

ABSOLUTE DISGRACE

Gone in five seconds twice on the same weekend

A WONTHAGGI woman suffering from the rare degenerative disease called Inclusion Body Myositis (IBM) has had two cars stolen from her driveway, one vehicle twice, in the same weekend.

But what makes this latest incident in a long line of carjacking, aggravated burglaries and car thefts locally such an unspeakably low act is that the mongrels involved stole her wheelchair accessible Kia Carnival and the light-frame wheelchair that went with it. For good measure, they also stole her wheelie walker.

Carol Dennis has been dependent on a wheelchair for mobility since being diagnosed, at age 40, with the muscle wasting disease IBM.

However, while she slept on Friday night, November 8, the thieves gained entry to the house, stole her handbag and car keys, and made off with the Kia Carnival and a Nissan Pathfinder owned by resident carer Chris Raine.

"I heard and saw nothing," said Carol.

Carol said she awoke on Saturday morning to find her handbag, two sets of car keys and both cars gone.

"Chris, the cars are gone," Carol yelled out.

Police found the Pathfinder at Dalyston on Saturday and Chris was able to retrieve it.

But on Saturday night, the brazen thieves stole the Pathfinder again, using keys stolen the night before, according to Chris. Dumping it in Leongatha.

Carol's black Kia van is yet to be found.

"They used both my fuel cards at Cranbourne and Lang Lang," she said.

"We hope someone has CCTV footage that can help identify the culprits," said Chris.

The wheelchair modifications to the KIA van are not covered by insurance.

"The modifications alone cost \$20,000," said Carol.

"How can someone on a disability pension afford that?

"I don't know how I'm going to find the money."

Chris Raine said he heard voices on Saturday night and some revving of a car engine, but assumed it was neighbours.

"I thought nothing of it," said Chris.

Carol heard the thieves Saturday night too, but they were gone before police could be called. Carol's remaining wheelchair is too heavy to be transported.

"Maxi-taxis are not always available,"

By Bruce Wardley

explained Carol.

Chris' first priority is to pick up the Pathfinder again.

"The Pathfinder's been fingerprinted by police," said Chris.

The culprits still have Carol's house keys.

"I need to change the locks," said Carol. "Another expense."

"It's unusual for this area. It's usually so quiet," said Chris.

Chris warns other householders to make sure they lock their doors and windows.

"Quiet neighbourhoods give you a false sense of security," said Chris.

"We've never had this sort of problem before."

"It can happen anywhere, anytime," he warns.

Thanking police, Carol and Chris said they were deeply appreciative for their work.

"They took the time to look after us," Carol said.

"They found my Pathfinder twice in two days," said Chris.

There is no cure for Inclusion Body Myositis with Carol explaining her father also had the disease.

"I'm always fearful there will be something I can do today that I won't be able to do tomorrow," said Carol, adding she finds herself walking less and less. "Is this the last year I'll be able to walk on the beach?"

Another car stolen

The burglary in Wonthaggi follows a third car stolen on Saturday night in Cape Paterson, a white Subaru Outback wagon yet to be recovered.

Meanwhile, the theft of a laptop and charging device in a burglary in Wonthaggi overnight, between Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8 has left other community members rattled. The stolen items have since been recovered and the two offenders captured on CCTV but they remain on the loose.

Anyone with information, CCTV or dash cam footage in the vicinity of Miners Drive last Friday and Saturday is urged to contact Bass Coast Criminal Investigation Unit on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or anonymously at crimestoppersvic.com.au/report-a-crime.



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John Schelling, Clare Williams, John Kennedy, Sarah Gilligan, Scott Rae, Kerryn Ellis (CEO), Brad Snell and Bron Beach are excited about the upcoming term, with Nathan Hersey and Steve Finlay unable to attend Friday's South Gippsland Shire Council election result declaration. A13_4624

South Gippsland Shire councillors are keen to work together

NEWLY elected councillor from Mirboo North, Brad Snell, is amused his own election success coincides with that of Donald J Trump. And while he's not aiming to 'make South Gippsland great again' he did say last week, at the declaration of the results, he was keen to help continue the good work of the last council.

The Tarwin Valley Ward representative looks forward to working alongside the remainder of the existing councillor group, and other new councillors John Kennedy, Bron Beach and Steve Finlay.

John, of Strzelecki Ward, reflected on moving to the area 10 years ago and setting up his Korumburra bike shop, and made it clear that the faith shown in him by voters means a lot.

"It's a thrill to be up here," he said during his brief

speech, stating he is ready to represent community members whether or not they voted for him and is feeling positive about working with council CEO Kerryn Ellis, other staff and councillors.

"I'm going to do my best and if I say the wrong things or do the wrong things, just tread on my toe and tell me," the new Strzelecki Ward representative said, drawing laughs and a warm round of applause.

Bron, also of Strzelecki Ward, said it is an honour being trusted by the community, and expressed excitement about working alongside other councillors and learning from those who have been re-elected.

She's also keen to share her knowledge, having a strong community background that includes being president of Leongatha Lyric Theatre.

The other Strzelecki Ward representative, Nathan Hersey, who is set for a second term, made an apology on Friday.

Returning Coastal Promontory Ward representative Sarah Gilligan said it's an honour and a privilege to be granted a second term and looks forward to continuing the work that has been done over the last three years, during which time she feels council has been progressive and productive.

Sarah was the only Coastal Promontory Ward councillor to speak, with Steve unable to attend Friday's session, and re-elected Scott Rae choosing not to make a speech but sure to compensate for that with his amusing comments and props when the new council kicks into action.

Brad's fellow Tarwin Valley Ward representatives, John Schelling and Clare Williams

both spoke about their upcoming second terms.

John expressed his appreciation to the VEC for the smooth running of the election.

"I'm looking forward to continuing to get the work done," he declared, expressing confidence in the new councillor group and everyone's ability to work together to achieve positive results.

Clare is also ready to work with the other councillors and said she's ecstatic with the election result and is sure the councillor group will deliver for South Gippsland.

Council CEO Kerryn Ellis congratulated the elected councillors and is ready to guide them throughout the extensive induction process, also acknowledging all those who nominated for election and the time and effort they put into their campaigns.

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Stay safe around water as summer patrol season begins

LIFE Saving Victoria (LSV) has called on the community to keep their loved ones, friends and themselves safe around water, following record drownings last summer, including six in Bass Coast.

Volunteer lifesavers raised the first red and yellow flags of the 2024-25 summer patrol season, signalling the mobilisation of Victoria's 57 lifesaving clubs to keep our community safe in the water.

This year's "Flags Up" ceremony saw volunteer lifesavers, community and political leaders and key LSV personnel come together to plead with visitors to Victoria's waterways to be prepared and stay safe in, on and around water. It also saw the arrival of the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter, which will watch over beachgoers from the skies, and many young Victorians taking part in LSV's Lifesaving Education Programs, which run across the state to teach vital water safety skills.

The season begins with hopes of a safer year ahead after Victoria had the highest number of summer drownings since reliable records began, with 27 people losing their lives over the 2023-24 summer period alone.

Volunteer lifesavers and paid lifeguards saved more lives than ever before last season, performing a record 849 rescues, 1321 first aids and 455,820 preventative actions.

Patrols began on Saturday, November 9, and run to the end of April. Volunteer lifesavers mainly patrol on weekends and public holidays, while paid lifeguards will be on designated beaches during weekdays.

Berninneit wins again

BERNINNEIT took out a National Award for Public Architecture in the National Architecture Awards in Adelaide on Thursday night with judges praising the project for its connectedness to community and cited its inspiration from local geography.

"We are beyond proud that beautiful Berninneit has been honoured with such a prestigious award," Bass Coast Shire Council CEO, Greg Box said.

Berninneit was one of 62 projects short-listed for the National Institute of Architects awards. This is the fourth award for Berninneit.

Shopfront smashed in early morning burglary

POLICE are investigating a burglary in Grantville on November 6.

Officers were told the front window of a supermarket on Bass Highway was smashed and entry gained just before 5am.

Investigations remain ongoing.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, with dashcam/CCTV vision or has information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at crimestoppersvic.com.au or contact Bass Coast Police.

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11° 23°



WED | Nov 13

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

13° 20°



THUR | Nov 14

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

10° 18°



FRI | Nov 15

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

8° 20°



SAT | Nov 16

Sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

10° 28°



SUN | Nov 17

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

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Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

IN BRIEF

Seek advice for your business

FREE mentoring is available for all South Gippsland businesses.

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The virtual sessions will take place via phone, Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

The sessions are 45 minutes long and will be held from 10am to 3pm on Thursday, November 21.

Limited spots are available so head to sbms.org.au/events/view/2470/South_Gippsland_Small_Business_Clinic_SGPV-10CLA2470 to register.

Boost for Dumbalk's water pressure

DUMBALK residents should see their water pressure improve after the installation of a new booster pump at the Dumbalk Water Treatment Plant this week.

South Gippsland Water is investing \$195,000 to upgrade Dumbalk's water supply system.

This is part of its ongoing commitment to continue delivering quality, sustainable water and waste water services to the region.

The project is designed to make Dumbalk's water

pressure more reliable.

It will also let South Gippsland Water bypass water from the tower during planned and unplanned maintenance, meaning fewer interruptions of the town's water supply.

South Gippsland Water's crews will be conducting air scouring, cleaning and flushing of the main water pipe in mid-November to ensure good water quality.

Dumbalk residents will see a slow and steady increase in the main water pressure over a six-week period.

If residents notice a water leak at their property during this time, please contact the South Gippsland Water customer service team on 1300 851 636 during business hours.

South Gippsland Water first commissioned the Dumbalk water tower in the 1960s.

Now, it needs to ensure it continues to supply water pressure to the standard set by the Water Services Association of Australia.

The pump station will consist of three pumps and will now be able to read the downstream discharge pressure and automatically adjust to maintain adequate pressure.

Schools to enjoy a maintenance boost

INVERLOCH and Toora Primary Schools are among 78 Victorian schools that will benefit from improved facilities and maintenance works.

These works are thanks to funding from the State Government's Planned Maintenance Program, which will see the

selected schools share in more than \$21 million.

Inverloch Primary School will be receiving \$171,551.59 while Toora Primary School has been allocated \$113,931.41.

The program ensures schools can undertake essential work in classrooms and other school buildings, such as fixing roofs and replacing windows, painting, resurfacing floors, and some external works like improving pathways.

"From a fresh coat of paint in classrooms to ensuring crucial emergency shelters are in good condition, this latest maintenance blitz will ensure all Victorian students have safe and modern learning spaces," Minister for Education Ben Carroll said.

"We are making sure every single classroom is safe, engaging and will complement the top-class education we are committed to providing."

Works are determined by a rolling facilities evaluation process, which provides up-to-date information on the condition of schools to create a faster and more targeted allocation of funding.

Road renewal works in Wonthaggi

BASS Coast Shire Council is set to begin roadworks along Baillieu Street West between Cameron Street and Drysdale Street in Wonthaggi.

These works will improve access and safety for motorists and pedestrians.

The project is scheduled to start on Wednesday, November 13, and will take

approximately five weeks.

This renewal program is designed to upgrade aging infrastructure, providing residents with a modern, durable road surface and safe connections to the existing road network.

The aim of this project is to create a safer and more reliable roadway.

Traffic and pedestrian controls, including reduced speed limits, will ensure the safety of everyone during the project.

The scope includes replacing existing pavement with reinforced concrete for increased resilience, constructing new concrete footpaths and drainage systems, and upgrading and modifying drainage pits and pipes to improve the lifespan of community assets.

Starting with site establishment this Wednesday – including the erection of temporary fencing – works will include the stripping and clearing of existing pavement and drainage pits.

Access to properties along the construction route will be restricted temporarily, but council's contractor will work closely with residents to provide advance notice of any works that might affect property access.

Emergency vehicle access will remain available throughout the project.

Updates on the project will be regularly posted on council's Engage Bass Coast website.

This initiative reflects council's commitment to maintaining and enhancing local infrastructure for a safer and more accessible Bass Coast community.



After their swearing-in on Monday this week, the new-look Bass Coast Shire Council is as follows, from left, Cr Mat Morgan, Cr Tracey Bell, Cr Ron Bauer, Cr Tim O'Brien, Cr Meg Edwards, Cr Brett Tessari, Cr Jan Thompson, Cr Jon Temby and Cr Rochelle Halstead with shire CEO Greg Box.

New-look Bass Coast Council sworn in

IT WAS out with the old and in with the new when the Bass Coast Shire Council election results were declared last Friday afternoon with six new councillors elected and only three of the old guard returned.

The new-look council, which was sworn in on Monday this week, is as follows (in elected order, with first preference votes):

- Bunurong Ward: Brett Tessari (re-elected, 2428 votes 25.45 per cent), Meg Edwards (new, 1216 votes, 12.75 per cent) and Mat Morgan (new, 1784 votes 18.7 per cent).
- Island Ward: Ron Bauer (re-elected, 3220 votes, 33.78 per cent), Tim O'Brien (new, 1290 votes, 13.53 per cent), Tracey Bell (new, 1129, 11.85 per cent).
- Western Port Ward: Rochelle Halstead (re-elected, 2877

votes, 31.78 per cent), Jon Temby (new, 1560 votes, 17.23 per cent) and Jan Thompson (new, 1310 votes, 14.47 per cent).

But it was a particularly close count in both the Bunurong ward and the Island ward, during the process of distributing preferences, with sitting councillor Leticia Laing missing out by 167 votes in the end to Mat Morgan, despite attracting the third-highest first-preference vote, and Tracey Bell surviving early elimination, by 23 votes, when another sitting councillor, David Rooks, went out.

The close result prompted some pointed remarks on Facebook by Ms Laing, a serial offender on social media, when she cast doubt on Meg Edwards' staying power.

"If Meg lasts as long as she did before quitting South Gippsland Shire Council, I may be in a year or so," Ms

Laing said in response to an election result article on the Bass Coast Post Facebook page.

Earlier, on her own FB page, Ms Laing had another crack at Ms Edwards: "Love that support, but if I lose to someone like Meg Edwards, I don't know if there's space for me."

Retribution was swift: "Why do you keep posting nasty messages about another candidate. Sometimes in competitions we win, sometimes we lose. Accept this decision and move forward."

The result means that sitting councillors David Rooks, Leticia Laing and Les Larke were left out by voters, while Michael Whelan, Clare Le Serve and Geoff Ellis retired beforehand.

The three sitting councillors returned by the voters did so with thumping majorities: Ron Bauer securing 33.78 per cent of the Island vote, Rochelle Halstead 31.78 per cent of the

Western Port vote and Brett Tessari 25.45 per cent of the Bunurong vote.

The change to optional voting for absentee property owners had a dramatic impact on the voter turnout; in Bunurong with 9967 voting as compared to 13,115 in 2020, in Western Port 9444 (11,154) and Island 9878 (10,538). The percentage of the total enrolment were similar although you'd have expected engagement to be a lot higher; Bunurong 84.25 per cent (83.48 per cent in 2020), Western Port 82.25 per cent (80.53 per cent) and Island 81.72 per cent (80.65 per cent).

The councillors will meet formally for the first time on Wednesday, November 20, after a gruelling round of orientation sessions, where they will elect a new mayor and possibly a deputy mayor for the year ahead.

Locals have their say on Bass Coast Mayor

IT'S not done by popular vote, the way the Lord Mayoral appointment in Melbourne is settled but Bass Coast residents and ratepayers have still had their say on social media over the weekend.

And the verdict – they're pretty evenly split on whether former mayor Cr Brett Tessari or the most recent deputy mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead, a former mayor at the City of Frankston, should take on the role as Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor for the next year or two.

Both have indicated their interest in the position which will be decided at a meeting on Wednesday, November 20 by a vote among the nine councillors.

"You've already put it out there but there's still a bit of discussion to be had first," said Cr Tessari at Monday's swearing-in ceremony



At the swearing-in ceremony on Monday this week, Bunurong Ward councillors Cr Brett Tessari, Cr Meg Edwards and Cr Mat Morgan.

following the October elections.

"It's no secret that I'm going to be putting my hand up," said Cr Halstead.

There's a lot at stake, including a mayoral allowance

of \$109,114 plus expenses (the maximum amount payable to Category 2 councils such as Bass Coast and South Gippsland). But more important is who's best suited to

ensure the proper governance of council meetings, inclusion of all councillors in decision-making, effective representation of the municipality and fostering the council's relationship with the community.

The two candidates got plenty of advice too about what's important including a pool for the kids and putting the rates to better use. One even wondered what the mayor would wear at ceremonial occasions after the council lost the mayoral robes.

Typical responses included:

Greg Dyke: B T is the only way to go, with positive ideas and understands Bass Coast.

Olivia Blackney: Definitely Cr Rochelle Halstead. So genuinely connected to her community.

Appointing the best mayor is a potentially challenging first-up conundrum for the new council.

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Inverloch residents reject surrender option on beach erosion

WE SHALL never surrender.

Not so much a quote from Sir Winston Churchill but a battle cry for Inverloch homeowners who firmly reject the 'retreat' solution proposed in the Cape to Cape Resilience Plan to solve Inverloch's beach erosion crisis.

Residents and politicians gathered in the clubrooms of the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club for a briefing on the fast-eroding surf beach convened by former Liberal Leader and past Wonthaggi Mayor Alan Brown.

Life Saving Club President Glenn Arnold told Shadow Environment Minister James Newbury, Liberal Upper House MP Renee Heath, The Nationals' Melina Bath and endorsed Liberal candidate for the seat of Monash Mary Aldred, that sand dunes surrounding the clubhouse had still not stabilised.

Mr Arnold said 20 metres of foreshore had been lost initially when water started to come in behind the sandbags and the sandbags started to degenerate.

"Half a dozen sandbags have now collapsed," said Mr Arnold.

"The clubhouse has been saved by relocating sand every couple of weeks from nearby Norman Point."

"It's an erosion by erosion event," said Club Treasurer, Steve Duncan, noting that sand deposited one day disappears within two.

The lifesaving club is also concerned about the safety of children playing near the dunes steep drop-off.

"There's always the risk of a fatality," said Mr Duncan, recalling a 1990 tragedy at Beaumaris where a three-year-old boy was buried beneath a twenty metre high cliff collapse.

Retired from politics Alan Brown is passionate about saving Inverloch.

"The loss of the foreshore at Inverloch is a crisis," said Mr Brown.

"The loss of the lifesaving clubhouse is imminent. The loss of the Cape Paterson Road cutting off access to the RACV Resort from Inverloch is also imminent. Most daunting is the potential loss of hundreds of homes. The time for action is now."

The one-hour meeting at the lifesaving clubhouse ended with a suggestion by Upper House MP Melina Bath calling for a 'Town Hall' style meeting with Government Ministers.

Others wanted a protest on the beach at Inverloch during January.

"It is clear protective works are needed to save the lifesaving clubhouse, the road, the dunes and potentially hundreds of



Liberal Upper House MP Renee Heath, Liberal candidate for the seat of Monash Mary Aldred, Shadow Minister for Environment and Climate Change James Newbury and Inverloch SLSC President Glenn Arnold. B06_4624

homes," said Mr Brown.

"The State Labor Government called for a report within two years, but four years later there is still not one recommendation for action to save these vital community assets.

"The government has been negligent."

Built in 2010 at a cost of \$1.5 million the concrete foundations of the lifesaving clubhouse are now considered to be at threat from the eroding dunes.

"The replacement cost of the clubhouse is estimated at \$4 million," said Mr Duncan.

"Originally we were eighty metres from the beach and couldn't see it," said Mr Arnold.

The clubhouse now has an uninterrupted view of the entire surf beach.

"We've got to do something. The sandbags are failing. Pushing sand up against the dunes is only a sandcastle solution."

Retreat is not an appropriate option the meeting heard.

"The primary objective should be something out there to protect us. We don't personally have the funds or power to do this by ourselves," said Mr Arnold.

"The government appointed a committee with a million-dollar budget and four years later, still no recommendation to save the assets."

Glenn Morris from the Inverloch Tourist Association said it was very much about saving the town.



Former Liberal Leader and past Wonthaggi Mayor Alan Brown with Inverloch SLSC President Glenn Arnold. B04_4624

is caused," explained Mr Arnold.

"August 2024 was unusual, but this will happen more and more with climate change," said Glenn Morris. "The four days in August were once considered to be a one-in-fifty-year event."

Retiree and resident Kim White said they bought into Inverloch 12 years ago.

"Climate change was not the issue it is now. The average punter in town has no idea. It's a surrender."

"I refuse to accept in today's technological environment that we can't come up with quality solutions," said Mr White.

"We're putting money on the beach and burning it. If we don't protect what we've got, we'll lose

roads and sewage infrastructure."

The meeting heard Lohr Avenue and Ripple Drive are most at risk.

"We're talking hundreds of houses," said Mr Brown.

"As soon as the Inverloch to Cape Paterson Road is breached, we will have to relocate."

"We need a line in the sand."

The meeting called for urgent action from multiple levels of government.

Concerned resident and young family man, Josh, said he had a large established business in Melbourne but decided as a family it would be advantageous to grow up on the beach.

"Young people are moving into the area. We bought an old fibro shack in 2019 and have turned it into a nice home. The retreat option is scary."

"Surf Parade is at risk, but the water won't stop at Surf Parade it will keep going. Young couples or retirees won't get a cent. A lot more properties will be up for sale," added Alan Brown.

"Property prices will collapse by up to 30 per cent for some homes."

Businesses will be dramatically affected if the road to Cape Paterson and the RACV Resort is cut off, the meeting heard.

Local resident Averill Holderhead said her track to the beach had lost 47 meters recently, creating cliffs up to 13 meters high.

"It's a matter of the government of the day saying we want to save the clubhouse, save the road, save the houses and preserve what's left," said Mr Brown. "It can be done."

"Retreat says let the community go," according to the Shadow Minister for Environment and Climate Change, James Newbury.

"We do not want the community to go. The government spends millions of dollars on sand which is just washed away. Do we say this community doesn't deserve to exist anymore?"

"Every day is a day we can't lose. Every day counts, and we need to take action. If the government wanted to fix it, they would. They can't keep saying our policy is to surrender."

Melina Bath said the lifesaving club petition had been debated in parliament.

"I called on the Minister to come down and listen to the community."

"A lot of stones remain unturned."

Alan Brown told the meeting that community action was the answer.

"A major public rally is needed on the beach in January," he said.



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Despite predictions that the negative publicity in the final weeks might work against House 4 contestants Kylie and Brad, local real estate agent Greg Price of Alex Scott and Staff signed up an unprecedented 13 registered buyers and chief auctioneer for McGrath Estate Agents, Scott Kennedy-Green, made a terrific pitch on the day before knocking down the house for the fine result of \$2.6 million. Pictured are Kylie and Brad Baker with Scott Kennedy Green left, and Greg Price right, on auction day last Saturday.

The girls and Phillip Island winners of The Block

IT'S been one of the most sensational and controversial seasons of The Block in 20 years, but you could not have scripted the grand finale any better than what transpired on auction day last Saturday, November 9.

When auctioneer for O'Brien Real Estate Judith Wright of Cowes, Paul Tzamalis, took the last bid on the last house, Maddy and Courtney Harry's House Number 1, there was an audible gasp, then silence, then uproar as everyone realised it was the knockout bid on the property, a season winning result for the girls and an astonishing profit of \$1.55 million.

Add to that \$100,000 for winning The Block for a cool tax-free payday of \$1.65 million.

It was also a clean sweep of the five properties on the Justice Road site at Cowes for Australian billionaire, 'Lambo Guy' Adrian Portelli, despite some concerted competition along the way from several other bidders on each of the homes.

Portelli acknowledged afterwards that he bought them all, two via buyers' advocates, which adds up to a hefty total of \$15.03 million for the five houses, the day spa club-house and tennis court with Kylie and Brad's House 4 going for \$2.6 million, Mimi and Kristian getting \$2.93



Late arrivals to The Block Island, Maddy and Courtney Harry of Sydney nonetheless walked away with a winners' cheque for a cool \$1.65 million from the Season 20 auction day finale last Saturday.

million for House 5 and the boys Ricky and Haydn \$2.7 million for House 3.

And he explained afterwards the reason for the \$1 million final jump in the bidding.

"That's my last appearance on The Block and I thought I'd go out with a bang," said Adrian Portelli.

But the winning bid and \$1.55 million profit really blew the girls away.

"It took us completely by surprise. We were hardly ready, and it was sold," said Maddy and Charlotte afterwards.

In fact, there were only two bids, an opening bid of \$2.5 million and then a slam-dunk bid by Portelli, holding

his new baby, of a whopping \$3.5 million - \$200,000 clear of Courtney and Grumpy's House Number 2, which nonetheless set the scene for an incredible day of auctions by going first and securing an amazing knockdown figure of \$3.3 million.

"Mate, we're just so happy, we'll be sorry to leave," said Grant 'Grumpy' Freeman afterwards.

"We went home last week and found it so grey compared to this one. We've loved it here and we'll be staying on for a few extra days to live it up. So happy."

"And I'm not that grumpy, I promise."

No one was more rapt about

the result than the girls' Sydney taxi driver father, Tony, who was there to proudly congratulate his daughters afterwards.

"I'm really happy for them. They really deserved it," said Tony.

It was an incredible finale to The Block Island with Sunday night's last instalment of The Block on Channel 9 providing one final push in the nationwide marketing of Phillip Island.

Local real estate agents and tourist operators say 'The Block Island effect' has already added up to 25 per cent more visitation generally with venues like Phillip Island's world-famous penguin parade attracting numbers above pre-COVID levels.

"From mid-year since the renovation show started on air from its new location at Cowes on Phillip Island, visitation is up 14 per cent versus the same period last year," said a spokesperson for Phillip Island Nature Parks.

"Based on current trends, visitation to Phillip Island Nature Parks in 2024-25 is on track to exceed pre-pandemic visitor numbers of one million visitors per year," they said.

Our pleasure, said Scott Cam, host of The Block.

"It's been great, we've loved it here," he told the Sentinel-Times after it was all over last Saturday.



International and national exposure of the Penguin Parade, particularly during challenges has helped promote Phillip Island Nature Parks to a new audience.

The Block builds big crowds at Penguins

NATIONAL and international exposure on hit TV show The Block has helped crowds surge at the Phillip Island Penguin Parade this year.

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The Melbourne Cup long weekend saw sell-out crowds from Friday to Monday enjoying the Penguin Parade experience. Given it is still early November and with only a few hundred tickets available between the holiday period December 23 to January 2, the coming summer period promises to be a big one.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Tourism General Manager Mark Anderson said having more than one million people watching The Block most nights of the week introduced the lovable little penguins to big national and international audiences.

"While it is a building and renovation show that has been great for Phillip Island, we like to think our little penguins are the true reality stars.

"It's hard not to fall in love with little penguins and that's certainly inspired TV viewers to come and see them on their nightly trek up the beach back to their own homes on Phillip Island," Mr Anderson said.

"In August and September, the Penguin Parade was sold out on 23 nights, which is incredible at this time of the year and great for the overall Bass Coast economy," he said.

"While The Block has contributed to strong domestic growth, our world-class reputation has continued to reinforce our growth in international visitors with the Penguin Parade recently featuring on a Top 10 natural experiences for tourists to visit around the world. Visitors from China, Singapore, USA, Malaysia, Germany and the UK have all visited the Penguin Parade in large numbers over the year, retaining our strong reputation around the world as a must-see ecotourism experience."

Mr Anderson expects the strong growth to continue with a \$5 million upgrade of the boardwalk and viewing stands opening in time for the Christmas holidays along with an upgraded Penguins Plus premium stand.

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The Minister for Health and the Minister for Ambulance Services, the Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP, is pleased to invite applications for part time board chair and board director positions on Victorian government hospital boards. The positions start on 1 July 2025 and appointments are for up 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 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 that government boards reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. This includes diverse leadership of the health system that represents the variety of backgrounds and cultures of Victorian communities to enable the vision of achieving the best health, wellbeing and safety for everyone.

To build an empowered and engaged leadership across the health system, our priority areas are people of all ages, First Nations people, people who live with a disability, people from culturally diverse backgrounds, people who identify as LGBTIQA+, the promotion of gender equality and upholding human rights.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the capabilities identified in their applications.

Applications close at midnight Sunday 24 November 2024.

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Welshpool pub high and dry

A DRY pub?

The Welshpool Hotel might be high and dry but that's just how licensee Skye Dubignon likes it. Concrete floors, the only remaining evidence of the devastating Boxing Day floods last year.

"We're just waiting for the insurance to be settled," said Skye.

From the moment local girl Skye arrived at the hotel on Boxing Day last year to survey the damage caused by flash flooding, she was determined to rebuild.

"It was a huge effort, but we were back in business by New Year's Eve."

Skye had only just taken possession of the hotel, after spending two months preparing the popular pub for the busy summer holiday period ahead, when the storm hit.

Closing the hotel Christmas Day last year, Skye was enjoying her first sleep-in after months of hard work, on Boxing Day, when torrential rain began to fall.

"We'd only been open five weeks when the flood hit."

The hotel had been closed for two months while Skye scrubbed and cleaned the century-old pub for its official re-opening on November 16.

Skye's phone started ringing. A text message confirming Skye's worst fears.

'Have you seen Welshpool?'

Skye was flooded in at home. Welshpool was experiencing a once-in-one-hundred-year flood.

When Skye arrived at the hotel, once the water receded, the sun was shining, and the water was gone.



Welshpool Hotel Licensee Skye Dubignon, Chef Rhys Mathieson and Bartender Mikayla Papworth. B43_4524

Skye's on-site employee described how floodwater had engulfed the hotel in ten minutes.

"It was just mud and wet – the aftermath (of a flood)," Skye recalled.

Rolling her sleeves up yet again, she got to work cleaning it up.

"Everything was smashed against the back door and wall. The back fences were down. Fridges were knocked over."

It was one of Welshpool's worst floods in living memory and the hotel was closed for four days.

With the community and team pitching in, Welshpool Hotel re-opened in time for New Year's.

"We opened at 6pm New Year's Eve, in time to set up the band, serve dinner and ring in the new year.

"The pub did not lose power, but the carpets were impossible to dry," remembers Skye.

The landlord permitted Skye to remove the carpets two days before NYE.

Ten months later Skye is still negotiating with insurers.

"I'm still not where I wanted to be a year into the business," admits Skye.

"It is a little bit disappointing, but the hotel is still open and still operating.

"Local and visitor support has been amazing."

Near on twelve months after opening, Skye is celebrating the small milestones.

Halloween night was a big night at the hotel, celebrated by the Welshpool and District Advisory Group and a few hundred local schoolchildren together with their

parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and curious neighbours.

"We will be celebrating our first year in business on November 16 with music provided by Jimi Kempsey."

The Welshpool Hotel has been an active fundraiser for charity, both locally and further afield.

"We raised over \$5000 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal winning an award for being a top fundraiser."

The hotel also raised just under \$4000 for prostate cancer and will be kicking off the Christmas Present Drive for Manna Gum again this year shortly.

Skye hopes to have her drive-through bottle shop open by Christmas.

"We will be closed Christmas Day but intend to be open for New Year's Eve with the return of last New Year's band Alysha and Duffy."

The Welshpool Hotel is open Wednesday to Sunday, serving lunch and dinner with the bar open from 11am to late.

The hotel has live music at least once a month and already has a steady stream of bookings for Christmas and end-of-year parties.

Keep an eye out on socials for upcoming live music with a spectacular lineup for 2025 already underway, including an ABBA tribute for March – tickets out soon.

Located on the South Gippsland Highway the Welshpool Hotel is hard to miss at 21-23 Main Street, Welshpool.

Phone 5681 6215 for bookings or follow The Welshpool Hotel on Facebook.

Fishy tales from The Block

EVERYONE'S a winner, babe, so what's the problem?

It has now been confirmed by Aussie billionaire Adrian Portelli that The Block Island and all of its contestants, bar the winning sisters, Maddy and Charlotte Harry, were all played as part of an elaborate plan to ensure the girls won Season 2024 of the hit renovation show at Phillip Island.

The only hiccup came when two or three bidders, determined to buy Grumpy and Courtney's House Number 2, acknowledged as the best house on The Block, bid it up to a knockdown price of \$3.3 million first up.

"Courtney and Grant's went for \$3.3 [million] and I'm like oh s***, I wasn't expecting that," Portelli told News.com.au afterwards.

Determined to buy all of the houses, a strategy hatched with partner and mother of his young son, Karlie Butler, when the couple visited the site on prospective buyers' day some weeks earlier, Portelli continued on anyway last Saturday.

Buying either directly or through a couple of buyers' advocates, Portelli met the competition each time buying Brad and Kylie's House 4 next for \$2.6m, Mimi Hi and Kristian's House 5 for \$2.93m, the boys' House 3 for \$2.7m and ultimately the girls' House 1 with a knockout bid of \$3.5m, enough to beat Grant and Courtney's price of \$3.3m but a full \$1m ahead of the only other bid on House 1.

But all's not lost! You can still get a piece if you Google the lmctgivaway.com site where you can enter a raffle for the \$15 million Block Island Resort first prize, or you can take \$8m in cash.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

ArtCubes in Foster

The vibrant and iconic ArtCubes have made their way east from Toora to Foster. You can now find them at Manna Gum Community House, located at 33 Station Street, until Saturday 18 January.

Inside the three colourful Cubes, an impressive array of creative talent awaits. From abstract painting and drawing, to sculpture, pottery and photography, a diverse range of techniques and mediums will be showcased in these portable gallery spaces.

Once again, the ArtCubes demonstrate that creativity

knows no limits and that the artistic possibilities are truly endless. Our region is fortunate to have a thriving arts community that passionately drives the success of the Cubes.

Don't miss the chance to explore the innovative and imaginative exhibits on display at the Foster ArtCubes!

For more information and to view the schedule for the upcoming three months, please visit:
[visitsouthgippsland.com.au/
artcubes](http://visitsouthgippsland.com.au/artcubes).

**SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
Parr Street Leongatha:
Rezoning and Subdivision**



Have your say on the proposed Amendment to rezone and subdivide 108 and 110 Parr Street, Leongatha.

This Amendment aims to rezone the land to a General Residential Zone, paving the way for the development of approximately 171 residential lots. Alongside this, the proposal includes updates to environmental overlays to ensure accurate flood mapping and the responsible management of local resources.

To view details of the proposed Amendment, supporting documentation and provide your feedback, please visit:
yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 20 November 2.00pm (Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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

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REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

RFT/410 – North Poowong Road Gravel to Seal

RFT/432 – Korumburra Rail Precinct – Stage 3

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 3 December 2024.

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Councillors Beach and Williams ready to represent community together

By Andrew Paloczi

FIRST-TIME South Gippsland Shire councillor Bron Beach and re-elected Clare Williams look forward to working together during the next council term, with Clare having persuaded Bron to nominate as a candidate for Strzelecki Ward.

Bron doesn't see herself as a political person but is committed to the community.

The Leongatha Lyric Theatre president is excited about the challenge of being a councillor.

"There's a little part of me that's a bit nervous about this new endeavour," she said, comparing it to the feeling of starting any new job.

Bron looks forward to learning from those councillors who have already served a term, with Clare equally enthusiastic about sharing her knowledge and experience.

"I'm wrapped to have a second term; there's a lot of hard work that the councillor group has done over three years and that's evident when the community is re-electing the same people," Clare said, having been returned in Tarwin Valley Ward along with John Schelling.

Adrian Darakai stepped away before the election after one term, with Brad Snell winning the third spot in Tarwin Valley Ward.

Of the councillors who stood for re-election across the shire, only Jenni Keerie missed out, John Kennedy joining the re-elected Nathan



New councillor Bron Beach holds retiring councillor Adrian Darakai's daughter Darcy, while re-elected councillor Clare Williams is accompanied by son, Rex. A10_4624

Hersey and Bron in representing Strzelecki Ward.

Scott Rae and Sarah Gilligan were returned in Coastal Promontory Ward, with Mohya Davies having retired from council and past councillor Steve Finlay returning.

Clare was impressed with the election process, having chosen to have a scrutineer during the vote count due to concerns about some of the campaigning that took place.

"He was really impressed with the way things happened, no room for error, very efficient," she said of her scrutineer's feelings.

While Clare has gained confidence from her experience on

council and leadership roles as mayor and deputy mayor, she takes the view that learning and growing as a person is an ongoing process.

A chat she organised with Bron in the lead-up to the election helped Bron realise how she could fit the responsibility of being a councillor into her busy lifestyle as a drug and alcohol counsellor and a volunteer, using skills she already has.

Bron expects some robust discussions among councillors but is hopeful everyone will work together for the community in a respectful manner.

She looks forward to the

15-day induction process, as challenging as it will be to fit that in with employment, family and other responsibilities.

That induction process kicks off on Monday, November 11 and must be completed before January 15.

Bron highlighted the fact the previous council has put plans in place for a number of projects that she is excited to be involved in.

"They had to work really hard to rebuild trust in the community and to update and refresh a heap of strategies and they did lots of community consultation," she said of the councillor group elected in 2022.

Rosemary Cousin calls for greater engagement

By Andrew Paloczi

AFTER missing out on the final councillor spot in Tarwin Valley Ward, candidate Rosemary Cousin expressed concern about the lack of engagement with the community in this year's election process.

"I'm disappointed in the number of people who didn't vote; in some wards, it was 1100 or 1200 people and that's a large percentage of our community who are disengaged or not engaged in the process," she said.

Rosemary would like to see the return of in-person voting.

While it was possible to vote at the VEC election office in

Leongatha, there was no in-person voting in other towns and no election day.

"I think the postal voting system is alienating (people)," Rosemary said, also highlighting the need for earlier and better-promoted sessions for community members to learn about candidates and their policies.

"The community didn't get much of a chance to listen to the candidates; the online 'Meet the Candidates' session came really late in the piece and very few people knew about it," Rosemary stated.

stressing that listening to and communicating with community is an important part of the electoral process.

Having led Brad Snell by just under 100 votes after the First Preference Vote Count, she was beaten when other preferences were considered, with Brad becoming a first-term councillor.

Rosemary, who has experience as a councillor, would have loved the opportunity to represent the community.

"I'm disappointed in the result from my own perspective because I thought I would make a good candidate for Tarwin Valley," she said.



Council candidate Rosemary Cousin after election results were determined in Leongatha. A11_4624

Preliminary works have begun at Delburn Wind Farm

PRELIMINARY investigative works are underway at the Delburn Wind Farm site with geotechnical and survey works being undertaken in the plantation and road reserves throughout November.

This could mean some delays for road users in the area as there will be increased activity undertaken at Creamery Road, Smiths Road, Golden Gully Road, Deans Road, Varys Track and intersections of the Strzelecki Highway.

Speed restrictions and traffic controls will be in place at various times to ensure the safety of contractors and workers from Regional Roads Victoria, HVP and other industries who may also

working in the area.

"Specialist contractors are utilising a small drilling rig and excavator to test soil samples for water content and PH levels. The findings will inform the detailed design and civil works for the construction of internal access roads, turbine foundations and underground cable network," said Elizabeth Radcliffe, Executive Director Operations and Compliance, OSMI Australia.

"The geotechnical works are investigative in nature and do not represent commencement of the wind farm's construction."

Major civil works and construction are scheduled to commence in mid-2025 and

are expected to be completed in 2026.

The project is a joint venture between OSMI Australia and Cubico Sustainable Investments.

OSMI Australia is a renewable energy company who have been responsible for the development of wind farms at Wonthaggi and other locations.

The Delburn Windfarm will be situated above an existing HVP plantation and 33 turbines will generate 205MW of clean energy to the electricity grid, with an operating life of 30-35 years.

The works are being delivered under the supervision of Cultural Heritage

monitors and OSMI states that all current activities adhere to the Planning Permit requirements, Health and Safety Policy and Environmental Protection Plans.

"Cultural Heritage monitors from the Gunai kurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) are working closely with the contractors to supervise the works in compliance with the approved Cultural Heritage Management Plan," explained Elizabeth, and in regard to further works commented,

"Delburn Wind Farm will inform the community and road users well in advance of all construction, road works and traffic delays."

CEO Message



Kerryn Ellis

HELLO South Gippsland.

We are a region filled with exceptional people and businesses that punch well above their weight on a Victorian, national and international stage. In the past few weeks, we've seen:

- Berry's Creek Gourmet Cheese win two awards at the 26th Australian Grand Dairy Awards;
- Helen Millison from Korumburra win a Council of the Ageing Award at the 2024 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards;
- Burra Foods win the 2024 Governor of Victoria Export Award in the Agribusiness, Food and Beverages category;
- Manna Gum Community House won the 2024 Victorian Learn Local Pre-Accredited Program Award; and
- Multiple people and events be nominated for a 2025 South Gippsland Australia Day Award.

Congratulations to everyone who has received recognition for the amazing work they do in South Gippsland.

Council has also received some amazing recognition for recent work. Last week, the partnership between Regional Development Australia Gippsland, South Gippsland Shire Council and Latrobe City Council was recognised at the Regional Development Australia National Forum Dinner and Awards. The partnership received a Commendation due to the excellent partnership between us all in the development of the South Gippsland and Latrobe City Renewable Energy Impact and Readiness Study 2024.

We also received another award for our Coastal Strategy at the Victorian Marine and Coastal Awards 2024 held on Thursday evening. Council won the Leadership in Climate Adaptation and Resilience Award for our embedded climate resilience approach to coastal management and planning. This is a massive accomplishment for our organisation, which could not have been possible without the collaboration between Council staff, the community and our key partners.

Congratulations to our new Councillors-elect

On Friday, November 8, our new Councillor group was announced. I would like to sincerely congratulate:

- Scott Rae;
- Sarah Gilligan;
- Steve Finlay;
- Nathan Hersey;
- Bron Beach;
- John Kennedy;
- John Schelling;
- Clare Williams; and
- Brad Snell.

I look forward to working with you all for the benefit of our fabulous region, and gaining a better understanding of what you want to achieve whilst you are a Councillor.

Garage Sale Trail

The Garage Sale Trail kicked off in South Gippsland on the weekend, but don't worry if you missed it. It's on again this Saturday 16 and Sunday November 17.

The Garage Sale Trail is the perfect opportunity to pick up a bargain and help the planet at the same time. There are so many treasures to discover from fashion and accessories to homewares and toys, you'll find the perfect addition to your home.

For more information on the sales happening in South Gippsland, please visit: www.garagesaletrail.com.au/south-gippsland

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Ambulance response times improve for Gippsland

AMBULANCE response times for critical patients in Gippsland improved by sixteen seconds between July and September this year.

Paramedics and first responders across Victoria responded to close to 100,000 Code 1 patients during the last quarter.

Ambulance Victoria Executive Director Regional Operations Danielle North said this was a 2.7 per cent drop in demand compared to the previous three months.

"Our dedicated paramedics and first responders do an incredible job working under pressure to provide the best care to communities across the state every day," said Ms North.

Danielle North said between July and September Ambulance Victoria attended over three thousand additional lights and sirens' cases compared to a year ago, and 27.6 per cent more Code 1 cases than before the pandemic five years ago."

From July to September 2024, Ambulance Victoria crews across Victoria responded to 65.4 per cent of Code 1 cases within the state-wide target of 15 minutes, a small but significant improvement from the previous quarter.

The state-wide average response time to Code 1 emergencies was 15 minutes and 21 seconds.

In the Gippsland Region, crews responded to 6188 Code 1 cases between July and September.



Ambulance response times improved significantly in South Gippsland between July and September.

Performance against the 15-minute target for Code 1 cases improved in 59 of Victoria's 79 local government areas.

The biggest improvements were in the major population centres of South Gippsland Shire and the City of Sale.

In South Gippsland, paramedics attended 48.7 per cent of Code 1 patients within 15 minutes, up from 45 per cent in the previous quarter.

"Paramedics in the Shire of South Gippsland are arriving one minute and twenty-eight seconds faster than three months ago," said Ms North.

In Bass Coast, 57.8 per cent of Code 1 cases were responded to within 15 minutes, down from 61 per cent in the previous quarter, with an average response time of 16 minutes and 27 seconds, up 14 seconds from the previous quarter. Code 2 response fell from 46 minutes and 15 seconds to 44 minutes and 35 seconds.

For Wonthaggi Code 1 average response times reduced from 13 minutes, 10 seconds to 12 minutes 35 seconds.

Acting Gippsland Regional Director Paul James said he knows there is more work to do.

"Ambulance Victoria continues

to work with hospitals to transfer patients as quickly as possible and ensure all Victorians receive the right care at the right time," said Mr James.

"Our expert secondary triage team of nurses and paramedics also make a real difference by connecting patients with the care they need while helping free up crews for patients in time-critical emergencies.

"From July to September 41,000 people who did not need an emergency ambulance were instead connected to more appropriate care by paramedics and nurses in secondary triage."

"In 2023/24 paramedics referred nearly 43,000 patients to the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department with over three quarters cared for without transport to a hospital emergency department."

Mr James said it is important that everyone does their part.

"If your matter is not an emergency, consider using alternative care options and keep our highly skilled paramedics available for patients most in need," he said.

"In less urgent cases, there are many options people can access when they need timely medical care and health advice all day, every day, but not an emergency ambulance," Mr James said.

"This includes the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department, Urgent Care Clinics and other options such as your GP pharmacist or Nurse-On-Call on 1300 60 60 24."

Milestone anniversary at San Remo

SAN Remo Primary is excited about their upcoming 150 years celebrations on Saturday, November 16 from 12pm to 4pm.

They would like to welcome as many past students, families and staff to help them celebrate the event. There will be something for everyone with old-fashioned games to play, historical records and photos on display for people to look over and current students' artwork on display.

A BBQ will be available where visitors can purchase a classic sausage sizzle. For a more relaxed setting, a seating area in the adjoining Rec Centre will offer tea, coffee, and cakes, providing the perfect spot to reminisce with friends. Commemorative merchandise celebrating the school's 150th anniversary will also be available for purchase, as a reminder of your association with the school.

Current students and teachers have drawn their faces that have been transferred to tea towels and bags, bringing back wonderful memories of fundraising and the parents club events and contributions in the day.

At 3pm there will be a cutting of the cake and a special presentation to mark the event. Should you want more details contact San Remo Primary on 5678 5354.

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Venus Bay Caravan Park leaseholder Tony Holgate. B27_4624

Venus Bay Caravan Park facing Christmas shutdown

'SHUT it down' the EPA has told Venus Bay Caravan Park unless they can make their septic system fully compliant by Christmas.

"We just don't have the money," said park operator Tony Holgate.

With the peak summer season just over a month away, Tony says his park is fully booked from Christmas Eve with only a few sites left for Easter. The Venus Bay Caravan Park has a total of 124 sites including annual sites, cabins, powered sites and unpowered sites accommodating up to 500 holidaymakers over January.

The EPA was first notified of a problem with the park's septic system two years ago.

"A complaint was made to the EPA after a blockage during the busy January period," said Tony.

"The blockage was fixed within an hour, but the EPA had already been notified."

The EPA found the caravan park had 'slipped through the gap' and its septic system was non-compliant.

'We were not aware there was a caravan park at Venus Bay with a septic system' claimed the EPA.

The caravan park was told it needed to comply with current standards.

"They tested the water table," said Tony.

The water table beneath the caravan park and the water table beneath the whole of Venus Bay were found to be contaminated by non-compliant septic systems. The cost of making the caravan park septic system compliant has been estimated to be at least \$600,000.

"It is not something a lessee could afford," said Tony.

Holgate is in dispute with the property owner and EPA over who should pay for the compliance works producing a sheaf of paperwork centimetres thick.

"The EPA wants the issue resolved between the lessee and landlord," said Tony.

"Who's going to pay? The EPA argues that it is a new system, not an upgrade. There is no evidence it ever complied with Council regulations. The current system has been in place since the late seventies."

The EPA is yet to give Tony Holgate a time-

table for the remedial works.

"It is very frustrating," said Tony.

"They want the caravan park to truck out the waste every day. That's fifty-thousand litres, costing \$50,000 a day."

"Otherwise, we will have to shut down and the deadline is December. We can't possibly comply by December."

Tony Holgate says he will keep plugging away, but the park is fully booked.

According to Tony, the EPA told him if he couldn't get a truck to cart away the waste, he would have to shut down the park without notice. The nearest caravan parks are at Sandy Point and Inverloch, and they would also be fully booked according to Tony.

"The effect on the town would be devastating.

"Council has a plan for Venus Bay, but it would cost \$2 million," said Tony.

"They don't have the budget, so the plan is on hold."

Located in the heart of Venus Bay, the caravan park is just 600 metres from the surf beach and survives on bore water over summer.

"It's a good little park," said Tony. "We have a pool, tennis court and games room."

Tony Holgate has managed the park for thirteen years spending \$400,000 over that time on maintenance and improvements.

"People come back year after year. Parents with children stay at the park for the Nippers program at the lifesaving club."

Tony says he needs more time to settle the issue with the landlord.

"The time to resolve this is June next year. The work needs to be done during winter."

The EPA confirmed Venus Bay Caravan Park has been issued with an EPA Improvement Notice requiring it to apply for the appropriate permission for the wastewater management system on its premises by December 20, 2024. Failure to comply with an Improvement Notice may lead to a fine according to the EPA.

For anyone operating or installing a wastewater management system the EPA recommends going to epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/publications/onsite-wastewater-management-guidance.

Free camping leaves caravan parks in cold

A STATE Government plan to make camping free in National Parks including Wilson's Promontory has angered caravan park owners.

Regional small business owners claim they have been abandoned by the Premier who has refused to acknowledge the impact free camping in national parks will have on camping and caravan park operators.

Raising her concerns in State Parliament, Nationals' MP Melina Bath said caravan parks located near national parks will undoubtedly lose vital income.

"Listening to caravan park owners and managers from Orbost to Foster and Waratah Bay, I know Labor's decision is already causing distress for businesses who rely on tourism to survive. Campers in our caravan parks are a vital part of our regional economy helping to sustain jobs and generate much-needed income."

"Potential tourists have already asked licensees if they can match the State

Government's free camping offer.

"They simply can't compete and pay wages and operating costs," said Ms Bath.

"These small businesses have been hit hard, suffering years of COVID lockdowns, higher taxes and sky-rocketing electricity bills."

"In her response to my request for support for regional businesses, the Premier arrogantly but unsurprisingly dismissed their plight."

Speaking in Parliament, Ms Bath highlighted the Victorian Caravan Park Association's fairer alternative of introducing a voucher program that could be used at all campgrounds, which was rejected by the Government.

"National park camping fees were already low so there was no need for the Allan Government to make them free," said Ms Bath.

"The \$25.7 million derived statewide from camping fees in National Parks subsidises the cost of repairs to infrastructure."

"Our public spaces are suffering, so removing this revenue stream is negligent," claimed Ms Bath.



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- South-East Australia Carbon Capture & Storage (SEA CCS) Project.

GSHS unveils new look paediatric space

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service has unveiled its new-look paediatric space in Korumburra.

The former occupational therapy room has been revamped to make it more child-friendly, allowing a new range of services to be offered.

Allied Health Manager Sara Mullery said GSHS received a development grant from the Department of Health in 2022-23 to improve services delivered to Home and Community Care (HACC) clients.

"We brainstormed how best to use the grant money and it was identified that there was a demand for a suitable space at Korumburra to safely offer paediatric therapy, similar to what we have at Leongatha, and we decided to use the funds to refurbish the old OT group room," Ms Mullery said.

"We wanted a space where we could deliver the same types of services to children at both hospitals."

Ms Mullery said staff focus groups helped to identify what was needed in the room and the maintenance department was crucial in making the revamp happen.

The refurbishment included new flooring, paint, removal of radiators and other hazardous furniture, creation of a space for soft play, new resources, a ramp connecting the soft play area and new flooring, a sensory swing, native animal wall stickers and new paediatric tables and chairs.

The room is now in operation and Ms Mullery said it was receiving great feedback from clinicians using the space as well as the families.

"It's a new space and we're now able to offer multi-disciplinary groups, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology and other services," she said.

"It's helping people who live closer to Korumburra hospital and further west who don't have to travel to Leongatha."



Nelson, Donna and Sandra beside the new Tree of Life at Gippsland Southern Health Service hospitals.

Tree of life to inspire donations

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS) is planting the seeds for a community fundraising initiative that will create a lasting legacy of health for the region.

GSHS is unveiling two new Our Tree of Life donation trees that will be placed in the foyer of both Leongatha and Korumburra hospitals.

Our Tree of Life is an important part of the health service's fundraising initiatives and donations of \$100 or more gives people the opportunity to dedicate a leaf on the tree.

All proceeds raised through Our Tree of Life go towards the purchase of unfunded equipment, projects, infrastructure or services that will benefit the community and ensure it has access to the care and support it needs.

GSHS Manager Transformation and Community Engagement Sandra Panagiris said, "Our Tree of Life represents the connectedness of our community and the enduring legacy we can create together".

Ms Panagiris worked closely

with local laser cutting and etching business owners Donna and Nelson Caneleo of Meridian Etch to create the project.

"Donna and Nelson have generously donated a significant amount of their time and expertise to design and create Our Tree of Life for us," Ms Panagiris said.

"Essentially, Our Tree of Life came about as part of an idea on how we could acknowledge and thank generous donors from our community," she added.

"Anyone who makes a donation of \$100 and above will have the opportunity to create a legacy leaf that will form part of the tree."

The tree also enables community members to acknowledge a significant event such as the birth of a child or passing of a loved one to create a legacy leaf in their honour.

Ms Panagiris said that by contributing to Our Tree of Life, people are not just donating; they are planting a seed of hope and making a lasting impact.

Consumer Representative Recruitment



Want to Make a Difference in Local Healthcare?

Join Gippsland Southern Health Service as a Consumer Representative! At GSHS, we're dedicated to building a healthier local community, but we can't do it alone.

We're inviting community members to partner with us as Consumer Representatives—an essential role where your voice directly influences the quality and safety of our care.

Why Become a Consumer Representative?

If you're passionate about improving healthcare for our community, your unique insights and experiences are invaluable to us.

As a Consumer Representative, you'll:

- Review brochures and guides to ensure they meet community needs.
- Advise on programs and services in collaborative working groups.
- Share your health journey to educate staff and fellow consumers.
- Provide a consumer perspective in key governance discussions.
- Contribute to shaping healthcare strategies and policies for our local community's future.

Current Opportunities

We're currently seeking committed individuals to fill two Consumer Representative roles:

1. Consumer Safety and Quality Committee

- Work alongside the GSHS Board and executive staff to ensure the highest standards of care and safety. This role involves 4-6 meetings a year (virtual and in-person) with paid attendance.

2. Best Care and Consumer Safety Committee

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Herb takes his shot in the Australiana themed nine-hole course, which is full of old-world treasures at Korumburra's indoor mini golf. ob02_4624

Indoor Mini Golf Centre in Korumburra

SOUTH Gippsland's premier indoor mini golf centre boasting two themed nine-hole mini golf courses and a golf simulator offers endless fun for everyone in Korumburra and the surrounding area.

The centre is an extension on Magilla's Play Centre and provides a warm, dry place for older kids and adults to have a social hit and some wholesome fun.

Entering into the first nine-hole course through a rocky mine shaft entrance, a deep underwater theme emerges.

In the dark oceanic depths, a large octopus and big colourful fish radiate out from the walls and jellyfish and a shark float above.

Glow in the dark carpet is mesmerising and golf balls are guided around the course by glowing mooring ropes.

The skeleton of a glowing sailor watches on from a boat, adding a surreal, spooky and fantastical experience to this game of golf.

An Australiana-themed course greets players for the next round of nine holes.

It features gumtrees, crocodiles, kangaroos, a large python; and antique objects with a story to tell from old Australia adorn the walls.

This course is one to challenge mini-golf champions and golfers both young and old will need to bring their A-game to complete the course under par.

Don't expect to be able to do it on the first attempt.

For serious golfers or those wanting to improve their game or to experience playing on a world-renowned course, a golf simulator offers this very opportunity.

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Korumburra Mini Golf offers a fun, quirky and social activity that has something for everyone and provides a good day or night out for families, couples or singles, and for group or corporate events.

It's also a great low-impact activity for the older crew, with an 80 and 85-year-old married couple recently reigniting their competitive spirits while playing a round together.

The very young ones can also have some fun of their own, next door at Magilla's Play Centre.

Magilla's Play Centre is an indoor space that boasts a children's obstacle course with flying fox, winding slides, tunnels, ladders, a rock-climbing wall and soft-landing mats.

A party room, babies' play area, toy tractors, cars, bikes and trikes together with toys and dolls, and a café, with tables and chairs for parents. The play centre provides a colourful, safe and fun space for young children to play and parents to relax or socialise.

Magilla's Play Centre and Korumburra Mini Golf is an enjoyable 15 minute drive from Inverloch, 25 minute drive from Wonthaggi and one hour from Phillip Island.

Mirboo North Times' major donation to benefit town for long term

THE MIRBOO North Times early this year made a tremendous donation of \$179,000 to support community-led projects into the future, the money going into a sub-fund within the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation.

For the last 28 years, the Mirboo North Times has operated as a volunteer-run weekly community newspaper, keeping locals informed while also providing financial support to community groups and projects around town.

The new Mirboo North Times Community Fund is perpetual, with the \$179,000 invested to earn funds that support community-led projects.

It is now forecast that in another 28 years, estimating average growth and grant-making, the Mirboo North Times Community Fund will have grown from the original donation of \$179,000 to a value of \$410,000.

More significantly, the Fund is predicted to provide grants totalling over \$307,000 to community organisations and projects by then.

The donation of \$179,000 made at the beginning of 2024 was invested by the Community Foundation, already earning almost \$5000

by June 30, and the Mirboo North Times team will determine early next year how these earnings will support the community through grants.

On Wednesday, October 30, a group of past and present volunteers of the Mirboo North Times met to celebrate the 28-year milestone.

The Mirboo North Times became volunteer-run in 1996 when efforts to continue the paper as a commercial business were exhausted, with weekly editions produced until this year, the publication is now fortnightly due to reduced volunteer numbers and the impact of February's storm.

At the celebration

event, it was emphasised that the community newspaper has a very sound business model, through its strong readership, local sponsorship and a low-cost base.

This has enabled it to give financial support to the community, exceeding \$100,000 over the last 28 years, prior to this year's huge donation.

The Mirboo North Times committee realised at the end of last year it was possible to continue operations while also making a more significant donation to the community, deciding to create a perpetual fund to honour the hard work of the paper's volunteers.

Executive Officer of Mirboo North & District Community Foundation, Ruth Rogan paid tribute to current and past volunteers of the Mirboo North Times.

"It is their hard work, foresight and commitment that is honoured in the Mirboo North Times Community Fund, which will in turn support this community for decades to come," she said.

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Copies of the Mirboo North Times, now a 36-page A4 newspaper, are available to purchase in shops within Mirboo North, or you can get a post or email subscription by contacting mn-times@outlook.com

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Find a bargain or make a buck with the Garage Sale Trail

FOR ALL those passionate about upcycling and finding a bargain, the nationwide Garage Sale Trail is on again this weekend, coinciding with National Recycling Week and many locals are jumping on board.

Some South Gippslander's will be proffering their pre-loved wares and others will be on the hunt for unique, one-of-a-kind treasures or even just those regular household appliances, perhaps even a dunny or two.

And Natasha Wood of Little Luscious Farm in Mirboo North has a couple to sell.

"This is not glamorous and I'm a little bit embarrassed, but I had picked up a whole lot of brand new toilets. I went to get one and then I got six. For free. I paid for one and then they said take the rest of them. So, I am selling two of them," explained Natasha.

"I don't really want to go down history as the woman who was obsessed with having too many toilets. Maybe that's that one random thing where someone's like, you know what, I do want to upgrade the toilet."

Natasha will have thousands of other things on offer too. Her shearing shed is full of homewares, ornaments, picture and photo frames, crockery, books, records, clothing, shoes, accessories, makeup, fabrics, arts and crafts, party decorations, tennis racquets and many other random things for people to browse and buy.

Natasha and her partner moved to Mirboo North about a year ago and with that came a lifestyle change and the accumulation of items that they no longer need, and other things that they do; and with sustainability becoming a globally important issue, they are looking to upcycle where they can.

"We're sort of on a bit of a quest, actually, to do our entire farm with that in mind. So, we've been already hunting down items for ourselves, and now passing things on that we can't use," said Natasha.

"Every week now, I'm picking up bricks for free, windows, anything that we can use in this part of our life; and it's time to move on everything we've had before."

"We just want to keep using what we can find that other people are throwing out that may be of use."



Natasha Wood of Little Luscious Farm in Mirboo North will be joining in the Garage Sale Trail this weekend with thousands of items on offer at bargain prices.

Natasha encourages others to jump on board and hold their own sale, to help minimise waste, support sustainable living and pass on things that others might want or need or even just fall in love with on sight.

"I'd say, don't feel overwhelmed about having a garage sale. You might not think it's something worthy, but someone like me would probably love that and like to buy it from you. A lot of people say, no one would want this, and then they take it to the tip. Well, just give it a go."

There is also some extra cash to be made from selling unused items and Natasha is putting any money made from the sale towards creating a bit more infrastructure for the flower farm they are developing.

"That's our big thing," said Natasha, and alongside the dunnies, flowers will also be available to buy during the sale.

For details and locations of all garage sales locally, go to: garagesaletrail.com.au/South-Gippsland

Consider how to reduce textile waste

NATIONAL Recycling Week has been held every year for the past 15 years by Planet Ark during the second week of November, 11 - 17, 2024.

This year Planet Ark is encouraging Australians to Join the Cycle and take meaningful actions to reduce textile waste and make a positive impact on the environment.

Australia Institute polling research finds nearly two-thirds (63 per cent) of people are concerned or very concerned about the environmental impact of textile waste.

Seventy-one per cent thought businesses should be responsible for eliminating it, followed by consumers, 57 per cent and the government, 54 per cent.

Fewer than half, 46 per cent, could identify petroleum as the source of polyester, while just 27 per cent knew that more than half of clothes sold in Australia were made from plastic.

"Australians are the world's biggest consumer of clothes, shoes and bags per capita. We're addicted to stuff that is harming our health and the environment," said Nina Gbor, Circular Economy and Waste Program

Director at the Australia Institute.

"We need to drastically reduce waste at the source by penalising brands mass-producing incredibly cheap and poor quality clothing that is often worn just a handful of times or never sells and goes straight to the tip."

"We're walking around in plastic clothes made from petroleum. Many of these items end up in landfill or are dumped in countries in the Global South, where they fill up their landfills, pollute beaches and oceans and contribute to more emissions."

Planet Ark advises that the best starting point to minimise textile waste is to be mindful with purchases, buy only the items needed and try to buy items that are good quality and made to last.

Exploring options like second-hand shopping, renting outfits for special occasions or repairing what we already own are also great options.

These simple practices can help minimise waste in landfills and lower the demand for new materials in the future, significantly reducing environmental impact.



NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

Clothes Swap to help the environment and refresh wardrobes

A CLOTHES Swap is a great free way to refresh wardrobes, give those unwanted clothes a second life, connect with the local community and help minimise waste from fast fashion.

Australians buy more clothes per person than any other country, purchasing about 56 new items every year.

The average value of wearable items purchased by Australians is \$13, far lower than the UK \$40, the USA \$24, Japan \$30 or even Brazil \$16, according to new research by the Australia Institute.

More than 200,000 tonnes of clothing end up in landfill each year, the equivalent weight of almost four Sydney Harbour Bridges.

This way of shopping is fueling a fast fashion waste crisis.

Korumburra resident Ariel Wadick is very interested in sustainability and finding community-led and grassroots ways to minimise waste; including the huge amount that is created by fast fashion and clothing.

One way of doing this is by organising a Clothes Swap, which Ariel has done in conjunction with Milpara House.

"What I am hoping is that it will be a fun way of connecting with other people at the same



Ariel Wadick with her son Arlo, has helped to organise a clothes swap at Milpara House in Korumburra this weekend, to help minimise waste from fast fashion and create community connections.

time as having a positive action of minimising our clothes waste," said Ariel.

"I think that those community connections at events is really important. So, we're hoping that we get a wide cross-section of local families and individuals that can come along.

"A lot of us have clothes sitting in our cupboards for years that we might not wear anymore, and we keep buying

new stuff. But when you have those connections with other people, we can share between each other."

The Clothes Swap is for adults and children's items and everyone is invited to come along so there will be a wide range of sizes, styles and ages on offer.

Ariel advises bringing along five to ten good quality items that are clean and in good repair and could be loved by another.

"I'm going to take a few things that I've been holding on to that I don't wear anymore, but I don't want to just give them to the op shop yet. They're things that I've treasured, that I'd love to have a new home with someone that will like them," explained Ariel.

Everybody can enjoy something new without adding to the enormous amount of landfill that already exists from clothes, shoes and bags.

"We really encourage if anyone has an interest at all, just to drop by. It's going to be a really, fun, welcoming, community event," said Ariel.

The Clothes Swap will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 10am at Milpara Community House, 15 Little Commercial Street, Korumburra.

Scheme returns one billion containers

VICTORIANS are turning trash into treasure, saving one billion containers from landfill in the first 12 months of the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic). That's \$100 million going back to the community, making it Australia's most successful container deposit scheme in its first year of operation.

The scheme allows Victorians to return eligible drink containers for a 10-cent refund at over 640 return points across the state. Containers are then processed to make new items, reducing waste and working towards a circular economy.

Since CDS Vic launched on November 1 last year, charities and community groups have used it to raise more than \$950,000 for grassroots activities across the state, and over 590 jobs have been created.

Jim Round, CEO of scheme coordinator VicReturn, is proud of the community's enthusiasm for recycling in the scheme's inaugural year and he is confident CDS Vic will make an ongoing impact towards sustainability.

"The journey doesn't stop here. We are committed to seeing the scheme go from strength to strength over the next 12 months and the years ahead.

"Across the state, we are working with community groups like Scouts and major sporting organisations like AFL Victoria and Tennis Victoria to ensure we reach as many Victorians as possible," he said.

"Next time you return containers, wish our incredible depot operators and over-the-counter businesses a happy first birthday!" Mr Round said.



Victorians like Sonny can return eligible drink containers for a 10 cent refund through CDS Vic.

To mark this achievement, Victoria's youngest environmental champions – our primary school students – are sending powerful messages through their 'Message in a Bottle' installation at Scienceworks. These messages, written inside 320 recycled bottles, remind us of the importance of recycling containers and how it shapes the future of our planet.

The interactive installation is on display until January 27 next year. Visitors can also bring their own used containers for return at the on-site Reverse Vending

Machine (RVM) in the Scienceworks carpark.

To find out more about CDS Vic and locate your nearest refund point, visit cdsvic.org.au.

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Rules, taxes, no housing strategy, says O'Brien MP

NEW rental reforms proposed by the State Government have sparked fears for the future of Gippsland's already dwindling rental stock.

The reforms, which include preventing landlords from evicting a tenant at the end of their fixed-term lease without cause and capping lease break fees to no more than four weeks, have been touted as greater protection for renters' rights.

But concerns have been raised that a failure to strike a balance between landlord and renter's rights will drive more landlords and rental properties out of the market.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said while he supports protecting the rights of renters, there will be little benefit to Gippsland renters when they are not able to find a home to rent in the first place.

"There is a perception the government seems to embrace that landlords are rich and greedy with multiple rental properties in their portfolio. But the reality is that most of the landlords in Gippsland and across the state are mum and dad-type investors who have used their savings or superannuation to invest in and help keep our rental market afloat," Mr O'Brien said.

"According to the Australian Tax Office, the top rental provider occupations are registered nurses, office administrators and primary or secondary school teachers.

"These reforms, in addition to a suite of new land taxes are going to leave landlords questioning their investment and risk them leaving the market in favour of short-term rentals like AirBnB.

"A quick search online will show that many towns in my electorate are already being impacted by this growing trend as property owners understandably seek maximum return on their investment.

"Under the State Government there have been no incentives for landlords to offer their homes to long term renters. We need a State Government that can find the balance and ensure both renters and landlords are protected."

Mr O'Brien said the demand for rentals is already sky high across Gippsland South with limited social housing available to those who are otherwise unable to find a home.

"Indeed, it is not just my electorate, but all of Gippsland that has seen social housing stock dwindle under the State Government with data released by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing* earlier this year confirming social housing stock across the six local government areas that make up Gippsland decreased from 4,874 in 2015, to 4,834 as of 30 June 2023.

"These figures are particularly alarming when you consider that the social housing waitlist has also doubled in this time."

Mr O'Brien said a real plan was needed to address the rental and social housing shortages across Victoria.

"These reforms will likely drive landlords away from investing in rentals in Victoria and only serve to exacerbate the issue."



Deb Leonard and her volunteers look forward to welcoming people to her Leongatha 'Hub'. A03_4624

Monash contender Deb Leonard celebrates opening of campaign Hub

WITH South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shire residents awaiting confirmation of their elected councillors, and Donald Trump set to move back into the White House, the political theme continued in Leongatha on Wednesday as Deb Leonard's campaign office (Hub) officially opened.

Chosen by members of Voices for Monash, Deb will contest the Seat of Monash at next year's Federal election, running as an independent.

She was joined by a healthy number of volunteers to celebrate the first of her

By Andrew Paloczi

campaign offices, with another set to open soon in Wonthaggi, and hopes of one in Warragul.

Having only had the keys to her Leongatha office for six days, Deb described it as a great space and looks forward to welcoming members of the public for a chat and the chance to learn more about her campaign and approach.

Being such a large space, the office is intended to include a produce share program, book and toy library

and a regular youth hub, providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Saying Monash has been a safe seat for decades, Deb told her supportive audience that the 2022 Federal election made the seat marginal, meaning people's votes will count.

While she was happily running her law firm, concerns about the future and a feeling those in the electorate aren't being well represented by party politics prompted Deb to run.

She has the backing of

recent South Gippsland Shire councillor Mohya Davies who acted as MC at Wednesday evening's event.

"It's fabulous to see so many teal t-shirts and so many enthusiastic volunteers who are here to support Deb," Mohya said, explaining a kitchen-table discussion in Toora kick-started the movement for an independent in Monash.

Deb expressed her appreciation for the volunteers and their efforts in setting up the office in Leongatha's former teddy bear shop, encouraging people to visit.

AusNet grants to build resilient South Gippsland communities

AUSNET recently announced 24 recipients will receive more than \$650,000 in grants from its Energy Resilience Community Fund.

There were three successful grant recipients in Bass Coast and one in South Gippsland.

Bass Coast Shire Council was allocated \$49,200 for the demonstration of a resilient business at the Kernot General Store.

The project is a collaboration between council, small business and the community.

The installation of islandable solar panels and battery storage means the Kernot General Store can play a central role in local community

resilience by providing essential services during power outages.

This is an example of a project that can be replicated and scaled across other local government areas.

Free 3D Hands received \$11,800 for a community power hub for extended power outages. The project will upgrade existing solar and battery infrastructure.

This infrastructure will support hundreds of residents on Phillip Island and surrounding regions by providing access to phone and device charging, and Starlink guest internet.

Kilcunda Community

Association Incorporated received \$10,100.

Kilcunda is experiencing increasingly longer power outages due to storms, worsened by the subsequent loss of access to cellular and internet communications.

A community emergency centre can be established by installing solar panels. Funding and assistance from council will allow the installation of a solar battery and a satellite internet connection.

The grant will fund a diesel generator to provide power when the solar generation is insufficient, allowing community members to access cooking, heating and cooling.

Poowong Public Hall Inc.

was allocated \$49,975.

Its project is a collaboration with the Poowong Football Netball Club to provide emergency backup power.

This community-wide project includes the installation of solar, batteries and generator backup to provide power, heating and cooling, cooking, refrigeration and showers across the adjacent venues.

Applications for AusNet's next round of Energy Resilience Grants and Energy Education and Literacy Grants open on Wednesday, November 27.

For information, visit ausnetservices.com.au/about-us/community/energy-resilience-community-fund.

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OH WHAT A FEELING



RSL chaplain Cyril Payne speaks during the Remembrance Day service at The Salvation Army in Leongatha. A37_4624

Salvo Remembrance for those who served

REMEMBRANCE Day was marked a day early by the South Coast Gippsland Salvos during a Sunday morning service conducted by RSL Chaplain Cyril Payne, with Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath the guest speaker.

Cyril displayed his trademark humour but ensured the service was respectful and befitting the importance of the occasion.

He mentioned that while the guns fell silent 106 years ago in the 'War to End all Wars', we also remember those involved in other conflicts.

The South Gippsland Shire Brass Band played hymns conveying the importance of the event, including 'Abide with Me' and there wasn't a hint of republicanism as the sounds of 'God Save the King' rang out.

As well as speaking about the impacts of war and praying for peace, Cyril was the band's conductor.

His humour shone through after the confusion of 'Advance Australia Fair', during which some members of the band played an intro and others launched straight in, making light-hearted fun of the instrumentalists before each subsequent musical piece.

During her speech, Melina said it is impossible to comprehend what Armistice Day must have been like after years of war, noting the service and sacrifice of WWI and other conflicts.

She recalled the impact of her Kokoda Trek experience, a visit to Thailand's 'Death Railway' and Kanchanaburi War Cemetery and museum, saying, "It makes you feel so humble."

Melina touched on the service of renowned WWII surgeon Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop and the testing conditions in which he operated, along with the service of WWII nurse Vivian Bullwinkel and WWI General Sir John Monash.

She was pleased to see Vietnam War Veterans at Sunday's service, a group that was once shunned by many.

Young Salvo Kaylah Nicholls delivered the poem 'We Shall Keep the Faith', while the immediate past president of Leongatha RSL, Geoff Cooper, recited The Ode, followed by the playing of 'The Last Post'.



Linda and Ken Wanklyn, Geoff Cooper and Bill Verboon during a hymn. A38_4624



Laying the official wreaths at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph on Remembrance Day, Monday, November 11 were, centre, Wonthaggi RSL President Dan Lucas, and, left, Ret Major Kevin Walsh with one of the guest speakers Warrant Officer (1st) Mark Allan of the HMAS Cerberus Dental Corps.

Wonthaggi and the heartache of war

REMEMBRANCE Day, 106 years on from the signing of the Armistice at the end of World War I still has the power to stir emotions and even a tear or two as we witnessed at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph on Monday this week when Bass Coast Secondary College student Chloe Lawson delivered an inspiring address.

It was just before the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, a warming sun was in the sky, a gentle breeze caused the flags at half-mast to flutter and a big crowd was in attendance, including service personnel, kids from the local schools, and members of the general community.

They all leaned forward as the former school captain commanded the microphone.

"I stand at this place of beauty and heartache, as my mother and her mother and her mother's mother did before me, in appreciation, and glare at the names forever etched on the bronze plaques. Two of these names tell a major part of my mother's own family history. The tales of two courageous men that left, never to return home in service of our great country Australia. My mother has always reflected on the pain of the women that waited at home. Home where the families of these courageous men stayed and waited" ... tragically in vain.



The students from the Wonthaggi Primary School, Sophia, Leila, Sonny and Harper laid a wreath on Remembrance Day at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph.

Chloe also remembered another equally important group of people.

"The names not listed but will forever remain ANZAC hearts, the women in Wonthaggi's tent town hospital during the war, who would help keep everyone well while they waited for the loves they had missing. One of these women being my very own great-great-grandmother, Gladys Taylor. She told tales of the love that she had and lost and instilled such a strong sense of gratitude and service. Her diary included a verse about her

late husband, my great-great-grandfather Vernon Charles Green, that read:

"Should he not return, my heart and the hearts of my two darling children will remain forever broken".

Her well-researched speech painted an intoxicating picture of life in the fledgling town of Wonthaggi, between 1914 and 1918, where the choice between long, hard hours in the coal mines and service in catastrophic conditions on the Western Front was one that some brave souls had to make.

President of the Wonthaggi

RSL Dan Lucas laid the main wreath, in memory and gratitude for the service of local people, retired major Kevin Walsh RFD laid a wreath on behalf of the State Government and local MP Jordan Crugnale, students of the Wonthaggi Primary School and Bass Coast Secondary College also laid wreaths, together with dozens of others and Warrant Officer 1st Class Mark Allan of the HMAS Dental Corp gave the official address.

The playing of the Last Post and a minute's silence rounded out a memorable service.



Korumburra RSL president David Jackson speaks about the sacrifices of war.
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Remembrance and a Lone Pine in Korumburra

A SIMPLE and respectful Remembrance Day service was held at the Korumburra Cenotaph, followed by the unveiling of a plaque marking the long-established Lone Pine in Coleman Park, a descendant of the original Lone Pine at Gallipoli.

During the Remembrance Day service, Korumburra RSL president David Jackson spoke of the loss of life, and the trauma experienced by many survivors of war.

He noted that while there was much celebration on Armistice Day, that was not universal given the tremendous sacrifices made during the years of WWI.

Hugh Hendry delivered the famous poem containing the words, "If you break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep though poppies grow in Flanders Fields."

Retired Navy veteran Ken Wanklyn spoke of his service, including starting out in the hydrographic branch making maps onboard HMAS Flinders.

Ken recalled that soon after his wedding, his wife's father passed away aged

just 51 having been affected psychologically by the horrors of war.

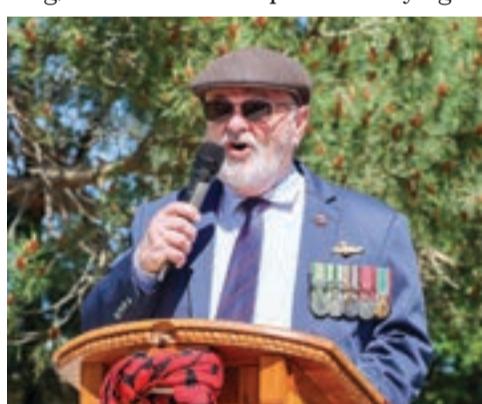
"I was probably the first guy he'd opened up to," Ken said, the death of his father-in-law a shattering experience that still affects him.

However, Ken included some frivolity, speaking about his habit of standing on a milk crate while manning a ship's bridge to provide him with the necessary height to take in the surrounding view, to the great amusement of other officers.

A couple of next year's Korumburra Secondary College captains, Riley McIntosh and Kiera Witton laid a wreath, and Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks played The Last Post on his flugelhorn, having first played the piece at a service 62 years ago.

Local Vietnam veteran Perry Neil spoke about the Coleman Park Lone Pine, its unveiling carried out by Helen Maguire, Dennis and Travis Conn and Tony Fowles, descendants of Gallipoli veterans.

Mary Fields and Avis Tilley then placed a wreath alongside the plaque.



Retired naval Commander Ken Wanklyn shares his experiences with attendees at the Korumburra Cenotaph.
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Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks plays The Last Post. A50_4624



The lone pine plaque is unveiled. A52_4624



Inverloch residents of all ages gathered with family and friends for Remembrance Day at the Inverloch Cenotaph. B32_4624

Remembering the fallen at Inverloch

LEST We Forget' ending a minute's silence on the eleventh-hour, of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, hundreds paid their respects at the Inverloch Cenotaph to those who gave their lives in military service.

Inverloch Kongwak Primary School and Inverloch Cub and Scouts joined veterans, their families and descendants and the people of Inverloch and visitors to honour those who have served in Vietnam, Korea and First and Second World Wars.

Wreaths were laid at the Inverloch Cenotaph and tributes paid before the Last Post rang out from Bugler Noah Robertson signalling the start of a minute's silence.

Remembrance Day held special significance for the Inverloch RSL with a new poppy frame draped in crocheted poppies at the Inverloch Cenotaph.

Twelve months in the making the new poppy frame held hundreds of poppies painstakingly hand-crocheted by the ladies of the Inverloch RSL.

The red poppy is an enduring symbol of remembrance from the First World War.

The Inverloch RSL is open nightly from 4pm to 6.30pm except for Tuesday, with extended trading hours on Friday night.

Remembrance Day attendees were invited to join veterans for lunch after the service at the RSL club-rooms.



Inverloch RSL President Ross Gabb with Bugler Noah Robertson signalling a minute's silence. B35_4624



Inverloch Scouts laying a wreath at the Inverloch Cenotaph for Remembrance Day. B34_4624



A strong crowd turned out to support Remembrance Day proceedings at Leongatha on Monday, including newly and re-elected councillors.



How to become a... Police Officer

With Narinder Chahal



Why did you become a police officer?

I grew up in a police family. My father was a cop in India, a retired inspector. Seeing him in uniform and how proud he was. I'd thought of joining back in India, but due to other circumstances I came here. It was always my plan, it was just time and circumstances.

What field are you hoping to transition into?

I'm still new and learning the basics, getting to know all the units, what they do and how they specialise. But at this stage, I'd like to get into family violence later in my career, but it's still pretty early to say.

What was involved in becoming a police officer?

It involves 31 weeks of physical and mental learning at Victoria Police academy in Glen Waverley. If you are willing to learn and challenge yourself you can easily do it. There are about six – seven written exams and couple of physical tests.

What would you say to someone who wants to become an officer?

It's the best job! There's something different every single day, particularly if you want to challenge yourself. I was a supervisor in my last job and it was autonomous, every day looks the same and you're doing your job and coming back without achieving anything. But if you want to do something real in your life, you want to see some good things and help people who need your help. Just join, you will feel so much more completed in your life.

What qualities are required?

To become a police officer you need to help people, to be selfless – that's the only attribute you need. Professionalism is important, but those things come with time, and when you join Victoria Police you go through 31 weeks of training which develops those attributes.

What attracted you to Wonthaggi Police Station?

I've got a young family, we had the time and opportunity to stay here for two years and enjoy country policing, which will help me later on in my career.

Getting to know people who live in the country, what their problems are and how we can deal with it compared to metro.

What's the biggest difference between metro and country policing so far?

Everybody knows everybody. It's so good to know people and know their life.

Road closures during rescues bring out badly behaved drivers

THE LOCH CFA road rescue crew recently attended two car accidents in the same day that both turned out to be complex rescues which saw the South Gippsland Highway closed for a significant amount of time, causing some drivers to behave poorly.

Len Wyhoun, Captain of the Loch CFA unit is calling out against this kind of driver behaviour, noting that emergency crews and other services like the police often face frustration and backlash whenever there's a delay.

"Typically, everyone's in a rush for a medical appointment, and it's our fault that the roads closed. It's common around the state, and it's common amongst the services," said Len.

"Members of the public in most cases were tolerant. In a handful of cases, they are quite belligerent, selfish, self-centred and plain rude," stated Captain Wyhoun.

Another challenge the crews and police face is drivers who arrive at an accident early and move debris or items to get through, which is not ok, as in most cases, it is deemed a crime scene.

"Firstly, if you come across a major accident before emergency services arrive, it is not ok to take it upon yourself to clear the road of debris so you can drive through. You have just disrupted a crime scene," stated Len.

At the recent car accidents, the volunteer crews worked from 5.30am in the morning until early evening, and mechanical extrication of patients was required at both of these incidents.

Although Len is doubtful that making impatient drivers aware of what happens during a rescue operation would change their



Phil Clark, Andy Tietge, Greg Hodge, Charlie Theliaferro and Adam Sporle from the Loch CFA road rescue crew often attend road rescue operations where there are nearly always rude drivers to deal with. ob03_4624

behaviour, he is willing to explain how and why it often takes hours.

"Firstly, most collisions that occur that require mechanical extrication of some form or another are high impact. The vehicles are rarely easily accessible. Often they are on their side, roof, off the road, into a tree or building or into another vehicle. They are rarely sitting flat on all four wheels with great 360-degree unobstructed access," explained Len.

"It's not like what people see on TV or in the movies."

There are many elements that need to be considered by the rescue operators and crew leaders, including the tension and pressure of distorted metal and how every action has an equal and opposite reaction, and with these physics in mind, tool placement has to be carefully considered so as to not cause any further harm to the patient.

Gradually, carefully and systematically tools that exert tonnes

of pressure and cutting force are used to remove enough vehicle from the patient to enable them to receive medical treatment.

While extrications are taught in textbooks, Len stated that no two complex extrications are ever the same and almost every time rescue crews extricate they are writing new pages in the book again.

"Extrication is considered the removal of the vehicle from the patient. Not so much the other way around. The idea is to create access for medical treatment," said Len.

In consultation with paramedics, the rescue crews devise a plan and then devise another one or two plans in case the others don't work.

They work on the theory of three strikes and you're out.

"If whatever we try and do doesn't work three times. It's probably not going to work four times. Time to do something different," explained Len.

Once access is created for the

medical team to get to the patient, treatment occurs and then further extrication goes ahead until the patient is free and can be safely relocated away and receive full medical treatment.

While some rescues are more straightforward and quicker than others and some a lot longer, the whole process of extrication and medical treatment can take many hours.

"Loch CFA Fire and Rescue commenced an extrication on one occasion that began around 8am and was completed by changeover crews nine hours later," Len stated.

"So next time you're disadvantaged by a highway being closed, a detour that may be inconvenient, or the ever common 'must be deceased because it's taking so long,' it's probably just emergency services doing what they do best – working together to gain to the best possible outcome for our patients," said Len.

Star of the South Advisory Group celebrates milestone

THIS November marked the 30th meeting of the Star of the South Community Advisory Group.

This forum was established in 2020 to seek advice from and share information with the community on Australia's most advanced offshore wind project.

Chaired by Gippslander Ian Gibson, the advisory group brings together 20 members from Foster to Lakes Entrance every two months to be briefed on project updates.

Star of the South's regional engagement senior manager Paul Johnson said the group's involvement has been invaluable over the past four years.

"Since 2020, we've discussed a wide range of topics in depth, such as project timing, fishing jobs, supply opportunities and transmission. Each meeting is an opportunity to share information, answer questions and discuss what's happening in local communities," he said.

Meetings have also been taken out 'on the road', with informative site visits across the region to give members a better understanding of key project locations, construction activities and long-term plans.

The group recently visited Port Anthony to learn more about how Gippsland ports currently service the oil and gas industry, and how they could play



November marks the 30th meeting of the Star of the South Community Advisory Group since its inception in 2020.

a key role in supporting Star of the South.

"We now have 20 people from across Gippsland with a deep understanding of the project, offshore wind and the energy system – they're a great resource for people in local towns to tap into," Mr Johnson said.

Allan Rogers – a part-time resident of McLoughlin's Beach and passionate angler – has

been an active member since the group's inception.

"Living in a small coastal community, I wanted to make sure that locals were informed about project developments that could affect us. Fishing is important to us, and my involvement has allowed me to both share knowledge and different views from my community," he said.

"I've learned so much about

renewable energy and offshore wind. It's satisfying to be able to share what I've learned with my neighbours and help them understand what's proposed."

Star of the South is hosting community events in Foster, Traralgon and Yarram this November in conjunction with other offshore wind developers.

For more information, visit starofthesouth.com.au.

Crime prevention initiative at Bunnings Wonthaggi

LOCAL police and SES members were at Wonthaggi Bunnings on Saturday, available for a friendly chat and a free service to replace people's number plate screws with theft-resistant ones that require specialist equipment to remove.

It was part of the hardware chain's Crime Prevention Week.

Acting Sergeant Matt Cadman of Wonthaggi Police was pleased to see a steady stream of people taking the opportunity to make their number plates harder to steal.

He said number plate theft is no more prevalent in the area than elsewhere but occurs.

Any of the theft resistant screws left over would be available at Wonthaggi Police Station and it is hoped a similar event will be run in Leongatha.

Justin Thomson of Wonthaggi SES was busy with screwdriver in hand, securing number plates with Nyora's Juanita Piper appreciative.

"It's a fantastic free service to help keep the community and our treasured items safe," she said.

Inspector Cath Middleton, the local area commander for Bass Coast and South Gippsland was enjoying the laid-back event and the chance it offered to interact with community members.

"It's important for the public to see that we're approachable," she said.

She spoke about the number plate initiative to reduce vehicle crime.

"This is part of our commitment to community safety and is a proactive measure to protect vehicles and reduce the misuse of stolen number plates within our community," Cath said.



Inspector Cath Middleton and Leading Senior Constable Matt Dengerink enjoy the opportunity to interact with the public at Bunnings on the weekend. A40_4624



Justin Thomson of Wonthaggi SES secures a number plate with theft-resistant screws. A41_4624

Five bronze medals for Folks Coffee

WONTHAGGI coffee house 'Folks Specialty Coffee' has been awarded five bronze medals at the Golden Bean the world's largest coffee roasting competition.

Competing against eight-hundred-and-fifty other coffee roasters from Australia, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam the popular Bass Coast coffee roasters impressed the judges with their specialty blends.

"We source our coffee beans from all over the world but principally Africa, Brazil, Colombia and Indonesia," said proprietor Graeme Heenan.

"It's the best coffee shop in Australia," said retired local and enthusiastic fan of Folks Coffee, Stella Hitchins.

"Nothing compares to it."

"It's a big thing winning five bronze medals."

"They have a big following."

The Golden Bean judges scored Folks Coffee high on sweetness, acidity, flavour, body and overall balance.

Key to the success of Folks Coffee is their unique Wonthaggi roasted 'Godzilla' and 'Seasonal' blends.

"No one knew where Wonthaggi was," said Graeme Heenan.

They do now.

Folks Coffee was awarded the five bronze medals for espresso, milk-based, filter, alternative milk and decaffeinated coffees.

Stella Hitchins is not surprised.

"I love my coffee, and they are very good people and their staff," said Stella.

"It's a wonderful thing for a local business."

Yuki Heenan said it was the first time Folks Coffee had entered the Golden Bean.

"The judges taste the coffee from all finalists to determine the final twenty."

The Golden Bean is a competition specifically for coffee roasters.

Folks Coffee finished in the top three, in five separate categories, espresso, milk-based, filter, alternative milk and decaffeinated coffee.

"We roast a tonne of coffee beans each month," said Graeme.

"We serve three to four hundred coffees a day," added Yuki.



Folks Coffee barista Tom Audet pouring another bronze medal-winning specialty blend. B11_4424



Folks Coffee bronze medalists Graeme and Yuki Heenan with number one fan Stella Hitchins. B12_4424



Deklyn Titulaer ready for Christmas in Wonthaggi at Santa's Little Helper and Collectables. B22_4624

Deck the halls for Bass Coast festive facades competition

THE holiday spirit is alive and well in Bass Coast, with stores transforming into festive wonderlands, bringing Christmas magic to the shire! As part of the Council's Shop, Eat, Love Local campaign, Bass Coast Shire has kicked off a holiday storefront display competition, inviting local businesses to deck out their storefronts in Christmas cheer throughout November and December.

'Tis the season' with generous prizes are on offer for both businesses and shoppers.

The top-voted display will receive a prize valued at \$200, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third.

Follow the festive trail and keep an eye out for the creative displays showcasing the Festive Facades poster and QR code.

By voting for your favourite display, you will be entered to win one of two, \$100 prizes, a merry bonus for shopping local.

Registrations and voting has already kicked off with the winners to be announced in January 2025.

Businesses can spread the holiday cheer by registering their shopfront at basscoast.vic.gov.au/FestiveFacades.

Stroll through our Bass Coast towns and vote for your favourite shopfront by scanning the QR code in-store or by visiting basscoast.vic.gov.au/FestiveFacadesVoting

To find out more about the Bass Coast Festive Facades competition go to basscoast.vic.gov.au/FestiveFacades

Help Friends of Coal Creek to fund tramway restoration

HELP get Coal Creek's tramway back in service and put yourself in the running for a dinner and spa package at Mornington Peninsula Hot Springs, a trolley-mounted cutting board and other prizes.

Friends of Coal Creek (FOCC) is running a raffle to be drawn on December 14 at the Coal Creek Farmers Market, with prizes totalling over \$2,000 and including items and vouchers from local businesses.

FOCC president Roger Powell said funds raised will likely go predominantly towards the repair, refit and repainting of tramway carriages.

Works on the tracks are ongoing, with rotten sleepers being replaced.

Sleepers sourced from the broad-gauge Victorian Goldfields Railway, running between Castlemaine and Maldon, are being cut down to size for the Coal Creek tramway's narrow-gauge tracks.

Roger said getting the tramway running again will be a significant drawcard for Coal Creek.

Work has also commenced on the full-size railway carriages at the top of the park, with the aid of a \$50,000 State Government grant.

Scaffolding is in place and the First Class carriage is the starting point.

Roger said it is necessary to establish how much damage has been done to the inside of the roof space by water leaks.

The carriage roofs were originally made



Submissions are now open for ambulance inquiry

A PARLIAMENTARY inquiry into the performance, workplace culture, and procurement practices of Ambulance Victoria is seeking submissions from the public.

Nationals' MP Melina Bath is a member of the Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee investigating issues with call taking, despatch, ambulance ramping, working conditions, governance and accountability and paramedic workloads within Ambulance Victoria.

Ms Bath said both patients and employees of Ambulance Victoria are being encouraged to contribute to the inquiry to provide feedback on their experiences.

Over the past four years Ms Bath said ambulance response times have continued to decline to worrisome levels.

"Other issues include regular ramping outside hospital emergency departments and ongoing delays in Triple Zero calls being answered," said Ms Bath.

"Morale within Ambulance Victoria has hit rock-bottom, and the service continues to be woefully under-resourced."

The most recent Ambulance Victoria performance data highlights the continuing decline in Ambulance Victoria's response for code one emergencies.

Ms Bath said eighty-five per cent of code one emergencies are supposed to be responded to by an Ambulance within fifteen minutes, but for many Victorians this is not the reality.

"Despite Labor MP's voting against the inquiries establishment, I am pleased it's occurring so residents who live outside of Melbourne's tram tracks can be heard."

"Improvements to Ambulance Victoria are needed so all Victorians receive the care they deserve."

Ms Bath firmly believes health outcomes should not be dependent on where you live.

Submissions to the inquiry must be made by February 28, next year with public hearings to be scheduled from that date onwards.

The Legal and Social Issues Committee report is due by August 31, 2025.

To make an online submission go to parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/inquiries/inquiry-into-ambulance-victoria/submissions

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BCH expands its diabetes team

WITH World Diabetes Day on November 14, Bass Coast Health is proud to now have an expanded team of Credentialled Diabetes Educators.

Credentialled Diabetes Educator (CDE) Upmajit Kaur recently joined the team that already included Claire Gatto, Vivienne Prestidge and Roger Lindenmayer.

Upmajit is a Registered Nurse – Credentialled Diabetes Educator and comes to Bass Coast Health (BCH) with experience working in the emergency department, medical, surgical and COVID wards.

She completed the Graduate Certificate in Diabetes Education at Deakin University in 2020, achieved the initial Australian Diabetes Educators Association credentialling status in 2023 and is also working as a CDE at Peninsula Health, in an inpatient setting.

Claire Gatto said the CDEs provide education and support to people with diabetes about how to live their lives to the fullest while self-managing their diabetes.

"While diabetes can pose health risks, our aim is to provide the latest in advice and technological aids to ensure our consumers are able to manage well and enjoy their lives with the minimum restrictions," she said.

"Our approach reflected the theme of World Diabetes Day – 'Diabetes and



Bass Coast Health's Credentialled Diabetes Educators, from left, Claire Gatto, Upmajit Kaur, Vivienne Prestidge and Roger Lindenmayer at the Wonthaggi Hospital.

Wellbeing' – which advocates for access to diabetes care that also supports wellbeing and quality of life. The daily challenges of managing diabetes impact physical and mental wellbeing, so the purpose of the day's theme is to put wellbeing at the heart of diabetes care."

BCH's service offers support for a range of diabetes and pre-diabetes related conditions.

These include management of type 1, type 2, gestational diabetes and pre-diabetes, lifestyle changes, blood glucose monitoring and interpretation of blood glucose levels in relation to food, physical activity and medication,

management of unstable blood glucose levels, changes in medication and beginning insulin or other injectable diabetes medications, use of new glucose monitoring technologies, prevention and management of diabetes complications, sick day management advice, and travel advice.

Each team member has to renew their credentialling annually with the Australian Diabetes Educators Association, enabling them to provide quality-assured diabetes care, education and self-management support.

The service accepts referrals from general practitioners and

other healthcare professionals. Self-referrals are also accepted. The service involves a small fee.

This will be discussed with you when the referral coordinator contacts you by phone to obtain your details to admit you to the service.

The service is available at the Wonthaggi Hospital from Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm by phoning 5671 3290, or the Phillip Island Health Hub from Monday to Thursday and alternating Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 5pm by phoning 5951 2100.

World Diabetes Day is the world's largest diabetes awareness campaign, held annually on November 14, the birth date of Sir Frederick Banting who, together with his colleague Dr Charles Best, discovered insulin in 1922.

Insulin is a hormone made by the body to keep one's blood glucose levels within the normal range.

With type 1 diabetes, the body does not make insulin and therefore insulin has to be injected every day to stay alive.

With type 2 diabetes, the insulin does not work as well as it should and, over time, the insulin production decreases.

Insulin injections are sometimes needed to manage blood glucose levels.

For more information about BCH's diabetes service, go to basscoasthealth.org.au/diabetes.

Festive evening of shopping at Terry White Leongatha



TERRY White Leongatha's Christmas shopping night was a tremendous success, with floor manager Laura Kemper delighted with the big turnout, friendly atmosphere and sales.

The starting time, just after working hours, suited lots of people.

"It was a really good night," Laura said.

Shoppers praised the gift variety available, including newly stocked items, and there were some excited prize winners, with attendees enjoying sandwiches and other food

and a drink as they wandered the store.

People were happy to get a start on their Christmas shopping.

Staff members leapt into the spirit of the occasion in festive attire, with Sharon Caporale giving a preview of what's to come in December when she'll wear a variety of Christmas outfits.

LEFT: Sharon Caporale, Keely Harper and Laura Kemper ensure Terry White customers are ready for Christmas. A12_4624

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LOOKING for an extraordinary way to kickstart 2025? Join travel specialist Renee McLennan on an exclusive cultural adventure to Vietnam that combines immersive travel with the tranquillity of optional yoga sessions. This 11-day trip, from February 21 to March 4, promises a blend of serene landscapes, rich culture, and rejuvenation – perfect for anyone seeking a truly unique experience abroad.

Renee, an experienced and passionate travel expert with over 18 years in the industry, has joined forces with Jacki from Turning Point Yoga and Wide Eyed Tours to craft an unforgettable itinerary. Known for her keen attention to detail and customer-centred approach, Renee brings a wealth of travel expertise, having explored over 30 countries and built lasting relationships with travel providers worldwide. For this trip, she's pulling out all the stops to create an experience that's adventurous, relaxing, and culturally moving.

The journey begins in Hanoi, Vietnam's bustling capital, where you'll be introduced to the vibrant local culture, historical landmarks, and delicious cuisine. Over the next 11 days, you'll traverse the enchanting landscapes of Northern and Central Vietnam, visiting stunning sites like Ha Long Bay and the charming, lantern-lit streets of Hoi An.

From kayaking through hidden lagoons to watching the sunset with a cocktail, exploring Hue on the back of a motorbike to spa treatments in Hoi An, each day will unfold new adventures and peaceful interludes, with plenty of time to relax, explore, and soak in the local flavour.

This journey includes luxurious accommodation: eight nights in carefully selected four-star hotels and two unforgettable nights cruising through the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay. To make your trip hassle-free, all local transportation, sightseeing, entrance fees, and tipping are covered.

For those looking to deepen their travel experience, optional yoga sessions will be held throughout the trip, led by Jacki, a dedicated yoga instructor. These sessions are designed to keep you centred and refreshed as you move from one cultural highlight to the next. Imagine starting your day with gentle stretches, surrounded by Vietnam's breathtaking scenery, and concluding with serene



meditative practices that melt away any travel fatigue.

For an added touch of luxury, the itinerary also includes a spa treatment at Almanity Wellness Resort & Spa, so you'll return home feeling not only inspired by the wonders of Vietnam but also fully rejuvenated.

This cultural escape is designed to take the stress out of travel, with almost every detail already taken care of. You'll enjoy:

- Private transport throughout
- A local Vietnamese, English-speaking guide for insider insights
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- Daily breakfasts, along with several delicious lunches and dinners showcasing Vietnam's flavourful cuisine
- All flights with Vietnam Airlines and a visa for seamless travel

Starting from \$5999 per person (twin share), with single room upgrades available upon request, stamp your passport and tick off your bucket list.

With her commitment to providing tailored travel experiences, Renee ensures her clients receive the best service and memorable travel moments. She's dedicated to going the extra mile, offering personal

touches like travel wallets, luggage tags, and access to MTA Travel's companion app to streamline your travel experience.

Working in partnership with Wide Eyed Tours & Travel, owned and operated by Leongatha local Travis Fennell, travellers can expect an authentic and immersive experience in Vietnam. Travis, who established his business over 20 years ago, now lives in Vietnam with his wife Ha and their three children.

Renee and Travis share a strong local connection and business relationship, and they are excited to bring the people of South Gippsland the opportunity to experience the vibrant culture and beauty of Vietnam firsthand.

Spaces are limited, and this unique blend of cultural exploration and wellness is sure to be popular. If you're ready to experience Vietnam in a way that nurtures both body and soul, reach out to Renee McLennan today for full itinerary details and secure your spot on this incredible journey.

Don't miss this opportunity to travel with an experienced guide, meet like-minded adventurers, and create lifelong memories in one of Southeast Asia's most captivating destinations!

ABOVE: Jacki leads a peaceful yoga session on Mt Oberon, overlooking the breathtaking views. Optional serene yoga sessions are woven throughout the upcoming Vietnam trip, offering moments of calm amid cultural exploration.



Renee McLennan, travel expert extraordinaire, is ready to lead an unforgettable journey to Vietnam. With over 18 years of travel experience, Renee ensures each adventure is crafted with care and packed with personal touches.

Nominees revealed for Primary Health Awards

THE upcoming 2024 Primary Health Awards will celebrate outstanding achievements and innovation across Gippsland.

This year's theme, 'Transformation', honours teams that have driven impactful change in patient care, workplace culture and access to healthcare.

Thirty-four nominees have been named across the categories.

Gippsland Southern Health Service and South Gippsland Hospital were nominated in the 'transforming practice through multidisciplinary care' category.

The event, hosted by Gippsland Primary Health Network (PHN) is an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the rapid change and innovation taking place in the healthcare sector.

Gippsland PHN CEO Amanda Proposch congratulated the nominees, thanking everyone who had entered the awards.

"The breadth, quality and strength of the nominations speaks to the incredible work happening in health care in Gippsland," she said.

"The nominees are driving genuine innovation and transformation in care for people in our region. I'm excited to have an opportunity where we can come together to recognise and celebrate this work."

Awards nominees range from small remote clinics to some of Gippsland's largest health services, and capture creativity and innovation in the healthcare sector in Gippsland – from clinics offering virtual care solutions to new community-led models of care.

The event will also feature keynote speaker Dr Nick Coatsworth, one of Australia's foremost experts in healthcare and a trusted voice in providing clear, evidence-based information to help guide public health policies and individual behaviour.

The winners will be announced at Gippsland PHN's annual general meeting and awards ceremony on November 20.



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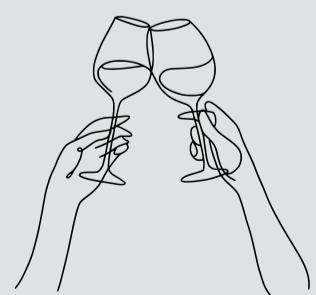


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Miss C and Amaya enjoyed dinner at the Powlett River Primary School carnival night.

Carnivals and sleepovers at Powlett River Primary School

THE Powlett River Primary School Prep to Grade 2 Fun Night is an annual event, and ends with the Grade 2 sleepover.

This year's theme was carnival.

The students lined up and got their tickets, and then played different carnival games – Lucky Ducks, lolly pop ping pong, chocolate wall and cornhole throw.

Lunch order queen Emma O'Donnell made the dinner packs for the students and even they had a carnival theme.

The students then made their own ice cream sundaes.

Yugo and RMIT to offer six accommodation scholarships

YUGO – the first global student housing brand and operator – is delighted to announce six new accommodation support scholarships available to Australian students who wish to study at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in 2025.

The scholarships offer a 50 per cent discount on rent at Yugo University Square, Melbourne, for the 2025 academic year – valued at just under \$60,000.

The aim of this annual scheme is to help disadvantaged students who wish to pursue a Certificate IV, diploma, degree or postgraduate by coursework program at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT).

With applications now live, eligible students will come from an interstate or rural region, in circumstances that impact their ability to study – including social, hardship or learning difficulties.

Facilities at the property include a range of elegant apartments plus a cinema and games area, designated study pods and a modern communal kitchen.

Students at Yugo properties also benefit from the Live Your Best Life program, a holistic living experience, which offers training and events centred around sustainability, professional development and community.

RMIT coursework and

They played some more games before the Grade Prep and 1 students went home.

The Grade 2 students set up their beds under the big top tent the staff set up earlier that day.

After a night walk, they settled in and watched a movie before drifting off to sleep.

They all stayed the whole night and enjoyed pancakes for breakfast.

The staff did such a great job in making the night magical and fun.

The Grade 2 sleepover is an important introduction to the school camp program.

scholarship coordinator Kristie Nevell said one of the biggest barriers interstate and regional students faced was finding affordable accommodation close to campus, and it was not uncommon for students to defer their program offer to take a gap year because they simply could not afford to move to Melbourne and needed another year to save to relocate.

"The cost of private rental and the risk associated with moving into share housing in an unfamiliar area can be daunting," she said.

"Purpose-built student accommodation, such as Yugo University Square, is a safe and supportive option and provides students a way to transition to life in Melbourne with other students in a similar situation.

"Student accommodation scholarships make moving to Melbourne a viable option as these students would not be able to afford the non-scholarship rate. Many are in receipt of low-income support payments so these scholarships are often the only way some students can attend university."

More information about the Yugo Accommodation Support Scholarships can be found at rmit.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/scholarships/coursework/yugo.

Newhaven College school fete a huge success

AFTER the hugely successful Newhaven College School Fete in 2023, the College's Parents and Friends Association (PFA) have once again pulled off a terrific day. The weather was threatening in the morning, but by the afternoon the sun shone on a fantastic event.

The enthusiasm of the many families who came along was a joy to behold. The event was a wonderful bookend to a busy and successful year for the PFA, who have worked tirelessly on many events throughout the year.

With more stalls, rides and food trucks than last year, this year was double the fun!

Younger children enjoyed the rides, while families enjoyed live music and sampled food and wine from local vendors. The event was emceed by funny and talented Newhaven College mum Natasha Crestani, who kept the entertainment on track for the afternoon.

Music performances by students of all ages boomed out from the sound stage for everyone to enjoy. The Star Lotto Raffle was hugely popular, with great prizes and local businesses donated incredible items for the silent auction.

The highlight of the event, for many, was the 'slimming' of some of the College Leadership and teachers, Head of Junior School Cath Huther and teachers Cameron Pedersen, Sarah Pedersen and Matt Jackson.

PFA President Angel Chambers was incredibly pleased with the event.

"I want to thank everyone who helped make the Newhaven College School Fete a success. We're grateful to the College, our dedicated volunteers, and the wider community for coming together, donating and supporting the day. The funds raised will go directly to the PFA Giving Fund, supporting initiatives that benefit our school community."

Principal Tony Corr was thrilled



Teachers Sarah Pedersen, Cath Huther (Head of Junior School), Cameron Pedersen and Matt Jackson were slimed by students who earned the right!



The Newhaven College Parents and Friends Association pulled off another incredible event for the year. From left, Jo Vohland, Casey Bartlett, Jenni Lewandowski, Michelle Pardoe, Chantelle Manallack, Kay Kondarios and Angel Chambers (President).

with the fete, yet again.

"The Newhaven College School Fete is a wonderful celebration for our community. As a school, we are so appreciative of the amazing efforts of our Parents and Friends Association who have worked tirelessly to make this event a great success. I would especially like to thank the volunteers for their hard work, especially, Angel

Chambers, Jenni Lewandowski and the Newhaven Fete Committee. As a school, we are so lucky to have such a wonderful parent community who add so much to our school."

Newhaven College thanks and congratulates the PFA team, parent volunteers and staff for their tireless efforts to bring this incredible event together.

Powlett River campers love Sovereign Hill



Powlett River Primary School's Noah getting 'in trouble' with teacher Mathew during the Sovereign Hill camp.



Panning for gold at Sovereign Hill was a hit for students from Powlett River Primary School.

SOVEREIGN Hill was an awesome camp for the Powlett River Primary School students. The children loved it and were fabulous.

They asked great questions and learned so much about life on the goldfields, but also about themselves.

Gold panning was a huge hit, and a lot of the students spent any spare time seeking their fortunes.

Powlett River Primary School had a lovely team of parents and staff come along and help. They were beautiful with all the students.

Being away from home – especially for some of the Grade 3 students – is a big step. The students went to the Aura show and the 3D movie about the formation of gold was a favourite.

The second part was a light show about Bunjil, and the final part was a light and sound show about the Eureka Stockade.

It was a late night, but they were all ready to start exploring the next day.

The students visited the school.

They didn't dress up, but they did try out some games and copperplate writing with ink.

The students were great – they really tried hard to form the letters and use the ink and pens.



Nigel Braithwaite was awarded 25 years' service with Simon and Tony.



Ross Olden pictured with Simon and Tony was awarded with his 25 years of service award.

Peter Mark recognised for 65 years of service

RECENT awards night at the Korumburra Bowls Club was a memorable evening for the Kongwak Fire Brigade, as members and neighbouring brigade captains gathered to honour decades of dedicated service. The event was attended by Korumburra Captains Shane Maskell and Sarah, Inverloch Captain Shane Frogley and Karen, Nareena Captain Samantha Smith, DGO Dannielle O'Loghlin, and presenters CFA Commander Simon Bloink and BASSO Pauline Davies.

Years of service award recipients during the evening included: Nigel Braithwaite (25 years of service), Ross Olden (25 years of service), Ross Crawford (25 years of service), Terry Bray (40 years of service), Tony Reade (35 years of service), Deidre Graham (35 years of service), Arthur Graham

(45 years of service), Neil Graham (55 years of service), and Peter Marke (65 years of service).

A special tribute was paid to Peter Marke, a former Captain of the Upwey Fire Brigade for 31 years and now a dedicated member of the Kongwak Brigade, for his extraordinary 65 years of service. In recognition of Peter's legacy, Upwey Captain Liam Rhodes was invited to present his medal. The significance of the event was enhanced by the surprise appearance of three additional members from the Upwey Brigade.

The five firefighters were inseparable for the entire evening and it was a total surprise for Peter.

Congratulations to all award recipients on such monumental achievements.



Peter Marke presented with his 65 years of service award by Upwey Captain Liam Rhodes.



Neil Graham was recognised for his 55 years of service.



It was an incredible moment when Peter Marke was presented with his 65 year service award.



Arthur Graham was recognised for 45 years of service.



Forty years of service award was presented to Terry Bray.



Tony Reade was presented with his 35 years of service with Pauline and Simon.



It was 35 years of service for Deidre Graham who was presented with her award by Tony and Simon.



Ross Crawford received his 25 years of service pictured with Simon and Tony.



The best versions of ourselves

By author Claire Chitty

COMPARING ourselves to others is what humans do well, which is completely ludicrous. We're all unique individuals and despite our idiosyncrasies, the way we've been raised and the experiences life has gifted us, the common denominator we all share is a physical body, emotions and a thinking mind.

Life is uncertain and complex. Now add in the realisation that Christmas is seven weeks away and compression builds as subtle corporate advertising relentlessly infiltrates our psyche; a new hairdryer, jewellery, a heavy-duty vehicle, camping equipment, home improvements, travel and so on. Local businesses rush to complete jobs and orders before closing for the holiday season, and the stress within families escalates through financial obligations and expectations.

And that's where we get it wrong. Caught in a perpetual cycle of survival and achievement, we see ourselves as separate from one another. The world needs people with different skills and careers to cater for everyday needs. Over decades, we've been entrained to fit into an imbalanced society, where inequality in gender and wages continues for various professions. There's a disconnect between money, power and humans; teachers, nurses, police, ambulance and the service industry are undervalued, yet trades and the legal system often twist integrity. Maybe let's not go down that rabbit hole for now.

I believe change is afoot. Greediness, egotism and the 'me, me, me' / 'I'm better than you' attitude is wearing thin. Many are choosing to reevaluate the money and power over people concept, versus morals and caring. Take away material goods and outdated limiting beliefs to realise that the core aspect people are truly seeking deep down is love; not external love but connection, inner peace and joy that surpasses all else. And once you find this, the need to compete or feelings of inadequacy disappear. You understand you are imperfectly perfect.

Thus, when individuals relinquish the ego, it creates a space of true connection with community and hence, unity. It's time to stop comparing ourselves and remember we're part of a higher collective. Here on the Bass Coast, there are numerous activities available to groups who come together for a common cause. Everyone has something to offer, be it large or small for we all are different, yet the same. More importantly, you'll discover fulfilling social interactions and improved mental wellbeing.

This month, make the conscious decision to be the best version of yourself, no matter what others around you are doing. Always strive to make a positive difference, and be the change you want to see in the world.

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COMMENT

Gotta love democracy!

NOW we can all get some sleep!

The elections are over in Bass Coast, South Gippsland (and the USA) for another four years but if you thought there'd finally be some respite, you'd be wrong.

The action around the council table might be just getting started.

At Bass Coast, there's a contest brewing for the next mayor with deputy mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead and two-time former mayor Cr Brett Tessari in the running.

Far be it for the local newspaper to suggest that mayoral arrangements might be better sorted out behind closed doors, but that's exactly what we are suggesting might be best this time around.

Voters have made the right decision again and brought in six new councillors while leaving three in place for continuity and experience.

But if there's a public contest for mayor just as the new council is finding its feet, potentially dividing it right down the middle 5:4, it could set a pattern for division when what Bass Coast needs after four years of secrecy, exclusion, division and captain's calls, is a collegiate and respectful approach to decision making.

Sure, debate the issues and policies as hard as you like but unless the council can work together, the voice of the people will not be heard and responsibility ceded to the bureaucracy when setting shire priorities.

At South Gippsland, the honeymoon after the dismissal is over, stability has been restored and it's time to start holding the council's performance to a much higher standard, from councillors knowing proper meeting procedures, insisting on operational efficiency first before any discussion about removing the rate cap and genuinely listening to the people when planning projects.

Revisiting the Korumburra Senior Citizens Centre debacle, for example, should be the first item on the agenda.

The people have spoken, now everyone including the sore losers we've seen bleating on social media over the weekend, need to respect the preferential process and let the new councils get on with it.

Actionable support for best care

I AM writing on behalf of the Inverloch RSL Sub Branch in response to Wendy Carlisle's article in Herald Sun, "Diggers' Trauma Study a Disgrace," published on November 4, 2024. While we understand the concerns raised regarding the treatment of veterans, the frustrations as outlined in the article and the need for responsive action, we wish to express our strong support for the initiatives outlined in the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, particularly Recommendation 62, which advocates for the establishment and funding of a Research Translation Centre.

The establishment of a Research Translation Centre is not simply a matter of academic interest; it represents a vital opportunity to bridge the gap between research and practical application. Current and former members of the Australian Defence Force experience unique challenges related to mental health and wellbeing. By creating a dedicated centre focused on translating research findings into actionable support services and programs, we can ensure that veterans receive the best care and resources available.



Pierre de Ronsard, a rose worth growing

WE READ with interest your article on page 22 of the Sentinel Times 05/11 and would like to congratulate Glenise and Don Griggs from Ruby for their magnificent display. My wife Lorraine (former owner of 'Bundaleer Garden' Ruby) is pictured with her rose planted against a fence at our unit in Korumburra about ten years ago.

Rosa 'Pierre de Ronsard' is indeed a rose worth growing.

Clyde Paterson, Korumburra

At the Inverloch RSL Sub Branch, we have witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of trauma and mental health issues among our veterans and their families. It is imperative that dedicated funding and resources are allocated to research initiatives that seek to understand and address these issues, leading to effective interventions that genuinely support the veteran community.

We believe that harnessing the collective knowledge and expertise from various research fields can lead to significant breakthroughs in understanding veterans' mental health needs. The Research Translation Centre would serve as a focal point for collaboration among researchers, healthcare providers, and veteran organisations to foster innovations that can be quickly implemented to improve veteran welfare.

We urge both the government and the community to recognise the importance of this initiative and to support the full implementation of Recommendation 62 from the Royal Commission. Through concerted efforts and commitment, we can work towards a sustainable solution that truly addresses the complexities of veterans' mental health.

LJ Guerin, Secretary Inverloch RSL Sub Branch

**If you or someone you know requires assistance or support contact:*

Open Arms, a free 24/7 counselling service for veterans, 1800 011 046 or go to openarms.gov.au

Lifeline is a 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention service, call 13 11 14, text 0477 13 11 14 or chat online 7pm to midnight, 7 nights a week at lifeline.org.au

Early detection saves lives

I READ with interest your article celebrating the 30th anniversary of Breast Screen Gippsland in the November 5, SGST edition. As one of the 140 women diagnosed with breast cancer by this service this year I cannot applaud their work more strongly.

My breast cancer (invasive lobular carcinoma) is not the kind that makes a lump, and I have no family history of breast cancer so without this incredibly important service my cancer would not have been detected until it was too late for me.

Instead, I have a full chance of survival after treatment.

While no one wants to receive a cancer diagnosis I felt cared for and supported through every step of my diagnosis. We are indeed lucky to have this incredibly valuable service in our district.

Thank you to the wonderful Breast Screen Gippsland staff for your amazing work – and thank you SGST for shining a light on this important work.

A final note for those of you reading this; please keep up with your regular mammograms, early detection may just save your life – like it did mine.

Shaz Green, Inverloch

Be the voice of constituents

I'M writing to thank unsuccessful candidates in the Council elections. Thank you for being willing to serve your community.

To successful candidates, I hope you will provide a reset for your Council. Instead of 'looking backwards' – to 'basics' or some 'golden past' – I urge you to look forward, to current and future challenges facing communities. Whatever personal priorities you campaigned on, I hope you will listen to your constituents and be their voice.

I also hope you will listen to fellow councillors and work effectively and respectfully with them, as a team, to get things done. You can't achieve anything on your own. You will need to collaborate, debate, negotiate, mediate to make a positive difference. Please put aside personal and political differences and do what is right for your shire as a whole, even if it is unpopular.

Good luck!

Anne Heath Mennell, Tenby Point

Jan Child's resignation

IN THE eight years of Jan Child's tenure as CEO of Bass Coast Health, we have seen extraordinary changes from "Hospital in Crisis" newspaper headlines, when she arrived, to a greatly expanded hospital that has reached Sub Regional status with a larger and better-equipped emergency department. Phillip Island now has a 24-hour Urgent Care centre and very soon a community hospital.

Jan's vision was to partner with metro

hospitals to offer specialist services that we could only dream about. Her commitment led to relationships with The Alfred, Monash and Peninsula, which provided a broad range of services for our community. During this period Jan also recruited a strong, talented and committed team of executives who worked, and still do, to deliver these services. Our cancer centre is a prime example of partnering especially with The Alfred.

Jan is held in high regard by colleagues and key government departments for her transparent and honest communication which resulted in them investing in our expansion plans. The state government are still onside for stage two further expansion.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of such a strategic vision for our healthcare and for someone who has demonstrated such unwavering commitment to community involvement throughout all levels of BCH. Jan has left Bass Coast Health in an excellent position to transition to the state's potential hospital amalgamations with our already established Bayside partnerships.

Jan's strong leadership and unwavering commitment has delivered for our community a better healthcare service. We will miss you Jan, but we will always be grateful that you took up the challenge eight years ago.

Mim Kershaw, Chair Bass Coast Health Community Advisory Committee

New councillors have been chosen

DEAR Reader,

Well, the Bass Coast election is over and, as most of you know, I fell short by about 300 votes after preferences.

A big thank you to all who voted for me, and also to those who voted me second after Cr Ronnie Bauer. That nearly got me over the line.

Congrats to the successful candidates for all wards, with a special mention to Meg Edwards and Cr Rochelle Halstead.

I note that in pre-election statements, all three successful Island Ward candidates listed improved sporting facilities as the most important local issue. Let's see how they get on.

Transparency and accountability were also topics that were continuously mentioned. I ask the Bass Coast Councillors, "How will you provide decision-making transparency and accountability, not just for yourselves, but also for the council officers?"

I wish all newly elected councillors well and strongly encourage them to focus on the local issues and avoid agenda items that belong to the State or Federal government. Ratepayers I have spoken with object to money being spent on "virtue signalling" and/or progressing party political agendas.

Remember, the Council chamber is not a parliament, but more like a board room where the Councillors direct council officers via the CEO to provide services and manage assets, paid for by ratepayer funds.

It's our money, not the Council's. We expect value for money on issues we care about. In my and others' opinion, excellent councillors behave as advocates for residents and ratepayers and not "wannabe" politicians.

Thanks again Dear Reader for your support.

Darrell Silva, Ex-Candidate for Island Ward

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.

Cub carpenters at Inverloch Men's Shed

DYB-DYB-DYB, always do your best.

Dob-dob-dob, never let it rest 'til your good is better and your better is best.

Not quite the grand howl of a cub pack but close enough for Inverloch cub scouts training as future carpenters under the watchful eye of the Inverloch Men's Shed.

Men's Shed Secretary, Graeme Beakley told the cubs "We're going to make a birdhouse."

Dropping left hands smartly to their side as every good cub scout knows how to do the Inverloch cub pack set to work building nesting boxes for rosellas, lorikeets, swallows, possums and bats.

Confident the job would be finished in one session Graeme Beakley advised the wide-eyed cubs they could leave their bird boxes natural or paint them.

The Men's Shed uses recycled timber from broken-up wooden pallets.

Men's Shed craftsman Geoff Tidey said they also build chairs, wooden Christmas trees and jig-saw tables.

The Men's Shed has sixty-five members aged from forty to ninety-six.

"It's all about men's health," said Geoff.

The cub section of the Inverloch Scout group has fourteen cubs aged from eight to eleven who meet weekly at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve opposite the Inverloch Primary School.

Cubs also attend from Korumburra and Wonthaggi which currently does not have its own cub pack.

The Cub's first time with hammers, saws and chisels both boys and girls soon had the Men's Shed humming.

Cub leader Kaa said the cubs had visited several service organisations and local businesses including the Inverloch CFA, Police, Landcare and Melaleuca Nursery.

The cubs also attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Inverloch Cenotaph after



Cub Pack leaders Kaa and Sona with cubs Teddy, Mariette and Cleo building bird boxes at the Inverloch Men's Shed. B18_4624



Geoff Tidey from the Inverloch Men's Shed with cub scout Henry. B15_4624

a sleepover in the Scout Hall.

"We're always looking for new cubs," said Kaa.

Cubs move on to scouts when they turn 11, venturers from 14 and a half to 18 and rovers from 18 to 25.

The peak award for a cub scout is the Grey Wolf badge and the Handi-Worker badge, earned from building a nesting box will contribute to the ultimate Grey Wolf award.

Hundreds of adventures are available in modern scouting as well as the classics such as camping, canoeing and

hiking.

Popular modern activities include geocaching, power boating and mountain biking.

Core skills for cubs and scouts are bushcraft, bushwalking and camping.

For the Inverloch scout and cub group add snorkelling, surfing and sailing.

The Inverloch Men's Shed and Scout Hall can both be found at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve, Sandy Mount Avenue and Bayview Avenue, Inverloch.

The Men's Shed is open

Monday to Thursday from 10am to 1pm with a social meeting on Friday afternoons.

The Men's Shed provides a range of activities for men, including woodwork, metal-work, gardening, cooking and excursions, as well as social activities such as wine appreciation evenings, pizza and games nights and bike riding outings.

Members are free to participate in whatever suits them.

The Men's Shed is much more than your backyard shed boasting a comprehensive library, full kitchen facilities, a covered BBQ area, a snooker table and two large well-equipped workshops with table saws, drop saws, band saws, wood lathes, sanders, planers, hand tools, welder and supporting tools and a CNC Router.

For more information or to enquire about joining the Inverloch Men's Shed email inverlochmensshed@gmail.com or go to inverlochmenshed.com.au

Inverloch Scouts and Cubs can be found at scoutsvictoria.com.au/location/1ST-INVERLOCH or follow 1st Inverloch Scout Group on Facebook or Scouts from 1st Inverloch Scout Group and Korumburra on Instagram.



Rotary Phillip Island and San Remo members Greg, Bill and Graeme at the Phillip Island Grand Prix.

Rotarians steer the way at Grand Prix

AS THE roar of engines filled the air at the annual Phillip Island GP, a dedicated team of volunteers in vibrant orange jackets quietly made a significant impact behind the scenes. These men and women were from the Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary Club and were on hand to ensure the smooth operation of parking for the event.

Midst the ever-changing weather of rain, wind, and occasional bursts of sunshine, Rotarians greeted arriving guests with warm smiles and helpful assistance.

With the incredible support of fellow Rotarian Fred Reinking, head of DOME Security and a dedicated advocate for Rotary initiatives, every dollar raised through their efforts was channelled directly into Rotary community projects.

As hundreds of cars flowed into the parking areas, the Rotarians worked tirelessly, showcasing both efficiency and kindness, ensuring smooth operations while giving back to the community.

The funds raised by the club members are earmarked for a special cause: the Rotary Rehabilitation Garden, which will be constructed as part of the new Phillip Island Hospital.

Foster care model expands in Gippsland

GIPPSLAND foster carers will have access to greater support from a ready-made social system which mimics a traditional extended family by linking them with other foster households in the region. Anglicare Victoria's expansion of the Mockingbird Family Model has seen a 'constellation' made up of six to 10 local foster care families connected through the program, which has been proven to increase placement stability and foster carer retention when implemented elsewhere.

Vicki Levey, Gippsland Regional Director at Anglicare Victoria, said a key strength of the evidence-informed model was the support network for foster families built into the system.

"Just like you would drop the kids off for a weekend at their aunty and uncle's place, this innovative approach to caring forms a community around both foster children and their carers. It ensures foster carers have a familiar network they can rely on to share the load and for peer support," Ms Levey said.

"We know this model works to increase the stability and longevity of foster care placements and we're so excited to expand the model to Gippsland, where there is already a strong sense of community among our wonderful foster carer households."

Anglicare Victoria, in partnership with Life Without Barriers, established the Mockingbird model in the Bendigo region to 'game-changing' success.

Respite carers Rose and Dave said they were "thrilled" to join the Gippsland Mockingbird network.

"Being a predictable and consistent support for the children and carers, knowing each child's unique needs and talents, following similar routines to their home, knowing what foods they like to eat – it makes caring smoother for everyone," Rose said.

"Dave and I are thrilled that we can support other carers in our network through Mockingbird and love getting to know the children as if they were our own family. They see their artwork and photos on our fridge and feel like they really matter to us. Which they do. Very much so."

"It takes a village to raise a child. That's what the Mockingbird model is all about."



High tea for high accomplished CWA anniversary

TWO Bass Group branches, Loch and Woodleigh Vale, of the Country Women's Association (CWA), recently celebrated their 75th anniversary with a delightful nod to the past. Embracing a 1949 theme, visitors and CWA members dressed as they would have in the year the branches were founded. Among the attendees were Pam Mawson OAM, past state president of the CWA, current Bass Group president Susan Hawker, and Helen Bryce, president of the Loch branch. The event welcomed 60 guests, who enjoyed a charming high tea prepared by the Loch and Woodleigh Vale branches to mark the special milestone.

Forestry Transition Fund grants now open

THE State Government is supporting job creation and business development in former native timber industry communities with applications now open for round two of the Forestry Transition Fund grants program.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence announced eligible businesses and industry groups in or around towns and communities directly impacted by the end of native timber harvesting can apply for grants of up to \$1 million to expand, diversify or start new businesses.

Chambers of commerce, peak bodies and business networks, local councils and incorporated not-for-profits that operate as businesses are also eligible to apply for grants.

A \$20,000 Transitioning Timber Worker Employment Incentive Payment is also available for each transitioning native timber worker that a project employs.

There were 30 applications received from round one of the Transition Fund with more than \$2.4 million in funding approved so far for projects, which have led to job creation and business expansion.

Applications for round two close on October 31, 2025.

For more information, visit deeca.vic.gov.au/forestry or call 1800 318 182.

• FAITH FACTOR

The Path to Happiness

By Father Darren Howie,
Parish Priest,
St. Joseph's Parish Wonthaggi

IT HAS been said that gratitude is the mother of both happiness and goodness. Also, that an ungrateful person cannot be either a good or a happy person. John D. Rockefeller Jnr (1874 – 1960) was the first billionaire, in today's money he had over 300 billion. He is an outstanding example of the difference gratitude makes to a person's life. Up until 53 years of age he was focussed on making wealth, then he had a health crisis and was told that he would die. The prospect of death brought about a change of heart to someone who up until then was considered to be a hard-nosed and ruthless businessman.

John then started to use his wealth for charitable causes, became a happy man, and lived another 33 years. As a devout Baptist at the end of his life he wrote: "God taught me that everything belongs to Him, and I am merely a conduit to carry out his will."

St Augustine (354-430) after his conversion wrote, "Our hearts are made for you O Lord and they will not rest until they rest in you."

It is part of the Christian Faith that love of God and neighbour go hand in hand. Christian gratitude assumes that both God exists and that our gifts are not just for ourselves. Jesus words in Matthew 10:39 come to mind: "Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."

It has been the experience of countless people that using our gifts and talents for others is the path to happiness, and selfishness is the path to unhappiness. Gratitude, like John D. Rockefeller's belief that his fortune was not just for himself, is more than a feeling, it is a choice that makes a world of difference.

A successful Flower and Photo Show for Poowong

OVER the November long weekend, the Poowong Public Hall overflowed with an abundance of beautiful floral displays and nature photography for the town's Flower and Photo Show.

A huge crowd came through the doors during the two-day event which coincided with Loch Village's Open Garden Walk.

This proved to be a bonus as many people from far and wide travelled long distances to visit both towns during the weekend, where 13 gardens were open to the public as well as the Flower and Photo Show at Poowong.

"A show is not a show without garden lovers and members of the public entering floral exhibits and photos into this fun competition and we appreciate everyone's efforts in their contributions," said Linda Harvey, President of the Poowong Garden Club.

A special award was presented at the show, as the inaugural Memorial Award in honour of the late Neil Harvey.

Neil was Linda Harvey's husband and with the Poowong Garden Club organising the show, he was always a great support behind Linda and always gave a helping hand behind the scenes at the Garden Club.

Neil passed away exactly one year ago, and an award was presented in his honour for



Linda Harvey, Trish D'Arcy, Carol Summerfield and Josie Rutherford (seated) with their winning entries.

the Champion Best Overall Exhibit, selected from all floral exhibits.

This award went to Poowong Garden Club member Heather Miller for an excellent Iris specimen.

While in the children's section, Harriet and Clover Morrison from Outtrim entered flowers and drawings in the show, winning several awards for their entries.

"I'd like to thank the many members of the Poowong Garden club for putting together a great show, which takes many months in the planning and preparation to achieve such a successful event," said Linda.



Heather Miller from Poowong with the Neil Harvey Memorial Award for her beautiful Iris stem.

Be guided by experts through the flora and fauna of Mirboo North

PRESERVE our Forests (PoF) Mirboo North will be running a guided walk with biodiversity experts, through the lush native forest on Sunday, November 17.

Attendees will be guided on an informative and interesting walk through the stunning area and learn all about the flora and fauna that live there and why it's such an important local asset.

Biodiversity experts include Ian Starkey, a retired horticulturalist and plant expert, Ian Cornthwaite from the Strzelecki Plant Farm, an expert on plants, Susan Koci, an ecological scientist with good knowledge of plants and animals and other guides may also be present on the day.

The walk will take place in an area that is showing little damage after the February storm, making this forest an

important refuge for native animals, birds and vegetation as well as being lush with many flower species and ferns putting on a stunning display at this time of the year.

The walk will begin at the water treatment area, just opposite Lyrebird Walk and will proceed into a special protection area of mainly riparian forest, that the Little Moe River runs through and has a whole range of interesting riparian species.

Walkers will then continue further along to an Interim Protection Area (IPA) which is a mixture of damp and lowland forest area, and onto the furthest point called Doug's Block, where there's a rare stand of Mountain Ash.

"Very few areas of Mountain Ash are left at all around the Mirboo North area, and this is one of the areas that was going to be logged, but luckily

it's been avoided at this stage," said Ian Starkey, retired horticulturalist and member of PoF.

Walkers will get to have a look at the young forest, which isn't considered old but does have big trees, ferns, and all sorts of damp forest species.

The group will then be guided through a lowland forest area which has a lot more variety of understory plants.

"It's nearly getting to the end of the flowering period with the hot weather, but there still should be quite a few different peas, maybe some ground flora type things flowering, (that are) quite interesting," said Ian.

There will be birds and wildlife to observe, to take photos of and to hear from a distance if they can't be seen.

"It's quite a beautiful area and that's the thing with this whole IPA Mirboo North area, is that you've got quite a few

different vegetation types of close proximity that you can observe," explained Ian.

All who are interested are welcome, including families, however, the terrain requires participants to be of a good level of fitness.

For those unable to walk the distance but are interested in attending, there will be a shorter walk and a place to stop, where Vicky Sinclair, who was the leader of Bath's Road Reserve will be stationed with information.

Places are limited so register your interest by Thursday, November 14 by emailing: preserveourforests@ yahoo.com or calling 0408 319 397.

Meet behind the Pumping Station, on the corner Strzelecki Hwy and Samson Road, Mirboo North on Sunday, November 17 at 9am for this 1.5 – two hour guided walk.



Inverloch Probus Fillies at The Oaks

IT WAS Oaks Day for the ladies at Inverloch Probus Meeting on Thursday and keeping up with the Ladies Day theme, the Inverloch Probus Fillies hatted for the occasion wearing a range of fun head gear.



Phillip Island's Alisha Hill and Neralie Hoadley of Wonthaggi are ready to welcome people to Deb Leonard's Leongatha office. A04_4624



John Tebbutt, Kathy Hill, Werner Theinert and Michael Nugent are some of Deb Leonard's enthusiastic band of volunteers. A05_4624



Chris and Carol Grabyn of Melbourne enjoyed the scenery on the 121km course of the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge. A28_4624



Melbourne's Mick Harris and Kat Gauthier enjoyed the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge so much last year they returned for another go. A29_4624



Grade 6 Newhaven College students Chantai, Ruby and Heidi at the annual School Fete. Z01_4624



Sarah and Hua volunteering their time at the Newhaven College school fete. Z02_4624



Phillip Island CFA volunteers John Pitman, Kyle Murdoch and Daniel Mirabito at the Newhaven College school fete. Z03_4624



Sergeant Peter Pearce showing Thomas the police motorcycle at the Newhaven College school fete. Z04_4624



Fletcher learning how to use the hose with CFA volunteer Daniel Mirabito. Z05_4624

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Deb Leonard's office opening celebration, Bass Cycle Challenge, Newhaven College school fete, Terry White Christmas night and the Sheep Dog Trials.



True to his word, new South Gippsland Councillor John Kennedy, right, was quick to get the community together at the Korumburra Coterie Café, last Sunday, sitting down with Cr Steve Finlay, Debbie and Ross Chisholm, Russell Broadbent MHR and Jim Forbes.



Lerida Watt of Leongatha and Mirboo North's Jan Pope enjoy the Christmas shopping evening at Terry White Leongatha. A06_4624



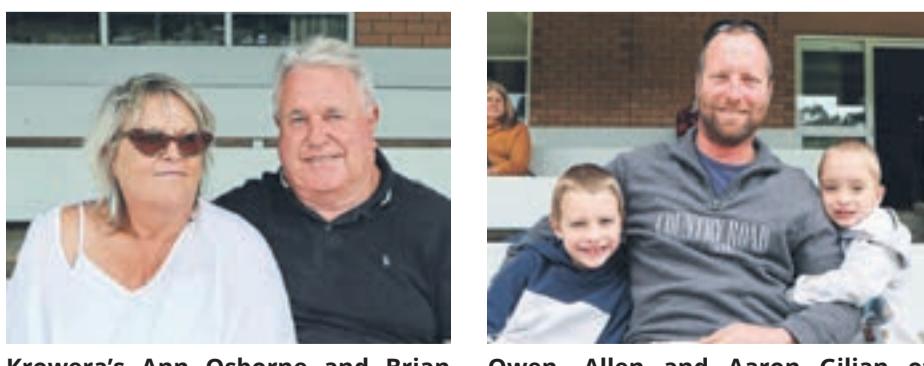
Kate and Mars Sinclair get in some Christmas shopping at Terry White Leongatha on Thursday evening. A07_4624



Leongatha's Pam Delbridge and Kathy Hardy take it easy at the Terry White Christmas shopping event. A08_4624



Judy and Matt Hargreaves of Leongatha at Terry White's Christmas event. A09_4624



Krowera's Ann Osborne and Brian Hepner love watching muster dogs, enjoying the action in Korumburra on the weekend. A30_4624



Owen, Allen and Aaron Gilian of Stony Creek relax at the South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trials in Korumburra on Sunday. A31_4624



Garry and Jenny Sullivan of Yallourn Heights check out the muster dog action in Korumburra on Sunday. A32_4624

Open garden and country fair

WONTHAGGI Baptist Church is holding a Country Fair and Open Garden at the Glen Alvie property of Peter and Jeanette Clark, 21 Coastview Lane on Saturday, November 16 between 10am and 4pm.

For \$10 entry come and enjoy a Devonshire Tea and a walk in the garden. Also available – a sausage sizzle or a hot dog, while you sit and listen to the amazing busker; finish off with a cool drink and an ice cream while you admire the roses and panoramic views. Stalls with plants, cakes, honey, marmalade and craftwork provided by the church community.

Join in a game or two, bring the kids for a pony ride or to get their face painted.



Sourdough bread

By Meg Viney

THE simplest and the most effective sourdough is very simple. Sourdough is predicated on the fact that yeast eats the sugars in flour. This sourdough will last a lifetime if looked after.

Starter

IN A ceramic bowl, proof 1 tablespoon yeast and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water for 10 minutes.

Beat in 2 cups white flour and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups warm water. Once mixed, cover with a damp cloth and seal with a rubber band or similar.

Let it ferment for 4 days, stirring down each day - you will find it gets wetter each day as the yeast eats the flour.

Then stir in another cup of flour, mix, cover and leave another day, then stir down again.

Unused starter is stored in the fridge. Stir it down and feed at two weekly intervals with 1 cup powdered milk, 1 cup flour and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar or honey.

Bread

Proof 1 tbsp yeast in 1/3 cup warm water, with 1 tsp sugar.

Scald a cup of milk with 2 tbsp sugar. Place in a large bowl. To cool.

Add yeast mixture and 2/3 cup sourdough starter and 1 1/3 cups bread flour. Let stand, covered, for 2 hours or overnight.

The rest can be done in a food processor.

Stir in 2 to 3 cups bread flour with 2 tbsp oil and a pinch of salt. The reason for the variability of the flour is how long it has stood (the longer, the more liquid it becomes).

Mix for a few minutes on a low speed until pliable and silky. This will make two loaves, so grease two pans well and place the dough into the pans. Alternatively, shape into slightly elongated shapes.

Leave in a warm place (if it is a cool day, boil a kettle and put water in a bowl on the lower shelf of the oven. Bread needs steam when cooking, so leave it there).

When risen, remove whilst you preheat the oven to 200, then cook for about 25 – 30 minutes, until golden and making a hollow sound when tapped.

Turn out onto a wire rack.

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Jen Broomhall's eco-fantasy Mermaids No Longer sails into stores

JEN Broomhall is a passionate writer and eco-advocate, whose debut teen fantasy novel, *Mermaids No Longer: People of the Sea*, is making waves in the literary world. Published by Pegasus Publishers through its children's imprint, *Nightingale*, the book is the first in a planned three-part series aimed at raising awareness of the environmental issues plaguing our oceans – through the lens of eco-fantasy and mermaid lore.

Set in a world where mermaids exist and live beneath the sea, *Mermaids No Longer: People of the Sea* introduce readers to a young mermaid protagonist who is struggling with a mysterious problem: her people's ears are bleeding, and they are growing ill. As the mermaid looks to human allies for help, they begin to uncover the source of the problem – an underground seismic machine causing damage to the delicate underwater environment. As they race to find answers, the story blends elements of magical realism with a pressing ecological message about the destruction of marine habitats.

The first book of the series explores the damage caused by human activity – specifically the noise pollution resulting from seismic testing – and highlights the consequences for marine life. This blend of fiction and environmental advocacy invites readers, particularly young teens, to reflect on their role in protecting the planet.

Broomhall, a lifelong lover of the sea, uses *Mermaids No Longer* as a platform to promote the importance of caring for our oceans.

"The story is meant to raise awareness about the unseen damage to our underwater ecosystems," Broomhall explains.



Author Jen Broomhall released *Mermaids No Longer: People of the Sea*.

"By incorporating magic and fantasy elements, I wanted to show how important it is to connect with the land and sea, and how much more there is to our environment than we may realise."

The novel touches on significant issues, including noise pollution, the impact of human technology on marine species, and the broader environmental crisis, all while keeping readers engaged with an exciting, fantasy-filled adventure.

The mermaid protagonist's journey is both personal and global – a call to action to protect the natural world for future generations.

Broomhall's path to publication has been a long one, filled with persistence and dedication. She began her writing career in her twenties, attending writers' courses and finding mentorship from well-known Australian author Hazel Edwards.

Edwards provided invaluable advice on the importance of persistence in writing, which Broomhall took to heart.

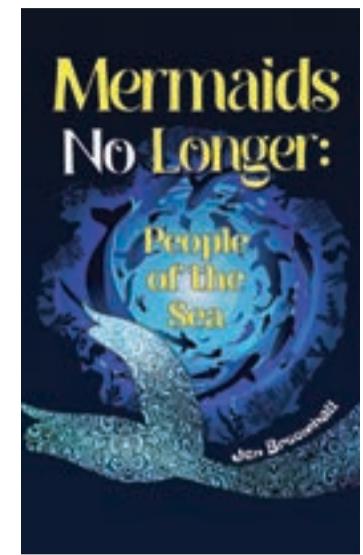
"Writing is a long road," she says, "but you just have to keep putting yourself out there, keep learning, and eventually you find the right publisher, the right support."

Broomhall spent much of the pandemic writing, using the time to refine her storytelling and weave in the themes of climate change and environmental conservation.

"The world was in a kind of quiet during COVID, and it felt like the perfect time to tell a story that emphasises the need for action on climate change," she notes.

"I wanted to create something that spoke to both young readers and adults about the importance of protecting our oceans."

Now, with *Mermaids No Longer* making its debut, Broomhall sees her work as both a personal achievement and a step toward a larger goal. She credits much of her success to persistence and the supportive



An eco fantasy, teenage fiction – the beginning of a three-part series.

communities she's found along the way, including the Ibis Writers group and the Phillip Island Artists Society.

Writing has always been her passion, and she continues to balance her creative pursuits with a government career, keeping her writing as a fulfilling hobby.

"Writing is where I feel most alive, but it's not always easy. It requires constant effort, constructive criticism, and vulnerability," she shared.

"I've learned to embrace feedback and grow from it."

With the first book now available for purchase on Amazon and other platforms, Broomhall is already working on the second instalment of the *Mermaids No Longer* series, due for release in 2025.

"I've been writing this series for a while now, and it feels like I've only just begun. There's so much more to say about the world we live in, and I hope my readers feel that too," she said.

Leongatha Lyric's 'Into the Woods' impresses judges

LEONGATHA Lyric Theatre's 60th anniversary production earned a string of nominations and commendations for members of the company, grabbing the attention of the Music Theatre Guild of Victoria (MTGV) judges.

Retiring director Colin Mitchell's multiple talents are reflected in his nomination for four awards, 'Production of the Year', 'Direction', 'Sets' and 'Costumes', and he also received a commendation for 'The Witch's Transformation Sequence'.

Will McCarthy and Matt Saario have been nominated for 'Lighting', and Zac Krause for 'Projection Design – Creative Design and/or Technical Achievement'.

On stage, Cecily De Gooyer is in the running in two categories for her role as Cinderella, those being 'Supporting Performer in a Female Presenting Role' and 'Junior Performing in an Open Production'.

Taine Lowe is also nominated in the second of those categories for his part as 'Jack'.

Emily Chadwick was commended on 'The Witch's Makeup Design'.

Other commendations went to Jonah van Stekelenburg, as Cinderella's Prince, Aoife O'Connell who played Little Red Riding Hood, and Leongatha Lyric Theatre as a company.

Lyric Theatre president Bron Beach expressed pride in the success of *Into the Woods* and the recognition its cast and crew have received from the MTGV judges.

"Sending enormous congratulations to everyone 'commended' and 'nominated' for this production, and now we await the outcome of the nominations," she posted to the company's Facebook page.

Bron also congratulated other theatre companies on their nominations and commendations, looking forward to celebrating with them at the 37th Annual Bruce Awards (Guild Awards), which will be held on December 14 at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon.



Retiring director Colin Mitchell's contributions to Leongatha Lyric Theatre's production of 'Into the Woods' caught the attention of the Music Theatre Guild of Victoria judges. A18_2824

Three Band Bill bringing live acoustic harmonies to Meeniyian

LOCAL acoustic folk band, The Stoney Six, is gearing up for a night of unforgettable music as they team up with two Melbourne-based groups, The Cherry Reds and All the Way Home, for a special performance on November 23.

The collaboration is expected to bring a group of 13 musicians who share a passion for community music to the small South Gippsland town, and the anticipation is already building, with tickets for the event at local venue Meeniyian Hall selling quickly.

The Stoney Six, known for their soulful contemporary folk sound, have become a beloved staple of the local music scene. From their intimate performances at Truly Pizza to their regular appearances at Meeniyian Hall, the band has cultivated a loyal following. However, their journey to this upcoming show began far from Dumbalk. The band originally formed after a shared experience at a Gillian Welch and Dave Rawlings festival, where the members were inspired to collaborate and create their own blend of acoustic harmonies.

"All three bands contain community music facilitators, as in community choir leaders, community ukulele group leaders; those that lead people to make music together," said Jane Coker clarinet and mandolin player of The Stoney Six.

The upcoming concert will feature not only The Stoney Six but also the Cherry Reds, a Melbourne-based group known for their raw country-blues style, and All the Way Home, who bring a pop, folk twist to their sound. Together, the three bands offer a rich tapestry of acoustic melodies and heartfelt lyrics that fans of folk, country, and blues are sure to enjoy.

"Each of us has our own unique sound," Jane explains, "but the beauty of it is that it all blends together so naturally. We're excited to



The Stoney Six Jane Coker (clarinet and mandolin), Jenneke Kijlstra-Shone (accordion, percussion, uke, and guitar), Tanya Nolan (guitar, ukulele, and percussion) Dave Paxton (guitar and clarinet) and Caitlin Pilkington (fiddle, percussion, and uke).



The Cherry Reds: Songwriter Rachel Wilson on lead vocals and acoustic guitar, lead guitarist Poppy Turbiak, bass player/singer Heidi Sanghvi, singer Emily Hayes, and drummer/singer Fionn Ellwood.

share the stage with Cherry Reds and All the Way Home – it's a collaboration we're all really proud of."

Local residents will recognise the Stoney Six's signature blend of soft folk harmonies and intricate acoustic guitar work, but the audience can expect the soulful growl of country blues from The Cherry Reds, while All the Way Home promises to bring a lighter, more upbeat energy to the evening.

The event, set for Saturday, November 23, at Meeniyian Hall, will be an exciting fusion of the three bands' styles, with each group performing their own set before coming together for a collaborative piece. Given the popularity of all three bands, tickets are expected to sell out soon, so music lovers are encouraged to grab their tickets while they can.

In addition to the live show, The Stoney Six is currently

working on their debut album, slated for release just in time for Christmas. The album, which has been in the works for the past year, is expected to showcase the band's signature sound – thoughtful folk lyrics paired with rich, dynamic instrumentation.

"We're really excited to share this album with everyone," said Thompson. "It's a reflection of who we are as a band and the journey we've been on together. We have a great connection through the community music scene and will share great stories through our music – that's a kind of universal human experience because none of us from The Stoney Six grew up here in South Gippsland but we've all come to live here over the past 15 years and together we have a song about place."

Don't miss the chance to catch Three Band Bill for a night of live music that promises to bring the best of folk, blues, and everything in between to Meeniyian Hall. With the talent on stage and the growing buzz around the band's debut album, it's clear that this will be an event to remember.

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Cease & Desist show its support for Noah's Gift

LOCAL band Cease & Desist will be supporting Noah's Gift with a night of entertainment on Friday, December 13.

The charity concert will be held at The Clubhouse at the Wonthaggi Golf Club and will help to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Since its inception, Noah's Gift has raised significant funds for the hospital's cardiac ward.

Noah's Gift founder Emma Jones said they are hoping the funds from this concert will go towards cord blood therapy for children at risk of heart failure.

"We are aiming to raise \$2000. Anything above that would be a bonus," Emma said. "It'll be a fun night with two Christmas-style hampers to be won. These hampers will include lovely Christmas-themed items such as Christmas cake, puddings, veggies, roasts, shortbread and wine."

The hampers have been put together thanks to donations from local businesses.

The concert will kick off at 8pm with a \$10 door entry fee.

"This is our second time supporting Emma, Nathan and Noah's Gift. It's been remarkable to be able to show our support for the Royal Children's Hospital and, all going well, we'd be thrilled to make this an annual gig," Cease & Desist's Darren Parker said.

Cease and & Desist is a band of friends who have been playing together for 15 years, also joined by Leigh and Mauz, and Captain Tasty & The Filthy Horns.

"We're rapt to be doing this. We generally play a gig like this once a year and it's wonderful that we can help out Noah's Gift," Darren said. "We get a buzz out of playing, people can get up and dance, and we chip in more funds for the Royal Children's Hospital. The work the Jones and Plumb family has done truly is remarkable."

Emma thanked Darren for reaching out to her once again, and said it was now the community that helps to keep the Noah's Gift charity thriving.

"We would always love to be doing more, but we are a family of three now and life can get busy," she said.

"It's nice when people like Darren help us to keep the charity going, and to see friends, family and the community continue to show interest. It's nice to know it's not forgotten."

Tickets will be available on the door.

An evening with James Phelan

THE Friends of Inverloch Library are excited to welcome bestselling crime writer James Phelan for an engaging evening on November 15 at 6pm.

Phelan, a celebrated Melbourne-based author known for his thriller series featuring characters like Jed Walker and Lachlan Fox, has sold over five million books worldwide. This event offers local fans and aspiring writers a unique opportunity to learn from a seasoned author with insights on storytelling, structure, and the writing process.

A graduate of Wonthaggi High, Phelan is known for his engaging workshops, and last year, he shared his expertise with students at Bass Coast College.

Spanning adult thrillers and young adult adventures, Phelan has over 30 published works to his name. Don't miss the chance to be inspired by one of Australia's top thriller writers – join James Phelan in Inverloch for a captivating evening. Bookings are essential via trybooking.com/CWJXA. For more information ring Inverloch Library on 5674 1169.

Tickets for the event are \$15, which includes light refreshments.

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Russell Kent sketching at Flinders Ranges in 2011.

Looking for the Tiger opens this Friday

"LOOKING for the Tiger," an exhibition featuring selected artworks from Russell Kent's four-decade career, opens at Berninnett, Cowes, this Friday (November 15), and runs to November 26. Named after a 1998 painting Russell created on the demise of the Australian Thylacine, the show includes over 24 works spanning from 1976 to 2016, including paintings, drawings, and cameo sculptures.

A blend of realism, imagination, and storytelling defines Russell's distinctive, self-taught style, often weaving surreal elements with a romantic perspective. His work reflects a fascination with landscapes, the natural world, and the impact of time, particularly evident in pieces that merge life drawing and nature, where bare hills resemble human forms.

Curator Josephine Allen, Russell's widow and fellow artist, selected pieces from his personal collection to illustrate his artistic journey.

"It will be an intimate exhibition," Allen said.

"There are some pieces that have never been exhibited before, some golden oldies and a few tigers!"

A majority of artworks will be available for purchase, and visitors can view the exhibition from November 15 to 26 at Berninnett, 91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, open Monday-Friday 9.30 am - 5 pm and weekends 10 am - 4 pm. Hosted in partnership with the Bass Coast Shire Council, Looking for the Tiger offers a glimpse into Russell's legacy. For more information, visit islandinfluence.com.au



Looking for the Tiger

by Russell Kent (1954 - 2019)

15th to 26th November 2024

Berninnett 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes (in small community space)
Monday-Friday 9:30am-5pm, Weekends 10am-4pm



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Three inspiring women will take to the stage this month for the Southern Business Women's Network event.

Inspiring women in politics take to the stage

THE November event for the Southern Business Women's Network will be Women in Politics with Deb Leonard, Melina Bath, Mary Aldred and Michelle Jorgensen facilitating the discussion on their journey as a woman in politics.

Enjoy a two-course meal at Ronni's restaurant in Wonthaggi whilst hearing from our panel speakers.

Melina Bath - Leader of The Nationals in the Legislative Council since December 2022. Melina is the Member for Eastern Victoria Region and is the Shadow Assistant Minister for Public Land Use. She has served on four parliamentary committee:

- Environment and Planning Standing Committee
- Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee
- Accountability and Oversight Joint Committee
- Electoral Matters Joint Committee

During the 58th parliament Melina was Shadow Assistant Minister for Education for Victoria.

Deb Leonard is the community-backed independent candidate for the for the seat of Monash. Leonard is a small business owner, lawyer and mother, who has lived in the Monash electorate since 2008. In January 2022, she was nominated by Voices for Monash to be the electorate's community-backed independent candidate. Her main policy priorities are climate action, integrity in politics, small business support, and inclusivity and equality for all.

Mary Aldred is the Liberal Candidate for Monash. She was the founding CEO of the Committee for Gippsland, the region's leading industry voice to government. Mary oversaw this growing from a start-up to having over 100 local employers as members. Her experience

supporting small businesses continued in her subsequent role as CEO of the Franchise Council of Australia. Mary has served the local community as Chair of the Gippsland United Basketball League and as Chair of the Gippsland Water Community Advisory Committee. She has served the community as a board member of: Lifeline Gippsland; Latrobe Regional Hospital; Australian Sustainable Hardwoods; and Woorayl Lodge Community Aged Care.

The event is kindly sponsored by Evans Petroleum.

This event will be supporting Share the Dignity. We ask attendees to bring to the event, bags filled with essentials (shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant and period products), which SBWN will take to Bunings who are collecting for Share the Dignity.

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“Tis the season to celebrate with the Melbourne Welsh Men’s Choir

MARK your calendars for a heartwarming holiday treat! The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir are bringing their powerful, harmonious voices to Wonthaggi’s Union Community Arts Centre on December 7 at 2.30pm. This Christmas special will feature the choir’s signature blend of traditional Welsh choral music with an Australian twist, including a unique, newly written song honouring Wonthaggi’s mining heritage – a tribute especially meaningful as some choir members have their own connections to the area.

The renowned choir, with its impressive 40-voice ensemble, was founded in 1984 by Welsh immigrants wanting to keep the choral traditions of their homeland alive, and has since grown into one of Australia’s most celebrated male choirs, performing at prestigious venues worldwide, including the Royal Albert Hall in London and Cardiff Arms Park in Wales, where they’ve shared the stage with music icons like Tom Jones and Dame Gwyneth Jones. In its 40 years, the choir has crafted a unique sound, blending traditional Welsh songs with a distinctly Australian flavour, and its



The Melbourne Welsh Men’s Choir will be taking to the stage in Wonthaggi on December 7, don’t miss out!

vibrant performances draw fans of all backgrounds.

Leading the choir this year is the talented Mitch Meyer, their newly appointed Music Director. Meyer, originally from New York City and now based in Melbourne, brings a wealth of experience from his international career in choral music, and he has already infused new life and energy into the group’s repertoire. Meyer’s infectious passion for choral music, paired with the choir’s rich history, makes this 40th

anniversary season truly special.

Attendees can expect a diverse program of holiday and traditional pieces, showcasing the choir’s commitment to musical variety – at least 25 per cent of their repertoire is sung in Welsh, one of Europe’s oldest languages, while the rest covers a broad range of styles and cultures. For just \$24, audience members will enjoy not only a world-class performance but also a festive afternoon tea during

intermission. This is an afternoon not to be missed, and the concert is open to all ages.

Don’t miss this festive celebration of song, spirit, and a little bit of hometown nostalgia. Seats are limited, so book early through TryBooking to secure your spot at what promises to be a truly memorable Christmas event. For tickets and more information, visit trybooking.com/events/landing/1269709 or Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

Writers, illustrators, and performances all in one place!

FISHY Stories returns this Sunday, November 17, and will be an exciting day filled with storytelling magic in Fish Creek! This one-day event is a world of children in storytelling and story-making activities with acclaimed authors, illustrators, and performers.

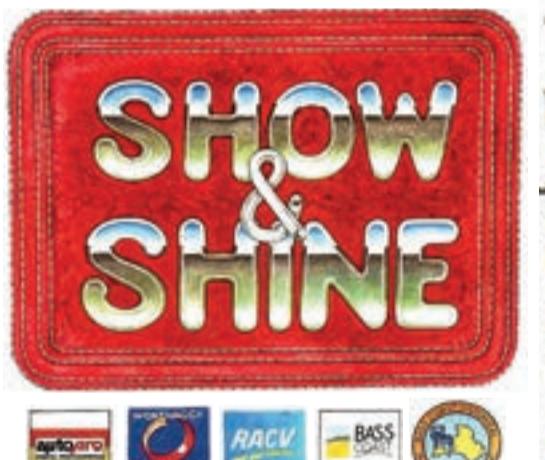
The festival features the 2024 Writing Challenge performances in the Memorial Hall, as well as international magician Luigi Zucchini, bringing his bag of tricks and furry friends. By showing a Fishy Stories Raffle ticket (\$5), you can join in the art of destruction with Box Wars, where creativity meets cardboard mayhem.

All-day free workshops will be led by popular creators Andrew McDonald and Ben Wood from Real Pigeons, Alison Lester, and the lively Andrea Rowe. Over at the Bendigo Bank Village Green, Myli Libraries will be running an exciting program with a chance to win an iPad, and families can also embark on the Fish Creek Primary School UV Treasure Hunt to add some adventure to their day.

Alongside old favourites, this year’s festival introduces new attractions with the roaming Ivy Horn Jam Band and appearances by award-winning authors and illustrators Jess Racklyeft, Jane Godwin, and Anna Walker.

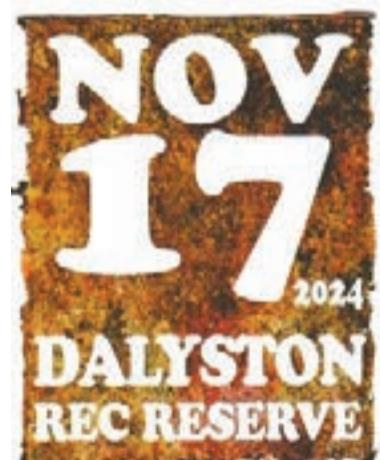
Fishy Stories Festival is a family-friendly day celebrating storytellers of all ages, offering something for everyone. For full program details and to plan your day, visit fishystories.org.

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~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

LEONGATHA Community House is proud to be kicking off the 16 Days of Activism 2024 with a Let's Chat Cuppa and Chat on Friday, November 22 from 11am-12pm. Join us for a short presentation and relaxing conversation with morning tea provided. This is a free event, and we hope you can wear something orange. All welcome.

We have two Christmas Saturday workshops coming up on November 30 to handmake for gifts:

The popular Jen Chitty is running a special Christmas Calligraphy Session from 12pm-4pm focusing on French Ronde script where you will create lovely, personalised cards to give to special people this Christmas. At just \$15 bring along your friends for an absolutely pleasant and relaxing Saturday afternoon.

Constance Barker is running an Abstract Acrylics workshop where you can make lovely personalised and laminated bookmarks as unique Christmas gifts for family and friends. \$40 with all materials supplied.

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



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

MILPARA Community House is celebrating National Recycling Week with free activities.

On Thursday, November 14 we have two Special Reusing and Recycling Talks, upstairs at 2pm. Come and hear from our local recycling experts! Pre-Loved and Vintage Clothing trader – Meet local trader Jane Seaholme and hear her speak on the features and benefits of the second hand clothing trade. Peter Roberts from South Gippsland Shire Council will discuss the latest guidelines for your home recycling at home and the Council's waste management plans for the future.

On Saturday, November 16 we will be hosting a Clothes Swap in the Lower Level Flexi Space at 10am – 12.30. Bring in those clothes that need a new home and go home with a new outfit! Whether it's for the kids or yourself, bring in washed clothes in good condition that need a new wearer. All clothes not claimed will go to the op shop.

Are you looking to improve your skills designing and producing digital documents. Canva is a free-to-use online graphic design tool. You can use it to create social media posts, presentations, posters, videos, logos and more. We are running an Introduction to Canva graphic design workshop on Sunday, November 17.

You will need to book for any of these activities online via our Milpara website course bookings page – milparacommunityhouse.org.au/bookings-and-activity-page/ or phone 5565 2524.

Please get in touch, we're happy to help. Our Centrelink agent is at the house Monday to Thursday; and the Emergency Food Bank is available Monday, Tuesday and Friday.



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It was the final session of the Introduction to Health Services on Friday, as the class celebrated receiving their certificates of completion.

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

LAST Friday was the final session of the Introduction to Health Services and the class had some very special guests to present their certificates of completion.

Representatives of the Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board, which oversees the delivery of Learn Local courses were on hand to celebrate. John Maddock AM, Deputy Chair of the ACFE Board, and Laura Lo Bianco-Smith gave a lovely talk about the importance of what the learners were doing before giving out the certificates.

Mr Maddock said that Bass Coast Adult Learning is very highly regarded throughout Victoria as a Learn Local provider.

Also in attendance were Jeremy Brewer and Claudine

Evans of the ACFE regional office, as well as members of the BCAL board.

The Introduction to Health Services students have made great connections with Bass Coast Health and hospital staff are very keen to see participants return as workmates in the near future.

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

Plotholders/members and volunteers work at their own pace in the community garden.

Some have reduced mobility and/or stamina but are keen to have a go at growing vegies

and helping with maintenance tasks.

Most garden regulars are retired, local folk who enjoy being part of a community effort that offers purposeful 'work,' as well as a chance to connect with others.

Each week hips, knees, backs (and brains!), get a workout as members and volunteers tackle the garden's long jobs list.

Of course, younger locals are among the mix, and their energy is always most welcome.

If you would like to help, become a member or visit the garden please contact tgorodn@westnet.com.au, BCAL on 56723115, or drop in on Thursdays between 10am and noon to meet the 'workers.'

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies joined in with the Phillip Island Patchworkers for their annual Melbourne Cup weekend display in Newhaven last week. It was a busy weekend with the Woodies selling almost 150 small pieces including boxes, cutting boards and even some jewellery.

Now, it's all hands-on deck to prepare for the big one – the annual pop-up Christmas gift shop. Dates and location to be announced very soon.

For more information, visit wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or visit the workshop.



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Women's Group can provide avenues for this.

They meet on Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon. It is for support for those who are socially and culturally isolated and culturally and linguistically diverse. Providing, among other things, an improved awareness of cultural mores and expectations and provide opportunities for the development of practical life skills.

The New Wave Gippsland Bass Coast is a self-advocacy group that is run by and for people with an intellectual disability and acquired brain injury living in the Bass Coast

Area. The group works together to ensure that everyone has the same rights, choices and opportunities as everyone else in the community. They meet every second Thursday from 9am to 2pm. It's this week Thursday, November 14. Call the New Wave Gippsland Bass Coast peer worker Peter Drew on 0439 425 238. Or contact the WNC for further contact information.



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YES YOUTH HUB

the Gippsland Ranges Roller Derby Pride Cup 2024, by providing free transport and entry to the incredible event (achieving this with generous funding from HEY! Grants, VicGov) – reducing barriers and encouraging community!

With a short week at our disposal the YES Youth Hub team have been super busy locking in the final events of 2024, as well as planning for the Summer School Holidays in the very near future. Keep an eye on our socials for upcoming events and activities from the YES Youth Hub and FReeZA – with music gigs, free film

screenings, skate programs and more on the agenda.

The YES Youth Hub has also been working hard to ensure that our community pantry and laundry facilities are open and available to young people in the community who may need a little extra support or assistance. Alongside the Monday Meals, the YES Youth Hub is working diligently to show the young people of Bass Coast that we care about their wellbeing. And with the ongoing support of the YMCA Open Doors, we're able to make sure that our Monday Meals continue, and

our Youth Community Pantry and Laundry are well stocked and available.

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



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'Block Island' auction success against the tide, they say

THE sober assessment of Victoria's real estate market by Alice Stolz, National Property Editor of the Domain website, ahead of The Block Island auction day finale last Saturday, might have been right as far as general commentary goes.

But such assessments can never take into account what an auction result will be when you have two, three or more motivated bidders going at it.

And that's doubly the case when one of those bidders is Aussie billionaire Adrian Portelli intent on making a sensational parting gesture after three eventful years dominating auction day on the Channel 9 reality renovation show.

Speaking before Saturday's auction of the re-worked 'Island Cove Villas' site on Justice Road, Ms Stolz said it's a challenging time in real estate, especially in regional Victoria where the government grab on Airbnbs and higher land taxes are pushing people to sell but also making buyers wary.

But she said it was a credit to local real estate agents the way they'd hustled to raise interest in the properties and get bidders locked in ahead of sale day.

"There are four registered bidders for House 1, the same for House 2. There

are eight registered bidders for House 3, two to three for House 5 and 13 registered bidders for House 4 which would indicate a white-hot market that we haven't really seen here."

Even accounting for the wide publicity generated in the past few weeks by Kylie Baker's sensational walk off from House 4 and her off-again, on-again relationship with husband of seven years Brad, Ms Stolz acknowledged it was still a very strong result generated by local agents Alex Scott and Staff of Cowes.

But, what Ms Stolz's conservative commentary might also have done was serve to keep the reserves set by Channel Nine execs to very modest levels, at \$1.95 million for four properties and \$1.9 million for Kristian and Mimi Belperrino, taking into account the \$50,000 they had taken off their reserve for their perfect score on their Clubhouse cinema renovation project.

While the efforts of Adrian Portelli ensured a good outcome for the contestants, the other buyers and the talented auctioneers played their part.

Tom Panos for Ray White Cowes was at his dynamic best kicking off Grant and Courtney's auction in style, securing a selling price of

\$3.3 million. Scott Kennedy-Green kept the energy levels up for Alex Scott and Staff, highlighting access to the common tennis court, while pushing a result for Kylie and Brad up to \$2.6 million, and Ray White SA chief auctioneer John Morris had the pitch of the day when he nailed the atmosphere of Phillip Island.

"Once you come over that bridge you feel your blood pressure drop. It's an absolutely fabulous place to bring up a family, to retire, have a holiday, anything but you already know that or you wouldn't be here today."

You can't buy that sort of publicity.

Ricky and Haydn's auctioneer from Ray White Sunbury pitched that not only did the wave crusher fishing boat go with House 3 but the boys would come along to show the buyer how to use it.

But Paul Tzamalis from O'Brien Real Estate Judith Wright and McGraths Real Estate brought off the coupe de grace, with a little help from Adrian Portelli, a \$3.5 million winning bid in just two gulps from the assembled buyers.

It was a huge result, more than \$15 million for what must now be the premier resort on Phillip Island and unfathomable publicity as a visitor destination.



Ricky and Haydn said they felt like they'd won The Block Island and despite finishing fourth with \$2.7 million, they may well have forged a future television career for themselves.



Aussie billionaire Adrian Portelli brought a buying strategy and a tick over \$15 million with him when he snapped up all five properties at The Block Island auction last Saturday.



Sydney sisters Charlotte and Maddy Harry express their delight for the Channel 9 cameras after last Saturday's auction day at The Block.



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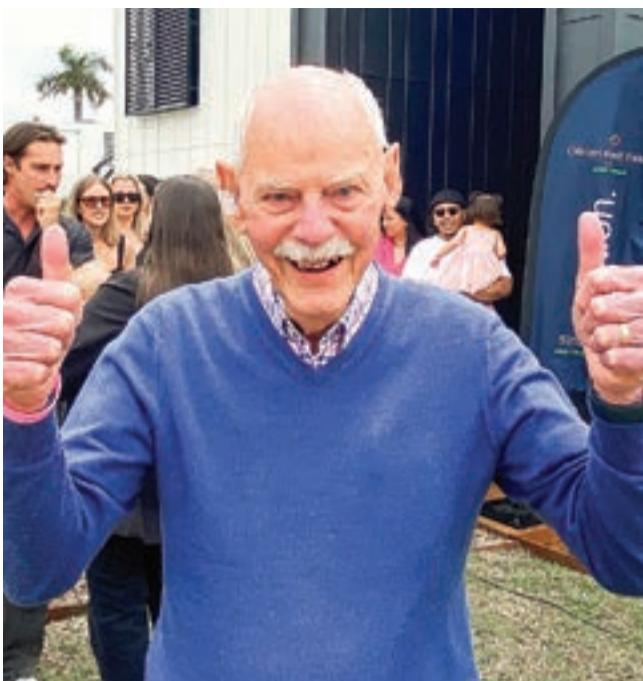
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Lower North Shore taxi driver from Sydney, Tony Harry, could not have been prouder of daughters Maddy and Charlotte who took Season 20 of The Block by storm.



The moment of truth as auctioneer Paul Tzamalis from O'Brien Real Estate Judith Wright and McGraths Real Estate knocks down the winning house.



A delighted Grant Freeman hits the phone after Saturday's auction enjoying the moment with partner Courtney McInnes who made a crucial move insisting their house go up first, setting the scene for a successful day.



AUCTION

**Saturday, November 30 at 2pm on site
24 McRae Avenue, Cowes**



ABSOLUTE FORESHORE RESERVE FRONTAGE

Welcome to 24 McRae Avenue, a magnificent coastal property that offers the perfect blend of luxury and comfort. With 4 spacious bedrooms spread over two levels, this home is designed for those who appreciate breathtaking views and a serene lifestyle.

The ground floor features three well-appointed bedrooms, a bathroom, and a convenient laundry area complete with a kitchenette/bar, making it ideal for guests or family. The cosy

living leads you out onto a large, undercover deck area, a great spot to enjoy your favorite book or watch the kids play in the expansive, fenced backyard.

Upstairs, you'll find an expansive living area that boasts a Eurostyle kitchen equipped with modern appliances, including a plumbed fridge and Fisher & Paykel two-drawer dishwasher. The large double porcelain sink, and electric cooktop ensure that cooking is a

pleasure while you enjoy sweeping views of the bay and peninsula. Step out onto the huge deck and soak in the stunning surroundings, perfect for entertaining or simply relaxing in the sun.

The master bedroom is a true sanctuary, featuring north-facing ocean views, an ensuite, a walk-in robe, and a separate powder room. With a woodfire for those cooler nights and a split system for

year-round comfort, this home is as functional as it is beautiful. The fully fenced yard and lock-up garage provide ample space for all your toys. A personal gate provides direct access onto a sandy track to a beautiful safe swimming making this property a must-see for anyone looking to embrace the coastal lifestyle.

**Contact Greg Price 0419 337 441
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Positive Store Sale despite weather and Trump uncertainty

By Andrew Paloczi

"THINGS are ticking along nicely today," Simon Henderson of Phelan & Henderson & Co said at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale, noting, "It's a very good quality yarding of cattle again."

The 3443 head available was a number that allowed agents to present the cattle well with room in the pens.

Local graziers, domestic buyers and feedlot operators had a presence.

"Quite a few of the heavier cattle and the weaners are being purchased by restockers," Simon observed, with feedlot operators bidding but sticking to pre-set limits, apparently able to get cheaper cattle from up north at present.

It's been a solid season so far in South Gippsland but more rain is hoped for soon.

"If you go down to Yarram



Simon Henderson at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale. A01_4624

and east of Yarram and down around the bottom of Hedley on the sandy country, it's starting to turn already," Simon said.

"We're at a pivotal point; if we get some good rain,

things will continue as they are but if it stays dry, a lot of people may start thinking about offloading a few cattle and you won't see any upward inflection in Store prices if that happens because

there'll be plenty of cattle on the market."

Simon commented on the election of Donald Trump, suggesting his pro-tariff approach may have a negative impact on Australian beef exports down the track.

However, in the short term, the election result has driven the US dollar up, benefiting the Aussie beef export market by making our product more affordable for overseas buyers.

Currently, the export market is very strong, with Australia sending more beef overseas last month than ever.

"Australia's monthly beef exports for October have rewritten the record books, hitting an unprecedented 130,048 tonnes," Beef Central reported on Wednesday.

Aussie beef exports for the calendar year are also on track to break records.

Potential implications of US election result for Australian agriculture

WHILE the wider implications of a new US administration under President Trump for Australian agriculture will only become apparent over time, there are a number of key watch factors for the sector, particularly for grains and oilseeds, Rabobank says in newly-released commentary.

RaboResearch general manager Stefan Vogel says for Australian agriculture broadly, the most immediate effect may be felt as a result of a new Trump administration's impact on currency and then, over the coming months, potentially in trade.

"With the strengthening US dollar that we have already

initially seen as a result of the Trump victory, the resultant softening in the Australian dollar is a positive for Australian agricultural exporters. Though conversely, it serves to make farm inputs – including fertiliser, agrochemicals, fuel and equipment – which are largely imported, more costly to purchase," he said.

"Longer term, the knock-on economic benefits may not be as beneficial, as the bigger-spending policies, which were part of Donald Trump's campaign promises, risk fuelling US inflation and leading to a higher interest rate environment in the United States and

potentially also other major economies."

The risk, too, of a re-escalation of global trade wars seen in the first Trump administration is also a factor for Australia's agricultural sector to watch, Mr Vogel said.

"While some of our commodities – including Australian canola – did benefit from these trade wars and the stop on China buying and importing US soybeans for an extended period during the last Trump term, there is also the downside risk of trade tensions spilling over to negatively impact our exports, as we saw with the tariffs that were

placed on Australian barley, wine, beef and seafood by China," he said.

Mr Vogel said impacts on Australia's direct agricultural exports into the US – including for beef – will hopefully be limited. "Beef might not take centre stage in the economic reasoning of an industrial policy by Trump to protect US producers at a time when US cattle producer prices and retail beef prices are very high," he said.

However broader US policies may have implications for a number of Australia's agricultural commodities, particularly grains and oilseeds.

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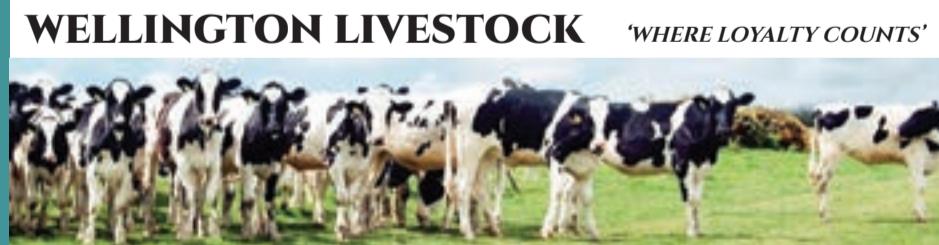
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ON THE LAND



Border Valley Kelly works the sheep under the guidance of Peter Hotton.
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Friendly competition at Korumburra dog trials

IT'S been a busy few days at Korumburra Showgrounds, skilled canines and handlers displaying their talents during the South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trials.

Entrants travelled from all over Victoria and parts of New South Wales to take part in the competition that has a proud 69-year history, many coming from the Western District and the Mallee.

"They travel, in some cases seven or eight hours to come here with one or two dogs who might last two minutes out there or a maximum of 15," state secretary of the Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association (VWSDA) Louise Rielly said.

Action started on Friday, running through until Monday, with 82 dogs in the Open and Improver section and 62 in novice competition, totalling an impressive 144.

In contrast to the sheepdog trials often seen at agricultural shows that tend to be held in small pens, the wide expanses of the footy ground were used.

Competitors start with 100 points, with deductions if sheep stray out of the allowed area or go around an obstacle.

At the time the

Sentinel-Times visited the trials on Sunday, Barry Paton of Koroit and his dog Marong Murphy had combined for the top score of 84 points, the pair having won the New South Wales Championship Trial last year, with Barry being the VWSDA president.

State secretary Louise said sponsorship from local businesses enables the dog trials to be held in Korumburra.

Thorpdale's Max Morrison provided the sheep, sourcing them from French Island, the animals arriving at the Korumburra Showgrounds on Thursday and creating a lot of local interest as they settled in.

"People drive down the street and think, 'That doesn't look like footy, they're sheep'." Louise quipped of the reaction to the woolly campers on the field.

While entrants are doing their best to win, there is a strong sense of camaraderie.

"We all camp here and it's a friendly atmosphere; we have a campfire at night and sit around and share stories and chat about the day's events," Louise said.

Some of those stories

are more factual than others but it's all in the spirit of fun, just like the banter between fishermen.

Louise acknowledged the efforts of her "offspring" Ricky McNaughton, Irene Kelly and Ed Thompson who helped her organise the trials, along with everyone else who played a part.

Sunbury-based Peter Kerin instructed Lotto III, his other dog Black Jack having picked up an excellent 79 points earlier in the day, taking it in his stride when the efforts of his second muster dog didn't go as much to plan.

Both dogs are a hit at Salesian College, where Peter is a priest, the muster dogs fitting into an environment where agricultural studies are offered alongside academic content.

Yarra Junction's Peter Hotton was in charge of Border Valley Kelly, retiring partway through as the dog was running the sheep too hard and they were getting puffed.

"You've got to look after the sheep as well," he said.

Peter explained why he travels to compete in dog trials.

"I enjoy working the dogs and the mateship of the people," he said.



South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trials judge David Lacey, Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association secretary Louise Rielly and competitor Mike Deppele, who has previously judged many competitions. A43_4624

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Top end cattle holding firm

By SGSA

AGENTS yarded 3400 cattle at last week's VLE Leongatha store sale in another good yarding.

Feedlot orders were limited with many full of cattle or having plenty of supply coming out of the north.

Local graziers were the strength with firm demand on the better end and a bit easier on most other classes.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024

Steers

Mountain Logging 18 Angus	613kg	\$3.75	\$2300
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R & K Minahan 16 Angus	603kg	\$3.69	\$2230
I & D Affleck 14 Angus	564kg	\$3.79	\$2140
A Conisbee & Co 20 Angus	523kg	\$3.90	\$2040
A Conisbee & Co 21 Angus	518kg	\$3.83	\$1990
Latrobe Park 14 Angus	517kg	\$3.82	\$1980
Melaleuca Pastoral 16 Angus	504kg	\$3.79	\$1910
Latrobe Park 14 Angus	504kg	\$3.96	\$1820
I & R Hengstberger 17 MG	503kg	\$3.35	\$1690
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A Conisbee & Co 20 Angus	491kg	\$3.98	\$1950
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A Conisbee & Co 20 Angus	487kg	\$4.06	\$1980
Blackwood Grazing 22 Angus	486kg	\$4.22	\$1960
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A Conisbee & Co 20 Angus	476kg	\$4.16	\$1980
Blackwood Grazing 22 Angus	462kg	\$4.23	\$1920
A Conisbee & Co 23 Angus	460kg	\$4.08	\$1880
Blackwood Grazing 22 Angus	454kg	\$4.23	\$1850
C Wight 12 Hereford	446kg	\$3.74	\$1670
A Conisbee & Co 23 Angus	442kg	\$4.09	\$1810
Blackwood Grazing 22 Angus	437kg	\$4.22	\$2040
Blackwood Grazing 22 Angus	437kg	\$4.23	\$1990
R & B Broadbent 17 BB	430kg	\$3.95	\$1790
The Ridge Pastoral 22 Angus	416kg	\$3.72	\$1550
A & B Wilkin 12 MG	415kg	\$3.20	\$1330
D Land 22 Hereford	412kg	\$3.56	\$1470
The Ridge Pastoral 14 Hereford	390kg	\$3.35	\$1310
D & H Campbell 21 Angus	382kg	\$3.84	\$1470
Joroka Pastoral 26 Angus	380kg	\$3.57	\$1360
P & T Harris 21 Angus	378kg	\$3.91	\$1480
Ponderosa Herefords 20 Hererod	375kg	\$3.97	\$1490
The Ridge Pastoral 24 BB	375kg	\$3.76	\$1410
D Land 23 Hereford	365kg	\$3.28	\$1200
The Ridge Pastoral 22 BB	361kg	\$3.60	\$1300
D & H Campbell 21 Angus	359kg	\$3.98	\$1430
O'Loughlin Farms 23 Angus	359kg	\$3.95	\$1420
The Ridge Pastoral 23 BB	357kg	\$3.50	\$1250
G & P Giardina 19 Angus	343kg	\$3.99	\$1370
The Ridge Pastoral 18 BB	339kg	\$3.65	\$1240
The Ridge Pastoral 26 BB	313kg	\$3.51	\$1100
The Ridge Pastoral 16 BB	303kg	\$3.59	\$1090
G & M Foat 18 BB	291kg	\$3.91	\$1140
The Ridge Pastoral 15 BB	277kg	\$3.35	\$930

Heifers

Latrobe Park 10 Angus	473kg	\$3.17	\$1500
A O'Loughlin 13 Hereford	427kg	\$3.02	\$1290
Latrobe Park 15 Angus	426kg	\$3.33	\$1420
A & B Wilkin 11 MG	425kg	\$2.86	\$1260
D & K Clark 17 Angus	374kg	\$3.31	\$1240
R Svenson 12 Angus	368kg	\$2.98	\$1100
G & B Morrison 12 Angus	364kg	\$3.35	\$1220
R Svenson 17 Angus	360kg	\$3.02	\$1090
The Ridge Pastoral 23 BB	359kg	\$3.34	\$1200
D & K Clark 18 Angus	353kg	\$3.31	\$1170
The Ridge Pastoral 23 Angus	352kg	\$3.35	\$1180
M & S Hunt 14 BB	352kg	\$3.04	\$1070
The Ridge Pastoral 10 Hereford	349kg	\$2.63	\$920
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Thanking farmers on National Agriculture Day

AUSTRALIA is celebrating National Agriculture Day on Friday (November 15) and the theme is 'Grow You Good Thing'.

Shining a spotlight on Victorian farmers during National Agriculture Week Nationals' MP Melina Bath said growing up on a dairy farm she learnt about the complexity and challenges of producing food from paddock to table.

"Every day our farmers use planning, innovation and hard work to grow world-class food and fibre.

"Dairy, beef, lamb, pork, chicken meat, crops, eggs and wool along with many niche agrifoods deliver so much diversity for domestic and international markets.

Accounting for twenty-five per cent or 1.9 million tonnes of goods.

"The sector employs 154,000 people, which includes 69,000 in primary production and 85,000 in food and beverage manufacturing."

Ms Bath said more than 21,000 farm businesses in Victoria are managing around 11 million hectares of land, half of the state's total land area.

"It stands to reason that more than three-quarters of Victoria's agricultural operations and jobs are located in our regions," said Ms Bath.

"Our farmers truly are the lifeblood of our communities.

"Given the important contribution farmers make to our vibrant communities, the wealth of our state and the nourishment of our residents, it is time to say thank you for 'growing our good things'.

Big bang for your beef exports

By Matt Dingley, episode3

OCTOBER 2024 has seen a new record volume set for total beef exports from Australia, outperforming the prior record set earlier in the year by just 50 tonnes. There was 130,048 tonnes swt of Aussie beef reported shipped offshore in October, a 14 per cent gain on the volumes exported during September 2024. Compared to October 2023 the current flows are 24 per cent higher and 45 per cent stronger than the October average flows, based on the last five years of the beef export trade.

Demand from Australia's top beef destination, the USA, is contributing strongly to the lift in overall beef export volumes, but other top four nations like South Korea are also doing their share of the work. A summary of the top trade locations, in order of top market share for 2024, is as follows:

USA – There was 45,338 tonnes of Aussie beef reported shipped to America in October 2024, the second highest monthly flows on record. September 2014 still holds the top beef export volume with 47,238 tonnes but the current trading levels of beef exports from Australia to the US still represent a 22 per cent increase on the levels sent during September 2024. Compared to the October 2023 flows the current trade is 65 per cent stronger and a huge 147 per cent higher than the five-year average trade flows for October.

Japan – There has been a noticeable

drop in beef demand from Japan into the second half of 2024 and October continues the softening trend seen since July. There was 15,021 tonnes of beef shipped out of Australia to Japan in October, a 12 per cent easing on the September flows and it represents levels that are nearly 24 per cent below the October average trade flows, based on the last five years of the Aussie beef trade to Japan.

South Korea – October 2024 saw a 25 per cent lift in demand for Aussie beef exports to South Korea with 19,733 tonnes reported exported. This is the fourth highest monthly beef volumes sent from Australia to South Korea on record and represents trade levels that are 35 per cent higher than the five-year average flows for October.

China – The beef trade to China continued to trend mostly sideways and remained below the average pattern, based on the last five-years seasonal trading levels each month. There was 15,678 tonnes of beef exported to China from Australia in October, which is a three per cent easing from the levels seen in September 2024. Compared to the five-year average trend for October the current trade levels to China are running nearly 13 per cent softer and reflective of a struggling Chinese economy and low levels of Chinese consumer confidence.



'Thank a farmer on National Agriculture Day' says Nationals' MP Melina Bath.

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A/c David Young (ELDERS)
22 Hereford steers, 18 mths, Weeroona blood, NE Accred
A/c YQ Australia, Venus Bay (ALEX SCOTT)
18 Angus steers, 21 mths, vendor bred, GF, ABF
A/c S Inverno, Koo Wee Rup (ALEX SCOTT)
15 Angus steers, 22-24 mths, By banquet Angus bulls, VB
A/c Ken Daley (BAW BAW)
12 Angus steers, 15 mths, VB, Blackjack Angus bloodlines
A/c F Miller, Toora (ALEX SCOTT)
4 steers, 18 mths VB, GF & ABF

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c David Young (ELDERS)
40 Hereford heifers, 18 mths, Weeroona blood, NE Accred
A/c Ken Daley (BAW BAW)
12 Angus Heifers, 15 mths, VB, Blackjack Angus bloodlines
A/c F Miller, Toora (ALEX SCOTT)
6 heifers, 18 mths VB, GF & ABF

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80 Angus mix sex weaners, VB, weaned
A/c "Yarrabubba", Nar Nar Goon North (ALEX SCOTT)
75 Angus steers and heifers, 9-12 mths, VB, By banquet and Rosedale Angus bulls
A/c Medowra (ELDERS)
30 Angus heifer weaners
25 Angus steer weaners
Weaned, GF & ABF
A/c D C McGrath, Phillip Island (ALEX SCOTT)
50 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths, by stud Fernleigh bulls drenched and multimed 2 weeks ago
A/c Sommerville (ELDERS)
22 Hereford steers
20 Hereford heifers
A/c J Dever, Phillip Island (ALEX SCOTT)
35 Angus mixed sex weaners 10-12 mths by Fernleigh Angus bull, drenched and double vaccinated and yard weaned
A/c Sladin (BAW BAW)
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Nyora's Kevin Warner and dog Max at the Korumburra Showgrounds on Sunday. A34_4624

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DEATHS

DAVIDSON, (nee Miles) Jeanette:
Passed away peacefully at home in Mooroopna on October 10. Much loved sister and sister-in-law of Lois and Graham (dec.).

Treasured aunty of Craig and Fiona, Faye and Kevin, Maree and David and all their families.

Sadly Missed.

DOBSON, Clive:
31.10.2024.
Loved and special brother-in-law and uncle to Thelma (dec.), Rob and Mary, Jeannie (dec.) and Norm, Marie and Graeme, and families.

Fondly remembered for generous friendship and time.

Reunited with loved ones.

Rest peacefully.

DOBSON, Clive:
Fondest memories from Jack and Barbara Moyle and family.
Sadly missed.

ELDER, Janette 'Jan':
Passed away peacefully at home on November 5, 2024.
Loved wife of Bruce.
Forever in my heart.

DEATHS

ELDER (nee Watson), Janette:
Suddenly passed away on November 5, 2024. Loved sister of Michael (dec.), John, and Merryn (dec.).

Fond aunt to Andrew, Michael, and Simon.

Great Aunt to their families.

Always remembered.

In God's Care.

HOWARD, Kevin William:
06.04.1940 - 03.11.2024.

Passed away peacefully at Koorooman House, Leongatha.

Dearly loved husband of Julie for 63 years.

Loved father and father-in-law of Kim and Geoff.

Treasured Pa Kevin to Emma and Josh, Rhys and Kirsty and Jed and Amelia.

Great Pa to Daisy. Many memories of a life well lived.

We will love, cherish and miss you forever.

Loved father of Jodie. Pa to Laura and Jackson, Ryan and Olivia and Georgia and Sam.

Great Pa to Nash and Murphy.

Rest peacefully, until we meet again.

Loved father and Pa of Richard, Kerry, Baiden, Kasey, Makenzie, Jorgia and Kara.

In God's care, we will love and miss you.

DEATHS

HOWARD, Kevin William:
Remembering years past when Kevin as President of the local Asthma Foundation Committee and qualified instructor taught many asthmatic children how to swim at a weekly program at the Morwell and Wonthaggi heated pools.

Condolences to Julie and her precious family.

-- Meree Bath and family.

HOWARD, Kevin William:

Saddened by your passing, we hold onto much love and respect for our brother Kev.

NOW IN GOD'S CARE.

Peter and Christine, Chris and Sue, Tim and Lisa, and families.

MILES, Bobbie Lenard:

13.12.1945 - 10.11.2024. In loving memory of my brother, friend, and fellow Geelong Cats supporter.

Thank you for all the years and memories we have shared and the daily chats on the phone.

In our hearts and thoughts forever. Rest in peace little brother.

Our sincere condolences to Maria, Peter, Michelle, Pauline and extended families.

-- Ken, June (dec.) Miles, and their family.

DEATHS

SANDALL, Paul:
23.05.1962 - 29.10.2024. Informal memorial date TBA.

SMITH, Michael Rohan:
08.10.1965 - 04.11.2024.

Beloved eldest son of Judy Jennison, of Inverloch, and Terry Smith.

Beloved father of Nicholas, loved brother of Warwick Smith and family, and loved brother of Megan Smith.

Dear friend of Barry Clarke, and adored partner of Nives Nibali.

Michael was loved by relatives in this area including the Ellen's, Jennison's and Stoppa's.

A long illness bravely borne.

FUNERALS

HOWARD:
Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Mr. Kevin William Howard will be offered at St. Laurence's Catholic Church, 31 Ogilvy St, Leongatha on Friday November 15, 2024, commencing at 1pm. At the conclusion of Mass, the funeral will leave for the Leongatha Cemetery.

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-- Diane, Stephanie and families.

HASTINGS, Geraldine (Geri):

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-- Butch and family.

TON, Grietje:

15.11.2016. Mum, 8 years have passed.

Mum, my heart still aches.

My silent tears still flow, for what it meant to lose you.

Love you Mum. Hugs and kisses. Your loving daughter (Elleke), Elly.

BEREAVEMENT THANKS

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The Young family, Lois, Craig and Fiona, Faye and Kevin, Maree and David wish to thank everyone for their phone calls, flowers, visits, cards and gifts of food etc on the occasion of Grahams death.

Thank you also to all those who attended and watched the Memorial Service for Graham's life.

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SERVICE**Board director opportunities at Gippsland Southern Health Service**

The Minister for Health, the Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP, is pleased to invite applications for part time board director positions at Gippsland Southern Health Service. The positions start on 1 July 2025 and appointments are for up 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 experience, knowledge, and skills that contribute to the strategic leadership and oversight of health care for the Victorian community.

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Applicants must be able to demonstrate the capabilities identified in their applications.

Applications close at midnight Sunday 24 November 2024.

Further information about Victorian health service boards and how to apply can be found at www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications

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**NOTICE
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING (AGM)**

In accordance with Division 4 Section 63(1) of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC)

Bass Coast Children's Centre Inc is conducting its AGM on:

CHANGE OF DATE

Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7pm.
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A light supper will be provided and all are welcome. For further information please contact the service directly.

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BCH celebrates its expert Perioperative Nurses

DURING Perioperative Nurses Week from November 10-16, Bass Coast Health (BCH) is celebrating the skilled and expert Nurses who are helping to bring quality surgical services to the people of the Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

These amazing BCH Nurses are with patients throughout their surgical journey, starting with their visit to the Elective Surgery Access Unit at Wonthaggi Hospital, where they ensure patients are fully informed about their procedure and are well enough to have it.

They also welcome patients to Theatre, ensuring they're feeling as relaxed as can be, are there by patients' sides during surgery and monitor patients during recovery after surgery. They'll even contact patients once they are home to ensure they are progressing well.

Perioperative Services Manager at BCH, Brylie Wilson said Perioperative Nurses Week was a time to reflect on the incredible impact Perioperative Nurses make in the world of healthcare.

"We are the unseen profession that facilitates excellent, specialised care to patients during a time when they are at their most vulnerable," she said.

"This special week is a reminder to acknowledge and celebrate all the amazing work we do, together as a team." The theme of the week is U.N.I.T.E.: Unify – bring your team together; Novice – mentor a novice nurse; Inspire – inspire improvement and innovation; Talk – it's OK to talk; and Exhale – take time to breathe out.

To learn more about surgery at BCH, go to: basscoasthealth.org.au/services/surgical-services.



**GIPPSLAND SOUTHERN
HEALTH SERVICE
32ND ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

**Primary Health Meeting Room,
Thursday 28th November, 4.00pm**

You are invited to attend the
32nd Annual General Meeting
Gippsland Southern Health Service

*Please join us as we review our journey and
celebrate our achievements.*

*Included will be an overview of our Consumer Advisory
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2023-2024**

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One of the pinch points along the Inverloch Surf Beach, that is in danger of being breached during an even modest storm surge, near the corner of Surf Parade and Cape Paterson Inverloch Road.

Community puts its hand up at Inverloch

FIRST the good news about Inverloch's erosion problems.

The representatives of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and others involved in the Cape to Cape Resilience Project have agreed to the setting up of a community advisory committee which is going to have real input into the response.

And one of the first tasks of that community reference group, after a terms of reference has been drafted, to guarantee their role in decision making, is to produce a comprehensive, easy-to-read explanation of what's happening at Inverloch and what the options are for dealing with the problem.

That was supposed to be the job of the Cape to Cape team.

All options are on the table, according to one of the stakeholders at the latest in a round of community consultations, following the disastrous storms of August/September this year, Glenn Morris.

The bad news is that "retreat" is the favoured option of the authorities at present.

"The main outcome of today is that we are going to form a community advisory group with the initial task of keeping the community better informed," said Glenn Morris, President of the Inverloch Tourism Association.

"As it stands at the moment, the main feature of the response is major dune renourishment, reconstructing the dunes and developing a program of revegetation which will hopefully give us more time, which is what we need most of all right now."



Replacing the sand on either side of the textile barrier at the front of the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club has only been modestly successful at best.

"The reality is that they're looking at retreat over time, and we need to explain to the community exactly what that means. It could be however, that they're prepared to lose a section of beach if it means protecting what we've got now, securing the immediate future for the residents and also the visitors and looking further out, 30, 40, 50 years to what comes after that."

But he's well aware that the community felt it was wasting its time on an advisory group associated with the development of the Cape to Cape Resilience Plan. That's where the terms of reference for the new group come in.

The present round of community briefing sessions, attended by DEECA representatives, Cape to Cape project team members, the Bass Coast Shire Council and local community groups including the South

Gippsland Conservation Society, Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club, Inverloch Tourism Association and others will continue monthly until the community reference group is formed.

The final report from the Cape to Cape Resilience project group is due to be published on December 13 this year and then go forward to the relevant minister for a response.

Meanwhile, a project design brief is being prepared for the dune renourishment project, using the \$3.3 million grant under the Australian Government's Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program.

As well as producing information for the community and encouraging better engagement, the advisory group is seeking to have input into the design of the dune renourishment work, set to commence late in 2025 or early 2026.

Community and business

representative at the meeting on Monday, Fiona McMahon, herself a former president of the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club also reminded the group that there are some more pressing issues just a month away as visitors and locals arrive to use the beach in ever-increasing numbers.

"They're going to come here, and mums with children are going to want to park somewhere near where they can get access to the beach."

Ms McMahon is concerned that several of the popular access points to the beach have been closed for safety and conservation reasons without any education about what the alternatives are.

"People will come here and ultimately they're going to find their own way to the beach if it's not clear what the arrangements are," Ms McMahon said.

One of the suggestions made for dealing with the summer peak was providing a community bus for a 'park and ride' option. Enlisting the support of the town's most active community groups was another, given that funding will be scarce.

So, there are the pressing problems of a looming summer, the short-to-medium-term issues generated by high tides and storm surges, and the longer-term considerations of what we want Inverloch to look like in a decade or two, and longer.

The plan is for the community advisory groups to keep the community better informed, to listen to what they have to say and to involve them in the decision-making process.

It's not going to be easy but it's a start.

Less affordable housing for new millennials

By Bruce Wardley

THE DREAM of home ownership is all but evaporating for Gen X homebuyers on the Bass Coast as stocks of affordable housing dwindle.

The latest figures supplied by demographic consultants .id Australia show a continuing need for affordable housing in the region with up to six-hundred-and-seventy-two households needing affordable accommodation.

Typical house rentals in Bass Coast have now risen to four-hundred-and-seventy dollars a week compared to four-hundred-and-fifty dollars for the year ending June 30.

Lone-person households are the most in need of affordable housing with two-hundred-and-forty people seeking lower than average rent.

Just fourteen houses or a little more than one-per-cent of homes in Bass Coast Shire are being sold to those seeking affordable housing.

One-hundred-and-fifty rental homes or seventeen per cent of all rentals went to low-income households last financial year.

Federal Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Clare O'Neil has called on State Governments to remove stamp duty for new home buyers.

To date calls for reduced stamp duty on new homes has fallen on deaf ears, apart from a reduction in stamp duty for off-the-plan developments by the Victorian Government.

In Victoria, from October 21, temporary off-the-plan land transfer duty concessions have been available to purchasers of dwellings within strata subdivisions.

The new concessions are slated for all off-the-plan purchases and will allow the purchaser to deduct construction costs incurred on or after the contract date when determining the dutiable value of the purchaser's property.

The new concession for strata subdivisions do not apply to house-and-land packages.

To be eligible, the property must be located in a strata subdivision, which means that there must be common property in the subdivision such as a shared driveway.

Existing off-the-plan concessions for owner-occupiers and first-home buyers will not be affected.

Acting CEO of LocalAgent-Finder, Suresh Raghavan says calls by the Federal Housing Minister to remove stamp duty for new home buyers opens up an important conversation about the impact of stamp duty on property mobility.

"While scrapping or reforming stamp duty could reduce barriers to selling, it's essential that any transition considers the knock-on effects on property prices and supply," says Suresh Raghavan.

"Sellers may benefit from increased buyer demand if stamp duty is reformed, but without the right incentives, we risk simply shifting the affordability challenge elsewhere."

"Clear and thoughtful policy changes will be critical to ensure sellers aren't left navigating a market that becomes more unpredictable in the short term."

AM&DTA TENNIS

SECTION 1 Results: Inverloch 7.43 defeated Westernport White 1.16, Leongatha 4.37 defeated Korumburra 4.30, Koonwarra 8.49 defeated Westernport Red 0.18

Ladder: Inverloch 40, Koonwarra 31, Westernport White 28, Leongatha 25, Korumburra 20, Westernport Red 6

Section 2 Results

Outtrim 8.68 defeated Baromi 1.41, Leongatha 5.62 defeated Korumburra 4.56

Ladder: Outtrim 30.5, Korumburra 28.5, Baromi 25.5, Leongatha 25.5

The Korumburra courts were full this week with both teams hosting Leongatha. In Section 1, the match was close with equal sets and just seven games in it. In Section 2, there were three tiebreakers and some lovely rallies. Well done to all players.

Inverloch were winners over Westernport White. The Krohn brothers are a good pair and win a lot of sets for their team. Well done to the Westernport White ladies, who won the only set for their team this week. Koonwarra were big winners over Westernport Red. Red had young players who did well to win games against Koony - who have played together for a long time.

Outtrim were big winners against Baromi, the third mixed was the only set Baromi could win.

RIVERSIDE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1/2 Doubles: Warragul White 6 - 49 def Hallora 3 - 39

Moe 3 - 22 v Trafalgar 1 - 9 (Match Incomplete), Poowong 0 - 0 (Forfeit) def by Drouin Gold 9 - 54, Drouin Maroon 7 - 53 def Neerim District 2 - 23, Warragul Blue - Bye

Section 1 Singles: Drouin Gold 1 - 3 - 28 def by Moe Blue 2 - 4 - 30, Drouin Maroon 1 - 3 - 20 def by Drouin White 2 - 4 - 25, Moe Red 0 - 0 - 10 v Moe White 1 - 2 - 20 (Match Incomplete), Trafalgar - Bye

Section 2 Singles: Ladder incorrect as 1 result unknown, Neerim District 1 - 26 def by Warragul 5 - 44, Drouin Maroon 4 - 43 def Drouin Gold 2 - 29, Moe 0 - 12 v Trafalgar 4 - 37 (Match Incomplete)

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Business Early:

1st place on 11pts Happy Hour, 2nd place on 9pts Old Timers, 3rd place on 9pts The Redundants and 4th place on 8pts Turkey Slappers.

Business Late: 1st place on 11pts The Big D's, 2nd place on 11pts Holy Splits, 3rd place on 9pts S&R Clarke Auto and 4th place on 8pts City Lights

Top scorers: Woman - Jenny-Anne Sciore 220, Mary Dardoha 157 and Penny Wolswinkel 153.

Men - Justin Porthouse 235, Jason Bence 223 and Steve A Clarke 214.



A contingent from Wonthaggi Croquet Club travelled to compete in Morwell during the first weekend of November. The group included Sue Priller, Virginia Wheeler, John Priller, Kathy Ross, Tom Lacey, Neil Warburton and Sue Baker.

Croquet players travel to compete

SINCE Wonthaggi Croquet Club's last update in mid-September, its members have travelled to many tournaments throughout the state and indeed, across the border.

Travels began on the weekend of September 21 and 22 when seven players took part in the Lakes Entrance Handicap Doubles tournament.

Section 1 saw Marj Prendergast/Neil Warburton win two games, Tom Lacey/Sue Baker three games and Virginia Wheeler/Mary Cornwall (Warragul) one game.

Section 2 featured John Priller/Ray Biffin (Drouin) winning one game and Sue Priller/Helen Biffin (Drouin) winning two games.

On September 27, Mike and Jo Butterfield competed in the Kyneton High/Low Doubles where Mike teamed up with Bob Moir from Rosebud to win one game and Jo teamed up with Bill Gardner from Kororoit also winning one game.

Virginia Wheeler travelled to Ballarat where she competed in the singles winning two games then teamed up with Heather Bradbury from

Bairnsdale in the doubles to win one game on the weekend of October 5 and 6.

The Drouin Level Play Doubles tournament was held on October 19 and 20, where Marj and Neil won four games in Section 1, and Jo and Mike won one game in that section.

Kathy Ross teamed up with Terry Nash from Korumburra in Section 2, winning five games and thus taking the honours in that section.

Howlong was the next venue where Tom and Sue Baker won three games in Block A and Virginia and John Collins (Wodonga) won two games, but unfortunately, neither pair featured in the finals.

They moved across to Albury for the Australia Handicap Doubles and Singles from October 21 to 25.

In the doubles, Tom and Sue Baker won five games in the Green Block but missed out on the finals on hoops difference.

Virginia teaming with Les Langmead from Albury won two games in the Pink Block.

Both Tom and Virginia then competed in the singles where

Virginia won five from 11 games and Tom eight from 11, finishing runner-up in that section.

Tom was unfortunately narrowly beaten 7/6 in the quarter-finals.

On the weekend of October 25, Neil travelled to Rich River where he competed in their singles tournament, winning three games in Division 2.

Teaming up with Annette Adkins in the Hi/Lo doubles, they managed to win two games.

Marj, Jo and Mike competed in a three-day tournament at Horsham starting October 30, playing both doubles and singles.

Mike finished runner-up in his singles section.

A large contingent from Wonthaggi competed at Morwell on the first weekend in November with five members competing in Section 1 and 2 members in Section 2.

In Section 1, Neil teamed up with Michael North from Traralgon, winning three games.

Virginia paired with Mary Cornwall from Warragul, winning two games.

John Priller paired with Ray Biffin from Drouin, also winning two games.

The honours went to Tom and Sue Baker who came out on top in the section, winning five games.

In Section 2, Kathy teamed up with Terry Nash from Korumburra, winning three games and Sue Priller with Helen Biffin from Drouin winning two games.

The Wonthaggi flag was well and truly flown proudly throughout the state over these last six weeks.

Well played one and all.

During this time, club days - Monday, Wednesday and Saturday - continued as usual with the occasional working bee to keep the club in ship-shape condition.

Cup Eve was a great get-together with fashions on the field and a lot of fun croquet played.

Tom acted as barbecue chef for the evening and a great time was had by all.

Thanks to all those who organised/contributed including the Cup Sweep master Brian Davidson.

Swimmers challenged under the sunshine



South Gippsland Bass swimmers Archie and Levi took out first and second in the backstroke in Warragul on Saturday.

IT TOOK a little to get used to swimming under the sunshine at Warragul for the South Gippsland Bass swimmers on Saturday. As their first outside race of the season, after months of inside racing, the swimmers quickly adjusted and sped on their way to qualifying times for the upcoming championships.

The younger swimmers, undaunted by the big pool, took on the challenge, enjoying their day out and proudly getting personal bests, with big smiles after improving on their times from last summer.

Sun, wind and drizzle can make the day more challenging, but they all took it in their

stride and gave the best that they could, some of them coming home with ribbons for their efforts.

Coaches Caiden and Lorri were pleased with their progress, especially seeing the swimmers so excited when they ticked off a personal goal they had been working on.

The experienced swimmers and families have a busy month ahead, with state entries closing in a month.

Many of them are trying to knock off the milliseconds in some events to meet the qualifying times for the State Championships, which is followed by the State Sprints and Country Championships.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY
November 12

12.57am
0.50m
8.12am
1.40m
1.40pm
0.63m
8.32pm
1.28m

WEDNESDAY
November 13

1.59am
0.60m
9.11am
1.36m
2.45pm
0.56m
10.03pm
1.34m

THURSDAY
November 14

3.13am
0.71m
10.13am
1.36m
4.00pm
0.46m
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1.45m

FRIDAY
November 15

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1.37m
5.12pm
0.34m

SATURDAY
November 16

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Nyora's festival of speed entertains

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THREE days of speedway action were run and won at Nyora Raceway with an appreciative crowd treated to great racing from November 2 to 4.

The weekend's biggest winners were the winner of both Modified Sedan memorial races Brody Chrystie, Stephen Douglas memorial event for Standard Saloons winner Wayne Sheerman, and round one winner of the Eastern Victoria Wingless Sprint series Brad Warren.

The Alan Ramsdale Memorial for Modified Sedans ran on Saturday night.

Dale Hallett, Jamie Paull, Damien Miller and Chrystie each won a heat race, with the latter setting a 10-lap record of 2:51.966.

In the 20-lap final, Chrystie took the race lead on lap two from Matt Nelson and the two raced closely early.

Chrystie wound up a more than six-second race lead, finishing ahead of Nelson on lap 20 with Felicity Roycroft in third followed by Hallett and Cameron Dike.

With the Standard Saloon memorial known as the Doug 44, the competitors qualified to start as close to the front as possible in the 44-lap final.

Rhys Lansdown, Kacey Ingram, Sheerman and Jack Yeomans won the four heat races.

With 20 laps held in one direction before the cars switched direction and raced the other way, Sheerman held a slender lead after the first segment from Ingram, Brodie Ardley, Yeomans and Harry Cecil.

Ardley and Yeomans could not maintain their positions as their cars suffered breakdowns and at the end of the second 20 laps, Sheerman won by almost two seconds from Ingram, Harry Cecil, his brother Owen Cecil and Lansdown to claim a second win in the memorial.

Nathan Miles and Axel Robinson won heat races in the Junior Sedans whilst New Star-graded driver Luke Morrison would win his class and the overall final on night one.

Morrison in New Stars defeated Cruz Abela and Darcy Dannatt with Miles winning top stars ahead of Tyson Heaphy and Axel Robinson.

Also competing were Outlaw Karts seniors and juniors.

In the senior racing, Jamie Payne, Sam Payne and Megan Payne all won heat races with Jamie Payne rolling over in the last heat.

In the final, Chris Nankiville stormed to victory in front of Marcus Reddecliffe, Sam Payne, Megan Payne and Harry Stewart.

In the juniors, Bodhi Doig was the standout driver, and he defeated Ashton Tuckett and Freddie Carrig.



Michael Ardley claimed a win in the Dirt Modifieds at Nyora Raceway. Photo: Louise Napier, Napier Photography.



Brody Chrystie was the winner of both Modified Sedan memorial races. Photo: Louise Napier, Napier Photography.

Onto night two, and the Sport Sedans, Wingless Sprints and Dirt Modifieds joined the Standard Saloons and Modified Sedans.

Chris Aarts and Jordan Haley both won a qualifying heat race in the Sport Sedans before Jack Chiminello stormed to victory in the final ahead of Aarts and Haley.

Redcliffe and Daryl Hickson won heat races in the Dirt Modifieds before Mornington man Michael Ardley claimed a win in the 15-lap mini-feature.

Ardley passed Hickson on lap four to lead from there to the conclusion with Hickson finishing second in front of Matt Reddecliffe, rookie Jack Smith and Rodin Blackman.

Standard Saloon drivers raced for the Miles Cup on their second night of competition.

Gus Argoon arrived having competed in Bairnsdale the night before and he started the night with a win.

Ingram, Lansdown and Harry Cecil rounded out the winners in the heat racing.

A 30-lap final lay ahead before a winner could be found.

The race began with Harry Cecil leading the way.

When Cecil's car succumbed

to damage, Ingram moved to the lead.

Ingram's own run to victory ended on lap 18 and Ardley from Warragul hit the front and went on to win from Chris Miles, Owen Cecil, Dean Spring and Justin Cadman.

The margin on victory between first and second was just .600 of a second.

Modified Sedans competed in the Russell Bent Memorial on Sunday night and qualifying race wins went the way of Brad Warren, Chrystie twice and then Warren a second time.

Chrystie then led all the way in the memorial final to win ahead of Warren, Caleb Lincoln, Dike and Hallett.

Competition for the Victorian Wingless Sprints association points event on Sunday was run for more than 20 competitors across six heats where they all competed in two each.

Kai Malley, Thomas McDonald, Adin Robertson, Jack Regan, Travis Millar and Christopher Temby were all winners, setting up the 25-lap final.

Seventeen of 19 starters finished the final with Millar winning by one and a half seconds in front of Temby, McDonald, Jake Warren and Malley.

When Cecil's car succumbed

Sports Sedans raced on Monday night for their second night of the weekend with Braiden Webster of Inverloch winning the two heat races and the final.

Webster defeated Bree Simpson, Jordan Haley, Trish Dike and Ray Gould after stewards penalised Dike for a passing move that involved contact.

Junior Sedans also competed for a second night with Top Star racer Steane Cosson winning the three heat races before the final event.

In the final, Cosson, Nathan Miles and Jaylen Knight were in a tight scrap before Cosson sustained damage to his car in a racing incident.

Knight won Top Stars from Miles and Robinson, whilst for a second night in succession Luke Morrison would win the New Stars, this time from Dannatt and Abela.

Hickson and Ardley won heat races on the way to the 20-lap Dirt Modified final.

Ardley claimed pole after beating Matt Reddecliffe in a runoff for the top starting spot.

Ardley led every lap of the feature event to beat Hickson, Matt Reddecliffe, Tyler Scott and Shane Ardley.

Wingless Sprints raced in round one of the Eastern Victoria Series on November 4 with Gavin Fitzpatrick, Millar and Temby winning heats in the first round, and Clyde-based racer Ebony Hobson, Brad Warren and Lang Lang's Ben Hodge won races in the second round of qualifying.

Brad Warren then led every lap in the final to hold out Millar by .391 of a second to win round one of the series.

Millar finished ahead of Temby, Hodge and Hobson.

Nyora's next event is December 21 with the Junior Sedan Victorian series, Compact Speedcars, Outlaw Karts and club classes.

Gippsland league fixture released

THE official season 2025 fixture for the Gippsland Football Netball League has been released.

Eighteen home and away matches are featured with the season set to kick off on April 5.

The finals series will begin on the final weekend of August leading into the first weekend of September, with the grand final scheduled for September 20.

Season 2025 will begin with a number of key matchups and local rivalries, headlined by the Senior grand final rematch with Traralgon taking on Leongatha at Terry Hunter Oval.

The Maroons will unfurl the premiership flag in a twilight timeslot.

The Battle of the Birds between Maffra and Sale will also be a key fixture to look out for on Sunday in the opening weekend of matches.

A Grade's grand final rematch will have to wait until round eight after the Gippsland League fulfilled Moe's request to take on Warragul on the King's Birthday weekend.

Bairnsdale and Moe will both continue their MND theme matchdays on the King's Birthday weekend in round eight with this year's draw also containing three significant league-run theme rounds.

The annual Mental Health Round returns to round two in the fixture after a successful move into that slot in 2024 and will again be one of the highlights on the calendar.

The annual Orange Round will again be scheduled in June with the introduction of an Indigenous Recognition round taking place in the 2025 fixture.

Gippsland League thanks Loy Yang B for its ongoing support of the annual league theme rounds.

The byes will fall on Easter and in the July school holidays again with the Dahlsens All Stars grand final set for the bye weekend in the July school holidays.

Round seven will also feature a bye with a split round being reintroduced to provide a break for clubs leading into June.

Drouin football and netball fixtures will be relocated during the season due to ground resurfacing works at the Drouin Recreation Reserve.

The venues for Drouin's home matches will be advised at a later date.

Leongatha Small Bore Rifle Club

20M BENCH Pennant – Section D.

Round seven: Leongatha A 598.021 defeated Brunswick 590.018.

200.010: Bradley Hall, 199.006; Jack Sargent, 199.005; Kenneth Hart, 198.004; Christopher Sargent.

Ladder: Horsham 24, Leongatha A 20, Camberwell A 20, Mildura A 12, Brunswick 8

20m Bench Pennant – Section G.

Round seven: Leongatha B 584.009 (bye).

198.004: Peter Gallus, 198.002; Robert Spratt, 188.003; Michael Ryan, 185.000; Lucy Bradbury-Ryan.

Ladder: Frankston C 28, Leongatha B 20, Sale C 12, Oakleigh C 12, Mildura B 12

20m Bench Pennant – Section I.

Round seven: Leongatha C 576.011 defeated Portland 568.010.

193.003: Allan Ross, 192.004; Mathew Eldridge, 191.004; William Ross, 184.000; Cameron Davidson.

Ladder: Benalla B 24, Camberwell B 16, Kyneton 16, Leongatha C 12, Portland 4

The club shoots on Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 5664 2358.



Jack Attack runners-up at the Foster Bowls Club was Hospital Facilities, Tony, Martin and Andrew.



The best-dressed couple was Carol and Brian Robinson at the Foster Bowls Club.



Foster Bowls Club's Jack Attack winners were the Robblecocks, Vanessa and Rod.



Foster Bowls Club's winning team on Cup Day was Phil, Ivan, Jim and Daryl.



Joyce Arnold, Bruce Corrigan (skip) and Yvonne Kee were Inverloch Bowling Club's Thursday social bowls winners.



Ron Symmons, Bruce Fidler and Russell Trotman were Leongatha Bowls Club's Monthly Triples winners.



Winners of Korumburra Bowls Club's Monthly Triples, sponsored by Harley Bus Lines were Tom Harley, Peter Spark and George Hams. They are pictured with sponsor Bob Snooks (second from left).

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

IT WAS a wonderful day of bowling again on Monday at the Cape.

It was a beautiful day with lots of laughter as usual at the most beautiful hall to play at.

On Friday, there was a great turnout yet again with lots of food.

The club would like to thank all the members for their generous help.

Monday's winners on a plus 15 were Jenny Bakker, Brian Newman and Gordon Peters.

Friday's winners on a plus one were Pat Novak, Ken Webb and John Stewart.

FOSTER

A GREAT Cup Day was had at the club.

The club enjoyed a very nice chicken and champagne lunch, followed by some action on the green until race time.

There were plenty of sweeps on offer too.

Many went home winners in some way or another – a great day was had by all.

The winning team on the green for the afternoon was the team of Phil Facey, Ivan Ray, Jim Ganson and Daryl Talmash.

Prizes were awarded for:

Best dressed couple: Carol and Brian Robinson.

Best dressed lady: Faye Holmes.

Best hat: Rosa Raiti.

Most colourful outfit: John Warren.

Best jockey: Bev Tyers.

Best jockey cap: John Carmichael.

Check out the Facebook page for all the photos.

Wednesday night was the first round of the main competition for Jack Attack.

The club had a couple of teams unavailable, so a bit of a player and game shuffle was necessary.

All had a very enjoyable night, as always.

The night's winning team was the Robblecocks, Vanessa and Rod, winning vouchers from Lee Davidson Jewellery, Foster.

Runners-up were Hospital Facilities, Tony, Martin and Andrew, winning the chocky prizes sponsored by Promontory Kitchens.

An assortment of raffle prizes sponsored by the club and IGA and some wine from Cellarbrations was shared around the room.

Round two starts next week.

A heads up that round three is going to be the next dress-up night with the theme of Cowboys and Indians/Western.

The club is looking forward to that.

See you all then.

INVERLOCH

THURSDAY social bowls saw 22 bowlers play two games of 10 ends.

Teams were made up of four fours and two triples.

Winners with two wins and 33 points was the team of Bruce Corrigan (skip), Joyce Arnold and Yvonne Kee.

Runners-up with a win and a loss with 20 points and seven shots up was the team of Jeff Curwood (skip), John Duthie and Shaun Lee.

The hard luck story was the team of Laurel Lee (skip), Joan McStravick, Peter Gentsch and Jenny Slater.

Week three of the Community Corporate Bowling season was a beauty, until the wind changed, and the weather quickly cooled.

Winners on the night with +31 were the Bowling Stones, with runners-up Broadbeach on +13.

Among the happy raffle prize winners were Glenys McRoberts, Dougal Scott and Liam Cummins with two other lucky players taking out prizes.

Thanks again to Hawkesbury Breweries for its support.

The MandM man is still hanging on to that elusive blue ball and will jackpot to \$200 next week.

Let's hope the club can get a warmer night next week.

Melbourne Cup Day Inverloch Bowling Club style saw players take to the green for one game of 10 ends, with joint winners on the day.

Much to the chagrin of the match committee, they could not be separated by shots up, ends or percentage so prizes were awarded to both teams of Geoff Coleman, Joyce Arnold and Chris Neville, and also Bruce Corrigan, Joy Brown, David Murfin and Veronica Muir.

The club hosted a fabulous two-course luncheon of chicken and salad along with a passion-fruit cheesecake dessert that was to die for.

The club's thanks go to Jim Haydon and his helpers in the kitchen.

Of course, no day is complete without the Fashions on the Field best that day.

Pam won for the ladies with her beautiful blue and white striped ensemble complete with matching hat, and for the men, the club had a very dapper-looking grandson of Bruce and Chris Corrigan who took out the prize.

A great day was had with winners happy and losers drowning their sorrows.

Well done to the organisers for all their hard work.

KORUMBURRA

THIS week started with the Monthly Triples and, even

though it was a holiday weekend, the club still had good numbers. Winners on the day were the local combination of George Hams, Bob Snooks and Peter Spark.

Runners-up were the Loch combination of Charlie Tagliaferro, Greg Hodge and Findlay Luke with best last game going to locals Neil Harfield, Peter Hearn and Graham Freestone.

Tuesday was Melbourne Cup Day.

The club held a successful fun day with a lot of fun had by all.

Friday night was monthly counter tea and, after 15 or so years, Keith March, Rob Sund and Neil Harfield have decided to hang up their pots and pans and let someone else take over the kitchen.

President Brian thanked Keith for his time and efforts.

Saturday Division 1 hosted Wonthaggi in Pennant in a very close encounter.

Robin Provan won 20 shots to 18, Rob Cosson lost 15 shots to 21 and Charlie Edgerton won 20 shots to 16 – an overall draw.

Division 3 travelled to Meenyan.

Phil Ashton lost 22 shots to 19, Jim Garnham lost 24 shots to 18 and Jenny McVeigh lost 29 shots to 15.

Division 4 hosted Wonthaggi and the only bright light was Alan Cherrett, who had an 18 all draw.

Rob Sund lost 36 shots to 15 and Geoff Barber lost 25 shots to 13 – not a good result.

LEONGATHA

MIDWEEK Pennant games were not played last Tuesday because of the running of the Melbourne Cup.

Round five of the weekend competition was played on Saturday, November 9, in cool conditions with light winds crossing the green which tested the bowlers.

Leongatha Division 1 hosted the gun side from Mirboo North Bowls Club and an interesting battle ensued over the 21-end game.

Leongatha was the victor on the day with an overall winning score of 65/50 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows:

Jenny Miller skip (Leongatha) defeated Andrew Soplakow skip Mirboo North 20/18 shots.

John Hall skip (Leongatha) defeated Josh Taylor skip (Mirboo North) 28/12 shots.

Anthony Collier (Leongatha) was defeated by Michael Coram (Mirboo North) 17/20 shots.

Leongatha Division 2 side travelled to that interesting community called Loch where its opponents were eagerly waiting to do battle.

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Friday's winners at Breakaway Bowls were Pat Novak, Ken Webb and John Stewart.

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The Leongatha side could only manage one winning rink, which was not enough to win overall and went down 51/64 shots. Individual rink scores were as follows:

Ray McGannon skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Keith Button skip (Loch) 14/18 shots.

Les Wilson skip (Leongatha) defeated Pat Kennedy skip (Loch) 26/19 shots.

Ron Symmons skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Greg Hodge skip (Loch) 11/27 shots.

Leongatha Division 4 side was at home to Foster Bowls Club and managed to compile three rinks that would be formidable opposition and make a contest but that did not happen as their opponents from over the hill were superior in ability and recorded an overall winning score 61/51 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows:

Alan Moxey skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Michael Flanagan skip (Foster) 16/20 shots.

Lynne McIntyre skip (Leongatha) defeated Ian Park skip (Foster) 29/14 shots.

John White skip (Leongatha) was belted by Colin Pulham skip (Foster) 6/27 shots.

The administration of the Leongatha Bowls Club has distributed a survey document to members seeking ideas for improvements that could be beneficial to the operations going forward.

Hopefully, the membership will respond to the questionnaire in a positive manner.

SOUTH WEST GIPPSLAND MIDWEEK BOWLS

IT WAS another beautiful spring day.

The sun was shining, the wind was missing, and the company was absolutely wonderful.

It certainly was an ideal day to fight it out on the bowling green.

Pauline and John welcomed 41 bowlers to Corinella, while Peter and David prepared the teams.

Terry prepared the green and then went the extra yard and looked after all the thirsty players.

Out on the green, the bowlers were part of a great day with some magnificent bowling across all the rinks.

There were only one or two wrong bias bowls seen, and those charitable players are thanked for their input.

As always, the players had fun on the green.

This was apparent once again by the laughter and friendly banter heard from all corners.

The winning scores appear quite low, but this shows how close the games were with no



The Friday winners at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls were Sylvia Mattock, Jim Wilson and Maggie Scapin.

runaway winners.

The winners on a score of 32 were Bob Arnold (L), Michael Dady (S) and Margaret Hoy (3).

Runners up, also on a score of 32, were Terry Floyd (S), Bev Elliott (3), Brenda Moloney (2) and Shirley Corcoran (L).

The best one game winners on a score of 19 were Phil Wright (S), Elaine Williams (L), Max Williams (2) and Alan Weeden (3).

The club would like to thank Terry and Alan for cleaning up after the game.

Next week, the bowlers will be heading to San Remo to again fight it out for team of the week.

In the meantime, the club wishes all players lots of luck with their respective pennant matches this Saturday and Tuesday.

Until next week, have fun and stay safe.

WONTHAGGI

IT WAS another busy week at the club. Tuesday saw a happy group of bowlers take to the greens for Cup Day.

On a fine sunny morning, the bowlers played two games with the winning team being Frank Tagell, Charlie Wright, Heather Blanch and Bill Davidson.

After bowls, the players were treated to a sausage sizzle with Frank Seaton and Bill Davidson being the head chefs.

After lunch, they watched the race on the big screen.

Wednesday was Turkey Triples Day.

The Wonthaggi Club was the sponsor of the big day, with both greens being full, which was a great sight.

The weather was warm, with the sun being under clouds, which kept the temperature down a little.

Only one team managed to win all four games.

That team was a San Remo team of Barry McGowan, Haydn Cave and Tony McMiernan.

The runners-up were the team of Gavin Butler, Rob Aitken and Trevor Teer with three wins and a draw.

Best game went to the Vito Serafino team from Leongatha with 19 shots up.

The NABA award went to the Dave Saric Team from Phillip Island, being a cap from the Wonthaggi Club.

Thursday saw a good number of bowlers enjoy fine conditions for a game of bowls.

Saturday was a fantastic day for the club.

Pennant was held during the day, then the Basket Cabaret that night.

Division 1 travelled to Korumburra, looking for a win.

It was always going to be tough as Korumburra is in second spot on the ladder, with Wonthaggi on top.



By a narrow margin, South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's winners were Bob Arnold (L), Michael Dady (S) and Margaret Hoy (3).



Terry Floyd (S), Bev Elliott (3), Brenda Moloney (2) and Shirley Corcoran (L) were the second-placed team for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners were Phil Wright (S), Elaine Williams (L), Max Williams (2) and Alan Weeden (3).



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Turkey Triples winners were Barry McGowan, Haydn Cave and Tony McMiernan from San Remo.



Lisa Brusamarello, Andrea Grenville, Kay Vandernet, Lorraine Theofanis, Heather Wintle and Wendy Cross were the winners of the Wonthaggi Classic at the Wonthaggi Golf Club on Thursday.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, November 5.

Stableford: 37 players.

A Grade: Barry Kerr (13) 39 points. B Grade: Levi Hickey (30) 39 points. NTPs: first Ian Riddell, seventh Miles Wrigley and 13th Billy Wrigley.

Thursday, November 7:

Stableford: 15 players.

Winner: Mark Marotti (33) 38 points. NTPs: first Peter Van Agtmael, 10th Greg Wilson and 13th Peter Johnson.

Saturday, November 9:

Riche Beecroft 4BBB: 42 players.

Sponsor: Korumburra Golf Club.

Gross winners: Mat Wrigley and Billy Wrigley 67. Net winners: Wayne Knights and Tim Morgan 61 C/B. NTPs: first Bryce Riddell, seventh Chris McConnell, 10th Billy Wrigley (hole in one) and 13th Bob Newton.

Ladies

CONGRATULATIONS to Kim Enbom, who, for an amazing third month in a row, was the winner of the Monthly Medal. Kim (34) had a terrific 69 net to also win B Grade and was the recipient of the Tiny Teapot Café voucher.

Runner-up in B Grade was Lyn Perks (31), 75 net.

The A Grade winner was Lynette McIvor (21) with a nice 72 net and Heather Grist (24) was runner-up, 73 net on a c/b.

BDTL went to Johanna van den Heiligenberg (12) 73 net, and Merrissa Cosson (11) and Julie Cole (52) both 77 net, on a c/b.

Johanna had the best Scratch Score with 85.

Shelley Snooks was the only one to have a NTP for the day.

This was on the 13th (Burra Garden Supplies voucher).

It was great to have four of the newer members play in the Ambrose event at Wonthaggi on Friday.

On Saturday, the club had the RB Medallist play-off, which had super close results.

Well done to Merrissa Cosson (11) who won with 72 net and runner up, just one shot back, was Kerri Besley (16), 73 net. BDTL was Johanna van den Heiligenberg (12), 74 net.

NTPs were Johanna first (Kelly's Bakery award), and Kerri on the 10th and 13th greens.

Twilight golf starts on Thursday, November 14, with times from around 4.30pm.

This is a pairs event for members and non-members; a very social game for those who have yet to try golf and also experienced players.

The timesheet is in the foyer and bring your own dinner if you would like to stay on after golf.

The club's annual tournament

is around the corner, from November 22 until 24, with an array of events so please contact John at the club if you would like to be included.

Korumburra Golf Club is saddened to hear of the passing of Bill Thomson, who has been a long-time, valued member and dedicated supporter of the club.

The club's sincere condolences are extended to Betty and her family.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, November 5: Titleist Tuesday Stableford event.

Tuesday's Melbourne Cup Stableford round had a great field of 67 members/guests take to the course selecting either blue or yellow tees.

This round was generously sponsored by the Titleist team.

A Grade winner: David Richards (19) with a score of 38 points on a countback. A Grade runner up: Renato Monacello (14) with a score of 38 points.

B Grade winner: Elizabeth Gedye (32) with the high score of the day of 41 points. B Grade runner up: Mandy Moyle (30) with a score of 40 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Craig Hutchinson. NTP 14th: Gary McGrath. NTP 16th: Don Smith.

Thursday, November 11: SG Homes Stableford event.

Excellent sponsorship of this Thursday's Stableford round by SG Homes saw 83 members/guests take to the course teeing off either the blue or yellow markers.

High scores were the order of the day.

A Grade winner: Paul Deery (12) with a score of 39 points. A Grade runner up: John Ryan (12) with a score of 38 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Will Norden (18) with a score of 40 points. B Grade runner up: John French (19) with a score of 39 points.

C Grade winner: Michael Wrigley (22) with a score of 40 points. C Grade runner up: Peter Waters (23) with a score of 39 points.

D Grade winner: Kevin Michael (25) with a score of 37 points. D Grade runner up: Phil Strike (25) with a score of 36 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Andrew Smith at 1.13m. NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson at .59m. NTP 16th: Peter Clingin at 2.49m.

Saturday, November 9: Tom Welsford 4BBB Stableford event.

Another popular Leongatha Golf Club board event is the annual Tom Welsford 4BBB Stableford event with sponsorship always greatly appreciated.

Eighty-two members/guests enjoyed the excellent course and weather conditions.

Overall winners:
1: Nanette Meagher and Margaret Griffiths with a score of 48 points. 2: Tanya Starkey and Rebecca Wilson with a score of

46 on a countback. 3: Kay Dumbleton and Dianne Williams with a score of 46 on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Andy Bassett. NTP 14th: Daniel Yeap. NTP 16th: Glenn Marshall.

Ladies

IT WAS a very busy day for golfers last week.

Twenty-three women competed in the November Monthly Medal.

Seven were playing off for the prestigious Star Medallist and 12 women elected to play a Stableford event.

The Star Medallist is a board event sponsored by the O'Brien family.

Winners of a Monthly Medal throughout the year compete for this title.

The finalists were Libby Seebeck, Wendy Brown, Nicole White-side, Deb Miller, Anna de Bondt, Rebecca Thomas, Jenny Fraser and Neryl Hopcraft.

With a great net score of 71, Neryl Hopcraft (31) is the 2024 Star Medallist.

Some amazing scores were recorded in the November Monthly Medal event – five of them below par.

Ev Indian (32) finished with a 64 net just one ahead of Jan Brownlie with 65 net.

Down the line balls were won by Karen Murchie, Cheryl Borg, Neryl Hopcraft, Teresa Bennett, Fay Quilford, Bev Reinhard and Lianne Adamson.

Maryanne Gartner had 39 points in the Stableford event.

Balls down the line were won by Delia Perry, Michelle Roberts, Viv French, Karen Bear, Glenyce McRobert and Jill Steer.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was won by Colleen Touzel, Jan Brownlie second shot on the fifth and Karen Murchie on the 14th.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, November 5: Stableford.

A Grade: P. Draper (11) 41 points. B Grade: M. Payne (13) 42 points. C Grade: N. Baker (24) 41 points c/b.

DTL: P. Cummaudo 40, and G. Renwick, I. Duncan, J. Hughes, S. Woodall and J. Gunn, 39.

NTP: fourth I. Duncan, sixth J. McFarlane, 13th J. Robbins and 16th C. Gunn.

Birdies: sixth N. Bickerton, and 16th Tom Traill and W. Reynolds.

Saturday, November 9: Stroke (round one Championship).

A Grade: N. Bickerton (9) 63 net.

B Grade: J. McFarlane (16) 68 net. C Grade: D. Taylor (28) 65 net. DTL: E. Woodall and B. Bradshaw 67, D. Woodall 68, and Tim Traill and J. Kus 69 c/b.

NTP: fourth N. Bickerton, sixth S. Woodall, 13th Tim Traill and 16th R. Hawkins.

Birdies: fourth N. Bickerton and J. McFarlane, sixth G. Renwick, W.



The A Grade winners in the annual Wonthaggi Classic on Friday were Gillian Lawrence, Lorraine Theofanis, Elly Berryman and Bev Bridge.

Reynolds and J. Hughes, 13th Tim Traill, P. Draper and L. Gervasi, and 16th T. Whitelaw.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: November 7, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole. Winner: Ian McNish 34. Runner up: Chis Wilkinson 33. Results: November 7, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Winner: Bill Howard 20. Results: November 9, S.R 71. Competition: Stableford.

A Grade: Julian Wintle 38. B Grade: Ross Yann 36. C Grade: Secondo Tiziani 43. BDTL to 37.

Ball sweep: Hamish Burns 42, Willy Wilians 41, Ken Cuman 40, Jim McEachern 39, Kevin Loughran 39, Bill Blanch 39, Gary Youlten 38, Ray Hender 37, Alan Cubbon 37 and Stephen Judd 37.

NTPs: Hamish Burns second, Ben Clark fourth, Kevin Loughran propin eighth, Warwick Judkins 13th and Messy Chand money hole 17th.

Ladies

THE annual Wonthaggi Classic was held on Thursday, November 7, and Friday, November 8.

Thursday was a singles event of Stroke or Stableford for C Grade with a small but enthusiastic field, welcoming visitors from metropolitan clubs.

Thursday was perfect – the day, the course and the golf scores.

Thank you to Wrenches Footwear Wonthaggi for the great prizes on Thursday.

Winners: A Grade Scratch winner was Lorraine Theofanis (Mornington Golf Club) 79, A Grade Net winner Kay Vandernet (Mornington) 86(18)68, B Grade Scratch winner Andrea Grenville (Wonthaggi) 93, B Grade Net winner Lisa Brusamarello (Wonthaggi) 95(28)67, C Grade winner Heather Wintle (Wonthaggi) 44 points, and C Grade runner up Wendy Cross (Wonthaggi) 40 points.

NTP on second was A. Stephens (Mornington), fourth Simone Lindsay (Wonthaggi), eighth L. Theofanis (Mornington), 13th Irene Walsh (Wonthaggi) and 17th Layla Robertson (Wonthaggi).

Friday, November 8, was a two-person Ambrose.

There was a great field of 74, with great support from the local clubs.

The 'perfect' only lasted for one day.

The Wonthaggi wind blew in from the "Antarctic" at great speed and brought a couple of freezing squalls.

However, the 74 players persevered and thoroughly enjoyed the warm clubhouse and great lunch when finished.

Winners: A Grade Scratch winners Lorraine Theofanis (10) and

Gillian Lawrence (14) (Mornington) with 76, A Grade Net winners Elly Berryman (14) and Bev Bridge (30) (Woorayl) 68 net, B Grade Scratch winners on c/b Dawn Judkins (33 Wonthaggi) and Megan Elbaz (26 Phillip Island) 89, and B Grade Net winners Donna Brosnan (32) and Karen Davis (42) both Wonthaggi 71.5.

NTP on second was Megan Elbaz (Phillip Island), fourth Merryn Dear (Wonthaggi), eighth Deb Orr (Phillip Island) and 13th Jo Graeme (Meeniyian).

WONTHAGGI Mixed

SUNDAY was another great day for golf – good company and lots of laughs as the Equal Opportunity Mixed was played with a wonderful field of 42 players.

It was Canadian Foursomes with a twist as the men and ladies swapped their tees, although the ladies received a bonus shot before the teams selected whose drive to play.

The A Grade winners were "the Captains" Ian Baker and Catherine Bolding with a fabulous 57.75 net.

Runners-up were Bev Sloan and Mark Nicholson 58.375. The B Grade winners were Marg and Graham Ryan 61.125. Runners-up were Kathy Geyer and her son Robbie.

NTP on eighth was Dawn Judkins, 13th Michael Scott and 17th Jane Buardromo.

BDL went to Sam Dennis and Marg Johnson 62, Alan Cubbon and Jan Beaumont 62.625, Simon O'Halloran and Patsy Britt 64.125, Kaylene Hodgetts and Peter Liddle 64.875, Irene and John Walsh 65, and Craig Harvey and Wendy Cross 65.5.

Thank you to two of the members and the Golf Shop who sponsored the prizes, and the support of the members to make the day a great success.

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Ladies

IT WAS a beautiful warm day to continue the Club Championships and November Monthly Medal.

The event was Stroke and was sponsored by Nagels Pharmacy.

Seventeen ladies played.

A Grade's winner with 74 net was Pauline Lancaster. The B Grade Winner and Monthly Medal winner with 71 net was Linda Forrester. C Grade's winner with 73 net was Joan Smith.

BDL went to Anne Grist 74 net, Heather Sullivan 75 net, Bev Bridge 75 net and Elly Berryman 76 net.

NTP on eighth was Kath Davis – who also had a birdie – 11th Sherrill Winkler and 17th Heather Sullivan.

All enjoyed the lovely weather and good company.



An impressive all-round performance from LDCA secured a strong win in the U15 Evans Petroleum GCL season opener against Sale Maffra.

LDCA juniors dominate in first round of the GCL season

Under 15

WE TRAVELED to Bundalaguah for Round 1 of the U15 Evans Petroleum GCL season. Sale Maffra won the toss and elected to bat on what looked a very good pitch.

S/M got off to an absolute flyer with Moncrieff and Fernando batting with great intent pushing the score to 0/86 after 13 overs. LDCA skipper Cooper Newman then entered the attack and turned the game on its head, dismissing Moncrieff for a brilliant 56, with Ty Debono bowling tightly at the other end. Newman claimed a further three wickets to have S/M reeling at 5/106. Archie Luke and Archie Donohue bowled good spells through the middle overs. Tyler Dole and Max Johnston claimed wickets and Cooper Newman came back on to finish the innings off and complete a brilliant display of leg spin bowling. Jonah Foster did a good job wicketkeeping with three catches.

Cooper Newman 6/15, Max Johnston 2/4, Ty Debono, Tyler Dole 1 wicket each.

Chasing the handy total of 155 the LDCA got off to a very solid start. Eamon Berryman and Ty Debono looked in good touch before Berryman was dismissed at 1/37. Debono was building his innings nicely and with the loss of Tex Dyson and Lou Read



The U13 LDCA team showed grit and promise in their clash with Sale Maffra, who set a solid target of 4/184.

he upped the tempo. Cooper Newman also showed great intent.

The boys put on 70 runs to get within a few runs of the total. The loss of Newman and the win secured saw Debono really get after the bowling smashing a six to bring up his century, a brilliant mature innings from a very good young player. Jobe Williams and Max Johnston struck the ball really well towards the end of the innings to see LDCA to a really good total.

Ty Debono 100, Jobe Williams 43, Cooper Newman 27, Lou Read 17, Eamon Berryman 16, Max Johnston 15no

A really good win by the boys and a great start to the competition, one I'm sure Coach Dave Newman will be keen for the boys to build on. Next game is December 8 v Warragul at the Korumburra Turf.

Thanks to all the parents for their support and Bundalaguah CC for hosting a great day of cricket.

Big thanks to Wonthaggi Toyota for their continued support of the U15 LDCA team. Sale LDCA 244 d Maffra 155

Under 13

THE U13 team coached by Nick Eddy also travelled to Bundalaguah to take on Sale Maffra.

S/M batted first and posted a very good total. James MacDonald bowled a very good early spell without luck. Toby Nicholas claimed the first wicket bowling with good pace and Dihen Yuthmika bowled well to claim a wicket as did Axl Moore.

The boys kept up their enthusiasm throughout the innings and never gave up. Our turn to bat saw the loss of two early wickets, Toby Nicholas (32) was

batting very patiently and when joined by Heath Crump they formed a nice little partnership of 30. Nicholas dismissed when he was starting to up the tempo playing some very nice shots. Captain Reggie Read (25) then played a good innings to get the boys over the 100 mark. The boys will have gained a lot from the experience. Coach Eddy has plenty of young talent to work with and they will grow as the series unfolds. Next game is December 8 v Warragul at the Outtrim Rec Reserve.

Thanks to all the parents for their support and Bundalaguah CC for hosting.

Big thanks to Manders Plumbing & Gas Fitting and MJA Accounting for their continued support of the U13 team.

Sale Maffra 4/184 d LDCA 108



Reggie Read directs play at Koonwarra on Saturday morning. Photo: Jodie Arnup.



Nicholas Botha (Koonwarra L/RSL) batting against Inverloch on Saturday morning. Photo: Jodie Arnup.



Kerry Fitzgerald (Leongatha), Leesa Willmott (Kilcunda) and Sharon Oates (Inverloch) participated in the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge as 'Team Sisters', supporting the cause of funding driver safety training and raising awareness of 'Ride for Sight'. A54_4624

Tail wind perfect end to Bass Coast ride day

RIDERS enjoyed a tailwind as they coasted into Inverloch to finish this year's Bass Coast Cycle Challenge, having set out into a headwind earlier on Saturday.

The pleasant conditions contrasted with the ferocious wind cyclists contended with at last year's event.

Not being a race, there are no results, but rather the chance to enjoy a social day while raising funds to run the RYDA program in Bass Coast and South Gippsland schools, teaching road safety to students who will soon be driving.

This year's ride, which offered five spectacular Bass Coast routes, brought in \$80,000, with all money remaining after expenses going to the cause, the main costs being insurance and traffic management.

Bass Coast Cycle Challenge founder and race director Gavin Slavin was inspired to create the now-established event after the death of a friend who was hit by a car, leaving six kids behind.

The funding provided by the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge enabled the RYDA program that was operating in NSW to come to Victoria.

This year, over 75 volunteers from various community groups and organisations ensured the day went smoothly, Gavin noting many riders thanked every volunteer

they encountered.

Steve Simper was one cyclist who did just that, having been drawn to the Bass Coast from Canberra after enjoying various fundraising rides in places such as Mudgee and Bowral, most of which have supported hospitals.

He took on Saturday's 85km course.

"I was fine until the last 10km, then I started cramping," Steve said, admitting he hadn't done quite enough training.

He described the riders and volunteers as a "good bunch", saying the latter did a great job.

Melbourne's Mick Harris and Kat Gauthier returned after loving the atmosphere of last year's Bass Coast Cycle Challenge.

Carol Grabyn, also from the big smoke, relished the rolling green hills as she completed the 121km course.

After their rides, participants relaxed in the festival area near the finish line, refuelling with tasty food such as bacon and eggs, kransky sausages and fish and chips.

There were giveaways, and a Rotary band provided music.

Gavin expressed his appreciation to volunteers, sponsors and everyone involved in making the day such a great success, also thanking business operators for their understanding of the need for road closures.



Bass Coast Cycle Challenge riders cross the finish line in Inverloch. A55_4624



Harvey Smith shapes to play an aggressive shot for Glen Alvie against Leongatha Town, finishing with 43 runs. A22_4624

Top start for Nyora

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

STRONG batting efforts from Nyora will see the Imperials digging deep to reach its score of 7/293 this Saturday.

Playing at the Nyora Recreation Reserve, Colin Knox opened the batting for Nyora and made 62 runs before he was caught by Noah McLennan off the bowling of James Jeffery.

Batting fourth in the order, Michael Lynch top scored just short of a ton with 91 runs.

He was bowled by McLennan, ending his reign.

Ryan White finished it off with 57 not out, putting Nyora in a fairly comfortable position.

Bowlers battled hard to slow Nyora, with Jack Ballagh, McLennan and Matthew Portelli taking two wickets each.

The Imperials will have its opportunity to bat this weekend.

Hickey puts Glen Alvie on the back foot

THE bowling prowess of Leongatha Town's Levi Hickey kept Glen Alvie to 10/144.

In an exceptional effort, the young bowler claimed 6/21, including three ducks.

Glenn Moore and Archie Donohue opened the batting for Glen Alvie and made 52 and seven runs respectively before they were dismissed by Hickey.

Harvey Smith added 43 runs to Glen Alvie's tally.

Hickey's efforts were backed up by Samuel Clark with 2/20 and Frazer Livingstone with 1/33.

Leongatha Town will bat and go for the win this Saturday.

Kilcunda-Bass under pressure

KILCUNDA-BASS need to beat Koonwarra L/RSL's score of 10/186 to win this round's match.

Koonwarra L/RSL travelled to the Bass Recreation Reserve, won the toss and chose to bat.

Glenn Boxall opened well for the Cougars, making 43 runs.

Matthew Boswell later top-scored with 47 not out.

The bowling efforts were shared between Allan Bedford, Vijai Kumal Gopal and James Papworth with two each.

With Koonwarra L/RSL bowled out before it could play its allotted overs, Kilcunda-Bass had the opportunity to open its account and play seven overs.

The opening partnership of Brett Joseph and captain Ray Gardiner was dismissed for ducks thanks to the bowling of Boxall.

James Matser made six runs before he was caught by Brad Anderson off the bowling of Boxall.

Joel Huckett and Bedford will continue the innings on Saturday, with Huckett having made five runs.

Kilcunda-Bass made 3/11.

Foster had the bye this round.

Goannas tie with Essendon

VETERANS

By Andrew Smith

HOSTED by Traralgon Rovers CC at Duncan Cameron Reserve, the captains tossed, and the Essendon skipper sent the Goannas in.

Warren Dummett (17), Ian Gibson (15), Neil Meredith (27no), Donald Cameron (16no), Kelvin Bond (17no) were the major contributors to the score of 138, which skipper Meredith said was par on a third-day turf wicket.

Essendon bowled and fielded tightly, demonstrated by modes of dismissal being four bowled, one LBW, one stumped and two run outs.

After lunch, Ian Southall bowling well, induced a skyed catch, which well taken by keeper Gibson. After that the Goannas found wickets hard to come by.

After 20 overs the Essendon score was two for 75, pushing on to two for 112 after 30 overs. It looked like in the final 10 overs they would be difficult to contain, but Southall (2/17) and Meredith (0/22) came back to finish their spells putting the brakes on some good batters. Bond (1/30) also bowled well for the maximum eight overs.

The match came down to the wire, where Barrie Nunn, Bond and Andrew Smith bowled the last eight overs. A flurry of run-outs and a bit of nervous batting and bowling meant that the result would be close. Essendon needed five runs to win in Smith's final over with the bowler finally putting the ball where it was difficult to hit. The result was a tie, both teams making 138 runs in their 40 overs.

Neil Meredith was awarded by the opposing captain as the Goannas' best player for his excellent all-round performance. Neil also made special mention of Heather Farley's great fielding effort and vocal support.



Andrew Smith from the Goannas cuts.



Ian Southall is bowled out in his short innings.



Garry Rose plays to the leg.

Wombats battle hard in Inverloch clash against YV/Ringwood

VETERANS

ON SUNDAY, West Gippsland Wombats played Yarra Valley/Ringwood over 70's at the Inverloch Football Ground.

Yarra Valley/Ringwood won the toss and decided to bowl first.

Rod Pallot and Carl Muscat opened the batting for the Wombats taking the score to thirty before Muscat 11 (22) top-edged the ball off the bat into his mouth and had to retire shaken but otherwise OK.

Pallot 18 (30) retired before the Wombats lost their first wicket with the score of 51 when Neil White 13 (14) went LBW to the bowling of Tom Steele.

Captain Fred Debono failed to score off seven balls before he was stumped by Gary Semple off the bowling of Robin Court.

At drinks at twenty overs the Wombats were two for 70, Jeff Phillips 19 (30) and Geoff Birnie 20 (30) both retired.

Garry Skelton playing his first game for the Wombats was run out without scoring off six balls.

Keith Houghton 22 (30)

John Moore 5 (17) and Mike Newton 10 (30) had all retired before the Wombats lost two wickets with the score on 127.

Brendon Thomas 2 (7) LBW to the bowling of Tom Steele and Jim Gregory, another run-out without scoring off six balls.

At the end of forty overs, the Wombats were five for 136 with Russell Ferguson 7 (8) and Rod Pallot 22 (36) both not out.

This appeared to be about twenty-four runs short of a reasonable score on the Inverloch Football Ground.

Yarra Valley/Ringwood bowling, Robin Court 8-1/23, Trevor Selby 8-0/29, Bill Dobson 8-0/26, Tom Steele 6-2/22, Gary Paget 2-0/5, Terry Brown 2-0/11, John King 4-0/10 and Greg Johnson 2-0/5.

Yarra Valley/Ringwood lost their first wicket in the seventh over, when John King 12 (19) was caught by Keith Houghton off the bowling of Geoff Birnie.

Trevor Selby retired after facing thirty balls for almost a run a ball 27.

The score reached 60 before Yarra Valley/Ringwood lost

three wickets for eight runs.

Keith Houghton took two wickets in an over when he trapped Gary Paget 8 (14) LBW and bowled Tom Steele 1(2).

Jim Gregory caught Terry Brown 3 (7) off the bowling of Neil White and at drinks (20 overs) Yarra Valley/Ringwood were 4 for 73.

The game was evenly poised but good batting by Yarra Valley/Ringwood took the total to 141 in the 38th over without losing another wicket.

Kevin Dunn 11 (33), Greg Johnson 12 (30), Robin Court 21 (30), Bill Dobson 20 (32) and Gary Semple 12 (22) all retired, and David Linton 2 (3) and Ernie Horgan 1(3) were both not out.

The Wombat's fielding improved this week with only one fieldsman missing a catch and three dropped chances.

Wombats Bowling, Jim Gregory 2-0/17, Geoff Birnie 7-1/22, Mike Newton 5-0/12, Neil White 2-1/3, Brendon Thomas 3-0/17, Rod Pallot 5-0/22, Carl Muscat 3-0/9, Fred Debono 2-0/5 Garry Skelton 1-0/3 and Man of the Match Keith Houghton 8-2/25

Congratulations and all the best to the Wombat players selected to represent Victoria at the Australian Nation over 70's championships at Dubbo NSW on November 21-26.

Carl Muscat and Pieter Loos in Division 1 and Neil White, Geoff Birnie and Mike Newton in Division 2.

Congratulations also to Brendon Thomas Manager for the Division 1 team.

While the Nationals are being played the "leftovers" will compete in a Victorian tournament at Modewarre on November 20-22.

Of the four teams competing, two are captained by West Gippsland Wombat players, the Wombats by Fred Debono and the Dingos by John Moore.

Other West Gippsland Wombat players selected to compete in the Victorian tournament are Jim Armstrong, Russell Ferguson, Jeff Phillips and Warren Dummett.

The next Veteran Cricket Game for the West Gippsland Wombats is round 5 on Tuesday, December 3 against The Australian Cricket Society at Outtrim Reserve.



OMK's Michael Whiteside is beaten by a delivery at Outtrim Recreation Reserve against Phillip Island. A24_4624



OMK's Michael Whiteside chooses not to play this Phillip Island delivery. A26_4624

Sharks show their might

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

PHILLIP Island will be looking for an outright win after passing OMK's score in B1's two-day match on Saturday.

Phillip Island travelled to the Outtrim Recreation Reserve, where OMK won the toss and chose to bat first.

OMK played a steady innings with Robert Quaife top scoring with 32 runs.

Twenty-one runs were contributed by Brock Furness.

However, the Phillip Island bowlers kept the match in the Sharks' control.

Timothy Niven claimed 4/41 and Tarryn Allan took 3/28.

OMK was bowled out with a score of 10/122.

Phillip Island showed its strength when it opened its first innings.

The Sharks opened with Connor Epifano and Sarith Angelo.

Angelo was bowled LBW by Russ White, but Epifano stormed ahead to make 72 not out.

David Womersley made 23 runs before he was caught by White off the bowling of Ben Maguire, which sent in Niven who made 11 not out.

Phillip Island had reached 2/130 in 27 overs.

A second innings will be played this weekend.

Nerrena chases 138

WITH a target of 10/138, Nerrena will also continue its innings against Wonthaggi Club this weekend.

Club won the toss at the Nerrena Recreation Reserve and chose to bat.

The opening partnership of Kai Allison and captain Sean Roche started well, making 46 and 26 runs respectively.

However, the Nerrena stepped up its bowling efforts, leading to a number of ducks and low scores.

Bowlers William Croatto, Ryan Clark and Mitchell

Croatto shared the spoils of the day, taking three wickets each.

Charlie Dougherty also claimed a single wicket.

Jason O'Reilly top-scored for Club with 47 runs.

Club was bowled out in the 59th over and Nerrena opened its account.

Club bowler Jai Williamson dismissed opening batsman James Kelly for a duck, while Shaun Tessari bowled Billy Trotman for one run.

Eamon Berryman made four runs before Roche claimed his wicket.

The partnership still in at stumps was Dougherty and Clark.

Nerrena will pick up where it left off with a score of 3/14.

Korumburra's wickets tumble

ALTHOUGH off to a good start, Korumburra will be defending a score of 10/126 against MDU on Saturday.

Trevor Allen and Caleb Turton opened well for the Cobras, making 37 and 32 runs respectively.

Batting third in the order, Philip Richards contributed 29 runs.

However, a slew of ducks inflicted plenty of damage on the scoreboard from there on.

MDU bowler Dylan Zuidema was responsible for three ducks, claiming 4/28 for the day.

Tyrone Zukovskis took 3/36, dismissing Allen, as well as two batsmen at the bottom of the order to help close the innings.

Korumburra was all out in the 57th over.

MDU opened its account but made a slow start to the innings.

Robert Henry made the only significant score of 16 and was not out at stumps.

MDU is sitting on 3/25.

Inverloch had the bye this round.



Dan Wylie of OMK has a narrow escape against Phillip Island during B1 competition. A27_4624



Tim Niven follows through after sending down a successful delivery for Phillip Island, taking 4/41 and conceding just 2.64 per over, helping dismiss OMK. A25_4624

C Grade restarts its season this weekend

C GRADE cricketers will resume play this weekend on Saturday, November 16.

Earlier in the season, the division was battling inclement weather conditions and forfeits due to a lack of numbers.

The Leongatha and District Cricket Association (LDCA) made the decision to wipe all C Grade scores and postpone the season to allow clubs the opportunity to establish their C Grade sides.

Although there are a few grounds still out of commission, there will be enough to accommodate all games this coming weekend.

The draw has been available on PlayHQ. The LDCA worked to ensure the draw was similar to the original but had to accommodate for Korumburra Cricket Club pulling out its C2 side.

"Our clubs seem happy with the outcome and are ready to go. The clubs that already had teams organised have been playing practice matches ahead of the season restarting," LDCA secretary Ken Scrimshaw said.

C Grade will play 14 rounds, allowing the clubs to play each other twice.

The division will complete its home and away season and start finals at the same time as A and B Grades.

See page 62 for draw.

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

Korumburra 10/126 v MDU 3/25

Korumburra 1st INNINGS: T M Allen 37, C Turton 32, P Richards 29, N Belvedere 1, P Beadel 0, L Dole 0, B Nicholls 0, J Douglas 0, Fill-in 1, O Maskell 4, S McKinnon 3*

Bowling: L Webb 0/15, M Olden 1/14, K Brown 0/5, D Field 1/17, D Zuidema 4/28, T Zukovskis 3/36

MDU 1st INNINGS: T Zukovskis 1, W Prosser 3, J Bright 0, D Field 3* R Henry 16*

Bowling: J Douglas 1/8, Fill-in 2/1, S McKinnon 0/11, O Maskell 0/5

OMK 10/122 v Phillip Island 2/130

OMK 1st INNINGS: R White 17, T McGeachin 7, A Trotto 15, J Hayes 0, K Kerr (c) 7, B Furness 21, R Quaife 32, B Maguire 5, M Whiteside 2, Fill-in 10, Fill-in 0*

Bowling: T Niven 4/41, H Arceo 2/17, A Brayley 1/9, P Cleary 0/22, T Allan 3/28

Phillip Island 1st INNINGS: C Epifano 72*, S Angelo 9, D Womersley 23, T Niven 11*

Bowling: Fill-in 0/31, R White 1/31, A Trotto 0/16, B Maguire 1/15, T McGeachin 0/20, Hayes 0/9, M Whiteside 0/1, Fill-in 0/2

Nerrena 3/14 v Club 10/138

Club 1st INNINGS: K Allison 46, S Roche 26, J Williamson 0, B Harvey 0, M Davey 1, J O'Reilly 47, H Dobbie 0, B Evans 3, S Tessari 2, L McRae 0, A Dynes 1*

Bowling: W Croatto 3/42, R Clark 3/25, C Dougherty 1/25, M Croatto 3/12, T Harris 0/19, E Berryman 0/10, D Symmons 0/1

Nerrena 1st INNINGS: J Kelly 0, B Trotman 1, E Berryman 4, C Dougherty 3*, R Clark 1*

Bowling: J Williamson 1/4, S Roche 1/6, S Tessari 1/2

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

Kilcunda-Bass 3/11 v Koon L/RSL 10/186

Koonwarra Leongatha RSL 1st INNINGS: A Boxall 13, G Boxall 43, S Hughes 26, A Drury 5, B Anderson 22, J Pickersgill 5, M Boswell 47*, A Piksons 0, J Geary 0, S Chadwick 12, B Thomas 0

Bowling: R Duff 1/34, A Bedford 2/80, V Kumar Gopal 2/43, J Papworth 2/20, G Miller 1/8

Kilcunda-Bass 1st INNINGS: B Joseph 0, R Gardiner 0, J Hackett 5*, J Matser 6, Allan Bedford 0*

Bowling: G Boxall 3/7, B Thomas 0/4

Nyora 7/293 v Imperials

Nyora 1st INNINGS: Colin Knox 62, J Knox 2, K Linford 9, M Lynch 91, D Blackney 23, R White 57*, L Brock 14, J Waixel 8, N Thatcher 9*

Bowling: J Jeffery 1/63, J Ballagh 2/38, N McLennan 2/52, K Maskell 0/33, M Portelli 2/77, A Meyer 0/17, L Meyer 0/10

Glen Alvie 10/144 v Town

Imperials 1st INNINGS: G Moore 52, A Donohue 7, H Smith 43, N Brown 4, D Hale 28, D Gilbert 0, T Bals 3, G Hynes 0, L Scholz 0, C Chandler 0, L McRae 0*

Bowling: S Clark 2/20, L Hickey 6/21, T McRae 0/16, T Strybosch 0/16, F Livingstone 1/33, K Gilliatte 0/7, J Lindsay 0/14, B Graham Andrews 0/13



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A1: Alex Geyer (Club) 127 ; Jason Kennedy (Koon L/RSL) 6/38

A2: Paul Le Page (MDU) 110 ; Jake Dennerley (Inverloch) 4/33

B1: Connor Epifano (Phillip Island) 72* ; Dylan Zuidema (MDU) 4/28

B2: Michael Lynch (Nyora) 91 ; Levi Hickey (Town) 6/21

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NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

ROUND 5 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 & 16, 2024

A GRADE, Division 1

Town v Korumburra
SCORPION PARK 1
Ashleigh Stride
Koonwarras L/RSL v Club
KOONWARRA
Ian Salmon
Imperials v OMK
LEONGATHA TURF
Shane Moore
Phillip Island v Nerrena
COWES
Ozzie Williams

A Grade, Division 2

MDU v Kilcunda-Bass
MEENIYAN
Neil Grabham
Foster v Nyora
FOSTER GC
Les White
Glen Alvie v Inverloch
WONTHAGGI TURF
Brad Phillips

B GRADE, Division 1

Korumburra v MDU
KORUMBURRA
Steve Williamson
OMK v Phillip Island
OUTTRIM
Graham Wightman
Nerrena v Club
NERRENA
Michael Thomas
Inverloch - BYE

B GRADE, Division 2

Kilcunda-Bass v Koonwarras L/RSL
GLEN ALVIE
Geoff Wyatt (Wk 2)
Nyora v Imperials
NYORA
Geoff Parkinson
Glen Alvie v Town
GLEN ALVIE
Michael Ryan
Foster - BYE

ROUND 1 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

C GRADE, Division 1

OMK v Kilcunda-Bass
DIGGER PARK - TBA
Korumburra v Town
POOWONG - TBA
Club v Phillip Island
MCMAHON - TBA
Nerrena - BYE

C GRADE, Division 2

Glen Alvie v Nyora
GLEN ALVIE - TBA
Inverloch v OMK
INVERLOCH - TBA
MDU v KoonL/RSL
DUMBALK - TBA
Phillip Island - BYE

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Mitch Young can't get the ball away on this occasion, managing 15 runs for Korumburra against Leongatha Town in the sides' A1 match. A19_4624

Geyer puts the pressure on Koonwarras L/RSL

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

AN IMPRESSIVE 127-run haul from Alex Geyer has Wonthaggi Club sitting comfortably in the two-day A1 match against Koonwarras L/RSL.

Playing at the Koonwarras Recreation Reserve, Geyer opened the batting with Mitch Thomas.

Thomas was caught by Isuru Darshana off the bowling of Nick Arnup after four runs, but the Cougars' fielding side had more difficulty slowing down Geyer.

Geyer's contribution to the scoreboard was aided by Harry West, captain Joel Brann and Gavin Britt, who made 54, 50 and 53 runs respectively.

Koonwarras L/RSL bowler Jason Kennedy led the charge to dismiss Club's batting order, claiming 6/38 and easing some of the damage.

Callum Buckland was the only other multiple-wicket taker.

Although bowled out, Club is set to defend a high final score of 10/376.

Mock's heroics fall just short

CAPTAIN Daniel Mock was just shy of a ton in Phillip Island's match against Nerrena.

Phillip Island won the toss at its home ground and sent in the opening partnership of Brodie Johnston and Lachlan Cleeland.

Cleeland was bowled by Mitch Clark after making 29 runs, allowing Mock to step up.

Mock went on to bat 94 runs before he was bowled out by Jarrod Hoy.

Johnston was also in great form, making 84 runs.

Hoy and Josh Trease each took two wickets, and three runouts helped Nerrena work through Phillip Island's batting order.

Phillip Island made 9/252 with Nerrena to bat this weekend.

Crocker's duck leaves Cobras vulnerable

KORUMBURRA has its work cut out for it, with defending 10/196 against Leongatha Town.

Playing at Scorpion Park, Leongatha Town won the toss and sent Korumburra in to bat first.

The loss of captain Tom Crocker for a duck was a blow to the Cobras, but Andy Millar and Jason Richards held their own and made 30 and 27 runs respectively.

Rumesh Rangana later top-scored with 38 runs and Matthew Allen contributed 32 runs.

Ethan Smith was Town's top bowler, taking 3/53.

Rhett Hume, Ron Abeysinghe and Pandukabhaya Jayasinghe each claimed two wickets.

Korumburra was bowled out in the 62nd over, leaving Town enough time to open its account.

Abeysinghe opened the bowling with captain Jesse Giardina and was 30 not out at stumps.

Giardina made 24 runs before he was caught by Zachary Barrett off the bowling of Millar.

Dulaj Lakshitha Mendis Polwattha Gallage stepped in after Giardina and made three not out.

Town played 13 overs and made 1/58.

It will continue its innings this Saturday.

Second innings set to decide it all

TWO low-scoring first innings by OMK and the Imperials will see the match determined by their second innings efforts next Saturday.

OMK won the toss and chose to bat.

Imperials' vice-captain Lachie Wright proved too strong for OMK, as he claimed 6/42.

Wright dismissed the opening partnership with Clayton Quaife

dismissed LBW for a duck and Ethan Lamers bowled out for a golden duck.

Batting fifth in the order, Noel Creed managed to get a score on the board with 38 runs.

This turned out to be OMK's top score in the first innings, with Peter Dell later contributing 16 runs.

Imperials bowlers Isaac Bolge and Aydan Williams took two wickets each.

OMK was bowled out 10/65 in the 30th over.

The Imperials managed to just surpass OMK's score but were bowled out with a score of 10/69.

Nick Eddy opened the batting for the Imperials and made the top score of 19 runs before he was bowled out by Dell.

Rowen McLennan and Timothy Sauvarin contributed 17 and 12 runs respectively.

Ryan Williams was OMK's top bowler, taking 4/20, while Dell claimed 2/22.

OMK opened its second innings with the partnership of Clayton Quaife and Xavier Lamers.

They made three and seven not out at stumps.

The match will be decided this Saturday.



Ty Debono gets into his delivery stride against Glen Alvie in the sides' A2 match in Wonthaggi. A15_4624

MDU flexes muscles against Kilcunda-Bass

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

PAUL Le Page set the tone of the A2 two-day match between MDU and Kilcunda-Bass on Saturday with 110 runs.

Le Page opened the batting for MDU and gave an impressive performance before he was dismissed off the bowling of Todd Smith.

This was backed up by a string of consistent batting from captain Joel Sinclair, Tharindu Nuwan, Scott Browne and Zak Bright.

The batsmen made 35, 38, 39 and 35 runs respectively.

Kilcunda-Bass bowler Ben Rookes managed to stop Browne and Bright, and took 3/49 for the day.

Smith claimed two wickets overall.

MDU played out its allotted overs and made 8/311, with Kilcunda-Bass set to bat this Saturday.

Foster on track to chase down Nyora

FOSTER is threatening to

approach Nyora's tally after a low-scoring first innings on Saturday.

Nyora travelled to Foster and won the toss, choosing to bat first.

Foster worked its way through Nyora's batting order, led by bowler Andrew Pattie, who claimed 3/29 early on.

Aaron Kaddatz kept Nyora in the game by top scoring with 51 runs before he was caught by Mitchell Jones off the bowling of Michael Cooke.

Reece Cordeux made 40 runs late in the innings.

Cooke and Ollie Rook were Foster's other multiple wicket takers with two each.

Nyora was bowled out at 10/134, allowing Foster to open its innings.

Though opening batsman Jones was bowled by Kaddatz after four runs, fellow opening batsman Josh Toner went on to make 39 not out.

Jake Best was also bowled by Kaddatz and Rook made 23 not.

Foster was sitting on 2/74 at stumps and will be eyeing off Nyora's total this weekend.

Inverloch eyes victory

GLEN Alvie is tasked with defending 10/132 in its clash with Inverloch.

Glen Alvie won the toss and chose to send in Matthew Donohue and captain Ben McRae.

McRae was dismissed for a golden duck, but Donohue went on to make 38 runs.

This score was matched by Wayne Luke later in the innings.

However, it was a tough day for Glen Alvie with Inverloch bowler Jake Dennerley at the helm.

Dennerley claimed 4/33, with Callum Asbury, Jesse Dugard and Cooper Newman taking two each.

Glen Alvie was bowled out in the 68th over.

Inverloch had the opportunity to play seven overs.

Opening batsmen Riley Harris and Asbury made 12 and 14 not out.

Inverloch will continue pursuing Glen Alvie's total this weekend, currently sitting on 0/32.



Callum Asbury bowls for Inverloch, taking 2/25 against Glen Alvie in A2 competition. A14_4624

A GRADE

Korumburra 196 v Town 1/58

Korumburra – 1st Innings	
Tom Crocker c: J Giardina b: R Hume ..	0
Andy Millar c: C Bruce	
b: R Abeysinghe ..	30
Jason Richards lbw: E Smith ..	27
Zachary Barrett b: E Smith ..	19
Rumesh Rangana lbw: R Hume ..	38
Matthew Allen c: A Fixter	
b: P Jayasinghe ..	32
Aaron Damon c: J Giardina b: E Smith 3	
Steve Hamill c: B Wakishta	
b: P Jayasinghe ..	15
Fill-in c: J Giardina b: R Abeysinghe ..	6
Mitch Young b: B Wakishta ..	15
Jakeb Jorgensen not out ..	0*
Extras (5w, 2nb, 2lb, 2b) ..	11
Total 10 / 196 (61.3 Overs)	
Bowling: Rhett Hume 19-4-61-2 (1nb),	
J Hume 2-2-0-0, B Wakishta 5.3-1-	
34-1, DLMP Gallage 3-2-2-0, E Smith	
16-3-53-3 (1w, 1nb), R Abeysinghe	
11-3-31-2 (3w), A Fixter 3-1-10-0 (1w),	
P Jayasinghe 2-1-1-2	
Town – 1st INNINGS	
Ron Abeysinghe not out ..	30*
Jesse Giardina c: Z Barrett b: A Millar 24	
DLMP Gallage not out ..	3*
Extras (1w) ..	1
Total 1 / 58 (13 Overs)	
Bowling: S Hamill 5-2-23-0, Fill-in 2-0-	
21-0, A Millar 4-2-4-1 (1w), T Crocker	
1-0-4-0, J Richards 1-0-6-0	

OMK 65 & 0/24 v Imperials 69

OMK – 1st INNINGS	
Clayton Quaife lbw: L Wright ..	0
Ethan Lamers b: L Wright ..	0
Koby Brann b: I Bolge ..	1
Ryan Williams c: J Ginnane	
b: L Wright ..	0
Noel Creed c: T Sauvarin b: L Wright 38	
Jacob Lamers lbw: I Bolge ..	1
Zavier Lamers c: J Ginnane	
b: L Wright ..	1
Adam Busana lbw: L Wright ..	0
Peter Dell c: L Rogers b: A Williams ..	16
Shane Taylor c: I Bolge b: A Williams ..	6
Nicholas Auddino not out ..	0*
Extras (2nb) ..	2
Total 10 / 65 (29.3 Overs)	
Bowling: L Wright 14-3-42-6,	
I Bolge 6-3-4-2, A Williams 8.3-2-18-2,	
C Bruce 1-0-1-0	

Imperials – 1st INNINGS

Nick Eddy b: P Dell ..	19
Luke Rogers lbw: Z Lamers ..	4
Timothy Sauvarin lbw: P Dell ..	12
Aydan Williams b: R Williams ..	4
Jack Ginnane c: ? b: R Williams ..	0
Campbell Reid lbw: R Williams ..	0
Rowen McLennan lbw: R Williams ..	17
Lachie Wright run out: Z Lamers,	
R Williams ..	1
Gary Sauvarin not out ..	8*

A GRADE

MDU 8/311 v Kilcunda-Bass

MDU – 1st INNINGS	
Paul Le Page c: ? b: T Smith ..	110
Mitch McGrath run out ..	18
Sam Bright lbw: R Brown ..	2
SC Lakshan c: A Larcombe	
b: B Rookes ..	1
Joel Sinclair c: ? b: T Smith ..	35
Tharindu Nuwan c: A Larcombe	
b: M Grayson ..	38
Scott Browne c: A Larcombe	
b: B Rookes ..	39
Zak Bright c: H Berry b: B Rookes ..	35
Troy Sinclair not out ..	10*
Andrew Richardson not out ..	0*
Extras (9w, 6nb, 4lb, 4b) ..	23
Total 8 / 311 (75 Overs)	
Bowling: H Berry 12-0-61-0 (4nb),	
T Smith 19-4-64-2 (1w), R Brown 6-0-	
21-1 (1w, 1nb), B Rookes 11-2-49-3	
(1nb), R Wallace 3-0-12-0, M Grayson	
22-3-81-1 (6w), Z Crow 2-0-15-0 (1w)	

Nyora 134 v Foster 2/74

Nyora – 1st INNINGS	
Henry Dolphin c: T Dyson b: A Pattie ..	6
Daniel Esler c&b: A Pattie ..	5
Bailey Henderson b: M Cooke ..	8
Jake Henry run out: T Dyson ..	8
Jy Hull c: O Rook b: A Pattie ..	1
Aaron Kaddatz c: M Jones	
b: M Cooke ..	51
Lochie Row b: O Rook ..	0
Aidan Simmons b: O Rook ..	0
Aaron Thompson c: M Allott	
b: J Toner ..	2
Reece Cordeux run out: T Dyson ..	40
Mitch Rowe not out ..	4*
Extras (3w, 4lb, 2b) ..	9
Total 10 / 134 (50.5 Overs)	
Bowling: C Asbury 18.2-11-25-2 (1nb),	
J Dugard 14-6-30-2, T Debono 7-2-27-0	
(1w, 1nb), J Dennerley 14-2-33-4 (1nb),	
C Newman 14-7-11-2 (4nb)	

DIVISION 2

Phillip Island 9/252 v Nerrena

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
Brodie Johnston c&b: T Wightman ..	84
Lachlan Cleeland b: M Clark ..	29
Daniel Mock b: J Hoy ..	94
Thomas Niven c: T Gannon b: J Hoy ..	12
Kurt Lane run out ..	3
Kohen Beaumont c: ? b: J Trease ..	3
Jarrod Black c&b: J Trease ..	4
Heath Womersley not out ..	16*
Jobe Williams run out: D Berryman ..	4
Max Royal run out: T Gannon, J Trease ..	1
Zac Brown not out ..	0*
Extras (1w, 1lb) ..	2
Total 9 / 252 (75 Overs)	
Bowling: J Trease 17-4-59-2, J Hoy 12-0-53-2 (1w), T Wightman 25-6-59-1,	
A Gannon 8-2-20-0, M Clark 8-1-30-1, D Berryman 5-0-30-0	

Foster 1/2 INNINGS

Foster – 1st INNINGS	
Mitchell Jones b: A Kaddatz ..	4
Josh Toner not out ..	39*
Jake Best b: A Kaddatz ..	2
Ollie Rook not out ..	23*
Extras (4w, 2nb) ..	6
Total 2 / 74 (24 Overs)	
Bowling: A Kaddatz 10-2-38-2,	
A Simmons 6-1-13-0 (2w), J Hull 6-3-16-0 (1w, 2nb), J Henry 2-0-7-0 (1w)	

Glen Alvie 132 v Inverloch 0/32

Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS	
Matthew Donohue c: T Debono	
b: J Dennerley ..	38
Ben McRae c: J Dugard ..	0
Matthew Dakin c: J Butcher	
b: C Asbury ..	16
Archie Moore c: R Harris	
b: C Newman ..	10
Alex Hamilton c: T Debono	
b: J Dennerley ..	0
Darsh Patel c: R Harris b: C Newman ..</td	

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One of the Wonthaggi Pony Club's members in action on the annual showjumping day. Photo: Taylah Clark.

Perfect day for annual showjumping

YOU could not have picked a better day for the Wonthaggi Pony Club's annual showjumping day last Saturday and the entries galloped in accordingly.

"We've had 90 riders here today from 12 or more clubs, a lot of them from the West Gippsland Zone but all over really, including from the Mornington Peninsula and closer in to Melbourne," said WPC President Tanya Jackson.

"It's gone really well," she said.

She offered special thanks to the day's sponsors including JC Milton, Congaree Equine, Kentucky Equine Research, The Tack Box Tyabb, Dancing Horse Garfield, Carrington Saddlery, and The NRG Team. Locally Alex Scott Real Estate, The Wonthaggi Club, Taylah Clark Photography, Ag Warehouse, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Bunnings, Mitre 10, Bass Coast Stock Feeds and Coles with numerous contributions by the families and friends of riders.



Olivia Snell of the Mirboo North Pony Club is up and over on 'Bingoh' at the Wonthaggi Pony Club's annual show jumping day.



Berrys Creek Captain and Strzelecki Group Officer Dannielle O'Loughlin earned a silver medal and equal first gold medal at the Victorian Police and Emergency Services Games recently.

Gold medals for local firies

BERRYS Creek Captain and Strzelecki Group Officer Dannielle O'Loughlin and Training Officer Meg O'Loughlin competed at the Victorian Police and Emergency Services Games on Wednesday, October 23, held at Elcho Equestrian Park, Lara.

They competed in the five equestrian showing events.

Meg secured gold medals in all her events.

They were best presented, led, most suitable mount, and ridden.

Meg also won high point for Level 5 showing and high point for all showing levels.

Dannielle won a silver medal in Led and equal first gold medal with Meg for best agency representation, dressing up as Captain Koala.

Dannielle and Meg wish to acknowledge the Victorian Police and Emergency Services Games equestrian committee for a fantastic run event and look forward to going back next year.

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