



Sunny skies bless Korumburra Community Hub launch

Milpara Community House president Neil Coxon, Myli Libraries CEO Leanne Williams, Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh, Korumburra & District Historical Society president Bob Newton and South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Nathan Hersey opened the Korumburra Community Hub last Friday.

Libs call time on Broadbent

VETERAN of an incredible 13 Federal Election Campaigns, Russell Broadbent MHR, will not see a 14th.

On Sunday, at a pre-selection conference in Warragul, for the relatively safe seat of Monash, Mr Broadbent was almost unanimously passed over by party delegates in favour of "generational change".

Collecting 161 votes out of a possible 193 first-round votes, they have selected government relations executive at Fujitsu and the former founding CEO of the Committee for Gippsland, Mary Aldred.

Her late father, Ken Aldred, was a parliamentary colleague of Mr Broadbent's in the 1980s and 90s.

But almost everyone in Federal politics,

for the last 40 years, from Bob Hawke, Paul Keating and John Howard through to Tony Abbott and Anthony Albanese have been colleagues of Mr Broadbent.

The Mayor of South Gippsland Cr Nathan Hersey was also a candidate for Liberal pre-selection and it has been revealed that both Cr Hersey and Mr Broadbent both received 16 delegates' votes.

Cr Hersey said afterwards that there would still be "plenty of opportunities to pursue in life".

Russell Broadbent did not issue a general statement after his loss, but he spoke to the Sentinel-Times.

"I've always said that the pre-selectors get it right and I stand by that after the result on Sunday even if it was by a clearer

margin than I expected.

"I will not be a candidate for the electorate of Monash at the next election," he told the Sentinel-Times.

"But there will be no by-election either. I undertook to serve the people of Monash until the next election, and I will continue to do that to the best of my ability."

"I'm enormously grateful to the people, they never knocked me back, it's only the party that has knocked me back," he said.

And offered the opportunity to wish his successor Mary Aldred well, he declined.

Mr Broadbent said he looked back on almost 40 years in public life with a great deal of satisfaction, tempered only by the memory of losing his seat twice.

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"Working with local communities to get funding for some great facilities and services, the two cancer centres at Wonthaggi and Warragul, were very important to me, also the Mirboo North pool. There were a lot of them."

"It was a pleasure to work with these groups and help them reach their goals."

"And we had one hell of a fight to get the government to pay drought relief to the farmers. I paid a high price for it personally but that doesn't matter, we finally got John Howard over the line."

Mr Broadbent said he was always reluctant to celebrate election wins, and he experienced an unprecedented nine of those, because of how hard it was to lose one, and there were four of them too.

"Plenty of people in the parliament have come back after a loss, but I'm the only one to ever come back after losing (my seat) twice."

He won the metro-fringe seat of Corinella in 1990, but lost to Labor's Alan Griffin by a small margin in 1993, mainly due to the national swing against John Hewson's GST tax.

He returned in 1996 to defeat Labor's Barry Cunningham in McMillan, only to be tipped out by Christian Zahra in 1998. He didn't stand in 2001 but came back again to win McMillan in 2004, holding the seat until it changed its name to Monash in 2022.



Member for Monash Russell Broadbent spent the day before his pre-selection challenge at Hallston where he joined volunteer researcher Avenel in pictorial tribute to soldiers of The Great War on Remembrance Day. z11_4623

"It's a bumpy road, politics. You remember the losses more than the victories, I'm afraid," he said hailing the support he has received over the years from his wife of 52 years, Bronwyn, and their three children Emily, Paul and Evan.

He also acknowledged there had been plenty of controversy, but he says he stands by his stance on support for refugees, opposition to same-sex marriage, concerns about the fallout from mandatory COVID vaccinations and his flip-flop

on the Voice to Parliament referendum.

"I argued that the party should support the Uluru Statement from the Heart, but I also said we have to listen to our own local indigenous leaders."

"And when Gippsland Kurnai elder Cheryl Drayton came to me and told me her local mob wasn't supporting the Voice to Parliament, it turned me around."

But the job isn't done, he said.

"There's a program that's working well and that's in indigenous health where they manage their own health centres, without interference from Canberra or Spring Street. That's the model we need to be rolling out for other services as well."

In an interview with the ABC, Ms Aldred said she was "humbled and honoured" by the result, going on to praise Mr Broadbent as a "great local member" for whom she had the utmost respect.

In a statement issued after the result, Victorian Liberal Party president Philip Davis described Ms Aldred as "a powerful local advocate who has vast experience across community volunteer organisations and the business sector".

"Mary is an exceptional young woman to pick up the challenge of representing a significant regional electorate," he said.

However, despite his age, at 74 by the next election, local polling has revealed that Mr Broadbent was on target to retain the seat.

Typically, a grassroots' local member, Mr Broadbent spent much of Remembrance Day at the Hallston Mechanics Institute where he opened the Hallston and District's WWI Soldier Photographic Display, funded by the 'Saluting Their Service' grant program through the Department of Veteran's Affairs, a Federal Government department.

How Fish Creek will rise from the ashes

IT'S GONE! The much-loved Fish Creek Football Netball Club's first-floor social rooms, and the old changerooms are gone.

But so far, police have not been able to charge anyone with an act of arson that hasn't only outraged the Fish Creek community but also football-netball clubs across the Gippsland region.

Wasting no time after the fire on Saturday morning, November 4, the club formed a new building subcommittee that afternoon, and by Tuesday last week they'd struck their first blow, demolishing the old building, which had been completely destroyed by fire.

The 37 premiership cups, the honour boards, the premiership team photos, some of them going back more than 100 years, and many of the premiership flags; they've all been lost.

As too has the sense of place for the Fish Creek community, not just a venue to gather after football and netball but also to hold meetings, wedding receptions, special birthdays, family gatherings and even funerals.

But heartened by a GoFundMe page that has already reached nearly \$125,000, on its way (hopefully) to \$250,000, and buoyed by overwhelming community support, and offers of help from outside the South Gippsland area as well, they've dusted themselves off and are taking the first tentative steps back.

"Yeah, it's been a big few days to say the least," said Fish Creek FNC Co-President Nick Shaw on Gippsland ABC Radio last week.

"Lots of mixed emotions, pretty overwhelming, but the support that's come through from everyone far and wide, players, past players, committee people, neighbouring leagues, football clubs; it's been amazing the support, it really has."

"So basically, we can start again pretty much as soon as we can, and put one foot in front of the other, for a start, and get through all the red tape that we're going to have to for a new building."

It's first things first and the club will be doing everything humanly possible to get some temporary buildings and facilities in place so they can train and host home games next year.

"There's a number of clubs that have reached out to us and said there's facilities there for us and we do have a good relationship with the Tarwin Football Club. Tom Williamson was over a few days ago and said 'our facilities are there for you', as have a lot of other clubs."

So, the spirit is willing, but the job ahead is daunting. You can help by supporting the club through its GoFundMe crowd-funding site at: gofundme.com/f/our-wonderful-club-start-to-rebuild

Fire brigades contain blaze

FIRE destroyed a couple of sheds in Johnson Street, Leongatha on Friday, November 10, with fire brigades from the local region combining to extinguish the blaze and prevent it spreading to the house on the property or the units behind.

Brigades were alerted to the blaze about 5am.

"The two side-by-side sheds were fully involved by the time we got paged, so we went straight on direct line attack from the front with BA (Breathing Apparatus) crews and we had two tankers on the back doing asset protection on the units right behind," incident controller Philip McIlwaine said.

One unit behind received some heat damage but was saved.

"We had Leongatha, Koonwarra, Nerrena, Meeniyana, Ruby



Fire brigades from the local region combined to extinguish this shed fire in Leongatha's Johnson Street, preventing it from spreading to other buildings.

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND



TUE | Nov 14

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

10° 18°



WED | Nov 15

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

9° 18°



THUR | Nov 16

Shower or two.
Wind AM: SW 15-25km/h
Wind PM: Light

10° 18°



FRI | Nov 17

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

10° 18°



SAT | Nov 18

Cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

11° 19°



SUN | Nov 19

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

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IN BRIEF

Message heard locally in Operation Furlong

THE message is being heard in Bass Coast and South Gippsland with no positive results from PBT's over the four-day Melbourne Cup weekend.

Police conducted 1202 PBT's with no positive results and issued 74 infringement notices.

Fifty-seven of these infringements were for speed and 10 of those were for loss of licence speeds.

Police also attended several minor collisions but fortunately none had any significant injuries.

Fairer fares deliver big savings for regional Victorians

REGIONAL Victorians have more money in their pockets thanks to fairer fares on public transport, saving \$31 million in the first six months of the fare cap.

Passengers have embraced more affordable and equitable travel, with October being the busiest month with nearly two million passenger trips taken – that's more than 13 million trips taken since the cap commenced in late March.

The school holidays and weekend travel are proving to be particularly popular, with long-distance services providing the biggest savings for passengers.

Under the fare cap, regional fares are capped at the same price as the metropolitan daily fare.

To meet the extra demand, V/Line has added hundreds of special services across the network, put on extra carriages, utilised standby coaches and trialled new reservations procedures.

New rules apply in food safety

NEW food safety standards will come into effect on Friday, December 8.

This will include updates to training requirements that impact most Victorian food businesses.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has updated the Safe Food Australia Guide with a new set of guidelines known as Standard 3.2.2A Food Safety Management Tool.

If you own or manage a business that prepares and serves food, then this change will likely affect you.

The new standard means that businesses must implement two or three food safety management tools based on their food handling activities.

The three tools are a food safety supervisor, food handler training and substantiation of critical food safety controls.

Food businesses will now fall under two categories.

Category one businesses will be deemed higher risk and must implement all three management tools.

Category two businesses must have a food safety supervisor and food handler training.

For more on the new standard and to see which category your business falls into, visit the Food Standards website.

Container Deposit Scheme well-received by Gippslanders

THE RE-INTRODUCTION of the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) has been well-received across Gippsland with many venues reporting a strong turnout on the opening days of the program.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said he was excited to see the scheme receiving such a positive response locally.

"The return of the CDS was a policy that The Nationals announced almost four years ago and while it has taken longer than I would have hoped for the Government to match that commitment, it is great to see so many Gippslanders taking advantage of this cashback offer," Mr O'Brien said.

"The initiative is not only a great incentive to keep recyclable products out of landfill but represents an opportunity for a little bit of extra cash in your pocket at a time when the cost-of-living is really biting."

For more information, check out our Recycling feature this week on page 29.

On the road to success

THE owners of five properties in the vicinity of the unsealed section of Baillieu Street West, Wonthaggi, are on the road to convincing the Bass Coast Shire Council that something needs to be done.

They've petitioned the council to fix the road, and to add speed humps etc to slow down traffic accessing the area, saying the periodic "band aid" measures applied by council are a waste of money.

Council will consider the matter at this week's council meeting but appear inclined to accede to the residents request with both the property owners and council contributing to the scheme.

Traffic jam out of nowhere

COMING back from Melbourne on Sunday morning at about 10am, all of a sudden there was a traffic jam on the westerly side of the South Gippsland Highway, from before the Lang Lang roundabout through to the Shell service station.

However, there was no stoppages after the Shell servo going towards Melbourne, and the queue of traffic eased up about 1km after the Lang Lang roundabout.

Mind you, you could see steam coming out of the ears of the drivers waiting for the jam to get moving.

The reason? There have been reports of a dirty great pothole near the Lang Lang Shell Servo and instead of fixing it, Regional Roads Victoria contractors simply put a couple of bollards around it, reducing the high-

way on a busy weekend to one lane, voila, instant traffic jam.

Get used to it folks! Both the State Government and the Federal Government have dramatically reduced the funds available for road maintenance. Everyone is talking about it.

Poppy appeal success

THE WONTHAGGI RSL raised \$13,849.40 for the 2023 Poppy Appeal and \$5024 in merchandise for a total of \$18,873.40.

"What Another great effort for the Wonthaggi community supporting its local veterans," said Dan Lucas, President of Wonthaggi RSL.

Police swoop on Gippsland drug kingpins

Police have arrested 21 people and seized commercial quantities of methylamphetamine and GHB, illicit firearms and stolen vehicles.

The arrests follow a year-long operation led by detectives from the East Gippsland Crime Investigation Unit, targeting an alleged drug trafficking network operating across Victoria and NSW.

As a result of warrants executed in Bairnsdale, Mallacoota, Sale, Swan Reach and elsewhere, police seized:

- Traffickable quantities of methylamphetamine, GHB and cannabis.
- Traffickable quantities of illicit firearms and imitation firearms.
- A taser and pepper spray.
- Stolen items including, cars, jet ski, trailer and power tools.
- Cash and false identity documents.
- Police also located a hydroponic cannabis set-up.

Among those arrested include: A 51-year-old Bairnsdale man, a 32-year-old Bairnsdale woman, a 50-year-old Paynesville man, a 44-year-old Mallacoota woman, a 43-year-old Mallacoota man; and a 41-year-old Nicholson.

All have been charged with serious drug offences.

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Planning award success for South Gippsland Shire Council

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council has been awarded a State Award for Planning Excellence for the South Gippsland Coastal Strategy.

"I am thrilled that South Gippsland Shire Council has been recognised with a State Award for Planning Excellence by the Planning Institute of Australia," Kerryn Ellis, CEO South Gippsland Shire Council stated.

The award in the Climate Change and Resilience category, recognises the joint undertaking of Council and community to help protect our coastline and coastal townships.

"There are a number of Local Government Areas (LGAs) facing similar coastal challenges, and South Gippsland Shire Council has taken a proactive step to publicly identify and plan, through the development of a dedicated Coastal Strategy, the actions we will undertake to ensure our coastal communities are resilient into the future.

"I am proud of the work that has gone into the development of the Coastal Strategy and consider this award a shared achievement between Council staff, Councillors and our community. Thank you to everyone who provided ideas



The South Gippsland team at the awards, back from left, Stephen Fowkes, Nick Moore, Gareth Goss, Christine Legg, Chantal Lenthall, Kerryn Ellis, Lucas Gardiner, Ken Fraser and Ken Griffiths, front, Robyn Begg.

and feedback."

The Strategy includes bold actions such as the removal of all coastal township green-field areas from the planning scheme and restricting development to one dwelling per lot.

It seeks to preserve our environment through nature-based adaptation like the Common Ground community initiative, and support land

management through a township character study. It also guides how Council can work with the community to promote emergency safety and build social resilience.

To develop the Strategy a significant community engagement process was undertaken, which attracted responses from 827 people. The consultation included a survey and

community pop-up events as well as an in-depth deliberative discussion where participants explored the impacts of limiting growth through the lens of the environment, infrastructure, population/community, and economy.

The awards were held in Melbourne and facilitated by the Planning Institute of Australia.

More police needed, the burning question



Fish Creek firefighter John Poletti salvaged these symbols of triumph, now disaster, from the wreckage of the town's football-netball social rooms.

environment and they have been causing more and more damage as they go.

"What happened at Fish Creek might just be the beginning."

Mr Klemm said the internet-connected storage for the surveillance equipment at the Fish Creek Bowls Club, the football and netball club facilities and points around John Terrill Memorial Park were located in the football clubrooms.

"My concern now is what happened at Fish Creek will become standard practice for burglars covering their tracks.

"Once upon a time, when you drove into South Gippsland, there was a police presence at Loch, Korumburra and Leongatha along the way and you might also see the lights on at

the Meenyan Police Station, at Foster and also at Toora.

"People knew the police were around and you could get help if you needed it. Not now.

"Everyone knows the police are an hour and a half away at Wonthaggi and sometimes they've only got a couple of divvy vans on, covering the whole region. The crooks know it too. The word has got around that South Gippsland is an easy target.

He said clubs needed to upgrade their security but also that the shire needs to help clubs put better fences around their facilities, to at least deter access.

And the state government needs to recruit more police.

Fish Creek Football Netball Club stalwart, Lou Seuren, a

former president of the club, agrees. More police are needed in country areas, he says.

"I don't blame the police for this, they haven't been given the support they need by the government," said Mr Seuren.

"While they've been running around wasting billions on major projects and things like the Commonwealth Games, they've neglected the basics."

The fire and attempted robbery at Fish Creek has been linked to break-ins at the Meenyan IGA and the Meenyan Bowls Club earlier in the morning, with reports that police found the TV remote from the bowls' club's TV at Fish Creek.

Again, they left a trail of destruction, smashing the glass fridge doors at the bowls club and supermarket, despite the fact that the doors were already open.

The incidents came two days after it was revealed that counter staff at 43 police stations in Victoria will have their hours reduced, as police are withdrawn to cover shortages elsewhere.

And follows confirmed reports in August that police officers from 98 one-person stations in small towns will be forced from their posts and rostered out to larger regional centres and cities, in a move that undermines the security of rural communities.

According to the Crime Statistics Agency the incidence of crime in South Gippsland increased by 20.5 per cent in the 12 months to June 30, 2023, with criminal damage, non-residential, non-aggravated burglaries and theft the second, third and fourth highest categories, behind breaches of family violence orders.



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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



AFTER two years, this is my final Mayor's Message as I come to the end of my term as Mayor.

It has been an absolute privilege to represent Bass Coast and this role has enabled me to meet so many inspiring members of our community who are dedicated to making our region an even better place to live and work.

I've been constantly in awe of the volunteers, the small businesses, the families and the young and old who are the soul and heart of the Bass Coast. As I look back over the past couple of years, I'm especially proud of the resilience shown by our community as we successfully bounced back from the challenges of COVID lockdowns.

Bass Coast Shire Council has never lost sight of the fact that our job is about getting the basic things right that impact ratepayers' lives every day.

In addition, I would like to think that our Council has demonstrated further leadership on behalf of the community to ensure that our future generations are looked after.

Protecting the environment has always been a personal passion – as it is for so many of you. The coastal erosion biting Bass Coast has been distressing to watch, but we are continuing to campaign locally as well as lobby the State and Federal Governments to ensure that our beautiful region receives the funding and support it deserves.

I am extremely proud of the work we have done with the East Cowes community resulting in the repair to the existing Cowes rock wall with a new revetment. As we know, erosion has intensified in the Silverleaves area. We are continuing to work closely with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action to prioritize a study to better understand the coastal processes and to provide a basis for considering

the options for the future management of the area. This study will be done in the context of sea level rise due to global warming and a consideration of actually increasing the projected sea level rise prediction beyond the previous .8 of a metre by 2100 benchmark.

As I look back, I must admit to becoming a little bit emotional around last month's opening of the Berninnett Cultural Centre at Cowes.

From the significant engagement with community; the naming of Berninnett through Bunurong Land Council; the Program Launch concert; the launch of the Baluk Arts Millow exhibition putting First Nations first; and finally the family concert and parade through the Grand Hall - it has been wonderful to watch as this beautiful Passivhaus designed building has been claimed by the community.

I thank Gillian, Mark and Josh from the Bunurong Land Council for their continued engagement, friendship and support through the project. Bunurong culture is represented throughout the building, with local Bunurong artist Kobi Sainty creating symbolic artwork for the window decals and carpet in key areas as well as Baluk Arts creating the 'Millow' exhibition, the first of many First Nations pieces of work.

Berninnett will stand proud as a testament to cultural aspiration and as commitment to excellence and reconciliation for decades to come.

None of these achievements would have been achieved without a committed Council and the many immensely capable and dedicated officers, volunteers and you, the community.

To each and every member of the Bass Coast community, I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to be your Mayor.

Mike Cleeland does it again

IT'S not everyone interested in looking for fossilised bones that gets their own dinosaur named after them.

But Phillip Island palaeontologist Mike Cleeland and Wonthaggi compatriot, Lesley Kool OAM, are members of that very exclusive club after discovering a car-sized amphibian, *Koolasuchus Cleelandi*, a 125 million-year-old beast that looks something like a cross between a newt and a crocodile.

The pair made the discovery between San Remo and Inverloch in 1997 with *Koolasuchus Cleelandi* since raised to the status of Victoria's fossil emblem.

Now Mike Cleeland has done it again with a discovery he made at Shack Bay near Inverloch, as a member of the volunteer organisation with exclusive rights to look for fossils on the Bass Coast, Professor Patricia Vickers-Rich's 'Dinosaur Dreaming' group, back in 2007.

But it's only been in recent days, on November 2, with the publication of a research paper, in 'Cretaceous Research' by Monash University PhD candidate and palaeontologist Jake Kotovski, that the full impact of the discovery has been revealed.

"It's the first time that a skull fragment from a meat-eating dinosaur has been found in Australia and it's also the oldest member of the Megaraptorid family found anywhere in the world," said an ecstatic Mike Cleeland this week.

"It's significant because it means that these creatures might have evolved here, in Australia, and ultimately moved north, not the other way around."

Mike said that when he found the fossil, there had been some thoughts that it might be significant, but it took time, 16 years in fact, to decide how significant.

Here's what lead author of the research paper, Jake Kotovski, had



Local palaeontologist Mike Cleeland has made what scientists believe is another world-first dinosaur discovery at Shack Bay near Inverloch.

to say in his conclusion about the significance of the piece of Megaraptorid skull found by Mike Cleeland:

"The frontal and fused parietal fragment described herein (item number P229038) constitutes the first non-mandibular cranial element from a non-avian Megaraptorid found anywhere in the world," said an ecstatic Mike Cleeland this week.

"This frontal represents the geologically oldest megaraptorid skull element worldwide, and emphasises the prevalence of this theropod group in the mid-Cretaceous of Australia."

He said various forms of analysis were used to place the specimen in the Megaraptoridae group of dinosaurs.

However, Mr Kotovski said additional remains will be required to further establish what sort of dinosaur it is and "the interrelationships within Megaraptora".

for sure if these types of dinosaurs originated here and spread to the northern hemisphere, rather than the other way around.

"They have a much bigger catalogue than us. We've barely touched the surface. We'll need a lot more evidence before we can be sure about making claims like that," Professor Rich said.

And her 'Dinosaur Dreaming' group will be doing just that in February next year when they have a major fossil-finding project planned for an area near Eagles Nest.

But Mrs Rich did say that this type of dinosaur would have been a highly evolved killing machine, and lucky for us, it predated humans by more than 120 million years!

According to Jake Kotovski the cranial fragment found by Mike Cleeland indicates a megaraptorid-type dinosaur of between 3m and 4m high.

"It's very hard to say off one bone, but a relative from South America has the same bone, is more complete, is of a similar size and is roughly 3m."

He also acknowledged that the meat eating (theropod) dinosaurs from Victoria, which are the subject of his PhD, are "undersampled" with only five fossils in all recovered from the Shack Bay area, although Megaraptorids are known to be present in many other localities across the state.

The nearly complete frontal and fused parietal fragment found at Shack Bay by Mike Cleeland was prepared by David Pickering using specialist equipment and now resides in the Palaeontology Collection of Museums Victoria in Melbourne.

The South Gippsland Conservation Society, the Bunurong Environment Centre and Mike Cleeland conduct regular dinosaur discovery tours during the school holidays. Watch out for upcoming dates: <https://sgcs.org.au/>

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

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

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

Island GP threat

THE Australian round of the MotoGP World Championships is set to return to the world-famous Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit in October next year.

And thereafter, the Spanish-based organiser of the FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix (MotoGP), Dorna Sports, has a contract with its Australian and Victorian partners, to continue there until 2026.

However, the Sentinel-Times received credible information during the week that there's a big push to get the MotoGP moved to a site next to the Avalon International Airport from 2027 onwards, to take advantage of the fly-in, fly-out efficiencies, better access to Melbourne and Geelong, and dare we say it, better weather in the west of the state.

We ran the scenario past Dorna and here's what their Chief Sporting Officer (CSO), Carlos Ezpeleta, had to say:

"Our agreement for the Australian Grand Prix is with the Australian Grand Prix Corporation (AGPC) not Linfox (owner of both the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit and the Avalon Airport) and the current contract runs till 2026 included," Mr Ezpeleta said.

"But there already is a conversation and interest from both the State of Victoria and Dorna to extend the agreement.

"Linfox own the Phillip Island circuit, which is hired by AGPC for MotoGP and we also know Linfox because they organise the WorldSBK event at Phillip Island, but we have no direct agreement with Linfox for MotoGP.

"The State of Victoria and Phillip



The Australian round of the MotoGP World Championships will stay at Phillip Island until 2026 but has not been confirmed after that date.

Photo: Peter Cleeland

Island, have been the home for MotoGP in Australia since 1989, and continuously since 1997, we firmly believe this is the place for us to be.

"Furthermore, Phillip Island is currently the only MotoGP homologated track in the continent and upgrades are been made year after year to improve the event."

So, while the preference of Dorna Sports may be to stay at Phillip Island, the only sanctioned MotoGP track in Australia, they have not confirmed beyond 2026.

The Victorian Tourism Minister, The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos MP, wasn't able to shed much light on

the situation.

"The MotoGP™ is the largest international sporting event in regional Australia, bringing visitors from across Victoria and interstate to the spectacular Bass Coast," said Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos.

He did acknowledge that "negotiations with Dorna and Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme are currently underway" but that he was bound by a "commercial in confidence" agreement.

The race is believed to be worth upwards of \$40 million to the Phillip Island economy annually.

Mayor Whelan signs off

THE way is now clear for Deputy Mayor of the Bass Coast Shire Council, Cr Rochelle Halstead, to take the top job at this Wednesday's council meeting.

Cr Halstead officially declared herself a candidate some weeks ago, but on Friday last week, the present incumbent Cr Michael Whelan declared his two-year innings over.

"After two years, this is my final Mayor's Message as I come to the end of my term as mayor," said Cr Whelan in his last weekly message.

Cr Whelan made his thank-yous in the message, including that he has been "constantly in awe of the volunteers and the small business operators... who are the soul and heart of the Bass Coast" but there's little doubt he considers the Berninnett project, opened just prior to the Melbourne Cup Weekend, as his crowning achievement.

"As I look back, I must admit to becoming a little bit emotional around last month's opening of the Berninnett Cultural Centre at Cowes.

"Berninnett will stand proud as a testament to cultural aspiration and as commitment to excellence and reconciliation for decades to come," he said.

But, it's onwards and upwards now to the first

item of business at this Wednesday's council meeting, the election of the new mayor.

Cr Halstead, a former mayor of the City of Frankston, is clearly the frontrunner, and likely to get at least five of the council's nine votes.

It is understood that she will be nominated for the post by newly returned councillor Geoff Ellis with Crs Bauer, Larke, Tessari and Halstead herself likely to vote in support.

There has been some talk during the week that Cr Clare Le Serve, the shire's mayor from October 2012 to October 2013, may also be a candidate, and she could expect to get support from Crs Laing, Rooks and possibly Whelan, although Cr Whelan has previously encouraged Cr Halstead to stand.

Cr Le Serve could instead take the role of Deputy Mayor in what is believed to be her last of three terms as a councillor.

In closing out his two years as mayor, Cr Whelan thanked his fellow councillors and shire staff.

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Boaters enjoy ramp upgrades

UPGRADES at Cowes' Anderson Road boat ramp are officially complete.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Di-mopoulos recently announced the boat ramp opened, thanks to the State Government's reinvestment of \$2.8 million from the government's \$96 million package to improve boating, fishing, aquaculture and piers.

"With the Allan Labor Government backing upgrades here at Cowes and a previous project at Rhyll, Phillip Island's reputation as a go-to boating location for many Victorian families has been further enhanced," he said.

"This is another example of boaters' licence and registration fees being reinvested into a project that will really make a difference for boaters, whether they're coming from across the state or just around the corner."

The jetty extension delivers on an election commitment made to lengthen the structure, providing more space for boaters to tie up while parking their trailer.

Better Boating Victoria (BBV) oversaw the design of the upgrade alongside Bass Coast Shire Council, with construction undertaken by Bridgewater Marine over nearly five months.

The upgrade sees a water enclosure built around the ramp, while more than 60 cubic metres of concrete was poured to form the ramp and side panels.

The longer ramp means boaters can use the facility at a greater range of tides.

Alongside the jetty extension, works have seen the lower landing raised, making it easier for boaters to get in and out of the water.

Boating Vic ramp cameras were also added in the carpark and at the ramp, so boaters can view conditions through the free smartphone app or at boating.vic.gov.au.

"Phillip Island - Millowl has a very passionate boating community and the improvements at the Cowes boat ramp now means even more locals and visitors can enjoy getting out on the water," Bass MLA Jordan Crugnale said. "Whether you're heading out to catch a Western Port Snapper, a feed of whiting or just cruising the coastline with loved ones, your registration and licence fees have helped make your time in the great outdoors even better."

BBV is also developing concept designs for future improvements at Newhaven boat ramp.

\$2000 to pimp your shopfront

ROUND Three of the 'Shopfront Improvement Rebate Program' in Bass Coast is still open.

This round will assist businesses and service providers in Bass Coast to improve the appearance of their shopfronts and outdoor spaces. Vibrant and attractive streets, shops, and public spaces play a key role in creating prosperous town centres.

This competitive round has a funding pool of \$50,000 and projects will be allocated up to \$2000 in rebates.

Applications close at midnight on Sunday, November 26 (extended by one week).

A Cowes' nightowl saves two homes

QUICK thinking by a Cowes resident has helped firefighters save two houses and potentially the lives of her neighbours last Sunday night.

Still up, just before midnight, brushing her teeth in the second-floor bathroom, the local resident has seen a thin lick of fire emerging from a roof down the street.

By the time she has called her husband for a look, the flames were visible above the roof prompting an immediate call to Triple Zero.

"I was amazed no one had called it in but maybe I was the only one who could see it, because we overlook that part of the street."

Fire crews responded in numbers from the Phillip Island Fire Brigade in Cowes, who found a persistent blaze,

well alight in the garage of a home in Charissa Close in the town's west.

They used cutting equipment and breathing apparatus to get to the seat of the fire and ultimately saved the house on the property and the next-door neighbours' home.

It is understood that while there has been little damage to the houses, the contents of the garage, including a motorhome, car and model plane collection are lost.

No one was injured, but it might not have been that way with the occupants of the two houses reportedly oblivious of the fire until firefighters arrived.

Ambulance Victoria also attended as a precaution with one of the neighbours a regular user of oxygen.



A nightowl neighbour, further up the street, was brushing her teeth before bed, shortly before 12 midnight when she noticed flames issuing from a house in nearby Charissa Close. She called Triple Zero

ART Captains at the Inverloch-Kongwak Primary School, Bethany and Kiarra with Vice Captains Olivia and Charlotte attended the launch recently of the IKPS murals at the Wallace Avenue Dinosaur Park Inverloch.

They are pictured alongside Visual Arts Teacher Ms Rerk, palaeontologists Mike Cleeland, Lesley Kool, Dr Pat Vickers-Rich and Professor Tom Rich with the park committee member Judy Vradenburg.

The Cretaceous period painted murals were created by years four, five and six students and are now on permanent display to the public as a part of the dinosaur park experience.

The Wallace Avenue Community Park is located on Wallace Avenue on the north side of Inverloch, off the main road into town, Williams Street.

Student art on Inverloch's dinosaur trail



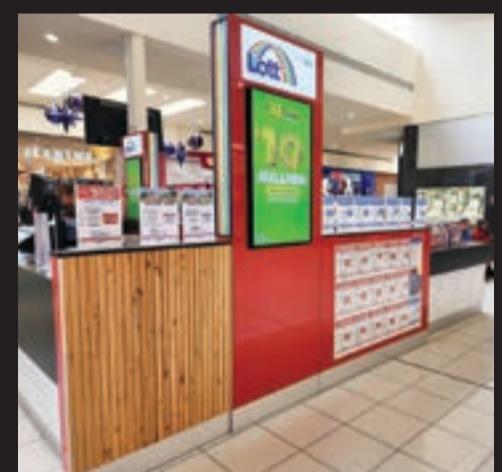
Inverloch Primary School Art leaders Bethany, Kiarra, Olivia and Charlotte with palaeontologists Mike Cleeland, Lesley Kool, Dr Pat Vickers-Rich and Professor Tom Rich alongside park committee member Judy Vradenburg.



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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL VETERANS ARTS MUSEUM



New Vietnam War museum in three years, they say

THERE'S no doubt that the decision at VCAT, in May this year, to overturn the Bass Coast Shire Council's support of a \$50 million redevelopment of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum was a disappointment.

And together with setbacks for COVID, the board of the NVVM have lost four years in their five-year timeline to have a project approved.

But, as they told a special visitor last week, Victorian Nationals Leader Peter Walsh, it's still upwards and onwards.

"We keep getting hurdles put in front of us and we keep on climbing over them," said NVVM Board Member Gary Elliott who was one of a group to meet with Mr Walsh last Friday.

"We've got our leg over the next one now," he said.

"One option is to develop on the site where the museum is presently located," said General Manager of the NVVM Braxton Lane.

"Purchasing more land here is a possible way forward but there are others," he said.

"But it will happen, rest assured about that," said Mr Elliott.

"But this isn't just a local project, it has national and international significance as well," said Phil Dressing.

"We've had members go overseas and they say there's nothing like this anywhere in the world.

"We're doing this for the Australian community, and the international community as well, but we're also doing this for our own wellbeing, and we need to finish the job," he said.

"VCAT was a setback, but we still plan to have a new building



in place within the next two to three years."

A sense of urgency is important they say, with veterans of the Vietnam War, both in Australia and also in the USA, reaching a certain age where they want to pass on their memorabilia from the war, some of it significant, to the museum for display and safekeeping in perpetuity.

"We're always happy to encourage any MP to come down and have a look," M Dressing said.

For Mr Walsh it was his first

visit to the museum.

And as impressed as he was with the importance of the collection, he was in awe of the incredible volunteer effort that allowed the collection to grow and for the centre to operate.

"I look forward to coming back in the not too distant future and seeing the redevelopment," he said.

So, the new museum will be built within three years, they say, but exactly where is still to be announced.

ABOVE: RAN and RAAF technical apprentices from HMAS Cerberus visited the National Vietnam Veterans Museum at Newhaven on Phillip Island last Wednesday, November 8 as a part of a military history appreciation program. During the visit the Apprentices were able to get an appreciation how technology has changed since the Vietnam War. Some of the group is pictured here in front of an ex-RAN Grumman Tracker anti-submarine aircraft which is part of an extensive collection at the museum.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Feedback Sought on Princes Street, Korumburra

Help us make the Princes Street, Korumburra school precinct safer.

South Gippsland Shire Council has been successful in obtaining an analysis grant as part of the 2022 Transport Accident Commission's (TAC) Local Government Grant Program.

This grant will enable us to investigate pedestrian and traffic management options to improve safety along Princes Street from the South Gippsland Highway to the roundabout with Guys Road, Bridge Street and Shellcot Road.

We are particularly hoping to hear from people who use this stretch of street often including school communities, local residents and businesses, bus operators and emergency services.

To provide your feedback, please visit:

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Feedback closes Friday 8 December 2023.

Green Waste Amnesty



The Green Waste Amnesty is on now.

It aims to assist the community with their fire preparation efforts.

This is the perfect time to dispose of your green waste for FREE at any of our Transfer Stations.

There are some exclusions though such as species that are difficult to mulch.

For a full list of exclusions and Transfer Station locations and opening hours, please visit:

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The Green Waste Amnesty ends 31 December 2023.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 15 November 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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The Great Victorian Bike Ride is an incredible journey spanning from Orbost to Wonthaggi.

This year, riders will be setting up camp in Fish Creek on Saturday 2 December. With approximately 2,000 riders participating in the event and support from 500 staff and volunteers, the Great Vic Ride is a great opportunity to showcase our regions warm hospitality through organised events and activities.

For information about scheduled road closures, events and more, please visit:
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REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/378 – Korumburra Commercial Street Streetscape – Civil Construction

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Korumburra Secondary College students helped at the Korumburra Community Hub opening. A22_4623

Joy as Community Hub opens

SOUTH Gippsland turned on its finest weather for Friday's official opening of the bright and modern Korumburra Community Hub, a long-awaited and happy event for the many community members present.

Prior to the opening speeches and ribbon cutting, Sentinel-Times enjoyed a tour of the impressive \$7 million facility with council's building coordinator Peter Cook, the project manager for the Hub.

He outlined some of its features along with challenges that had to be overcome before and during its construction.

Some features deliver environmental and efficiency benefits, such as sensor activated blinds, double-glazed windows and solar panels.

Challenges included the pandemic and the need to find a replacement window contractor, both of which caused delays, as did South Gippsland's more familiar wet weather.

There were also tricky design elements, particularly the building's hilly location and the desire to shape the Hub around existing trees in a manner that ensured their survival.

Korumburra & District Historical Society and the town's new Myli Library have settled into their comfortable and modern surroundings, with Milpara Community House to



FJC Studio senior architect and interior designer Kirstin Walsh and principal Geoff Croker are delighted with the finished Korumburra Community Hub. A20_4623

operate from its new premises from Monday November 13.

Council's Hub-based customer service desk will be operational in the new year.

The Historical Society's display case in the library is filled with an array of fascinating items, with Helen Comer, who has been a driving force in ensuring a smooth move for the organisation, excited to highlight historical exhibits including ones that have been hidden away for some time.

The spacious library area includes a computer room suited to training courses, along with classrooms, one of which is ideal for craft activities.

Korumburra Secondary College students helped set up for the open day and also spent time using the library

classroom facilities.

"They love it," principal John Wilson said, also impressed with the learning spaces available.

Melbourne's FJC Studio architects designed the Korumburra Community Hub, with those at the firm having expertise in and a passion for creating community buildings, having been responsible for the Sale Gallery and Moe Library along with many other projects.

"All of our buildings are designed around the site, so we worked hard to capture all the views," FJC principal Geoff Croker said.

The Hub is constructed from natural materials such as spotted gum and blackbutt timber, bricks and metal panelling.

Feature stairs offer scenic glimpses of trees as people move between the building's two floors.

Senior architect and interior designer Kirstin Walsh noted every room was designed for purpose, with appropriate acoustics factored in.

"We've got quiet zones and public zones," she said.

Geoff summed up what motivates him and the FJC Studio team.

"When the community takes ownership of a building, that's the biggest reward for us," he said.

The Korumburra Community Hub was funded by a significant contribution of \$5 million from the Victorian Government's Community Infrastructure Loans Scheme and \$750,000 from the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program.

With so many parties involved in establishing the Hub and the fact it will be shared by different tenants, a team effort was appropriate for the ribbon cutting.

Milpara Community House president Neil Coxon, Myli libraries CEO Leanne Williams, Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh, Korumburra & District Historical Society president Bob Newton and South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Nathan Hersey combined for the honour of declaring the Hub open.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



I AM always proud of the community we have in South Gippsland. It's particularly encouraging to see the positive response from our people when someone else needs a helping hand. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has given generously and helped the Fish Creek Football Netball Club after their club rooms were destroyed by fire.

South Gippsland is beautiful, lush and special, but it is the people who really make it an amazing place to be.

Korumburra Hub Opening

It was an exciting day on Friday, November 10 as we celebrated the opening of the Korumburra Community Hub.

This major project has brought together services from Myli - My Community Library, Milpara Community House, and Korumburra and District Historical Society. It also provides bookable spaces for the community to utilise including a kitchen facility and multi-purpose meeting rooms.

If you couldn't make it to the official opening, there are a number of events happening this week at the Hub. For all the details, visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Thank You

Feedback as part of the second stage of consultation on the Draft General Local Law 2024 has now closed, and I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey or write a submission.

Showing up and providing your feedback really does make a difference. Council will now consider all feedback provided and determine whether any changes need to be made before the final Local Law is adopted in 2024. It is important that all laws strike the best balance to ensure the safety and amenity of the community is maintained, and changes will be considered to ensure we get the best outcome for the whole community.

November Council Meeting

The end of the year is fast approaching, but there is still three Council Meetings to go before we say goodbye to 2023.

The November Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at 2pm. Some of the items on the agenda include an independent review into Council's COVID-19 Community Support Package, which found the program was highly successful in supporting the South Gippsland community during a challenging time; the Draft Children and Families Plan; and Council's Financial and Performance Report for the first quarter of the 2023/24 financial year.

If you would like to come along, you can sit in the gallery of the Council Chamber at Michael Place Leongatha and observe the meeting, or watch online by visiting www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Council Meetings are a great way to stay informed about what is happening at Council, and hear about what Councillors have been up to during the past month.

Coastal Strategy

Councillor Gilligan and I were recently interviewed by The Age regarding our Coastal Strategy which was adopted at the September Council Meeting.

Our Strategy is sector-leading and has clear objectives that include restricting the development in our coastal towns for the safety of those who live and holiday in those areas. All of these objectives have been designed to protect these areas so residents and tourists alike can continue to enjoy our beautiful coast, whilst managing and reducing unnecessary risk.

This Coastal Strategy is an important step and I am extremely excited to see how we can work towards protecting our natural resources in South Gippsland, as well as the wellbeing of our community.

Planning and short-term accommodation concerns

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council Mayor and Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Board member Nathan Hersey recently highlighted MAV's concerns about intended planning scheme changes announced by the State Government.

He also outlined negative consequences of a State Government levy to be placed on short-term accommodation from 2025.

Cr Hersey said MAV is working on a position paper in response to the planning announcement and has already hosted an engagement session with metropolitan councils, with a session for regional councils to be held in Bendigo on November 16.

"There's been a lot of councils dissatisfied with the State Government's approach of just announcing changes to the planning scheme without any consultation with councils,"

Cr Hersey said.

"The MAV as a peak body is working not only to engage but also to look at how any suggestions should be put forward to the State Government to improve on what has just happened."

Cr Hersey sees MAV holding an important responsibility to help State Government and community generally to understand the key role local government can play in delivering a better regional Victoria.

"This needs to occur within development patterns that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable," he said.

In addition to the threat of the Victorian Government taking many planning decisions out of council hands, an intended short-term stay levy is adding to the angst.

The planned change will involve imposing a 7.5 percent

levy on short-stay rental platforms such as Airbnb and Stayz, with the State Government saying the income raised will go towards Homes Victoria to fund social and affordable housing.

Taking a South Gippsland perspective, Cr Hersey stressed the impact of a short-term accommodation levy would be greater locally than in some other shires.

"What's being overlooked in places like our region is that we don't have a lot of commercial accommodation available, so the impact to the visitor economy is quite significant," he said.

He noted there is a shortage of housing in the area in addition to the lack of visitor accommodation.

"We have an emerging visitor economy in the Gippsland region that at the moment is largely relying on private accommodation providers,"

Cr Hersey said.

He added that the levy will disproportionately impact regional areas and that only a quarter of the funds it generates will flow back into regional areas, effectively hitting them with an additional tax.

Much of the funding generated through the levy will be directed to housing developments in metropolitan Melbourne, with Cr Hersey arguing that is counterproductive for areas like South Gippsland with its need for housing and accommodation.

He considers the State Government is taking a one-size-fits-all approach, something he is adamant doesn't work.

"It's clear to me that the State Government hasn't got the mechanisms in place to differentiate on the needs of different areas, and we miss out because of that approach," Cr Hersey said.

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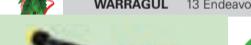


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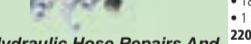
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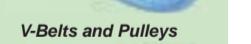
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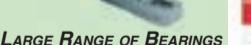
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Town meeting overwhelmingly rejects proposed Local Laws

ATTENDEES at a Leongatha meeting on South Gippsland Shire Council's proposed local laws marched to the town's council office on Wednesday to drive home their categorical rejection of the proposed laws.

That followed a vote on the subject at the town's former laser tag centre, with almost all in attendance voting to take that course of action.

"We totally reject what they're putting forward," Trevor Gray of Leongatha told the Sentinel-Times after the meeting.

He was among those who later gathered survey forms to put forward their views to council on the draft version of its General Local Law 2024 document. The council office was full of those doing so.

Trevor added that the timeframe allowed for community members to provide feedback was inadequate, although council extended the period by a week.

At the commencement of the latest meeting, a follow-up to a previous gathering six days earlier, the chair of both meetings and president of the South Gippsland Action Group, David Amor, stressed the proposed local laws would impact all ratepayers including large and small scale farmers and those living in towns.

David expressed his appreciation of Cr Scott Rae raising his concerns about the potential negative impact of some of the proposed laws on those in the local agricultural sector, with Cr Rae doing so at council's October public meeting and urging community members to have their say on the issue.

A council spokesperson said it was expected upwards of 300 people would take that opportunity by the time submissions closed on November 9.

During the meeting, questions were raised on who the architect of the General Local Law 2024 draft document was and what research was done to prepare it.

"Council wants us to chase our tails looking for all the reasons we don't want

this," Liz of Fish Creek said, arguing council should provide evidence of research that informed the contents of the draft document.

That was a sentiment that seemed to be largely agreed with.

Following a community engagement process run by South Gippsland Shire Council and a consultant over a month-long period from May to June this year, that consultant prepared an Engagement Report for council that helped inform the draft version of the General Local Law 2024 document.

A total of 261 community members were engaged through an online survey and surveys conducted at seven pop-up sites across the Shire, with further feedback gathered through community meetings and written submissions.

Asked whether he felt attendees speaking at Wednesday's meeting stuck to the topic of current proposed local laws in South Gippsland Shire, David conceded that the floor was thrown open to anybody wishing to speak and that people were able to talk about a broad range of concerns.

There was no detailed discussion of specific local laws.

David was delighted with the turnout for the meeting.

"We had 89 people sign the clipboards at the front of the building, which was absolutely fantastic," he said, adding those details have been provided to council to highlight community concerns.

While council has conceded improvements are needed regarding the wording of some proposed local laws, other concerns expressed by some are incorrect.

A council spokesperson refuted suggestions that council will require people to apply for permits for such things as giving lemons to a neighbour or selling goods on eBay, with some community members arguing proposed laws will require permits for such activities without specifying where that is stated.

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Excursion entices salon students

THE Certificate II Salon Assistant students from Bass Coast Adult Learning had an excellent opportunity to explore career pathways after completing their course with a recent excursion to Melbourne.

Elly Lukas Beauty Therapy College, one of the stops on the excursion, offers courses in beauty, massage and spa therapy.

Owner Alex Zotos gave the students a tour of the modern campus, which boasts well equipped classrooms with makeup room mirrors, dry and wet spa areas, and manicure and pedicure rooms.

The rooftop lounge area with a stunning high-rise view was a highlight.

The second stop was BIBA Academy Fitzroy, a registered training organisation with vibrant, hands-on learning opportunities in hairdressing and barbering.

Students gained valuable insights and had the chance to ask lots of questions.

Salon Assistant student Bella said she had enjoyed the fun environment and hands-on experience she gained throughout the course.

Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) is now taking enrolment for the 2024 intake of Certificate III Salon Assistant.

There are two more certificate courses also available next year.

For those interested in main-

taining gardens or working in nurseries, the Certificate III in Horticulture is an excellent option.

"Join our great BCAL community. Germinate edibles and native plants all the way to harvest," Horticulture student Lino said.

The program teaches students plant recognition, nutrition, and pest, disease and weed control.

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"I like studying at BCAL because of the relaxed environment and the freedom to take my time with my work," IT student Zach said.

For more information, on all BCAL's courses and services visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115.

RIGHT: Bass Coast Adult Learning Salon Assistant students at Elly Lukas Beauty Therapy College.



Building resilient farming communities

BASS Coast Shire Council and Food and Fibre Gippsland are delivering workshops to organisations who support the farming community.

Participants will gain knowledge and insight around resilient farming practices, while hearing from guest speakers and industry experts about how their organisation can better understand the challenges within farming communities.

Specific local education will be provided in relation to resilient agricultural practices, both off farm and on farm.

There are three workshops tailored to specific sectors.

Financial services sector: Wednesday, November 22, 9am-12pm at Newhaven Visitor Information Centre (VIC) meeting room.

Community organisations: Wednesday, November 22, 1pm to 4pm at Newhaven VIC meeting room.

Health based organisations: Friday, November 24, 9am-12pm at the Old Wonthaggi Post Office meeting room.

Registration is free and essential.

Places are limited – book now to secure your ticket.

The course is just one component of a larger program of works Bass Coast Shire Council is delivering, which is funded by the Department of Health.

The broader program is focused on building resilience and wellbeing of the farming community across Bass Coast.

It includes three core elements that aim to complement each other – Small Agribusiness and Farming Diversity and Resilience Program, mental health first aid course tailored to farming communities, and program in partnership with Food and Fibre Gippsland to better support existing health and agribusiness support networks.

There are limited tickets available for the two-day mental health first aid workshop, which will be running over Thursday, December 7, and Friday, December 8.

Tickets are available at a subsidised rate of \$20.

For further information, please contact the Business Development Team.

Visitation rates climb at the Penguin Parade

CHINESE tourists have regained the title of number one overseas visitors at the Phillip Island Penguin Parade for the first time since the pandemic.

There have been 13,115 visitors from China from July to the end of October this year, compared with 3873 for the entire 12 months until the end of June.

Demand has accelerated since China endorsed group tours to Australia in August.

International tourists are an incredibly important market for the Penguin Parade, and there have also been strong lifts in visitors from

Singapore, USA, the United Kingdom, Korea and India in recent months.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Tourism General Manager Mark Anderson expects the strong growth to continue.

"Traditionally, China has been our biggest and most important market at the Penguin Parade. Pre-pandemic, overseas visitors represented 54 per cent of visitors, with China alone making up 21 per cent," he said.

"We have seen our international visitors lift over the last couple of months and China has become our number one international market again. We

are now seeing up to 40 buses each night, and there is still a lot of pent-up demand.

"Overall, international visitation has grown to 20 per cent but trends are very strong, and our target is to get back to 40 per cent over this year."

Mr Anderson and Phillip Island Nature Parks Sales Manager Debbie Buschmann will lead a Nature Parks delegation to China with Tourism Australia in the first week of December to rebuild connections and accelerate the trend.

Phillip Island Nature Parks continues to rebuild following the COVID-19 pandemic, and

the rebound has been stronger than expected.

Overall visitation is back to 80 per cent of its pre-COVID levels, driven by strong domestic visitation, particularly local Victorian visitors, followed by New South Wales and Queensland.

Over the most recent school holiday period in September, the Penguin Parade experienced 12 sold out nights.

"With international trends being so positive and a strong domestic market, we are expecting a very busy and successful summer period at Phillip Island," Mr Anderson said.



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Help improve support for children and families in South Gippsland

IMPROVED outcomes for children and families in South Gippsland Shire are in the spotlight, with councillors expected to call on community members to share their thoughts on the subject.

Councillors will vote at Wednesday's meeting on a recommendation to endorse the draft version of the Children and Families Plan 2023–2027 for community engagement.

"The plan articulates how agencies, governments, children and families, and the wider community will work together to improve outcomes for children and their families," the draft document states.

Council notes that while it has a leadership role in preparing the plan, ensuring strong partnerships is crucial to achieve the best results.

Therefore, as well as the contribution of councillors and council officers, parents and carers, service providers and agencies and community organisations have all contributed ideas towards the creation of the draft plan, with a broad-ranging steering committee involved in the project.

Nearly 700 primary and preschool-aged children shared their ideas on what they love about their communities and what they would like to see changed.

A lack of access to childcare is one of the crucial challenges identified in the plan, with Foster, Fish Creek, Toora, Welshpool, Meenyan, Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay all towns in which that situation prevails.

"Partnerships between government, service providers and developers will be critical to addressing existing and future gaps," it is observed in the plan.

The need to develop strategies to expand workforce numbers in the health and education sectors to better support children and families is a key objective outlined.

The draft Children and Families Plan document is available to view through council's website. Public engagement details will be announced should councillors vote to open a period of consultation.



The mural in the Leongatha Railway Precinct is coming together impressively. A33_4623

Mural advances in Leongatha

ECOLOGICALLY significant flora and fauna are combining with contemporary design and engaging colours as the mural of Brisbane artist

Ash Taylor takes shape in the Leongatha Railway Precinct.

Her design won out following an expression of interest, shortlisting and public voting process.

Artists were required to base their concepts on the theme of 'Leongatha and its Landscape', with the South Gippsland Arts Advisory

Committee, Arts Eleven and council's Art Development Officer narrowing the list of interested artists to three before the vote.

Despite some challenges with South Gippsland's fickle weather, Ash is making rapid progress.

She outlined the process used to guide what she paints where, saying it is much speedier than having to measure out and draw up a traditional grid.

"I put up a heap of random

marks, and then I take a photo of the entire wall, and with that photo I then overlay the design I've already done, drop the opacity down so I can see the marks through it, and it acts like a mapping system."

That mapping system then guides her through images on her phone.

Ash also swings out on her mobile work platform to check her progress, saying that often leads to adjustments to what she has done.

Cloud over EV charger rollout

The Australian new-car market has crested a million sales so far this year and 71,800 of those are EVs.

But, oh dear, what if you get out into the country, following your charger location map, and they're all out of order.

That's what happened to one Leongatha visitor recently.

"I'll just pop around to the local shire offices, in Smith Street, and get a recharge," she said.

But no dice.

The facility "is periodically not connecting to a vehicle", says the notice stuck on the charging station by the South Gippsland Shire Council, "resulting from excessively high voltage on the electricity network".

That's not good.

And despite making AusNet aware of the problem some time ago, it has still not been fixed.

We are advised that AusNet doesn't actually know how to fix the problem which as also been experienced by others.

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Calling men of South Gippsland!

MEN, if you are feeling lonely, isolated, flat or jaded, or would just enjoy being socially connected with other men come down to the free event at the Leongatha Men's Shed for an informative and active morning and help put together possum boxes from kits produced by members of the Leongatha Men's Shed.

Remember the date: Friday November 24, commencing at 9.45am – 12 noon.

Wildlife Victoria (WV), working with Men's Sheds in Victoria, builds and sells possum nesting boxes to the public to install in their gardens. These boxes are suitable for both Brushtail and Ringtail possums, the two most commonly found species in Victoria.

And it all started in November 2016 at the Leongatha Men's Shed (LMS) who contacted WV to propose a partnership to build and sell possum boxes through the Victorian Men's Shed network. A member of the LMS made a five-hour round trip to WV offices in Abbotsford to discuss how the partnership could work.

The LMS prototype possum box presented, cleverly made use of pallet timber, which could be freely sourced and therefore dramatically reduce the cost of building the boxes. This has proved to be an attractive incentive in getting other Sheds to join the program. Using discarded pallets also helps to keep them out of landfill.

Along with the prototype, the Leongatha Men's Shed provided a 'Materials List', detailing the



Tanya Wilson, Geoff Burnie and Keith Grey with a possum box made by Leongatha Men's Shed.

dimensions for the construction of the box, how it was assembled, and the materials used (wood glue, screws, etc).

The Leongatha Men's Shed initiative provided the WV possum box program a massive kick-start, giving a clear and definite launch pad to get the program up and going. Finally, in August 2017, the Wildlife Victoria Possum Box Program was launched.

Possums are protected native wildlife throughout Victoria, and through increasing loss of their natural habitat, have been

forced to adapt to living among us. They often take up home in roofs, sheds, garages and gardens.

In their search for nesting sites and food in these urban areas, they face many dangers including injuries from predators such as dogs and cats, electrocution from cables and wires, being run over by vehicles, trapped in garage doors, etc.

Wildlife Victoria receives numerous calls about possums in homes, and one thing we often advise such callers is to install a possum nesting box in their

garden. This has the dual advantage of providing a safe alternate home for the possum other than the roof/shed/garage, and prevents other possums from moving in, since possums are territorial.

WV sell possum boxes at a more competitive price than commercial sites, and through marketing these possum boxes, have the opportunity to educate and inform the public about possums, wildlife, and living with wildlife.

The possum nest boxes can be bought through the website at

wildlifevictoria.org.au/wildlife-information/buy-a-possum-box

Each box retails at \$60. Buyers have to collect the boxes themselves, so they choose which Shed is the most conveniently located and make their purchase from that Shed. Sheds earn \$40 per box, while the balance goes to WV to fund their various rescue, rehabilitation and education programs.

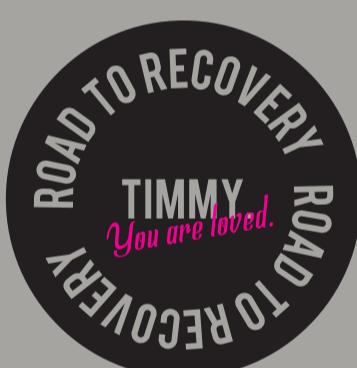
Leongatha Men's Shed was (and still is), the only Shed in the program that is located outside metropolitan Melbourne. During the COVID lockdowns, Leongatha was, for a time, the only Shed that could still provide possum boxes, while other Sheds had to shut operations. They sourced a courier that could collect boxes from them and deliver anywhere in metropolitan Melbourne, thus enabling the possum box program to keep running. Many buyers took advantage of this initiative, and in 2021, Leongatha Men's Shed produced and sold 85 boxes, the most any Shed has ever sold in a single year.

The possum box program continues to thrive. As of October 15, WV have sold 1096 possum boxes.

Whilst the Leongatha Men's Shed have produced 204 of these boxes, many more boxes have been sold privately at the shed.

The Leongatha Men's Shed looks forward to welcoming men to the Possum Box making session on Friday November 24.

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Healthy soils for weed management

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This in-person event will be held at Hallston Hall, Grand Ridge Road, Hallston. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn how to reduce weeds through best practice soil management. Representatives from Agriculture Victoria and South Gippsland Shire Council will also be in attendance to answer your questions. Let's conquer weeds together!

When: Saturday November 25, 9.45am registration for a 10am start. Concludes 12.30pm.

Where: Hallston Hall, Grand Ridge Road, Hallston

What: Guest speaker Declan McDonald will present on healthy soil management for weed reduction followed by morning tea and a short walk to demonstrate weed management in the field.

RSVP: SGLN_weedworkshop.eventbrite.com.au

More information: Jane McKenzie-Smith; Landcare Facilitator – western groups; South Gippsland Landcare Network – jane@sgln.net.au; 0419 761 531.

Sheep Dogs put their skills to the test



From left, Mayor Nathan Hersey, Ed Thompson, Louise Rielly, Don McNaughton and Graham Walker at the Sheep Dog Trials wearing shirts and jackets sponsored by South Gippsland Shire Council.



Dongara Duch competing in the Sheep Dog Trials at the Korumburra Showgrounds. Z14_4623

SHEEP Dog owners put their skills to the test for the Korumburra South East Vic Sheep Dog Trials at the Korumburra Showgrounds with the first dogs taking the ground on Friday afternoon and finals underway on Monday, November 13.

Through hard work, 58 working dogs and their owners, from across Victoria, stepped out onto the oval for the trials to compete for novice and encourage results; the biggest in a long time.

By Saturday four rounds saw owners and their working dogs in an adapted course. Three sheep were led with direction in one trial per day, with Moulee Sirihsaran with Dongara Duch showing great workmanship in a completed course on Saturday afternoon.

Max Morris from Thorpdale kindly donated his sheep for the competition and the Sponsors dinner was sold out.

"We are very grateful for all the sponsors who contributed their goods, services and funds to make these trials such a great success," said Louise Rielly.

As of Monday lunchtime the competition continues with current results as follows:

Novice Trial

- First: Paul O'Kane with Billabong Creek.
- Second: Chris Davies with Connells Whiskey.
- Third: Moulee Sirihsaran with Dongara Duch.
- Fourth: Ed Thompson with McGlashins Tig.

Encourage Trial

- First: Ronelle Welton with Jandaree Blue.
- Second: Evette Jefferies with Trinity True.
- Third: Sean O'Leary with Elliots Mumu.

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Shining a light on challenges for regional and remote families

THIS Perinatal Mental Health Week (November 12-18), parenting experts at the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program are shining a light on giving babies the best start in life by improving the mental health and well-being of new parents and carers in regional and remote areas.

Associate Professor Alina Morawska, said an estimated one in every five women and one in 10 fathers or non-birth partners experience anxiety, depression, or both during pregnancy and/or following birth.

"A lack of access to specialist perinatal mental health care in rural and remote settings, ongoing weather events, financial strain, and social isolation can further compound the challenges faced by new parents and carers in regional and remote areas. This can leave them feeling stressed, anxious, unhappy, and tired – all risk factors that increase the likelihood of developing mental health concerns and negatively impacting family life," Dr Morawska said.

Moreover, a recent longitudinal study followed over 800 women and found that women living in rural communities who had depression reported significantly higher parenting stress when compared to women living in metropolitan areas, and also reported lower access to parenting activities and supports."

Triple P Online for Baby, the free, evidence-based online program for new and expecting parents, can be a welcome support, not only in normalising seeking help but also to provide tips and strategies; and it can be accessed online at any time.

"Triple P Online for Baby is a source of much needed support, however if you're a new parent or expecting a baby and you're feeling sad, anxious, or guilty and feel you may need some extra assistance, try to remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. Get in touch with your doctor, health professional or a support group like PANDA. Guidance and reassurance are available," Dr Morawska said.



Jordan Crugnale MP with past Community Gem recipients Harry and Angus for Kirra.

Calling for local community gems

WE HAVE so many gems living amongst us who make our hearts sing because of who they are, what they do, how they help.

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been so special to you, someone you know, or their community.

I am asking for your help as I too want to acknowledge, recognise and thank those that have shown their true community colours in 2023.

From Pearcedale to Clyde, Tooradin to Bayles, Lang Lang across to Grantville, over to Phillip Island and down to Inverloch, nominations are open to all ages living or working in the Bass electorate.

Stories are already flooding in, they are heart warmingly beautiful and just what we need to hear. Everyone nominated

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Paramedic arrival times improve in Gippsland

NEW Ambulance Victoria data shows paramedics are getting the most critically ill patients faster in the Gippsland region than they were a year ago.

Acting Gippsland Regional and Clinical operations director Paul James said performance improved thanks to more paramedics and people in the community accessing alternative and 'virtual' care services.

"July to September saw ambulances across Victoria called to 96,594 Code 1 cases – 2002 more than a year ago – making it the fourth busiest quarter in our history," Mr James said.

"Despite this high demand, ambulances arrived at 'lights and sirens' cases on average 23 seconds faster than a year ago and 52 seconds faster than the previous quarter.

"Our dedicated paramedics do an amazing job delivering world-class care, and Victoria has the best cardiac arrest survival rates in Australia."

From July to September, paramedics across Victoria responded to 66 per cent of Code 1 cases within the statewide target of 15 minutes – up from 61.7 per cent for the previous three months and 64.3 per cent a year ago.

Mr James said more paramedics were safely referring people to the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED).

Acting chief operations officer Anthony Carlyon thanked the community for helping reduce demand by saving Triple Zero (000) for emergencies and accessing alternative care options for less urgent healthcare.

"There are lots of places to get timely non-urgent health advice. If it is non-life-threatening, you can connect directly with emergency doctors and nurses at the VVED from anywhere in Victoria, at any time," he said. "Other options also include your local priority primary care centre, your GP or pharmacist, or Nurse-On-Call on 1300 60 60 24."

"While ambulances are always provided to patients when required, about one in five calls to Triple Zero do not need an emergency ambulance response."

Read a Poem Aloud at Wonthaggi Library

POETRY writers, poetry readers and poetry lovers can listen to readings on the first Monday of every month at the Wonthaggi library.

To entice and expand interest in and discussion of poems, poetry and poets, a Read a Poem Aloud (RAPA) corner has been created.

People are invited to take to the pedestal in the poet's corner, ring the bell and begin to recite a poem for the whole library to enjoy.

Poets are welcome to read their own words and everyone else can find and select words from poets and poems that grace the library shelves, or from their own personal collections, although family friendly verses are requested by the library.

Tim Gesell, Customer Service and Programmes Officer at the library said it's a fun activity that can help to give people more confidence speaking in public, and people also have the option to choose whether to read during busy times or quieter times.

The library have a wonderful collection of poetry books that were donated by a local lady and they also have a good collection in the literature section.

"A good place for children to start is with Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes," said Tim, and adults may enjoy the anthologies by The International Poetry Library, who select and publish amateur poetry and give a good overview of different styles.

Some of the more well known poets include William Wordsworth, John Keats, Robert Frost, Sylvia Plath, Maya Angelou and Mary Oliver, however obscure, unknown and amateur poems are also welcome to be read.

The library also host The Bass Coast Poetry Wall where budding poets or those well versed are invited to send in their words (basspoems@wgrlc.vic.gov.au) to be displayed in the window.



Newhaven College was thrilled to accept a \$1000 cheque from MaxCare. Pictured from left, Year 9 student Riley Lawrence, Principal Tony Corr, MaxCare Sales Manager Lesleigh Wright, Year 9 student Mitch White, Year 9 Teacher Carly Heislers and Head of Year 9 Ric Pearce.

Newhaven College students win national prize

NEWHAVEN College Year 9 students Riley Lawrence and Mitch White have won this year's Cows Create Careers Advertising Competition, winning \$1000 to be spent on educational programs for their school.

Cows Create Careers, in partnership with MaxCare, invite schools across Australia to create an advertisement for the dairy industry. Competing against 98 schools across Australia and receiving 29.65 per cent of the public votes, Newhaven College is delighted by

the result.

"Every year our Year 9 students are given the opportunity to nurture two calves as part of our community program. The experience pairs beautifully with the holistic Year 9 immersive program focusing on our environment and rural location. The fact that Riley and Mitch have won this award is fantastic. The funds generously donated by MaxCare will further contribute to our Year 9 experiential program," said Elizabeth Hall, Year 9 teacher and program coordinator.

The Cows Create Careers program provides a practical and insightful introduction to the Australian dairy industry. This hands-on educational program involved 218 schools and 4798 students across Australia.

Cows Create Careers, Program Manager, Deanne Kennedy comments, "This program educates students on all the different career opportunities available to them in the dairy industry, from working directly with the cows to sales, marketing and advertising. It's important to introduce this program

into schools at a time when students are thinking about their future".

MaxCare supplies the calf milk replacer which the students use to nurture the calves. While on campus, the calves stay in the purpose-built 'Moo-Haven' enclosure while they are cared for by the Year 9 students.

This year Riley and Mitch named their calves 'Goose' and 'Moose' and are very excited to have used an image of their calves for the winning advertisement for MaxCare.

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Samantha Hampstead with husband Jason Hampstead who organised last year's Phillip Island Toy Run after discovering many families were in need.



This years Toy Run Ride will start in Tooradin and finish at Barrys Shed at the Baptist Church in Phillip Island where a Family Day will be held for everyone.

Phillip Island Toy Run to help many in need

LAST year, Phillip Island's Jason Hampstead started a Christmas Toy Run because the Father Bob (Maguire) ride had stopped, and he noticed a lot of families were in need.

Jason is the owner of Dead4Eva Designs and Tattooing in Cowes with wife and business partner Samantha Hampstead.

Prior to last year's run the pair needed permits and insurance and approached the Pastor of the Baptist Church, Simon Schwartz for help to get these.

A few phone calls later and the Toy Run was set to go, with cover from The Baptist Union of Australia.

"We put it out on the riders' network and we had the Red Knights coming, we had the Ulysses coming, we had the Bass Coast riders coming and just general motorcyclists from

around the island," said Samantha.

Eighty-three bikers from across Victoria rode with toys in hand, so children could wake up with a present on Christmas morning.

The gifts were handed out from their Phillip Island business Dead4Eva and Samantha was shocked at the amount of people in need, not just from the Island, but from surrounding areas like Grantville, Dallyston and Wonthaggi.

"I burst into tears on the day after the toy run, when I had mums and dads coming in, and women that had been beaten up and they were just coming to get toys. People had lost their jobs just before Christmas. People had no food."

Families were desperate but Jason and Samantha also discovered a generous community.

receiving lots of things even after the toy run had finished and were able to let people know to keep coming in.

Samantha is anticipating that with the cost of living squeezing every cent out of families, many more will be desperately struggling just to make ends meet this Christmas.

"We've put a massive call out this year," Samantha said and who has reached out through their networks.

Many bikers and friends have already responded and local business are also jumping on board, donating what they can to help promote the Toy Run.

A family day will also be held this year at Barrys Shed at the Baptist Church on Phillip Island, and is where the riders will finish their run.

Local musician Travis

Thompson will be playing on the day, there will be a show and shine, face painting, balloons, fake tattoos and other children's activities, the CFA will be putting on a sausage sizzle and a coffee van will be onsite.

Children are encouraged to decorate their bikes and prizes will be awarded by Santa for the best decorated.

"We're hoping it will get bigger and better each year," Samantha said.

The Toy Run Ride will begin in Tooradin at 11am with a police escort with people welcome to start the ride at Tooradin or join in along the way.

The Family Day will begin at 12.30pm on Sunday December 10.

To keep up to date go to Facebook page, Annual Phillip Island Toy Run.

Neglected roadside vegetation a risk

OUT OF control roadside vegetation must be addressed as summer and the impending bushfire season approaches.

Shadow Assistant Minister for Public Land Use and The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath said The Nationals are calling on the State Government to commit to an intensive slashing and vegetation removal program across regional Victoria.

"High rainfall during three years of La Nina conditions has intensified roadside vegetation growth in regional Victoria, including those managed by VicRoads and local councils.

"The overriding priority of any state government when it comes to bushfire mitigation must be the protection of human life, yet the government continues to prioritise ideological environmentalism.

"Right throughout eastern Victoria roadsides are burgeoning with out of control long grass, dead wood and weed species.

"Given the forecast weather pattern for summer – fuel load reduction on our roadsides must be prioritised."

Ms Bath said unkept roadsides act as a wick during bushfire events and deny residents a safe passage during bushfire events.

"Bushfire experts indicate that community safety is significantly improved when roadside fuel loads are reduced through slashing, burning, and weed management.

"Private property owners have a legal responsibility to keep their land cleared and fire safe, it's high time for the State Government to act on its own directive and maintain roadsides to keep regional communities safe."

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Donations sought to help family reunite after ten years apart

REZA fled Afghanistan over ten years ago where his life was in danger and sought safety as a refugee in Australia. For all this time Reza has been separated from his family, his wife and three children who remained in Afghanistan.

When the Taliban took over Afghanistan in August 2021, Reza approached Felicia Di Stefano from South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees (SGRAR) who had been tutoring him in English.

"He came and asked me where he could get help to get his family out to Australia," said Felicia.

Restrictions on women's rights, freedoms of the media and freedom of expression increased exponentially in the country, as did violence, poverty and fear.

Felicia assisted Reza in filling out the forms and applying for a humanitarian visa for the family.

"But then the ISIS bombs began to be more frequent in Afghanistan, and one came really, really close to the family's home," explained Felicia.

The family decided to apply to go to Pakistan to be safer, and SGRAR helped them obtain passports and a temporary visa to the nearby country. They all continued to wait for a response to the humanitarian visa application.

"He tried to put a brave face on things, but we could tell he was getting really, really upset."

Reza finally and only recently received notification of his permanency in Australia, meaning he is now able to apply for a permanent visa for his family.

According to Reza's lawyer it will take about ten months to obtain visas once they apply to the Home Affairs Department.

On application, Reza will be required to pay \$8800 for his wife, and \$2300 each for his three children, a total of \$15,700.

On top of these costs are also lawyers' fees and airfares.

Reza has been saving hard and SGRAR are seeking donations to assist in bringing the family together after all these years.

"Now there is hope," Felicia said.

"Let's help reunite Reza with his family."

Donations can be made directly to the Bendigo Bank. Account name: SGRAR, BSB: 633000 ACC: 155749153 or contact Felicia on 0478 225 047.

SGRAR also sets up a stall outside Wonthaggi library one Saturday a month and may be at the next Kongwak market. No matter how small, all donations are gratefully accepted.

Please pack cash to keep small businesses alive

OVER the last two years Angela Bonser, a trader in Meenyan has lost 45 days of business due to internet outages.

All Forms of Design, Angela's business, has been a main street staple for tourists and locals alike for the past six years with Angela herself in business for 18.

According to Angela, it is getting increasingly financially tougher for small and medium businesses to trade consistently and reliably with the growth of digital currency.

The use of cash for retail payments fell from 27 per cent in 2019 to 17 per cent in 2022, hastened in part by the COVID pandemic, according to the Government's paper - A Strategic Plan for Australia's Payment Systems.

"Years ago, when I was in business sometimes, you'd be banking cash every day, and then it went out to once a week. Now most months of the year I just bank it monthly," Angela said, who estimates cash sales make up about 10 per cent of her current trading.

Small and medium businesses are having to cop ever increasing bank fees for every digital transaction that is made.

"Business owners are now paying for another 20 per cent of sales to the bank.

"This ends up being tens of thousands of dollars for customers to use their card."

On average, small businesses also pay twice as much to process the same transactions as large businesses, as stated in the government's paper.

The government claim they are addressing this unjust and unfair issue through a strategy called least-cost routing (LCR). LCR allows businesses to select the lowest cost payment network for debit transactions – or similar.

The Government states they



Angela Bonser from All Forms of Design in Meenyan is asking people to please pack cash to help keep small businesses alive after losing 45 days in trading because she couldn't use her EFTPOS machine due to outages or maintenance. ob03_4523

will continue to monitor payment costs for small businesses and will directly intervene if necessary, however do not state when that would actually occur.

"People complain about businesses now having to adopt a surcharge when the surcharge is generally solely to recoup bank fees. There are no fees when you use cash."

Businesses are also facing significant and regular losses due to unreliable internet connections, system failures, maintenance, outages and equipment failures.

Angela has experienced 45 days of outages from June 9, 2021 to April 18, 2023. On average, a loss of a day's trading every two weeks.

This has resulted in a loss of potentially thousands of dollars because she couldn't use her EFTPOS machine and because people no longer carry cash.

"At the beginning of the year, we copped four or five Saturdays in busy times where the internet was down. That's the

worst possible time. Generally, Meenyan is a tourism town. Our dollars are made on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and in the summertime on the Monday when a lot of people stick around for an extra day."

Angela has complained to her service provider who offered her one month's service valued at less than \$60, for no cost.

They followed this up with an offer of a one-off payment of \$200 if she did not complain in any way.

"When they decide they're going to do maintenance, they send you a text saying that there could be outages, but half the time they're not reliable. They change the date. The duration is not what they say it will be."

Angela has also been in touch with politicians about the issue, asking if maintenance could be done during the week rather than on the weekend in their busiest times.

"But it still always ends up on the weekend," Angela said, and her efforts have been to no avail.

"I got a response from the Communications Minister back in April this year, basically saying that businesses will be left out. As a business, you've got no recourse."

While Rob and Sharon who have a small family business in Dumbalk, Blue Tree Honey Farm cafe and farm gate store have experienced failures with their EFTPOS equipment as well as power outages.

"We've had three pieces of EFTPOS equipment fail on us. Two of the EFTPOS readers had to be replaced. We've got another reader that just died the other week. And of course, they're not only going up in price, but they're expensive to start with. There's no case of can we get it repaired, you've just got to go and buy a new one," explained Rob.

"With electricity infrastructure dying all around us, there's more and more blackouts and the government's talking more about brownouts, where they turn certain areas off."

"In the last 12 months, I reckon there's been at least four or five working days where we've been unable to take payments from customers because of power outages so we can't operate our EFTPOS".

"We're nowhere near as profitable as what we used to be," Rob said.

Almost 1000 businesses closed every day, on average, across Australia in the 12 months to June 2023, for the financial year, according to data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

This is the highest recorded annual rate in four years.

While Angela requests that people help struggling businesses by doing something quite simple.

"Pack Cash. Keep townships alive when the system fails businesses."



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South Gippsland Open Gardens bloom with 2023 community fundraiser

SOUTH Gippsland Open Gardens Association is open this year on Saturday and Sunday November 18 and 19.

This community fundraiser is a Club member of the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria representing this region of Victoria.

This year, profits will be provided to the three community houses in our region Milpara in Korumburra, Manna Gum in Foster and the Leongatha Community House.

All of which are non-profit organisations and provide a range of services available to the people of the region at minimal or no cost.

Last year, the funding was provided to support the Mount Eccles Hall restoration, which has now been completed allowing this community hall to continue to provide a venue for a variety of events throughout the year.

The three gardens on offer this year, perhaps the final year of South Gippsland Open Gardens, are very different in style. Each garden has been offered by the owners who have volunteered their property, time and hard work to raise funds to support our community.

'Rostrevor' at 27 Turner Street, Leongatha, was open to the public for the first-time last year, and over 150 people came on each day to view this large established garden. The garden was originally planted out by a very well-known local identity Mrs Joan Smith. Joan was an active community member who had many friends in the region who are



Andrew Bowen and Meg Viney of the South Gippsland Open Gardens Association in the magnificent Rostrevor garden. A36_4623

familiar with the property. The home is now owned by Andrew and Pam Bowen who moved to the area two years ago and have been energetically working on the garden and the home bringing it back to the standard the historic home and grounds deserve. Despite the hard work it has been "a joy to see both the house and garden emerge to show off its full features," they both agree.

The garden has unusual specimen trees and roses acclaimed in the district as well as a range of magnolias, azalea, fruit trees and a large numbers of bulbs. Driving past it is possible to see the recently completed Conservatory with its white Princess shape, and the vegetable garden with the multiple net pavilion appearance.

On site on the open weekend will be a range of local artists independently displaying their art along the verandas of 'Rostrevor' providing an opportunity to select an original art piece as a part of your home or as a gift.

Margaret Balfe – baskets made from plant fibres.

Jenny Gray – whimsical ceramics for the garden.

Charlie Ballie – sculptural forms in wood.

Sandra Hartley – pencil and ink drawings of birds and plants.

Meg Viney – felted sculptures and pine needle baskets.

Also open will be the property of Joan and Russell Spencer – 270 Spencers Road, Leongatha North – over three-four acres with an enormous collection of

specimen and unusual plants.

The third property is home of Annette and Andrew Zuidema – 345 Hillgroves Road, Leongatha South – who are displaying an expansive garden including a range of trees on a dairy farm property.

Come to support this fundraising event, to enjoy the walk around beautiful gardens, to chat with others sharing garden interest or to view local artists displaying their skills.

Entry: \$30 family all weekend all gardens (two adults unlimited under 18 children) and \$8 single garden (\$6 seniors).

Tickets available at tinyurl.com/leogarden2023.

For more information visit southgippslandopengardens.com.au

Baw Baw backs its youth

BAW BAW Shire Council invites community members to actively participate in shaping the future of young residents.

The community is asked to provide feedback on the newly drafted Youth Strategy 2024-28.

The draft strategy has been informed by direct consultation with young people carried out earlier this year.

"Young people aged 12 to 25 years old make up approximately 15.8 per cent of the community, my children included," Mayor Cr Annemarie McCabe said.

"However, research shows that younger people can experience greater health inequities than other sections of our population and I have seen this firsthand. As a council, we are committed to paving the way for a brighter, healthier and more inclusive future for our young people and this strategy is a testament to that commitment."

Health, wellbeing and prosperity were promoted throughout the draft strategy.

It includes key initiatives to address five community-identified priority areas – voice and leadership, support and services, safety, learning and growing, and health and wellbeing.

To read the draft strategy in full and provide your feedback, ideas or ask questions, visit bawbawconnect.com.au/Youth-Strategy.

The public consultation period is open from Tuesday, November 9, to Wednesday, December 15.



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Early intervention to reduce children's excessive gaming

MULTI award winning arts and community organisation Kids Thrive delivers The Bridge – a free early intervention program for upper primary schools to reduce children's excessive online gaming and disrupt the potential links to future gambling harm.

Alarmingly – international research shows that kids as young as ten are already gambling, and over 40 percent of NSW children aged 12 to 17 are playing video games and apps with features that look and feel like gambling (NSW Office of Responsible Gambling).

This growing body of evidence linking excessive online gaming with future gambling harm, has seen an increasing number of countries cracking down on video games that researchers fear connect children with gambling. At this point, Australia isn't one of them.

"Our creative social change team has spent the past three years working on the ground with children in schools, gaming experts and gambling harm counsellors to design a targeted primary prevention program for upper primary students," Dr Andrea Lemon, CEO of Kids Thrive said.

"Gaming is a lot of fun, and we respect that, but we also have a responsibility to raise young children's awareness of the risks and ways to manage these risks. This way they can make informed choices about what they do with their time and money, and not risk losing what they love, their relationships and health".

Kids Thrive has delivered The Bridge to the Victorian Government for use in primary schools across Victoria, with students, teachers and parents embracing the program thus far.

The Bridge is available for free for schools online: hub.kidsthrive.org.au/the-bridge

Walk your pooch for a good cause

PEOPLE are invited to take a walk with their precious pooches to support young people in need at the Paws for a Cause walk in Wonthaggi this Sunday.

The YMCA Wonthaggi will be hosting the event for their charity arm – Open Doors.

Open Doors raises money to assist young and those disadvantaged to access the Y's services and programmes who might not be otherwise able to afford it. This fundraising could go towards paying for a child's swimming lessons, a gym membership or to help stock the YES Youth Hub's food pantry or the free meals offered on a Monday night.

"The primary target group is youth, because we're an organisation that believes in the power of inspired young people," said Rebecca Wilson, YMCA Bass Coast Area Manager.

In the past 12 months YMCA Bass Coast has funded over \$12,000 in programs like YMCA Open Doors, YES Youth Hub and other community initiatives.

The Paws for a Cause walk is for anyone and everyone who would like to attend, walkers without dogs are welcome to join in.

A five kilometre walk around the Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre, with marshals along the way to direct any wayward wanderers is the long option, and an easier, shorter 400 metre walk is offered for those with mobility issues or those short on time.

Stalls for canines and their humans will be set up on the day with Gippsland Veterinary Group, Bath & Bowl Pet Grooming & Nutrition for dog grooming, K9 Time with dog biscuits and Coffee Hot Spot with coffee and other drinks.

"It's all ages, it's family friendly and we want all sorts of people to attend."

The walk will be held at Bass Coast Aquatic & Leisure Centre, 41 Wentworth Rd, Wonthaggi on Sunday, November 19 with registration from 9.30am – 10am for a 10am start.

Cost is \$10 per adult, kids and dogs are free.



Marcus Oakley included his holiday home in the South Gippsland Garage Sale Trail over the weekend. Z15_4623

Buying second-hand has become mainstream

THE South Gippsland community took part in the Garage Sale Trail happening across the country on November 11 and 12 and 18 and 19 revealing the importance of second-hand shopping, particularly during the current cost-of-living crisis.

Homeowners including Marcus Oakley opened their properties to their communities selling second hand goods at affordable prices. For Marcus the trail was of good timing due to the sale of his South Gippsland holiday home – selling furniture, kitchenware, and homewares.

With the Garage Sale Trail now into its teenage years, the 2023 PayPal Garage Sale Trail Research Report shows

a thriving circular economy in Australia with two-in-five (43%) having bought something second-hand with the past year, and more than a third (35%) having sold something second-hand over the same period.

Attitudes towards purchasing pre-loved were also positive, with two-in-five (40%) agreeing that buying second-hand was now mainstream, and nothing to be embarrassed about, and about the same number (37%) saying they're proud to buy second-hand because it's better for the environment.

The most popular reason to buy second-hand was saving money, with 3-in-5 citing this reason, followed by giving products a second life

(43%), and a desire to shop sustainably, reducing waste and landfill.

The survey, completed by more than 1000 Australian consumers, showed that one-in-four (24%) Australians are buying more second-hand goods as prices continue to rise, and a third (31%) say they'll buy even more second-hand if economic conditions worsen.

Thankfully, it's not just buying second-hand goods that can help the hip pocket, as half of all Australians (49%) say they have unused or unwanted stuff around the house that they could sell, which they estimate could earn an average of \$1681.

Garage Sale Trail is a not-for-profit social enterprise

founded by Sydney mates, Darryl Nichols and Andrew Valder. It seeks to educate Australians on the importance of reuse, and the need to take individual responsibility for the impact of our consumption habits whilst also building stronger, more connected and more resilient communities.

The Garage Sale Trail has grown from a grass roots idea in Bondi Beach where it started in 2010 to being powered by over 80 councils nationally and supported by PayPal, the NSW Environment Protection Authority, Queensland Government and Sustainability Victoria.

To join the trail next weekend visit garagesaletrail.com.au/South-Gippsland.

Two supporting forces join in Wonthaggi

THE MINERS Dispensary, a well-known community health service, has made the decision to become corporate members of the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi.

More significant than simply a business transaction, the membership represents a commitment to community engagement, social responsibility and collaboration.

Both organisations have a shared vision for creating a positive impact on the local community and make supporting local businesses a priority.

An alignment between Rotary and Miners Dispensary creates a powerful synergy allowing both entities to work together to support the local community.

Rotary Club's ability to

recognise and acknowledge the contributions of local people, businesses and organisations is something that Miner's Dispensary respect and admire.

They believe this support inspires other individuals and groups to make a difference within their community.

The Rotary Club of Wonthaggi participates in a wide range of charitable projects from healthcare and education to environmental conservation.

Similarly, Miners Dispensary has supported local emergency services, schools, sporting clubs and the arts in the past year.

By becoming corporate members, Miner's Dispensary gains the opportunity to support and contribute to these meaningful causes.



Miners Dispensary joins forces with the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi. Jade Kirby, Retail Supervisor, Sally Cairnduff, General Manager, Jennifer Miller, Dispensary Technician and Kerry Walker Operations Manager.

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OH WHAT A FEELING

Sentinel-Times

COMMENT

How's this for a scam!

JUST five weeks out from Christmas and you'd hope it's the season "to be jolly".

But, alas, no. It seems it's the season to be scammed.

Check this one out. A friend's Facebook page has been hacked, locking the real user out, and the people on his contact list are now being scammed with an offer of Taylor Swift tickets.

A member of the Sentinel-Times' staff was sent a message, allegedly from her friend, offering four Taylor Swift tickets.

"I'll take them," said our staff member and messaged back with an offer to bring the money around personally.

"No, just send a deposit. They're electronic tickets, anyway."

Our staff member smelled a rat and called another friend who revealed it as a sophisticated scam.

But this is actually text book for where scams have got to now.

Scams succeed because they look like the real thing and catch you off guard when you're not expecting it.

Scammers take advantage of new technology, new products or services and major events to create believable stories that convince you to give them your money or personal details.

Always stop, think and check before you act. Scammers rely on you not spotting these warning signs because you're in a hurry, something looks like a great deal you don't want to miss, or because it seems like it's from someone you trust.

It sounds like the scammers have come a long way but it's just the beginning.

Companies, including banks, operating online need to change their practices and so does the government but the reality is "the cat is out of the bag" and we've got to adjust our own behaviour.

Check out the Government's Scamwatch page, stay ahead of the scammers if you can, only buy from online sites you have already used and trust, or better yet, in the run up to Christmas, buy local where you can. For helpful tips go to scamwatch.gov.au

And another thing, the community thanks both Monash MP Russell Broadbent and Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan for their service after it was revealed both will be stepping down, Mr Broadbent at the next election after 40 years in public life and Cr Whelan after two years as mayor.

Agriculture is valued

FIRSTLY, thank you to the people of South Gippsland for their enthusiastic engagement with councils' draft local Laws feedback process which has now closed.

Having stood on the outside of council as a community member presented with some very un-workable and un-palatable draft proposals during the last local law amendments attempt by council administrators, I do know this has been very confronting to many in the community.

Community engagement is an essential process that ensures the public can voice their opinions and have them heard and considered.

Your submissions, emails and online feedback forms will help guide Council officers and Councillors to deliver a final set of local laws that will consider our Agricultural communities concerns and operational realities yet still be suitable for our wider community and their amenity.

We expect something will likely be ready for the next steps by mid December 2023.

And whilst I'm here I would like to correct the narrative I have seen widely in letters to various papers and on social media about the South Gippsland Councillor Group.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Vox Pop

What are your thoughts on the new Korumburra Hub building?

*Some comments have been edited due to space constraints.



Tony Parisi

Korumburra
"It's fantastic, I'm impressed by the size of some of the spaces, the building's versatility and the bigger modern library."



Syd Whyte

Korumburra
"It's an excellent building in the wrong location."



John Cengia

Korumburra
"I think it's lovely and a real asset, and it is uplifting for the whole town."



Mick Whelan

Inverloch
"It is very impressive, particularly the library which offers light, openness and great views."

The 'Sentinel-Times' encourages readers to write with issues of interest or concern but letters that have a local reference point will be given priority. Writers are also urged to be brief where possible. Letters may be edited for space and legal reasons, and must be submitted with the author's name and contact details of which only the name and town location will appear.

Preventing gender-based violence

WITH recent crime statistics data reflecting a worrying trend of domestic violence right across Gippsland, I want to highlight an important initiative that is taking place across our region from November 25 through to December 10.

This period marks the annual international 16 Days of Activism campaign which was initiated by the Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 which aims to prevent gender-based violence by challenging the attitudes that perpetuate and normalise it.

Within Gippsland this important initiative will be recognised by a local Let's Chat campaign.

The Let's Chat campaign is supported by over 70 community partners and will see several local events and social media campaigns take place throughout the 16 days.

We all have the power to enact change and the Let's Chat campaign shows us that it can be as simple as starting a conversation.

For more information and to find out how to get involved visit 16daysgippsland.com.au.

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

Thanks for the seat

THANK you to the Bass Coast Council for their prompt response to our request for a bench seat in the small park off Tatira Drive, Grantville.

It will be well used as a rest stop on Bruce's daily walk.

Bruce and Sheila Campbell, Grantville

Second draft of the proposed Local Laws

THE South Gippsland Branch of the Victorian Farmers Federation has put in a submission to the South Gippsland Shire Council in response to their second draft of the proposed Local Laws 2024.

The submission is a combined effort of our members...

There are substantial parts of the proposed Local Laws which must give exemptions for the Farming Zone to reduce the amount of red tape that farmers already face.

There are many other requirements which show a lack of understanding of rural work and of the huge contribution that farmers make to the South Gippsland Shire.

Farmers pay large amounts of rates each year. Now the Shire is showing that they like our money but do not respect the work that farmers do to make the money to be able to pay the rates.

Where is the Committee which allows for proper consultation before the proposal goes out to ratepayers?

We are happy to review the current Local Laws if that will assist with the State Government time frame, so that it becomes possible to extend the current Local Laws.

Either way, it is important that the proposed Local Laws become more acceptable to rural ratepayers.

Meg Parkinson, South Gippsland Branch

Fun at Halloween House

NO doubt David, River, Candice and Clover and others had great fun at the Halloween House in San Remo (Sentinel Times 7/11).

Call me a killjoy, but as a relatively recent widow, I find their graveyard with its pretend tombstones offensive.

And, as happened last year, they stay in place well after Halloween.

If, as a society, we had mature conversations about death and grieving, there might be less taste for "spooky" graveyard "fun".

Jane Ross, San Remo



WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE final Fixit Cafe for the year is on this Sunday, November 19, between 11am and 1pm. In addition to the usual services, electrical items, tool sharpening and clock repair, there will be a gentleman present with knowledge of lawn mowers – if yours is causing you grief you might like to bring it in for a check-up! Places are filling fast – bookings are essential – phone Mitchell House reception (5672 3731) to reserve a time for your repair.

Free supported playgroups are offered at Mitchell House every Monday and Friday morning from 10am. These opportunities are provided by

Bass Coast Health for families with a health care card or equivalent. If you are a mum or dad with a toddler or two looking for some creative activity for your child, come along and share with others in a safe and caring environment. Call Cath 0427 729 695 to register your interest for the Monday morning or Janine 0457 834 960 for Friday morning.

For those with an interest in craft there are two groups that may be of interest. Every Friday (10am – Midday) morning a friendly group of ladies gathers to share conversation and their various craft knowledge. Ideas are shared and projects

worked on with some wonderfully creative outcomes the result. On Monday mornings (9.30am – 12.30pm) a group gathers to share their passion for quilt making. The group is very willing to pass on their skills and knowledge to newcomers.

A chess group is gaining in popularity every Monday afternoon from 2pm. All ability levels are welcome. Come along and enjoy the challenge of this ancient game of strategy and skill.

Full details of all the programs offered through Mitchell House can be accessed through the website (wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com)

6 Murray St, Wonthaggi PH: (03) 5672 3731 www.wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com 

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

WITH summer around the corner, BCAL has plenty of short courses coming up. The Responsible Service of Alcohol course coming up on November 20 is already booked out. However, there is still space in the Cowes session on November 27 and there will be one last session on December 11.

The Safe Food Handling course will soon be mandatory for anyone working in food services. You can get in early on November 20.

The First Aid course will be starting on November 21. This will be the last First Aid course for the year so get in quickly if you need to update yours.

Later this month will be the Construction Induction (White Card) and Traffic Management courses. Again, these will be the last ones for the

year. They are perfect for anyone looking to work in building or construction over the holidays.

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

Two of the perennial problems in accessible community gardens are theft and senseless vandalism. Over the years, the Wonthaggi Community Garden has seen a fair bit of both.

Volunteers and garden members enjoy sharing with the community and do not begrudge a hungry visitor taking a little of what they truly need. But there's a limit.

Last week volunteers arrived to find vegetables picked and strewn around,

plots ransacked, and many precious, ripe vegies taken.

It was the same story at the Warragul Community Garden, recently, where a hothouse was damaged and equipment stolen. Volunteers there reported feeling very despondent, given other incidents where garlic was ripped out, and a worm farm, pots and brass taps were taken.

This is an appeal to all those who visit community gardens to respect the work of the volunteer/members who maintain the spaces for local growers, have very limited funds to replace and replant, and do share, donate and give away produce at every opportunity.

If you would like more information about our garden, please contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or drop in on a Thursday between 10 and noon to chat to the volunteers.

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Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association[†]

PUBLIC MEETING

and Annual General Meeting

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, Kirrak Room

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Commencing at 1.30pm

*"What is the future
of democracy at
Bass Coast Shire Council?"*

† Incorporated association number A0096592H

LIFE Moments



Parker Anthony Bowen was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on October 29, weighing 9.1 pounds. He is a son for proud parents Anthony Bowen and Megan Jones of Coronet Bay, and a brother for Quade, 11, Lyla, 8 and Hudson, 2.

• FAITH FACTOR

Too Early for Christmas?

By Captain Amanda Hart,
South Coast Gippsland Salvos

IS IT too early to talk about Christmas? Because I've been anticipating Christmas this year for quite some time – it's hard not to when the decorations start turning up in shops not long after Easter! Christmas has become so commercialised that, in the lead up to the season, it is important to remember that Christmas is more than just a holiday; it's a reminder of the incredible gift God gave us in Jesus Christ, and it's an opportunity for us to reflect on the true meaning of this special season.

In the midst of the busyness and preparations, it's essential to take a moment to look forward to Christmas with a grateful heart. Just as the wise men followed the star that led them to Jesus, we too can follow the guiding light of our faith as we approach this holiday. Let's remember that the birth of Jesus is a gift of immeasurable value, and it's a gift that keeps on giving.

Christmas is a time to reflect on the love and grace of God, a time to consider the joy and hope that Jesus brings into our lives, and to share that joy with others. The act of giving, whether through gifts, acts of kindness, or simply spending time with loved ones, is a beautiful reflection of the gift God gave us in Jesus.

As we look forward to Christmas, let's remember to keep our hearts focused on the true reason for the season. Let's prepare our hearts, not just our homes, for the coming of Christ. Let's open our hearts to the love and light of His presence, and let that love and light shine through us to bless others.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies had a very successful display at the Newhaven Community Hall over Cup weekend. Sales were up 25 per cent on last year and another two new members signed up.

Visitors were fascinated by the high standard of the work, particularly the pyrographers.

The next display will be the annual gift shop which will again be at the workshop this year.

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



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 Leongatha Garden Club



Remembering Vietnam

IAN WILSON served with the Royal Australian Navy Helicopter Flight Vietnam (RANHFV) which was attached to the 135th Assault Helicopter Company (AHC) of the US Army.

He did a 12 month tour of duty, land based in Vietnam with four contingents of about 50 Australian navy personnel, including pilots, engineers and support personnel.

Ian himself was an engine airframe fitter but ended up flying as a crew chief door gunner on the Huey Choppers.

Originally based in Nowra at the Naval Air Base, HMAS Albatross, the Fleet Air Arm worked on choppers, undergoing a lot of training before heading to Vietnam.

They were one of the only services to complete army jungle training in Canungra in Queensland.

The experienced Australians, mostly in their late twenties, joined forces with about 190 inexperienced Americans, mostly teenagers straight out of compulsory service.

"Some of the American pilots just went and did 90 hours training and then, bang, they were in Vietnam, in combat the next day," explained Ian.

The RAN personnel were chosen because of their experience with Huey Choppers, and they became fully integrated with the Americans.

"We maintained their helicopters, we flew their choppers, we ate their food, we even had their uniforms. We held key positions in different departments, like the engineering and the engine shop and the rotor blades," said Ian.

The Navy had ships going up and down the coast to North Vietnam, which they called the gun line. They also had clearance divers near the main city in the South, but Ian ended up being land based and was there for about fourteen months.

"It was a brilliant combination. We were one of the best companies in the US," he said.

However, when Ian returned home in 1970, it turned out to be bitter-sweet.

"We were treated like dirt and like it was our fault. It took a long time, seventeen years later, we had the welcome home in Canberra. I didn't bother going because I was in Victoria," recalls Ian.

It also wasn't until June 1, 2018, that the Governor-General



Vietnam Veteran, Ian Wilson honoured his Australian and US comrades on Remembrance Day by picking up his bugle and sounding the Last Post.

signed his approval of the RAN's second Unit Citation for Gallantry since World War II. This was in recognition the RANHFV had performed extraordinarily well.

"Not too many other services got that," explained Ian.

Ian was only 27 years old when he returned from the Vietnam War, and he didn't talk about his experiences for nearly forty years.

"I was 64 when I had a breakdown at a funeral of my friend who was in Vietnam with me. I had a breakdown because everything came back, and I wouldn't talk about it for all those years."

A diagnosis of PTSD was subsequently made, and Ian said he has managed with good family and friends, medication, a couple of drinks now and then, lots of laughing and joking and by keeping busy.

"I go to the museum and that's like a therapy session for me, I love it. I go there every second Saturday and I think I've been doing that basically since it started."

Ian has been volunteering for 25 years at the Vietnam Veterans Museum in three locations across the Bass Coast and South Gippsland area.

I like people and I like making a fuss of the kids when they come to the museum," Ian said. "Occasionally I'll take the kids down to the chopper and sneak them into the cockpit, which I'm not allowed to do, but I do."

Ian had a long career in the aviation industry, and he still keeps in touch with the men who fought alongside him in Vietnam.

He has made many trips in Australia and to the US to meet and reminisce with old comrades.

On Remembrance Day, Ian honoured his comrades and remembered all of those who have fallen, by picking up his bugle and sounding the Last Post.

• LEONGATHA



Saturday's official Leongatha RSL party, from left, Melina Bath MP, Cyril Payne (RSL chaplain), Geoff Cooper (Leongatha RSL President), Sue Weir (Committee member) and bugler Natalie Stewart.

Remembering to Remember



Wreath laid by Sue Weir (committee member) on behalf of the Leongatha RSL members.

LEONGATHA gathered approximately one hundred souls at the Cenotaph for their local Remembrance Day service. Among them stood Vivian Carroll, a devoted member of the RSL Committee. With heartfelt conviction, she took the podium to share her personal connection to this solemn occasion.

In her brief yet poignant speech, Vivian recounted the profound significance of Remembrance Day through the prism of her family's history. She spoke of her father's harrowing experiences during the Vietnam conflict and her grandmother's sacrifices in the tumultuous 39-45 war. These memories were etched in her heart, a living testament to the weight of history.

Community groups and members then laid wreaths around the Cenotaph.

Leongatha's Remembrance Day service was a moving tribute to the enduring power of memory and the indomitable spirit of those who had given their all for the sake of peace and freedom.

• KORUMBURRA



Tony Moon gives a commemorative address at the Korumburra Cenotaph. A23_4623



Vietnam veteran Frank Penfold of Crib Point RSL, who served as a craftsman fixing cannons and small arms, awaits the Remembrance Day Service in Korumburra's Coleman Park. A24_4623

Sacrifice remembered in Korumburra

RAIN held off for Korumburra's Remembrance Day Service, community members pausing near the town's Cenotaph in Coleman Park to reflect on lives lost or forever altered.

Local Tony Moon's commemorative address highlighted the evolution of Remembrance Day.

Originally known as Armistice Day and marking the cessation of WWI hostilities, it now provides a chance to pause and consider those who offered their service to our nation in times of need during all wars and conflicts in which it has been involved.

The Cenotaph marks the loss of 232 local servicemen, with 14 from the district having fallen at Fromelles in a single day.

Tony noted the horrific toll on local families that the Cenotaph starkly illustrates.

"Sadly, you'll see 17 sets of brothers," he said, contemplating the tragedy of families that lost multiple sons.

Some families lost members in both World Wars.

Singer Kerrie Tudor and attendees, accompanied by the South Gippsland Concert Band, added to the sombre but stirring occasion with hymns 'Lead Kindly Light', 'Abide With Me' and 'God of Our Fathers, Known of Old'.

The Ode of Remembrance, laying of wreaths, recitation of the Poem 'In Flanders Fields' and the playing of 'The Last Post' set the contemplative mood Remembrance Day is known for.

• COWES



On Remembrance Day at the cenotaph in Cowes on Saturday were Phillip Island RSL officials, president Chris Thompson and vice president Peter Paul with the catafalque party from HMAS Cerebus; Petty Officer Debbie Barthelson, Mark Deo, Hieu Le, Max Anthony and Ismeriel Rint.

Even the Cowes ferry paused at 11am on Remembrance Day

REMEMBRANCE Day or not, the Cowes ferry rocked and rolled in on a changing sea as it approached the Cowes Jetty, shortly before 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month and was off and away again as the strains of 'Spirit of the Anzacs' by Lee Kernaghan rang out over the cenotaph nearby.

It was Remembrance Day

right across Australia and while some paused, a busy weekend of activity went on around them.

A good-sized crowd had turned out to honour, thank and remember our ex-service personnel at Cowes but, as Phillip Island RSL President Chris Thompson said afterwards, numbers attending Remem-

brance Day have not returned to their pre-COVID levels.

Chris Thompson led the service, with the likes of vice president Peter Paul in support, among other leaders of the local RSL sub-branch. There was an honour guard from HMAS Cerberus, led by Petty Officer Debbie Barthelson, and a corps of Australian

Army Cadets in uniform, who marched in and stood to attention for the laying of wreaths and the national anthems of New Zealand and Australia.

Former service personnel, civic leaders and business representatives laid wreaths and the community was then invited up to place a poppy, which many did.

Remembering sacrifice

NATURES own 21-gun salute didn't hamper proceedings in Wonthaggi on Saturday with the service moved inside St George's Anglican Church, beside the Cenotaph, as thunder and lightning took over the skies.

"The First World War ended more than a century ago," Wonthaggi RSL Sub-Branch President Dan Lucas stated in his opening address.

"Millions had lost their lives during the war, among them more than 60,000 Australian service personnel... Many thousands more were wounded in body and mind..."

"As we pause of Remembrance Day, our thoughts turn to war's enormous cost and the toll it takes, not only on those who fall but on all who serve."

South Gippsland Legacy Group president legatee Phil Head was guest speaker at this year's event discussing 'the spirit of Legacy is service'.

"The Badge of Legacy

symbolises in its torch the undying flame of service and sacrifice handed to us by our comrades in War who have passed on," Phil stated.

In 1923 Legacy made a promise to help veterans' families carry on with their lives after the loss or injury of their loved one. It was a simple promise that Legacy keeps today: providing the same stability, guidance and assistance that a partner would normally provide to his or her family."

Phil also spoke about the founding of Legacy and Sir Stanley Savige, and the Legatees of the group who continue to share the same goal 'which is the health and well-being of our widows.'

In a touching moment, two representatives of the younger generation, Chloe Lucas and Asha Mills, delivered a powerful tribute to the history of the red poppy and its role in remembering the sacrifices of the past.

• WONTAGGI



Veterans Graeme Eva, Wayne Fuller, Michael Whitehill and Michael Shields attended the Wonthaggi Remembrance Day service on Saturday. C20_4623



Kevin Walsh pays his respect on Saturday after laying a wreath at Wonthaggi's Cenotaph. C23_4623

Voluntary research unveils Hallston and District soldiers

DISTINGUISHED guests attended the Hallston Hall on Saturday morning for a moving service to honour those that served the nation in the Great European War.

President of the Hallston Mechanics Institute Committee Trudi Dale hosted the inaugural event welcoming local resident Avenel to share her last five years of research.

In 2019 Avenel began researching public records to discover the names, faces and stories of 31 WWI soldiers of Hallston and district, and in the public eye Avenel and Monash MP Russell Broadbent unveiled the photographic exhibition of those discovered soldiers.

"Congratulations on five years of very hard work. That is not

just a Great European War brought live by the faces, but rather it's a beautiful piece of artwork. The woodwork displays any effort to find those men and put their names in a community owned hall," said Mr Broadbent.

Chaplain Norm De Silva, addressed the people at the service before the laying of the wreaths that saw South Gippsland Shire Councillor John Schelling lay at the foot of the display. Local resident Glenice Griggs then read 'In Flanders Field' before Imogen Wilkinson was welcomed to share 'We Shall Keep the Faith' and The Last Post – a minute of silence and The Rouse was played by Katie Cantwell of the South Gippsland Brass Band.

• HALLSTON



Bruce Jarrett and Katie Cantwell of the South Gippsland Brass Band. Katie played The Rouse at the Hallston Hall Remembrance Day service. Z09_4623

• INVERLOCH



MC and veteran Terry Shannon OAM with RSL president Ross Gabb at Inverloch's Remembrance Day service on Saturday.

Inverloch gather to pay respects

UNDER the threat of thunder and lightning, Inverloch gathered to reflect upon those who served the nation on Remembrance Day.

Inverloch RSL president Ross Gabb said the turnout to the ceremony exceeded expectations, and around 35 wreaths were laid at the cenotaph on behalf of church and community groups.

It was one of the Inverloch RSL's largest attendances at a Remembrance Day service.

The guest speakers included the Inverloch RSL's Terry Shannon OAM, Mr Gabb, Padre Glenn Hutchinson of the Military Motorcycle Club and Rev. Amy Turner.

World War II veteran of the Royal Australian Airforce and former RSL president Trevor Scott recited the Ode of Remembrance, and two representatives of the 1st Inverloch Scout Group read Flanders Field.

Mr Gabb said the RSL's alliance with the 1st Inverloch Scout Group was one of great importance.

"We do a lot of work with the scouts, and nine times out of 10 they will end up as servicemen too," he said.

Mr Gabb thanked the community for coming along to honour the brave servicemen and women from wars long ago and in recent times, and for its support in generating a very successful poppy appeal.

Inverloch's VIEW Club put on a lunch at the RSL following the service.



Wonthaggi North Primary School Vice Captains Eden and Jyah attended Saturday's Wonthaggi service. C24_4623



Protect your skin this summer

FOR eczema sufferers, summer can be a time of dread.

Eczema is a medical term for dermatitis, and it can be triggered by a variety of situations.

However, there are steps that can be taken to minimise skin irritations.

The first step, according to Eczema Association Australasia, is to stay cool and avoid sweating.

This can be done by wearing light cotton clothing and staying in the shade.

If you've been in a chlorinated pool, rinse yourself in a shower immediately afterwards.

Dabbing yourself dry with a towel rather than rubbing can avoid damaging sensitive skin.

If you have finished swimming, be sure to get into dry clothes as wet togs can cause irritation.

If you have eczema and you are worried about sunscreen causing irritation, you can talk to your local pharmacist about which ones are less likely to cause irritation.

Mineral sunscreens are considered best for people with eczema.

For more tips, head to eczema.org.au/summer-skin-tips.

Weather worries: injuries on the rise

HOSPITAL admissions for injuries associated with extreme weather have increased over the past decade.

The statistics come from a new report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and include extreme weather events such as heatwaves, bushfires and storms.

Extreme weather-related hospitalisations spiked at more than 1000 cases every three years, with the spikes becoming progressively higher.

There were 1027 injury hospitalisations in 2013-14, 1033 in 2016-17, and 1108 in 2019-20. In each of these three years, extreme heat had the biggest impact on hospitalisations and deaths. Extreme heat accounted for 7104 injury hospitalisations and 293 deaths in the 10-year period analysed.

During the 10-year period analysed, there were 773 injury hospitalisations and 242 deaths related to extreme cold.

Extreme rain or storms accounted for 348 injury hospitalisations and 77 deaths.

This data doesn't include injuries where patients were treated in hospital emergency departments and didn't require admission to hospital.

The Bureau of Meteorology has declared an El Nino is underway and likely to continue until at least the end of February, which in Australia includes a period of reduced rainfall, higher temperatures and increased bushfire danger.

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DNA screening could prevent an estimated 4047 deaths. Photo: Brano via Unsplash

Population DNA screening would save lives and be cost effective

OFFERING population-wide genetic screening for risk of deadly but preventable diseases to young adults would save lives and be cost-effective in Australia, a Monash University-led study has found.

The study used health economic evaluation to model combined DNA screening for all adults in Australia aged 18-40 years, to identify risk of three different genetic conditions:

- hereditary breast and ovarian cancer (caused by the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes)
- a type of genetic high cholesterol called familial hypercholesterolemia, and
- Lynch syndrome, a genetic condition that increases the risk of colorectal and other cancers.

All three conditions can be treated or prevented if detected early. Around one in 75 people are at high genetic risk of one of these conditions, but most are unaware and therefore not accessing available life-saving

interventions.

Published in The Lancet's eClinicalMedicine journal, the study found that offering population-level preventive testing to all 18-40-year-olds would be cost-effective in Australia, compared with the current practice of limited genetic testing.

Co-first author Associate Professor Paul Lacaze, from the Monash University School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, said: "This modelling forms a critical pillar of evidence to support the development of a new DNA-based population screening program in Australia for cancer and heart disease risk."

"We can now say with confidence, based on our rigorous modelling analysis, that offering... this type of DNA screening would finally maximize the preventive potential of genomics, and deliver many public health benefits to the Australian population."

Over the simulated model of 8.3 million adults' lifetime to age 80, assuming 50 per cent uptake of

DNA screening, an estimated 4047 deaths could be averted. It would also prevent 2612 cancers (1140 breast, 950 ovarian, 451 colorectal and 71 endometrial) and 542 non-fatal coronary heart disease (CHD) events.

This is equal to preventing 63 cancers, 31 CHD cases and 97 deaths averted per 100,000 people offered DNA screening, versus current practice.

At \$200 per test, a total government investment of \$832 million would be required to screen 50 per cent of the model population. This investment would also cover \$539 per high-risk person identified, for clinical confirmation testing and genetic counselling.

The study found the initial cost would be well worth it, given the overall benefit to society through early detection and prevention, with an incremental cost-effectiveness ratio (ICER) of \$23,926 per quality-adjusted life-year (QALY) gained, as a result of the population genomic screening.

South Gippsland cardiac rates to be discussed

THE high rate of cardiac disease in South Gippsland and what is being done to address the problem will be highlighted at this year's Gippsland Southern Health Service annual general meeting.

The 31st annual general meeting (AGM) will follow the motto 'acknowledging the past and looking to the future' and starts at 4pm on November 30 in the IPCC meeting room at the Leongatha hospital.

Guest speaker cardiologist Swati Mukherjee will discuss the level of cardiac disease across South Gippsland and what is being done to support good outcomes for patients.

This year, Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) introduced an advanced practice

Cardiac CT service.

Previously, patients had to travel to Melbourne for Cardiac CT Coronary Angiography (CTCA).

Cardiac CT radiographer Leo Liu joined GSHS to lead development and delivery of the service, which was established in consultation with Imaging Associates and Victorian Heart and Lung Clinic and visiting cardiologist Dr Mukherjee.

GSHS's Leongatha campus is also one of 10 Victorian urgent care centres chosen as a pilot site for the Safer Care Victoria Timely Management of Chest Pain program.

People presenting at GSHS with chest pain will be triaged by an urgent care nurse who will assess whether they are suitable for telehealth

management with a consultant at the Alfred Hospital who will review their electrocardiogram (ECG) interpretation.

GSHS is also running a cardiac rehabilitation program for anyone who has had a heart attack, stent procedure, or cardiac surgery including pacemaker insertion.

During the AGM, board chair Athina Georgiou and CEO Lou Sparkes will present the annual report and outline the health service's vision for the future.

Staff service awards and governor's awards will be presented, and Ms Georgiou will recognise donors and partners.

People wishing to attend the AGM can RSVP to Dallas.Surace@gshs.com.au or call 5667 5514.

CONVERSATION with Claire



Health and wellness starts with healthy choices
By author Claire Chitty

AS PHYSICAL, emotional and mental health are interconnected, it is vital to address all these areas in your life. Current statistics indicate that approximately 14 million or two thirds of Australians are overweight or obese with men leading this trend. Blame it on poor diet, eating or drinking to suppress emotions, yet in truth, what we consume and how we live is a choice.

Let's start with physical health. Our bodies are designed to 'move it or lose it' especially as we age. From stretching and yoga which can be done at home, to walking, cycling, gardening, group sports and more strenuous activities, get the blood pumping, keep joints elastic and clear the mind. The best part is many of these activities are free to little cost.

Moving onto nutrition, many people may not be aware that the gut is the third brain, and is connected to mental health. What we put into our bodies is of upmost importance. Foods that are bad for us often taste delicious and may become addictive thanks to sugar and food additives.

Have you ever noticed when you eat processed or chemical laden products that you feel sluggish afterwards, or anxiety, depression and stress symptoms increase? Children are particularly susceptible to preservatives and as parents know, additives may trigger behavioural issues.

If this is the case, replace with beneficial nutrition including fermented foods, omega-3 oils, fibre and probiotics to increase good bacteria in the gut. These 'feel good' foods elevate happiness and balance mood swings.

Emotional health relates to how we think and feel, and how we cope with life no matter what is being thrown in your direction. Personally, I love working with emotional freedom technique, meditation, breath work and dipping my toes in the ocean so I can remain stable during challenging times. Again, these are free tools and strategies to use when life gets out of balance.

Mental health or mindfulness is the third part of our existence. It is estimated we have approximately 60,000 thoughts a day. 'What we think is what we create,' can be a helpful reminder as to what we want to see manifest in our lives. It doesn't mean that we'll always have positive thoughts all the time but focusing on the good rather than 'what's wrong' or more negative judgments create a more optimistic outlook in life.

Social connections also play a role in our overall health and wellbeing, too. Humans are social beings and forming healthy friendships can be uplifting, fun and rewarding. I believe in volunteering in our local community where people are embraced, valued and accepted without judgement. There are always new people to meet, experiences to share and learning interactions, all vital to mental health.

It's important to reach out for support when required for no person is an island, but ultimately, we are each individually responsible for our physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. No one can live our lives for us and the choice is always in our hands.

What are you doing to create the best possible life filled with health and wellness for yourself?



NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

Turning trash into treasure

VICTORIA'S eagerly anticipated Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic) kicked off on November 1, promising Victorians a 10-cent refund for every eligible can, carton, and bottle returned. As communities embrace this recycling initiative, one local firm is taking the lead in South Gippsland/Bass Coast — Can Collect.

Can Collect operates two collection points, strategically placed in Wonthaggi and on Phillip Island, serving as the main hubs for large volumes of containers.

Unlike Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs), Can Collect accepts bulk deliveries and crushed cans, providing a hassle-free experience for individuals and businesses alike.

And what sets them apart is the ability to offer cash refunds on the spot, a convenience not provided by RVMs.

The Can Collect depots, located at 36 Inverloch Road, Wonthaggi, and 14 Harvey Drive, Cowes, are open seven days a week. With operating hours from 8.30am to 4.30pm on weekdays and 9am to 3pm on weekends, they aim to cater to the diverse schedules of residents, community groups, and businesses.

Gippsland born mates, Will



Can Collect's Will Hams and Lukas Webb are incredibly excited by the enthusiastic uptake of residents to date.
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Hams and Lukas Webb, are the local operators and part of the Can Collect team.

"It's service straight from your boot," Will smiled.

"People can bring in their cans in bins or in bags and we are more than happy to help collect them from the boot."

"Customer service is our priority — people can pop in and ask questions, even if they don't have any returns yet, and we can assist in downloading the app."

Beyond encouraging individuals to recycle, Will and Lukas are reaching out to sporting clubs, community groups, men's sheds, businesses, and event organisers to facilitate their fundraising efforts.

"It's better to get paid for the recyclables than to pay to take it to the tip," says Will, highlighting the financial benefits.

"We are also encouraging local clubs and charities to reach out to us (admin@can-collect.com.au) and sign up to

become a donation partner.

"We've had a few people come in and ask where they can donate the money, we can then give local organisation, charities and sporting groups a bit of a plug."

The CDS Vic has already gained significant traction, with over ten million containers returned and more than \$1 million in refunds collected within the first week of operation with 117,000 containers collected at Wonthaggi.

Can Collect played a vital role in this success, quickly becoming a go-to destination for locals looking to cash in on their recyclables and ranking third highest for collection sites across all of Gippsland.

The process is simple: purchase a drink, return the empty container to a Can Collect refund point, receive a 10-cent refund, and choose to keep the funds or donate to a participating charity or community group. The returned containers undergo recycling, contributing to the overall goal of diverting waste from landfills.

Watch this space! There will also be some exciting additions to the space in the coming weeks which will enable the youngest generation to count their cans.

Recycle the right way

LOCAL councils urge its residents to protect its environment and abide by the recycling rules.

The yellow lidded bins are provided to ensure all loose recyclables are processed appropriately. Keeping all recyclables loose will reduce the amount of rubbish headed for landfill.

Bass Coast Shire Council's website states around 80 per cent of what Victorians put into their recycling bin is reprocessed and turned into new products. Meanwhile, 10 per cent is immediately removed and sent to landfill due to contamination. A further 10 per cent is sorted out at the next processing stage because it is too small or too contaminated to be recycled.

Paper, cardboard, aluminium, steel cans, and glass bottles and jars are recyclable materials which must always go in the yellow lidded bins for collection.

Plastic bags, broken glass, crockery, garbage, green waste, nappies, clothing and fabrics are not acceptable items for the recycling bin.

According to Bass Coast council, common recycling mistakes include the disposal of clothing, polystyrene, food waste, e-waste, waxed cardboard, coffee cups and lids, and household cleaning products.

Coffee cups and lids is a particularly confusing one, but the takeaway waste must always go in the landfill bin. Some cups and lids may have the recyclable symbol or state they're compostable, but these are still unacceptable in council's recycling collection bin. Avoiding waste in the first place by using reusable bags, cups and water bottles is council's first recycling tip.

Council also reminds its residents to ensure all recyclables are emptied of food and liquid before they are disposed.

In Bass Coast, council provides a 240-litre recycling bin as part of its standard kerbside collection, which is then collected and processed by Visy. Residents have the option of obtaining an additional recycling bin at a cost by contacting council.

Council asks that any papers disposed are not bundled. Other items — such as batteries, whitegoods and scrap metal — are free to recycle at your nearest waste facility. Not all facilities can accept all items, so it's best to check the council website for the appropriate facility, any pricing information that may be incurred and opening hours.

For more information about what can and can't go in a recycling bin and helpful advice, head to basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/waste-rubbish/which-bin-does-that-go-in-or-southgippsland.vic.gov.au/waste.

Recycle containers at AW Smith & Sons

AW SMITH & Sons have entered into a partnership with Return-It installing a Return Vending Machine as part of the recently rolled out Container Deposit Scheme (CDS).

Cans, bottles and containers can be deposited for 10 cents each at the machine which opened for returns on the first of November.

AW Smith & Sons owner Matt Smith said since it started operating, "It has been ridiculously busy".

Return-It is the operator responsible for establishing and maintaining the network of CDS refund points in Gippsland and approached the business when they were seeking a suitable location.

Matt, who had recently seen a similar scheme in action in WA, decided it was a good opportunity for the community, the environment and for his own business, a family operated store, run with siblings Luke and Louise.

"I got an email to say they were going to start it in Victoria. They came down and we spoke about how many tonnes of rubbish get dumped that can be recycled and I just thought it was a good idea," said Matt.

"Money can go to sporting clubs, you can get vouchers to Woolworths, or you can get money straight in the bank. Obviously, it's good for the environment, plus every person that comes in here, there's a

possibility that they might buy something at the store."

Two garbage trucks come daily followed by a cleaner, to pick up the containers.

"It then goes to another depot to get recycled. You think of that getting tipped out into a hole (previously), it is incredible," Matt said.

AW Smith & Sons have always looked for ways to recycle and take care of the environment and for 25 years have pressed their own cardboard.

The cardboard used to go to the paper mill, but big bundles would often get wet and fall apart while sitting in the yard before being shipped.

Now, it still gets pressed, but a bin is hired through JJs App.

Waste and Recycling to store, collect and recycle the cardboard.

Matt said that as well as recycling, customer loyalty is a big part of their business and for the month of December up until Christmas, AW Smith & Sons will be offering a 15 per cent discount to everyone who can show a recycling voucher or receipt.

The Return Vending Machine is located behind the Outdoor and Garden Centre, with access via Sawmill Lane, Leongatha.

It is open from 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 1pm Saturday and 9am to 1pm Sunday. Users will need to download the CDS Vic East App.

Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme

Get 10¢ back by returning eligible containers

Hours:

Monday-Friday 7am-5.00pm

Saturday 8am-1pm

Sunday 9am-1pm



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- Alcohol sold in cans
- Glass beer bottles
- Water bottles
- Small juice cartons
- Flavoured milk cartons

Can Collect is South Gippsland and Bass Coasts trusted CDS partner. Receive 10¢ for every eligible container you recycle at Can Collect.

We accept bulk deliveries and crushed cans.

Get your refund in cash or straight to your bank account!

Open 7 days a week
Weekdays 8.30 - 4.30
Weekends 9.00 - 3.00

36 Inverloch Rd, Wonthaggi
14 Harvey Dr, Cowes



Author workshops

There will be free workshops all day from 10am – both days – at the two workshop Marquees, hosted by some of Australia's most renowned authors and illustrators.

Explore South Gippsland landscapes through watercolour (Alison Lester), a workshop about books and writing, and a Chinese Dragon drawing workshop (Gabi Wang), how to create characters (Leigh Hobbs), finding an idea for a best-selling story (Shelly Ware and David Lawrence, poems (Meredith Costain) and much, much more.

You can plan your day online at fishystories.org

Key details

Information, assistance and safety: Please visit the tent located in the car park adjacent to the Tennis Courts to learn more, seek help or report concerns.

Food and beverages: Local cafes and restaurants Gibsons, Lt Oberon, Long John Pickles and the Fish Creek Hotel. At the event, there will be a sausage sizzle by the Fish Creek Scouts and a cake stall from the Fish Creek Primary School. Free water is available in the car park adjacent to the Tennis Courts. The festival will not be selling any alcohol.

Accessibility: A drop off zone will be established at the entrance to the car park opposite the hardware store in Falls Road.

Toilets: Public toilets are located on the Rail Trail adjacent to the Picnic hut.

First aid: The First Aid station is located at the CFA building on Falls Rd adjacent to the Tennis Courts.

Parking: Free public parking is found around the Footy Oval called the John Terrill Memorial Park on Falls Road as you pass through the Fish Creek shops.

Thank you

COUNTDOWN IS ON TO FISHY STORIES – 5 DAYS TO GO



Activities

There is lots to see and do for all ages, all day – both days.

See your child's Writing Challenge submission in the ArtCubes - unique to the South Gippsland Shire.

Pop in and see My Story Tent – a dedicated space where the imagination is a wide-open world when we tell our own stories, and children create limitless unfiltered possibilities.

And stop by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation – engaging with festival goers on

the educational disadvantages faced by Indigenous Australian children and young people by providing access to books and literacy program.

Hear Marg Haycroft and Wayne Cripps share some of their favourite stories collected over a lifetime of storytelling, head to the Fishy Fish Tales marquee.

Claudia Rubinstein offers an exhibition of 2D and 3D works, called 'Claudia's Imaginarium'. Come along and lose yourself in a won-

dersous journey as you rediscover a child's world of play for children of all ages. Claudia showcases some of her creative journeys, storytelling, and bookmaking.

Better Place Australia and Gippsland Family Pathways Network offers live book readings including titles such as 'Max's Divorce Earthquake' and other titles by Australian authors who focus on children's wellbeing in the face of family-life's hardships. All this will be available in the Better Place

tors and others who all share a knack for storytelling – and who will be spilling their secrets over two days.

And with all that, on November 18 and 19, Fish Creek will be transformed into something kids' dreams are made of – Box Wars, writing and illustrating workshops, balloons, comedy and more.

And best of all – entry is completely free for everyone.

But the fun doesn't stop there – with three special ticketed shows on each day of the festival, including Cirque Disarray, Dr Hubble and Luigi Zucchini.

Hurry – tickets are selling fast!

SHOWS ON SALE AND SELLING FAST:

There are two Cirque Disarray shows – one on the Saturday at 12.30pm and one on Sunday at 2pm. The one-hour performance is a highly engaging interactive show where the children become the stars. It's truly slapstick humour at its best, with lots of audience participation. Book online now at trybooking.com/CLRMR While Dr Hubble will

show you bubbles of all shapes and sizes – and you may even be lucky enough to be in a bubble yourself! Dr Hubble is performing at 2pm on the Saturday and at 12.30pm on the Sunday. Book online now at trybooking.com/CLRLR

And finally, Luigi Zucchini – an international man of magic comedy with goofy Italian antics that

entertains adults and children alike, along with his live animal friends and a never-ending bag of tricks and jokes, is back. See the magician at 3.30pm on the Saturday and 10am on the Sunday. Book now at trybooking.com/CLROL

All children tickets are \$12.50 each, families of four are \$67.50 and adult tickets are \$25.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON FINALE

Due to popular demand Box Wars is back, be one of 300 children who will build a recyclable costume, be a pirate, unicorn and many more. Box Wars is on the Saturday from 4.30pm.

Fishy Stories is very fortunate to be supported by partners, sponsors and supporters, in particular: a major partnership with Events Gippsland an initiative between Destination Gippsland and South Gippsland Shire Council; a major donation from the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal; and a major sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank – Toora & Foster Community Bank.



Fishy Stories

FISH CREEK CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF STORIES

NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2023

FISH CREEK MEMORIAL HALL PERFORMANCES
BOOK QUICKLY FOR TICKETS FROM \$12.50

Saturday 18th - 10am to 6.30pm

FREE WORKSHOP MARQUEES - 60 MIN AUTHOR WORKSHOP AND MEET & GREET.

| Fishy Workshop Marquee #1 | 10.30am | 12noon | 1pm | 2.30pm | 4pm |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Alison Lester | Official Opening | Gabi Wang | Shelly Ware and David Lawrence | Craig Smith and Erica Wagner |
| Fishy Workshop Marquee #2 | 10am | 12noon | 12.30pm | 2pm | 3.30pm |
| | Gabi Wang | Official Opening | Leigh Hobbs | Andrea Rowe | Sarah Martin |

FISHY STORIES WRITING CHALLENGE

Live performances of the 20 selected winning stories from over 750 entries in the Fishy Stories Writing Challenge

Performance Times: 11am, 1pm and 3pm

Featuring Lou Endicott and Troy Larkin enacting the stories live!

Visit the exhibition in the Art Cubes to read the entries and see selected Picture Stories

BOXWARS SPECIAL EVENT

Don't miss 'BoxWars' An underground Boxwars kids workshop event for children of all ages

Held in the Fish Creek Parkland and Rail Trail from Saturday 4.30pm to 6.30pm

BENDIGO BANK VILLAGE GREEN ACROSS THE FISH CREEK PARKLAND, TENNIS COURTS AND RAIL TRAIL

All day from 10am to 4.30pm

My Story Tent
A place for Story-making and Story-telling

Indigenous Literacy Foundation
Chat and learn

MyLi Libraries
Silly songs and funny stories. 10.30am and 12pm

Hare and Tortoise Retail Outlet
Buy all participating authors books

Margaret & Wayne
Sharing some of their favourite stories

Better Place Australia
Live book readings that focus on children's wellbeing

Claudia Rubenstein
Exhibition and Storytelling

Bonnie McRae
Fishy stories of suspense, red herrings, & clues!

Sunday 19th - 10am to 3.30pm

FREE WORKSHOP MARQUEES - 60 MIN AUTHOR WORKSHOP AND MEET & GREET.

| Fishy Workshop Marquee #1 | 10am | 11.30am | 1pm | 2.30pm |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Andrea Rowe | Shelly Ware and David Lawrence | Meredith Costain | Simi Gesnuik |
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Lynne and Craig Jones
All day workshop on their new book Folding Socks

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CHILDREN: \$12.50 ADULTS: \$25.00 FAMILY OF 4: \$67.50



CIRQUE DISARRAY

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - 12.30PM

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - 2PM



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LUIGI ZUCCHINI

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - 3.30PM

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - 10.30AM



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PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Under the watchful eye of coach Les, Frank cuts laps around the velodrome.

Leongatha Men's Shed outwalking the Velodrome

THE AW Smith & Sons 'Gift' exercise program for senior men is up and walking.

The Leongatha Men's Shed is a community-based organisation that aims to promote the health and wellbeing of men in the area.

Recently, at the Leongatha Men's Shed, Mr Julien Walker a myotherapist addressed a gathering of twenty-nine men upon the importance of maintaining muscle strength as we age.

Encouragement provided by the address resulted in 80 per cent of the men at the event registering to kickstart the AW Smith & Sons 'GIFT' exercise program for men – combining walking and primal exercises.

The program itself consists of walking 15 laps around the Velodrome adjacent to the new Men's Shed, and also completing 15 laps around the pool table inside the shed, attending to eight primal exercises displayed around the pool table.

Primal exercises are movements that mimic the natural actions of our ancestors, such as squatting, lunging, crawling, and jumping. These exercises help to improve strength, flexibility, balance, and coordination.

The program has been deemed overwhelmingly successful with the first five eligible participation days producing a grand total of 319 laps around the 400 metre Velodrome, which computes to a total of 127.6 kilometres walked by twenty-one men of all ages, most without having any personal fitness program prior to this event. In addition, there has been 115 circuits of the pool table completed.

On a mateship level, wheelchair bound Les Wakefield, a long-term member of the Leongatha Men's Shed has been engaged by new member Frank Rooney to act as coach to ensure that Frank meets his commitment. They can be seen as Frank wheels Les around the Velodrome enjoying good banter whilst cutting laps.

Les Wakefield is well qualified to act as Frank's coach, as in his day, Les was the fastest runner in Australia in a season.

The AW Smith & Sons Gift exercise program is being organised and conducted by the Leongatha Men's Shed until December 13 and is designed to suit men of all ages and fitness levels; providing a fun and social way towards being active and healthy at no cost if you meet your commitment.

If interested to participate, pick up a registration form at either the Leongatha Men's Shed or from AW Smith & Sons Hardware Store in Leongatha. The registration form provides details of the \$400 GIFT prize to be won.

Tree Ferns and Crayfish, a perfect art and science cocktail

SEVENTEEN lucky participants spent the morning of Saturday November 4 rambling through the secluded gullies of the Hoddle Flora Conservation Reserve with ecologist Peter and art tutor Melina.

Participants were on the hunt for the rarer species of burrowing crayfish, which can be found in the clear creeks of the Reserve.

"There are about eight species of burrowing crayfish in South Gippsland and they build little mud chimneys in low lying areas; you may have noticed some in your backyard," Peter said.

He explained there is still a lot of research work to be done on these animals which are hidden underground most of the time, with some species yet to be fully described.

"I am currently collaborating with Federation Uni to set up an eDNA data base so we can identify the crayfish species through the DNA they shed into waterways," Peter said.

"eDNA monitoring is already being used to check for the presence of other shy creatures like platypus."

"Peter showed us how he captures crayfish using Norrocky tubes and it was fun to share the excitement of checking the

tubes for crayfish," participant Anda Banikos of Prom Coast Ecolink said.

The Norrocky approach consists of a one-way trap door placed over the burrow entrance of a crayfish.

Peter's son Fred proved an able assistant and a mine of information on native animals.

After the excitement of the crayfish find, Peter and Fred went further upstream to continue their research and the rest of the group settled under the arching tree ferns to soak up the natural beauty and make notes and sketches in their journals.

"Melina had a lovely store of art materials to choose from and prompt cards for anyone with 'journaling block,'" Anda enthused.

The sound of the creek and birdsong became the soundscape accompanying the journaling.

"All too soon, it was time to wend our way back to civilisation with a store of beautiful memories of this magic place," Anda said.

"Thank you to Lindsay Williams for access over his property and to Parks Vic for their collaboration and support through their Volunteer Innovation Fund."



Peter keeps participants engaged during the Tree Ferns and Crayfish event in the Hoddle Flora Conservation Reserve.



A captured burrowing crayfish experiences a surprise human interaction.

Rumble and roar this weekend at Dalyston



BASS Coast Historical Automobile Club will be hosting their first Show and Shine on November 19. Head along for a spectacular day of cars, bikes and the roar of engines. Gates open to display vehicles at 7am and to the public at 8am. Last admittance 2pm. Judging categories for those with wheels include President's Choice, Best Paint, Best Engine Bay, Best Hot Rod, Best Aussie Original, Best Vintage, Best Muscle Car, Best Bike, Oldest Bike, and Best Presented.



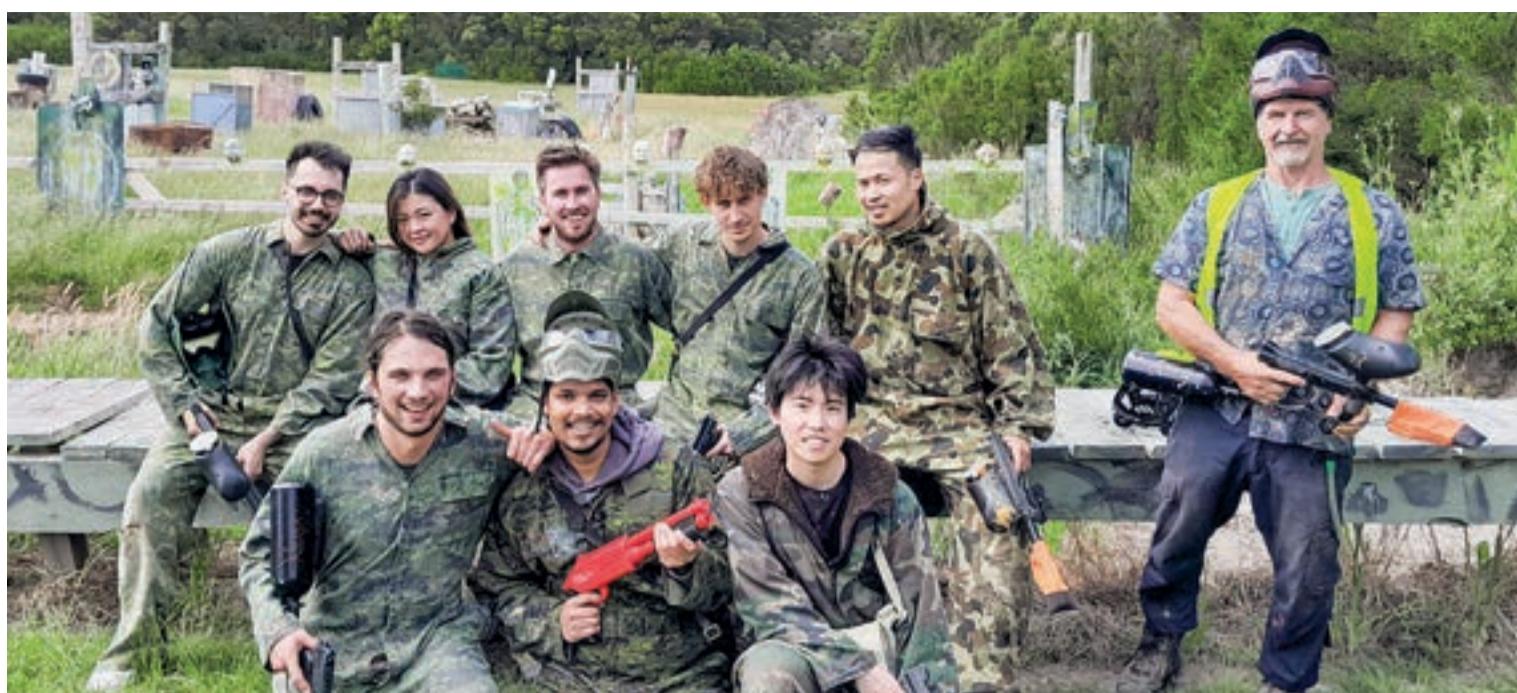
Community turns out to Cuppa with a Cop

THERE may have been few coffees in hand on Friday at Wonthaggi Library but more chairs were continuously brought out for community members as questions were asked of two local police officers Leading Senior Constable Nick Carlson and Senior Constable Megan Krause who openly answered questions from local residents. Among the mix was blinks at the new Bunnings roundabout, defending yourself against a burglar and e-scooters.



Storytime with a twist

LEADING Senior Constable Nick Carlson was on hand last Friday at Wonthaggi Library taking time out from Cuppa with a Cop to read young members of the community two stories including the aptly titled Police Officers in my Community.



Pat Wishart, owner of Bass Coast Paintball still enjoys seeing groups of locals and tourists having a good time competing in Paintball, Splat Master and Axe Throwing.

High adrenaline and fun times at Bass Coast Paintball

PROVIDING 15 years of fun and high adrenaline activity for locals and visitors, Bass Coast Paintball is still going strong.

Paintball, Splat Master and Axe Throwing are the entertaining and exciting activities that people can participate in.

The activities have proven to be popular among families, friends, mixed age groups, hens, bucks and birthday celebrations, and corporate and company events.

Pat Wishart, owner of Bass Coast Paintball, leases 20 acres

of farmland near Wonthaggi on which the business operates.

"For the guys and the girls who're looking for an activity to do in the Bass Coast, probably the main activities are Fishing Charters, Go Carts and Bass Coast Paintball."

Paintball is for adults and groups compete against each other with referees taking teams through different game scenarios in an open field or bush setting.

Splat Master is a great game

for families, kids and groups of mixed ages from eight-years-old onwards with plenty of games and scenarios directed by experienced referees. It's as much fun as paintball, but is low impact, non-bruising.

With Axe Throwing a coach will teach people how to throw an axe into a target. This is followed by axe throwing games using targets located around the bush field.

Pat calls it, "mini golf with axes" and it is the only one of its

kind in Australia.

Pat plans to keep Bass Coast Paintball operating for another few years, and he enjoys seeing family, community and tourist groups coming together to have a fun time together locally.

Attendees are also welcome to bring lunch to cook on the barbecues and enjoy the space.

"I've had positive feedback the whole 15 years. It's been good over the time. It's had its ups and downs, but everyone always has a great time," said Pat.

Up Down Nowhere?

By Daniel Doherty
(St Luke Primary School)
as part of Fishy Stories 2023.

"I DON'T think so" whined a pale-looking John.

"Relax, we're just going to check on our project," you reply looking annoyed.

When you reach for the door handle, the door mysteriously opens up! Josh looks petrified but you don't care, he only has a lung disease called pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis. (New-moh-no-hull-truth-my-kro-skop-ick-sill-ih-koh-vohl-kay-no-koh-nee-oh-sis).

It's a real thing search it up. But you do not say it because John has hippopotomonstrosesquippedaldo-phobia. A fear of long words. Also, a real thing, search it up as well.

Anyway, you go inside, your friends following not far behind. You walk up to your chemical experiment and put in a bit of titin(a protein).

It has 189,819 letters so I'm not going to spell it. The word makes you hear tintinnabulation (ringing sound) in your head.

You tip the protein in your experiment, it bubbles. Its colour is foamy blue, no wait golden sun yet again no it's now settled on fire red. Then it imploded!

Then you are the size of an ant and scared of what will happen to you. You see a giant figure, it's a colony of ants! You run until you think they're gone. You're relieved. But your relief turns to horror when you realise that your friends aren't with you.

You wonder about your friends life or yours? You decide to save them. Then you come across the class pet, Roxy. He flings you into the air but luckily you land on something soft.

The bad news is that you are in a hive. You run, you dodge. Somehow you end up in a bright, sticky place. You grab a piece of honey off the wall and it smells good then you are kicked out by force.

Suddenly, you land on the tree-tops. From the treetops, you see your friends in trouble!

You throw the honey then Roxy runs away. In a flash of light and you are in a blank world. It's terrible there for hours, until you and your friends run home.

You forget that the person checking the experiment would have to go through that too.

All in readiness for Leongatha Rose Spectacular

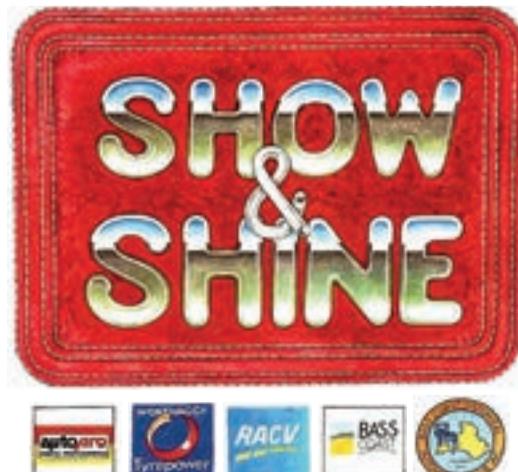


Beatrice Halton of Leongatha with some of her prize roses, is looking forward to this weekend's 50th Leongatha Rose Spectacular at the Dakers Centre. Photos: Wendy McDonald.



Sue Thompson, with her mother Margaret Hyde, who live in Leongatha, are ready for the 50th Leongatha Rose Spectacular on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November at the Dakers Centre.

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Are you going to the Rotary auction?

IT'S on again, the annual fundraising auction organised by the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi, at the Wonthaggi Golf Club on Friday, November 17 at 6.30pm.

As well as a sumptuous three-course meal, a feature of the night will be the auction of a fine array of donated goods from accommodation to Voyage Fitness packages, wine and electrical goods... and more.

And it's all for a good cause, several great causes according to Wonthaggi Rotary President Nicky Chung.

"We are raising funds for local charities in general this year with all of the funds going to Bass Coast organisations and needs," Ms Chung said this week.

Ticket sales had been a bit slow until last week, according to Ms Chung, but good numbers are rolling in now.

They could however do with a bit more support on the night. You can get tickets via Try Booking or directly from the Wonthaggi Club. Cost is \$65 including the 3-course dinner. See you there from 6.30pm. Go to: trybooking.com/CLHHC?qr=true



South Gippsland Singers are looking forwards to entertaining the crowd alongside the Australian Welsh Male Choir on November 26.

Musical extravaganza in Leongatha

THE South Gippsland Singers are so excited to be hosting the Australian Welsh Male Choir for "A Combined Concert of Two Choirs" in the Memorial Hall, Leongatha, on Sunday November 26 at 2.30pm.

This concert will include three brackets of songs from the Australian Welsh Male Choir and two from the South Gippsland Singers. It will be a wonderful experience for all involved, and especially for the audience.

The Australian Welsh Male Choir has about 50 members who share a love of music, the

pleasure of singing together and the camaraderie that comes from being part of a great group of men singing in the spirit of the traditional male choirs of Wales.

They sing in four-part harmony, predominantly in Welsh and English, and recently celebrated their 49th Anniversary. Singing in pubs is an important tradition and they are very much looking forward to their 50th Anniversary Outback Pub Tour in September 2024.

Besides singing in pubs, Melbourne's first Welsh choir is well known for singing at rugby

matches, churches and official events. They have also travelled around the world and recently spread its tradition throughout Asia.

The South Gippsland Singers are based in Leongatha and welcome all who love to sing in four-part harmony. They were originally called The Village Singers back in 1981 but changed their name in 1995 and are in their 42nd year.

Their two brackets in this concert have been chosen by Jen Holm (conductor) and Dorothy Warren (pianist) to showcase

the variety of songs they perform – including, a medley of songs from "Les Misérables", which is very stirring; "Imagine" from John Lennon; the quirky "Sing a Song of Sixpence", with apologies to Handel; and "Java Jive", as recorded by Manhattan Transfer. As you can see, their repertoire is diverse!

Both choirs are looking forward to this chance to entertain you!

Tickets are available at trybooking.com/events/landing/1122601 or at the door. Entry \$30 and children under 15 free.

On the subject of LOVE:

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Best wishes from Mount Best and welcome !

The event is **FREE**, but please make a booking because the number of seats is limited and we need to plan catering.

RSVP: TICKETS@MTBESTHALL.ORG
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The Hall opens at 1:30

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D.C Cross launches fourth album, Wizrad

DAREEN "D.C Cross" is an Australian guitarist and storyteller.

Wizrad is the fourth episode of the D.C Cross story and the sequel to his 2020 D.C Cross - Terabithian album.

It is equally parts ecstatic primitive guitar and madcap ambient.

Cross is fiercely independent, totally devoted, loves telling a story and is always threatening to conquer up something magical with the guitar.

Studying the acoustic guitar as a solo instrument even further, Cross this time brought in influences as far reaching as Doc Watson, Enya, Chuck Wild, Muddy Waters and the Tacoma catalog to make something uniquely Australian.

Wizrad was mastered by Chuck Johnson who really makes the album float into a blissful utopia - Cross did everything else himself.

Composed, recorded, produced, artwork design, what you see is an unfiltered artistic vision.

Wizrad is unbridled, artistic joy.

Cross' music is inspired by the 1960's and 1970's mainstays of American and British acoustic guitar (John Fahey, Roy Harper, Leo Kottke,

Elizabeth Cotton, Nick Drake, Bert Jansch) but he is consciously forging his own musical identity within an Australian landscape.

Creating music for the last 25 years, from Gerling to Jep and Dep, Cross has written songs with Kool Keith and Kylie Minogue.

This year he completed a two month tour of France, Germany and the Netherlands, his fourth tour of Europe.

He played shows with artists ranging from Beastie Boys, Beck, and Happy Monday to Johnny Marr, Courtney Barnett, Ryley Walker, Smog, Will Oldham to recently Ed Kuepper and Jim White, Mess Esque, Marissa Anderson, Lost Ragas and the Apartments.

D.C. Cross will be launching his new album Wizrad at The Archies Creek Hotel on Friday November 24. Tickets available at caravanmusic.com.au/events/darren-d-c-cross.

RIGHT: D. C Cross loves telling a story and is always threatening to conjure up something magical with the guitar and will be launching new album Wizrad at The Archies Creek Hotel.



Ukulele fun at Coal Creek

LEARNING to play ukulele at Coal Creek is your chance to star in a YouTube video, turning the joke on those who mock the instrument, with action taking place on Sunday November 19.

"I wrote a song about learning to play ukulele and it's intended to help people learn quickly and easily in a fun way," Jenny Taylor of Jonpelian Music said.

She will guide the Coal Creek session and plans to use the video of people learning the song to help others grasp the basics of playing ukulele.

"I need people to come along to the workshop, learn ukulele and be filmed having fun together," Jenny enthused.

It's free but you need to book via trybooking.com/CNFGM and sign a film waiver.

Bookings are open until 7pm Friday, November 17.

The session runs from 3pm on November 19 at the Pig and Whistle at Coal Creek and participants need their own ukulele and tuner.



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| | FRI 24 NOV | DARREN 'DC' CROSS |
| | SAT 25 NOV | NIGEL WEARNE |
| | SUN 26 NOV | SALLY FORD & THE IDIOMATICS |
| <i>Dec</i> | FRI 1 DEC | GARETH LIDDIARD |
| | SAT 2 DEC | PAINTERS AND DOCKERS |
| | SUN 3 DEC | ROSS WILSON & THE PEACENIKS |
| | FRI 8 DEC | M WARD + FOLK BITCH TRIO |
| | SAT 9 DEC | COURTNEY MARIE ANDREWS + ROBERT ELLIS |
| | SUN 10 DEC | CAR WHEELS ON A GRAVEL ROAD - 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION |
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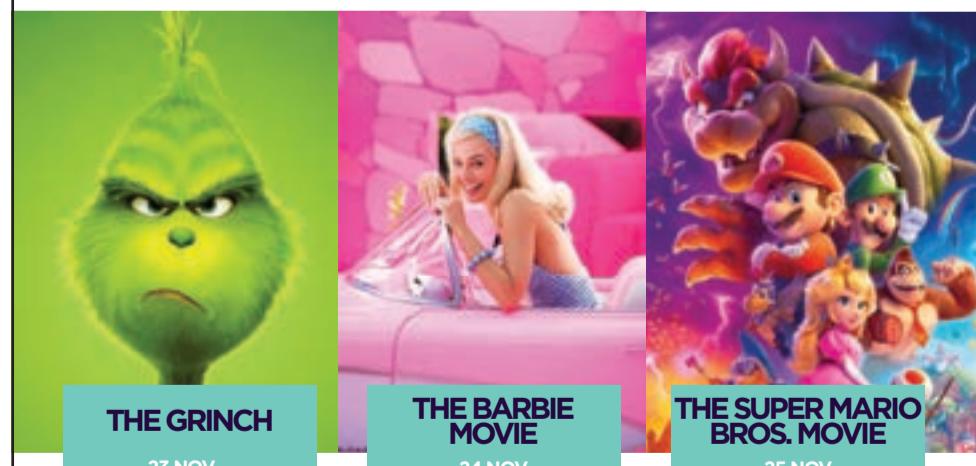
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Liane Rankin and Carole Santin relax in the new Korumburra Library on the opening day of its Community Hub home, being impressed with the building and the Korumburra views it provides. A08_4623



Retired South Gippsland Shire Council Community Strengthening Officer Barbara Look and Milpara Community House craft volunteer Barbara Hosking are pleased to be present for the opening of the Korumburra Community Hub. A09_4623



South Gippsland Shire Council's Executive Support Officer to the CEO Meaghan Low and Coordinator of Communications and Engagement Christine Legg are delighted with the opening of the Korumburra Community Hub. A10_4623



Gerald Brocklesby and Linda Fisher of the Korumburra & District Historical Society are right at home in the organisation's new Community Hub surrounds. A11_4623



Myli CEO Leanne Williams and Facilities Manager Jenny Dunn, and Coal Creek Team Leader Kim O'Connell enjoy the opening of the Korumburra Community Hub. A12_4623



South Gippsland Shire Council's Building Coordinator Peter Cook, who was project manager for the Korumburra Community Hub, with President of the Korumburra & District Historical Society Bob Newton at the Hub's opening. A13_4623



Korumburra Secondary College Year 7 students Ainsley Logan and Annie Cook are pleased with the Korumburra Community Hub. A16_4623



Chaplain Norm De Silva, RAAF Base, East Sale addressed the people at the Hallston Remembrance Day service, in attendance with commander and professor John O'Grady. Z01_4623

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the opening of the Korumburra Community Hub, Remembrance Day service at Hallston Hall and South East Sheep Dog Trials at the Korumburra Showgrounds.



President of the Hallston Mechanics Institute Committee Trudi Dale with South Gippsland Shire Councillor John Schelling at the Hallston Hall Remembrance Day service. Z02_4623

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Barb and Kevin with rescue border collie Max at the Sheep Dog Trials in Korumburra. Z04_4623



Wally Dalton with 18-month-old MGH Suzie at the Sheep Dog Trials in Korumburra. Z05_4623



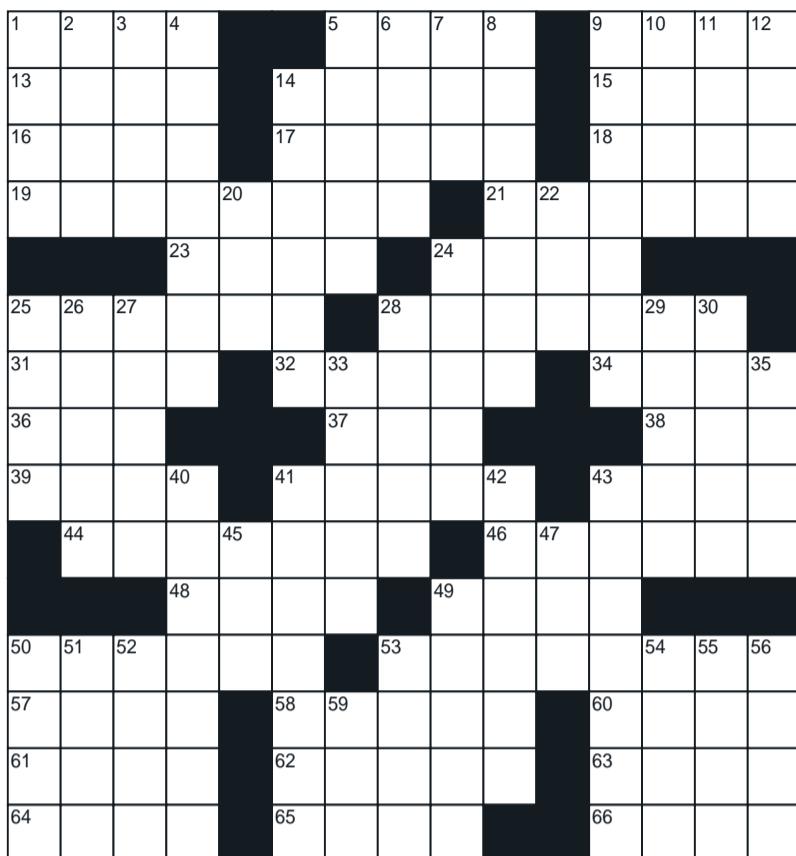
Camille Shaw with Otterburn Patsie - her second run in the dog trials at the Korumburra Showgrounds. Z06_4623



Fiona Burbridge with Calani Pearl in round 3 of the South East Sheep Dog trials at Korumburra. Z07_4623



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Hurt one's toe
5 Asian dress
9 Swine
13 Royalty
14 Play a guitar
15 Healing plant
16 Ditto
17 Get ready
18 Lanky
19 Timed
21 Enwrap
23 Nip
24 Traced
25 Tear out a tree
28 The UK
31 Close the door hard
32 Enter
34 Not mine
36 Pop
37 Elver
38 Sample
39 Land mass
41 Squashed circles
43 Space administration
44 Wednesday
46 Got up

48 "Mister" (German)

49 Unruly child
50 Metal fasteners
53 Curriculums
57 Scent
58 Educate
60 Spoken
61 Pamper
62 Looking at
63 Ca. University
64 Luge
65 Say its not true
66 Liner

1 Clothing stitch
2 Myth
3 Minor (Little Dipper)
4 Bloom
5 Throat infection
6 Dry
7 Strong drink
8 Menace
9 Midway
10 Tub spread
11 Destination
12 Mail
14 Fairy

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20 Spanish "one"
22 Yield
24 Humorous
25 U.S. Department of Agriculture
26 Plasma
27 Radiuses
28 Hiatus
29 Tiny amounts
30 Hospital worker
33 At no time
35 Baseball's Nolan
40 Stuck
41 Electromagnetism discoverer
42 Skirt
43 oxide (anesthetic)
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53 Hurt
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MAGIC SQUARES

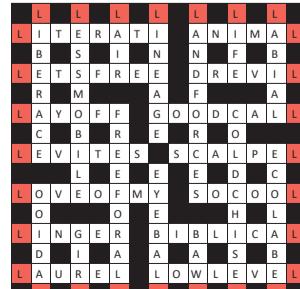
Instructions:

- You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 16 in the puzzle.
- You can only use the numbers once.
- The sum of the numbers in the rows, columns and the diagonal must be the same as the numbers that are printed around the puzzle

Sourced from: www.edu-games.org

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Crossword:



Sudoku #1:

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SUDOKU

Level: MEDIUM

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Instructions:

Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

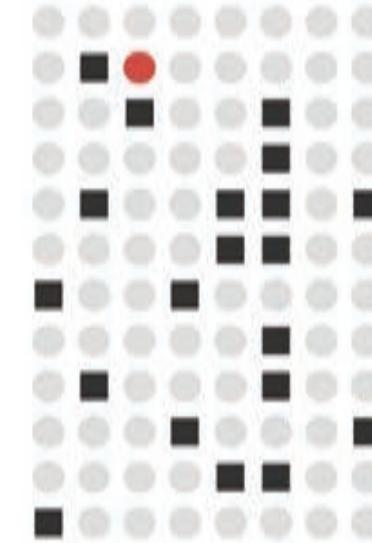
QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT INDIA?

- [\$100] Which sport is considered the most popular in India? A. Cricket. B. Soccer. C. Hockey. D. Badminton.
- [\$200] What is the capital city of India? A. New Delhi. B. Mumbai. C. Kolkata. D. Chennai.
- [\$300] Who is known as the 'Father of the Nation' in India? A. Jawaharlal Nehru. B. Mahatma Gandhi. C. Mohammad Ali Jinnah. D. Narendra Modi.
- [\$500] What is India's national animal? A. Elephant. B. Lion. C. Tiger. D. Leopard.
- [\$1000] Which Indian city is home to the train station formerly known as Victoria Terminus railway station? A. Mumbai. B. Delhi. C. Kolkata. D. Chennai.
- [\$2000] With how many countries does India share a land border? A. 3. B. 5. C. 7. D. 9.
- [\$4000] Which Indian state is famous for its tea plantations? A. Punjab. B. Assam. C. Uttar Pradesh. D. Maharashtra.
- [\$8000] Which Indian city is known as the 'Pink City'? A. Jaipur. B. Udaipur. C. Jodhpur. D. Bikaner.
- [\$16,000] In which Indian city is the One Day International World Cup Final being held on Sunday, November 19? A. Ahmedabad. B. Mumbai. C. Kolkata. D. Delhi.
- [\$32,000] Which religious festival celebrates the victory of light over darkness? A. Diwali. B. Holi. C. Eid. D. Navratri.
- [\$64,000] Which of these books is the Indian equivalent of the bible? A. Rig Veda. B. The Upanishads. C. Bhagavad Gita. D. The Mahabharata.
- [\$125,000] Which city is famous for its IT industry and is called the 'Silicon Valley of India'? A. Hyderabad. B. Mumbai. C. Bengaluru. D. Chennai.
- [\$250,000] Which Indian state is known for its dance form called 'Kathakali'? A. Odisha. B. Kerala. C. West Bengal. D. Gujarat.
- [\$500,000] What is the tallest mountain in India? A. Mount Nanda Devi. B. Mount Kangchenjunga. C. Mount Kamet. D. Saltoro Kangri/K10.
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Quiz Answers: 1. A. Cricket. 2. A. New Delhi. 3. C. 7. D. 9. B. Mount Kangchenjunga (8586m), third highest in the world. 4. A. Mahabharata and Arjuna's battle. 5. A. Tigris. 6. A. Ahmedabad. 7. B. Bengaluru (formerly Bangalore). 8. A. Jaffna. 9. C. Myanmarese and Arjuna's battle. 10. A. Diwali. 11. C. Bhagavad Gita. 12. C. Ahmedabad. 13. B. Bengaluru (formerly Bangalore). 14. B. Mount Kangchenjunga (8586m), third highest in the world. 15. A. C.V. Raman.

DOT CONNECT



Level: HARD

Instructions: Start from the initial dot, then connect all dots on the board. Connections are made vertically or horizontally without overlap.

Source: <https://api.razzlepuzzles.com/>



Perioperative Services Nurse Unit Manager Stephanie Dunn in one of the modern theatres in the new Wonthaggi Hospital.

BCH celebrates its nursing leaders

BASS Coast Health offers nurses many career pathways across a wide variety of services.

As the sub-regional health service for Bass Coast and South Gippsland, Bass Coast Health (BCH) operates the new Wonthaggi Hospital, Phillip Island Health Hub and a San Remo site.

The size of the health service and the large geographic area it services gives nurses many exciting opportunities to learn and grow, as shown by the pathways followed by Nurse Unit Managers (NUMs) Stephanie Dunn, Rebecca Gysberts, Cat Bunn and Kerry Evans.

Stephanie has recently fulfilled the role as Perioperative Services NUM.

She organises the theatre schedule at Wonthaggi Hospital and oversees four departments of approximately 60 staff – Perioperative Department, Central Sterile Supply Department, Pre-Admission Clinic and Elective Surgery Access Unit.

Rebecca is the Nurse Unit Manager District Nursing and Palliative Care, a service that cares for patient in their homes.

Her graduation year entailed two rotations –

district nursing and Kirrak House from February 2017 to February 2018.

In 2018, she took part in the Transitional Care program, working in district nursing and Armitage House, the sub-acute service, before gaining ongoing work with the district nursing program.

Catherine is the Nurse Unit Manager of the Emergency Department, leading and supporting the incredible emergency team through the good and challenging times.

She worked at BCH while a student nurse before completing her graduate year in 2014, working in the emergency department, theatre and medical ward.

Kerry is the Nurse Unit Manager of Kirrak House, who began at BCH in 2011 as a Graduate Registered Nurse from Melbourne after starting as an Endorsed Enrolled Nurse.

She has also served as Acting Operations Director, overseeing the residential care centres of Kirrak and Griffiths Point Lodge at San Remo.

She has worked a variety of nursing roles in the hospital and in the community, gaining the skills to serve as Acting Relief

Nurse Unit Manager in many departments.

Kerry believes BCH feels like an extended family and that's why she stayed after only expecting to be with the service for 12 months.

BCH is extremely proud of the passionate nursing leaders it has and is especially proud that these four nursing leaders, all expert in their areas, have been able to stay in their local community and grow their nursing careers.

According to BCH CEO Jan Child, there is something enormously wonderful about being able to support locals to progress their careers at BCH.

"The NUMs above are terrific local community members, and they are also terrific role models and leaders," she said.

"It has taken an enormous amount of work for each of these leaders to develop the skills and expertise to take on these very important roles.

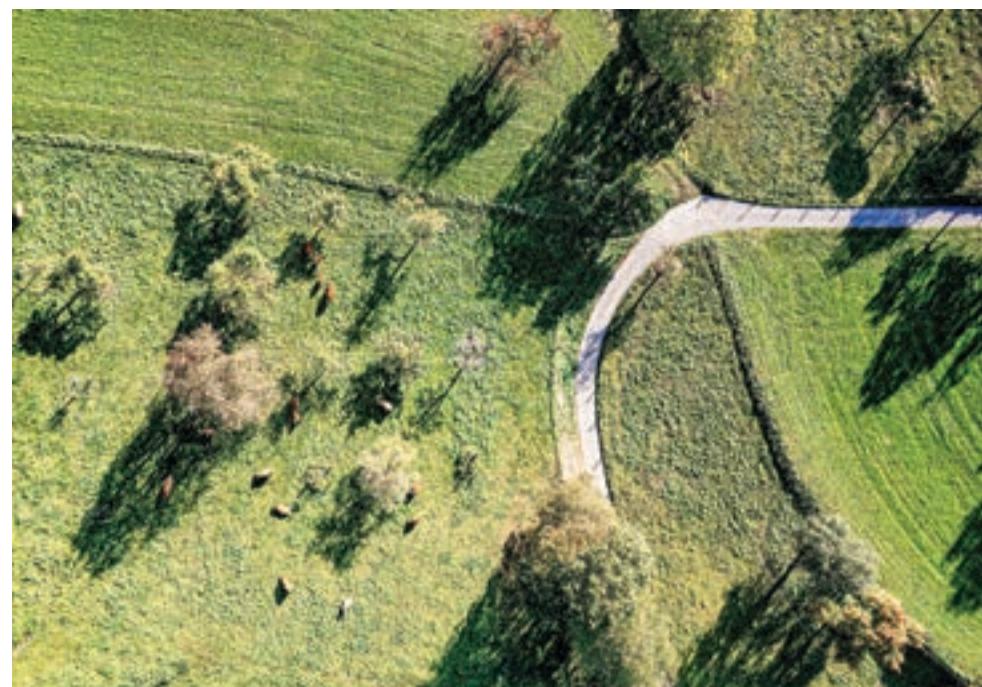
"We are so proud to have such high calibre nursing leaders running our services, and we have an ongoing commitment to grow our own clinicians and leaders so that we can continue to provide the excellent care that these nurses do."



Kerry Evans cares for the elderly as the Nurse Unit Manager of Kirrak House residential care centre at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Nurse Unit Manager of the Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital Cat Bunn is reassuring the community in their time of need.

Nurse Unit Manager of District Nursing and Palliative Care Rebecca Gysberts helps team members on the road.



Demand for farming land dropped over the winter and property prices have eased a little since the COVID boom.

Demand for farming land eases

THE DEMAND for farming properties fell over winter with a decrease seen in land prices and properties staying on the market for longer.

The combination of interest rate rises, tightening of the economy, difficulty obtaining bank loans and the reduction in beef and sheep commodity prices are factors that Don Olden from Elders Korumburra, believes are impacting the market.

"We found the market very quiet for a couple of months over winter, which I think was the quietest I've seen for about 15 years."

As seller and buyer price expectations slightly diverge, properties are staying on the market for longer, hence there is more choice on offer now than there has been over the last couple of years.

"People are starting on prices that are at the top of the market, so they've had to come back in their price a bit to get things sold," Don explained.

The slight easing of prices comes in line with the post pandemic situation and a decrease in market demand.

"It's not back to where it was during the COVID times and we don't expect it to get back to that. Properties are taking

a bit longer to sell, but generally if they're priced realistically, we're able to get results," Don said.

The reduction in beef and sheep commodity has had a flow-on effect, so farmers are wary about expanding their grazing parcels and spending at the moment.

"Beef farmers income has been cut by half. They're less likely to go out and purchase more land, with prices as they currently stand," explained Don.

However, the market has picked up since winter with the agents having had a good number of sales in both farming properties and lifestyle properties over the past two months.

With another rise in interest rates of .025 per cent by the RBA last week, Don believes they may see a slight tightening in the market, but nothing overtly significant.

"If there are no more interest rate rises after this one, I think everything will just continue on about where it is at the moment for probably the next six or 12 months," Don said.

Commercial properties are still selling very well and quite quickly according to Don, a good sign for local businesses and local economies.

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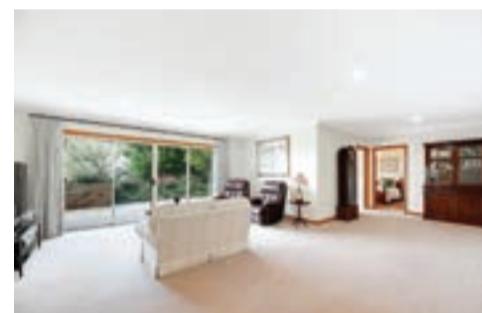
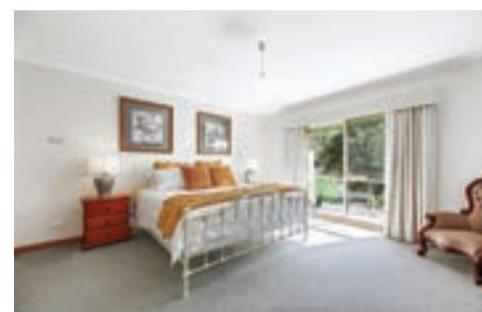
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- A massive central bathroom.
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For further information, please contact Matt Redmond on 0418 357 341 or Barry Redmond on 0477 622 292.

4 | 2 | 8 2.47 acres

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For Sale \$1,495,000

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Gorgeous home on Floraston Drive!

- Gorgeous family home full of charm & character.
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Expressions of Interest

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Inside has also had a full make over and is a pleasure to inspect. The features of yester-year really come to the forefront with ornate cornicing and ceiling roses, picture rails and federation style architecture.

The spacious lounge room has a solid fuel heater and adjoins the formal dining room with reverse cycle air conditioning and new carpet.

Double doors open on to the hero of the property with a magnificent kitchen featuring a beautiful marble island bench with loads of cupboard space, double butlers sink and a built-in pantry.

The master bedroom has a bank of built-in robes and a double sash window. The bathroom also has been completely renovated with a freestanding bath and separate shower. The renovated laundry includes a second toilet/powder room.

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**For Sale****27 Tilly Court, Leongatha****BEAUTIFULLY BUILT HOME**

- Low maintenance 542m² block
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- Fantastic 8m x 8m garage

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\$725,000

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For Sale**35 Carr Avenue, Leongatha****SPACE, STYLE & COMFORT**

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- Whopping 8m x 15m shed
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- Open plan layout & fantastic outdoor area

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**For Sale****28 Young Street, Leongatha****A TRUE DELIGHT IN THE HEART OF TOWN**

- Short stroll to eateries & shops
- Spacious living area & renovated bathroom
- Pleasant outlook from all windows
- Gorgeous established gardens

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$510,000

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**For Sale****57 Chamberlain Drive, Leongatha****TICKS EVERY BOX**

- 1209m² block with landscaped gardens
- Locally built home with elevated outlook
- Two generous living areas
- Dbl garage, lock up shed with caravan storage

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\$875,000

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**For Sale****8 Norview Drive, Leongatha****ONE FOR THE FAMILY**

- Cleverly designed home on 955m² parcel
- Large private backyard with covered alfresco
- Two large living areas & central kitchen
- Zoned ducted reverse cycle

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\$775,000

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**For Sale****628 Korumburra Wonthaggi Rd, Jumbunna****TINY IN STATURE BUT HUGE IN LIFESTYLE**

- 3.33 acre picturesque parcel of land
- Water, power & planning permit available
- "Tiny House" ideal guest accommodation
- Dual bitumen road frontage, shedding & dam

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\$695,000

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**Michael Hanily****For Sale****6/91 McCartin Street, Leongatha****PRIVATE UNIT AWAITS**

- Charming brick unit in sought after location
- Bedrooms with BIR's & dual access bathroom
- Fully fenced & sizeable yard
- Rear unit with no back neighbours

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\$395,000

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**For Sale****4 Gray Street, Leongatha****PERFECTLY LOCATED**

- Low maintenance block close to shops
- Charming home with natural light & character
- 3 car garage & lovely undercover deck
- Side access to yard via Conway Street

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\$535,000

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**For Sale****18 Higg Street, Leongatha****ROOM TO GROW**

- Spacious 3800m² block with swimming pool
- Two large living areas & updated kitchen
- Central bathroom plus ensuites to two BRs
- Dbl carport & covered outdoor alfresco

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**Dave Trotman****For Sale****15 Hankinson Court, Mirboo****"TRANQUIL ACRES"**

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- 2km of river frontage, loading race/stock yards
- Hay shed plus machinery shed

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**For Sale****30a Bent Street, Leongatha****HIDDEN TREASURE**

- Rare 4185m², easy walk to shops
- Open plan north facing living/dining/kitchen
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- 10m x 20m brick shed with attached bungalow

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**For Sale****24 Royal Place, Leongatha****TITLED BLOCK**

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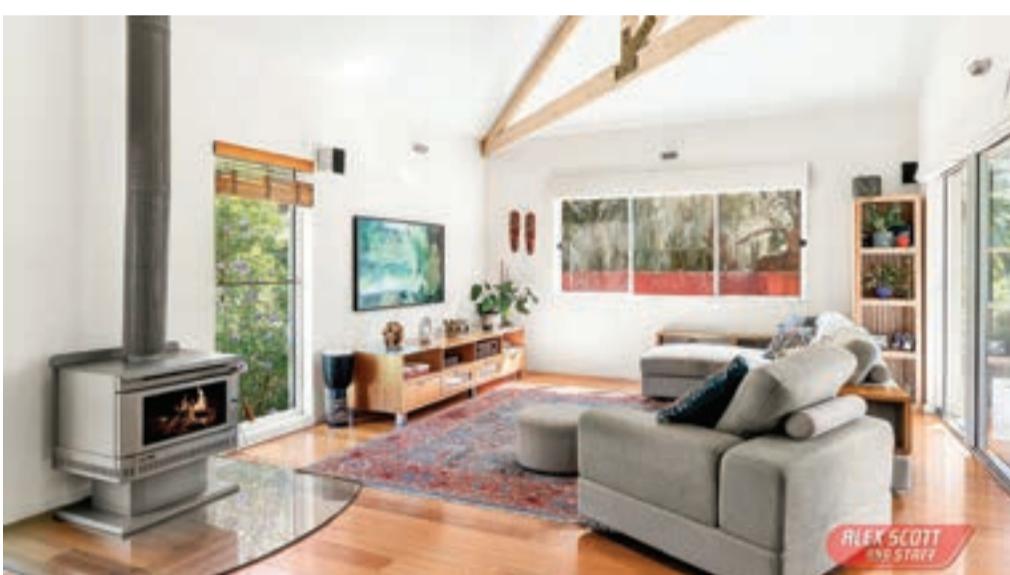
The property features a large single level home, with big spaces and outdoor areas that seamlessly connect to create resort style living. A big undercover outdoor dining area leads into an open plan kitchen and a spacious living area with polished timber hardwood floors.

The master bedroom is more like a suite, it has a walk-through robe, large ensuite and looks out to a secret garden. A second master bedroom connects to the second bathroom and the third bedroom is big enough for a king size bed. The home has secure entry from a two and half car garage. As you would expect, the property has a beautiful swimming pool with a Bali style gazebo and a walled fire pit to enjoy those family get togethers under the stars.

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20a Settlement Rd, **Silverleaves**
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Cowes Office 5952 2633

Family sized on flat block

PRESENTING 'as new', this beautiful family sized home has been meticulously maintained inside and out. Offering generous living spaces on a near level 869m² block, there's nothing to do here but move in and enjoy!

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The central kitchen/dining/living opens out to the undercover outdoor entertaining area, the perfect place to fire up the BBQ and relax with family and friends.

Master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in robe is at the front of the house, with the remaining three bedrooms, bathroom and laundry at the rear.

The home has seen several upgrades in the last few years, including new carpet throughout, new ceiling fans, gas log fire installed and feature glass doors to allow you to close off the rear sitting room from the main living area.

A great sized secure back yard gives plenty of room for kids to play, or just enjoy the meticulous garden, which boast beautiful shrubbery and flowers, as well as stunning beds of camellias. You can also get a car through to the back yard via a roller door on the rear of the garage and there is plenty of room to install a shed (STCA).

Better than new, this beautifully established property has all the extras that make it a home.

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4 | 2 | 2 869m²

14 Arcadia Crescent, **Leongatha**
For Sale \$825,000
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7 Silverback Place

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom (2 car)
- Very private home with loads of natural light
- Level site with easy access, secure rear yard

\$690,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



18/31 Jumbunna Road

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Double garage
- Low maintenance

\$468,000

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184 The Esplanade

- Large corner allotment across from ocean
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30 Lolands Road

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\$2,500,000

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LEONGATHA



10 Sloan Avenue

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Secure rear yard and lock up shed
- Well maintained and loved home

\$410,000

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KORUMBURRA



18 William Street

- Cottage charm
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Views

\$615,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

SILVERLEAVES



20a Settlement Road

- Set on large 4737m² (approx.) allotment
- Open living leading to outdoor dining area
- In-ground swimming pool

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Contact: Cowes Office

WOOLAMAI



195 Mill Road

- 10 acres, 4 bedroom renovated home
- Manicured gardens
- Great boat or van shed

\$1,850,000

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28 Horn Street

- Iconic Leongatha Residence
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 3 living area
- Stunning residence on 3445m² allotment

\$1,550,000 - \$1,650,000

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KORUMBURRA



5/31 Jumbunna Road

- 2 bedroom brick
- New carpet
- Single lock-up garage

\$389,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

COWES



17 Ventnor Road

- Open plan home with wraparound verandah
- Walking distance to main street
- 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom

\$795,000

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KILCUNDA



2 Bowsprit Way

- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, close to beach
- Parking for van or boat
- Beautifully presented home

\$1,150,000

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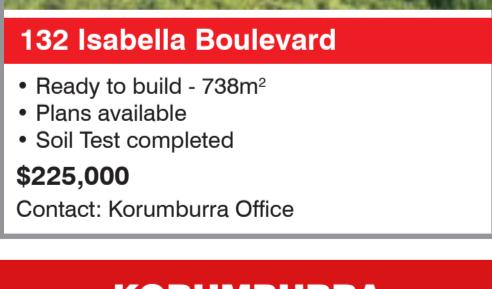
14 Arcadia Crescent

- 4 bedroom 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Beautiful home on flat block
- Double garage, large yard

\$825,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



- Ready to build - 738m²
- Plans available
- Soil Test completed

\$225,000

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COWES



28 Lansell Road

- Fully fenced with established gardens
- Carport & 4 bay garage
- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom

\$690,000

Contact: Cowes Office

CAPE PATERSON



41 Tarooh Street

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, 2 storey home
- Large 1100m² block
- Close to beaches

Expressions of Interest

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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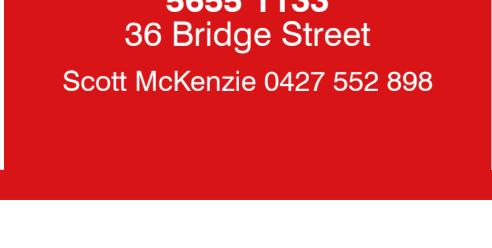
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Prices lift for the better end

Report by SGSA

AGENTS yarded a little over 3000 head at Fridays VLE Leongatha store sale in an improved quality yarding.

There were a few more pens of heavier and medium weighted steers and some very good annual drafts of weaners.

Feedlot competition was limited with graziers stepping up and prepared to pay more for the top end of the steers with a few pens finally making up to the \$3 per kg mark.

Prices lifted 20 cents on a few selected lines of grown and weaner angus steers with most of the other better types being firm to 10 cents dearer.

Heifers prices improved with more heifers making around the \$1.90 to \$2.30 per kg mark for blacks, while the Xbred and dairy types sold generally firm to a little dearer.

MARKET REPORT

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CLAAS Harvest Centre 

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, Nov. 10, 2023

Grown Steers

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| PR Jackson 20 Angus | 592kg | \$2.38 | \$1410 |
| DI Jelbart 18 Angus | 547kg | \$2.44 | \$1340 |
| J Missen 17 Angus | 532kg | \$2.63 | \$1400 |
| Melaleuca Past 18 Angus | 498kg | \$2.61 | \$1300 |
| R & S Holt 15 Ang/Red Angus | 493kg | \$2.57 | \$1270 |
| EJ Cox 10 Angus | 491kg | \$2.70 | \$1330 |
| J Missen 24 Angus | 480kg | \$2.70 | \$1300 |
| A & A Missen 14 Angus | 468kg | \$2.64 | \$1240 |
| Blackwood Grazing 25 Angus | 467kg | \$2.97 | \$1390 |
| Leebrooke Livestock 16 Angus | 426kg | \$2.76 | \$1180 |
| Chester Shorthorns 12 S/Horns | 439kg | \$2.32 | \$1020 |

Weaner Steers

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|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| The Ridge Past 23 Angus | 436kg | \$2.72 | \$1190 |
| The Ridge Past 20 BB | 430kg | \$2.67 | \$1150 |
| Ross Lawson 16 Angus/BB | 425kg | \$2.70 | \$1180 |
| Jasmel 12 BB | 420kg | \$2.23 | \$940 |
| PI Operations 20 Angus | 408kg | \$2.57 | \$1050 |
| Joroka P/L 21 Angus | 403kg | \$2.55 | \$1030 |
| Jasmel 20 Angus | 397kg | \$2.64 | \$1080 |
| A Stollery 17 Angus | 395kg | \$2.50 | \$990 |
| Joroka P/L 13 Red Angus | 391kg | \$2.32 | \$910 |
| R Castello F/T 21 Angus | 389kg | \$2.54 | \$990 |
| Jasmel 22 Angus | 375kg | \$2.64 | \$990 |
| Joroka P/L 16 Angus | 374kg | \$2.45 | \$920 |
| Hartay 22 Angus | 372kg | \$2.44 | \$910 |
| D & H Campbell 20 Angus | 369kg | \$2.76 | \$1020 |
| Von Pace Past 14 Angus | 369kg | \$2.65 | \$980 |
| The Ridge Past 29 BB | 369kg | \$2.30 | \$850 |
| F&C Cameron 36 Angus | 366kg | \$2.86 | \$1050 |
| J Flint 17 Angus/BB | 366kg | \$2.32 | \$850 |
| Hartay 21 Angus | 363kg | \$2.36 | \$860 |
| C Lord P/L 15 Angus | 359kg | \$3.06 | \$1100 |
| P & M Chisholm 17 Angus | 359kg | \$2.98 | \$1070 |
| Groves Est 14 Angus | 359kg | \$2.39 | \$860 |
| Tulla Holdings 15 Angus | 350kg | \$1.71 | \$600 |
| Von Pace Past 18 Angus | 345kg | \$2.60 | \$900 |
| J Gathercole 12 Angus | 340kg | \$2.32 | \$790 |
| The Ridge Past 23 BB | 330kg | \$2.39 | \$790 |
| N Haustorfer 16 Angus | 329kg | \$2.76 | \$910 |
| Hartay 16 Angus | 323kg | \$2.35 | \$760 |
| Tulla Holdings 15 Angus | 272kg | \$1.80 | \$490 |

Heifers

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|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| C & S Corrigan 12 Angus BB | 476kg | \$2.14 | \$1020 |
| B Hinson 17 Angus | 435kg | \$2.07 | \$900 |
| Md Lee 5 Angus | 427kg | \$2.13 | \$910 |
| Lawson McCulloch 10 Ang BB | 372kg | \$2.10 | \$780 |
| T Georgiou 12 Angus | 366kg | \$1.77 | \$650 |
| J Flint 13 Angus BB | 362kg | \$2.13 | \$770 |
| The Ridge Past 22 Angus | 349kg | \$2.20 | \$770 |
| Groves Est 16 Angus | 338kg | \$2.07 | \$700 |
| The Ridge Past 31 Angus | 335kg | \$2.47 | \$830 |
| F&C Cameron 18 Angus | 333kg | \$2.34 | \$780 |
| J Flint 12 Angus Bb | 315kg | \$1.92 | \$600 |
| C Sheehan 14 Charo | 305kg | \$2.17 | \$660 |
| The Ridge Past 18 Angus | 302kg | \$2.12 | \$640 |
| C Sheehan 13 Charo | 295kg | \$2.34 | \$690 |
| M & K Higgins 15 Angus | 265kg | \$2.11 | \$560 |
| Kinloch 20 Angus | 260kg | \$1.92 | \$500 |

X/ Bred & Friesian Steers

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| I Hooker 10 Hfd/Friesian X | 573kg | \$2.11 | \$1210 |
| Tl Bunn 14 Ang Friesian X | 520kg | \$2.11 | \$1100 |
| M & M Riley 7 Ang Friesian X | 502kg | \$2.05 | \$1030 |
| J Gay 10 Friesian | 433kg | \$1.57 | \$680 |
| J & K Hastsma 10 Friesian | 407kg | \$1.37 | \$560 |
| B Hall 15 Friesian | 372kg | \$1.04 | \$390 |

Cows & Calves

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Making a killing



SOMEONE is making a killing out of meat and it isn't the farmers of South Gippsland.

At last Wednesday's prime sale and Friday's store sale at VLE Leongatha, the buyers for the processors and feedlots were having an absolute field day.

The farmers? Not so much... unless you were looking for some young cattle to turn out onto the lush green paddocks that stretch all the way from Lang Lang to Woodsdale.

Veteran Stacey's Bridge stockman David Phelan of Phelan and Henderson said his neighbours are pleased with the season to date, just a pity about the prices.

"Since they declared El Niño, we've had six inches. I hope they can declare it again," he said.

"But another half inch would be nice."

Walkerville cattle buyer and producer Ross Svenson is also happy with the season but not the wide difference between what the farmers are being paid for their stock and what the supermarkets are charging.

"They talk about there being a lag between buying the cattle and getting the meat on to the shelves but that's a maximum of 10 days. We're well beyond that."

Mr Svenson acknowledges that beef producers have had a very good run in recent years, and has heard claims that the processors and feedlots are catching up on lost time and money, but he's not so sure that's true.

"They say they lost money or didn't make much when beef and lamb prices were good,

but they'd still have been making their margin right through. They'd have to."

However, while some of the benefit of lower saleyards' prices might be passed on to the consumer, Terry Ginnane of Nutrien Ag Leongatha said the farmers were producing a great product and deserved to be properly paid for it.

"The consumer already recognises the value of good protein and they've been prepared to pay for it. You hear the politicians and others saying the benefit of low prices at the saleyards should all be passed on to the consumers, but what about the people producing it?

"If the price of meat on the shelves drops way down, there'll be no money in it for anyone."

Mr Ginnane said it would

still take time for the store cattle bought prior to the correction to wash through the system, but after that, there would be a slim profit margin in it on store cattle bought

now and the price paid for fattened bullocks, presently at a similar price per kg.

But a day of reckoning might be coming for meat processors and supermarkets who have been linked with price gouging by Professor Allan Fels, the former Chair of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), who is presently heading up an Australian Council of Trade Unions' inquiry into price gouging and unfair business practices, with special emphasis on meat.

"Of course, we'll have to look at supermarkets and

their markups, but I suppose of special relevance to farmers, for example, is what happens in the middle, whether its retailers or processors or others in the chain," Professor Fels told the ABC Country Hour recently.

Professor Fels said he had been concerned for quite some time about the relative price paid to farmers at the saleyards, for beef and lamb, and the price of meat at the supermarket and believes the government, and the considerable power of the ACCC, might need to be brought to bear.

"Yes, because the prices paid to farmers have dropped very, very heavily, they're really feeling it, but if you look at the supermarkets, prices haven't fallen by anything like that, indeed they weren't falling at all until just recently."

Mr Fels said his inquiry, which had already attracted almost 1000 submissions, would result in a report to the ACTU and ultimately to government.

But Terry Ginnane hopes it won't all be about trying to deliver price cuts for the consumer, calling for fair returns for the ones producing the quality food protein, the farmers.

The price paid for store cattle at Koonwarra on Friday was typically \$2.40, with the very best of them up to \$3 per kg.

Local prime beef producers aren't, however, selling the best of their bullocks at the market at the moment, instead opting for the security of contract arrangements into branded beef and other programs.

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SUCCESS THROUGH SERVICE



Curious new mum Harriett the Hereford contemplates a move into journalism as she inspects a camera bag. A30_4623

What kind of farmer is mayor Hersey?

A LETTER published in the November 7 edition of this paper questioned what sort of a farmer South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Nathan Hersey is, apparently prompted by concerns about potential negative impacts of proposed local laws on those in the shire's agricultural sector, encouraging the Sentinel-Times to visit the councillor's Korumburra farm.

Nathan and his wife Lucy, who live in Loch Village, run Sky Pastures Farm, a 50-acre property showcasing South Gippsland's green rolling hills.

The couple are beef farmers, and stud breeders of Scottish Highland Cattle.

"It's only a small holding by Gippsland standards but it makes us a profit and it is a business, not just something we do for a hobby," Nathan said.

There are six paddocks, allow-

ing areas to be set aside for silage, which has recently been cut.

Internal fencing and troughs have been added to the property since the Herseys bought it, with the land previously used just for hay and silage production.

The couple formerly owned a Woorarra West farm, near Foster North, but wanted something closer to home.

Nathan said the steep and hilly nature of the Woorarra West property provided an incentive to get into farming Highland Cattle.

"We bought the land and were looking at what sort of animals we could have on it; goats were too hard for fencing and Highland Cattle are like the goats of the cattle world in the sense they're good on the hills and good at eating roughage and trees," he said.

The couple quickly outgrew the Woorarra West property and leased an extra 100 acres of land

nearby before deciding on the shift closer to home.

At their Korumburra property, in addition to Highland Cattle, the Herseys have Herefords, Belted Galloways and Speckle Park Cattle.

Nathan highlighted the fact the farm is relatively weed free and is well maintained.

"We come every day to check the animals but there are different times of the year that we've got to do spraying, and I clean out the dams and the drains regularly and check the troughs are all working," he said.

"We're calving at the moment, so we come more frequently."

A paddock visited by the Sentinel-Times is currently set aside for mothers and calves and for expectant cattle, with another a quarantine paddock for recently acquired cattle.

Nathan said he was previously

on the Highland Cattle Society board for a couple of years and is still a member of the organisation.

"Gippsland has just more than 10 percent of the total registered herd in the country," he said, adding that while Highland Cattle are a beef animal, they prove popular with small holdings, hobby farmers, wedding venues and as pets.

As for the widely reported concerns about South Gippsland Shire Council's draft version of its General Local Law 2024 document, farmer and mayor Nathan doesn't shy away from the fact some proposed laws could have been better worded and will be altered.

Community feedback on the draft document closed on Thursday November 9, but further consultation may be held in relation to changes made.

Global fertiliser markets looking calmer in 2024, despite conflict uncertainty

AFTER extreme market volatility and record-high prices in recent years, global fertiliser prices are expected to settle in 2024, despite uncertainty posed by the Israel-Hamas conflict.

RaboResearch titled 'What is next?' said overall, farmers may feel some negative impact due to potentially rising costs of energy and fertilisers, as well as slightly lower import demand and prices for grains and oilseeds due to the Israel-Hamas conflict.

However, if the conflicts spreads to the broader Middle East/North African (MENA) region, impacts on fertiliser supply – as well as grain, meat, and dairy demand – could be notable.

Vitor Pistoia, co-author of the report and RaboResearch farm inputs analyst said: "this year has been much calmer year for the fertiliser market and 2023 can be seen as a transition year, even with some remnants of all the market

complications from 2022".

Mr Pistoia said it was "clear that the period of plentiful rainfall across Australia was now over", with the prevailing El Nino climate outlook signalling lower rainfall expectations.

"Across the country, there is a wide variety of crop and pasture conditions. And while there is still room for improvement, or even deterioration of conditions in the paddocks, some elements are already consolidated and will set the tone for fertiliser demand for the coming season," he said.

The bigger picture is positive for Australian farmers buying fertiliser, Mr Pistoia said, with prices coming down "massively" since mid-2022. "And the past seasons have been good in terms of performance so there has been reasonable cash flow throughout agricultural supply chains," he said.

"Increased fertiliser demand

might come specifically from South Australia, Victoria and southern New South Wales, which have fair to good crop conditions."

Mr Pistoia said there was a constant challenge for Australian farmers to find the right soil nutrition point, and this had been stretched in the past three seasons after consecutive bumper grain harvests.

"The 2022 season saw a drop of 30 per cent for phosphate fertiliser application, and 31 per cent fall of potash usage in Australia – due to high fertiliser prices and international logistics challenges," he said.

"The application of these two nutrients should bounce back for the 2023 season and especially for the coming 2024 season. As fertilisers should be more affordable and the soil needs it to balance the nutrient extraction of the recent good yields."



Vitor Pistoia, RaboResearch farm inputs analyst believes that fertilisers should be more affordable in 2024 providing the Israel-Hamas conflict doesn't spread.

Farmers to speak at dairy forum in Moama

DAIRY Australia is inviting farmers to join a discussion on feedbase, climate and the next generation at a forum in Moama, New South Wales on Tuesday November 28. Dairy Australia will also hold their Annual General Meeting (AGM) as part of the day.

The forum features sessions throughout the afternoon and evening, including a panel discussion on how dairy farmers have adapted their feedbase and risk management strategies to be more resilient in a changing climate. Dairy farmers from the Murray region including Jacob Gardiner (Northern Victoria), Deanne Hore (Leitchville) and Dustin Kemp (Lockington), will share their experience.

Investing in the next generation of farmers will be the focus for dinner. A panel of young farmers from Kiewa Valley, Katandra West, Rochester, and Tatura will discuss their involvement in a recent leadership development program.

The Farmer Forum will be held at Moama RSL, 56 Merool Rd, Moama, NSW. Farmers are invited to attend in person or participate online. There is no cost to attend the forum, but registration is required by November 20 for catering purposes.

For more information on the farmer forum and AGM visit: DairyAustralia.com.au/AGM

Field Naturalists explore iNaturalist

THOMAS Mesaglio, PhD student at the University of New South Wales School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Science, will be speaking via Zoom on Friday, November 24.

This will take place from 7.30pm at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club meeting held at the Moe Library.

The monthly meeting will follow.

Thomas' presentation will explore the exponential growth of iNaturalist over the last 10 years in Australia.

He'll highlight the platform's strengths and weaknesses, delve into the many fields that are now utilising iNaturalist data in real-world research, conservation and monitoring and citizen science.

He will discuss how to improve the quality of your own observations and maximise the usefulness of the data you collect.

For the excursion on Saturday, November 25, the club will be undertaking a wildflower excursion along Seninis Track located in Moondarra State Park.

Bring lunch, water and a chair and your camera.

Meet at the beginning of the track along the Moe-Rawson Rd.

Visitors are most welcome, both to the meeting and the excursion.

For more information, contact the secretary on 0410 237 292.

Please visit the website lvfieldnats.org to register if you wish to use Zoom to join the meeting.

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BENNETTS, Lloyd:
Passed away 02.11.2023.
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The laughter and fun we have had over all those years was so special.
Thank you Lloyd, for always finding the time to check on me, that meant so much my friend.
I will miss you dearly.
-- Barbara F.

LOUGHNAN, Glenice:
My spiritual sister. Rest with Angels. Condolences to all who love you.
-- Leigh Sullivan.

MCGRATH, Patricia Mary:
It is with great sadness that Dick and Monica say goodbye to their beautiful and talented daughter Trish, who passed away at home with the company of her family.
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RICHARDSON, Patrick Joseph:
Passed away peacefully on November 9, 2023.
Aged 85 years.
Loved husband of Josephine Mary.
Cherished Dad of Andrew and Maryanne, Patricia (dec.) and Ray.
Adored Pa of Nathan, Damien and Jess, Taylor, and Jordan.
May he rest in peace.

SCOTT (nee Tadgell), Linda Elizabeth:
Passed away peacefully 07.11.2023.
Loved wife of Keith (dec.).
Beloved mum/mother-in-law of Julie (dec.) and Tom, Susie and George, Keith and Ann, Robert and Den and Jamie and Vanessa.

BENNETTS:
Private Cremation. No funeral by request of Lloyd.
Celebration of his life to be held on Sunday November 19, 2023, commencing 2pm at Inverloch Bowls Club.

MCGRATH:
A Funeral Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Patricia Mary McGrath will be offered at St. Laurence's Catholic Church, Ogilvy Street, Leongatha on Friday November 17, 2023, commencing 11am.

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Brother of Moira, Joan (both dec.) and Eileen.
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STEWART, Barry:
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Loved by 14 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

WATSON, Judith Ann:
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MEIKLE:
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Adored Nana to Nat, Breeanna, Taj, Connor, Bailey, Teia, Sloan and Frankie.
Great Nana G to Savannah, Mason, River, Cara, Theo, Saige and Miyah.
Gone fishing with Frank.

MEIKLE, Neville:
Loved brother of Grace and Doug.
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Reunited with Doreen.
A life well lived.

ROWE, Dianne:
Deepest sympathy to Tom, Dana, Terry and Ryan, David, Bryan, and families.
Keep watching motor sport in Heaven.
You will be sadly missed.
-- Daryl, Dawn, and Darren.

WITHERDEN, Russell John:
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Loving, caring and supportive husband of Mary, much loved father/father-in-law of Scott and Penny, Matt and Emma, Shaun and Jenny.
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According to Russell's wishes a private cremation was held.

RICHARDSON:
Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Mr. Patrick Joseph Richardson will be offered at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Scarborough Street, Inverloch on Friday November 17, 2023, commencing at 11am.

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Sarah's spinning a successful business

FOR HER birthday about four years ago Sarah Keays received a unique present from her husband.

It was time he thought, for her to spin her own fleece, so he gifted her with seventeen coloured Corriedale sheep.

This proved to be the beginning of a new and wonderfully woolly venture for Sarah.

Having been to the Bendigo Wheel Show a few years earlier and seeing a spinning wheel in action sparked Sarah's interest in spinning.

"I thought, gosh that looks so meditative and relaxing. I want to learn how to spin," explained Sarah.

At the time she and her husband were dividing their time between Melbourne and The Fish Creek Farm.

"I went and joined the Pascoe Vale Spinners Group and they taught me how to spin and dye, so I would do it when I was at the farm," Sarah explained.

Learning to spin using the Corriedale fleece was easier than others, according to Sarah, as it's coarser than merino, at about 28 microns.

Sarah began selling her home spun skeins at the Seymour expo and one day discovered Bond fleece while she was there.

"I fell in love with the Bond fleece, they had it on display and I was like, this is amazing. How can I get my hands on some Bond sheep?"

After a little research Sarah found and bought eighteen from a farm near Shepparton and discovered that the fleece was both beautiful to spin with and beautiful to knit with.

"The bond sheep is about 19 micron. It's a really nice in between, a super fine Merino and a coarse

Corriedale. They're super soft and they're just beautiful."

Sarah began tapping into industries that are slowly fading away, the first being a shearer.

"It's pretty hard to get shearers and they're pretty pricey these days because it's nearly obsolete."

"We found a guy from Bairnsdale way. He comes once a year and shears them, and I sell some of the raw fleece."

The fleece sells for a good price, at about \$40 a kilo.

Spinners were interested in the fleece because it was something different and not as plentiful on the market as Corriedale or Merino. It also created a lot of interest amongst knitters.

"I thought, well, hang on, why don't I take it to another level and get it scoured."

Finding the only professional wool scouring plant left in Australia, in Geelong, Sarah sent off the fleece to EP Robinson, to have it scoured.

After scouring the wool, she got in touch with Fibre Naturally, an Alpaca Woollen Mill, that processes individual alpaca fleeces into yarns in Macclesfield, and who agreed to spin skeins and bags of roving for Sarah.

It was, and remains a three-month turnaround, as the mill is a small, boutique operation, but it was worth the initial wait, as from that point on Sarah's hobby took off.

"It's top end price for my 100-gram skeins, but that's because it's all produced in Victoria, but I wanted it all to be processed

locally."

"I've had a lot of repeat customers. I've got a little niche market because I've got something different," Sarah explained.

Sarah has kept a few of the Corriedale sheep because she found that some spinners like to spin with the natural-coloured fleece as well.

"I still sell that to my spinners and a lot goes to Queensland. For some reason I have a lot of customers that are in QLD."

"They hand wash it themselves and so I've still got a little market for that, and I want to keep that, because that's how I started off, really, before I started making skeins."

With a Visual Arts Degree from Melbourne University, Sarah has a natural love and affinity for colour, and her favourite part in the entire process is dyeing the wool by hand.

"I don't use natural dyes because they just don't give me the strong colours I love. So, I use landscape dyes, and I have so much fun doing the dye."

Sarah takes orders for custom made colours and admits that she sometimes loves the colours so much that she keeps some for herself, and as a result has a growing pile of beautifully coloured wool waiting to be knitted.

Using her talent and skills, Sarah has managed to spin what was a unique present into both a unique hobby and a unique business.

"It just ticks along, and it gives you something to do," she said.

Sarah sells locally under the name, The Fish Creek Wool Room, in The HandMakers Store, Fish Creek and in Leongatha knitting shops, as well as selling directly.



Sarah Keays of The Fish Creek Wool Room spins and sells her own skeins, fleece and roving from her farm at Fish Creek.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Bass Coast Health

Board Director opportunities

The Minister for Health, the Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP, is pleased to invite applications for part time director positions at Bass Coast Health. The positions start on 1 July 2024 and appointments are for two to three years.

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

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

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

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

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



Our Board of Directors requests the pleasure of your company as we reflect on our achievements in 2023/24 and celebrate our people and partners at the

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Tightlines

Around the Bay

NOT a lot of consistency with the reports of snapper yet.

However, there have been some very good fish reported.

From the reports over the last couple of weeks, they are definitely on the move with the majority of the reports coming from Elizabeth Island and below over the Cup weekend and less reports from the top end around the fingers, Tenby Point areas.

Some very respectable and solid 7kg fish were reported but not sure too many genuine 20lb ones have been found this year.

From the reports, the average size has been closer to the low 5kg mark, a change from a couple of years ago where the average would have been closer to high 6kg.

Small pinkies are starting to show up and some excellent tables size ones as well.

Almost every report has said that they have had good stacks of arches on the sounder but only managing a couple of snapper off that school, occasionally there has been the typical 15 minutes of fishing for your bag but very rare so far.

Water temperature is still a little low and majority of the fish still in deeper water with odd reports from shallows.

It won't be long before we get that typical pattern of heading to the shallows of an evening to spawn, high tide mid-day/early afternoon with plenty of sun to warm up the mud, incoming tide on dark.

This season, it's good to see that people are trying different ways of catching snapper from plastics to micro jigs and, with so much bait in the bay, there has been the odd one reported on live baits.

Some excellent whiting was weighed over the Cup weekend with good numbers and sizes around.

Several were between the 700g and 800g mark and while these whiting were not that long, they were difficult to get your hand around and very healthy.

Numbers were good with plenty managing well into double figures.

The whiting reports came from many different areas and depths of water, so best suggestion is to work the areas you know.

Some said the days they went out the wind/tide wasn't favourable to where they wanted to fish, so they headed to somewhere more sheltered and managed some good whiting, so be prepared to move around, try something different if

By Jims Bait and Tackle

your spot is too busy or not fishable, the same should be said for baits.

While some have just given in to the high price of pippies others have been working on using other baits over the last few years and now don't even consider pippies and are still catching fish while saving money.

There's plenty of bait in the bay at the moment – salmon, mullet, couta, yakkas and even a few mackerel – so taking a bit of time out of your fishing trip to collect some fresh baits will help with you next time out as well as helping to save yourself a bit of money.

Calamari reports have been better but still nothing to write home about.

Some of the salmon being caught both off the boats and land-based spots have been some of the biggest salmon seen in our time in the shop, many well over 70cm and some of the bigger ones over 80cm.

Customers that have been catching them, especially in the boats, have also said that you don't need to have big lures.

You might need big hooks but most are being caught on metal slugs no bigger than 40g, white the best colour.

With Mel back at work now, the ladies' nights are starting at the shop with the Women in Recreational Fishing (WIRF) group.

The first one for this season will be on Tuesday night and from the enquires will be booked out again.

If you want to be involved in future nights, just drop in and see Mel to be included on a mailing list.

The night caters for all age groups and experience levels and is a great night for ladies to get together and learn or discuss different fishing techniques with snacks, trivia, door raffle and there are some special discounts for the night.

Black Friday is coming up and last year there were some unbelievable deals on select Shimano rods and again this year Shimano has given a select range to sell at a ridiculous price, more details on the Facebook page.

A used mono fishing line recycling centre will also be used, where you will be able to bring in your old line which will be sent off for recycling.

These details are still being worked out, but information will be up on Facebook soon.

SPORTS



12-year-old Olivia Curtain won the Australian Showjumping Championships in the Junior Opal Series competition last week.

Olivia jumps to first place

OLIVIA Curtain had an amazing win at the Australian Showjumping Championship's at Sydney International Equestrian Centre.

The 12-year-old jumper won first for the Junior (under 18) Opal Series at 1.05 metres.

The Australian Championships is the pinnacle of showjumping in Australia and after coming third last year

to then win it this year on her very talented gelding Indi's Mr Zorba Jones has just topped off what has been a terrific year for Olivia and her ponies.

The training behind the scenes and dedication that Olivia exerts on a daily basis for a 12-year-old athlete is second to none and is testament to her results.

Olivia and her ponies have had a

big year travelling over 20,000 kilometres to show's over the past 12 months with the Victorian State Titles the next big show next weekend.

As always Olivia would like to thank her mum and dad for all their support, her coach Frida Lingren & Phil Lever from Lever Equestrian and her sponsors Melbourne Brick and Geohex.



South Gippsland Bass swimmers marshal for their 400m events at the start of the day.

SGB Swimmers aim for Championships

SATURDAY was a busy day for the 72 South Gippsland Bass swimmers who raced at Warragul on Saturday.

For many, it was a day of trying to swim qualifying times for the upcoming State and Country Championships.

Three swimmers, Billy Fisher, Claudia Croatto and Rahni Matheron, had a successful meet and

qualified to swim at next year's National Age Championships.

The weather was not ideal for trying to get qualifying times, but this did not deter the swimmers, with a number of them swimming times that qualify them for upcoming championships.

For the younger swimmers, it was another chance to practise racing in a 50 metre pool and using the

blocks, which was a great experience for them.

There were plenty of smiles among them as they improved on their times from previous weeks.

Racing paused at 11am as all swimmers united for Remembrance Day.

Next week, racing returns to Leongatha for the Duel in the Pool on Sunday.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

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November 15

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November 16

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FRIDAY
November 17

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SATURDAY
November 18

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Orange summer ahead for Gippsland Sport

'YOU play the way you train' is a common phrase in sport and Gippsland clubs are adopting a similar approach when it comes to fostering a culture of equality and respect.

More than 4000 Gippslanders took a stand against family violence by participating in this year's Winter Orange Round, with 15 clubs across East Gippsland, Wellington, Latrobe, Baw Baw and Bass Coast hosting 11 education sessions and 17 game day events between July 15-30.

Players and officials at participating soccer, tennis, netball, hockey and Australian football clubs learned the pivotal role sport clubs can play in family violence prevention and demonstrated their commitment by wearing orange armbands on game day.

Expressions of interest are now open for Summer Orange Round and project partners GippsSport, Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault (GCASA) and Gippsland Women's Health (GWH) are gearing up to deliver more education sessions and facilitate more conversations on game days across the region.

GippsSport gender equity project manager Kathleen Denny said the motivation for most clubs to host an Orange Round was to 'get everyone on the same page about gender equality' and 'to learn how their club can be more welcoming for women and girls'.

"The key outcome from the education sessions has been an increased knowledge of Gippsland's family violence statistics and local support services," she said.

"Participants have also gained confidence in understanding



Morwell East Football Netball Club senior football Captain Lucas Towns, Mirboo North Football Netball Club senior football Captain Hudson Kerr, Latrobe Valley Umpires Association's Ryan Bosch and Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault Project Developer Kim Savage at the winter Orange Round in July.

the relationship between gender equity and family violence and these positive outcomes are vital for our education and awareness campaign as police across Gippsland receive more callout for family violence than the majority of Victoria."

Each Orange Round is tailored to meet individual club needs and support their progress toward gender equality.

Typically, an Orange Round comprises three components – an online session for representatives from all Orange Round host clubs, an in-club education session and a game day event where players show their support by wearing orange tape to champion the cause of preventing violence

against women and girls.

Conceived in 2015 for senior sport clubs, Orange Round has evolved and, with the support of funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria, a junior Orange Round package is now available.

This youth-focused session emphasises concepts like fairness, respect and equality, using age-appropriate language and activities tested with young people.

It aligns with the implementation of Child Safe Standards in clubs, and associated resources ensure parents and coaches feel confident to continue these vital conversations at home and within the club.

Summer Orange Round will run from November 25 to December

10, aligning with the United Nations' annual 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

There is flexibility to accommodate alternative dates in December, February and March, as well as further training such as Active Bystander in Sport and gender audits.

Expressions of interest are now being accepted via wfk.ms/46z6vj5 for all sporting codes, and registration for the November 16 online information session is via tinyurl.com/Onlin-InfoOR.

For more information, contact Kathleen Denny at kathleen@gippsport.com.au or 0455 997 795.

Skateboarder nominated

NYORA'S Keefer Wilson has been nominated for the 2023 Victorian Institute of Sport 2XU Rising Star Award.

The 16-year-old skateboarder is in pursuit of qualification for the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, something that drew nearer when he finished eighth at the Park World Championships in Rome in October.

Wilson is one of five VIS athletes nominated for the award.

Wilson competes around the world in the company of his 17-year-old sister and skateboarder Aaliyah, who is also chasing qualification for Paris.

Accompanied by their mother Ruth, the siblings have competed in Argentina, the US, the United Arab Emirates and Italy in 2023 and are set to compete in Dubai for a second time in January when Olympic qualification could be confirmed.

The 2023 2XU Rising Star Award will be presented at the VIS Award of Excellence evening on November 23 at The Glasshouse in Melbourne's Olympic Park precinct.

Athletics ready to return

WONTHAGGI Little Athletics will hold its first meet this Saturday, November 18.

The meet will be moved to the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve due to the wet grounds at the Bass Coast College Dudley Campus.

The club is looking forward to seeing its young athletes return for the upcoming season.

For more information, check out the Wonthaggi Little Athletics Facebook page.

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

Phantom: 1st on 14.5pts Dragonfly, 2nd on 13pts pba9x and 3rd on 13pts Alleygator.

2s Company: 1st on 30pts King Pins, 2nd on 27pts Tinabe and 3rd on 24pts Him & Her.

ABL: 1st on 183.5pts Knackers, 2nd on 179pts Pinpals and 3rd on 164.5pts Just Bowl Already.

Business Early: 1st on 14pts Balls Deep, 2nd on 12pts Wooly Rollers, 3rd on 11pts Old Timers and 4th on 10pts Heros of Steel.

Business Late: 1st on 13pts Jd's, 2nd on 11pts Team Rich, 3rd on 10pts Bananas in Pajamas and 4th on 9pts Loose Knuckles.

Top scorers:
Men – Matt Edwards 229, Clinton Armour 222 and Jason Bence 201.

Woman – Chloe Else 173, Karen Klym 169 and Lynda 140.

Thrilling darts action in the Phillip Island spring series

ROUND 5: THE Phillip Island and District Darts League was buzzing with excitement once again as 26 players gathered for another electrifying night of darts in the Spring series. With skill, precision, and a competitive spirit that's second to none, the players battled it out on the oche, leaving spectators on the edge of their seats.

Team Scotch, represented by the spirited trio, Scotch, Stephen and Chris, emerged as the stars of the night, securing a remarkable victory by defeating Team Barry, Anders, and Bob with a scoreline of 5-2. The atmosphere was electric, with every throw filled with anticipation and tension. But Scotch, Stephen and Chris proved their mettle with unwavering accuracy and teamwork.

Another familiar face in the winner's circle was none other than Bob, who took home the coveted meat tray once again. It seems that Bob has an unrelenting appetite for success!

Meanwhile, Di showcased her consistent winning raffle skills and walked away with the prestigious beer prize.

It's not just about the competition; it's about the camaraderie and the pleasure of sharing the spoils.

As the Spring 23 Leaderboard was updated after five rounds, it was Paul who claimed the top spot, proving himself as a force to be reckoned with. Will moved into second place, hot on Paul's heels, and the darts legend, Bob,



Team Bob (from left, Laurie, Bob and Paul) clinch victory in round six of the Phillip Island & Districts Darts League.

wasn't far behind. Laurie also made his presence felt as a contender in the fierce competition. With three rounds to go, there are still plenty of opportunities for players to rise through the ranks and aim for the medals. The competition is heating up, and the title is up for grabs.

Darts drama unfolds in Phillip Island & Districts League

DARTS enthusiasts in the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League were treated to a night of edge-of-the-seat excitement during Round Six. The spotlight shone on the incredible showdown between Team Bob and Team Meredith. The final outcome? A resounding 5-2 victory for the triumphant trio of Team Bob comprising Bob, Paul and Laurie.

In a match that could only be described as epic, Team Bob showcased their impeccable darts precision, securing a well-deserved win. But the thrills didn't stop there; the other two games of the night proved to be no less intense, with the fate of both matches hanging in the balance until the final doubles leg. It was darts drama at its finest!

The accolades continued as new league member, Tony, emerged victorious, walking away with the prestigious San Remo Butcher's meat tray. The crowd displayed their appreciation as Scotch was named the "Beer Champion," and Col received the title of "Chocolate Connoisseur." The cheers and applause resonated throughout the venue, highlighting the camaraderie and sportsmanship that define the league.

As Round Six concluded, the Spring leaderboard update was

unveiled, revealing Paul's dominant lead, closely pursued by Will and Bob. The looming question on everyone's mind is whether these frontrunners can maintain their positions or if other contenders will rise to the challenge with just two rounds remaining in the season.

But that's not all. The league has exciting news for its future as five teams have already registered for the upcoming season. The enthusiasm is contagious, with more teams and individual players expressing their eagerness to join the league.

The 2024 season is set to kick off in February, promising more epic darts battles and excitement. Stay tuned for further details, as anticipation builds for what's sure to be an incredible season.

The Phillip Island & District Darts League continues to provide thrilling entertainment and nail-biting action for darts enthusiasts and competitors alike. With each dart thrown, the anticipation grows, and the excitement builds. Who will emerge as the ultimate champion in this Spring series? Stay tuned as the action unfolds, and we witness more incredible darts showdowns in the weeks to come!

New players are always welcome, so if you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female, please contact Scott Lethbridge 0407 543 154 or scott@glpc.com.au.

ALLAMBEET MIRBOO & DISTRICT

ROUND 5 Section 1: Westernport 4.34 defeated Leongatha 4.33. Koonwarra 6.38 defeated Korumburra 2.29. Inverloch BYE.

Ladder: Westernport 37, Inverloch 31, Koonwarra 22, Korumburra 20 and Leongatha 14.

Section 2: Leongatha 9.72 defeated Korumburra 0.33. Baromi 7.62 defeated Outtrim 2.49.

Ladder: Outtrim 38, Leongatha 31.5, Baromi 31 and Korumburra 9.5.

The match of the week this week was Leongatha v Westernport in Section 1. With just one game separating the two teams, it is also the closest match we've had this season. Well done to Pocko and his team of young players for really taking the competition to a very experienced Westernport side.

Koonwarra called on the bye team to help out with players to field a team this week. Korumburra were able to win two sets.

Baromi were winners over top team Outtrim. Good to see Wayne Roberts back on the tennis court on the winners list too. Leongatha didn't miss a beat winning all sets this week. Well done to Ben Watson on his first game with the team, combining well with the players. Many sets were much closer than the score line shows, with many games going to deuce and good hits from both sides. It is great to see so many young players coming through as well.

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Results & Ladders from Round 5

A Grade results

Baromi 5 sets 32 games defeated Leongatha Lions 1 set 17 games. Leongatha Parrots 5 sets 30 games defeated Mardan Smokin' Aces 1 set 17.

A Grade Ladder

Baromi 22.5, Leongatha Lions 17.5, Leongatha Parrots 13, Fish Creek Kangaroos 12.5, Mardan Smokin' Aces 4.5

B Grade Results

Leongatha Dynamite 4 sets 26 games defeated Mardan Bull Ants 2 sets 21 games.

Baromi 5 sets 34 games defeated Leongatha Conquerors 1 sets 14 games.

Dumbalk North Phoenix 6 sets 36 games defeated Mardan All Stars 0 sets 10 games.

B Grade Ladder

Baromi 22.5, Leongatha Dynamite 21.5, Mardan Bull Ants 15, Dumbalk North Phoenix 14.5, Fish Creek Fire 9, Leongatha Conquerors 7.5, Mardan All Stars 7

C Grade Results

Baromi 5 sets 22 games defeated Mardan Thunder 1 sets 11 games.

Leongatha Meteors 5 sets 29 games defeated Leongatha Crushers 1 set 10 games.

C Grade Ladder

Baromi 21, Leongatha Meteors 20, Mardan Thunder 7.5, Leongatha Crushers 7.5

RIVERSIDE

ROUND five results:

Section 1/2 Doubles:

Warragul 4 - 41 defeated by Hallora 5 - 40; Drouin Maroon 4 - 37 defeated by Moe 5 - 42; Poowong 3 - 40 defeated by Neerim District 6 - 47; Trafalgar 0 - 17 defeated by Drouin Gold 9 - 55.

Team Points

Drouin Maroon 40, Neerim District 38, Warragul 36, Moe 33.5, Hallora 21, Trafalgar 18, Drouin Gold 17, Poowong 16.5.

Section 1 Singles:

Moe White 4 - 8 - 49 defeated Moe Blue 0 - 0 - 22; Moe Red 3 - 7 - 45 defeated Trafalgar 1 - 2 - 26; Drouin had the bye.

Team Points

Moe Red 18.5, Moe White 18.5, Moe Blue 13.5, Drouin 7.5, Trafalgar 4.5.

Section 2 Singles:

Warragul 0 - 10 defeated by Drouin Gold 6 - 48; Drouin Maroon 0 - 13 defeated by Trafalgar 6 - 48; Moe 2 - 31 defeated by Pax Hill 4 - 42.

Team Points

Pax Hill 30, Trafalgar 29, Drouin Maroon 23, Moe 18, Drouin Gold 12, Warragul 1.



The start of the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge's 121-kilometre ride.

Cyclists up for a challenge

INVERLOCH hosted the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge on Saturday. Despite some challenging weather conditions, 400 cyclists took part in the charity event.

This year, the event included the 121-, 85-, 53- and 40-kilometre road rides and the newly introduced 100-kilometre gravel ride.

"The 121-kilometre ride is always our most popular event, but we have had a good turnout for the gravel ride," event director Gavin Slavin said.

"We wanted to bring something new into the event and everyone is getting into the gravel riding at the moment."

Starting and finishing in Inverloch, the gravel route included Mt Misery – featuring a tough 12 per cent incline, the Bass Coast Rail Trail, the desal trails via Williamsons Beach, and the Wonthaggi Conservation Reserve.

Cyclists returned through Cape Paterson and back into Inverloch.

Gavin said a lot of locals and familiar faces took part in Saturday's event, with other cyclists travelling to Inverloch to be involved.

Funds from the event will go towards two charities – the L2P program and RYDA.

"RYDA is our main program," Gavin said.

"It is a youth driver awareness program. It educates our Year 11 and 12 students in all the secondary schools about the different things to look out for when they are driving out on the road.

"For instance, it teaches them about stopping distances in the wet and dry, they get to design their own car and safety features, and they'll bring in guest speakers who have been seriously injured in an accident to talk to the kids about some of the things they need to look out for."

Funds are also donated to the clubs who volunteer their time on the day to ensure the event's success.

Gavin thanked those who make the event possible each year.

"We are lucky enough to have an awesome committee and wonderful volunteers," he said.

"It's all voluntary and everyone works really hard. I'm really proud and honoured to have them on board."



Peter Gluskie, Adrienne Provost, Michael Davis and Kim Rose prepared for the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge on Saturday morning.



Cyclists were thrilled to cross the finish line after taking part in the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge on Saturday.

Warren wins Leongatha Tennis Club Championships



In the Open Mens Doubles Warren Littlejohn and Luke Marshman defeated Frank Dekker and Adrian Littlejohn 8-1 in the Leongatha Tennis Club Championships.

In A grade – Xavier Bruning won his first junior club championship title with good wins 6-2, 6-4. Runner up was his brother Evan, closely followed by Zak Dowel. Xavier backed up his win in the singles with a win in the doubles – partnering with Archer Hughes to defeat Zak and Evan in a tight match 6-4.

respectively. In the doubles Ryan also backed up his singles win in partnering with Archer with a convincing win over Declan and Kade.

And the C grade – Olly Ramsbottom won all his matches to win the grade title. Runner up was Harley Lang-

staff followed by Taeden Giliam. In the doubles Olly partnered with Lachy Johnston to defeat Harley and Taeden in a close match 4-2.

The Open events were played on Sunday in tricky windy conditions. The Open Mens Singles was won for the first time by Warren Littlejohn – his first club championship title in some 30 years of trying to win the title! Runner-up was Paul Ramsbottom, followed by Luke Marshman and James Sage in third and fourth places. There was no Open Womens Singles event played.

Warren repeated his winning singles performance in the doubles. In the Open Mens Doubles Warren Littlejohn and Luke Marshman defeated Frank Dekker and Adrian Littlejohn 8-1.

Congratulations to all players for participating in such great club spirit.



Grade winners at Korumburra Golf Club on Wednesday were Sherrin Solly and Diarne Maskell.



Lorraine Theofanis, Merryn Dear, Anne Walker and Marg Johnson were the A Grade winners at Wonthaggi Golf Club.



Woorayl's Club Champion Elly Berryman, B Grade Champion Anne Grist, and C Grade Champion, Star medallist, Senior Champion, and Dot Forrester 54-hole winner Jo Fennell.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, November 7. Stableford: 25 players. A Grade: Zac Scholte (15) 39 pts. B Grade: Greg Wilson (17) 41 pts. Thursday, November 9: Stableford: 15 players.

Winner: Neil Spargo (13) 37 C/B. NTPs: first Shayne Harland, seventh Shayne Harland, 10th Mat Wrigley and 13th Mat Wrigley.

Friday, November 10: Junior nine-hole Stableford: four players.

Winner: Lukas Gallagher (38) 13 pts.

Saturday, November 11: Richie Beecroft 4BBB Championships: 50 players.

Sponsor: Korumburra Golf Club.

4BBB Stroke: Mat Wrigley and Billie Wrigley 74 tie.

Won in three-hole playoff over Rob Gallagher and Shayne Harland.

4BBB Net: Rob Gallagher and Shayne Harland 62 net.

NTPs: first Paul Hopkins, seventh Shayne Harland, 10th Greg Jones and 13th Mat Wrigley.

Ladies

SHERRIN Solly (25) had a great round last Wednesday to win A Grade with 42 pts.

Kerri Besley (20) was runner up, 36 pts.

B Grade was won by Diarne Maskell (33), 33 pts and Trudi Mantell (27) was not far behind, 32 pts.

BDTL went to Merrissa Cossen 33 pts and Julie Hillberg 32 pts.

NTP on the first was Lynette McIvor, 10th Merrissa and 13th Kerri Besley.

Last Saturday, Jenny Blackmore (27) won with a lovely 39 pts.

Karen Sorrell was runner up 32 pts and Trudi Mantell, 31 pts, won a BDTL.

Kerri Besley was NTP on the first (Kelly's Bakery award) and Jenny was closest to the pin on the 13th green.

Twilight golf starts up again on Thursday, November 16, with the timesheet in the foyer.

This social golf, for pairs, is ideal for beginners and experienced golfers, members and non-members.

Bring your own meal if you would like to stay on for dinner to catch up with the other participants.

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CUP Day Stableford (Tuesday) – field of 90.

Division 1: Winner: John Johnson 42 pts. Second place: Phil Conroy 41 pts. Third place: Graeme Ottosen 39 pts.

Division 2: Winner: Michael Maskew 40 pts. Second place: Jeff Harrison 39 pts by countback. Third place: Douglas Colins 39 pts.

Nearest the pins: Fifth: Steve Bray. Ninth: Tim Purdy. 12th: Troy Harrison. 15th: Graeme Ottosen.

Wednesday Ladies Monthly Medal – Stroke.

Winner: Jodie Mays net 74. Runner up: Anne Wedlock net 75. Ball rundown to net 77.

Nearest the pins: Ninth: Jodie Mays.

Thursday 4BBB/Stableford – field of 88.

4BBB: Winners: David Fahey and Brian Hall with 45 pts by countback. Runners up: Vyw Bennison and Robert Walker.

Division 1: Winner: Stephen Rawlings with 39 pts. Runner up: John Johnson with 38 pts.

Division 2: Winners: Steve Dunn with 39 pts. Runner up: Ray Dalrymple with 38 pts.

Ball rundown to 34 pts.

Nearest the pin: Fifth: Rod Cameron. Ninth: Vern Hall. 12th: Levi Maxwell. 15th: Russell Swan.

Saturday – first round Club Championships – 186 players. Leaderboard as follows after round one:

Men's A Grade: Richard Briggs 73, Darren Cooke 76, Casual Walker 78, Levi Maxwell 78, Wayne Kennedy 79, Bart McDonald 79.

Men's B Grade: Josh Rietman 83, Rick Falcone 87, Will Mirtschin 87, Joe Kelly 88, Brendan Clarke 89, Nav Pillai 89.

Men's C Grade Kevin Curtis 93, Les Rand 94, Noel Marsland 94, Timothy Miller 95, Steven Walsh 96.

Ladies A/B Grade: Rena Casey 83, Jennifer Sullivan 90, Nicole Ellen 98, Megan Barker 106, Jennifer Boyd 107, Maria Warburton 107.

It was great to see so many players participating on Saturday and there were some fantastic scores from the top runners. Looking forward to the next two weeks – the competition looks to be a close one so far.

Congratulations to Richard Briggs and Rena Casey for being the Monthly Medal winner.

Sunday Stableford: Winner: Aiden Gajanovic with 39 pts. Runner up: Sharon Cox with 37 pts.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, November 7: Stableford.

Seventy-one members/guests played in Tuesday's Melbourne Cup Stableford round.

Two junior members fought out C Grade to post stellar scores and did some serious damage to their handicaps.

A Grade winner: Richard Price (16) with 38 pts. A Grade runner up: Josh De Groot (14) with 35 pts.

B Grade winner: Darren Read (18) with 39 pts. B Grade runner up: Stuart Harry (18) with 38 pts on a countback.

C Grade winner: Jessica Harry (36) with 47 pts. C Grade runner up: William Fuller (45) with 44 pts.

NTP 14th: Paul Ross at 22cm. NTP 16th: Paul Ross at 4.80m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Paul Ross, Peter Horman, Neryl Hopcraft and Mel Miles.

Thursday, November 9: Stableford.

Eighty-five members played in Thursday's Stableford round.

A Grade winner: Alan Starkey (15) with 36 pts. A Grade runner up: Paul Deery (9) with 35 pts.

B Grade winner: Renato Monacella (17) with 36 pts. B Grade runner up: John French (19) with 35 pts.

C Grade winner: Fred De Bondt (21) with 35 pts. C Grade runner up: William Norden (22) with 34 pts.

D Grade Winner: Malcolm Legge (27) with 36 pts. D Grade runner up: Gerald Freestone (29) with 34 pts.

NTP 14th: Paul Richardson at 1.25m. NTP 16th: Craig Hutchinson at 1.95m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Doug Cleemann, Peter Hartigan, Ross McRobert and John Moor.

Saturday, November 11: Stableford.

Saturday recorded another excellent field of 86 members/guests who played in the Stableford event.

Tim McCarthy scored a hole in one on the 14th.

This was Tim's second ace, the other being on the fourth hole a long time ago.

A Grade winner: John Ryan (12) with 38 pts. A Grade runner up: Norm Hughes (13) with 36 pts on a countback.

B Grade winner: Daniel Yeap (19) with 36 pts. B Grade runner up: Stuart Harry (17) with 34 pts.

C Grade winner: Tim McCarthy (22) with 37 pts. C Grade runner up: Ken Lay (22) with 34 pts.

D Grade winner: John Fraser (48) with 40 pts. D Grade runner up: Gary Sharrock (25) with 36 pts.

NTP 14th: Tim McCarthy hole-in-one. NTP 16th: Greg Elt at 5.20m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Nathan Wardle, Neryl Hopcraft, Tony Morganti and Dean Kellett.

Ladies

HARTLEY Wells Betta Electrical sponsored the women's Stableford event last week.

A very large field competed in hot and sultry conditions.

Club president Colleen Touzel apparently enjoyed the conditions, finishing with 37 pts to win A Grade.

Bev Reinhard was runner up with 35 pts.

B Grade was won by Jenny Fraser 36 pts and Neryl Hopcraft runner up on 33 pts.

Balls down the line went to Bec Thomas and Deb Miller 35, Else Gedye 33, and Nan Meagher, Karen de Groot and Ann Blundy all on 32 pts.

Karen Bear and Bec Thomas were closest to the flag on the 14th and 16th holes respectively.

Twelve women competed in the nine hole competition.

Marea Maher won a Hartley Wells Betta Electrical voucher

for her excellent score of 18 pts.

Trish Miller, Karen Murchie and Geoff Maher each won a ball down the line.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

OVER the past two weeks, the ladies have enjoyed lovely weather. The medal winner for November was Faye LePage with 80 net from Dot Christie, Gail Browne won a ball down the line.

On Wednesday, November 8, Dot Christie won with 30 pts from Tanya Thorson with Heather McCaughan taking home a ball.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have been very busy keeping up with the fast-growing grass, the course is looking fantastic.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, November 9: Stableford.

A Grade: D. Woodall, (6) 35 pts.

B Grade: P. Cummaudo (33) 38 pts c/b.

DTL: A. Woodall 38, R. Pentland 37, S. Beitz 35 and G. Shandley 34.

NTP: fourth R. Matthews, sixth S. Guttridge, 13th M. Payne and 16th J. Hughes.

Birdies: fourth M. Payne, and sixth P. Cummaudo, S. Guttridge and A. Woodall.

Saturday, November 11: Stroke – first round Championship.

A Grade: P. Smart, (11) 69 net. B Grade: R. Pentland (20) 70. C Grade: M. McKay (21) 74.

DTL: J. Robbins, N. Bickerton 72, Tim Traill, T. Bradshaw, D. Jerram and A. Sceney 73.

NTP: fourth B. Bradshaw, sixth N. Rutledge, 13th S. Hill-Smith and 16th M. Payne.

PHILLIP ISLAND

Tuesday November 7 – Four-person Ambrose

Overall Winners

1: Chris Sanderson, Graeme Niven, Ron Young & Glen Marshall 53.25

2: Matt Larkin, Joe Thomson, Paul Kelly & Matt Voce 54.5 BDL: 59.125

Mens: NTP Fifth Matt Larkin, Seventh Matt Larkin, 10th Lawrence Ferrari, 17th Chris Sanderson.

Ladies: NTP Fifth Emma Hall, Seventh Alice Schofield, 10th Emma Hall, 17th Emma Hall.

Nine-Hole Stableford Winner: Len Fenton (19) 17pts C/B

Thursday November 9 - Open 18 Hole Stableford

Overall Winner: David Nicoll (18) 42 pts C/B.

A Grade Winners: A-1 Daniel McCannon (7) 42 pts A-2 Stephen Earl (15) 39 pts.

B Grade Winners: B-1 David Nicoll (18) 42 pts B-2 Ron Wadey (21) 41 pts.

C Grade Winners: C-1 Greg Stewart (25) 41 pts C-2 Cecil An-

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drews (28) 40 pts.

BDL to 34 pts C/B.

NTP: Fifth Barry Gibson, Seventh Harry Sterling, 10th Daniel McConnon, 17th Paul Ledwith.

Nine-Hole Stableford

Winner: Col Cordery (34) 23 pts from Reg Browne (37) 22 pts.

BDL to 15 pts C/B.

Saturday November 11 – Mens & Mixed 4BBB Stableford.

Overall Winners: Ian Trimble & Terry Crompton 46 pts from Daryl Vernon & Geoff Daff 45 pts C/B from Jake Wright & Jack Ross 45 pts. Great Score: Mark Jamieson (Eagle on the 6th) BDL to 41 pts C/B.

NTP: Fifth Jack Ross, Seventh John McKechnie, 10th Peter Cartwright, 17th Mark Jamieson. Ladies 4BBB Stableford

Overall Winners: Trish Jamieson & Megan Elbaz 44 pts. Wendy Hopkins & Adrienne Anglin 43 pts. BDL to 41 pts.

NTP: Fifth Vicki Roff-Smith Seventh Lynn McCole 10th Megan Elbaz 17th Lesley Meadowcroft

Saturday Open Nine-Hole Stableford

Overall Winner: David Hendridge (21) 20 pts BDL to 16 pts C/B.

Sunday November 12 – Foursomes Championship

Overall Winners: 1: Jane Sellenger & Jeff Sellenger 74. 2: Greg Williams & Ros Reid 74.5. 3: Adrienne Anglin & Travis Johnson 75

Gross Winners: Tim Duff & Emma Hall 82 BDL: to 76.5

Mens NTP: Fifth James Bain, Seventh Greg Williams, 10th Doug O'Keeffe, 17th Gino Manfredi

Ladies NTP: Fifth Lorraine Hammon, Seventh Ros Reid, 10th Jeanette Diss, 17th Jeanette Diss

WONTHAGGI

MELBOURNE Cup Ambrose: A great field of 13 teams were ready to start their round in fine conditions, although the early thunderstorm was just enough to cause a pause.

However, the sun shone big, bright and hot.

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Results: November 11. Stableford 18 hole: Winner: A: Ian Baker 32. B: John Walsh 34. C: Bill Howard 38. BDTL to 32 C/B. Ball sweep: Kevin Bayley 38, Rod Walker 38, Graeme Campbell 36, Bill Fennell 35, Andrew McAllister 34, Phillip Studham 34, Ian Gilmour 34, Stephen Judd 33, Ian Johnson 33 and Miles Foster 32 C/B. Eagle: Sam Dennis 11th. NTP: Ross Lovett second, Phillip Studham fourth, Gerard Mitchell propin eighth, John Walsh 13th and Gary Youlten 17th money hole.

Ladies

THERE was great weather for the Annual Classic Tournament held on Thursday, November 9, and Friday, November 10, at Wonthaggi Golf Club.

The course was enjoyed by the many visitors from both local and metropolitan clubs.

With the generous sponsorship from Patterson Cheney Isuzu Trucks Keysborough, wonderful prizes were won with pleasure by the many winners on both days.

Thursday Results Singles Scratch and Handicap:

A Grade Scratch: Winner: Merryn Dear (Wonthaggi) 86 on c/b to runner up L. Theofanis (Mornington) 86.

A Grade Handicap: Winner: Anne Walker (Wonthaggi) 71 from runner-up Marg Johnson (Wonthaggi) 73.

B Grade Scratch: Winner: Catherine Bolding (Wonthaggi) 92 on c/b from runner-up Jan Beaumont (Wonthaggi) 92.

B Grade Net: A. Stephens (The National) 71 from runner up R. Tell (Mornington) 72.

C Grade Handicap: Winner: Donna Brosnan (Wonthaggi) 38 pts. Runner up: Patsy Britt (Wonthaggi) 37 pts. Third place: Anne Briner (Centenary Park) 36 pts.

Best nine in: Simone Lindsay (Wonthaggi) 19 pts. Best nine out: Heather Wintle (Wonthaggi) 19 pts.

Friday Results 4BBB Stroke and Net:

A Grade Scratch: Winner: L. Theofanis and G. Lawrence (Mornington) 82. Runner up: Anne Walker and Catherine Bolding (Wonthaggi) 85.

A Grade Handicap: Winner: Elly Berryman and Kath Davis (Woorayl) 42 pts. Runner up: Jo Graeme and Sue Hoskin (Meeniyian) 41 pts.

B Grade Scratch: Winner: Lisa Brusamarello and Andrea Grenville (Wonthaggi) 94 on c/b. Runner up: Ros Wight and Jantine Bone (Mornington) 94.

B Grade Handicap: Winner: Karen Sheerin and Layla Robertson (Wonthaggi) 47 pts. Runner up: Wendy Cross and Heather Wintle (Wonthaggi) 45 pts.

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Ladies

WEDNESDAY was a very busy day combining the Star Medallist, Club Championships, Senior Lady and Dot Forrester 54-hole event.

Firstly, the winners of the daily event kindly sponsored by the Robjant family:

A Grade winner: Sharyn Rayson with 92-16-76.

B Grade: Pauline Lancaster with 100-25-75.

C Grade and Star Medallist winner: Jo Fennell with a fantastic score of 101-34-67=336.

BDL went to Anne Grist 77, Heather Sullivan 81 and Inge Giliam 81.

NTPs were eighth Jo Fennell, 11th Pauline Lancaster and 17th Jo Fennell.

Jo had a gobbler on the fourth and eighth.

Elly Berryman (14) came in with three steady rounds of 93, 92, 96 =281 to become the Club Championship.

The B Grade Championship was modified to a two-round event due to extenuating circumstances.

Anne Grist (25) had 105 and 102=207.

The C Grade champion was Jo Fennell (34) with 120, 117, 101=236.

Jo Fennell was also the winner of the Seniors trophy and the Dot Forrester 54-hole event.

Congratulations to the new champions.

Congratulations Elly for running a successful championship.

INVERLOCH

CORPORATE Bowls:

Corporate Bowls showed the popularity of this event with 32 teams battling it out for honours on the night.

Social Bowls: On Thursday, the Social Bowls took on a different flavour with many bowlers wearing fancy hats for the Spring Racing Carnival.

Lots of laughter and comments flew around the greens.

The winners on the day were the team of John Hallis (skip), Joyce Arnold and Di Hallas with two wins and 34 pts.

Close behind were the runners up on two wins, 31 pts and five shots up consisting of John Duthie (skip), John Sutcliffe and Jenny Slater.

The hard luck story of the day went to the team of Mal Marshall (skip), Steve Snelling and Harry Dunne.

Pennant: There was no Midweek Pennant due to Cup Day holiday.

Saturday Pennant Division 1: Inverloch 38 Mirboo North 87.

Division 2: Inverloch 53 Fish Creek 66.

Division 3: Inverloch 46 Wonthaggi 61.

Division 4: Inverloch 45 Meeniyian 70.

KORUMBURRA

ALTHOUGH there was no midweek bowls this week owing to Cup Day, it was still a busy week starting with the Monthly Triples, kindly sponsored by Harley Bus Lines.

Winners on the day were Ron Burge, Giulio Marcolongo and John Paterno.

Runners up were the local team of Peter Spark, George Hams and Bob Snooks.

Best last game went to Steve Snelling, Laurie Gabel and Marty Hannaford.

Once again, a big thank you to sponsor Harleys Bus Lines.

Saturday Pennant in Division 1 hosted Corinella and all rinks were successful.

Shane O'Loughlin won 20 shots to nine, Peter Spark won 21 shots to 15 and Rob Cosson won 19 shots to 11 – an overall 25 shot win.

Division 2 travelled to windy Wonthaggi and results were not good.

The only rink that won was Rob Sund, getting up 23 shots to 21 on the last end of the game.

Jim Garnham went down 19 shots to 25 while Peter Hearn went down 13 shots to 23 – better luck next time.

Division 4 faced Leongatha with a great result.

Alan Cherrett won 31 shots to 7, George Hams won 32 shots to 14 and unfortunately Neil Harfield went down 20 shots to 24 – still a very good win.

The club was saddened to hear of the passing of Ken Cecil's sister and Kevin Watson's wife Judy in the last week or so – condolences to both families.

LEONGATHA

THE club played Social Bowls with 14 players in attendance last Wednesday.

The winners were Rod Jackson and Alan Moxey.

Round four of Saturday Pennant was on schedule for last Saturday and the selection of players to compete was made difficult because of their unavailability.

At the beginning of play, Leongatha Division 4 side could only



Sponsor Tom Harley of Harleys Bus Lines with winners of the Korumburra Bowling Club's Monthly Triples Giulio Marcolongo, Ron Burge and John Paterno.



Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls' Friday winners were Laurie Culp, Marg Morgan, Jos Kemper and Fred Demenech.

muster 10 players.

Consequently, Rule 13.3 of the Rules for Pennant Competition was introduced, which basically meant that Korumburra put down 24 bowls and Leongatha 20 bowls.

The overall result was 83/45 shots in favour of Korumburra.

Individual Rink scores were as follows:

Team 1: Neil Harfield skip (Korumburra) was defeated by Jim Lye skip (Leongatha) 20/24 shots.

Team 2: George Hams skip (Korumburra) defeated Lynne McIntyre skip (Leongatha) 32/14 shots.

Team 3: Allan Cherrett skip (Korumburra) defeated Susan Wakefield skip (Leongatha) 31/7 shots.

Leongatha was the host club for the Division 2 contest against the Philip Island Bowls Club and were soundly beaten with an overall score of 47/69 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows:

Team 1: Ron Symmons skip (Leongatha) defeated Stuart Cunningham skip (PI) 21/19 shots.

Team 2: Rod Jackson skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Mark Hone skip (PI) 13/25 shots.

Team 3: Marje Pearson skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Giulio Marcolongo skip (PI) 13/25 shots.

Leongatha Bowls Club welcomed the Toora Division 1 side to the club on Saturday to play round four of the weekend competition.

A new member of Leongatha club in Nathan Lovie played his first game in Division 1 as a lead, and from all accounts played well.

A veteran of the game and current life member Harry Forrester received a promotion to Division 1 and demonstrated his excitement on the green.

Leongatha outplayed Toora on two of the three rinks and in doing so recorded an overall result of 62/54 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows:

Team 1: Anthony Collier skip (Leongatha) defeated Terry Corcoran skip (Toora) 18/17 shots.

Team 2: John Hall skip (Leongatha) defeated Sebastian Blancato skip (Toora) 21/10

shots.

Team 3: Jenny Miller skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Brett Garrow skip (Toora) 17/22 shots.

The club had a most enjoyable Kitty Club function on Friday night where the volunteers provided the meals, which were most appreciative.

Coming events are the following:

Business bowls: November 14, 21 and 28, and December 5 and 12.

Medley event: December 7 – contact Janice Sing on 0429 436 991 for booking.

Corporate events: November 23 and December 1, 8 and 15.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

IT WAS a great day.

The temperature was excellent not too cold, not too hot.

It was a great green – a bit slow, but that is Koo Wee Rup, running true.

A big thank you to the green-keeper.

Thirty great friends were across the green, with a lot of friendly banter and sledging going on.

David did an excellent job of setting up the green for use – he is always so helpful.

Not too many wrong bias bowls, but the collection cup is still filling and should be good come Easter.

The winners on a score of 36 were Michael Dady (S), Rob Jeffries (3), Mark Daly (2) and Tony Morris (L).

Runners up on a score of 34 were Peter McWilliams/Lindsay Russell (Co-Skips), Frank D'Uinierville (3) and Wayne Stevens (L).

Best one game winners on 24 pts were Sue Stansfield (S), Rafaële Merante (3), Bev Elliott (2) and Max Summers (L).

They played one game of bowls before the Cup was run.

The winners on the day with plus six were Laurie Culp, Sylvia Mattock and Glenda Binch.

Runners up on plus three were John Stewart, Jim Wilson and Pat Novak.

Friday saw another 22 players competing the winners after two games on plus 14 were Marg Morgan, Laurie Culp, Fred Demenech and Jos Kemper.

There were a number of teams on one win.

The runners up on plus 12 were Rhonda Rattenbury, Jean Wyld, Sylvia Mattock and Brian Newman.

magic getting the teams set up.

WONTHAGGI

IT was another good week at the club.

Tuesday saw a field of fashion assemble for Cup Day.

With no Midweek Pennant, the club had a good number of bowlers play one game over 12 ends followed by a barbecue.

In total, there were six sweeps, so there was more than a passing interest in the Cup.

There were two teams that were one game winners with the runners up being Allan Lowe, Rob Dennis and Colin Ormerod with a score of one win and nine shots up.

The winners were Amanda Gray, John Migliorisi and Adrian Gray with a score of one win and 16 shots up.

Thursday saw a good number of bowlers enjoy the fine mild weather to have a bowl followed by lunch.

Saturday Pennant saw Division 1 venture to Phillip Island.

In a tight battle all day, Wonthaggi just got pipped at the post.

The final scores Wonthaggi 52 Phillip Island 58.

Division 2 played host to Korumburra, looking to get back into the winner's stalls.

All rinks played well, winning two rinks and a narrow loss in the other.

The final scores Wonthaggi 69 Korumburra 55.

Division 3, also at home, played Inverloch with the weather being fine and mild.

All three rinks played well winning two and a narrow loss in the other.

The final scores Wonthaggi 61 Inverloch 46.

Division 4 went on a road trip to Port Welshpool.

It's a lovely town to visit but a tricky green to play on.

Not to be out done, Wonthaggi put up a good fight with all three rinks playing well.

The final scores Wonthaggi 53 Port Welshpool 56.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Midweek Pennant and on the evening, Barefoot Bowls starts from 5pm.

Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am, and Saturday is Pennant Day.

Don't forget the Christmas lunch is on Sunday, December 10, at the clubhouse.

There is a sheet in the rooms, so put your name or names on the list. Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

BOWLERS had a Cup Day celebration with 22 members joining in the fun of dressing up, a sweep and a special afternoon tea on Tuesday.

They played one game of bowls before the Cup was run.

Give bowls a go in Leongatha

NOW'S the time to try your hand at bowls.

Leongatha Bowls Club is hosting Come and Try sessions on Sunday, November 19 and 26.

The sessions will be run by club members Jeff Pendergast and Sue Symmons, and people of all ages are welcomed to come along.

"We've run these (sessions) before and they have been very successful," the club's John O'Connor said.

"We are going to make it fairly easy – all they've got to do is turn up in a pair of flat soled shoes. We are going to supply the bowls and equipment. We are also going to have quite a few Leongatha bowlers available to give people a hand to get started."

Jeff said he hoped to see participants get a bit of coaching, encouragement and enjoyment out of the first session, so they return for another go the following Sunday.

A sausage sizzle will be provided.

Sue said people of all ages are encouraged to get involved.

"Bowls is for all ages. People have got this mindset that it's for old people, but you've got to be reasonably fit to play," she said.

"It's like doing 80 lunges a day. All the top bowlers are the young ones."

Currently, Leongatha Bowls Club's youngest player is



John O'Connor, Sue Symmons, Jeff Pendergast and Rod Jackson will be welcoming new bowlers to Leongatha Bowls Club for its Come and Try sessions on November 19 and 26.

11-years-old and is welcoming more members to join.

"At our last Come and Try day, we got around 10 new bowlers out of it, and we've got five still playing. If we can get five members to stay out of these sessions, that would be great," Sue said.

"We've had excellent feedback from our business bowls, so we hope they might in turn come to these days."

There will be plenty of opportunities for new bowlers

to hone their skills after the Come and Try days.

Leongatha Bowls Club usually practices on a Monday morning, with a coach or two on hand to help with technique.

"People usually turn up around 10am if they are having any issues, have a roll and have a cuppa. Bowls is very social," Sue said.

The club also runs social bowls on Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, as well as

competing in two lots of pennant throughout the week.

Bowls are available at the club and the members are happy to help those who do not have their own equipment.

Come along to find out what the sport is all about and make some new friendships along the way.

For more information, contact Jeff Pendergast on 0417 522 080 or Sue Symmons on 0409 165 064.



COME AND TRY BOWLS

It's fun for people of all ages and levels of fitness

JUST BRING YOURSELF

Bowls, coaching and lunch will be provided
Wear flat soled shoes, or bowl in bare feet

**Sunday, November 19 and 26
at 10.30am**

Ongoing coaching will be available
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LEONGATHA BOWLS CLUB 14-20 Hughes Street, Leongatha

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Korumburra show society digs deep for community

KORUMBURRA'S community will benefit from a generous contribution to sporting facility improvements at the town's showgrounds, with the Korumburra & District Agricultural & Pastoral (A&P) Society donating \$10,000 to the cause.

The A&P Society owns the showgrounds at which Korumburra-Bena's 16 sporting teams, evenly split between netball and footy, can look forward to extensive improvements.

A&P Society president Rhonda Brooks and treasurer Bruce Holman were pleased to deliver the good news to Korumburra Football Netball Club president Ken Myors and treasurer Mel Robertson recently.

Rhonda explained that supporting the Korumburra and district community is what the show society is about.

"One way to do this is by supporting young people in our community, and we know they benefit from being a part of groups," she said, elaborating that being involved in a team culture creates a sense of belonging.

"The newbuild on the Agricultural Society showgrounds will provide upgraded facilities for boys and girls and for adults to be part of teams," the A&P Society president said.

The Society's committee jointly made the decision to provide funds towards improvements that will benefit footballers, netballers and umpires.

A new changeroom will be constructed adjacent to the existing outdoor netball court, while a refurbishment of the football changerooms in the current grandstand is set to occur.

Giants representatives Ken and Mel expressed their appreciation of the show society contribution.

2024 COACHING POSITIONS by expressions of interest

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Jacqui Swallow recently ran the Melbourne Marathon, raising funds for Beyond Blue.

Jacqui's running up a tally for Beyond Blue

SAN Remo's Jacqui Swallow is continuing to back Beyond Blue.

Jacqui recently ran the Melbourne Marathon with a time of 6:21:39 – 38 minutes ahead of her goal time.

She has currently raised \$4521 for Beyond Blue, ranking high on the organisation's leaderboard of fundraisers.

Jacqui said she was proud of the fundraising efforts and the opportunity to raise awareness for the lifesaving organisation that has given her wonderful support in the past.

Training for the marathon was a by-product of an idea she got from a book called *Atomic Habits*.

The book suggested healthy habits are easier to sustain if they become an ingrained part of you.

"For me, the habit was running and the identity was being a runner," she said.

That meant joining the parkrun and the online running communities, and I started reading every running book I could get my hands on, then reviewing the books for all my parkrun friends.

"It's hard to read an entire pile of books about running marathons without eventually being inspired to run one yourself."

She trained for the marathon for 18 weeks, which included hours of running and strength training sessions.

Jacqui is on the cusp of publishing her own book, *The Bipolar Runner*.

It is about living with bipolar disorder and the marathon experience.

She began writing the book around the time she began her marathon training.

"I'm a big reader and an advocate for mental health, and I wanted to bring the two together," she said.

"There were no books about this experience, so I thought there needed to be something. I wanted to fill a gap."

To keep an eye out on the progress of the book, you can find Jacqui on Instagram via the [@bipolar_runner](#).

There's still time to donate to Jacqui's marathon campaign for Beyond Blue.

Follow the link melbmara2023.grassrootz.com/beyondblue/jacqui-swallow or use the QR code below.



Island Magic returns to the track

PIARC's Island Magic 2023 is now just two weeks away, and in its 33rd year, continues to look forward to another great weekend's motorsport with a return to a more focused Event with eight categories in lieu of the overload seen in recent years.

A fitting finale to fast and furious racing in 2023, the Ramada Resort's 50K Plate for Sports Sedans will host the Final Round of the 2023 Victorian Sports Sedan Series with field limited to 40. The 2023 50K Plate this year, endorses this race with a history dating back 51 years to the first such event in 1972, won by Bryan Thompson in his V8 Torana, whose famous VW Chev has been replicated recently by

its original engineer Peter Fowler with encouragement and assistance from gearbox guru Simon Fitzner. The 50K Plate, is the pinnacle Event for Sports Sedans.

The formula of non-stop racing with traditional sprint races returns with no Endurance races in 2023.

The Endeavour Cup for the Porsche 944 Challenge will see the Stuttgart stormers on track for three exciting races presented by Isola di Capri in Cowes.

Formula Vees are back with great support from sponsor SPECO VHT with around 25 cars expected.

CoolDrive Auto Parts Formula Fords and Formula Ford 1600s in the Phillip Island Formula Ford Trophies

are expected to swell in numbers over previous years.

Great open wheeler battles are expected as per the last 54 years, from these enduring cars which have been the catalyst for most Australian champions over that time.

Building on last year's Formula Open debut at Island Magic, this superfast group of predominantly Formula 3 open wheelers will again grace our seaside venue with up to 25 vehicles with support from RaceFuels.

The Isola di Capri PIARC Victorian Historic Touring Car Trophy expects over 30 entries providing further opportunity for the nostalgic Monaros, Camaros Chargers, Cortinas, Mazdas, Mustangs, Toranas, BMWs

and Minis to provide the aural and visual pleasures to end the year.

Improved Production Cars Traction Tyre Centre/Yokohama Matthew Flinders Plate always brings a big field to delight and with over 30 cars expected, will not disappoint with almost every make of vehicle in the field.

Island Magic as always promises to be a great way for all to finish a year's racing at Australia's most picturesque and challenging circuit.

For more details as we head towards late November keep an eye on piarc.com.au for updated details.

Admission tickets will be available online via EventBrite.

Fun run returns to honour Deb at Dalyston



Dave Anderson, Deb Rielly's mum Barb Slavin and Dalyston Football Netball Club president Dave Bell are planning the return of the Keeping Kids on Track fun run in 2024. The event will be rebranded as the Deb Rielly Run for the Kids.

kids advance their sporting ambitions.

Towards the end of her life, Deb realised she needed to enlist additional support to ensure Keeping Kids on Track continued.

She had a strong relationship with the Dalyston Football Netball Club (DFNC),

which was a great supporter of the event.

They mutually agreed the club would continue to run the event after her passing.

Unfortunately, the advent of COVID put the event on hold.

Now that life is getting back to normal, the event is set to

return in March, 2024.

To help recognise Deb's legacy and with the blessing of her family, the event will be rebranded the Deb Rielly Run for the Kids.

True to its commitment to Deb, DFNC, with the support of Bass Coast Shire Council, hopes to continue her legacy and ensure her contribution to the community is not forgotten.

Newly appointed DFNC president Dave Bell said the club was proud of its association with Deb and Keeping Kids on Track.

The club will do its best to make sure the event continues to grow and fulfil Deb's vision for its future.

The 2024 Deb Rielly Run for the Kids is now in the early stages of planning but hopes to maintain a similar format to its predecessor.

A Facebook page will soon be set up and, as planning continues, it will include more information about the event.

Cyclists up for a challenge



Former Wonthaggi cyclist Matt Sullivan travelled from Echuca and Michael Ford travelled from Sydney to take part in the newly introduced 100-kilometre gravel ride in the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge.



Andrew Westaway from Richmond was the first cyclist to cross the line in the 121-kilometre event with a time of three hours and 32 minutes.



The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 50 years included Ash Oats, Craig Aplin, Paul Palmer, Andrew Donohue, Paul Hammer, Trevor Aplin, Steven Oates, Ian Bartlett, Stuart Carson, Dean Pipicelli, Paul Cornelis, and Vic Mabilia. Z34_4623

Kilcunda-Bass Cricket Club's 50th celebration

THE Kilcunda-Bass Cricket Club's past and present members gathered in the club rooms at the Bass Recreation Reserve on Sunday afternoon after the T20 Women's match.

Players and their families from 1973 to 2023 united to share stories of the great game, reminisce on the mateship and celebrate the sporting career of successful competitors.

Throughout the afternoon, MC Dan Lennigan with Cameron Chasemore presented the team of the decade awards to the players from 1970's to the team of 50 years:

The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 1970's. Roy Argent, Vic Mabilia, Stuart Carson, Garry Todd, Robert Joseph, Jim Ingbrissen, Trevor Aplin, Craig Aplin, John Woodward, Les Watson, and David Brown.

The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 1980's. Ian Barlett, Craig Aplin, Trevor Aplin, Bill Slade, Peter Churchill, Hendry Young, Les Knight, Stephen Hender, Russell Cleeland, Les Hender, Richard Argent, and Stephen Carew.

The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 1990's. Robert Blackney, David Hunt, Paul Hammer, Stephen Carew, Craig Aplin, Steven Oates, Peter Loos, Alan Cameron, Mark Dobbie, Andrew Blackney, Craig Davidson, and James Mahood.

The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 2000's. Paul Mohascy, Steven Oates, Paul Palmer, Paul Hammer, Shane O'Keefe, David Hunt, Nathan Davis, Paul Cornelis, Paul Matthews, Dean Pipicelli, James Mahood, and Rob Bodsworth.

The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 2010's. Ash Oats, Steven Oates, Andrew Donohue, Paul Palmer, Paul Mohascy, Jacob Dakin, Ash Larcombe, Cameron Davidson, Todd Smith, Dean Pipicelli, James Mahood, and Jayden Tregear.

The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 50 years. Ash Oats, Craig Aplin, Paul Palmer, Andrew Donohue, Paul Hammer, Trevor Aplin, Steven Oates, Ian Bartlett, Stuart Carson, Dean Pipicelli, Paul Cornelis, and Vic Mabilia.

Steven Oates was too awarded with life membership for his 20 years of service to the club, recognised as both a junior and senior cricketer at the club, a committee member, chief historian, club captain/coach, a premiership player, and the Victoria Police Cricket Club Captain.

When receiving the distinguished honour Steven acknowledged the cabinet committee for their efforts in setting up the 50th celebration before stating that he became a player as a junior cricketer winning a premiership as young kid. With friendship being the theme for the day, Steven acknowledged the leadership in the game that helped form the mateship that the club brought to so many players and their families.

"It's been a place to put your efforts into, but I've got back a lot more than what I put in, and that same sentiment is associated to everybody – it's a community club that is for the community," said Steven.



The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 2010's. Z35_4623



The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 2000's. Z36_4623



The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 1990's. Z37_4623



The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 1980's. Z38_4623



The Kilcunda-Bass CC team of 1970's. Z39_4623



Kilcunda-Bass' Elyse Fisher bats in the Women's T20 Great White against Hammerheads. Z31_4623



Kirsty Taylor bowling to Elyse Fisher in the Women's T20 at Bass Recreation Reserve. Z32_4623



Melissa Gheller in action for Koonwarra/Leongatha RSL. Photo: Jodie Arnup.



Koonwarra/Leongatha RSL's Rachel King awaits a delivery. Photo: Jodie Arnup.



John Manning made a quick-fire 59 runs against Town. Z26_4623

C GRADE

Town 9/204 v Phillip Island 4/92

Town - 1st INNINGS: N Hodges 73, T Cashin 32, Private Player 6, T Tootell 20, M Carter 0, P Kallookkaran 12, M Warren 1, C Dowling 8, P Carter 38, H Livingstone 6*, J Cashin 0* **Bowling:** M Cleary 0/19, S Niven 0/37, C Fall 0/45, P Francis 0/1, J Parry 1/17, D Mani 2/29, B Marshall 0/4 **Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS:** D Fusinato 25, J Manning 59, D Fusinato 1*, D Mani 1, P Francis 0, S Niven 0* **Bowling:** C Dowling 0/21, H Livingstone 0/24, P Kallookkaran 0/21, M Carter 1/20, PCarter 2/2

Kilcunda-Bass v Inverloch 8/146

No results supplied

Nyora v Club

No results supplied

Koonwarra L/RSL d OMK

Koonwarra L/RSL won on forfeit

Glen Alvie d Korumburra

Glen Alvie won on forfeit

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McBride takes five

C GRADE

AFTER what felt like decades, LDCA's C grade division finally returned to two-day cricket on Saturday as teams swapped out the coloured shirts for the classic white ones around the league.

Kilcunda-Bass and Inverloch opened their seasons in a clash at Bass on Saturday in sunny, blustery conditions.

The Stingrays won the toss and chose to bat first and on a tough thick and slow outfield, it was more of a challenge than they expected.

After losing both openers for under 20, the visitors were in a spot of bother, but new recruit Greg Eddy (38) made sure that didn't last, digging in for a team high score and batting alongside Wayne Chapman (26) for the majority of the innings to claw Inv' back.

The Stingas' tailenders also contributed, taking advantage of some wayward Killy-Bass bowling to finish on a defendable total of 8/146 after their 60 overs.

Alister McBride (5/25 from 15.1) was a standout with the ball for the Sharks, who'll begin their chase when the two sides return to Bass Recreation Reserve #2 on Saturday.

Action packed afternoon at Scorpion

LEONGATHA welcomed Phillip Island to Scorpion Park #2 in a two-day match that saw plenty of action with both sides seeing the pitch with bat and ball.

The hosts won the toss and chose to bat first and put the Sharks to the sword early, thanks to a positive innings from opener Nigel Hodges (73 off 67).

Hodges didn't get too much support though, outside of a crucial captains knock by Paul Carter (38 off 27) at number nine which saw his side finish on 204 as Peter Francis (6/49 from 13) wreaked havoc.

Since Town had gone so hard so quickly, they were dismissed inside 41 overs, meaning the Islanders had just under 20 overs to bat, in pursuit of the 205-runs required to win.

They made a strong fist of it too, reaching 92 at stumps, losing four wickets along the way, including John Manning (59 off 49) who was also positive on the small ground.

Drew Fusinato (1*), Steven Niven (0*) and Phillip Island will resume their chase this Saturday back in 'Gatha, while Carter (2/2 from 2) will look to lock up the win for his side.



Goannas opening batsman Warren Dummett faces Neil Smith from ACS.

Recruit leads Goannas to victory

OVER 70s

AFTER the trek down the highway to the Moorabbin CC ground in East Bentleigh, the Gippsland Goannas Over-70 cricket team had to wait for an under-age game to be completed, before starting their match against the Australian Cricket Society Over-70 team.

The Goannas fielded first, with Gordon Cowling and Kelvin Bond bowling the first 10 overs into the cool SE breeze.

The ground was in superb condition, the wicket hard and the weather fine as the ACS batsmen steadily increased the score. Bond struck first, having ACS Captain Ian B. Gibson well caught by Dick Noble at mid wicket from his first ball!

Cowling then had Dave Breheny plumb lbw in his fifth over, and the score was 2/41 after 10 overs.

Ron Lovel and Andrew Smith bowled the next ten overs down wind and were not able to break through as the ACS batsmen took the score to 2/82 at the drinks break.

Batsmen three, four, five and six all retired after about 30 balls, one of them for 37, which included eight fours! Any ball hit through the field easily made the boundary as the surface was very quick.

Lovel and Bond bowled the next five overs into the breeze, finishing with 0/22 from eight overs and 1/45 from seven, respectively. They were relieved by Smith and Barrie Nunn as the score mounted to 2/133 after 30 overs.

The final overs were to be bowled downwind, with Dick Noble and Nunn starting off. Goannas wicketkeeper, Ian A. Gibson, completed a smart stumping in Noble's first over, Cowling came back on for over #36, and the ACS #9 batsman proceeded to run out two of his team mates in the next three overs. The score was 158 when former Collingwood footballer Graeme Anderson, who had retired earlier, returned to the crease. He was able to keep the score moving as they put on 28 in the last three overs. Captain Kevin Lanigan bowled the



Goannas debutant, Anton De Vent from Moe, attacks the bowling on his way to 42 retired.

39th over, for seven runs. Cowling finished with 1/33 from his eight overs, Smith 0/47 from eight, Nunn 0/17 from four and Noble 1/15 from his four overs.

Goannas recruit, Anton DeVent from Moe, was lively in the field, providing a good throw to the keeper for the first run out. Smith fielded well to get the ball to Gibson for the final wicket. The ACS innings concluded at 5/192 from their 40 overs.

After the lunch break the Goannas started their innings, with Goannas recruit, Warragul's Jeff (Spider) Phillips and second gamer Warren Dummett opening the innings.

Neil Smith, who is still quite quick, and super veteran Bob Hopkins opened the bowling, downwind, with Smith bowling Dummett for 15 in the seventh over.

The Goannas were 1/49 at the 10 over change of ends and Devent had joined Phillips. These two worked well together and Phillips retired for 28 when the score was 73 after 13 overs.

Wayne Tatterson had joined Devent and the score continued to climb. When Tatterson was caught behind for six the score was 2/100, and Gibson came to the crease. At the 20 over drinks break the Goannas had reached 2/111, which was well ahead of the ACS score at the same time.

Devent retired soon after for a brilliant 42 and the captain strode to the crease.

Lanigan and Gibson added another 20 runs, but KL was caught from the

bowling of Hopkins for 12. Noble joined Gibson, who was bowled by spinner Martin for eight and the score was 5/136 in the 28th over.

Cowling joined Noble and they put on 22 runs, mostly 'extras', when Noble (6) walked after edging a catch behind, which the umpire may not have given out (no hearing aids!). Nunn had a quick innings and Andrew Smith joined Cowling with 34 runs required, but eight overs left. This pair batted well together, running singles, blocking the good balls and hitting an occasional boundary. They were able to pass the ACS score in the 39th over, Cowling was 36 and Smith eight at the end of the innings.

The Goannas Over-50 team was due to play the East Ringwood team today, but the opposition were unable to bring a team to Gippsland.

Unfortunately the 50's have only played one game this season, and, as the next game is due when several players are away for the Over-55 National games in Christchurch, that too will need to be postponed.

The National Over-60's Championships are in Perth this week, and the 70's will be in Bunbury the following week.

Next scheduled Goannas games are: >50's away to Ballarat on November 26, >60's home to Yarra Valley on November 26 and >70's home to Mornington/Canterbury on December 5.



Leongatha Football Netball Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 22, 2023
7.30pm

Leongatha Grandstand Function Room,
Roughhead Street, Leongatha

ALL WELCOME



Nigel Grimes goes on the attack for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL during the opening day of its B1 contest against Meeniyan Dumbalk United but the Demons dismissed him for 5. Photo: Jodie Arnup.

Korumburra scores briskly against Inverloch

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

A SOLID opening partnership helped ensure Korumburra's decision to bat first was a sound one in an abbreviated first day of action against visitor Inverloch.

Trevor Allen struck 47 at better than a run-a-ball, with opening partner Jacob Wrigley delivering a more cautious 21.

Cobras captain Shane Dole notched an impressive 67 not out at a strike rate of 88.15, his side completing day one with the loss of just a couple of wickets and 173 runs on the board despite less than 50 overs of play.

John Bowring was the wicket taker for the Stingrays, claiming 2/45 off 14 overs, while teammate Dean Cashin proved stingy with the ball conceding just 13 runs off almost 11 overs.

Korumburra's brisk scoring means an intriguing day's play is on the cards come Saturday despite the loss of overs on day one.

Honours appear even between Cougars and Demons

KOONWARRA Leongatha RSL batted first at home after visitor Meeniyan Dumbalk United won the toss. Michael Thomas (61) and Brad Anderson (55) being the main contributors in the Cougars setting a competitive 9/230 day one total.

Opener Thomas exhibited great patience, his innings stretching to 169 balls, while Anderson's runs came more briskly, facing 87 balls.

Medium pacer Andrew Richardson quickly justified MDU's decision to bowl, sending Thomas' opening partner Jordan Pickersgill on his way for a third-ball duck, Richardson finishing the day with a tidy 2/63 from 20 overs.

MDU skipper Craig Hoober's probing medium pace



Korumburra's Jacob Wrigley batted steadily to score his 21 runs against Inverloch. Z17_4623

deliveries helped expose the Cougars' lower order, dismissing the number six, seven and eight batsmen and taking 3/45 off 11 overs.

The match is well poised for an intriguing day two.

OMK sets cracking day one tempo against Imperials

OUTTRIM Moyarra Kongwak set a blistering day one pace after choosing to bat at home, faying the Imperials bowlers on the way to 6/303 by stumps, a scoring rate of better than 4.3 per over.

Openers Joel Cuman (63) and skipper Kris Kerr (68) set the platform for a big team total, with Shane Taylor's rapid-fire 54 off just 39 balls and Sam Matthews 36 not out off 40 balls building on those foundations.

James Jeffery was the standout wicket taker for Imperials with 4/107, although he didn't have it all his own way as the Diggers took him for more than four runs

an over.

His teammate Archie Casey captured just one wicket but yielded only 49 runs off 16 overs at little more than three runs per over.

It will be interesting to see how the Imperials batsmen respond to a substantial total when they get their turn at the crease.

Sharks bite at Scorpion Park

PHILLIP Island wreaked havoc after deciding to bowl, skittling home side Leongatha Town for a total of just 61 runs.

It was a terrific team effort with the ball from the Sharks, with all five bowlers used breaking through and proving miserly.

Kohen Beaumont finished with 3/1 and accounted for Colin Bruce who registered a patient 20 runs to be the Scorpions top scorer.

Timothy Niven grabbed 2/10 off eight overs, dismissing an opener and the number three



Inverloch's Dean Cashin bowled accurately to allow just 13 runs from his 10.5 overs against Korumburra. Z16_4623

batsman, and captain Kurt Lane cashed in on his decision to send Town in with figures of 2/12 off just over eight overs.

Leongatha Town opener Mark Hardy showed fight with a determined 13 off 37 balls, with Josh Williams (10) the other Scorpion to reach double figures.

In a frenetic day's cricket, Phillip Island lost eight wickets en route to a score of 145 runs off 35 overs.

The Leongatha Town fought impressively in an effort to pull their side back into the game, claiming a fourth scalp by the time Phillip Island had edged a run ahead.

Andrew Finlayson's 44 not out proved important in the Sharks building a decisive total, Niven's 24 being their next best score.

Scorpions captain Luke Ashton led the fightback effort with 3/25 off 10 overs, but Phillip Island enters day two content with its position in the match.

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

Koonwarra LSL 9/230 v MDU

Koonwarra LSL - 1st INNINGS: J Pickersgill 0, M Thomas 61, N Grimes 5, I Anushka 27, A Drury 6, B Anderson 55, A Boxall 19, P Buckley 13, W Cashin 18*, T Collins 10, B Smith 4*. Bowling: A Richardson 2/63, K Brown 1/24, T Zukovskis 2/11, C Fisher 0/38, W Prosser 0/7, D Feild 0/8, C Schwennesen 0/18, C Hoober 3/45, D Zuidema 0/13

Korumburra 2/166 v Inverloch

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: T Allen 47, J Wrigley 21, M Allen 25*, S Dole (c) 65*. Bowling: C O'Flynn 0/48, D Cashin 0/13, J Bowring 2/45, A Mankhong 0/15, A Terlich 0/21, C Newman 0/21

OMK 6/303 v Imperials

OMK - 1st INNINGS: J Cuman 63, K Kerr 68, C Quaife 26, A Busana 28, M Sawyers 4*, Sy Matthews 36*, S Taylor 54, M Nicholas 0*. Bowling: A Casey 1/49, J Jeffery 4/107, K Gray 0/38, J Ballagh 1/70, F Botha 0/20, C Bruce 0/14

Town 161 v Phillip Island 8/145

Town 1st INNINGS: M Hardy 13, R Edward's 7, Y Ratnaike 0, C Bruce 20, J Williams 10, D Goss 0, L Ashton 0*, T Strybosch 1, V Peiris 0, J Lindsay 1, R Hume 0*. Bowling: Timothy Niven 2/10, Harry Arceo 1/15, Jobe Williams 1/18, Kurt Lane 2/12, Kohen Beaumont 3/1. Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: C Epifano 18, M Arceo 0, K Beaumont 2, H Peppard 22, A Finlayson 44*, K Lane 8, T Niven 24, S Angelo 3, A Tolley 0, J Williams 13*. Bowling: L Ashton 3/25, C Bruce 0/19, J Williams 0/35, V Peiris 2/25, Y Ratnaike 1/11, T Strybosch 2/15, J Lindsay 0/10

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

Club 377 v OMK

Club - 1st INNINGS: J Sheerin 49, J Loris 66, L Sawyer 62, M Chisholm 64, W Speed 7, C Prosser 42, C Fraser 13, L Anstey 38, L McRae 0, S Liddle 14, J Shannon 0*. Bowling: M Whiteside 3/91, R White 2/81, T Walker 0/64, G Lomagno 3/56, R Quaife 0/40, B Furness 1/24, Ry Wyatt 1/12

Korumburra 9/215 v Foster

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: P Churchill 12, C Turton 6, P Beadel 0, D Scott 96, P Edwards 0, T Morrison 0, T Sorrell 56, J Dunn 18, M Foote 1*, R Butler 0, G Edwards 1*. Bowling: Jarryd Guganovic 2/44, E Smith 0/32, J Anderson 1/12, L Moon 1/9, Private Player 0/14, A Walker 0/3, A Gibson 0/5, J Pilkington 0/72, M Allott 4/17

Nerrena 201 v Kilcunda-Bass 0/7

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: B Gannon 22, C Dougherty 66, M Croatto 3, C Baudinette 42, E Berryman 0, B Croatto 4, Private Player 42, J Donohue 8, Private Player 0, Private Player 0, D Grigg 0*. Bowling: S Tapscott 1/51, B Rookes 3/32, R Duff 2/25, B Waldron 0/31, T Stacey 0/19, J Mahood 3/31. Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS: B Joseph 4*, Williams 2*. Bowling: C Baudinette 0/1, B Croatto 0/2, C Dougherty 0/2, D Grigg 0/2

Phillip Island 1/164 v Glen Alvie 177

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: Z Scholz 0, S Smith 46, A Brown 17, D Hale 24, D Tiziani 20, H Smith 26, N Thacker 20, J Burke 10, J Brown 1, G Hynes 0, L McRae 3*. Bowling: M Parsons 5/47, T Allan 1/29, P Cleary 0/28, A Williams 1/31, J Tran 2/14, S Sirirathnage 1/26. Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: T Asurumuni 86, T Blackwell 68*, O Duggan 1*. Bowling: Z Scholz 0/50, L McRae 0/45, J Brown 0/13, A Brown 0/14, J Burke 0/14, G Hynes 1/25



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A1: David Newman (Inverloch) 105* ; Shiran Rathnayake (P-Island) 6/61

A2: Jy Hull (Club) 91 ; Henry Dolphin (Nyora) 4/25

B1: Kris Kerr (OMK) 68 ; James Jeffery (Imperials) 4/107

B2: Darren Scott (Korumburra) 96 ; Matthew Parsons (Phillip Island) 5/47

C: Nigel Hodges (Town) 73 ; Peter Francis (Phillip Island) 6/49

Wonthaggi Club
blasts huge first day
score against OMK

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

DESPITE nobody getting close to a century, Wonthaggi Club smashed 377 runs on the opening day of its match against Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak, being dismissed for that total.

Justin Lici (66), Matrix Chisholm (64) and skipper Liam Sawyer (62) all scored at a brisk tempo as did Jack Sheerin who missed a half century by a solitary run.

For OMK, George Lomagno took 3/56 off a touch more than 12 overs, with Michael Whiteside managing as many wickets but conceding 91 from his 14 overs.

It shapes as a daunting day of batting for OMK on Saturday.

Korumburra musters competitive effort against Foster

AFTER choosing to bat at Poowong Recreation Reserve, Korumburra was made to work for its runs by a disciplined Foster attack, managing 9/215 on day one.

Darren Scott's determined 96 and a stubborn 56 from Thomas Sorrell ensured the Cobras bowlers have something competitive to defend when action resumes.

Tigers captain Mitch Allott capitalised on his five overs with 4/17, Jarryd Guganovic the side's other multiple wicket taker with 2/44 from 14 overs.

Nerrena sets decent total against Kilcunda-Bass

NERRENA chose to bat at the Leongatha Velodrome but found runs tough to come by, the Red Caps grinding their way to 201 all out before Kilcunda-Bass began its reply with a painstaking 0/7 off 10 overs.

Charlie Dougherty was the top performer with the willow for Nerrena, making a patient 66, while James Mahood (3/31) and Ben Rookes (3/32) were the most prolific wicket takers for Kilcunda-Bass.

Sharks openers Brett Joseph (four not out) and Scott Williams (two not out) will doubtless look to up the tempo on day two after having focused on seeing out the last part of the opening day.

Nerrena chopped and changed its bowlers in an attempt to capture a wicket, with four already used, Cameron Baudinette allowing only a single run from his four overs.

Phillip Island in charge against Glen Alvie

PHILLIP Island made its decision to bowl count at Rhyll Cricket Ground, knocking Glen Alvie over for 177 before skipping to 1/164 from 20 overs to conclude the first day's play.

Tharidu Asurumuni is the one Sharks' batsman to have fallen, having made a blistering 86 from 54 balls, while his opening partner Thomas Blackwell resumes on 68 not out alongside Oliver Duggan on one.

Gaby Hynes (1/25) heads a largely dreary list of bowling figures for Glen Alvie.

Earlier in the day, Phillip Island's Matthew Parsons proved the chief destroyer, reaping 5/47 from his 17 overs, with Justin Tran (2/14) the other multiple wicket taker for the Sharks.

Glen Alvie might well have had a better day at the crease, with five of its batsmen reaching scores of at least 20 but none getting to a half century.

Phillip Island should quickly establish a sizeable lead when play resumes.



Imperial's opener Luke Rogers top scored with his 80 runs against OMK. Z19_4623

Club post decent total on the road

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

FOLLOWING the LDCA's successful opening rounds in the one-day format, two-day cricket returned over the weekend with some interesting results across the board.

Wonthaggi came off a resounding statement win and travelled to Nerrena to kick off their two-day fixtures for the 2023/24 season.

Club won the toss and chose to bat first and did a solid job of taking advantage of it too, posting 7/272 at the conclusion of their 75 overs on the back of half centuries to Ben Walsh (74 off 178) and Joel Brann (52 off 33).

Tim Wightman (3/74 from 19) was the best with the ball for the hosts, who'll consider themselves a chance of chasing down the 273 required this Saturday back on their home deck to claim their first win of the season.

Rogers restores Imps' hopes

FOLLOWING two hefty losses in a row, the Imperials were out to bounce back when they hosted the red hot OMK on Saturday.

The Imps won the toss and chose to bat first and looked well on their way to a huge total, with an inspired innings from opener Luke Rogers (80 off 108), but the loss of his wicket started a collapse, where they lost 8/113.

This sharp Diggers comeback was led by a vintage performance from club legend Peter Dell (4/33 from 22) and



OMK's Jake Cochrane toiled away in his 12 overs against Imperials. Z21_4623

saw the hosts dismissed for 235, inside 70 overs.

The visitors then went in to face five overs to end the day and lost no wickets, reaching stumps with seven runs on the board.

Jake Cochrane (4*) and Ethan Lamers (1*) will resume the OMK chase this Saturday as they look for a third straight win.

Stingas' skipper shows out at home

NOW having to survive the day without their boom international recruit Thilakaratne Dilshan, Korumburra hit the road to face Inverloch.

The Cobras won the toss and chose to bowl first, but

they succumbed to a vintage David Newman (105* off 121) performance.

The Stingrays skipper capitalising on the superb foundation laid by his openers to reel off his first century of the season, bringing it up alongside his son Rhys (10*) and the pair remained unbeaten at stumps, Inverloch setting the visitors 232 for victory.

Hemal Rathnayake (3/42 from 17) was the pick of the bowlers for 'Burra, and his side will begin their chase when they return to Thompson Reserve this Saturday.

Super six scalps for Shiran

THE first Grand Final rematch took place over the

bridge at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve as Town looked to rewrite the script and take revenge against Phillip Island.

The Scorpions won the toss and chose to bat first, posting 225 after several of their batters got starts but couldn't go on, and Amila Ratnaike (86 off 132) fell short of a big three figure score.

Shiran Rathnayake (6/61 from 28) did the damage, tearing through the top and middle order to claim a magnificent five wicket haul.

The Sharks will begin what shapes to be a relatively easy chase by their standards, this weekend back on the Island, as they look to get back in the win column.



Wonthaggi Club's Fraser West plays a positive stroke against MDU. Z30_4623

Hull falls just shy of three figures

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

MDU welcomed Wonthaggi down the road to the Meeniyian Recreation Reserve to do battle in their first two-day fixture of the season.

The Demons won the toss and chose to bowl first but the continued hot form of Club wicketkeeper Jy Hull (91 off 158) possibly made the regret that decision.

The Wonny' number four blasting an excellent half century, just falling nine runs short of the ton, putting together a 137-run stand with Jai Williamson (59 off 127) to push their score past 250.

Heath Dobbie's (38* off 31) late cameo saw Club finish 9/263 after their 75 overs.

Mitchell Hoober (3/39 from 10) and Scott Browne (3/76 from 29) led the Dees' attack.

Tigers and Cougars locked in battle

THE WHITE-hot Foster hosted Koonwarra L/RSL who were after an upset on the road as the match began last Saturday.

The Cougars won the toss and made the call to field first and it paid off, removing the danger man Josh Toner for just 10.

The Tigers did find contributors outside of their star skipper though, with his opening partner Jack Gay (63 off 142) and number four Jake Best (75 off 90) each posting half centuries.

Joshua Thomas (4/37 from 12.4) was outstanding with the ball as his side dismissed their hosts for an even 250, setting up a blockbuster chase this Saturday.

Dolphin culls the Sharks

KILCUNDA-Bass hosted Nyora in beautiful sunshine and windy conditions at the Bass Resreation Reserve.

The hosts won the toss and chose to bat first and despite a decent contribution from Cameron Davidson (48 off 119) at the top of the order, things didn't quite go their way with the bat.

Henry Dolphin (4/25 from 17 & 5*) led his men beautifully and will look to continue to do so with the bat this weekend when he resumes with Daniel Esler (6*) after the pair survived nine overs to end last Saturday's proceedings.

Nyora require a further 143-runs for the win, after the Sharks posted 10/156.



Nathan Trotto comes in to bowl for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL on day one of its A2 clash against Foster, taking 1/46 from 13 overs. Photo: Jodie Arnup.

Donohue digs deep for the Alvie

GLEN ALVIE welcomed Nerrena down the road for a huge top three clash on the weekend.

The Alvie won the toss and chose to bat first and looked well on their way to a monumental score, passing the 100 mark without losing a wicket as Matthew Donohue (68* off 120) and Scott Peatling (50 off 107) got to work.

But the loss of Peatling at 1/107, sparked a full collapse, as the hosts lost 10/133, the shining light being Donohue who carried his bat through the innings.

Scott Checkley (4/43 from 17) led the inspired revival for Nerrena, who were made to begin their chase of Glen Alvie's 240-run target for six overs to end the day.

Interestingly, the visitors lost a wicket in the process, and will resume their chase this Saturday at 1/8.



Wonthaggi Club's Jayden Burns against MDU. Z28_4623

A GRADE

Town 225 v Phillip Island

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| Town – 1st INNINGS | OMK – 1st INNINGS |
| Ron Abeysinghe c: S Rathnayake | Jake Cochrane not out 4 |
| b: S Kirton 6 | Ethan Lamers not out 1 |
| Darcy Hume c&b: S Rathnayake 38 | Extras (1w, 1lb) 2 |
| Jesse Giardina c: L Cleeland | Total 0 / 7 (5 Overs) |
| b: T Niven 31 | Bowling: J Ginnane 3-1-3-0 (1w), L Wright 2-1-3-0 |
| DLMP Gallage c: ? b: T Niven 3 | |
| Amila Ratnayake b: S Rathnayake 86 | |
| Jack Hume lbw: S Rathnayake 2 | |
| P Jayasinghe lbw: S Rathnayake 30 | |
| Rob Eddy c: D Mock b: S Rathnayake.20 | |
| Noah Fixter b: T Niven 0 | |
| PG Rajapakshage not out 0 | |
| Levi Hickey c: D Mock | |
| b: S Rathnayake 2 | |
| Extras (1w, 2nb, 3lb, 1b) 7 | |
| Total 10 / 225 (74 Overs) | |
| Bowling: S Kirton 8-1-32-1, | |
| G McCausland 6-2-19-0 (1w), M Royal | |
| 11-1-44-0 (1nb), T Niven 11-3-35-3, | |
| S Rathnayake 28-9-61-6, Z Brown 10-1-30-0 (1nb) | |

Imperials 235 v OMK 0/7

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| Imperials – 1st INNINGS | OMK – 1st INNINGS |
| Luke Rogers c: D Creed | |
| b: J Cochrane 80 | |
| Timothy Sauvarin c: N Audino | |
| b: E Lamers 21 | |
| Jack Ginnane c: K Brann | |
| b: N Audino 19 | |
| Mark Lafferty b: N Wylie 21 | |
| DW Arachchige c: A Trotto b: P Dell 63 | |
| Ryan Higgins lbw: P Dell 7 | |
| Damon Ginnane c: J Lamers b: P Dell .. 1 | |
| Samuel Vagg c: J Cochrane b: P Dell 8 | |
| Aydan Williams c: J Lamers b: A Trotto 0 | |
| Lachie Wright b: A Trotto 4 | |
| Lucas Anderson not out 0 | |
| Extras (3w, 1nb, 1lb, 6b) 11 | |
| Total 10 / 235 (69.3 Overs) | |
| Bowling: A Trotto 10.3-1-30-2 (1w), P Dell 22-10-33-4, J Lamers 5-0-31-0, E Lamers 9-2-31-1 (1w, 1nb), J Cochrane 12-1-56-1, N Audino 6-0-26-1, N Wylie 5-0-21-1 (1w) | |

A GRADE

Glen Alvie 240 v Nerrena 1/8

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| Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS | Nerrena – 1st INNINGS |
| Matthew Donohue run out 68 | Henry Dolphin not out 5 |
| Scott Peatling c: K Berryman | Daniel Esler not out 6 |
| b: Private player 50 | Extras (2w) 2 |
| Matthew Dakin b: S Checkley 0 | Total 0 / 13 (9 Overs) |
| Ryan Sinclair lbw: S Checkley 0 | Bowling: H Berry 4-2-5-0 (1w), T Smith 3-1-2-0 (1w), C Peckett 1-0-4-0, J Tregear 1-0-2-0 |
| Stephen Kennedy c: S Checkley | |
| b: D Trotman 63 | |
| Ben McRae lbw: S Checkley 21 | |
| Nathan Findlay st: J Renden | |
| b: K Berryman 0 | |
| Andrew Dakin lbw: S Checkley 0 | |
| Dean Williams c: Private player | |
| b: P Johnston 15 | |
| Wayne Luke not out 6 | |
| Sam Watson c: Private player | |
| b: P Johnston 0 | |
| Extras (2w, 3nb, 4lb, 8b) 17 | |
| Total 10 / 240 (68.5 Overs) | |
| Bowling: M Croatto 10-3-36-0 (2w), P Johnston 9.5-0-30-2 (1nb), S Checkley 17-6-43-4, Private Player 11-3-22-1, T Harris 10-0-53-0 (1nb), D Trotman 6-0-21-1, K Berryman 5-1-23-1 (1nb) | |

Nerrena 1st INNINGS

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| Joel Renden b: B McRae 4 | Nerrena 1st INNINGS |
| Dave Trotman not out 4 | |
| Tyson Harris not out 0 | |
| Extras 0 | |
| Total 1 / 8 (6 Overs) | |
| Bowlers: N Findlay 3-2-1-0, M Dakin 2-0-7-0, B McRae 1-0-1 | |

K-Bass 156 v Nyora 0/13

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| Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS | Nyora – 1st INNINGS |
| Cameron Davidson b: H Dolphin 48 | Henry Dolphin not out 5 |
| Aaron Conron c&b: A Kaddatz 19 | Daniel Esler not out 6 |
| Daniel Ferguson c: J Hackett | Extras (2w) 2 |
| b: A Simmons 0 | Total 0 / 13 (9 Overs) |
| Matthew Grayson lbw: A Simmons 2 | Bowling: H Berry 4-2-5-0 (1w), T Smith 3-1-2-0 (1w), C Peckett 1-0-4-0, J Tregear 1-0-2-0 |
| Jaydan Tregear c: L Row | |
| b: A Simmons 21 | |
| Ash Larcombe b: A Kaddatz 36 | |
| Jackson Baker c: J Henry b: H Dolphin.0 | |
| Todd Smith c: ? b: H Dolphin 4 | |
| Ryley Duff lbw: H Dolphin 0 | |
| Harrison Berry b: A Kaddatz 4 | |
| Chris Peckett not out 4 | |
| Extras (11w, 1nb, 2lb, 4b) 48 | |
| Total 10 / 156 (65.4 Overs) | |
| Bowling: A Kaddatz 20.4-8-51-3 (1w, 1nb), A Thompson 4-1-10-0 (2w), M Rowe 4-0-16-0 (2w), A Simmons 20-4-48-3 (4w), H Dolphin 17-6-25-4 (2w) | |

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| OMK – 1st INNINGS | Inverloch 4/231 v Korumburra |
| Jake Cochrane not out 4 | Inverloch – 1st INNINGS |
| Ethan Lamers not out 1 | Jack Butcher b: T Crocker 27 |
| Extras (1w, 1lb) 2 | Walter Taberner c: ? b: H Ratnayake 39 |
| Total 0 / 7 (5 Overs) | Andrew Donohue c: R Rangana |

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| Bowling: J Ginnane 3-1-3-0 (1w), L Wright 2-1-3-0 | b: H Ratnayake 38 |
| | David Newman not out 105 |
| | Jake Dennerley c: N Christensen |
| | b: H Ratnayake 10 |
| | Rhys Newman not out 10 |
| | Extras (2nb) 2 |
| | Total 4 / 231 (75 Overs) |
| | Bowling: J Whiteside 21-5-52-0 (2nb), H McNeil 16-2-75-0, L Gooch 3-1-3-0, H Ratnayake 17-3-42-3, T Crocker 18-3-59-1 |

Club 7/272 v Nerrena

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| Club – 1st INNINGS | Club – 1st INNINGS |
| Mitch Thomas c: H Funnell | |
| b: A Gannon 8 | |
| Stewart Beaumont c: ? b: M Clark 31 | |
| Ben Walsh c: H Funnell | |
| b: T Wightman 74 | |
| Alexander Geyer b: J Checkley 30 | |
| Ryan Thomas c: D Berryman | |
| b: T Wightman 36 | |
| Joel Brann c: D Berryman b: M Clark 52 | |
| Lochlan Mclean b: T Wightman 4 | |
| Emmet Dempsey not out 19 | |
| Ryan Birkett not out 6 | |
| Extras (8w, 3lb, 1b) 12 | |
| Total 7 / 272 (75 Overs) | |
| Bowling: A Trotto 10.3-1-30-2 (1w), P Dell 22-10-33-4, J Lamers 5-0-31-0, E Lamers 9-2 | |

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Aislin Jones of Leongatha (right) shows off her gold medal at the recent Women's Skeet event at the 2023 Oceania Region ISSF Championships in Brisbane, with runner-up Chloe Tipple of New Zealand displaying her silver medal.

Leongatha based Olympian secures Paris 2024

LEONGATHA based Olympian Aislin Jones, who uses Korumburra Gun Club as one of her training grounds, won the Women's Skeet event at the 2023 Oceania Region ISSF Championships in Brisbane on Friday November 3, securing Australia the Oceania Region Olympic quota for next year's Paris Games.

The Oceania Region encompasses Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and the Philippines.

In a tight final in which New Zealand's Chloe Tipple edged ahead briefly just before the halfway mark, Aislin ultimately proved too strong, finishing the event with an Oceania record-equalling 53 out of 60 targets.

Aislin said a strong start helped ease her nerves and that although she became increasingly aware of the score, she kept looking to her dad Dave who provided valuable reassurance.

As well as securing the Paris quota for Australia, Aislin earned the gold medal, with two-time Olympian Tipple claiming the silver and Tokyo Olympian Laura Coles of Western Australia taking the bronze.

Aislin made her Olympic debut while still a Year 10 student at Nagle College in Bairnsdale and living in Lakes Entrance.

In Brisbane, she competed over two days and five rounds of 25 targets in her qualifying event, shooting 115 of the 125 targets.

Those targets travel at 100kmh and are often shot in pairs.

Aislin was top qualifier overall, beating male and female entrants.

Securing top qualification ensured that at no stage during the 60-target final would she be eliminated if tied with another athlete.

"I was nervous going into the event, but I was happy with my qualification score," Aislin said.

While a final usually consists of six competitors, being the Olympic quota event for the IOC's Oceania Region meant only the top four ranked shooters from Australia and New Zealand were eligible.

In 2021 Aislin moved to Leongatha where she lives with her partner Jack Stockdale, one of Australia's top American Skeet shooters.

Frank Morris from Sydney won the men's event giving Australia a men's quota and with both men's and women's quotas, Australia is now eligible for the mixed teams event in Paris.

Selection events to fill the quotas will commence with national championships in January and run through until May.

The team will be announced after the World Cup in Azerbaijan.

The top ranked shooting athlete over the six selection events will be picked for Paris.

Aislin will have a break from competitions until the National Championships in Brisbane in January.

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