Captains Max Arceo, Tahlia Williams, Alice Mabilia and Tom Bird.



The Australian Defence Force (ADF) recognised Gabriel Winterson with the Long Tan Leadership Award, pictured with Head of Senior School, Brett Torstonson.



Summer Heights High fun... Neave Dunstan, Isabella Bowman Kissane, Tahlia Williams, Mya Brosnan and Erika Allen enjoyed their dress up day on the second last day of their school life.

Year 12s say goodbye with bedazzled uniforms

BASS Coast College's Year 12 students were given a breather from their studies to enjoy their bedazzled uniform day on Wednesday.

Around 170 students graduated from the Wonthaggi-based high school on Wednesday night, but before that, they were given the opportunity to explore their creative side and transform their uniforms.

"We've been planning this week for probably the last month," McKenzie campus principal Ross Bramley said.

"We try to finish off the year with positive things, but things that don't detract from them finishing off their classes and preparing for exams."

On Tuesday, the students had their shirt signing day and were encouraged to bedazzle their uniforms at home to show off on Wednesday.

The class of 2024 had a wonderful final year, and the school congratulated them on their achievements.

"This is a fantastic group. We are very, very proud of this year level in particular. Right throughout their six years, they've been really strong contributors academically and in sport, music leadership and community involvement," Mr Bramley said.

"We'll be very sad to see this group go, but we wish them all the best for their exams and what they go on to do next."

The students enjoyed many personal highlights over the year, including a team of netballers winning the state title and a student completing six years of contributions to the South Gippsland music program.

Another major highlight was the tertiary camp at the beginning of the year.

"These students were absolutely fantastic on tertiary camp," Mr Bramley said.

"It was a great opportunity for them to open their eyes to what the world could be like for them next year and beyond."

Year 12s celebrate amazing six years

Following on from a successful graduation evening, Bass Coast College's Year 12 students finished off their time at the Wonthaggi-based high school with their Celebration Day.

The day was an opportunity for the graduating students to say goodbye to the rest of the student body.

The Year 10 and 11 students attended an assembly where the Year 12s were able to parade their



Bass Coast College's Year 12 students Alexis van Oss, Chloe Butcher, Shaye Brown and Ella Smith showed creative flair when bedazzling their school uniforms. Tk09_4424



Year 12 students Aiden Hooper, Brayden Bertacco, Callum McLeod, Jack Hosking, Zak Box, Charlie Slater and Chase Caldwell spruced up their uniforms as a final farewell to Bass Coast College. Tk12_4424

Celebration Day costumes and hear the last musical numbers from the Year 12 band.

This year's student leaders gave a farewell speech before the Year 12s were dismissed for the last time.

"It was a great day, and the students really went all out this year. It shows what a cohesive group this was in so far as there were so many kids who had gotten together and dressed up as multiple characters from the same franchise. All the teachers and admin staff got involved as well by dressing up in costumes from different decades," McKenzie campus

principal Ross Bramley said.

"This is one of the most wonderful groups you would ever hope to have the opportunity to have in your school. They've capped off a wonderful six years and we're very, very proud of them. We'll miss them greatly."

The students are now preparing for their exams, with the English exam taking place today (Tuesday, October 29).

Check out more photos from our graduating year 12s from across the district at sgst.com.au.

Bass Coast College art show success

BASS Coast College Wonthaggi campus held its annual Year 12 Arts and Technology exhibition opening on Tuesday, October 22.

The many parents and students who attended saw an extraordinary range of excellent work from the 2024 Year 12 students.

Subjects represented were Art Creative Practice, Art Making and Exhibiting, Visual Communication Design, Media, Product Design and Technology (Textiles), and Product Design and Technology (Engineering).

Vocational education and training (VET) courses Certificate II in Furniture Making pathways and Certificate III in Visual Arts were also represented.

Visitors enjoyed wonderful canapes and hors d'oeuvres provided by the VET Certificate II in Cookery Year 11 students.

The guest speaker, former student Meg Dal Masetto, spoke about her



Bass Coast College Year 12 student Callum McLeod with his Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways cabinet along with his trainer and Technology Key Learning Area Leader Jake Joyce.

experience in the arts field and gave great advice about time after school.

The Henry Hammond Annual Visual Arts prize was awarded to Mak Krause.

Mak achieved success in Art Mak-

ing and Exhibiting, and Visual Communication and Design, and achieved a first by being the inaugural Certificate III in Visual Arts graduate.

Congratulations Mak and the Arts team for a great exhibition.



Lilly Wookey, Mataya Maloney, Cara Moschetti and Marli Box dressed as the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles for Celebration Day at Bass Coast College. Tk13_4424



Imogen Lockhart, Eliza Wintle, Ash Cato and Jaycee Trewavis (front) dressed as the Simpsons family for Celebration Day at Bass Coast College. Tk18_4424



Bass Coast College's Lacey Phillips, Molly Rivers, Katie Fisher, Connor Maher and Billie Orpin (front) dressed as the Mystery Inc. gang for Celebration Day. Tk20_4424



Kira Mascaros, Sarah Kennedy, Lucy Dean, Louisa Poll and Ally Farr chose the Aussie icons from Kath and Kim for their Celebration Day at Bass Coast College. Tk19_4424

Sentinel-Times
COMMENT

What's with the
rise in crime?

IT'S been a hell of a week for crime in our district.

And quite alarming to hear that gunshots were fired between police and a Dumbalk North resident, a \$26 million cannabis crop was seized at Koonwarra and a fire was deliberately lit at a house near the main street of Cowes.

And that was just last Thursday.

During the week, there were also some alarming reports out of Korumburra.

There have been a lot of high-profile incidents in recent months, as well, including the high-speed ride in stolen cars by two 15-year-olds and two 14-year-olds which ended in Wonthaggi; several illegal tobacco busts, a crashed shop and burnt-out car; and a spate of aggravated burglaries involving car thefts, one such stolen car allegedly involved in the burning of a school bus at Meeniyan.

There's also the ongoing scourge of violence against women.

It's not just anecdotal. The total number of criminal incidents in Bass Coast was up 14.2 per cent in the year to the end of June 2024 and in South Gippsland up 8.5 per cent.

The total number of "family Incidents" was up by 10.1 per cent in Bass Coast to 863 incidents of which 282 were breaches of family violence orders and in South Gippsland family incidents were up 12.3 per cent to 577 of which 417 impacted women and 158 were breaches of orders.

And while many of us might feel that crime is a problem for someone else, that we're neither criminals ourselves nor direct victims of crime, incidents of crime locally do impact a much wider number of people than you'd think.

With regard to both the incident at Dumbalk North and the drug bust at Koonwarra, local residents were affected. At Dumbalk North, farmers out in the paddocks were told to go home and together with family members, spent a few anxious hours inside not knowing if a gunman was going to turn up at their door. Others were held up at roadblocks, not knowing when they would get home or what to expect when they did.

Out at Koonwarra, locals were interviewed by police about what they knew about the comings and goings of the Koonwarra-Inverloch Road property.

It's insidious. People feel less safe in their homes, they go out less often, expect the worst when they do and change their own behaviour towards others.

When a government is wasteful or spends money on ideological pursuits at the expense of funding for the basics including police, roads, health and education, there are consequences and sadly we're seeing some of them now.

Animal management
paw-thetic

DOGS take the lead (SGST, 22/10) suggests they're winning. But reported BCSC obfuscation, plan completion failure and consultation confusion just makes owners barking mad.

My big picture for any rules review has reasonable off-leash hours on beaches early and late in the day as priority. And why is there just one poo-bag dispenser (at Cuttriss Street - frequently jammed or empty) on the whole of Inverloch's five kilometre foreshore? My pooch's rates definitely not at work.

But the prize for sustained inaction for our four-legged friends' benefit must be Inverloch's dog beach. Two years back, after the rock-bag wall installation, we got new

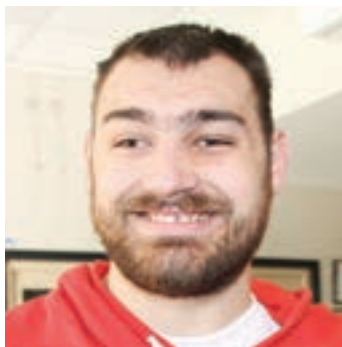
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What do you think about Halloween?



Wendy

"Children are still into Halloween with their friends."



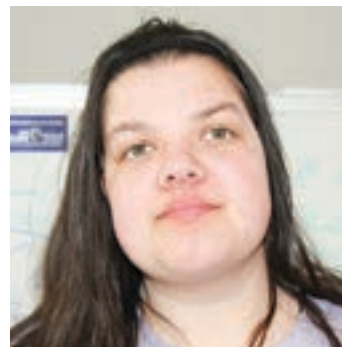
Kai

"Love dressing up in my Nintendo costumes Mario and Luigi."



Raymond

"It's good, it's fun, I enjoy it."



Georgia

"I dressed up for Halloween as a kid, I'm too old for it now."

steps down from road level at one point, storms having wrecked previous access structures. In all that time, including unanswered letters to ward councillors, the risk to users at the main entry-points east and west has only increased. Now, even most dogs need extra meaty-bites to get up the eroding sand-cliff. Owners would be wise to do prior commando training.

A truly well-managed asset to make doggie visitors to our holiday town feel welcome now that summer's coming. Is animal management a joke elsewhere in Bass Coast, or are Inverloch hounds alone in being hounded?

Ken Blackman, Inverloch

There's nothing
wrong with nuclear

I LIVED within a few miles of a nuclear reactor for over twenty years. Most of my friends still live near it and they are, most surprisingly, still alive and kicking.

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Wake up and smell the scam.

Kim Donohue, Wonthaggi

We'll have a good
council when...

WE WILL know within a week who was successful as our new councillors for our shire. It will take a little longer to see whether the new councillors have been able to genuinely take charge of Council and chart a new and positive direction for it. To restore genuine and widespread confidence and trust in it.

There will be early signs of a successful Council when and if they restore basic democratic rights, transparency, and accountabilities. When they have the courage and commitment to democracy to restore an open Question Time at Council meetings without questions being vetted for approval by the mayor and or senior staff.

When they have the courage to reopen briefing sessions to the public as was previous practice for decades and broadcast them for transparency as Mornington Shire is now doing. Rather than, it appears, to be making decisions in briefing sessions against legal directives. When they act to clear up the documented allegations of improper procurement procedures.

We should be looking for our representatives to immediately pass motions demanding the release of the still secret, two independent audit reports that identified 40 areas for improvement in the

procurement system to meet legal requirements and a demand that staff through the CEO confirm which if any of these areas for improvement have been implemented.

When the Councillors demand the restoration of full financial reporting including the 15-year capital works plan as was the case previously and to start to report on where capital works are being spent over time for equity.

We will know there is meaningful change when the Council Plan is developed by the community and unlike last Council's Plan does not exclude key recommendations from the community advisory panel's recommendations.

More importantly for all of us in the end will the councillors demand that rates are frozen for four years which is more than financially possible. Particularly if you reduce capital works back to the long-term average of \$17m vs current \$32m p.a. and exclude the \$32m for the municipal precinct. The State Government Wheeler Report on Rates for Small Councils says that after a population reaches 30,000 rates per assessment in Victoria have declined because of lower asset load per assessment unlike rates at South Gippsland Shire which continue to rise at a time of serious cost of living crisis.

Progress is measured by genuine partnerships between community, councillors, and staff. By a real commitment and practice of openness, accountability, and transparency. But such partnerships must be driven ultimately by our representatives. The councillors as genuine policy setters rather than rubber stamping decisions on the advice of senior staff.

Finally, we will know the council is performing when the meetings genuinely have debate in the Council chamber and the meetings last more than one hour vs an average of 2.5-3 hours in the previous Council.

Without these signs it will be business as usual, the tail (council senior staff) wagging the dog (supplicant councillors), and democracy will continue to be curtailed. We can live in hope!

Andrew McEwen, Korumburra

More work ahead,
particularly for Mahers

I WISH to thank the many people who enabled me to run for Western Port Ward, successfully or not I am yet to know.

But I do know I have questions about the Mahers Landing Boat Ramp.

All the boaters I talked to recently were pretty happy with the new ramp complex, that is apart from: jetty wheel chair access; the jetty being lower than high tide and not on a pontoon; only six car spaces; the two disabled spaces layout; the slippery ramp with at least one car already needing to be towed back from the brink; lack of beach access over the rocks; the jetty ladders' top two rungs being

unusable for feet but an entrapment hazard for hands and the area boaters use to step off the ramp needing a cover plate. And jetty safety issues of protruding bolts; unbollarded already damaged main corner; lack of railings; hazards for children disembarking especially at high tide and no life preservers.

There is a high chance of boat rage over summer with bottle necks, congestion, and unnecessary delays caused by the awkward layout.

One thing all agreed on was that both the bollards and the rocks on the sand adjacent to the old boat ramp must be removed so that it could still be used by small tinnies, emergency craft and at peak times both to launch and for somewhere to wait for a turn on the main ramp.

More work needs to be done.

Glenda Minty, Candidate for Western Port Ward.

It's all about the kids

MANY families with young children have reported to me during this election that they came to Mirboo North for two major family services – early childhood support at the town's beautiful Child Care Centre and the Mirboo North pool.

So many Mirboo North families are devastated by the news that our pool will not be re-opened until after summer, and our childcare centre is to close and be relocated to the Mirboo North primary and secondary school complex.

South Gippsland's Children and Families Strategy 2024 to 2027 identifies large parts of the shire as "a childcare desert." While the strategy calls for evidence-based action, it fails to systematically report data on important facts such as current early childhood service waiting lists across all communities, such as Mirboo North's 40 plus families waiting.

Two deeply concerning statistics included in the Shire's Strategy (I) a 63 per cent increase in reported incidents of domestic violence between 2017 and 2022. (Why might this be so? How much does this rise in domestic violence relate to the Sentinel Times lead story three weeks ago that "South Gippsland is no longer the safest Shire in Gippsland"? and are we failing our children and youth?); and (II) 27.3 per cent of South Gippsland's children are considered developmentally vulnerable - well above the 19.9 per cent across Victoria.

Just how closely are these two statistics related?

It's past time for Council to advocate for the interest of South Gippsland communities with other levels of government on both these issues. Whether elected or not I will ask the new South Gippsland Council to fast-track Mirboo Norths Pool's repairs and re-opening; and urgently review the Shire's current plans to close and relocate our Child Care Centre.

Rosemary Cousin, Allambee South. Candidate South Gippsland Tarwin Valley Ward South Gippsland Shire Council

Inspiring kids to take action to protect water

IN CELEBRATION of National Water Week (October 21-27), Westernport Water is excited to announce the winners of this year's poster competition.

This year's theme "Water for All, Inspiring Action" is about inspiring changes to help our water resources and our planet. We want to do things now that will make a big difference later, so we need to work together to make sure our water stays clean and plentiful for everyone, now and in the future.

The annual poster competition for local primary school and kindergarten students showcases their creativity and passion for protecting our water resources through art. Students embraced the theme creating some amazing art, with almost 150 students entering posters in this year's competition.

The top three winners from each age group were excited to receive prizes at their school assemblies over the past two weeks, with winners taking home gift vouchers from Turn the Page bookshop in Cowes and a Westernport Water prize pack. Every entrant also received a certificate for participating.

Winning posters from each age group were also entered into the State level competition against 12 other regional winners. Excitingly, two posters from local students were awarded first place in their categories!

"We appreciate the schools and students taking part in this competition each year, we love seeing the posters. The level of creativity and understanding of the importance of water displayed in their artwork is inspiring," Westernport Water's Managing Director, Dona Tantirimudalige said.

"Water literacy is essential for a sustainable future. By inspiring students to understand and appreciate the value of water, we empower them to play a vital role in conserving and protecting our precious water resources for generations to come.

"Congratulations to all the finalists and to Powlett River Primary School who was the lucky winner of Westernport Water's \$1000 school participation prize that will support their efforts in promoting water education.

"We encourage everyone to join us in celebrating these young artists and the vital role water plays in our community."

For more information about National Water Week or the poster competition, please visit Westernport Water's National Water Week webpage.

2024 NWW Poster Competition

4-Year-Old Kinder - Individual

- 1st Place – Gemma, Phillip Island Early Learning Centre
- **Gemma also came 1st in the State competition.

4-Year-Old Kinder - Collaborative

- 1st Place – Seal Group, Phillip Island Early Learning Centre
- **The Seal Group from PIELC also came Equal 1st in the State competition.

Prep

- 1st Place – Rosie, Newhaven Primary School
- Equal 2nd place – Georgia, Newhaven Primary School
- Equal 2nd place – Clarke, Newhaven Primary School
- 3rd place – Remy, Newhaven Primary School

Grade 1-2

- 1st place – Isla, Cowes Primary School
- 2nd place – Lucy, Newhaven College
- 3rd place – Luca, Cowes Primary School

Grade 3-4

- 1st Place – Ruby, Newhaven College
- 2nd place – Mason, San Remo Primary School
- Equal 3rd place – James, San Remo Primary School
- Equal 3rd place – Eva, San Remo Primary School

Grade 5-6

- 1st Place – Vera, Powlett River Primary School
- 2nd place – Georgia, Powlett River Primary School
- 3rd place – Shyla, Powlett River Primary School



The talented Seal Group of Phillip Island Early Learning Centre won the local poster competition, and then went on to come equal second in the State level competition for the Kindergarten – Collaborative category.



Gemma from Phillip Island Early Learning Centre receiving her prizes from Westernport Water's Katrina Knight. Gemma not only came first in the local competition, but also came first in the State for her poster in the Kindergarten – Individual category.



San Remo Primary's Mason, James and Eva all received prizes for their posters in the Grade 3-4 category. Principal Sue Becker is a great supporter of Westernport Water's annual National Water Week poster competition, and the school submitted the greatest number of posters this year. Well done San Remo Primary!



Luca and Isla received their prizes from Westernport Water's Katrina Knight at the recent Cowes Primary School assembly.



Talented sisters Ruby and Lucy proudly showing off their prizes after coming first and second in their respective age groups.



Powlett River Primary school principal Wendy Nicol with Westernport Water's Katrina and the top three students in the grade 5-6 category. 1st Place - Vera Jelisivac, 2nd place - Georgia Henry and 3rd place - Shyla Forrest.



Geoff from Westernport Water presented prizes to Remy, Clarke, Rosie and Georgia at Newhaven Primary's school assembly. This talented bunch took out first, second and equal third in the Prep Category!

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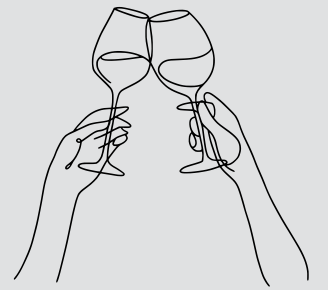


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Writing challenge short list selected for Fishy Stories

THE judges of the 2024 Fishy Stories Writing Challenge have been hard at work, carefully reviewing the hundreds of entries submitted by budding young authors. After weeks of deliberation, the results are in!

Open to students from Year One to Year Eight, this year's challenge attracted an incredible 376 written stories and 52 picture stories from across Victoria and New South Wales.

Event coordinators Jodi Hay and Daniel Encel were blown away by the quality of submissions, stating, "We've been amazed at the talented students who participated. The standard of storytelling and creativity was exceptional this year."

A panel of local art and literature enthusiasts took on the tough task of selecting just 20 stories to be performed live at the Fishy Stories Festival on November 17, 2024.

These stories, chosen from 61 schools, will be brought to life by the Foster Amateur Dramatic Association (FAMDA) in free performances throughout the day.

"We had rigorous criteria in place," said Daniel Encel, "the diverse imagination and consistently high standard across the four age categories made it challenging to select the finalists."

Among the stories to be performed are the quirky Terrible Teacher, Cuddle Pie & Ela the Awesome, and The Magic Salad Bucket, all sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Picture story entries will be on display throughout the day and in addition to the Writing Challenge performances, festivalgoers can look forward to an exciting day of activities that will keep the whole family entertained.

Making his much-anticipated return is Luigi Zucchini, the beloved magician known for his goofy Italian antics and astonishing tricks. Luigi will be debuting a brand-new show as the festival's only ticketed performance. His mix of magic, comedy, and animal friends is guaranteed to captivate both children and adults alike.

Mark November 17 on your calendar and join us at the Fishy Stories Festival for a celebration of storytelling in all its forms. To view the full program and for more information, visit FishyStories.org.

Ladies Be Good take to Inverloch

THE South Gippsland Jazz club are holding their next afternoon of entertainment on November 3 at the RSL, Inverloch from 2pm – 4.30pm.

This month they have a six-piece girl band, comprising Ann, flute, Jan, vocalist, Lisette, keyboard, Ashley, sax, Holly, bass and Sue, drums. This group was formed in 2014 by a group of friends who wanted to get together to perform and be different from other bands. Their interpretation of jazz standards and some excellent vocal co-operation and their enjoyment of what they do will be obvious to all. The group has appeared at many jazz festivals as a unit and individually in other bands.

Visitors most welcome \$18 cash at the door. Enquires Marg 0438 420 770.

My sister Jill takes to the stage at Berninneit

THE highly acclaimed Offshore Theatre is back, bringing "My Sister Jill" to the Bass Coast with an exclusive preview as part of Berninneit's first anniversary celebrations on Friday, November 1. This is no ordinary play! Patricia Cornelius' masterwork, adapted from her novel and first performed at the Melbourne Theatre Company, shines a light on Australian family life in the 1950s-70s, exploring the ripple effects of two wars. This touching, witty, and unfiltered family story will have you both laughing and tearing up as each sibling's journey unfolds.

The passion behind this production comes from Director Melissa McMillan. An experienced teacher, Melissa's enthusiasm was reignited upon reading the play herself last year.

"My Sister Jill" deals with some heavy issues but there is so much light and shade throughout," Melissa said.

"The fact that the actors play themselves as children and young adults allows for such fun and experimentation. I get to guide them through this incredibly exciting creative process."

"What an honour to take the audience on a uniquely Australian journey that has the potential to make them laugh, gasp and feel conflicted regarding who the villain is, if there is one."

After directing Offshore's hit "2:20 am" in 2023, Melissa felt this show's potential was too irresistible to pass up.

Marni steps in as Christine, the youngest sibling, who



"It was such a great story, the language was poetic and each of the characters had the space to share their experiences. I bought the script that day and took it back to our little group to read." Offshore Theatre Inc. President Remi D'Agostin.

idealises her father's war experiences, sparking intrigue and drama within the family. A National Theatre Drama School alum, Marni has starred in ABC's "The Broken Shore" and several stage productions. Her character, journeys from a curious child to an independent young woman – a challenge Marni is thrilled to bring to life.

On stage, Remi D'Agostin plays the eldest sister Jill. A familiar face with Offshore Theatre, Remi's love for theatre and skill both in front of and behind the scenes make her perfect for the role. Jill is fiercely protective of her siblings and driven by a sense of justice, determined to break from tradition. Remi, also the theatre's president, has relished digging into Jill's complex, spirited personality.

The show also boasts two lively twins: Steve Birchall as Door and Steven Boon as Mouse. Although not twins

in real life, they've brought incredible sibling energy to these characters. Steve Birchall, who first discovered acting through Offshore Theatre, adds both warmth and humour to the loyal and outspoken Door, bringing his own brotherly experiences into play. Steven Boon – another local theatre regular – adds depth to the often quiet but keenly insightful Mouse.

Don't miss out on an incredible cast and the chance to see this uniquely Australian story. Tickets are available on Trybooking and Bass Coast Cultural Venues. Experience the power of community theatre and celebrate Berninneit's anniversary with a heartfelt story about family, resilience, and love.

Showtimes: Thursday, November 7 at 7.30pm, Friday, November 8 at 7.30pm and Saturday, November 9 at 2pm.



Intensive care paramedic, Robin Lowe and has just released his latest single 'Lies For War'.

Lowe's latest single 'Lies For War' out now

ROBIN Lowe has recently released his latest single 'Lies For War' a song that addressed the issue of war, leadership and motivation behind sending those to battle.

Lowe explained that the interpretation behind the lyrics is addressing that those people can be sent to fight against others who are most likely not too different to themselves.

"Sadly, when I penned the lyrics for this song, I had no idea how relevant it would be at its release."

'Lies For War' was recorded and produced by Dave Prideaux at Sunderland Studio on Phillip Island.

"Dave is a multi-instrumentalist and was able to incorporate instruments into the recording that I couldn't," said Lowe.

Local up-and-coming Phillip Island musician, Esta Christensen came into the recording studio for what would be her very first recording experience and provided backing vocals.

Lowe grew up in San Remo and is currently residing in Kilcunda.

"I'm an Intensive Care Paramedic and have been working in the Phillip Island area all of my adult life. I've been a drummer/percussionist for as long as I can remember and have played with many different bands and lineups," he shared.

In 2019 Lowe began singing/songwriting and in May of 2020, released his first single 'Did You Live A Good Life' (DYLGL).

"I also produced my first music video which was circulated on YouTube and quickly gained over one thousand views."

"My work as a paramedic inhibits my ability to tour and perform but I can often be seen performing with others as a drummer-percussionist at local venues, or performing my own tunes at open mics, busking, or local events on Phillip Island or within the Bass Coast."

Lowe was subsequently chosen to produce the soundtrack for a short film titled 'Bunurong Coast' and released a single and music video, which was also titled 'Bunurong Coast' – youtu.be/S6coblh9m24?si=iCdKBJQPVx3llvIJ

"The advent of COVID pandemic lockdowns forced me to start playing the guitar for which I'm self-taught. I've now released seven studio-recorded singles, with more to come," he explained.

"I've tried to mix up the style of music I create and the subject matter but there always seems to be an 80's rock theme trying to infiltrate them. All of my studio recorded singles can be purchased or streamed online via most music streaming sites such as:

YouTube: Robin Lowe
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Capturing the heart and struggle of migration

THE Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proud to present "Io Capitano", an emotional and touching story that portrays the migrant experience, from acclaimed Italian director, Matteo Garrone, shortlisted for Best International Feature at the 2024 Academy Awards, Golden Globe Nominee, and Winner of Best Director at the Venice Film Festival.

"Io Capitano" intricately explores themes of identity and migration, presenting a poignant narrative centred on two Senegalese teenagers as they embark on a treacherous journey from their home country to Europe. The film offers a fresh perspective on the migration experience, collaborating with African migrants who have actually undertaken this perilous journey, thereby enhancing the authenticity of the storytelling. Through the lens of these young characters, the film delves into the complexities of identity, as they grapple with their aspirations for a better life while facing the harsh realities of their circumstances. This exploration becomes particularly impactful as it captures the essence of what it means to seek a new identity in a foreign land,



"Io Capitano" offers a powerful, authentic portrayal of migration's hardships, hope, and resilience on screen.

highlighting the struggles and sacrifices involved in the process of migration.

In addition to its exploration of personal identity, "Io Capitano" represents pressing socio-political issues surrounding immigration and the exploitation of migrants. The film does not shy away from depicting the brutal realities faced by many, including the harrowing scenes set in Libyan detention centers where migrants endure torture and inhumane treatment. These intense representations serve

to expose the darker side of migration, shedding light on themes of racism and violence that are often overlooked in mainstream narratives. However, what makes this film particularly compelling is its ability to balance these heavy themes with an underlying sense of hope, showcasing the resilience and determination of its characters against the backdrop of a harsh socio-political reality.

Character development in "Io Capitano" plays a crucial role in conveying the emotional depth

of the story. The two main protagonists, driven by their dreams of a better life, resonate with audiences through their authentic portrayal of fear, hope, and desperation. As these Senegalese boys navigate their perilous journey, the film captures their emotional struggles and triumphs, creating a heartfelt narrative that invites viewers to empathise with their plight. While certain supporting characters may lack depth, the central focus on the main characters' experiences allows for a poignant exploration of human survival and the bonds formed in the face of adversity. This emotional resonance ultimately enriches the film, making it a powerful commentary on the immigrant experience.

Screening at 10.45am, Sunday, November 3 at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. BCFFG members entry free, with general public welcome at usual box office prices.

To find out more, visit the website: basscoastfinefilm-group.weebly.com/current-season, and follow the links to the film.

The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored by the Bass Coast Shire.

Fashion on show at Coal Creek

FASHIONS from the Victorian and Edwardian eras and the Art Deco period will feature in two parades at Coal Creek on Saturday, November 9, with ticket sales raising funds for Friends of Coal Creek (FOCC) towards the upkeep of the park and projects there.

FOCC member Jan Quigley suggested the event to her friend Vanessa Mangan who runs The Vintage Emporium at the Tyabb Packing Shed.

Vanessa expects the styles on show to range from the 1850s to the 1930s.

She aims to strike a balance between Coal Creek's working-class history and people's desire to see beautiful fashion outfits.

There is expected to be a focus on daywear.

Petticoats, now worn as dresses, are sure to appeal.

There'll be an opportunity to buy vintage fashion through Vanessa's pop-up shop, whether you're an FOCC member or just like to dress in the styles of different periods.

Vanessa explained there are no hard and fast rules, with some liking to incorporate vintage items into their outfits.

"It's a great, sustainable way of dressing, and the best thing about vintage fashion is you get to choose and join all the decades together," she said.

During the parades more delicate items will be displayed on mannequins, while models will wear more robust outfits, with those models likely to include Korumburra Secondary College students.

Refreshments will be available, including Devonshire Tea.

The fashion parades are at noon and 2pm, with doors open 30 minutes prior.

Tickets cost \$10 per person and are available through trybooking.com/CWBYT.

Spring into Palm Lakes Spring Market

THE residents of Palm Lake Resort are having their Annual Spring Market on Sunday November 3 from 10am until 1pm and are welcoming the community to pop by and snap a goodie.

The all-weather event will take place in the resort's hall, so there is no need to worry if it's rain, hail or sweltering heat.

All types of goodies will be on sale from artworks, craft, secondhand books and DVD's, bric-a-brac, pre-loved clothing, plants, cards, gifts, etc, just in time for Christmas!

A yummy sausage sizzle, with onions of course, will be running all day, or perhaps you fancy a delicious Devonshire tea.

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Palm Lake is located at 48 Settlement Road, next to the golf course.

A spookingly good time set for Bunnings

BUNNINGS is set to transform this Thursday for a family fun filled Halloween (October 31).

Dress up and join the spooky fun on the corner of White Road and McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi. There will be loads of fun to enjoy including craft, haunted house, scavenger hunt, popcorn and more between 4pm and 6pm.

A family fun day for rev-heads of all ages at Tarwin Lower

AN ARMY tank and a stunning '71 Ford Falcon GT are sure to draw big crowds for this year's Tarwin District Community Lifestyle and Auto Festival this Sunday, November 3.

Gates open from 9.30am to 3.30pm with vehicles on display dating back to the early days of motoring.

The fun continues late into the afternoon with live music until 5pm.

Three hundred entries are expected for vintage and classic cars, trucks, tractors and stationary engines, and one hundred motorbike entries making it one of the biggest auto shows in Gippsland.

The people's choice 'Best in Show' award is sure to be hotly contested.

Children are well catered for with free pony rides, Clydesdale horse and cart rides, novelty races and face painting.

Craft, local produce stalls

and the food and beverage offerings are always a delight.

The Tarwin District Community Lifestyle and Auto Festival is supported by the Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower Men's Shed which always has lots of expertly crafted 'woody goodies' for sale.

Don't miss the tractor pull at 11am.

Entries will be taken on the day at the Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve with free entry for children under sixteen and \$10 for adults, show vehicles and passengers.

Find the Tarwin District Community Lifestyle and Auto Festival on Facebook or visitgippsland.com.au/event/tarwin-district-community-lifestyle-and-auto-festival.

Note it in your diary for this weekend the Tarwin District Community Lifestyle and Auto Festival, Sunday, November 3 from 9.30am.



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Abbey

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Amara

I'm looking forward to travelling and catching up with friends. Next year I hope to go to uni and travel.



April

I'm looking forward to learning and improving myself. Next year I hope to be working, but also travel and spending time with friends.



Azarlee

I'm looking forward to having more free time. Next year I hope to be working in real estate.



Claire

I'm looking forward to not having to deal with children and not having to go to school each day. Next year I hope to get paid.



Daniel

I'm looking forward to finishing school. Next year I hope to be working in asbestos removal.



Ebony

I'm looking forward to celebrating and having more time for myself. Next year I hope to be travelling and working.



Ella

I'm looking forward to learning more about myself and finding out who I am. Next year I plan to be partying.



Emily

I'm looking forward to focusing more on myself and not having to get up early. I hope to study librarianship at Berwick TAFE.



Jacqueline

I'm looking forward to having more time for adventures. Next year I hope to go to uni and travel.



Jay

I'm looking forward to finishing school. Next year I hope to be building my stuff.



Julian

I'm looking forward to being free from the stress of doing schoolwork. Next year I hope to be working and enjoying free time.



Kali

Next year I hope to be working part time and studying at TAFE.



Kelsey

Next year I will most likely finishing off TAFE and continuing to do casual work at my job.



Oliver

I'm looking forward to getting freedom and moving into the work force.



Payton

I'm looking forward to having more free time to work and focus on my career.



Savannah

I'm looking forward to having my freedom and studying at university.



Sienna

I'm looking forward to more time to spend with family and friends. Next year I plan to study at Uni and travel.



Tarkyn

I'm looking forward to having more freedom. Next year I hope to do something with sport.



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Year 12 Celebration 2024



Ben

I'm looking forward to being more independent and able to grow as an individual. Next year I want to get paid and learn new things.



Breanna

I'm looking forward to more me time and a more relaxing time. I hope to work part time in childcare and finish my study.



Bri

I'm looking forward to celebrating with friends. Next year I hope to go to uni and travel.



Caitlyn

Next year I hope to be working and travelling with friends.



Chloe

I'm looking forward to having free time and no more homework. Next year I hope to be studying at Uni for psychology.



Eva

I'm looking forward to having more free time and celebrating. Next year I will be exploring different work opportunities.



Eva

I'm looking forward to focusing more on myself. I hope to work full time to save up for studying abroad.



Fernanda

I'm looking forward to having time for adventures. I hope to work whilst starting a pathway into forensic science in criminology.



Holly

I'm looking forward to having more time to focus on myself and adventures. I hope to work with kids, study and travel.



Jake

I'm looking forward to makin' a bitta dosh. Next year I will be LIVING LIFE.



Kirrah

I'm looking forward to going on holidays and travelling with family and friends. Next year I will be working and studying at uni.



Lachlan

I'm looking forward to more freedom as well as doing things I enjoy more. Next year will be a potential traineeship / gap year.



Liam

I'm looking forward to finally being free of routine. Next year I hope to work and travel.



Lucy

I'm looking forward to having more time for hobbies. Next year I plan to live in Geelong and study at Uni.



Makyla

I'm looking forward to going on holidays and moving house. Next year I will be working in childcare.



Thomas

I'm looking forward to exploring what the world has to offer.



Tiarna

I'm looking forward to celebrating with friends. Next year I hope to be doing support work and travel.



Tilly

I'm looking forward to the feeling that I did it. Next year I plan to study at uni.



Tre

I'm looking forward to not having to attend school each day. Next year I hope to be working in real estate and travelling.



Will

I'm looking forward to having the freedom to travel independently. I plan to be adventuring abroad.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024



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



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



FINLEY Peter Clarke was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on October 11. He is the first child for Mitchell and Amy Clark of Korumburra.



AMY and Adam Scanlan welcomed Bob Ian Scanlan on October 15 at Sale Hospital. Little brother Bobby joins big brother Percy, the perfect mate to play diggers with!

Send your photos to news@sgst.com.au

• FAITH FACTOR

The Frailty of Life

By Rev. Capt. Graeme Liersch, Rector, Anglican Parish of Wonthaggi/Inverloch

THE Wombat lies dead beside the road. It had no understanding of traffic and cars, it merely sought food and shelter for itself and its young, yet in an instant it was dead, hit by a car, its life gone.

We in the Western World take so much of life for granted, we don't question it and often we show absolute disregard for it by barrelling along in life with the perception that we are indestructible.

It is not until we face death or are facing the possibility of it, that we stop and think, reflect on what might have been and what is to come.

As a young man in my early twenties, I was faced with going into a war zone, until then I couldn't or wouldn't even consider death, but this was different. It caused me to reflect on my humanity, the possibility of God and what it may mean if He really did exist. What would death be like if I was shot and killed?

Taking the time to ask yourself the hard questions can be life changing, for me it certainly was.

Is there life after death? Is God real? Can I find the answers?

I took the plunge and started to read the bible, just in case God was real. It took me a while, but by the time I had reached the halfway mark, the book of Job, I had met God. It was a case of: "If you're really there God, I want to know you"! The result, my life changed for the better.

I now live a life free from Alcohol and other vices, married with three adult children, a grandchild and have worked in the Anglican Church for over 40 years.

So, next time you see a dead animal on the side of the road, take stock, think of your own mortality, check out whether God is real or not by asking Him if He's really there.

I know He will surprise you.

Trivia night delights

WHAT a night. The Coronet Bay Community Hall was packed recently for a trivia night that had everything – fierce competition, plenty of laughs and a healthy dose of community spirit.

Organised by the Coronet Bay Community Association (CBCA), the event brought together local trivia buffs, casual quiz-goers and everyone in between for a night that will be talked about for weeks.

With nine teams competing, the room was buzzing with excitement.

The questions covered everything from general knowledge to local history, and even a few tricky pop culture ones thrown in for good measure.

The bonus rounds and light-hearted games added an extra layer of fun – whether you knew the answer or not, there was always something to keep everyone smiling.

The CBCA committee, who were in attendance, did a brilliant job keeping everything running smoothly.

With \$30 gift vouchers for each member of the winning team, the competition was close with just a handful of points separating the top teams.

It wasn't just about the trivia, though.

The event raised a gener-



The community generously supported the trivia night at the Coronet Bay Community Hall.

ous sum to support the Coronet Bay Community Lunch Group.

This local initiative provides free monthly lunches to local folks, offering a warm meal and great company.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who attended, the group will continue its fantastic work of bringing people together and helping to beat loneliness in the area.

"We couldn't be happier with how the night went. The turnout was incredible, and

it was great to see so many people having a brilliant time while supporting an important cause. The funds raised will go a long way in helping the Coronet Bay Community Lunch Group," CBCA president Chris Petrie said.

"A special note of thanks to Cr Rochelle Halstead for her presence and support."

After the success of this trivia night, and previous karaoke and grand final gatherings, there's no doubt the community will be looking

forward to future events.

With such great vibes and strong support, the CBCA plans to keep the momentum going with more events to strengthen community ties and support worthy causes.

Coronet Bay's Fun Run/Walk is on Sunday, November 3, and bookings are now open at trybooking.com/CVSHI.

For more details on upcoming events or how you can get involved with the CBCA, visit coronetbayca.au.

Healthcare daffodil bulb drive raises \$20,525

THIS year's West Gippsland Healthcare Group daffodil bulb drive has raised \$20,525, allowing allied health staff to continue supporting the health, safety and dignity of clients.

Ten businesses from Trafalgar to Longwarry helped sell 32,000 bulbs, which were donated by Blyth Bros Daffodil Farm with proceeds going to West Gippsland Healthcare Group's Allied and Community Health team.

Now in its 29th year, the drive has funded new wheelchairs, walking aids and other equipment, plus social welfare resources such as grocery and fuel vouchers. The impacts are varied and far-reaching with examples including:

- New pressure-relieving devices for patients with limited mobility, improving their comfort and reducing the risk of pressure injury
- Greater variety and challenge in rehabilitation programs with equipment



Occupational Therapy Manager Sue Aberdeen, Acting Director of Allied and Community Health Sally Wilson and Social Work Manager Tina Brooker with some of the vouchers which were made possible by the generous purchase of daffodil bulbs.

- such as a balance trainer and an agility trainer, which uses light patterns to encourage movement
- Food vouchers provided to parents with competing financial demands, ensuring they were able to use their limited funds to pay rent and retain

- their homes
- Financial support that enabled clients to buy both groceries and essential medications
- Fuel vouchers to ensure new parents could visit their premature babies regularly in WGHG's Special Care Nursery

- Provision of a washing machine and dryer to launder clothes for long-stay patients who don't have family to assist them.

WGHG Acting Allied and Community Health Director Sally Wilson said it was impossible to express the depth of her gratitude for the daffodil drive and the breadth of initiatives it supported.

"Every year Allied and Community Health are extremely blessed to receive the proceeds of the Blyth Family Daffodil Bulb Fundraiser," she said.

"The resources we've been able to purchase over the years have enhanced the care we're able to provide across many programs. The benefits are simply too numerous to list them all.

"I'd like to thank the Blyth family for their ongoing support, as well as the incredible local community – both the businesses that sell bulbs on our behalf and the people who purchase them."

Victorian State Orchestra comes to Wonthaggi

LOCALS enjoyed attending the Victorian State Orchestra on Sunday afternoon, October 20 at the Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre.

Featuring an iconic 50-piece orchestra and with nearly a century of musical excellence, the orchestra presented a dynamic repertoire ranging from timeless classics by Bach, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky to the beloved tunes of Operetta and Musical Theatre, including

works by Gilbert and Sullivan and Andrew Lloyd Webber. The program also embraced modern compositions by John Williams (Star Wars) and Peter Allen, ensuring an engaging experience for all music lovers.

Directed by the acclaimed conductor Gerald Keuneman, whose impressive credits include collaborations with legends like Frank Sinatra, Elton John, Olivia Newton-John,

Anthony Warlow, and Sammy Davis Jr., this performance promised unforgettable moments.

The Victorian State Orchestra is renowned for its dynamic programming, entertaining Victorians of all ages, with various tastes, for nearly 100 years.

The Victorian State Orchestra is the longest-existing orchestra in Australia and the only orchestra conceived by a State Government (Mr John

Meagher), in all Australia, which makes them very unique in their origins as well as in their original purpose, entertaining at Government functions and their ongoing purpose, that is providing a free service to the people of Victoria, especially to those in rural and regional areas that suffer from natural disasters and need a bit of high quality, light entertainment that's accessible and affordable as well as enjoyable.

LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

AS WE look ahead to 2025, we have opportunities to run innovative programs and activities already and would love to see what interest we have. Some ideas are:

- Resin Jewellery making for all ages.
- Candle Making for your own personalised candles at home
- Junk Journaling techniques using mixed media
- Jelly Printing making homemade gelatin plates
- Colour theory in acrylics and other mediums
- Canva classes to learn how to make flyers, invitations, etc.

- Flower arranging and presentation for any purpose
- Tie craft using old ties to make bags, phone holders, and more
- "Worn once" clothing markets

These can be run as one-day sessions, weekend workshops, day, or evening classes. We are your Leongatha Community House so please let us know as we plan our 2025 year. There are still plenty of possibilities for more ideas and new skills to learn! We want to hear from you, our community.

Our regular groups and classes will continue to run in

2025 and we always warmly welcome new participants to our friendly Community House at any time of the year.

Coming up there are limited places left in our Exploring Drawing Portraits workshop on Saturday, November 9 from 10am-2pm with Constance Barker.

Our Calligraphy Christmas Workshop is coming up on Saturday, November 30 from 12pm-4pm where you will create your own personalised Christmas Card. This is always such a pleasant afternoon with popular tutor Jen Chitty. (Suitable for all ages 12+ with

parents accompanying children under 16).

Don't forget to visit our website at leongatha.community-house.org.au to keep up with our current program and regular groups and activities and also what is coming up. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

Leongatha Community House AGM rescheduled to Thursday 3.30pm November 7, RSVP info@leongatha



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INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HOUSE

OUR term is in full swing, but don't worry, there's still plenty to get involved in!

Mondays: Introduction to Canva Classes: Our Introduction to Canva classes are running, perfect for those looking to sharpen their graphic design skills. Simone will guide you through the process, making it ideal for anyone managing social media or marketing for a club or group.

Carers Support Group – October 28: Our monthly Carers Support Group, facilitated by LaTrobe Community Health Service, will meet on October 28 from 1pm to 3pm. Join fellow carers for a relaxing and supportive afternoon, a great opportunity to take a break

and connect with others in similar roles.

Annual General Meeting - November 12: We're hosting our Annual General Meeting at the Hub on November 12 at 12:30pm for all members. If you can't attend in person, proxy forms are available on our website. We look forward to reflecting on the year and celebrating with our community.

Afternoon Social Pickleball: There are still a few spots available for our Afternoon Social Pickleball group, held from 1pm to 2pm. Pickleball is a fun, social game for all ages and abilities, played in teams of four on a court the size of a double's badminton court.

Contact us at 5674 2444 to reserve your spot.

Chair/Seated Yoga – Wednesdays and Thursdays: Join us for chair/seated yoga, a gentle one-hour session blending relaxation, breathing techniques, and physical postures. This class is perfect for beginners, those with long-term health conditions, or anyone returning to yoga after a break.

First Fridays: Pickle Club & Gluten-Free Lunch: The first Friday of each month is packed with fun. Our Pickle Club, a group of fermentation enthusiasts, meets from 5.30pm to 7pm. This is a hands-on, shared demonstration (not a cooking class) where members can learn,

share, and experiment with fermented foods.

Also on the first Friday, we host a Gluten-Free Lunch from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm in the Hub Meeting Room. This group shares recipes, tips, and knowledge about living gluten-free. The next sessions for both will be on November 1.

For more details or to sign up for any of these activities, give us a call at 5674 2444 or drop by the House, open Monday to Friday, to chat with our friendly volunteers!



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YES YOUTH HUB

WITH young people winding down and students getting ready for end of year exams, the YES Youth Hub is amping up with our planning and activities for programming!

The Chilli Dogs that the YES Youth Hub served up for this week's Monday Meal was very appreciated by the young people who attended, and was accompanied by a fun afternoon of Pickleball from GippSport! This Tuesday saw Cupcake decorating as an absolute hit of an activity – with mountains of icing and creativity on offer! Many of the young women who

attend the YES Youth Hub on a Tuesday head into the Wonthaggi Boxing and Jiu Jitsu Club to partake in the amazing Women's Boxing program, and they always have a great time. In addition to our usual fun programming including sports activities from the legends at GippSport, music, games, good food and excellent vibes, we also saw a spontaneous Karaoke afternoon pop up in our Jam Space – providing entertainment and lots of laughs for the entire YES Youth Hub!

Halloween is just around the corner, and the YES Youth Hub

is teaming up with some of our amazing community partners to deliver a free Trick-or-Treating event for young people, and an afternoon Halloween Party at the YES Youth Hub! Always fun and always fun – no registration is necessary – just check out our socials for more info and turn up ready to scare!

The YES Youth Hub in conjunction with the legends at the Y Bass Coast, FReeZA, GippSport and Bass Coast Shire Council are delivering the Final Breakout 2024 event – at Bass Coast Paintball! Spots are limited and registrations are

essential, so keep an eye on our socials and get in quick!

The YES Youth Hub is open and available to young people of the community on Monday to Thursday between 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Young people are always welcome to come down and check out the space during Drop-In and spend time with the YYH team. We'd love to see you there!



76 Watt Street, Wonthaggi PH: 0477 224 430 @YESYouthHub

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

TERM 4 is in full swing now but BCAL is already preparing for some exciting new projects in 2025.

One of them is called Climate Action Attitudes. An initiative of the Learn Local Family Learning Partnerships Program, the project aims to engage families in practical workshops focused on climate mitigation and adaptation.

Utilising the expertise and resources of Bass Coast Adult Learning and Bass Coast Landcare Network, the project will offer workshops covering topics like food production, transportation, household energy, waste management, and climate strategies.

All participants will receive a home learning pack which

includes a Boomerang Bag, a locally produced children's book, a bookmark designed by a local First Nations artist and kids' activities.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

New veggie beds use plenty of good growing medium. That's compost and manure enriched soil, plus a bottom layer of rough green waste as a base.

The garden's new, raised beds have depleted the on-site supply of compost and manure.

But help was right at hand.

Volunteers have been weeding and spring-cleaning existing beds and paths, to create a mass of green waste.

Not only will this go directly into the base of the plots, but it will also become enriched soil for a nourishing top layer.

Compost making is one of the most vital tasks for the garden's volunteers.

To find out more about the garden's compost system drop into the garden on Thursdays between 10am and noon, contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or BCAL on 5672 3115.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

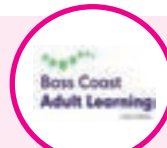
A new technique being explored by the carving group is power carving. This is a method

of carving which uses power tools to carve large pieces.

Special attachments are fitted to a regular angle grinder in order to reveal the creation hiding inside the wood. Sometimes individual parts can be layered together to make a particularly grand piece.

While the group agrees that chainsaw carving is too risky, power carving still sounds like it could be an extreme sport.

For more information, visit wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or visit the workshop.



239 White Rd, Wonthaggi PH: (03) 5672 3115 www.bcal.vic.edu.au

MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

OUR friendly weekly classes and social groups are always ready to welcome new people. At the Korumburra Community Hub we have on: Monday – Yoga 10am, Tuesday – Games & Giggles 1pm, Wednesday – Tai Chi for Arthritis 10.30am, Milpara Singers, Mah-Jong and Bookclub all at 1.30, Thursday – Sunshine Spreaders 10am, and Friday – Crafts with Barb 1pm, Let's Play 500 1.30pm

We will be hosting our regular Let's Share Lunch! on November 4. Please come along, bring a plate and enjoy the shared meal and company.

There are some great one-day workshops and information sessions coming up to build computer skills and confidence – Introduction to myGov talk on Monday, November 11 and Introduction to Canva graphic design workshop on Sunday, November 17.

You can book for any of these activities online via our Milpara website course bookings page – milparacommunityhouse.org.au/bookings-and-activity-page or phone 5565 2524.

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



15 Little Commercial St, Korumburra PH: (03) 5655 2524 www.milparacommunityhouse.org.au

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

AROUND about earlier this month the WNC had a successful market within the bounds of Mitchell House and although it was a very wet day 18 stall holders plied their wares and piqued the public's interest and both sides did a little business. Testing the waters again, Mitchell House is having another community market on Sunday, November 3, 9am to 2pm. This will be the Cup Weekend Market which will have a range of stalls providing yummy food, plants, arts and crafts, to mention just a few. Perhaps this is an opportunity for early festive shopping. Now, while it is the season of spring and contrary weather, we are keen that, on the day, it delivers excellent sunny skies, fingers crossed. This will be our last market for the year, after which we will be planning to return in 2025.

On Saturday, October 2, 9am to 2pm there is a photography exhibition at Mitchell House. School children have been out and about snapping whatever subject tickles their fancy, the only proviso was that there were no people in the frame. Judging is on the day and there will be cash prizes. Come along and see what they can do and be surprised and impressed at what they chose to snap.

Our Free Supported Play Groups on Tuesday afternoons 12.30pm to 2.30pm and Friday mornings 10am to 11.30am are made available through Bass Coast Health for families with a Health Care Card or equivalent.

It's a great place for you and yours to take part in fun activities and to partake in the 'Small Talk' program which includes information on children's development and learning stages. Janine is the facilitator for both groups so call her on 0457 834 960 or come and visit, have a chat and see what's going on. She would welcome any queries you may have.



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Jill Crosbie and Elaine Briggs were looking forward to enjoying the orchestra. ob50_4324



Drag queens Xena Ghost and Kat Zowthabag entertained revellers at Meeniyag's glittering night of nights, the Marty Gras Ball.



A group of revellers at the Meeniyag Marty Gras last Saturday were ready for teh fun night ahead.



Among the Meeniyag Red Cross members who did the catering at the Meeniyag Marty Gras were Anna Barrett, Barb Scott, Dawn Poletti, Marion Pollock and Vicki Neal.



Pam Mercer and Val Latham love all the music from the Victorian State Orchestra. ob52_4324

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Victorian State Orchestra, Final Year 12 assembly at Newhaven College, The Blockviewing, music fundraiser at Youki's Shed, Meeniyag Marty Gras and Bass Coast College graduation.



Among those visiting The Block ahead of auction day were Laura, Alfie, Mirade and Natalie.



Ben and Ruth celebrate Newhaven College Year 12 graduate Finn Leary on her final day of school. Z02_4424



Youth organisers of the live music fundraiser Joey Thompson, Oliver Jobe and Indigo Aurora at Youki's Shed. Z29_4424



The Dean family - Alarna, Allison and Andrew, congratulated Adam Dean on his year 12 graduation at Newhaven College. Z03_4424

Visting The Block for an exclusive viewing recently were Kristien Formosa, Courtney McInnes of House 2, Leah Formosa, Lisa Davis and restaurateur Rosa Scarlato who was awarded Number 1 ticketholder at the GP recently.



Jerrie Liberati from Freeza supporting the youth event with parent Nalin Arileo who volunteered cooking for the fundraiser. Z30_4424



Lucy Sullivan celebrates her Year 12 graduation at Newhaven College with family Hugh, Jan and Gabriella at their final assembly of 2024. Z06_4424



Youki and Sayuri hosted the live music youth fundraiser at Youki's Shed, raising awareness on climate change. Z32_4424



Year 12 students Riley Sharp and Ciara McCraw celebrated their graduation from Bass Coast College on Wednesday night. Tk02_4424



Bass Coast College's Ava Hume, Madison Shepherd and Molly Rivers at their Year 12 graduation night. Tk03_4424



Sebastian Ori and Charlie Slater attended their graduation from Bass Coast College. Tk05_4424



Jack Hosking and Sienna Trew celebrated their Year 12 graduation from Bass Coast College. Tk06_4424



One of The Blockheads, Kylie Baker, entertains guests at an exclusive viewing for prospective buyers recently, including Wyn, Maree, Tom and Catherine at House 4. However due to the “Island’s logistics” there won’t be a big public open day event this year.

Domain website the closest you’ll get to The Block

AS THE Block Island enters one of its most controversial weeks on screen, while in reality auction day looms, comes word from the producers that there will not be a public open day at the Justice Road site in Cowes.

And before readers decry the decision not to throw open the gates to the transformed former ‘Island Cove Villas’ site, we’re assured that public open days are not a given.

The Block held a public Open Day in East Hampton in 2023 but not in Gisborne in 2022 for similar site reasons to Phillip Island. There were also no Open Days in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID.

But prior to that, it has been something of a tradition to let avid viewers of Channel 9’s The Block series see for themselves where all the drama unfolded.

And there’s set to be plenty of that, played out during the latter part of the series, reprised on the telly this week.

“Phillip Island has a has one bridge in and out,” said executive producer Julian Cress in an interview with TV Tonight.

“It’s not a place that you can do a big public event without an immense amount of planning and logistics.

“Just ask anybody on Phillip Island what it’s like when they have the Moto GP or on a busy summer



Kristian and Mimi Belperio were the only contestants to renovate an existing two-storey home, previously the owner-operators’ home at ‘Island Cove Villas’.

weekend. So, it’s not possible for us to do a full public Open Day like we’ve done previously.”

There have been a number of smaller events for the trades and friends of the trades who worked on the site, friends and relatives of The Blockheads and also for prospective buyers, when the Lamborghinis, Ferraris, Porsches and high-end Audis and Mercs lined up, literally around The Block.

But regular punters will get their best look at the inside of House Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 on the Domain real estate site, where a view over the fence will not suffice.

More’s the pity because there’s a

wealth of great ideas and new building products showcased to perfection in The Block houses.

So, if you do want to take a look inside, and the selling price guide of \$1.7 million to \$1.85 million isn’t a problem, your next best option will be to pay the deposit and join the buyers although, realistically, the houses are worth a lot more than \$1.8 million and if they sell at all, are likely to go well beyond the \$2 million mark.

There has been no public indication as to whether Block auction regulars Danny Wallis and Adrian Portelli will take part, but they did appear alongside buyer’s advocate Frank Valentic to vote for their favourite home. And there’s been talk that the multi-million depreciation deductions, estimated to be worth \$1 million for each house over the first five years, might attract corporate investors to buy the lot.

Auction day at The Block Island will be on Saturday after the Melbourne Cup Weekend, Saturday, November 9 but with this year’s event, in The Block’s 20th anniversary season, less is known about what might happen than with any other series.

Local real estate agents have been engaged to partner with high-profile auctioneers in an effort to maximise possible returns for Channel 9 and The Blockheads.



Coastal gem with water views!

IMAGINE living the coastal lifestyle in a private cul-de-sac, set on a generous 602m2 allotment, where water views and the ocean breeze greet you each morning.

This charming home offers just such a retreat exuding coastal charm, inviting you to embrace the relaxed pace that comes with living by the sea.

Inside, this double-storey three-bedroom, two-bathroom home offers an ideal family-friendly floor-plan. Upstairs the welcoming heart of the home presents an open-plan layout fronted by large windows to capture the water views. The modern kitchen with breakfast bar is complemented by a dining space and double volume living area opening onto the full-width deck with covered alfresco dining, ideal for family life and entertaining. The split-system air conditioner provides year-round comfort, and a wood fire adds cosiness and ambience to the chillier winter nights.

The serene primary bedroom suite also enjoys water views, and opens to the deck via glass sliding door with a private ensuite, its

own split-system air conditioner, a walk-in robe plus twin built-in robes.

Downstairs is the home’s entry where you’ll find two further double bedrooms with built-in robes sharing a versatile living space currently utilised as a home office, with yet another split-system air conditioner. The family bathroom with separate toilet and laundry with direct external access are also down here.

Outside, the home is set well back from its gated entrance at the end of the private road and the double carport adjoining the home is supplemented by further parking bays to easily accommodate recreation vehicles such as boat and caravan.

The property is tastefully landscaped to be low-maintenance and located within walking distance of the beach and all of San Remo’s town amenities, the perfect blend of coastal charm and modern convenience awaits.

Call Aminah Hart at Andersen Property Specialists on 0415 256 578 for further information or to book your private inspection.

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Fantastic modern family home

HARCOURTS Leongatha is delighted to introduce this beautifully modernised brick veneer home, nestled in the heart of the picturesque South Gippsland town of Leongatha. Known for its lush green pastures, rolling hills, and vibrant agricultural community, this charming country town offers a serene lifestyle with modern comforts.

Built in 2012, this spacious home offers modern comfort and style, featuring a brand-new kitchen, two new bathrooms, and a recently renovated laundry. With four bedrooms, two bathrooms, and two living areas, there's ample space for the whole family. The master suite boasts a generously sized bedroom with a ceiling fan, reverse cycle air conditioning, a walk-in robe, and a stunning ensuite complete with a Caesarstone vanity, double basins, a walk-in shower, and floor-to-ceiling tiles.

For flexibility, a versatile multipurpose room currently serves as an office but could easily be used as a second living area. At the heart of the home, the expansive open-plan kitchen, dining, and living area is ideal for gathering and relaxation, featuring a wood fire, a reverse cycle air conditioner, and an impressive, nearly-new kitchen with dual Westinghouse wall ovens, a 750 mm gas Westinghouse cooktop, a dishwasher, soft-close cabinetry, and a convenient butler's pantry with direct access to the double car garage.

The outdoor north-facing entertaining area provides elevated views over rooftops and rural farmland, making

it perfect for year-round enjoyment. Three additional generously sized bedrooms, each with ceiling fans, offer comfort and versatility; one room has an elevated outlook, while the other two overlook a charming fernery. The family bathroom is designed in a spacious wet-room style and includes a back-to-wall bath, walk-in shower, and a Caesarstone vanity with an adjoining toilet. The newly renovated laundry also features Caesarstone benchtops and provides easy access to the outdoors.

This home showcases quality finishes, such as BlockBlue light downlights, fresh paint (updated approximately two years ago), new wool carpeting in the bedrooms, and vinyl plank flooring throughout the main areas.

Set on a 1,119 m² sloping block, the landscaped yard includes a large backyard, a garden shed, a chook pen, and a grassy area for kids and pets. Recently planted bamboo along the eastern and northern boundaries will enhance privacy as it matures.

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Planning for bright dairy future

ENSURING a healthy future for the dairy industry in Gippsland and across the nation demands detailed planning, with a Friday workshop in Leongatha one of a series of events to gather vital information and feedback to help in the planning process.

The Dairy Industry Strategy Workshop in Leongatha followed events in Maffra and Warragul.

Information obtained from the workshops will be used in the development of two strategic plans, one of which is being created by the Gippsland Dairy Industry Leadership Group and will be specific to that region.

Dairy Australia is working on its next five-year strategic plan, which will identify investment priorities to support dairy farm businesses to succeed, with the planning process drawing on ideas generated at the workshops.

Karen McLennan is the executive officer for Gipps Dairy and part of the Gippsland Dairy Industry Leadership Group and detailed the importance of informed planning.

"This is aspirational around what we want to see for the future and how we want to protect the future of the dairy industry," she said.

Karen stressed that strategic planning for Gippsland is aimed at encouraging investment into the region, influencing regional planning and decision-making, and giving the Gippsland Dairy Industry Leadership Group a roadmap for the next few years on key areas to prioritise.

"We're looking at it as a voice for the Gippsland dairy industry," she said of the Strategic Plan, the first of its kind for the region.

Karen explained that Gipps Dairy is the fund holder for the plan development project.

"To do this strategy, we've got funding from Latrobe Valley Authority,



Pina Palumbieri of Dairy Australia and Karen McLennan of GippsDairy and the Gippsland Dairy Industry Leadership Group at Friday's Dairy Industry Strategy Workshop in Leongatha. A06_4424

Gardiner Foundation, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, and Gipps Dairy has put funds in as well," she said.

About 20 people attended the Leongatha workshop, with 30 at each of the gatherings in Maffra and Warragul, and a couple of online sessions to follow on October 29 and 31.

Attendees came from a variety of backgrounds, representing banks, processors, dairy farmers, farm consultants, and local government.

Karen noted participants have focused on how to ensure the dairy industry remains profitable for processors and dairy farmers, while dealing with the pressures it faces, with the need to protect agricultural land a major theme.

Determining how to attract workers to the dairy industry is also crucial, with Karen explaining the importance of showcasing what the industry has to offer, and saying some people have outdated views.

"It is about showing them there's technology, there's huge innovation in pasture and animal health and rearing bobby calves

ethically," she said, stressing the positives need to be celebrated.

Pasture innovation includes looking at different kinds of ryegrass, and finding ways to reduce the use of nitrogen and fertilisers to get the best pasture without making an impact on waterways.

Pina Palumbieri will develop the Dairy Australia Strategic Plan for 2025-30, being the organisation's head of strategy and planning.

She spoke of the need to obtain regional insights into what is likely to impact the industry's future.

"It's really important we have a regional lens on the key issues and opportunities as we build a national plan, to ensure that it's relevant at both an industry-wide and regional level," Pina said.

"We really want dairy farmers to be able to have their say about what is important to their farm businesses."

Gippsland dairy farmers wishing to participate in one of this week's online sessions can register with GippsDairy via <https://bit.ly/485z7SQ> with the sessions taking place on October 29 at 7pm and October 31 at 1.30pm.

Cream of the Crop

OVER 200 of Australia's leading dairy farmers have been recognised in Dairy Australia's 2024 Countdown Milk Quality Awards, with the South Gippsland region strongly represented among the Gold and Silver winners.

Awarded by Dairy Australia annually since 2002, these awards celebrate farmers who have produced the country's highest quality milk, based on Bulk Milk Cell Count (BMCC) data provided by processors each financial year.

The 100 farmers with the lowest annual BMCCs are presented with a gold plaque for their farm gate, while other farms within the lowest five per cent of BMCCs receive a silver diamond.

Dairy Australia's National Milk Quality and Biosecurity Lead, Dr Zoe Vogels, said the awards recognise farmers and farm businesses that make decisions on farm to maintain and improve the health of dairy herds and the quality of milk that is produced.

"Australia produces some of the world's best milk, not just in taste and nutrition, but also in quality," Dr Vogels said.

"A low Bulk Milk Cell Count is indicative of good mastitis control.

"Over the last 20 years of the awards, BMCCs have significantly improved, benefiting cow health, farmer income and product yields, and shelf life.

"All dairy regions have been challenged by seasonal conditions in the past 18 months, so it is incredible to see these farms achieving consistently high-quality milk."

The Milk Quality Awards are part of Dairy Australia's national extension program Countdown, which aims to support dairy farmers and their service providers in achieving cost-effective, best practice milking management and mastitis control.

Countdown resources include industry-agreed farm guidelines for mastitis control, technical notes and training programs.

More information about the Countdown program can be found at dairyaustralia.com.au/countdown

South Gippsland region Gold plaque winners are:

BJ & MT Armstrong, J&S Ashby, SB & IF Derrick, TL Geary, TD & LM Grabham, RP & GM Moss, SP & TK Moss, PR, HM & MR Thomson, and LP & GD Van Bostel.

South Gippsland region Silver diamond winners are:

BD & BF Brinker, Caldermeade Pastoral Company, D & B Farms (Nicols Road), Gem Brae Ag, Grenden Park, KW & HL Jones, J & M Kershaw Farms and T & S Gallert, Pocklington & Wylie, Ranleigh (Farms 1 & 2), SD & KA Whitten, and AM & DJ Zuidema.

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Emerging talent program for next gen farmers

INDUSTRY-leading program Proud to be a Dairy Farmer is back with applications now open for the 2025 program.

Now in its fifth year, the program focuses on professional development for young people in the dairy industry, seeks to build knowledge, skills and connections, supporting participants to take the next step in their careers.

Dairy farmers and farm employees aged 20-35 in any state, regardless of what processor their farm supplies, are encouraged to apply.

Designed and operated by Fonterra's farmer representative body, the Fonterra Australia Suppliers' Council (FASC), the program has grown in popularity each year.

Now an executive on the FASC, Alvie dairy farmer Brooke Lane has been involved with the program since its inception, playing a pivotal role in its growth and development each year.

Taking in a mentorship role with participants, Brooke has embedded herself in the program to ensure it keeps meeting the needs of young farmers and continues to excite them about their career in dairy.



Wooreen's Meg O'Loughlin was a 2024 participant of the Proud to be a Dairy Farmer program.

"The Proud to be a Dairy Farmer program exposes young people passionate about the industry to different ideas and perspectives. The program is an opportunity for them to spend time off the farm, with other like-minded people, learning, connecting and building their passion for the industry," Brooke said.

The 2024 program saw the largest pool of applications yet, with the final 25 participants selected from farms supplying 14 different dairy processors, across all states in Australia, cementing its status as a nationwide, whole of industry program.

Growing up on a dairy farm, Meg O'Loughlin from Wooreen in South Gippsland has lived

and breathed dairy for as long as she can remember.

Meg applied for the program because she wanted to expand her horizons and learn more about what the industry has to offer ambitious young farmers.

Her highlight of the intensive three-day program was hearing from industry experts about career options and pathways, encouraging her to look beyond her own backyard.

"I was inspired by seeing and hearing about all the different ways people farm across Australia," Meg said.

"The program highlighted a wide range of opportunities and career options that are available for young farmers to pursue."

Having been through the

Proud to be a Dairy Farmer program, Meg believes her dream of share farming is in her not-too-distant future.

"I feel that the FASC and programs like Proud to be a Dairy Farmer provide ongoing support to help make this happen," she said.

For now, Meg will continue to build her knowledge and skills within the industry for which she has such passion.

"I love the challenges the dairy industry brings. No two days are ever the same. I am always open to learning new things and this industry continues to provide opportunities to learn and grow every day."

The 2025 program will run in Melbourne from February 25 to 27 and will include guest speakers on a range of topics including farm operating models, pathways to farm ownership, industry structures and mental health.

It will also include a formal dinner with industry leaders and a day dedicated to farm and factory visits.

Interested dairy farmers and dairy employees can find more information and apply by visiting proudtobeadairyfarmer.com.au.

Applications close on Nov 6.

Resilience projects gain momentum

PROJECTS led by Food & Fibre Gippsland are working to enhance the drought preparedness and resilience of the region's agricultural industries and rural communities.

With a focus on adaptation and readiness for change, various programs have been established across Gippsland through funding received from the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund and the State Government.

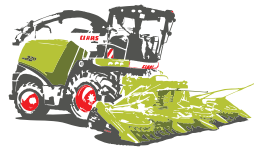
Initiatives designed to increase preparedness for the impacts of severe weather and extended dry climatic conditions are currently being delivered by partner organisations to enable farmers and rural communities to better manage drought and other climate risks.

Food & Fibre Gippsland CEO Ben Gebert describes the alliance between these networks, agencies and organisations as imperative to reaching a broad range of primary producers.

"By partnering with organisations that have on-the-ground capabilities and local expertise, we're able to maximise our approach to facilitating increased drought preparedness," Ben said. "Each of these projects offers innovative, sustainable and affordable means of making drought-ready improvements, regardless of the farm's location."

Current on-farm projects span a range of objectives and delivery methods.

Current and past projects include an exploration of different ways to manage farm dams for drought resilience, productivity and biodiversity, growing more topsoil for better water holding capacity, improving soil management for increased pasture, establishing multispecies pastures that grow year-round, and improving fodder storage to reduce the reliance on purchased hay and silage.



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Prices lift in smaller offering

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There was a feature line of 460 to 510kg angus feeder steers which attracted extra competition with prices ranging from \$4.10 to \$4.30.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024 Steers			
R & A Davie 12 Angus	536kg	\$3.71	\$2000
R & D Chisholm 11 Angus	534kg	\$3.72	\$1990
Maxan Enterprises 12 Angus	523kg	\$3.70	\$1940
Blackwood Grazing 19 Angus	511kg	\$4.08	\$2090
R & B Carmichael 11 Angus	505kg	\$3.77	\$1910
N & R Lee 18 Angus	500kg	\$3.65	\$1830
R & A Davie 12 Angus	480kg	\$3.74	\$1800
Blackwood Grazing 22 Angus	479kg	\$4.29	\$2060
Blackwood Grazing 22 Angus	478kg	\$4.30	\$2060
G & G Thompson 11 Angus	476kg	\$3.82	\$1830
Blackwood Grazing 22 Angus	471kg	\$4.37	\$2060
Blackwood Grazing 21 Angus	466kg	\$4.30	\$2010
Blackwood Grazing 22 Angus	465kg	\$4.32	\$2010
A & R Bowman 16 Angus	461kg	\$3.90	\$1800
Jelagri P/L 12 Angus	458kg	\$3.46	\$1590
Von Pace 19 Angus	390kg	\$3.76	\$1470
Jaroka P/L 20 Angus	385kg	\$3.95	\$1520
Briarsview Beef 25 Angus	380kg	\$4.00	\$1520
M & K Smith 15 Angus	376kg	\$4.14	\$1560
P & M Chisholm 15 Angus	368kg	\$4.33	\$1600
R & A Jones 16 Angus	340kg	\$3.50	\$1190
J & B Dunbar 20 Angus	299kg	\$4.17	\$1250
Ponderosa Herefords 24 Her	398kg	\$3.98	\$1590
Ponderosa Herefords 24 Her	375kg	\$3.92	\$1470
R Crouch 10 S/Park	343kg	\$3.55	\$1120

Heifers			
J & D Muldoon 13 Angus	464kg	\$3.70	\$1720
R & A Davie 10 Angus	442kg	\$3.32	\$1420
A & R Bowman 19 Angus	428kg	\$3.31	\$1420
R & A Davie 14 Angus	415kg	\$3.41	\$1420
Von Pace 11 Angus/BB	410kg	\$3.43	\$1290
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J & B Dunbar 28 Angus	299kg	\$3.40	\$1020
Ra Jones 14 Angus	297kg	\$3.29	\$980
J & B Dunbar 19 Angus	273kg	\$3.72	\$1020
RA Jones 16 Angus	258kg	\$3.52	\$910
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Cope & Drew 10 Angus x	356kg	\$3.39	\$1210
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C Keogh 11 Friesian	466kg	\$2.57	\$1200
Cope & Drew 14 Angx Her	356kg	\$2.38	\$850
Cope & Drew 14 Angx Her	321kg	\$2.20	\$710

Lardner Park Calf Market Report	
Monday, October 21, 2024	
Jersey & Jersey x	\$12 to \$37
Friesian Bulls	\$28 to \$80
Friesian Heifers	\$32 to \$55
Beef Bulls	\$35 to \$140
Beef Heifers	\$26 to \$65
Number of Calves:	211
Number purchased to rear:	75

Muster dogs are coming to Korumburra

THIS November, the best muster dogs will be coming to South Gippsland in two of the best working dog competitions in Victoria.

The first event, the South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trial will be taking place at the Korumburra Showgrounds from Saturday to Monday, November 9 – 11 and this will be followed by the Berryden Sheep Dog Trial at Boolarra Recreation Reserve the week-end after.

More than 100 dogs will be competing at each event with their handlers. Over the three days, they will take on more than 400 sheep, each dog having to work three sheep at a time around a set course.

The pressure builds as each dog has only 15 minutes to complete the course and is judged on its ability to handle the sheep through the obstacles.

The dog, sheep and handler work in synergy to combine instinct, skill, and patience to find out who will be champion dog.

The dogs are the stars of the show and while they may seemingly look alike, each one is a character unto their own and it shows as they contend with the often uncooperative sheep.

The popularity of muster dogs like Border Collies and Kelpies is on the rise as their instinct and skill for



The South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trial will be taking place at the Korumburra Showgrounds from Saturday to Monday, November 9 – 11.

mustering livestock is second to none.

The value they bring to safe and effective farming is once again being realised and they are also fierce competitors when put to the test in competitions.

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

The purpose of the sheep

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

The course is intended to show the heightened skills of the sheep dog required in a typical working environment. Sheep dog trials are used by farmers and working dog handlers to hone the instinct

and skill of their dogs so they become valuable workers for herding and mustering livestock.

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

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

Livestock administrator Adi Buttigieg thrives in challenging VLE role

LIVESTOCK administrator Adi Buttigieg, of Drouin West, loves her responsibilities at Leongatha VLE.

"There's a lot of problem solving," she said, with that ensuring the job remains interesting.

While Adi initially applied for an office position with VLE, that wasn't how she began.

"I started off in the yards scanning, then scales, then slowly made my way into the office," she said.

Scanning each animal is crucial to make sure all are accounted for and that when they make it to the scales the correct weight is assigned to the appropriate animal, and the cattle end up in the right

places on the database.

Adi had an interesting introduction to the office, making the shift in 2020 during the pandemic.

While staff were very busy during that period, it was a completely different environment with the general public not allowed at the saleyards.

"We knew exactly who was buying and where (cattle) were going," she said.

Adi's current role involves a lot of data entry and ensuring there is traceability, and making sure vendors are doing the right thing.

National Vendor Declarations are crucial.

"It's basically the vendors declaring how many animals they've got, who owns them,

where they've come from, if they've been treated with any growth hormones, drenches, antibiotics, anything like that," Adi said.

She explained that cattle need to be accredited through the Livestock Production Assurance program or can't be sent directly to slaughter.

Adi's duties include transferring animals and fixing up prices and weights.

Agents don't always list the correct vendor, and people sometimes count their cattle incorrectly.

Ensuring everything is right at the end of the day makes the role of the livestock administrator exciting and crucial to the smooth running of the saleyards.



As a livestock administrator for the VLE in Leongatha, Adi Buttigieg always has something different to do. A05_4424

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A good bond makes for a good mustering dog

FROM the time he was six years old, Ken Jelbart was herding over 1200 sheep from atop his pony and alongside his muster dogs along the South Gippsland coastline.

And even sometimes on the beach when wombats chewed holes in the fences.

Ken has always used dogs to help with the farm work, but when he moved from competing in high level equestrian events to competing in dog trials, he got a surprise.

"I suddenly realised that I didn't know anything about the finer things of training a dog, even though my dogs were excellent working dogs in a farm situation when it comes to competition, it's a whole different level of refinement," Ken said.

Now the President of the South Gippsland Working Dog Club, Ken will be bringing nine of his dogs to compete at the local dog trials.

Although, he didn't begin competing in trials until about 2008 after one of Victoria's top drovers convinced him to have a crack

at the competition.

Since then, he has come first and second in the Victorian Field Trials Championships just last year, fourth at the Australian Championships and he has won the Victorian Arena Championships.

"The beauty about the refinement of training was, I had to help a farmer last year get some sheep out of the Strzelecki Ranges. What he (the dog) had to do there, there wouldn't be very many dogs in this country (who could do it), working at a distance like 500 metres away from me and 90 metres below near the end, because those ranges are very steep," said Ken.

"What I'm saying was that, that was almost more satisfying to me than how well they've done at the trials. But it was all a result of learning how to educate dogs properly."

Ken believes the key to having good working dogs is forming a really good bond with them.

"I work with cooperation and understanding, not domination and

submission. And I like to call in the phrase of my mentor that I educate the dogs I don't train them. I want them to know what it is that they're required to do. I want them to know how to work stock without me having to always be telling them how to work the stock."

The general public can see how the muster dogs work at the upcoming Sheep Dog Trials being held in Korumburra and Boolarra this November.

"Generally, when people come to a trial and see how amazing it is and how the dogs are able to control the sheep and that sort of thing, people seem to be very interested and get a lot of enjoyment out of it," said Ken.

Ken also mentioned that the support from the Korumburra and Boolarra communities around holding the trials has been exceptional and he is grateful to the event sponsors who also help make it possible, being the Community Bank Mirboo North and La Trobe City Council.



South Gippsland Ken Jelbart and his dog MGH Dot competing at the Sheep Dog Trials

Free farm safety visits for local farmers

FARM safety visits are playing a critical role in improving the safety standards of agricultural operations across South Gippsland, from large commercial farms to smaller hobby properties.

Delivered through the Making Our Farms Safer (MOFS) initiative, these visits are non-regulatory, personalised, and free of charge, offering an accessible way for farmers to assess and enhance safety practices on their properties.

During a visit, MOFS Farm Safety Advisor Paul Wearing conducts a detailed assessment of the farm's conditions and operations.

This can include inspections of machinery for safety compliance, reviews of how hazardous materials are stored and handled, and evaluations of the farm's overall layout to identify any potential risks.

The visit may also cover the safe handling of live-stock and proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE), but it ultimately depends on the specific needs of the farm.

While a visit can encompass all of these areas, it is not restricted to the above. The advice offered is just that – guidance for the farmer to consider implementing as they see fit.

Ahead of the visit, the MOFS team reaches out to discuss any individual concerns, ensuring that their resources and expertise are tailored to the farm's unique requirements.



Paul Wearing from the Making Our Farms Safer (MOFS) initiative will be doing free farm safety visits in Gippsland on Wednesday, October 30, book a date and time to have your farm assessed.

These visits provide significant benefits, regardless of the size or type of the farm.

Larger-scale operations, often employing multiple workers, can reduce the risk of workplace accidents and gain crucial insights into their responsibilities as employers.

Smaller or hobby farms also stand to benefit, particularly for those new to farming who may not yet be fully familiar with safety standards.

The visits offer an opportunity to identify hidden risks and provide support in creating a safer working environment. Additionally, the guidance shared helps establish long-term improvements in farm safety, addressing concerns that range from child safety to the needs of aging farmers.

The duration of these

visits varies, typically lasting between one and three hours, depending on the size of the farm and the specific issues identified in preliminary discussions. Some visits, however, can extend to a full day for larger or more complex operations.

The MOFS team plans their route across the state, scheduling visits in specific regions over several days to maximise reach and impact. With the MOFS team soon heading to South Gippsland, farmers are encouraged to take advantage of the free service.

Don't wait for accidents to happen, schedule a free farm safety visit today and gain valuable insights.

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- A/c Nuntin Pines, Stratford (ELDERS)
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- A/c Northside Pastoral, Inverloch (ALEX SCOTT)
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Member vacancies - Victorian Class B cemetery trusts

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INVERLOCH CEMETERY TRUST KILCUNDA CEMETERY TRUST

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What it means to be a Victorian cemetery trust member

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Contact the applicable cemetery trust within two weeks of this advertisement date:

Victorian Class B cemetery trust	Contact details
The Inverloch Cemetery Trust	03 5674 1260
The Kilcunda Cemetery Trust	03 5678 7476

Interested in further information about cemetery trusts?

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Simply go to the website for further information about Class B cemetery trusts, to view a full list of trusts that currently have vacancies and details how to apply!

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND
PLANNING SCHEME
Notice of Approval of Amendment
Amendment C129sgip

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C129sgip to the South Gippsland Planning Scheme. The Amendment comes into operation on the date this notice is published in the Victoria Government Gazette. The Amendment implements the recommendations of the South Gippsland Planning Scheme Review (2023) by introducing new and revised local content in the Municipal Planning Strategy and Planning Policy Framework and makes other consequential changes to the South Gippsland Planning Scheme. The Amendment revises Schedule 1 to Clause 35.03 (Rural Living Zone, RLZ), inserts new Schedules 2 and 3 to the RLZ, amends the zone maps to designate all RLZ land either RLZ1, 2 or 3, removes onerous permit triggers in the rural zone schedules, amends the Schedule to Clause 72.02, lists several background documents in the Schedule to Clause 72.08 and identifies further strategic work in the Schedule to Clause 74.02.

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, at the Department of Transport and Planning website at www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection or by contacting 1800 789 386 to arrange a time to view the Amendment. A copy of the Amendment can also be inspected, free of charge, during office hours, at the offices of South Gippsland Shire Council, 9 Smith Street, Leongatha and on the Council website at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

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Jake Fox loves to work with vibrant colours.



Jake Fox created 86 paintings for his most recent art show in Kilcunda.

Low-vision artist triumphs at Kilcunda Art Show

CHRIS Petrie, a dedicated Creative Arts Therapist with a private studio in Bass, has been working with Jake Fox for over six years.

Jake, a 25-year-old artist with a low vision impairment, has developed a remarkable talent for painting, particularly with vivid colours.

His latest body of work was showcased over the grand final weekend at the Kilcunda Community Centre, drawing significant attention and praise from the community.

Despite the rainy Sunday, the exhibition was well attended, highlighting the community's support and appreciation for Jake's artistic journey.

The show featured an impressive 86 paintings, showcasing Jake's unique ability to create vibrant colour abstracts and striking black-and-white pieces.

These styles allow Jake to express his creativity with minimal input from Chris, demonstrating his growing independence and confidence as an artist.

The exhibition was a resounding success, with Jake selling 24 paintings and a variety of merchandise, including coffee mugs, fridge magnets, and postcards featuring images of his work.

This achievement not only underscores Jake's talent but also his ability to connect with and inspire others through his art.

This was Jake's fifth solo art show, and it has set the stage for another anticipated exhibition next year.

His work continues to gain recognition and can be found on Bluethumb, an online art marketplace, at Jake Fox Art.

Chris, who has been instrumental in Jake's artistic development, expressed his pride in Jake's accomplishments.

"Jake's dedication and passion for painting are truly inspiring. His ability to create such beautiful and expressive pieces despite his low vision impairment is a testament to his talent and perseverance," Chris said.

The success of the Kilcunda art show is a significant milestone in Jake's artistic career, and it highlights the importance of creative arts therapy in fostering self-expression and personal growth.

Order a commission piece through Chris: chris@upbeatcat.com.au

For more information about Jake's work and to view his paintings, visit Jake Fox Art on Bluethumb.

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Applications close Friday, November 15, 2024.



Student Support 2 positions available

Leongatha Secondary College is seeking two motivated and enthusiastic employees to join our Student Support (SSP) team. Our SSP staff are employed to provide support to students and teachers, specifically to support students with disabilities in general education classes. Qualifications are not a requirement for these roles; we are primarily looking for the right personality and a strong fit for our team. These positions will be working 4 days per week.

Both student support positions will commence 28/01/2025.

All applications (including covering letter and response to selection criteria) are to be uploaded to the Departments Recruitment Online Platform where you will find full details on these Job Vacancy IDs: 1443438 and 1443439.

Applications close October 31, 2024.

Works Management Planning & Scheduling Officer



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Office Administrator/ Assistant

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Reporting to the General Manager, you will work with key stakeholders across the business to manage and support the daily operations of our livestock business and real estate agencies.

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- Have previous administration management experience in a similar role
- Have a high attention to detail
- Deliver great customer service and support on the phone, via email and in person
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- Certificate IV in Property Services (Real Estate) would be an advantage but not essential

If you believe in creating positive first impressions and enhancing our client's experience with SEJ, please email a brief cover letter and resume to afunnell@sej.com.au using the subject line - Administration Manager.

Applications close Friday, November 8, 2024



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Bass Coast Health celebrated Allied Health Professions Day with an afternoon tea for staff.

BCH shines the spotlight on its fabulous Allied Health professionals

BASS Coast Health (BCH) offers Allied Health professionals many opportunities to work in a variety of settings with a wide range of client groups and on Allied Health Professions Day on October 14, BCH acknowledged the amazing Allied Health professionals who contribute to patient care in the hospital, in outpatients and in the community.

The sub-regional health service for Bass Coast and South Gippsland is often recruiting for exceptional Allied

Health professionals seeking a dynamic and fast-paced workplace to advance their careers.

BCH Allied Health Director Trish Jelbart said Allied Health disciplines at BCH include Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Counselling, Dietetics, Social Work and Allied Health Assistants.

"They work in partnership with our clinical teams in our inpatient and community-based services to help clients recover from injury and illness

so they can return to everyday activities, as well as the interests they enjoy," she said.

"Their work is so diverse and of great value, ranging from helping a patient to rehabilitate after experiencing a stroke to working with a child to develop their fine motor skills."

In addition to enjoying a variety of experiences, Allied Health staff at BCH also receive the support of our Learning and Development team, including staff dedicated to helping our Allied Health staff to pursue a range of professional

development opportunities.

"Our Allied Health staff work across our Wonthaggi and Phillip Island sites, including the state-of-the-art expanded Wonthaggi Hospital, and they are also excited about the new Phillip Island Community Hospital at Cowes which is due to open next year," Trish said.

To learn more about the career opportunities available for Allied Health staff at BCH, email Trish at trish.jelbart@basscoasthealth.org.au or see our current opportunities online at jobs.bch.careers



Taking a keen interest in the decommissioning plans for the Gippsland Basin oil and gas fields, at a community information session in Leongatha on Thursday, was Jeff Jennison of Meenyan who worked as a construction mechanic and later a pipe fitter on many of the offshore platforms involved.

How Barry Beach and a massive ship get the job done

THERE are some huge challenges, quite literally, associated with the decommissioning of the ExxonMobil-Woodside Energy oil and gas platforms and pipelines in the Gippsland basin after up to 55 years of production.

Stage 1 of the project will include the removal of the topsides of up to 13 facilities, two mono-towers and the upper sections of up to 10 steel-piled jackets, generating more than 60,000 tonnes of steel.

It's a daunting task to be considering the removal of almost half of the oil and gas infrastructure in Bass Strait in little more than a year and half, between the fourth quarter of 2026 and early 2028, ahead of breaking up the facilities at the Barry Beach Marine Terminal near Toora over the following two to three years.

Especially when you consider it took more than half a century to put it all in place.

But one thing ESSO-BHP didn't have when they discovered the Barracouta gas field in 1965 and set about developing what remains one of Australia's largest oil reserves was the Pioneering Spirit.

The purpose-built vessel measuring 382 metres long and 124 metres wide is the world's largest ship by gross tonnage and the heaviest vehicle ever made.

And it's headed this way.

But don't expect it to tie up at any wharf in Australia. In fact, according to Simon Kemp, Decommissioning Asset Manager, ExxonMobil Australia, there's only two places in the world where the Malta-flagged, Swiss Allseas Group-owned catamaran crane vessel can berth, such is its immense scale, and none of them are in the Southern Hemisphere.

Speaking at Leongatha on Thursday evening, October 24, Mr Kemp said the Pioneering Spirit would lead the decommissioning effort over 130 days from the third quarter of 2027.

But there are months of preparation and planning prior, and two to three years of work at Barry Beach to follow.

"It's done a lot of work in the North Sea and was purpose-built for these projects. It can lift jackets of up to 50,000 tonnes in one movement," said Mr Kemp.

However, the closest we're likely to get to the monster vessel is on YouTube at youtu.be/f_jBDw34uec

Here you will be able to see the sort of work undertaken by the Pioneering Spirit removing the Brent Delta topside in the Brent field in 470ft of water in the East Shetland Basin of the North Sea.

The estimated duration of offshore activities for the Pioneering Spirit locally will be from the fourth quarter of 2026 until early 2028 when the heavily booked ship is expected to sail out for work in the northern hemisphere.

Alison grateful for local cancer care at Bass Coast Health

ALISON Treloar is grateful for the personal care she received while undergoing treatment for breast cancer at Bass Coast Health (BCH).

It was especially beneficial for her to be able to get that support in her own community.

"The staff at BCH have been amazing. I think people underestimate how important it is to feel safe while you are going through cancer treatment and I always felt safe with all the staff at BCH," said Alison.

"I've had appointments for chemotherapy, blood drawn for tests, physiotherapy, stayed on a ward, went through emergency and had scans, and I was always treated with respect and compassion," she said.

After 16 rounds of chemotherapy and 17 rounds of immunotherapy at the L. Rigby Cancer Centre at Wonthaggi Hospital, Alison was relieved to receive the full suite of cancer care at Wonthaggi.

"Being able to have treatment



Alison Treloar, left, post-treatment, discusses her breast cancer journey with McGrath Breast Care Nurse Taryn Robinson outside the L. Rigby Cancer Centre at Wonthaggi Hospital.

near home was amazing and the staff at the L. Rigby Centre are the most beautiful people," she said.

"I felt so lucky to have been able to access such wonderful medical treatment locally. Not having to travel removed another element of stress and anxiety from my treatment."

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and BCH is continuing to help reduce the physical and emotional impacts faced by breast cancer patients and their families by alleviating

their need to travel further for treatment.

BCH is also fortunate to have the services of McGrath Breast Care Nurse Taryn Robinson, funded by the McGrath Foundation, to support, inform and help patients undergoing breast cancer treatment.

"Taryn is the most amazing advocate I could have asked for, from chasing up appointments with other hospitals, to helping organise care within BCH, to just being a friendly ear when you don't even know

you need it," Alison said.

"She is a huge asset to BCH and to all breast cancer patients going through treatment there. She understands that treatment doesn't finish with the last chemo, or radiation or surgery; it is an ongoing journey of appointments, with anxiety and a whole lot of questions."

She is part of a multi-disciplinary team at BCH that includes Breast Surgeons Dr Sarah Birks and Dr Chandika Wewelwala, Medical Oncologists, a Radiation Oncologist, Lymphedema Physiotherapist Michelle McMahon, other Allied Health professionals and the L. Rigby Centre team.

Wonthaggi Hospital also offers breast screening by Breast Screen Victoria onsite. Taryn's services are free and can be accessed through self-referral – without a doctor's referral. Taryn can be contacted on taryn.robinson@basscoasthealth.org.au or 0417 552 327.

Open gardens day with Inverloch Uniting

SEASIDE gardens that not only survive but thrive in a coastal climate will be a feature of this year's Inverloch Open Gardens Day.

The Inverloch Uniting Church has arranged for six private gardens to be open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, November 9.

Spend time and relax in these beautiful Inverloch gardens.

Local gardeners are looking forward to welcoming you and your friends and family to visit their little, and not so little, pieces of gardening paradise.

The Inverloch Open Gardens Day will have a variety of

plants; natives, exotics, vegetables and unusual landscaping to inspire your own garden.

Book online and a map will be emailed to you a week before the event or call into the Inverloch Uniting Church at 5 Williams Street. Inverloch on Saturday, November 9 from 10am to book your visits and receive a map.

Alternatively, if you see a balloon on a gate outside an Inverloch garden on November 9 simply drop in, say hello and make a \$15 donation to visit all six gardens, or \$5 for a single garden with children admitted free.

Funds raised will go to Fron-

tier Services to help ensure that everyone who lives in our regional and remote areas are cared for and supported and have a mantle of safety and wellbeing.

These include indigenous communities, isolated properties, mining communities, and other remotely located communities.

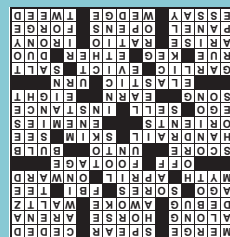
For more information on Inverloch Open Gardens go to visitbasscoast.com.au/events/listings/event/4459-inverloch-open-gardens.

You can book online at events.humanitix.com/inverloch-open-gardens-p3rkufj5/tickets.



One of the seaside gardens open to the public as part of Inverloch's Open Gardens Day

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CODWORD: 1=J, 2=Z, 3=Q, 4=I, 5=N, 6=F, 7=H, 8=G, 9=L, 10=U, 11=Y, 12=S, 13=C, 14=E, 15=D, 16=V, 17=M, 18=T, 19=B, 20=W, 21=A, 22=O, 23=K, 24=P, 25=R, 26=X

Can you find all the words listed?
The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

ACTION	DICE	POKER
ANTE	GUESTS	POOL
BELLAGIO	HIGH ROLLER	PUSH
BETTING	HIPPODROME	RANDOM
BINGO	HOTEL	REEL
BONUS	HOUSE	ROYAL FLUSH
BOOKIE	JACKPOT	RULES
CARD	KENO	SHOWROOM
COINS	LAS VEGAS	SHUFFLE
COMPS	LOBBY	SLOTS
COUNT	MONEY	STAKE
CRAPS	ODDS	THEATRE
DECK	PLAY	VALET

SECRET MESSAGE: Do you have lady luck on your side?

ANSWERS: 1. South Australia 2. Red and white 3. Nauru 4. Amy Sherman-Palladino 5. Horatio Caine 6. Three (1956, 2000, 2016) 7. True 8. Qatar 9. Giant's Causeway 10. Sudan

Story of Thomas Cook springs to life at Coal Creek

By Andrew Paloczi

COAL Creek made the ideal setting for a video production celebrating the life of Thomas Cook and the centenary of what has since become Thomas Cook Boot and Clothing Co., with members of Friends of Coal Creek (FOCC) participating in the production.

President of the Korumburra & District Historical Society Bob Newton had a starring role, playing the priest at the wedding of Thomas Cook and his wife Doris.

Despite arriving at Coal Creek not knowing he had a speaking role, Bob showed no signs of nerves and fitted in seamlessly with the actor and actress playing the happy couple.

The 1933 wedding took place in Northcote's Wesleyan Church, now a pub.

FOCC members, Bob and others were transformed, wearing clothes of the era, and Natalie Burley, in charge of hair and makeup, was kept busy creating appropriate looks.

"It just takes a bit of research and trying to get the right shapes," she said, having just worked on the hair of young extra Scott McLeod.

As for Bob's starring role, it may put him in demand with Leongatha Lyric Theatre for which his son Andrew is already a performer.

"It was something different; I've never been in any plays," Bob said, with Korumburra and Coal Creek identity Perry Neil asking him to be part of the production.

Perry also got in on the act, featuring in a scene shot in the park's General Store, a setting in which the affable Perry often volunteers.

Bob arrived at Coal Creek expecting to be an extra but the former councillor is not



Friends of Coal Creek played a significant role in telling the story of Thomas Cook and his business. A18_4424

phased by an audience or public speaking.

He suggested an acting career is unlikely.

"I'm trying to retire," Bob said, despite his ongoing efforts to document local history.

Melbourne-based actress Trinity Emery-Rowe, playing Doris, hasn't previously been involved in a period piece.

"It's been great and being in a location like Coal Creek has really transported me to this time," Trinity said, saying the production had a feeling of honesty and innocence different to modern productions.

Bailey Griffiths, also of Melbourne, played Thomas Cook and was thrilled to help tell his story, describing it as a "cool gig".

Writer/producer Will Storr of production company 'Desert Bloom Pictures' was delighted with the local support the production crew received.

"The community engagement we've had on this project has been so overwhelmingly beautiful and positive," he said of the response from those at Coal Creek and Korumburra more broadly.

Will highlighted Perry's contribution and how much

he brought to the production.

"He gave us three lanterns that were period appropriate, and made sure they were working, he provided us with two lighters from the twenties that were working and even gave us a pen and ink that was again period appropriate," the producer declared.

The General Store scene showed Thomas Cook scanning the job pages of a newspaper looking for work.

Boston's Carriage Works was perfect as the boot factory in which Thomas met Doris, the former Krowera Church lent itself to the wedding, with the reception shot in the park's Pig and Whistle café.

The Slab Cottage was ideal as the couple's home.

Shooting at Coal Creek took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, with other locations, including the Polly Woodside, and Mintaro mansion north of Melbourne, with filming scheduled to take five days in total.

Will estimates half the script is covered at Coal Creek.

"There are so many locations and spaces within that park that were perfect for what we were doing," he

said.

The script was tweaked to suit Coal Creek because the park was identified as special and period-appropriate.

"The General Store already had all the pieces that would go into that set normally, so it was already set and ready to go," Will said of the advantage the tourist park offered.

Thomas Cook's grandson Murray is managing director of Thomas Cook Boot & Clothing Co., describing the 100-year milestone as fantastic.

He explained that Thomas originally came to Melbourne from Western Australia to pursue a boxing career, increasingly turning his focus to boot making, a trade in which Doris became involved as a machinist in 1924 at the age of 13, with that considered the starting point of the current business.

While continuing to work for an established boot factory, Thomas and a mate began producing boxing boots out of hours, with Doris stitching the uppers.

The production about Thomas Cook will run for three to four minutes and will be available online at the end of November.



San Remo Prep students Jordie, Natalia, Samuel and Jordan. Z15_4424

150 years of San Remo PS

SAN Remo is celebrating 150 years this year. Throughout the year the students and educators have been celebrating their 150-year anniversary in many different ways, through history of the area in classrooms, art works and a family bush dance at the end of term three.

On Saturday, November 16 from 12 noon to 4 pm San Remo Primary School will be holding an open school day where past families, students and teachers will be invited to come and enjoy the fun of the day.

Classrooms will be open, there will be an Art Show displaying the current students work, a display of historical photos and video, old

fashioned games for everyone and the school band will be playing. To cater for everyone on the day there will be a BBQ run by School Council, merchandise available for purchase and tea/coffee and cake.

There is even a big surprise on the day but don't tell anyone!

Principal Karen Bowker said, "our school is appealing to all families that may have any historical photos or memorabilia to contact the school as we would love to take a copy to display or would love to have for the day and returned back to you."

Please contact the office if you have any questions or memorabilia on 56785354.

Churchill Island's heritage buildings undergo restoration

CHURCHILL Island's historic European homestead, cottage and outbuildings have undergone significant conservation works as part of a State Government investment to bring ailing heritage places back to life.

The project included replacement of roofing and restoration works to the fascia, weatherboards, rotted timber and chimney on Amess House, the barn, cellar, Rogers Cottage, the cottage kitchen and laundry.

Phillip Island Nature Parks was awarded a \$198,000 Heritage Victoria grant under a program that supports the repair and conservation of 'at risk' heritage places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register. The Nature Parks contributed \$25,000.

The project was undertaken by SIDA Constructions, which has vast experience in heritage conservation, including sensitive projects at Melbourne's Botanical Gardens.

Daniel Kallstrom, Attraction Manager at Phillip Island Nature Parks, said Churchill Island had an important place in the history of Victoria.

"Churchill Island has a rich legacy and important historical context to Phillip Island and to European settlement and farming in Victoria, with the buildings and remnants of past gardens

a drawcard for tens of thousands of visitors a year," Mr Kallstrom said.

"We welcome this very generous grant by Heritage Victoria and the skills of the expert team who oversaw this work, which will ensure the island, and its original buildings remain intact for generations to come."

The name Churchill Island came from Lieutenant James Grant in 1801 - he named the island after John Churchill of Dawlish, Devon who had supplied him seeds, which he planted on the island, making it the site of Victoria's first European garden.

Since the 1850s, the 50ha island has been continuously farmed and in 1872 was purchased by Samuel Amess as a holiday retreat and farm, before the Pickersgills and Rogers families took ownership. Amess, a builder and stonemason who later became the Mayor of Melbourne, modelled the homestead on the popular Italianate style of the time, but instead of the usual brick, stone, and slate, he used timber and corrugated iron which was all transported by boat.

Amess was instrumental in the design and construction of many of Melbourne's notable buildings, including Customs House, the Melbourne Post Office, Ballarat Railway Station, and Kew Asylum.

Youth unite for climate action

THE sound of live music was electric on Saturday afternoon, with Youki hosting a live music fundraiser, supported by FReeZa, School Strike 4 Climate, and Rising Tide.

Youth organisers Joey Thompson, Oliver Jobe and Indigo Aurora shared that the event was an absolute success.

"We were able to raise over \$800 to support young people and locals to attend the November 2024 Rising Tide Blockade of the Newcastle coal port," said Indigo.

"This event was inspired by Rising Tide's short documentary on the 2023 blockade, titled 'The First Wave'. The film was incredibly moving, and inspired me to create an event that would help people support the cause, including those who may not be able to attend the blockade themselves."

With support from FReeZa, the youth were able to work together to create both an effective fundraiser and an incredible day of

performances from local young musicians!

"Youki's Shed was absolutely the perfect place to host the event, with how lovely and supportive the owners are," said Indigo.

"The rest of South Gippsland's School Strike 4 Climate Group and I are thrilled to learn we can run events like this to support such an important cause."

The audience witnessed talent from some of Bass Coast's most talented and loved young bands, including Why GoatsWhy, Foil, Zenith Paradox, Finn Farley and The Dropkicks - an all-ages event of live music, delicious food and storytelling.

"The upcoming blockade, beginning on November 19, will aim to stop coal from leaving the world's largest coal port for an unprecedented 50 hours, with over 10 days of action. If anyone is able to, please join the fight for our planet and be a part of the action - whether big or small," said Indigo.



'The Dropkicks' featuring Dean Lyle, Callan Spencer, Liam Fuery, and Esta Christensen. Z46_4424



Logging close to cool temperate rainforest along a creek in Fellas coupe, Turtons Creek.

Loggers oppose Turtons Creek FOI release

LOCAL conservation group, Gippsland Forest Guardians (GFG), is calling on Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd (HVP) to release its harvest plan for 'Fellas Coupe' at Turtons Creek.

Under Freedom of Information laws, the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner decided in favour of releasing the Fellas Coupe Timber Harvest Plan to the Gippsland Forest Guardians, but HVP have now appealed to VCAT to stop the release of the documents, according to a spokesperson for GFG, Stuart Inchley.

"We have requested the Timber Harvest Plan to see whether adequate measures have been put in place to protect endangered species such as the critically endangered Slender Tree-fern and areas of cool temperate rainforest," said Mr Inchley.

"We are also interested to learn what surveying has been done to identify other threatened species such as the Strzelecki burrowing crayfish, Pilot-bird, Gang-gang cockatoo and Powerful owl, some of the threatened species recorded in the area.

"HVP is operating on crown land in this coupe and management decisions made by HVP today could negatively affect our region's biodiversity forever," he said.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times this week, Mr Inchley said there were four Trust for Nature properties of about 850 acres, including his own 300-acre property, adjoining the crown land being logged by HPV where 190 of the critically endangered Slender Ferns had been identified.

Mr Inchley said there was upwards of another 70 in the logging coupe and a further 100 in the Turtons Creek Scenic Reserve making it the most significant remnant stand of Slender Tree-ferns in Australia.

"The other problem is they are going to plant pines where they've taken out the Mountain Ash and Bluegum that belong here."

The Gippsland Forest Guardians have been joined as a party by VCAT in order to support the Information Commissioners' decision to release the document. The directions hearing is being held on Thursday, November 7.

Hancock Victorian Plantations have been contacted for comment.

South Gippsland Bridge Club

OCTOBER 22 at RSL Wonthaggi:

First: John French and Debbie Anglim 63.19 per cent. Second: Anne Gibson and Faye Rowlands 54.86. Third: Denise Allitt and Anne Somerville 52.08. Third: Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles.

Inverloch Restricted Pairs Championship: October 25 at Inverloch Angling Club.

First: John Currier and Julie Perriam 63.19. Second: Sue Edwards and Peter Campbell 58.33. Third: Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 53.47. Fourth: Sean Munley and Bruce Higgs 50.



Director of KotraBlt Tim Kotrba and his team enhanced Newhaven Kindergarten with a whimsical 'fort cubby,' thanks to support from Cameron Baum of Bowens. Pictured with kinder parent, and wife Ophelia and their son Levi, along with four-year-old students Bodhi, Tallow, Lily, son Harry, Mina, Rafferty, and Quinn, with kindergarten teacher Sarah Fahey. This project has sparked joy and creativity in the young learners. Z10_4424

Local builder brings imagination to life

IN A heartwarming display of community spirit, Director of KotraBlt, Tim Kotrba and his dedicated team have rolled up their sleeves to create a magical "fort cubby" for Newhaven Kindergarten, enhancing the outdoor learning in the playground into a vibrant hub of creativity and play.

This initiative was made possible with generous funding and materials donated by Cameron Baum of Bowens Phillip Island, and Tim Kotrba and family of KotraBlt, a reflection of a collaborative effort to enrich the lives of the kindergarten's young learners.

The project began with a consultation involving the children, guided by classroom teachers and educators, Sarah Fahey, Britt Shell, Andrea Flemming, Sonia Van Damme, Alyssa Draper, Angelo Sarith

and Ebony Wheatley. Their imaginative ideas flowed freely, and after hearing their dreams of a fort where they could climb, explore, and play, Tim set to work designing a cubby that would not only captivate the children's imaginations but also promote their social and physical development.

"The kids were absolutely thrilled with the idea of a fort," said Sarah.

"It was important to us that their voices were heard in the design process, allowing them to take ownership of this special space."

Tim took into consideration the essential aspects of safety while focusing on the fort's functionality – The Y Kinders then followed the project design and build in line with regulatory requirements. Tim meticulously designed the cubby

with no sharp edges, ensuring safe heights and proper spacing between timbers.

Sarah stated that the design encourages gross motor skills development, allowing children to pull themselves up and engage in active play, while also fostering independence and creativity and support to social play.

Excitement buzzed through the kindergarten before construction started, with the children eagerly having a say in the design and envisioning the countless adventures and stories that would unfold in their new space.

The construction commenced during the term three break and was completed right in time for the children to return in term four. As a parent of the kindergarten Tim volunteered his time and said,

"It was a rewarding little project. An easy decision, given all they have done for us this year. Sarah and her team have given our son the best start to his schooling journey."

Cameron Baum, who supported the project with a Bowens Community Engagement and Support program, said Bowens Phillip Island branch were pleased to get behind the team at KotraBlt and the Newhaven Kindergarten to supply the materials for the cubby.

Newhaven Kindergarten is managed by Y Kinders and their team of educators are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment with programs that enrich the lives of their three and four-year-old children that is enhanced through close relationships with families and the community.

Buildings are in, now for the finishing touches

THE buildings for the new kindergarten at Wonthaggi North Primary School were lifted into place last week, marking an exciting milestone for the school community, students, and Local Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale.

Constructed off-site, the modular buildings' arrival brings the project one step closer to completion, keeping it on schedule to open in time for the first term of 2025.

"Kinder on school grounds, play based learning, smooth transition to prep, easy drop off for parents/guardians – it's a win-win for this wonderful Wonthaggi North community," Ms Crugnale said.

"We want kids to get the best start in life and this facility will open term one next year offering up to 66 places."

The new kinder will have two rooms and outdoor learning areas with Uniting (VicTas) appointed to run the space. Near the corner of White Road, and Wentworth Road, the kinder shares in \$283 million from the 2019/20 State Budget for Three-Year-Old Kindergarten capital funding.

RIGHT: Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale was joined by Wonthaggi North captains Jedda and Amira at the site of the new kinder last week as the buildings were lifted into place. C01_4424



Gippsland swimmers crowned champions

IT WAS with great excitement that 29 young South Gippsland Bass swimmers aged eight to 11 raced in the pool at MSAC on Saturday.

The swimmers – who made up part of the 87-strong District 21 team – represented the seven Gippsland clubs at the 2024 Country Junior District Competition.

Gippsland once again came away champions, dominating the field with 1598 points.

The team beat second Ovens and Murray 957, third Central Victoria 891, fourth Barwon South West 543, fifth Midlands 505, sixth Hume and Upper Goulburn 162 and seventh Goulburn Valley 144.

The youngsters held their nerves together to swim against the other regional teams on the big stage.

For many of the youngsters, there was great excitement to see their names on the large screens and the footage of them and their friends racing.

Having watched their idols racing in the same pool they were now in added to the excitement.

It was also a chance for the swimmers to get to know the others from other Gippsland clubs who they race against in their age groups.

With the top eight fastest



The swimmers who represented the District 21 team from South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club at the Country Junior District Competition.

swimmers for each stroke competing in the races, it was fantastic to see South Gippsland Bass (SGB) well represented in all ages and strokes.

Coach Lorri, one of the coaches of the development and junior program was thrilled by how many of the club's juniors were competing.

"It just shows the strength of our junior program, many of our development swimmers move up from their group to the junior squad and this is a great chance for the younger kids to have their first taste of a state-wide competition," she said.

The SGB team: Leo Lofgren, Lathan Lucas, Ted Deery, Taylan Pocklington, Caitlin Saario, Mila Potter, Austin Lynch,

August Lidstone, Cooper Bennett, Hunter McRae, Matthew Thornby, Taj Kimmer, Ruby Pirouet, Hannah Hunt, Mya Richer, Imogen McLaren, Abbie Saario, Harriet White, Milli Kyle, Mitchell Packer, Cayden Gunn, Anna Mileto, Josie Richer, Daisy Giliam-Rodda, Ava Lucas, Madison Andreatta, Ethan Lynch, Darby Smyth and Tristan Stockdale.

Results:

Ted Deery: 8th 50m Freestyle.
Cayden Gunn: 5th 50m Backstroke, 4th 50m Breaststroke, 4th 50m Freestyle.
Milli Kyle: 5th 50m Freestyle, 3rd 50m Butterfly.
Ethan Lynch: 6th 50m Breaststroke.
Austin Lynch: 7th 50m

Butterfly, 8th 50m Backstroke, 4th 50m Breaststroke.
Hunter McRae: 7th 50m Breaststroke.
Mitchell Packer: 5th 50m Butterfly, 8th 50m Breaststroke, 8th 50m Freestyle.
Ruby Pirouet: 4th 50 Butterfly, 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 8th 50m Freestyle.
Taylan Pocklington: 3rd 50m Breaststroke, 4th 50m Freestyle.
Josie Richer: 8th 50m Butterfly, 8th 50m Backstroke, 4th 50m Breaststroke.
Caitlin Saario: 4th 50m Butterfly, 8th 50m Freestyle.
Matthew Thornby: 5th 50m Butterfly.
Mila Potter: 5th 50m Backstroke, 4th 50m Breaststroke, 2nd 50m Freestyle.

Phillip Island Boardriders Club welcome 24/25 supergroms

ON FRIDAY, October 25, Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) kicked off the Supergrom season with their annual Supergroms info night at the PIBC clubrooms.

This season's Supergroms Coordinator Melanie Wright and Supergroms committee Alisha Hill and Jasmine Keogh, along with President Jake Eisen organised a fantastic event for the community.

With help from PIBC president Jake, PIBC delved into their club's history, explored a day in the life of a Supergrom, and shared valuable tips for parents to support



PIBC Supergroms committee Jasmine Keogh, Melanie Wright (Supergroms Coordinator) and Alisha Hill.

their groms in the surf.

They even gave everyone a sneak peek at PIBC's 2024 merchandise to get the groms frothing.

President Jake Eisen said, "It was heartwarming to see

so many new faces ready to embark on their journey with PIBC. Mel, Ali and Jas did such a great job organising and running the Supergroms intro night."

PIBC extend a special thank

you to the Supergroms grads kids Bill Easton and Otis Joyner who inspired the next generation with their stories, Diego Monteiro for manning the BBQ, and local IGA San Remo and Bakers Delight Cowes for helping put the event together.

PIBC are also looking forward to their first Aggregate comp and Supergroms day on Saturday, November 9, which will be followed by their first 24/25 presentation evening at the PIBC clubhouse, featuring musicians 1080 Door Jams playing from 8pm to kick off the season in flying form.

New heat format as inaugural Longboard competition takes off

SATURDAY October 19 the Phillip Island Boardriders Club held their first Longboard comp for their 24/25 season, with a new 24/25 season heat format.

All competitors surfed two heats each, of all genders and ages surfing in heats all together. Each competitor's best two waves from each heat totalled for their top four waves overall, with winners announced at end of day.

Emphasis was also placed on surfing etiquette with some custom signage by artist Zev Landes.

And as usual for each competitor, everyone who surf a heat then judges a heat,



Tom Fahey, Best Nose ride Award. Photo: Craig Anderson Photography.

with all competitors contribute to the set up and pack down of the marquee and equipment.

RESULTS:

Open Men's 1st Andy McHen-

ry, 2nd Tom Fahey, 3rd Ben Taylor

Open Women's 1st Ebony Mair, 2nd Jerrie Liberati, 3rd Nala Taylor

Mixed Masters (45+) 1st Andrew Lidsey, 2nd Natalie Van Der Heyden 3rd Emily Scott

Mixed Juniors (U18) 1st Sonia Seuren, 2nd Scarlett Rennie, 3rd Savannah Bennett

AWARDS:

Best Cutback – Andrew Lidsey

Best Nose ride – Tom Fahey

Lemon Award – Joanna O'Reilly Stubbs

Honourable mention also went to Bobby Matthews for being the Grom who frothed the hardest, and a big congrats to this season's Longboard Coordinator Nala Taylor on her first event as head, while also taking out third in the Open Women's.

Tightlines



Sharlene Brown holds her 74cm Snapper, with hostess Amanda Keilar.



It was a successful day on Westernport Bay for a band of lady anglers.

Ladies show their fishing prowess

IT WAS a great session on the Snapper on Western Port Bay onboard Ladies Fishing Charters San Remo with hostess Amanda Keilar, aka 'Fishing Nanna'.

Sharlene Brown caught an impressive 74cm snapper, a personal best, with Michelle Birchall's 68cm catch not far behind and a personal best for her.

Jackie Laurie and Karin Rodger also reeled in beautiful and large snapper.

All happily posed with their catches, with Karin looking forward to a tasty dinner.

Blue skies added to the enjoyment of the day.



LOCAL angler, Giuliano Tiziani with a 2.15 pound whiting, 55cm, caught on Sunday, outside Inverloch.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Torradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY	October 29
2.50am	0.69m
10.12am	1.27m
3.55pm	0.72m
10.52pm	1.20m

WEDNESDAY	October 30
4.10am	0.76m
11.05am	1.26m
5.11pm	0.65m

THURSDAY	October 31
12.00am	1.28m
5.33am	0.78m
11.54am	1.27m
6.05pm	0.56m

FRIDAY	November 1
12.57am	1.39m
6.38am	0.76m
12.37pm	1.30m
6.47pm	0.46m

SATURDAY	November 2
1.42am	1.49m
7.25am	0.74m
1.15pm	1.33m
7.25pm	0.38m

SUNDAY	November 3
2.19am	1.58m
8.01am	0.71m
1.52pm	1.37m
8.00pm	0.32m

MONDAY	November 4
2.53am	1.65m
8.35am	0.69m
2.29pm	1.40m
8.33pm	0.28m

Email us your fishing photos

news@sgst.com.au



Delia Cave encourages the community to join the San Remo Bowls Club after joining herself for the social aspect and now partaking in social competitions. Z13_4424

Socialise or learn the game at the San Remo Bowls Club

FOR years, the San Remo Bowls Club has been a vibrant hub for bowling enthusiasts and social gatherings. With 114 members and a welcoming atmosphere, the club is on the lookout for more active participants –especially women – to join in the fun!

Under the leadership of the club's dedicated president, Maree McKiernan who has served for two years and been on the committee for nearly five, the club offers a variety of social and competitive bowling events.

“Our popular corporate and barefoot bowls attract younger players, making it a perfect setting for both seasoned bowlers and newcomers alike,” said Maree.

“As we strive to enhance our facilities year-round – for example updating our greens, which costs over \$150,000 – we rely on grants and fundraising efforts. So, member participation not only helps us grow but also strengthens our community.”

In addition to bowling, the club host a range of social events that foster a sense of community and inclusivity. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious to give it a try, everyone at any age is welcome at San Remo Bowls Club.

The club are hosting a fabulous Ladies Oaks Day on Thursday, November 7, from 12pm to 5pm. This exciting event promises an afternoon of elegance and fun, featuring a refreshing cocktail upon arrival, enjoy a scrumptious two-course meal, show off your style and compete for exciting prizes in the Fashions on the Field sweepstakes, and experience the thrill of the races with full live coverage throughout the event.

“Don't miss out on a fantastic day filled with laughter, fashion, and friendly competition! Plus, groups booking together will receive a special discount,” Maree explained.

Gather your friends and secure your spot today! For bookings and more information, please contact the committee via their Facebook page or call Maree on 0431 030 576 or Delia Cave 0439 809 901.

“We can't wait to welcome the community to our club – we host social events each Friday afternoon and you don't need experience; you'll learn from the coaches and the other friendly members. All equipment is provided, and we have the cheapest drinks in town.”



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Ray Hin and Rob Dennis.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

BREAKAWAY Indoor Bowls in Cape Paterson has now been operating for four months at the Cape Paterson Community Hall on Monday and Friday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm.

The club would like to express to its members its sincere thanks for their ongoing support and helping to make the club successful in such a short period of time.

An innovative approach to the inclusion of members in decision making and social activities has proved popular.

The club looks forward to planned upcoming events in the very social and friendly environment.

Monday's winners were Brian Newman, Ken Webb and Peter Grenville +19.

Friday's winners were Rhonda Rattenbury, John Stewart and Peter Grenville +8.

KORUMBURRA

IT WAS another busy week at the club.

In Midweek Pennant, Korumburra hosted Foster in Division 1 and the results were disappointing.

Jenny McVeigh was the closest, going down 15 shots to 17.

Katrina Evans lost 14 shots to 21 and Jo Lomagno lost 17 shots to 20.

Division 2 travelled to Lang Lang and came home victors.

Judith Nicholl had a 29 to 15 win, Phil Ashton won 23 to 19 and Lena went down 15 shots to 21 – an overall 12-shot win.

In weekend Pennant, Division 1 travelled to Corinella, all to no avail.

Charlie Edgerton was the only winning rink, getting up 23 shots to 20.

Kevin Beecroft lost 24 shots to 20 and Shane O'Loughlin went down 14 shots to 24.

Division 2 hosted Lang Lang and was victorious by four shots overall.

Les Davis won 23 shots to 17 and Robin Provan won 20 shots to 13 while Ken Cecil went down 14 shots to 23 – still a good win.

Division 4 travelled to Foster and had a thrilling draw.

Ross Lomagno won 27 shots to 11, Rob Sund won 14 shots to 13 and Joanna Lomagno went down 13 shots to 13.

Players are reminded to play their club games by the required dates in both club singles and pairs.

If anyone is looking for something to do on Cup Day, there is a fun day at the bowling club.

Come and try bowls, and watch the races as well.

Names are to be in by 10am for a 10.30am start.



With +8, Rhonda Rattenbury, John Stewart and Peter Grenville were the Friday winners at Breakaway Bowls.

INVERLOCH

SOCIAL bowls saw 34 bowlers attend the day's activities.

Two games of 10 ends were played.

The runners-up with two wins and 33 points was the team of Bill Selby (skip), Ted Breasley and John Cook.

The winners with two wins and 35 points was the team of Jim Hayden (skip), George Scott and Christine Corrigan.

Chris O'Donnell, Jeff Curwood, Jon Justin and Judy Caughey were able to produce eight shots up on the second end of their second game.

The club enjoyed a fantastic night for the first game of the Community Corporate Bowls 2024/25 season.

The weather could not have been more perfect with sunshine through until later in the evening when the chill night air crept in.

Winners were Dark Horses on +14 with the new team of Inverloch Builders coming in runners-up on count back from Bowls Deep with +8.

Coaching is available for new corporate bowlers on Monday from 5 to 6pm.

Learning the basics will help you enjoy your bowls experience.

The club was proud to welcome a new sponsor, Hawkesbury Brewing, and four lucky winners shared in a prize pool of \$350 including meat trays and drinks packs.

The Club Championships are well underway, and bowlers are reminded to complete their matches by the due date.

Bowlers should also reacquaint themselves with the Club Championship Conditions of Play.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

THIRTY-NINE of the family of bowlers turned up to once again fight it out for team of the week.

Pauline and Vern greeted everyone as Peter Arranged the teams with the help of Claire and Rob.

When the teams were arranged, the bowlers went out to start the challenge.

It was a little cooler than last week as the southerly wind and the showers throughout the day kept everyone rugged up to beat the weather.

Bad weather or not, there were plenty of excellent bowls played throughout the day.

As usual, there was lots of fun and laughter across the green.

Yes, a couple of wrong biases', but generally a great day of bowls.

As always there were winners and others, and this week's winners on a score of 36 were David Smith (S), Simon Mallia (3), Shirl



Friday's winners at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls were Elaine Grabham, and John and Helen Rook.

Corcoran (L) and Alex Martin (2).

Runners up on a score of 34 were Michael Saunders (2), Jenny Smith (L), Laurie Bell (3) and Tony Heppleston (S).

Best one-game winners on 19 points were Mark Hanrahan (S), Gillian Harper (3), Bobby Arnold (L) and Chris Brooks (2).

A big thank you once again to Sue and Trevor who looked after the kitchen as well as the bar.

They always make the bowlers feel so welcome when they visit Loch.

Next week, the club will be meeting up at Lang Lang to once again fight it out.

Until then, the club wishes everyone success in their pennant matches.

Not everyone can win, but all members are wished well.

Till next week, stay safe and have fun.

WONTHAGGI

IT WAS another busy week at the club.

Tuesday saw Midweek Pennant with Division 1 playing host to Toora at Wonthaggi on a fine but cool day.

Wonthaggi was looking for another win, as were Toora.

With all rinks playing well, Wonthaggi was able to record a solid win.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 79 Toora 41.

Division 2 travelled to Fish Creek, looking to continue its winning form.

On the Fish Creek green, which is a little different, all rinks played well, to record a solid win.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 58 Fish Creek 53.

Division 3 played host to Foster at Wonthaggi where all rinks played well, but were unlucky to go down by one shot.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 59 Foster 60.

Wednesday social bowls saw 20 bowlers grace the greens on a fine sunny day.

Three bowl pairs were the order of the day, with two games over 12 ends.

There were three teams that were two game winners, with the unlucky teams, both on 34 points, being Joy Phillips and Peter McBain, and Lyn Tagell and John Kappler.

The winners were Ray Hin and Rob Dennis with a score of two wins and 35 points.

Thursday was a washout with showers all morning.

Saturday was a fine day with a slight breeze for Pennant.

All four teams were playing at Wonthaggi, which was good for the club.

Division 1 played host to Inverloch where two rinks had

a battle all day, with the other having a very good day.

Once again, all teams played well to record a solid win.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 78 Inverloch 40.

Division 2 played host to Tarwin, in what was always going to be a tough match, with Tarwin picking up some new bowlers. All rinks played well with two rinks having wins, and the other a narrow loss.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 69 Tarwin 57.

Division 4 played host to Phillip Island, looking for a win to keep top place on the ladder.

All rinks played well, with two having wins and the other a draw.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 67 Phillip Island 39.

Division 5 also played host to Phillip Island, looking for another win to start the year off well.

One rink had a good win with the other two not having a good day.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 46 Phillip Island 68.

Bowls this week: Tuesday is Pennant day, Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday is coaching at 10am and Saturday is Pennant day.

Don't forget the Basket Cabaret on November 9 at 7pm. The cost is \$10 per head and bring your own nibbles. There is a live band with good music, so make sure you book a table.

Friday night is going well with the member's draw next week being \$90.

Steve Babb and Lorraine Dowson both won meat trays.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

ON TUESDAY, the club played its Triples Championship.

A really fantastic day was had by all with a really close finish.

Two teams won three games each and could only be separated on a count back.

The winning team of Mary Spooner, Fred Demenech and Teresa Ireland won with a score of 29, just beating the second team of John Postlethwaite, Dot Harland and Bill Featherston on 26.

Congratulations to both teams on an amazing day.

On Friday, the club had another enjoyable day.

The winners on plus three, winning two games, were John Rook, Helen Rook and Elaine Grabham.

Coming second on plus 17 but winning one game only were Judy Sweetnam, Sylvia Mattock and Mario Toffolon.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, October 22.
Stableford: 31 players.
A Grade: John Solly (16) 37 points.
B Grade: Steve McNamara (20) 37 points.
NTPs: first John Solly, seventh Nathan Wardle, 10th Ian Cash and 13th Brian Clasby.
Thursday, October 24:
Stableford: 17 players.
Winner: Wayne Knights (18) 34 points.
NTPs: first Rob Gallagher, seventh Wayne Knights, 10th Wayne Knights and 13th Tim Morgan.
Saturday, October 26:
Foursomes Championships: 42 players.
Sponsor: Korumburra Golf Club.
Gross winners: Mat Wrigley and Trippy Kennedy 79 after beating Rob Gallagher and Shayne Harland in a three holes playoff.
Net winners: Chris McConnell and Peter Van Agtmaal 70 net.
NTP: first Donald Van Rooye, 10th Rob Gallagher and 13th Mat Wrigley.

Ladies

LAST Wednesday, the women enjoyed the extra run after the cloud lifted and sun came out.
Congratulations to the winners who played in the Matchplay Championship grade final – well done ladies.
A: Merrissa Cosson.
B: Julie Hillberg.
C: Karen Sorrell.
The daily Stableford competition was won by Lyn Leppin (47) with a lovely 37 points.
Runner-up on a countback was Pam Eyers (42) 35 points, with Deb Wrigley getting a ball down the line.
NTPs: first Lyn Leppin, seventh Trudi Mantell second shot, and 10th and 13th Judy Webb.
The Nine Hole Competition was won by Julie Brannaghan with 13 points.
Ten women played a Stableford round on Saturday, enjoying the sunshine.
Winning with a fabulous 39 points was Lyn McIvor (23).
Runner-up with 38 was Julie Hillberg (24) – well done ladies.
BDTL: Merrissa Cosson (13) 35 points.
NTPs: seventh Merrissa (second shot) and 13th Lyn McIvor.
Good luck to everyone playing in the Singles Handicap Matchplay matches to be played over the next few weeks.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, October 22: Stableford.
As the back nine greens were being cored, Tuesday's Stableford round had a reduced number of 34 members/guests take to the course using only the front nine for this 18-hole competition.
A Grade winner: Gary McGrath (17) with the high score of the day of 37 points.
A Grade runner up: Barry Wright (20) with a score of 35 points on a countback.
NTP fifth second shot: Gordon Allan at 1.19m. NTP seventh: Peter Read at 1.11m.
Thursday, October 24: Shotgun Par event.
This Par round was a shotgun start with 54 members/guests taking to the course in rather gusty wet conditions.
A Grade winner: Peter Brownlie (15) with the high score of the

day of +4.
A Grade runner up: Ray Matthews (14) with a score of +1.
B Grade winner: Michael Wrigley (22) with a score of +2.
B Grade runner up: Steve McGowan (27) of the Queenscliff Golf Club with a score of +1.
NTP fifth second shot: John Moor. NTP 14th: Gordon Allan. NTP 16th: John Moor.
Saturday, October 26: Stableford.
This Stableford event had an excellent number of 95 members/guests taking to the course in very warm spring conditions.
A Grade winner: Steven Piasente (13) with a score of 41 points.
A Grade runner up: Alan Starkey (12) with a score of 36 points on a countback.
B Grade winner: Ken Wardle (19) with a score of 38 points.
B Grade runner up: Patrick Mitchell (16) with a score of 36 on a countback.
C Grade winner: Colin Moyle (24) with a score of 36 points.
C Grade runner up: John Belli (23) with a score of 35 points.
D Grade winner: Jessica Harry (30) with the high score of the day of 43 points.
D Grade runner up: Margaret Griffiths (38) with a score of 35 on a countback.
Congratulations to Gordon Allan who rounded off a very good week with a great score of an eagle on the third hole.
NTP fifth second shot: Norman Hughes. NTP 14th: Michael Westaway. NTP 16th: Norman Hughes at 3.98m.

Ladies

THE Inverloch Esplanade Hotel once again sponsored the women's event last week
Recently cored greens created a large variation in the scores, ranging from 17 to 39.
Fortunately, for some, no scores were to be handicapped.
Maxine Eabry (30) was the A Grade winner with 38 points and Michelle Roberts (30) runner-up on 36 points.
Jo McNaughton (39) had the top score for the day finishing with 39 points to win B Grade.
Jan Brownlie came in with 33 points to be runner-up.
All four players were very happy with their Invy Espy vouchers.
Balls down the line went to Neryl Hopcraft, Alison Strong, Bronwyn Debenham, Maryanne Gartner, Janet Monk, Bev Reinhard, Lianne Adamson, Lynda Bassett and Delia Perry.
Nearest the pin on the 16th was won by Delia Perry, Bronwyn Debenham on the 14th and Michelle Roberts second shot on the fifth.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, October 22: Stableford.
A Grade: P. Woodall (9) 41 points c/b.
B Grade: M. Tethington (18) 38 points.
DTL: J. Woodall 41, T. Bradshaw 38 and J. Hughes 37.
NTP: fourth J. Hughes, sixth M. Payne, 13th T. Bradshaw and 16th J. Smeriglio.
Saturday, October 26: Stableford.
A Grade: D. Davis (8) 42 points.
B Grade: G. Dawson (16) 40 points.
DTL: P. Cummaudo 38, T. Whitelaw, D. Jerram 37 and N. Baker, and J. Woodall 36 c/b
NTP: fourth N. Bracecamp, sixth T. Whitelaw, 13th J. Woodall

and 16th W. Reynolds.
Birdies: sixth G. Dawson and T. Whitelaw, and 13th D. Davis.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: October 24, SR. 71.
Competition: Stableford 18-hole.
Ball sweep to 36.
Winner: Andy Hovath 40.
Runner up: Jonathan Wade 38.
Ball sweep: Bruce Betts 38, Stephen Kane 36 and Graeme Crawford 36.
Eagle: Stephen Kane second.
Results: October 24, SR. 36.
Competition: Stableford nine hole 10 to 18.
Ball Sweep to 18.
Winner: Keith Ridout 19.
Ball sweep: Graham Ryan 18 and Willy Williams 18.
Results: October 26, S.R 72.
Competition: 4BBB Par Qualifying 4BBB Knockout.
Winners: Steven Brann and Robert Geyer +8.
Runners up: Kevin Jamieson and Paul Brusamarello +8.
Ball sweep: Geoff Proud and Ross Yann +6, Graeme Campbell and Warwick Judkins +6, Kevin Loughran and Bruce Betts +6, Gerald Mitchell and Gary Kirk +6, Messy Chand and Joshua Kilgour +6, and Phillip Studham and John Geyer +5 C/B.
NTPs: Paul Brusamarello second, not claimed fourth, Peter Sullivan propin eighth, Craig Harvey 13th and Graeme Crawford money hole 17th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the annual grudge battle between teams allocated to either president Dawn Judkins or captain Catherine Bolding.
The day was perfect, the course in great condition and the scores were fabulous.
The A Grade winner was Merryn Dear (18) 33 points.
B Grade's winner was Simone Lindsay (30)38 points.
C Grade and round of the day went to Donna Brosnan (33)39 points.
This included NTP on the second and 17th.
Other NTPs were fourth Kaylene Hodgetts, eighth Betty Bowmar and 13th Andrea Grenville.
BDL to 33 points.
When the points were tallied, the President's Team were declared the winners of the day.
The day was generously sponsored by Dawn and Catherine.

WOORAYL

LAST Wednesday saw the annual Presidents v Captains Day.
Names were drawn by captain Janet Thompson and vice president Jenny Riseley.
Captain Jo Fennell was unable to be there.
This is always a very competitive day with loyalty to captain or president very strong.
Thank goodness it only happens once a year.
The president's team prevailed for the third year in a row.
A Grade's winner was Elly Berryman with 34 points.
B Grade was won by Joan Smith with 38 points.
BDL went to Kath Davis 36 points, Linda Forrester 33 points and Anne Grist with 31 points.
Nearest the pins were Heather Sullivan eighth, Elly 11th and Inge Giliam 17th.
A wonderful afternoon tea followed the matches.



Winners and runners-up in the Inverloch Esplanade Hotel sponsored event at the Leongatha Golf Club were Maxine Eabry, Jan Brownlie, Michelle Roberts and Jo McNaughton.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's grade winners were Simone Lindsay, Merryn Dear and Donna Brosnan.



Julie Hillberg, Merrissa Cosson and Karen Sorrell were the winners in the Matchplay Championship at the Korumburra Golf Club.



Wayne "Trippy" Kennedy and Mat Wrigley were the Foursomes gross winners at the Korumburra Golf Club.

Inclusion for all in soccer and swimming

LEONGATHA Knights Football Club and South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club have signed up for the Sport4All initiative.

This program was developed through a partnership between the Australian Government and former Australian of the Year Dylan Alcott's consultancy, Get Skilled Access.

This award-winning program equips clubs with the tools and training needed to foster inclusive environments, ensuring everyone, especially people with disabilities, can participate in sport.

Both clubs are committed to making lasting, positive changes in their communities through this initiative.

ALLAMBEE MIRBOO AND DISTRICT TENNIS

ALTHOUGH Korumburra were outright winners against Westernport Red in Section 1, well done to the Red team for winning one of their men's and ladies' sets.

Westernport White won against Koonwarra, but Greg Marshman would be pleased to be in the three winning sets for his team.

Leongatha would also be pleased, only losing by four games to top-team Inverloch.

Outtrim and Baromi were both winners in Section 2 this week.

As in previous years this section is a close contest with Korumburra and Baromi separated only by percentage on top of the ladder.

Outtrim fill-in Ben Morgan had to retire injured but hopefully it wasn't too serious.

We are very lucky to have people willing to jump in and play, both sections can thank fill-ins for helping them field a team this week.

There is no play next week due to the Melbourne Cup, I hope your horse is a winner.

Section 1 Results - Korumburra 6-45 defeated Westernport Red 2-26, Westernport White 5-39 defeated Koonwarra 3-28, Inverloch 5-36 defeated Leongatha 3-32

Ladder: Inverloch 31, Westernport White 27, Koonwarra 21, Leongatha 19, Korumburra 16, Westernport Red 6

Section 2 Results - Outtrim 5-51 defeated Leongatha 4-47, Baromi 6-59 defeated Korumburra 3-45

Ladder: Korumburra 24.5, Baromi 24.5, Outtrim 20.5, Leongatha 18.5

RIVERSIDE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

ROUND 4:

Section 1/2 Doubles: Poowong 6-45 def Warragul Blue 3-42, Hallora 1-17 def by Moe 8-52, Neerim District 8-55 def Trafalgar 1-26, Drouin Gold 0-17 def by Drouin Maroon 9-55, Warragul White-Bye

Ladder: Drouin Maroon 34.5, Moe 32, Neerim District 24.5, Hallora 22.5, Warragul White 21.5, Warragul Blue 19, Poowong 16.5, Drouin Gold 14.5, Trafalgar 13

Section 1 Singles: Moe Blue 3-6-36 def Drouin Maroon 0-0-10, Moe White 3-6-36 def Drouin White 0-0-8, Trafalgar 1-2-17 def by Moe Red 2-4-24, Drouin Gold-Bye

Ladder: Moe White 17, Moe Red 14.5, Moe Blue 13.5, Drouin Gold 11, Trafalgar 5, Drouin Maroon 4.5, Drouin White 4.5

Section 2 Singles: Drouin Maroon 1-28 def by Neerim District 5-44, Trafalgar 4-39 def Warragul 2-29, Drouin Gold 6-48 def Moe 0-0 (Forfeit)

Ladder: (ladder subject to change as one result unknown): Neerim District 25, Trafalgar 22, Warragul 5, Drouin Gold 5, Drouin Maroon 7, Moe 7



Crowned national boxing Queen Jemima Geitz. B02_4424

Corner Inlet's Queen of the Ring

BRAVO acclaimed South Gippsland Queen of the Ring, Jemima Geitz.

The elite female boxer from Corner Inlet has just nailed the biggest title of her career.

Competing in an all-female tournament at the Perth Town Hall, Jemima walked away with the biggest trophy of them all the coveted Queen of the Ring belt in the 48-kilogram weight division.

Fighting three bouts over three days Jemima won them all against W.A. fighter Kiara.

"I felt pretty chuffed," said Jemima.

The first two fights in Perth going Jemima's way her opponent had the option of fighting a third bout or not.

"She chose to fight on," said Jemima.

Jemima won that bout as well.

By Bruce Wardley

"I felt pretty good. It was something I didn't think I'd ever do."

The mother of two young boys Jemima said her husband has been very supportive.

"The boys were pretty chuffed at mum's medal."

A formidable fighter Jemima maintains a punishing fitness regime.

Taking up boxing only two years ago to keep fit Jemima trains three days a week in Leongatha, twice a week in Foster and runs, or competes in boxing tournaments on weekends.

Claiming nine victories out of twelve fights Jemima Geitz is ranked as a boxing elite and is one of the few females to compete regularly at championship level overseas and interstate.



Corner Inlet Boxing Club sisters Mackenna and Kinesha Anderson. B04_4424

In addition to her Queen of the Ring title Jemima recently scored two wins in Singapore with the second bout against a well-favoured home-town opponent.

Next month Jemima heads to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra to compete at the elite Australian championships from November 20 to 23.

"It's a mental as well as a physical game," said Jemima.

Jemima trains regularly with ten young female boxers at the Corner Inlet Boxing Club gym in Foster, and five girls at Leongatha including sisters Mackenna and Kinesha Anderson.

Nineteen-year-old Kinesha is a twelve-fight veteran in amateur competition and has been training at the Leongatha gym with her younger sister since she was

thirteen.

"Boxing is empowering for young women," Kinesha and Jemina agree.

"Being able to protect yourself is a good skill to have," said Jemima. "Best fitness training I've ever done."

The Corner Inlet Boxing Club hosts its annual boxing tournament at the Leongatha Memorial Hall on November 10.

Proudly sponsored by SportsPower, South Gippsland Concrete, South Gippsland Radiology and Engage Wealth Solutions, the Corner Inlet Boxing Club, doors open at 11am with the fights starting at midday.

Adult, child and family tickets are all available at the door.

For more information look for the Corner Inlet Boxing Club on Facebook.

Gold medallist heading for State Championships

DALYSTON schoolgirl Vera surprised even herself bringing home gold with a seven-point-four metre hop, skip and jump at the Gippsland Region Primary School athletics championships in Cranbourne.

A relative newcomer to athletics Vera has now qualifies for the State Championships in Melbourne next week.

"Vera has always been a good runner," said Vera's proud mother Mara.

Powlett River Primary School only very recently entered students in athletics and Vera was an immediate stand-out.

Jess Moad, District Coordinator for Schools Sports Victoria in Gippsland is credited with making Vera's dream possible.

Powlett River initially held their own modest sports carnival to give students the opportunity for selection at district level.

All events took place on Powlett River Primary School's humble oval. The school does not have any track and field facilities.

Vera, who didn't know what the triple jump was until this year became the first girl from Powlett River to represent the school in district athletics.

Competing against primary school students from the Bass Coast district, Vera won the triple jump qualifying her for the Primary School Divisional Championships where she was also placed first.

Catapulted into the regional finals Vera was placed first

again and currently holds the title of Gippsland Regional Champion for Under 11 girls.

The State Championships will be held in Melbourne on November 6 and Vera can't wait.

"She has a very good chance at becoming the Victorian State Champion," said Mara.

"If it wasn't for Jess Moad and Schools Sports Victoria Vera wouldn't have had this opportunity."

The State Track and Field Primary Boys/Mixed Girls State Championships will be held at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park on November 6.

For more information on school athletics go to ssv.vic.edu.au or follow School Sport Victoria on Facebook or Instagram.



Gippsland gold medallist Vera from Dalyston. B50_4424

Brotherly love put to the test at Wonthaggi Table Tennis

MANY famous cinematic duels have enthralled us when popcorn in hand but it is never like a sibling duel. Sure Potter v Malfoy was magic, Montoya v the six-fingered Count was funny, the Black Prince v King Arthur was funnier and the wangling of banjos in a film about pretty mouths and noisy pigs cannot be unseen. But when it's bro v bro, blow by blow, to and fro, one destined to win and

one destined to woe, it is all of that drama plus some. Brown's Leigh v Black's Beau was epic. After Beau's titanic loss last week, who would begrudge him a redeeming win this week? Brother Leigh, that's who. 11 to 9 in the deciding 5th. Ouch! Brown def Black 7 - 4

Green's Sven and Andy broke their doubles duck against contender Yellow and have shot out to outright favouritism. After

being two sets down, they added resolve to their style and smarts and now look like to have a full toolbox to assail the Spring Season title. Beware the hammer.

Green's Michael v Yellow's Fred match was a marathon "Gone with the Wind" five-setter. It concluded with a 15 to 13 win by a tenacious Fred in the fifth. It went on and on and on. Green def Yellow 6 to 5

Team Blue's Justin and Leanne won the key doubles against family act Mark and Charley to bring home the spoils and keep their finals hopes alive with one round to go. Blue def White 6 to 5

Ladder: Green 32, Yellow 20, White 20, Black 12, Blue 12, Brown 12

Leading Players: Sven 25, Justin 23, Mark 21, David 18, Brad 18



Kai Bates in action on day two of the Australian SUP Titles. Photo: Noah Clifford / Surfing Australia.

Champions crowned at the 2024 Australian SUP Titles

ELEVEN SUP Surfing Champions have been crowned, and the Technical Race has also been run and won on the third day of competition at the 2024 Australian SUP Titles on Phillip Island.

“Finals Day for the SUP Surfing and the Technical Race saw lighter winds and sunshine for all our competitors. We were back at Right Point with super fun two-foot waves and light off-shore winds for the surfing. The Technical Race was held at Cat Bay, where we also had great conditions,” Contest Director Liam Robertson said.

Competitors from New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia dominated the SUP surfing, with Kai Bates (Mollymook, NSW) and Isi Campbell (Denmark, WA) taking out the Open Men’s and Open Women’s

divisions, respectively. Bates secured victory with his two best waves scoring 7.67 and 7.63, narrowly edging out Indy Rose (Avalon, NSW) by just 0.77 points.

“Feels great to win the nationals after missing a few years,” Bates said.

“There were some fun rights that were turning into lefts and cleaning up as they hit the inside section. I had a quick start and then couldn’t find many waves at the end of the heat. Thanks to Surfing Victoria crew and Surfing Australis for finding the best conditions and running a great contest.”

Meanwhile, Campbell posted the highest heat total of the day, a 16.33 (out of a possible 20), with two excellent scores of 8.33 and 8.00.

Campbell said SUP boarding

has been part of her rehabilitation journey.

“I am one year post shoulder reconstruction,” Campbell said.

“SUP boarding is something I can do with my dad and have some fun competing. I am taking it as it comes and my long-term goals are to continue with more QS (Qualifying Series) surfing with hopes of making the Challenger Series.”

In the Over 50’s Women’s division, Gwen Carbone (Ocean Grove, VIC), claimed the title. “I went in with no expectations because it has been so long since my last competition,” Carbone said. “The people here are fantastic. It’s a community. All the women are supportive of each other. Surfing Australia runs a really professional competition, very good communications

and fair judging. I was just super stoked and it’s awesome to come first.”

Marty Cole (Crescent Head, NSW) won the 10ft Open Men’s title and placed third in the Over 40 Men.

“I stayed busy, after having a shocker in the Over 40s and just tried to do the most critical turns using the longboard criteria with the cross-stepping and nose riding, especially on the apex of the waves,” Cole said.

“Staying busy in the dying conditions was the key element. I’ve been bridesmaid every other time so it’s great to win.”

Emma Webb (Jan Juc, VIC) claimed back-to-back titles in 10ft Open Women, while Jonathan Hagan (Robina, QLD) secured victory in the Technical Race, with an impressive time.

Full results via LiveHeats.

Get involved with the Summer Orange Round

EXPRESSIONS of interest for the Summer Orange Round opens on November 25.

This aligns with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the start of the United Nations’ 16 Days of Activism.

Clubs across Gippsland are invited to participate in February or March 2025, with both summer and year-round sports welcome to join.

Since 2015, local clubs have shown their commitment to respect by wearing orange armbands and saying no to family violence – on and off the field.

From surf lifesaving to cricket, tennis, swimming, dragon boating, golf, and roller derby, teams across the region have taken a stand.

If your club wants to get involved, get in touch with GippSport.

GippSport can also help with education sessions, gender audits, equity action plans, and Active By-stander in Sport training.

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

RESULTS:

Phantom: First place on 192.5 points HSB; second place on 187 points Ghan; third place on 186.5 points Healy.

2scompany: First place on 25 points King Pins; second place on 22 points Jail; third place on 20.5 points Pinpushers.

ABL: First place on 158 points Storm; second place on 155 points Dreamers; third place on 133.5 points Fairlanes.

Business Early: First place on nine points Happy Hour; second place on five points Woolly Rollers; third place on five points Old Timers; fourth place on five points The Redundants.

Business Late: First place on eight points Holy Splits; second place on six points City Lights; third place on six points S & R Clarke Auto; fourth place on six points The Big D’s.

Top scores for the week across all tournaments:

Women: 166 Valma Peterson, 156 Tricia Niessink and 148 Penny Wolswinkel.

Men: 244 Anthony Hancock, 225 Justin Porthouse and 201 Jason Bence.

Leongatha Smallbore Rifle

ROUND 5:

20m Bench Pennant – Section D, Leongatha A 597.022 (BYE), 200.011 Christopher Sargant, 199.006 Jack Sargant, 198.005 Kenneth Hart, 196.003 Bradley Hall

Ladder: 16 Horsham, 16 Leongatha A, 12 Camberwell A, 8 Mildura A, 8 Brunswick

20m Bench Pennant – Section G, Leongatha B 589.008 defeated Mildura B 580.008, 199.003 Peter Gallus, 195.003 Robert Spratt, 195.002 Michael Ryan, 193.003 Lucy Bradbury-Ryan

Ladder: 20 Frankston C, 16 Leongatha B, 12 Sale C, 8 Oakleigh C, 4 Mildura B

20m Bench Pennant – Section I, Camberwell B 591.015 defeated Leongatha C 574.006, 194.002 Allan Ross, 192.001 William Ross, 188.003 Cameron Davidson, 185.001 Mathew Eldridge

Ladder: 20 Benalla B, 16 Kyneton, 12 Camberwell B, 8 Leongatha C, 4 Portland

We shoot Friday Nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the recreation reserve. Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 5664 2358.

Awash at high tide

THE NEW multi-million dollar jetty at Mahers Landing near Inverloch has fishermen dodging high tide for fear of being swamped. Dangerous king tides have made fishing at Mahers Landing near impossible on a full tide for all but the foolhardy.

Longtime Maher’s Landing fisherman Gary Hatfield from Drouin says snapper and trevally are being hooked off the jetty but only if you’re prepared to get your feet wet.

“What were they thinking when they designed the jetty?” asked Gary.

Disabled fisherman Pete Cording who expressed his concern over wheelchair access may have the answer.

In response to his complaint about the design of the jetty Mr Cording was told by Bass Coast that Council didn’t manage the design.

The designer is quoted as having told Council that the jetty had not been designed as fully compliant for disabled access due to budget restrictions. A fully compliant design would have required additional set of piles which was not allowed for in the budget. Furthermore, Mahers Landing was not designed to be a recreational walkway, viewing or fishing platform and was only designed as a temporary berthing structure for small boats. It was never intended to serve as a recreational platform or general-purpose walkway.

A key feature of the jetty that provides accessibility is the low grade, gentle slope and length of the ramped sections and landings, instead of using stairs which allows for people of various levels of ability to access the jetty, to or from berthed vessels.

Peter Cording said if the walkway/path was not designed for fishing or disability/wheelchair access then Mahers Landing should have a sign saying ‘No Fishing and No Disability/Wheelchair Access’.

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C Grade restarts

FOLLOWING a meeting during the week, the Leongatha and District Cricket Association opted to restart to C Grade competition.

All points were reset back to zero – which means points from previous games have been wiped – and matches will be relaunched on November 16.

The association believed this would be fairest approach in response to the number of forfeits that have been called over the last few weeks, as well as feed-back from the local clubs.

It is hoped the fresh start will allow all clubs the time to establish their teams and return for a competitive season.

The new draw is available on PlayHQ.



Jim Armstrong from Churchill attacks the Endeavour Hills bowling.

Over 60s in charge against Endeavour Hills

VETERANS CRICKET

THE Goannas Over 60s team hosted Endeavour Hills at Toongabbie.

The weather was very pleasant, with a bit of wind later in the day.

The pitch was in good condition, and the outfield a little damp early as the Goannas won the toss and batted first.

The two Rays, Floyd and Smith opened the innings, with Floyd LBW in the sixth over for 11 and the score 1/20.

Col Carmody, in his first match for over a year, made five before being bowled.

It was 2/39 in the 12th over.

Smith followed shortly after for 21, which brought Rob Taylor and Jim Armstrong together.

These two increased the tempo and put on 71 runs in 12 overs, when Taylor retired for 43 from 44 deliveries.

Mark Brown joined Armstrong, who also retired, for 40 from 48 balls, then Rob Bacchetti was bowled and the score was 4/137 in the 33rd over.

Rino Metlikovec, 10, Brown, 22, Murray Moore 10* and Neil Meredith 3* took the score to 6/169 at the end of the 40th over.

The outfield was drier, and hence quicker, when the Endeavour Hills' innings commenced after the lunch break.

Bernie Symons and Meredith opened the attack for the Goannas, with Meredith hitting the stumps in the sixth over.

EH were 1/18 at this stage. Bacchetti replaced Symons, and Mero bowled his eight overs for 1/23, as Peter Anton replaced him.

EH had reached 58 at the 20 over drinks break, due to some tight bowling by the Goannas' attack.

After drinks Anton struck in each of his fourth, fifth and sixth overs, to have Endeavour Hills reeling at 4/84 after 28 overs.

Anton finished with the excellent figures of three wickets for eight runs from his eight overs.

Smith, three overs, Armstrong, two, Moore, four and Symons two more, completed the innings for the Goannas and only allowed the EH batsmen to reach 4/128 at the end of their 40 overs.

Catches were taken by Bacchetti and Armstrong in what was another good performance from the Goannas.

Over 70s:

The Goannas Over 70 team will host Warrandyte at Duncan Cameron Oval in Traralgon on Tuesday of this week.

Nerrena continue winning way

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

NERRENA was the only team to record a second victory after defeating Inverloch on Saturday.

Playing at the Nerrena Recreation Reserve, Inverloch won the toss and chose to bat.

Throughout the innings, Inverloch slowly added to the scoreboard with Christian Terlich making the top score of 14 runs.

Shaun Hayes and Jay Mottram Carter added 13 and 12 runs.

Charlie Dougherty was Nerrena's top bowler, taking 3/11.

Mitchell Croatto and Jaxon Checkley were also multiple wicket takers.

Inverloch was bowled out with 10/85.

James Kelly opened the batting for Nerrena and provided a solid start with 29 runs.

This ended up being the top score, but with Ryan Clark adding 23 not out, it was enough to secure the game.

Inverloch's Nic Dobbie claimed 2/15.

Single wickets were taken by Callan O'Flynn and Cameron Butler.

Nerrena's winning score was 4/86.



Riley Prosser of MDU batting against Wonthaggi Club in round four. Z36_4424

OMK overpowers Burra

KORUMBURRA held its own, but OMK was much too strong on the day.

The Cobras welcomed OMK to the Korumburra Recreation Reserve and the home side won the toss.

Darren Scott and Philip Richards were Korumburra's top performers, batting 29 and 25 runs respectively.

Richards was not out at the end of the innings.

Shane Taylor was OMK's top

wicket taker, claiming 2/8.

Singles were shared between five other bowlers.

Playing out its allotted overs, Korumburra was set to defend 7/104.

OMK was quick to run over this score.

Russ White was quickly dismissed for four runs after he was run out by Richards.

However, Robert Quaife and captain Kris Kerr went on to make 49 and 21 not out.

Mitchell Nicholas finished it off with 25 not out.

Darren Scott was Korumburra's only wicket taker, claiming 2/17.

OMK won with a score of 3/106.

Club clinches win over MDU

PLAYING at McMahon Reserve in Wonthaggi, Club recorded a win over MDU.

MDU chose to bat first after winning the toss.

Captain Tyrone Zukovskis was dismissed for a duck, but the partnership of Wayne Prosser and Mike Olden went on to make 33 and 32 runs respectively.

Club bowlers Matt Sharp, Bryce Evans and Chris Fraser wiped out the rest of MDU's batting order with two wickets each.

MDU was bowled out 10/123.

Club made a steady start to the innings, but Jai Williamson got the ball rolling with 22 runs.

Captain Sean Roche and Mitchell Davey finished it off with 27 and 20 not out.

MDU bowler Brett McKnight took 2/23 and single wickets were taken by Clayton Fisher and Olden.

Club was victorious with 5/124.

Phillip Island had the bye this round.



Cougars celebrate Nick Arnup's 250 game milestone

Nick Arnup celebrating 250 senior games for Koonwarra L/RSL Cricket Club. Photo: Jodie Arnup.



Womens cricket is flourishing at Kilcunda-Bass

Kilcunda-Bass Women's Cricket Team: Back row, from left: Silvia Plitz, Mel Ferrato, Cathy Felstead, Jackie Clark, Simone Gracey, Kate Thompson, Fraya Keily, Sheree Chasemore, Jo Huckett, and Coach Aaron Conran. Front row: Elyse Fisher, Jas Keogh, Jan Hodson, Tiana Gold, Miilie Gold, Kirsty Taylor, Bel O' Brien, Sarh Tyrrell, Nicole Thomson, and Erin Millar. Kilcunda-Bass kick off their third season and are the only club in the league to field two teams for all three seasons. Team 1: Great Whites: Captain Tiana Gold and Vice-Captain Bel O'Brien. Team 2: Hammer heads: Captain Elyse Pratt and Vice-Captain Silvia Plitz. The club has retained some amazing talent in Nicole Thompson, Elyse Fisher and Tiana Gold and some exciting new players, welcoming Cathy Felstead, Fraya Keily and young gun Millie Gold in her first season of cricket. Z45_4424

Cougars win in tough battle

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

KOONWARRA L/RSL is sitting on top of B2's ladder after a closely-fought match against the Imperials on Saturday.

Playing at Leongatha's East Campus, the Imperials won the toss and chose to bat.

The Imperials had a steady start to the innings but opening batsman Kane Maskell managed to contribute 21 runs.

Captain Samuel Vagg top scored with 28 runs later in the innings.

Cougars' bowler William Cashin dismissed Vagg and took 3/8 overall.

Britney Thomas was also a multiple-wicket taker, claiming 2/22.

The Imperials played out their allotted overs and were tasked with defending 8/128.

Though Koonwarra L/RSL opening batsman Glenn Boxall went on to make 18 runs, the swift dismissal of Ashley Boxall for a duck kept the hopes alive for the Imperials.

Louis Read and vice-captain Adam Drury fought back with 23 and 31 runs respectively later in the innings, which would prove crucial.

Imperials bowler Cameron Bruce made it hard for the Cougars to get runs on the board early, taking 2/17.

Singles were claimed by James Jeffery, James Forrester, Maskell and Noah McLennan.

The Cougars made it over the line with a score of 9/132.

Glen Alvie triumphs in nail biter six run win

ANOTHER close call was played out between Glen Alvie and Nyora at the Glen Alvie Recreation Reserve.

Ultimately, the home side was victorious.

Nyora won the toss and chose to send Glen Alvie in first.

Ian Thorn was immediately dismissed for a golden duck off the bowling of Ryan White.

Captain Darcy Hale saved his team later in the innings with a top score of 58 not out.

Thirty runs were also added by Glenn Moore.

The bowling of Tyler Perkins slowed Glen Alvie down, claiming 3/37.

Tully Bernaldo took 2/4.

At the end of the innings, Nyora's target was set at 8/129.

A consistent start to the innings saw Daniel Esler, Lincoln Brock and Jordan Knox contribute 14, 12 and 15 runs respectively.

Fourth in the order, captain Keith Linford top scored with 26 runs, dismissed by a catch taken by Jay Tiziani off the bowling of Hale before any more damage could be done.

Hale and Lachlan McRae took two wickets each. Nathan Thatcher added 13 runs to end the innings, but Nyora couldn't catch up. Nyora was bowled out six runs short with 10/123.

Hardy and McRae power Leongatha to victory

THE might of Leongatha Town proved too much for Foster on Saturday.

Foster travelled to Scorpion Park and won the toss, choosing to bat first.

Billy Davy kept his team in it with 48 not out.

Gurinder Singh also made 30 runs.

However, Town bowlers Samuel Clark and Frazer Livingstone made scoring opportunities difficult by taking three wickets each.

Blake McRae was responsible for stopping Singh.

Foster completed its allotted overs and finished up with a score of 7/124.

Town's opening partnership of Nigel Hodges and Clark did not last long at the crease, with Hodges dismissed for a duck and Clark making just eight runs.

However, Mark Hardy stepped up and batted 54 not out.

Batting sixth in the order, Trent McRae soon joined Hardy and made 51 not out, securing the game for Town after 31 overs.

Lance Moon claimed 2/35 with Jedd Davy the only other wicket-taker for Foster.

Town's winning score was 4/125.

Kilcunda-Bass had the bye this round.



Luke Scholz fell to Nyora's Tyler Perkins without scoring. Z39_4424



Glen Alvie's Darcy Hale remained not out with 58 runs against Nyora. Z40_4424

How Sam Clark's hat trick turned the match

FOSTER looked set for a good total, batting first in their B Grade Division 2 match against Leongatha Town at Scorpion Park on Saturday, but Town right-arm medium pacer, Sam Clark had other ideas.

And it was his mate at short midwicket, Rory Gilliatte, who took the sharp catch to dismiss Brandon Busuttill, looking set at 24 off 71 balls, who set up the chain of events that was to follow, producing a rare 'hat trick' of wickets.

The next man in, Brett Gay, received an unplayable ball, honing in on the stumps first up and there was no dissent from the opposition as he was despatched LBW first ball by Clark.

Cue the mobile phones to

potentially capture the moment!

With Jedd Davy facing the moment of truth, Clark again pitched a steaming ball right up on the stumps, "the perfect Yorker" they said, and there was pandemonium as Davy played too late and his wickets were crashed into by the passing delivery.

Foster had collapsed from 1/67 to 4/67 and there was no coming back from there.

They managed 7/124 off their 40 overs and took a couple of early Town wickets, but with Mark Hardy and Trent McRae both scoring unbeaten half centuries, the Scorpions cruised in for the win at 4/125 off 30.5 overs, all down to the heroics of Sam Clark in Foster's innings.



Leongatha's Sam Clark smashed a gaping hole in the top order of the Foster batting at Scorpion Park on Saturday when he took a 'hat trick' of wickets.

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

OMK 3/106 d Korumburra 7/104

Korumburra 1st INNINGS: TM Allen 7, C Turton 3, D Scott 29, P Richards 25*, N Belvedere 4, Pk Beadel 10, J Douglas 5, B Riddell 11, G Edwards 2*

Bowling: R White 1/7, T Walker 1/14, M Andrew 1/10, K Kerr 1/26, D Jeffries 1/36, S Taylor 2/8

OMK 1st INNINGS: R White 4,

R Quaife 49, K Kerr 21*, M Andrew 1, M Nicholas 25*

Bowling: Bryce Riddell 0/14, J Douglas 0/17, S McKinnon 0/23, D Scott 2/17, G Edwards 0/32

Club 5/124 d MDU 10/123

MDU 1st INNINGS: T Zukovskis 0, W Prosser 33, M Olden 32, C Fisher 10, C Hooper 5, D Thomas 14, A Dyke 0, D Field 3, B McKnight 7, C Schwenesen 2, R Prosser0*

Bowling: J Williamson 0/18, S Roche 0/20, M Sharp 2/29, L McRae 1/18, S Tessari 1/15, B Evans 2/9, C Fraser 2/3, B Harvey 1/9

Club 1st INNINGS: K Allison 3, H West 18, M Chisholm 14, J Williamson 22, B Harvey 9, S Roche 27*, M Davey 20*

Bowling: B McKnight 2/23, D Field 0/26, C Fisher 1/28, Mike Olden 1/26, C Schwenesen 0/16, R Prosser 0/2

Nerrena 4/86 d Inverloch 10/85

Inverloch 1st INNINGS: W Stewart 2, S Hayes 13, J Rowe 7, C Terlich 14, A Terlich 11, J Mottram Carter 12, M Woods 9, C Butler 1, C O'Flynn 5, J Foote 5*, N Dobbie 2

Bowling: W Croatto 1/15, R Clark 1/18, M Croatto 2/8, T Harris 0/16, J Checkley 2/6, C Dougherty 3/11, E Berrymann 1/8

Nerrena 1st INNINGS: J Kelly 29, B Trotman 12, E Berryman 9, Mitchell Croatto 0, T Harris 4*, R Clark 23*

Bowling: C O'Flynn 1/23, A Terlich 0/21, N Dobbie 2/15, C Butler 1/13, J Mottram Carter 0/12

Phillip Island - BYE

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

Glen Alvie 8/129 d Nyora 10/123

Glen Alvie 1st INNINGS: I Thorn 1, A Donohue 15, J Tiziani 6, G Moore 30, D Hale 58*, D Gilbert 1, L Scholz 0, W Hynes 12, N Luff 0, G Hynes 1*

Bowling: R White 1/7, S Henry 0/14, V Peiris 0/4, J Waixel 1/33, T Perkins 3/37, N Thatcher 0/29, T Bernaldo 2/4

Nyora 1st INNINGS: D Esler 14, L Brock 12, J Knox 15, K Linford 26, C Knox 9, V Peiris 7, T Bernaldo 10, J Waixel 2, N Thatcher 13, R White 1, T Perkins 0*

Bowling: D Gilbert 0/16, L McRae 2/22, W Hynes 0/14, N Luff 1/19, G Hynes 1/18, A Donohue 1/18, D Hale 2/10

Town 4/125 d Foster 7/124

Foster 1st INNINGS: J Gay 11, B Busuttill 24, B Davy 48*, B Gay 0, J Davy 0, G Collis 8, S Embuldeniya 0, G Singh 30, L Welsh 0*

Bowling: S Clark 3/13, T Strybosch 0/11, T McRae 0/14, F Livingstone 3/41, B McRae 1/19, D Wilson 0/13, A Woodward 0/12

Town 1st INNINGS: N Hodges 0, S Clark 8, M Hardy 54*, R Gilliatte 0, K Gilliatte 6, T McRae 51*

Bowling: L Moon 2/35, J Davy 1/9, G Collis 0/29, J Gay 0/11, B Davy 0/7, B Gay 0/16, B Cripps 0/14

Koonw L/RSL 9/132 d Imperials 8/128

Imperials 1st INNINGS: G Sauvarin 8, K Maskell 21, A Meyer 6, J Forrester 0, F Botha 9, S Vagg 28, D McLennan, 16, K Gray 12*, J Jeffery 5, C Bruce 3*

Bowling: L Read 1/14, M Boswell 0/26, S Chadwick 1/9, G Boxall 1/14, B Thomas 2/22, A Piksons 0/16, T Collins 0/14, W Cashin 3/8

Koonwarra L/RSL 1st INNINGS: G Boxall 18, A Boxall 0, W Cashin 3, N Grimes 0, L Read 23, A Drury 31, T Collins 11, M Boswell 1, B Anderson 16*, A Piksons 4, S Chadwick 10*

Bowling: C Bruce 2/17, J Jeffery 1/7, J Forrester 1/25, K Gray 0/7, K Maskell 1/26, N McLennan 1/23, A Meyer0/16

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A2: S. Lakshan (MDU) 87 ; J. Best (Foster), A. Kaddatz (Nyora) 3/15

B1: Robert Quaife (OMK) 49 ; Charlie Dougherty (Nerrena) 3/11

B2: Darcy Hale (Glen Alvie) 58* ; William Cashin (Koonwarra L/RSL) 3/8

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Dominant Sharks crush Town

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

PHILLIP Island demolished Leongatha Town in Saturday's A1 match.
Town travelled to the Newhaven Recreation Reserve, where its only win for the day was the toss.
Choosing to bat first, Town sent in Ron Abeysinghe and captain Jesse Giardina.
Contributing 11 runs, Abeysinghe was dismissed by a catch from Lachlan Cleeland off the bowling of Jobe Williams.
When Giardina was caught out by Jarrod Black off the bowling of Zac Brown after making just seven runs, the score was 2/37.
These dismissals allowed Buwaneka Wakishta and Dulaj Lakshitha Mendis Polwaththa Gallage to step in.
They made 42 and 38 runs respectively, which turned out to be the top scores of the day for Town.
Phillip Island bowler Heath Womersley claimed Wakishta's wicket at 3/82 and ensured little more impact could be made from then on.

Womersley caused a lot of headaches for Town's batting order, claiming an impressive 5/18.
Williams and Brown claimed two wickets each. Town was bowled out 10/131 in the 37th over.
Brodie Johnston and Cleeland opened the batting for Phillip Island and got the ball rolling nicely with 35 and 27 runs respectively.
Their wickets were claimed by Town bowlers Ethan Smith and Rhett Hume.
Captain Daniel Mock and Thomas Niven were next to step up to the crease and finished the game off, making 36 and 28 not out.
Phillip Island won the game with 2/132.

Britt's brave stand falls short

NERRENA recorded its second win of the season following a nailbiter against Wonthaggi Club.
Playing at home, Club won the toss and sent Nerrena in to bat first.
With a catch from Mitch Thomas off the bowling of captain Joel Brann, Club was off to a strong start, dismissing Nerrena's opening batsman Jack Curtis for a golden duck.

The bowling efforts of Brann and Fraser West – who claimed three wickets each – kept Nerrena fairly quiet.
Late in the innings, Jarrod Hoy top-scored with 23 runs.
Darcy Berryman had made 21 not out before Nerrena was bowled out with a score of 10/110.
Club started its innings well with Alexander Geyer making 26 runs.
However, Nerrena bowlers Timothy Wightman and Archie Gannon were not to be outdone and matched Club's bowling efforts with three wickets each.
Gavin Britt made Club's top score with 28 runs, but it was not quite enough to save the game.
Club was bowled out just short at 10/100.

Lamers century and Williams' 7-wicket marvel

A WHOPPING 115-run haul to OMK's Ethan Lamers led the Diggers to victory against Korumburra.
OMK chose to bat first at its home ground. Adam Busana opened OMK's batting with Lamers but was dismissed for a duck.
Lamers went on to score an impressive 115 before he was stopped by Korumburra bowler Andy Millar. Noel Creed later added 78 runs to OMK's score and was not out at the end of the innings.
Korumburra captain Ben Spicer and Millar did what they could to slow OMK's run, claiming 2/40 and 2/59 respectively. Singles were taken by Steve Hamill and Zachary Barrett. OMK set the target at a challenging 6/259.
Spicer and Millar continued their fine form, attempting to steer their team to a victory, by opening the account with 46 and 44 runs respectively. Spicer retired at 46 not out.
However, an incredible seven-wicket effort from Ryan Williams ensured Korumburra wouldn't go near OMK's tally. Trevor McGeachin cleaned up the remaining two wickets. Korumburra conceded defeat with a score of 9/145.

Sauvarin smashes century as Imps crush Koon

THE Imperials also delivered a high-scoring performance to outplay Koonwarra L/RSL.
Playing at the Koonwarra Recreation Reserve, the home side was unable to stop Timothy Sauvarin's run as he made 105 not out.
Captain Jack Ginnane also contributed to the winning tally with 63 not out. For Koonwarra L/RSL, wickets were taken by Blake Smith, Callum Buckland and Isuru Darshana.
The Imperials were left to comfortably defend 3/237 after their allotted overs. Anthony Hunt opened well for Koonwarra L/RSL, making 32 runs.
Buckland and captain James Rushton added 36 and 34 respectively but could not match the might of the Imperials.
Isaac Bolge and Nick Eddy ensured Koonwarra L/RSL made minimal headway on the scoreboard by taking 2/25 and 2/31 respectively.
Single wicket takers were vice-captain Lachie Wright and Martin Reidy.
Koonwarra L/RSL played out its 40 overs but only managed a score of 7/171.



Phillip Island's Heath Womersley is congratulated by his teammates after taking one of his five wickets against Leongatha Town in A Grade Division 1 as the cricket season finally got back on track in bright sunshine last Saturday.



Leongatha Town batsman Luke Ashton hits out as Leongatha Town tries to halt a steady flow of wickets after a promising start at Newhaven on Saturday.



Phillip Island's Heath Womersley bends his back on the way to taking a match-winning 5/18 in A Grade Division 1 at Newhaven on Saturday.

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Team	Points	%
A GRADE, Division 1		
Phillip Island	36	3.507
Nerrena	36	1.746
Club	24	1.684
Imperials	24	1.438
OMK	24	1.090
Town	24	0.794
Korumburra	12	0.357
Koonwarra L/RSL	12	0.278

B GRADE, Division 1

Team	Points	%
Nerrena	36	4.694
Phillip Island	24	1.779
Club	24	1.540
OMK	18	5.142
Inverloch	12	0.352
Korumburra	12	0.151
MDU	6	0.471

A GRADE, Division 2

Team	Points	%
Inverloch	36	2.035
Nyora	36	1.696
Foster	24	1.535
MDU	24	0.995
Glen Alvie	12	0.359
Kilcunda-Bass	12	0.307

B GRADE, Division 2

Team	Points	%
Koonwarra L/RSL	36	1.238
Imperials	24	2.053
Glen Alvie	24	0.961
Nyora	18	0.876
Town	18	0.642
Kilcunda-Bass	12	0.732
Foster	12	0.684

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Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Club Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024
7pm at Power Rooms

- To confirm minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on December 19, 2023.
- To receive committee reports.
- To elect officers of the Association and ordinary members of the committee for a term of not less than 12 months.

BRENDAN KNIGHT General Manager

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A GRADE DIVISION 1

Phillip Island 2/132 d Town 131	
Town – 1st INNINGS	
Ron Abeysinghe c: L Cleeland b: J Williams	11
Jesse Giardina c: J Black b: Z Brown	7
B Wakishta c: Z Brown b: H Womersley	42
DLMP Gallage c: H Womersley b: Z Brown	38
Ethan Smith b: H Womersley	1
Archie Fixter c: J Black b: H Womersley	0
P Jayasinghe c: L Cleeland b: J Williams	4
Luke Ashton c: J Williams b: H Womersley	10
Rhett Hume not out	6*
Colin Bruce b: H Womersley	0
Steve Fixter lbw: T Niven	5
Extras (5w, 1nb, 1lb)	7
Total 10 / 131 (36.2 Overs)	
Bowling: T Niven 5.2-1-21-1 (1nb), J Williams 8-1-15-2, Z Brown 8-0-44-2 (1w), T Niven 6-1-23-0 (1w), H Womersley 8-0-18-5 (3w), D Mock 1-0-9-0	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
Brodie Johnston c&b: E Smith	35
Lachlan Cleeland c: DLMP Gallage b: R Hume	27
Daniel Mock not out	36*
Thomas Niven not out	28*
Extras (3w, 1nb, 1lb, 1b)	6
Total 2 / 132 (23.2 Overs)	
Bowling: R Hume 5-1-24-1 (1w), DLMP Gallage 3-0-23-0, B Wakishta 3-0-14-0 (1nb), E Smith 7-0-38-1 (2w), R Abeysinghe 5.2-0-31-0	
OMK 6/259 d Korumburra 9/145	
OMK – 1st INNINGS	
Adam Busana c: R Rangana b: S Hamill	0
Ethan Lamers b: A Millar	115
Koby Brann st: R Rangana b: B Spicer	23
Ryan Williams b: B Spicer	9
Noel Creed not out	78*
Trevor McGeachin c&b: A Millar	0
Peter Dell b: Z Barrett	19
Clayton Quaife not out	2*
Extras (11w, 1nb, 1lb)	13
Total 6 / 259 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: S Hamill 8-1-46-1 (5w), Z Barrett 6-1-25-1, B Spicer 8-0-40-2, A Millar 8-0-59-2 (1w), M Young 8-0-56-0 (2w, 1nb), A Damon 2-0-32-0 (3w)	
Korumburra – 1st INNINGS	
Andy Millar b: R Williams	44
Ben Spicer retired not out	46
Jason Richards b: R Williams	1
Rumesh Rangana c: N Auddino b: R Williams	0
Matthew Allen c: N Auddino b: R Williams	17
Zachary Barrett b: R Williams	0
Steve Hamill c: K Brann b: R Williams	14
Tom Crocker c: K Brann b: T McGeachin	5
Aaron Damon lbw: R Williams	5
Mitch Young not out	3*
Jakeb Jorgensen c: N Creed b: T McGeachin	6
Extras (9w, 1nb)	10
Total 9 / 145 (33.4 Overs)	
Bowling: Z Lamers 8-1-56-0 (3w, 1nb), P Dell 5-3-14-0, N Auddino 8-0-42-0 (1w), R Williams 8-3-14-7, T McGeachin 3.4-0-18-2 (5w), E Lamers 1-0-1-0	
Imperials 3/237 d Koonwarra L/RSL 7/171	
Imperials – 1st INNINGS	
Luke Rogers c: J Rushton b: B Smith	7
Nick Eddy c: J Rushton b: C Buckland	17
Timothy Sauvarin not out	105*
Aydan Williams c: J Rushton b: I Darshana	21
Jack Ginnane not out	63*
Extras (14w, 3nb, 7lb)	24
Total 3 / 237 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: J Thomas 8-0-46-0 (2w, 3nb), B Smith 4-0-23-1 (3w), C Buckland 8-0-39-1 (6w), A Mujtaba 6-1-18-0 (2w), N Arnup 5-1-28-0, J Rushton 2-0-18-0 (1w), I Darshana 7-0-58-1	
Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS	
Anthony Hunt run out: J Ginnane, N Eddy	32
Mitchell Scrimshaw c: M Reidy b: I Bolge	16
Joshua Thomas c: N Eddy b: I Bolge.....	0
Isuru Darshana b: M Reidy	8
Callum Buckland c: T Sauvarin b: N Eddy	36
Amad Mujtaba c: I Bolge b: N Eddy	18
Mayden Scrimshaw c: T Sauvarin b: L Wright	8
James Rushton not out	34*
Harry Scrimshaw not out	9*
Extras (5w, 5lb)	10
Total 7 / 171 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: L Wright 8-1-28-1 (1w), I Bolge 8-1-25-2 (2w), M Reidy 4-0-22-1, A Williams 8-0-33-0, N Eddy 8-0-31-2, T Sauvarin 4-0-27-0 (2w)	
Nerrena 110 d Club 96	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
J Curtis c: M Thomas b: J Brann	0
Loc Roberts c: ? b: F West	12
Mitchell Clark c: J Sheerin b: J Brann	9
Tadgh Gannon c: J Brann b: F West	11
Timothy Wightman c: J Sheerin b: F West	7
Hayden Funnell run out: J Thomas	4
Kade Berryman lbw: A Geyer	5
Jarrold Hoy c: J Thomas b: R Thomas	23
Darcy Berryman not out	21*
Archie Gannon b: R Thomas	0
Josh Trease c: ? b: J Brann	0
Extras (8w, 2nb, 2lb, 6b)	18
Total 10 / 110 (35.2 Overs)	
Bowling: J Brann 5.2-0-30-3 (3w, 1nb), F West 8-3-12-3, H Dobbie 6-0-20-0 (4w), M McCall 8-3-7-0, A Geyer 4-0-20-1, R Thomas 4-0-13-2 (1w, 1nb)	
Club – 1st INNINGS	
Mitch Thomas c: M Clark b: J Trease	8
Alexander Geyer c: J Curtis b: A Gannon	26
Ryan Thomas run out: M Clark	4
Jakeb Thomas c: J Curtis b: A Gannon	16
Gavin Britt c: H Funnell b: J Hoy	28
Joel Brann c: H Funnell b: A Gannon	0
Stewart Beaumont c: H Funnell b: T Wightman	9
Fraser West c: J Curtis b: M Clark	0
Mark McCall not out	0*
Jack Sheerin lbw: T Wightman	0
Heath Dobbie b: T Wightman	4
Extras (4w, 1nb)	5
Total 96 (28 Overs)	
Bowling: J Trease 8-3-17-1, J Hoy 7-1-33-1 (2w), T Wightman 4-1-18-3 (1nb), A Gannon 4-1-20-3 (2w), M Clark 5-0-12-1	



Sembakuttige Chathura Lakshan top scored with 87 runs for MDU against Inverloch in round four. Z35_4424

Foster victorious over Kilcunda-Bass

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

COMING off a loss in round two, Foster was itching to get a win on the board.

It was successful with a convincing win over Kilcunda-Bass at the Foster Cricket Ground on Saturday.

Kilcunda-Bass won the toss and chose to bat first.

Batting fourth and fifth in the order, captain Matthew Grayson and Daniel Ferguson contributed Kilcunda-Bass’ highest scores of the day with 27 and 20 runs respectively.

Jake Best was working hard for Foster, claiming 3/15.

Single wickets were claimed by Andrew Pattie and Ollie Rook.

After 40 overs, Kilcunda-Bass had reached 7/121.

However, the Foster batsmen went out eager to reach their target.

When captain Josh Toner was sent off for a duck by a catch from Shaun Lucas off the bowling of Todd Smith, Kilcunda-Bass looked in with a chance.

In the end, though, Mitchell Jones and Best could not be stopped.

Both not out by the time

the game was won. Jones made 36 while Best racked up 74.

Foster’s winning score was 1/122.

Nyora dominates at home

NYORA also enjoyed a comfortable victory over Glen Alvie.

Playing at home, Nyora won the toss and elected to bat first.

Henry Dolphin started strong with 41 runs.

Jy Hull later top-scored with 55 runs with Aaron Thompson finishing off the innings with 49 not out.

Glen Alvie bowlers Wayne Luke and Ryan Sinclair claimed 3/48 and 2/45 respectively.

Nyora could feel confident going into Glen Alvie’s innings with a score of 7/212.

Batting fourth in the order, Archie Moore managed Glen Alvie’s top score for the day with 36 runs before he was run out by Aidan Simmons.

Jack Brown later added 21 runs to the score.

Nyora bowlers Aaron Kaddatz and Thompson made things difficult for Glen Alvie, claiming three wickets each.

Glen Alvie was bowled out with 10/116.

Stingrays unstoppable

A WIN against MDU sees Inverloch sitting on top of the ladder after round four.

MDU chose to bat first, but quickly lost Paul Le Page for a duck.

Sembakuttige Chathura Lakshan was sent in and made a handy 87 runs before he was bowled by Jesse Dugard.

Dugard, along with bowlers Callum Asbury, Cooper Newman and Dylan Clark, ensured there was little more damage on the scoreboard by taking multiple wickets.

MDU was tasked with defending 10/149.

Inverloch opening batsman Riley Harris set the Stingrays on the path to victory with 51 runs.

Clark sealed the deal with 47 not out later in the innings.

Wickets were claimed by MDU bowlers Sam Bright, vice-captain Mitch McGrath and Sembakuttige Chathura Lakshan.

Almost at the end of its allotted overs, Inverloch secured the win with 4/153.



MDU’s Mitch McGrath showed solid defence opening the batting at Inverloch Turf. Z33_4424

A GRADE DIVISION 2

Inverloch 4/153 d MDU 149	
MDU – 1st INNINGS	
Paul Le Page b: C Asbury	0
Mitch McGrath c: J Strickland b: L Rankin	10
SC Lakshan b: J Dugard	87
Jai Bright c: C Asbury b: D Clark	19
Tharindu Nuwan c&b: D Clark	3
Joel Sinclair st: J Butcher b: C Newman	2
Zak Bright b: J Dugard	0
Scott Browne c: L Rankin b: C Asbury	6
Sam Bright b: J Dugard	1
Mark Cantwell not out	7*
Jake Palmer b: C Newman	0
Extras (7w, 2nb, 5lb)	14
Total 10 / 149 (34 Overs)	
Bowling: C Asbury 8-1-24-2 (1nb), J Dugard 8-1-25-3 (2w), C Newman 8-1-46-2 (1nb), L Rankin 5-1-25-1 (2w), D Clark 3-0-18-2 (2w), T Debono 2-0-6-0 (1w)	
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
Riley Harris b: SC Lakshan	51
Callum Asbury retired not out	14
Jake Dennerley b: M McGrath	4
Jack Butcher run out	22
Dylan Clark not out	47*
Jacob Strickland b: S Bright	3
Rhys Newman not out	6*
Extras (3w, 3lb)	6
Total 4 / 153 (39.3 Overs)	
Bowlers: S Bright 8-1-30-1, S Browne 8-2-18-0 (1w), J Palmer 4-1-9-0 (1w), M McGrath 8-2-26-1, M Cantwell 5-0-23-0, SC Lakshan 6.3-0-44-1 (1w)	
Nyora 7/212 d Glen Alvie 116	
Nyora – 1st INNINGS	
Henry Dolphin c: ? b: B McRae	41
Bailey Henderson b: R Sinclair	0
Jake Henry c: R Sinclair b: Z Scholz.....	5
Jy Hull c: ? b: R Sinclair	55
Aaron Kaddatz c: B McRae b: W Luke	17
Benn Hayes c: ? b: W Luke	14
Lochie Row b: W Luke	6
Aaron Thompson not out	49*
Aidan Simmons not out	12*
Extras (9w, 1nb, 1lb, 2b)	13
Total 7 / 212 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: M Dakin 8-0-26-0 (3w), R Sinclair 8-1-45-2 (1w), Z Scholz 8-1-40-1 (2w), A Luke 4-1-19-0 (2w, 1nb), B McRae 4-1-31-1, W Luke 8-0-48-3 (1w)	
Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS	
Matthew Donohue run out	18
Alex Hamilton c: B Hayes b: R Cordeux	1
Matthew Dakin lbw: R Cordeux.....	0
Archie Moore not out	7*
Ben McRae not out	10*
Archie Moore run out: A Simmons	36
Ben McRae c: B Hayes b: A Thompson	10
Ryan Sinclair c: B Henderson b: A Thompson	3
Zack Scholz lbw: A Thompson	6
Jack Brown c: A Simmons b: A Kaddatz	21
Wayne Luke not out	6*
Archie Luke b: A Kaddatz	0
Fill-in b: A Kaddatz	2
Extras (8w, 1nb, 4b)	13
Total 10 / 116 (38.5 Overs)	
Bowlers: R Cordeux 8-0-20-2 (1nb), A Kaddatz 7.5-2-15-3 (2w), A Thompson 8-0-22-3 (1w), A Simmons 8-2-15-0 (1w), M Rowe 7-0-40-0 (4w)	
Foster 1/122 d Kilcunda-Bass 7/121	
Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS	
Aaron Conron c: O Rook b: A Pattie	13
Cameron Davidson run out: J Best	14
Ash Larcombe b: O Rook	17
Matthew Grayson b: J Best	27
Daniel Ferguson run out: M Jones, T Dyson	20
Todd Smith c: J Toner b: J Best	4
Bradley Elmore-Jeffries st: M Jones b: J Best ..	8
Zac Crow not out	13*
Extras (2w, 1nb, 2lb)	5
Total 7 / 121 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: Private player 8-1-21-0 (1w), A Pattie 8-3-15-1, O Rook 8-2-17-1, M Johnston 3-0-13-0 (1w), J Toner 6-1-17-0, E Smith 3-0-21-0 (1w), J Best 4-1-15-3	
Foster – 1st INNINGS	
Mitchell Jones not out	36*
Josh Toner c: S Lucas b: T Smith	0
Jake Best not out	74*
Extras (8w, 2nb, 2lb)	12
Total 1 / 122 (23.5 Overs)	
Bowling: T Smith 4-0-21-1 (4w), H Berry 5-1-18-0 (1w, 2nb), C Davidson 3-1-17-0 (1w), Z Crow 5-0-32-0 (1w), B Rookes 5-0-22-0 (1w), M Grayson 1.5-0-10-0	

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Wonthaggi's first women's cricket team in their first match against Phillip Island. Front row, from left: Lil Crump, Bianca Beaumont, Rahni Mann, and Amanda Goodsell. Back row: Clare Guilford, Beth Drew, Meg Krause, Sonika Pathania, Renae McCann, Amy Dynes, and Reine Higgins.

Historic Wonthaggi women's cricket team take to the field

THE first team of 12 local women took to the field for Wonthaggi Club Cricket on Sunday, October 27.

Their debut match was against the Phillip Island women's team in the Leongatha & District Cricket Association competition.

Wonthaggi Club president Luke McGuirk said all women taking to the field have little or no previous experience and come from all walks of life, but have shown enthusiasm and keenness to learn.

"We're so excited to welcome our first women's team, and wish them all the best of luck as they learn the ropes this season," he said.

"This is an exciting opportunity for our club, giving local Wonthaggi girls and women a pathway to getting involved in this great sport.

"Who knows, we may even have a future Australian women's cricket player in our ranks."

The Wonthaggi team enters a well-established local women's cricket league, who this year for the first time is formally playing as part of the Leongatha & District Cricket Association.

Over nine rounds they will face teams from surrounding towns including Inverloch, Koonwarra, Leongatha, Nyora, Phillip Island, Kilcunda-Bass, and Glen Alvie.

The results from Sunday, October 27 were as follows:

Round 1:
Kilcunda-Bass 110 defeated Hammerheads 88.

Phillip Island 117 defeated Wonthaggi Club 44.

Phillip Island top score: Grace Webster (20).

Wonthaggi Club top score: Clare Guilford (15).

Round 2:

Leongatha Town 120 defeated Nyora 113.

Leongatha Town top score: Nat Challis (33).

Nyora top score: vice captain Krystin Wurzbacher (18).

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Phillip Island celebrate taking a wicket against Wonthaggi at Rhyll. Z42_4424

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