



Impressive sculpture for Woorayl Lodge

Woorayl Lodge staff, residents, board members and Rotary representatives couldn't be happier with their new lyrebird sculpture which was expertly crafted by John Vuilerman (right).

'Conflict' erupts over email ban

CR LES Larke's emails have been blacklisted by Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan.

The first sign of trouble came last Wednesday, November 16 when Cr Larke declared a 'Conflict of Interest' in the Election of the Mayor and left the council chamber.

After being contacted by the 'Sentinel-Times', Cr Larke explained why:

"It's a delicate one. I've been told that I can't send emails to the Mayor, Cr Whelan, that they'll be redirected to a staff member, who'll decide if they're appropriate or not to be forwarded on to the Mayor," said Cr Larke.

"And any emails, where I copy in all councillors, will also be forwarded on to a staff member, who will decide if they can be sent on."

"It affects the way I can operate as a councillor, as a representative of the community," he said.

"Initially there was no explanation and then I was told by the CEO that she had responsibility for workplace occupational health and safety and those were the grounds for not forwarding on my emails to Michael.

"At no stage have the emails I've sent to the Mayor been anything other than respectful and cordial, certainly no bullying or abuse.

"That's where it stands, with

no process, no right of reply, and no timeline. That's what I've got a problem with," said Cr Larke this week.

"So, when the vote for the mayor came up on Wednesday, I thought 'how can I participate in that' when it's still going on. I felt I had a clear conflict of interest under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020."

Cr Whelan responded this week, claiming it wasn't the first time a mayor had had to divert Cr Larke's emails.

"He's got form on this," said Cr Whelan.

Cr Larke is also not the only person in the Bass Coast Shire to

have his emails blocked, but he is the only councillor.

Under the shire's controversial 'Unreasonable Conduct by Customers Policy', up to six Bass Coast Shire residents and rate-payers have been warned off; among them are the president of the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association, Kevin Griffin, and the former secretary of the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-branch, Rod Gallagher, who had an exchange of emails with shire CEO Ali Wastie, a few years ago, about the choice of a student rather than a councillor to lay a wreath on Remembrance Day 2020.

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Mr Gallagher said the shire had initially agreed the Young Citizen of the Year would lay the wreath, on behalf of the council, which was involved in the election process at the time, with the choice endorsed by several community groups, as the young person had proposed to read out the names of local lodge members who had died in either world war, including both her grandfather and great uncle who had died as prisoners of war.

"Late on Tuesday, the day before Remembrance Day, the council claimed they tried to contact me about a change. They advised that the Young Person of the Year would still attend on Wednesday (November 11, 2020) but since the council election results had been gazetted earlier than expected, they wanted one of the new councillors to lay the wreath on behalf of the shire," Mr Gallagher said.

The late change posed all sorts of problems for the RSL, first and foremost the disappointment of having to tell the young lady her services were no longer required, but also, the order of service had already been endorsed, as RSL protocol requires, by RSL Victoria.

Mr Gallagher admits the resulting emails to the CEO were "candid", even "strongly worded" but at no stage could they be considered abusive.

"On the Remembrance Day last year, I asked the Councillor attending the Inverloch service to check the status of this ban. Two weeks later I received email advice that the ban was considered by an independent person and had been extended for another 12 months," Mr Gallagher said.

The dispute is one of the reasons why he's no longer the RSL Sub-branch Secretary, although he was drafted in, at short notice, as a Vietnam Veteran, to take charge of this year's Remembrance Day event.

Kevin Griffin has also attempted to challenge his email ban.



The reappointment of Cr Michael Whelan as Bass Coast Mayor, for a second term last Wednesday, has been overshadowed by conflict between the mayor and Cr Les Larke.

He believes the shire simply got sick of receiving his emails, raising legitimate questions on behalf of his members, not because of any allegations of bullying or abuse.

At the time the council introduced the Unreasonable Conduct by Customers Policy last year, it was claimed that one customer had sent more than 400 emails, in little over a year, to councillors and council.

"In a very small number of cases, some customers behave in ways that are inappropriate and unacceptable, despite our best efforts to help them," the shire said when introducing the policy in March 2021.

"They are aggressive and/or verbally abusive towards our people. They threaten harm and violence, bombard our offices with unnecessary and excessive phone calls and emails, make inappropriate demands on our time and our resources and refuse to accept our decisions and recommendations in relation to their complaints.

"They may also use social media platforms to damage Council's reputation and brand. When customers behave in these ways, we consider their conduct to be unreasonable."

Under the policy, the council even has the option of completely terminating a customer's access to council.



Cr Les Larke believes he's entitled to an explanation as to why his emails have been diverted.

Neither Mr Griffin nor Mr Gallagher, and now Cr Larke, have been offered a satisfactory explanation.

"I wasn't aware of Cr Larke's ban, but it's clearly a major overreach by the mayor and the shire's administration."

While the two local ratepayers have been blacklisted under the new Unreasonable Conduct by Customers Policy, of May 2021, Cr Larke issues don't appear to fall under the Councillor Code of Conduct 2021 policy.

"I couldn't say for sure what brought it on except that I was planning to move a 'Notice of Motion' at the September (2022) meeting, querying the Mayor's role in arranging a candidates' forum of which the sitting Member, Jordan Crugnale, was also critical."

At the time, Ms Crugnale labelled the move by Cr Whelan, to arrange an "invite only" candidates' event, on behalf of the council, as "inappropriate and bizarre".

She said she would not be attending the October 12 event, to be held at the Silverwater Resort, San Remo, because it was "entirely inappropriate for local government to be hosting and/or facilitating a state election candidate meet and greet".

The event was ultimately cancelled.

Cr Larke proposed to move

the following motion at the September 2022 council meeting:

"That the Mayor show cause why the Mayor should not stand down from the Mayoral position, given the 'Community Leaders and Candidates Breakfast' matter, and in my view, the likelihood that Council's reputation and advocacy strategy has been significantly undermined in the lead up to the Victorian State election."

Cr Larke said he gave the Mayor the opportunity to explain his actions, in trying to organise the event without consulting fellow councillors, however while no explanation was forthcoming, Cr Larke withdrew the motion.

"I drew up the Notice of Motion on September 9, gave Michael the opportunity to reply, then withdrew the motion and Michael requested that the CEO block my emails," said Cr Larke.

"I can't say if that was the driver, but I received advice from Mr Mack (Wayne Mack, the shire's General Manager Business Transformation) that any email sent by me to Cr Whelan would be redirected to a staff member's mailbox.

"It was implemented by the CEO without investigation, explanation or right of reply and that's where it stands, with no timeline."

Cr Larke has so far ruled out taking the matter to the Local Government Inspectorate for investigation but, as last Wednesday's Conflict of Interest action indicates, it leaves a cloud hanging over the council and also, overshadows Cr Whelan's reappointment for a second term as mayor.

The mayor has acknowledged to the 'Sentinel-Times' this week that he was annoyed by Cr Larke's use of the Notice of Motion opportunity.

"He's using it as a tactic to attack me as mayor which is not what it's for. It's a distraction and should be treated as such."

Cr Whelan said matters of substance from Cr Larke would still come back to him for action as required.



Male charged for Leongatha Primary damage

MORE than a dozen windows were smashed at the Leongatha Primary school causing approximately \$10,000 damage between November 4-6.

Police conducted an investigation and through public assistance via social media, a 20-year-old male from Leongatha was arrested on the November 15.

Processed at Wonthaggi Police Station, the male was charged for criminal damage and bailed to appear at court at a later date.

Worrying burglaries at Cowes, Inverloch

POLICE are unsure if two aggravated burglaries at Cowes and Inverloch on Monday and Tuesday (November 14-15) are linked but in each case, the brazen robbers have entered the homes while the occupiers were present.

Speaking on Gippsland ABC Radio this week, Morwell-based Inspector Peter Fusinato said in one case, the keys of a late model VW Tiguan were stolen and the car driven away, while passports were stolen from the other home.

"In the first one, overnight on Monday (November 14), the family were asleep in their two storey home upstairs, unfortunately they had an unlocked back (sliding) door, and the offender has managed to gain entry and stolen the car keys off the kitchen bench and then stolen the car that they had parked out on the front lawn," he said.

"They woke up in the morning to find their vehicle, a 2019 Volkswagen Tiguan, was missing.

"The following day, around lunch-time, offenders have gained entry via an unlocked internal garage door, the roller door to the garage was left open. The offenders have come in and stolen numerous items including three passports from a drawer in the master bedroom while the victim was actually in the lounge room watching TV.

"We've spoken about it before, whether you're home or not home, secure your house. There are people out there that want to take advantage of unlocked doors and things of that nature. So, make sure you keep your house secure. Unfortunately, we have to do that in this day and age."

Rural property theft

TWO WHITE vehicles were stolen from a rural property between Wonthaggi and Inverloch overnight between November 17-18.

A Toyota Hilux and Nissan Patrol are still outstanding and anyone who has information regarding the vehicles, have seen suspicious vehicle activity or have CCTV or dash cam footage are urged to call Wonthaggi Police on 5671 4100.



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Wind PM: W 15-20km/h
10° 18°



THUR | Nov 24
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Wind AM: W 15-20km/h
Wind PM: Light
11° 19°



FRI | Nov 25
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
10° 23°



SAT | Nov 26
Shower or two.
Wind AM: NW-NE 15-25km/h
Wind PM: NW-SW 15-20km/h
15° 25°



SUN | Nov 27
Showers.
Wind AM: W 15-20km/h
Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h
12° 21°

IN BRIEF

Burglaries across Wonthaggi and Inverloch

CRIME Investigation Unit detectives are looking into car thefts across various streets in Wonthaggi and Inverloch recently.

Police would like to remind individuals to keep their possessions safety locked including vehicles, trailers and tools.

Anyone with information, CCTV or dash cam footage are urged to contact CI at Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Happenings at Wonthaggi Police Station

PEOPLE walk through the door of Wonthaggi Police Station for various reasons and one of them is for document signing.

With Justices of the Peace (JPs) on hand Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm, it's no surprise that in the last year alone they have signed 9431 documents; and over 60,000 since they started at the station.

From identity theft to document certification through to migrants proving they are still alive; the voluntary role is varied.

Individuals are reminded to bring a photocopy of the document they need certified along with the original copy with them when they visit.

Refuge Cove rescue

A WILSON'S Promontory walker had to be airlifted out of Refuge Cove at the weekend after injuring her leg on a remote part of the round trip.

According to Morwell-based Victoria Police inspector Peter Fusinato the lone woman walker was able to find her way to Refuge Cove where she could be picked up by the police airwing.

"We just need people to be mindful of the conditions

when they're heading out over the summer," Inspector Fusinato told ABC Radio.

Are you missing a trailer and stump grinder?

ON OCTOBER 31 Police located a trailer with stump grinder on board and are seeking its owner.

If you or someone you know are the proud owner of this lovely item, can you please contact the Bass Coast Highway Patrol (Wonthaggi Police Station 5671 4100) so you can be reunited as soon as possible.

Trailer stolen from White Road Wonthaggi

BETWEEN 5pm on Wednesday, November 9 and 7am on Thursday, November 10, unknown offender(s) have stolen a light green 2004 turner flatbed trailer bearing registration Q60801 from a vacant block on White Road, Wonthaggi.

The trailer had a steel frame sitting on it with a sign attached advertising a local business.

The frame and sign were later found dumped on Cemetery Road, Coronet Bay.

If you have any information regarding this incident or have seen this trailer, please contact officers at Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100.

Keyboard warriors

AS THE election nears the final stages, individuals are reminded that whilst freedom of expression is implied and every person has the right to hold an opinion without interference as per the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

It is never acceptable and against the law to make comments online that are intended to cause serious harm,

and is menacing, harassing or offensive.

Across multiple platforms and fractions of society, keyboard warriors and online harassment is increasing, and that is even before you bring into account physical trespassing on property, harassment and assault in person.

Salvo's Christmas service

THE Salvation Army in Wonthaggi will hold their Christmas Day Service on December 25, at 9:30am, at 149 McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi.

All other services during the year, unless otherwise stated other than Christmas day, are at 11am.

Rings missing at Inverloch

SUNDAY, November 6 at approximately 1pm, a victim has misplaced her engagement ring and wedding ring at the beach in Inverloch.

RING 1: Yellow Gold engagement ring with 5x diamonds.

RING 2: White Gold with two rows of diamonds with a set of baguette diamonds in the middle.

These items are of sentimental value.

If located, please contact officers at Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100.

Damaging winds and falling trees prompt warnings

AS OF Monday, November 21, the Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) received 491 Requests for Assistance (RFAs) from Victorian communities, which included 313 downed trees, 40 calls relating to building damage, and 17 incidents relating to flood.

In Gippsland 27 RFA's were received including 23 downed trees, one assist police and one building damage.

VICSES reminds communities that gusty winds can turn ordinary items, from your backyard, into airborne hazards.

* Check loose items such as outdoor settings, trampolines and umbrellas are secured.

* Stay indoors and away from windows.

* Do not park under trees.

* Drive to the conditions. There may be debris across the road such as fallen powerlines, trees, and tree branches.

If you need storm or flood assistance, call VICSES on 132 500 or, in a life-threatening emergency situation, call Triple Zero (000).

Refugee family ready to settle in Wonthaggi

AS YOU read this article, Khadija, Lukman and their children are boarding a plane for a 30 plus hour journey to a new life in Australia, Wonthaggi in particular.

A refugee family, who have been matched with the Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group in a federal government pilot program (Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot, CRISP), involves community groups providing settlement support to refugees.

The group has been working tirelessly, securing and furnishing accommodation, arranging education and language support.

Forced to flee a civil war in their home country, they have been sheltering in Iraq under severely straitened circumstances for several years.

People can check out their Facebook page (Bass Coast Refugee Support Group), to find out how their new life is progressing and to learn of ways they can assist the family to feel welcome in their new home.



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Almost \$45m needed across coming decade for new tracks and trails

THE wheels were set in motion for the shire's \$44.3M Tracks and Trails Strategy 2022-2032 and Delivery Plan 2022-2024 which was adopted at last week's meeting.

The strategy identifies almost 40 additional trail opportunities throughout the shire, with projects broken into different priorities: High priority (\$22.3M), medium priority (\$18.1M) and low priority (\$3.9M).

High priority trail projects include:

- Wonthaggi to Inverloch Trail
- Woolamai to Nyora Rail Trail Extension
- Coghlan Rd to Redwood Drive
- Rhyll Inlet to Cowes-Rhyll Road
- Ozone St to Goroke St
- Cowes to Ventor Foreshore Trail

Medium priority:

- Coronet Bay to Corinella
- Cape Paterson Loop
- The Esplanade Surf Beach
- Phillip Island Road to George Bass Coastal Walk
- Cowes to Pyramid Rock

Low priority:

- Bass River Trail
- Churchill Road Coastal access
- Berrys Beach Road/ Troutmans Track

Following feedback on the draft, amendments were made including increased weighted criterion scoring for environmental impact in the assessment tool, further clarification focusing on the trail development stages process that articulates trail identification, design, and delivery process, and minor trail realignments and omitted trails in line with Council's existing documents have been included in the Strategy.

One trail which drew much public attention was the proposed Cowes to Ventnor Foreshore Trail, with two petitions both in support and against lodged with the shire.

It is noted that all proposed trail locations require further feasibility studies, preliminary design work and community consultation prior to any final trail alignment being



The Tracks and Trails Strategy 2022-2032 was formally adopted last week and looks to create a shire-wide interconnected network over the coming decade.

proposed.

Cr David Rooks queried as to why some routes were ranked higher than others which don't have connectivity between townships, and how the strategy would deal with this issue.

A council officer responded stating the strategy looks to "create an interconnected network across the whole shire".

"We don't want to find a situation where we're building apartment starts from nowhere that runs to nowhere without being connected," the officer stated.

Cr Ron Bauer said in light of looking for savings in the capital works program, the shire should "join and fix what we have before looking at new projects".

"As things stand the most important part of this strategy is to build the missing sections of the Cowes-Rhyll track paying particular attention to the section from Conservation Hill leading into Rhyll," he said.

"The main bike track from Cowes to San Remo must have at the very least an upgraded pedestrian crossing at Newhaven

College, and the track needs to be a shared pathway all the way to San Remo."

Cr Bauer also highlighted the petition against the Cowes to Ventnor track, stating it should be scrapped due to fears it would destroy foreshore vegetation.

Cr Les Larke supported calls for a trail between Cape Paterson and Inverloch, stating it should be a priority rather than the Wonthaggi to Inverloch inland trail.

"Duplication of tracks and trails is not economic, it's millions of dollars going into the inland trail that could be prioritised elsewhere in council's funding, and I won't be supporting the tracks and trails strategy because of that priority given over the next few years for the inland trail."

Council's Long Term Financial Plan identifies a nominal \$1M amount each financial year for the design and delivery of recommendations made in the Tracks and Trails Strategy.

To apportion this funding in the immediate term, a three-year plan was developed to

provide clarity on trails scheduled for advocacy, design, and delivery between 2022 and 2024.

Trails identified for 2022/23 include Guy Road Corinella, Wonthaggi to Inverloch (final design), Cowes to Rhyll, and Woolamai to Nyora.

The delivery plan will be reviewed annually, and a new plan developed at each four-year period to identify forecast projects in the Tracks and Trails Strategy.

The strategy also highlights Bass Coast has very little public land to accommodate new trails.

Additionally, a large proportion of the current trail network is located on and managed by other public land managers, such as Parks Victoria and Phillip Island Nature Parks.

Stakeholders indicated that it will be difficult to connect some parts of the trail network due to private land ownership

Currently there are no formal council developed mountain bike or equestrian trails located on council managed land.

'There'll be chaos' they say on election day in Wonthaggi

WHERE do you vote on Election Day in Wonthaggi?

If you answered: the Wonthaggi Senior Citizens Club in Murray Street, you'd be wrong.

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is closing the Early Voting Centre at the Senior Citizens Club at 6pm this Friday, November 25 and will open the McKenzie Street Campus of the Bass Coast (Wonthaggi) Secondary College at 8am on election day, Saturday, November 26.

It's not an issue of the senior citizens' centre not being available. The VEC have it booked all weekend.

And they're not doing it for us, the voters of Bass.

They're doing it so they can spread out all the pre-poll votes, of which there could be several thousand, ready to starting pre-poll votes from as early as 8am on election day.

There's simply no room for the voters in that scenario.

The Bass District is expected to be one of those electorates upon which the outcome of the whole State Election could hinge, and the VEC wants to be on top of the count so that the result here can contribute to an early indication of the overall result.

But it's not going to help the hundreds of people who make the mistake of turning up at the Wonthaggi Senior Citizens Centre on Election Day, Saturday, November 26.

"No one knows why they've decided to have the voting up here," said nearby local resident Glen Richards.

"A lot of people don't even know there's a secondary college up at the end of McKenzie Street," said Mr Richards.

"And that's another problem. There's only one way in and one way out. It's going to be chaos up there at certain times during the day."

It helps that more than half

the people have already voted early.

Voting places on election day in and around Wonthaggi include:

- Bass Coast College, McKenzie Campus, 2 McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi.
 - Wonthaggi North Primary School, 55 White Road, Wonthaggi.
 - Dalyston Hall, Corner Tulloch Street and Bass Highway, (access via Tulloch Street), Dalyston.
 - Cape Paterson Community Hall, 567 Cape Paterson Road, Cape Paterson.
 - Kilcunda Community Centre, 3513-3515 Bass Highway, Kilcunda
 - Inverloch Community Hub, 16 A'Beckett Street, Inverloch
 - Kongwak Primary School, 1445 Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road, Kongwak.
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Smart parking almost live... just in time for holiday period!

BASS Coast Shire has confirmed all smart parking sensors have been installed in Wonthaggi and Cowes with the associated parking 'app' expected to be ready this month.

According to the shire, the sensors have been in a 'period of monitoring to ensure they are functioning correctly.'

Electronic signage is scheduled to be installed in Cowes during the next month, while the availability app is currently being tested before being becoming available.

The project was originally slated to 'go-live' in October.

In total, the project has seen the installation of 730 parking bay sensors in Wonthaggi and Cowes.

Smart Parking will be used by the shire to aid enforcement, as the technology will let officers know exactly how long a car has been parked in a parking bay.

However, the technology does not issue infringements and is not paid parking.

Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



IT was a privilege last week to be re-elected Mayor of our beautiful region for a second 12-month term.

I congratulate Cr Rochelle Halstead on being elected unopposed as Deputy Mayor. Rochelle is well known as a councillor in the Western Port ward and she brings with her much experience and passion for Bass Coast.

And I personally thank Cr Leticia Laing for her immense contribution to the role of over the past year.

Now it's straight back to business because while much was achieved over the past 12 months there is a lot more to do and I look forward to continuing to work closely with the community on what we all value: healthy communities, protecting our natural environments, sustainable development, social connection, creativity and a strong local economy.

After last year's incredible capital works program we continue to build and support the infrastructure our community needs.

We have a number of exciting projects nearing completion including:

- Guide Park in Wonthaggi.
- New purpose-built facilities for PICAL in Warley Avenue, and
- Inverloch Kindergarten which will be ready for the start of the 2023 school year.

In 2023 will also see the opening of the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre.

It is an exciting time with plenty to focus our time and energy on in the coming year.

Thank you for the opportunity and we will look forward to continue to be guided by our community vision.



Residents of San Remo, Peggy, Jimmy, Tallow, Daniel, and Chantai are pleased to hear the Bass Coast Shire Council have awarded a tender to finally start sealing Shetland Heights Road, works that will improve the safety for drivers and pedestrians. Z16_4722

Budget blow out but skate park goes ahead

TENDERS were awarded for two long-awaited projects with the reconstruction of Shetland Heights Road at San Remo and a skate park for Kilcunda.

Councillors voted in favour to award the tenders at last week's shire meeting.

The community had long campaigned for the sealing of Shetland Heights Road, due to a number of issues ranging from dust and driving conditions.

While the opening of Bass Coast College's San Remo campus also added to the pressure.

The total budget for the project is \$2,060,000, with funding of \$1,847,000 received from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and a Council Contribution of \$220,000.

SR Excavations Pty Ltd received the tender contract, with works expected to commence in February next year and be completed by June.

Oddly enough, there remained \$67,125.70 available in the adopted budget of \$2,060,000, which will be used for contingency if required.

However, the story was different for Kilcunda's skate park and playspace renewal, with council approving additional funds of \$148,500 for the \$720,532 project (includes contingency, internal management costs).

This was due to the tender submission price being higher than the allocated budget, with the project awarded to Grind Projects Pty Ltd.

The shire stated the company presented the 'lowest cost

conforming tender' and was the best value to council.

"This is based on the works required and current complexities of the construction industry, where Council has received feedback from local contractors that there has been significant price increases and shortages in some construction materials," shire documents stated.

"Given the quantum of the budget shortfall, the panel engaged in a value management exercise with the tenderers as part of a Best and Final Offer (BAFO), however this exercise didn't bring tender submission below budget.

"Re-tendering this work would be unlikely to attract additional tenderers, risks further price rises and further delays in the project completion."

Construction is expected to

begin in March 2023 and be completed by May.

The shire also stated the budget increase is offset by a transfer from Council's Skate Park Reserve.

At last week's meeting, Cr Les Larke remarked that in previous meetings, he had calculated a significant 'shortfall of cash' in the shire's cash reserves.

"In all likelihood council needs to recognise that the additional budget requested will not come by way of book entry from those reserves," Cr Larke said.

"But will ultimately come through further borrowings."

However, a council officer confirmed the additional funds would be taken from the skate reserve, as the money was available, and wouldn't be a borrowing.

Bass Coast holiday home councillors couldn't vote

FOUR Bass Coast Shire Councillors, who presumably have rental properties listed on the 'Short Stay' market, were unable to vote last Wednesday, November 16 when the shire proposed to introduce a flat registration fee of \$300 on holiday homes.

But that doesn't mean the hundreds of property owners

who offer holiday homes for rent, for under 30 consecutive days to another person, will avoid the new fee, and the other rules being introduced.

Crs Bauer, Whelan, Rooks and Larke all expressed a conflict of interest and with Cr Tessari away on electoral duties, there wasn't a quorum for the vote.

Instead Crs Halstead, Kent,

Laing and Le Serve have been appointed to a delegation committee, which will also include two shire officers, which will vote on the introduction of the Short Stay Rental Accommodation (SSRA) regulations and fees on Thursday, November 24

The new fee and registration requirements will be effective from July 1, 2023.

Under the newly adopted Local Law, Council is required to register and enforce amenity issues in relation to SSRA.

Council Officers also identified that horse riding permit fees were not included in the annual fees and charges schedule that was adopted by Council this financial year due to an administrative error. This will also be rectified.

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Cr Whelan returned as Bass Coast Mayor

CR MICHAEL Whelan has been returned as Mayor of the Bass Coast Shire Council for another 12 months.

Alongside him will be Cr Rochelle Halstead who was appointed to take over the role vacated by Cr Leticia Laing.

In a statement this week, Cr Laing said she had enjoyed the role of Deputy Mayor over the past 12 months but would now be addressing other priorities, including her studies, in the next 12 months.

Both Cr Whelan and Cr Halstead were elected unopposed for the roles.

Cr Whelan, who was nominated and seconded by Cr Clare Le Serve and Cr David Rooks respectively, thanked council for its vote of confidence and said there was still plenty of “unfinished business” with which he would like to continue.

“It was a very busy year last year and we’ve still got plenty of unfinished business to attend to, particularly around the advocacy that we need to pursue and pursued vigorously,” said Cr Whelan.

“We are still getting trickles of interest from government, but we need to pursue that quite strongly in the near future.

“I will do a report in relation to the last year to the camera, and that’ll go up on our webpage, probably tomorrow.

“In the meantime, I’d like to thank Councillor Laing for her work as Deputy Mayor through the year and acknowledge her



Newly appointed deputy mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead and second term mayor, Cr Michael Whelan.

hard work and also her extracurricular achievements, or perhaps that’s not the right term, but in any event, the work that she’s done on her studies and how well she’s done there.

Cr Clare Le Serve took the opportunity to congratulate Cr Whelan on the extension of his role as Mayor, acknowledging his hard work and the “professional manner and integrity” with which he discharged his responsibilities.

Only one nomination was received for the position of Deputy Mayor, from Cr Rochelle Halstead.

Cr Halstead was appreciative of council’s support.

“This is a pretty exciting day for me and I look forward to serving the community in this role.”

She thanked Cr Whelan and Cr Laing for their work during the past year.

Cr Laing issued a statement in which she explained her plan to qualify as a lawyer, but also that she would continue her duties as a councillor.

“The time commitments for a councillor are less onerous than that for mayor or deputy and I will continue to serve on the four committees that I have been on for the past two years, which includes a non-executive board director role overseeing our four – soon to be five – community libraries and those of three other councils.

“The only committee I will be stepping away from is the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee where I was a sub-chair.”

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Cost range for scheme

BASS Coast Shire was questioned on the average cost to ratepayers for the Pioneer Bay road improvement scheme in relation to one being investigated at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay estates.

“The Pioneer Bay Special Charge Scheme project totalled \$4.6M and 230 residents contributed to 92% of the cost. This equates to an average amount of \$18,400 per property. Costs ranged from \$13,898 to \$52,098 depending on the property size,” the shire responded during last week’s Public Question time.

However, when asked what the estimated average cost to individuals for a completed scheme at the estates, the shire stated costs have not yet been determined.

Planning scheme scrutinised

COUNCIL was asked to explain why the Regional Sand Extraction Strategy Lang Lang to Grantville is not part of the Shire Planning Scheme, as instructed when the Strategy was gazetted.

The question came from Philip and Anne Westwood.

“Whilst not formally incorporated into the Bass Coast Planning Scheme as an incorporated document, the Regional Sand Strategy is referenced within the Scheme and included as a Background Document,” the shire confirmed during Public Question Time last week.

“Background documents provide useful context in interpreting the planning scheme, but cannot be relied upon in

assessing permit applications and planning scheme amendments. Council has recently advocated for a review of this strategy and the associated Extractive Industry Interest Areas and associated planning controls by the Victorian Government.”

Unspent grants

GRAHAM Jolly queried council on its unspent Operational Grants fund at last week’s Public Question Time.

Mr Jolly’s question stated, “On the 30/6/2022 the unspent Operational Grants funds was \$2,543,000. The Capital Grants funds was \$12,765,000. The total unspent of Grants was \$15,308,000. How much of the total \$15,308,000 has Council spent in the first quarter up to 30/9/2022?”

The shire responded saying \$2,635,000 was expended of its unexpended operational and capital grants during the quarter ending September 30, 2022.

Mayor’s move

KYM Lightfoot sought clarity following a recent council meeting where Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan moved a motion.

“At the council meeting 26/10/2022, the mayor moved a motion as chair of the meeting. What are the meeting rules that warrants this action of the Mayor to move a motion?” Kym asked at Public Question Time.

In response, the shire said the Local Government Act requires the mayor to present the Annual Report at a council meeting, with no rule that prevents the mayor from moving a motion at a council meeting.



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Now council wants to hear from you

HOW and when you get your information from the Bass Coast Shire Council is important.

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And at Bass Coast, they are working on a new Communications and Engagement Strategy that will use all the traditional methods and lots of new and innovative ways to engage with you on a whole lot of issues from green waste amnesties and rubbish bin times to entertainment and events and the more weighty matters of the council plan and budget.

The shire has just put out its draft plan for improving its communications and now they want to hear from you.

Their team will be out in the Council van for feedback at the following times and locations:

- Tuesday, November 22 from 12:30pm – 1:30pm. Inverloch Community Hub, 16 Abeckett Street, Inverloch
- Tuesday, November 22 from 2:00pm to 3:00 pm. Wonthaggi Library, 6 Murray Street, Wonthaggi (Location changed from Apex Park to Wonthaggi Library due to weather).
- Wednesday, November 30 9:30 am to 10:30am. Grantville Transaction Centre, 1504-1510 Bass Hwy.

Social media, local newspapers and word of mouth are considered by most as they best ways to get their information about the council. What do you think?



A fresh concept for Wonthaggi's streets

A new team have stepped up with fresh ideas for the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape Master Plan. C25_4722

THE reputation prior to Wednesday for the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape as part of Bass Coast Shire's Master Plan was less than impressive according to some locals.

All that changed last week as Key Stakeholders were invited by Bass Coast Shire's Major Projects team to hear the new and vastly different concept proposal.

Still in its early days, the concept has listened to feedback from the community and key stakeholders and comes with a fresh new team.

The project is managed by Bass Coast Shire Major Projects Team; Damian Prendergast, Hannah Eisen and Emma Allsop, while the new concept has been designed by Hansen Partnership and The Institute for Sensible Transport.

Stakeholders were shocked by the vast transformation, with one concerned business owner exclaiming it was 'a hundred per cent better (on McBride Avenue)'.

The feedback session on Wednesday was the first step in

the new plan which will see government stakeholders, community groups and affected traders able to comment between now and December 7.

Feedback from these stakeholders will be consolidated and plans reviewed prior to the Master Plan being introduced to the community after Christmas.

A final Master Plan will evolve following engagement and feedback, which will inform the schematic design in the first quarter of 2023.


The initial concept plans are

head and shoulders above previous plans that fired up local residents and business owners.

Gone is the heavy shift from less parking and outdoor 'al fresco' options, instead the new plan balances the fine line between breathing room, more all-day parking and space for businesses to utilise the sidewalk.

Stay tuned as further details regarding the community consultation and updated plans for the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape are provided after Christmas.

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FlexiRide the answer to transport woes?

WITH the lack of public transport continuing to plague Bass Coast, a joint initiative between the shire, Department of Transport and Destination Phillip Island seeks to change that.

The organisations are undertaking a study into the Demand Responsive Transport network – starting with Phillip Island and San Remo.

The initiative sounds simple in theory- no fixed routes and no timetables.

“Instead on-demand public transport operates when requested. Like an Uber for mini-buses, users hail the service via a smart-phone app or at bus stops, then routing algorithms calculate the most efficient pick-ups and drop-offs,” the shire stated last week.

It’s even being promoted that it will increase tourist participation, improve mobility and speed up decarbonisation by replacing private car journeys and link users to existing networks.

“Our plan for a three-year pilot would see responsive buses operate across Phillip Island and San Remo 7 days a week, until 11pm during peak periods and 9pm off peak,” the shire said.

“Fully integrated with existing public transport services, it will also allow longer journeys into the broader region.”

It is also hoped on-demand transport will benefit the economy, with up to 49 additional



Bass Coast Shire, Department of Transport and Destination Phillip Island are implementing a ‘pilot’ on-demand public transport service across San Remo and Phillip Island.

commuters and 85 additional trips attracted into town a day.

And the fleet would be fully electric, with plans to avoid using up to 372 tonnes of carbon emissions.

If the program is successful across San Remo and Phillip Island, it will be implemented shire-wide.

The concept is already in place in areas such as Croydon, Lilydale, Rowville and Woodend.

The cashless service operates only when passengers book via a smartphone app or their nearest bus stop, between designated hubs in the same service area.

In Mooroolbark for example, passengers can book a trip any-

where within the service either to or from Mooroolbark Station or Chirnside Park Shopping Centre.

Service hours are from 6am-8pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm on Saturday but no Sundays or public holidays.

Funding and tourism

Council has received \$50k from the Victorian Government towards the pilot’s Service Design and Implementation Plan.

However, council is seeking much more.

“Annual operating costs are estimated at \$1million. Electric buses will total \$1.6 million. With an inclusive 50% operating cost contingency, the three-year

trial is anticipated to cost \$6.25 million,” the shire stated.

It’s also estimated that tourists will make ‘100 trips a day’ on the service.

“We know that the opportunity to visit a destination and not use your vehicle, or arrive on public transport, is an option that many visitors would like to have. The investment in this project would be of great benefit to our region,” said Kim Storey, general manager Destination Phillip Island.

According to the AAA’s Transport Affordability Index, Australians spend an average of \$379.90 a week on transport, 15.2% of the average income. This includes over \$100 on fuel.

Delays for Wonthaggi CBD crossings

PEDESTRIAN upgrades in Wonthaggi’s CBD have been delayed with major works expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) has been constructing new pedestrian crossings at Graham and Murray Streets since May, with works originally scheduled to finish this month.

In October, construction was completed at both the Murray Street pedestrian crossing, and the first of two new pedestrian crossings in Graham Street at the Plaza Arcade.

While works recently commenced on a crossing at the union arts centre.

Power connection will soon be installed for the pedestrian light crossing on Graham Street for access to the arcade.

“Crews are delivering these projects as quickly as possible to minimise disruption for businesses, and despite the recent wet weather we expect major works will be completed by the end of the year,” Regional Roads Victoria Regional Director (Gippsland), Beth Liley.

RRV will also introduce speed limits of 40km/h within along Graham Street, Murray Street, Billson Street and McBride Avenue in the CBD.

However, the project has seen 14 car spaces removed and two regular car parks converted to disabled use only.

An additional drop-off area will be created in front of the arts centre.



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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Foster Structure Plan

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking public comment on the recently endorsed Foster Structure Plan Discussion Paper.

The Discussion Paper has been designed to give the community important information about the future of Foster.

Foster residents are encouraged to attend drop-in sessions, complete an online survey or upload a written submission.

- Drop-in sessions**
- Friday 25 November – 9.00am to 12.00pm in the Foster Main Street at the covered laneway.
 - Sunday 11 December – 9.00am to 11.00am at the Prom Produce and Craft Market (Foster Showgrounds).

For more information:
<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/fostersp>

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Christmas Drive

Christmas can be a tough time of year for some.

We have teamed up with Leongatha Salvation Army to be a collection point for this year's Christmas food and toy drive. We encourage you to help by donating unwrapped toys, non-perishable food and gifts that can help put a smile on someone's face this festive season. Please feel free to include wrapping paper or a gift bag for parents.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS
 (Council Chambers, Leongatha)
Wednesday 23 November, 2.00pm – Mayoral Election
Wednesday 14 December, 2.00pm

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REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

RFT/336 – Supply & Installation of Guardrail Black Spot Funding Program (Various Locations).
 Closes Tuesday 6 December.

RFT/340 – Leongatha Early Learning Centre Carpark Extension.
 Closes Tuesday 6 December.

RFT/344 – Simons Lane, Road Reconstruction.

Closes Tuesday 13 December.
RFT/346 – Mirboo North Swimming Pool Carpark Extension.
 Closes Tuesday 13 December.
RFT/348 – Sealed Roads Rehab.
 Closes Thursday 15 December.

All tenders close at 2.00pm. Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal:
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Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Harriet Shing, Gippsland South Candidate Denise Ryan and Leongatha Community House manager Maddison Redpath were delighted the government would fund \$50K for the house to continue and expand its programs. Ns024722

More election promises for Leongatha

IT WAS all smiles at Leongatha Community House last week as the Labor Government announced they would invest a \$50K grant if re-elected. The grant will go towards the community house's activities and programs, while allowing them to expand other opportunities. Gippsland South Candidate Denise Ryan and Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Harriet Shing were on deck to make the announcement, much to the delight of House manager Maddison Redpath. Ms Redpath said the House

continues to experience increasing demand, catering to almost 9000 visitors this year. "We had to shut down obviously with the lockdowns," she said. "But we still operated a lot of services; we helped out with food relief and partnered with IGA and did a lot of Zoom classes. "We tried to connect people where we could." Ms Redpath highlighted it was great to have the funding commitment, as community houses often went unrecognised for their vital work.

"It just means we will be able to invest in community projects," she said. "We've actually secured a community bus, and if we need to employ tutors and things like that the house can stay open for longer." **Health hub for Leongatha** The government also announced if they are re-elected, they will invest \$67M to deliver new Mental Health And Wellbeing Locals, including in Leongatha. The services provide free at-point-of-care treatment and wellbeing support, including

for people with co-occurring alcohol and drug addiction treatment and care needs. According to the government, the Royal Commission recommended that all sites are opened by 2026, including Leongatha. However, no further details were given on where the site would be located but it was indicated that it would be close to a major health service such as Leongatha Hospital. It is estimated that each Mental Health Local will cost an average of \$22.2 million over the next four years.

Have a say on planning for Foster's future

COMMUNITY members can suggest improvements to the township of Foster and surrounds during a public engagement period that will help the shire put in place a contemporary Foster Framework Plan. The plan is intended to guide growth and change in the town, with the current Foster Framework Plan based on the outdated Foster Structure Plan (2008). Planning changes that have occurred since 2008 need to be factored into the new Foster Framework Plan, particularly in relation to bushfire and inundation risk, council's November meeting agenda states, with the intention being to first create a new Foster Structure Plan. Community engagement will guide the creation of a draft version of that new plan, with a Foster Structure Plan Review Discussion Paper endorsed by council at its Wednesday's meeting. This discussion paper is intended to guide members of the public in understanding the current situation and options for the town's future, and invite comments for improvements.

Cr Jenni Keerie stressed during Wednesday's council meeting the importance of ensuring council's plans are up to date and complement each other. "A very important thing that we do is to revisit some of the plans we've had in the past to make sure we're heading in the right direction," Cr Keerie said. Mayor Mohya Davies encourages community members to look at the discussion paper, particularly pages 6 and 7. Those pages detail three potential growth scenarios for Foster, as well as displaying zones identified for future urban residential, industrial, and rural living expansion. The map on page 7 of the discussion paper illustrates a possible change to Foster's settlement boundary. During Wednesday's meeting, Cr Davies highlighted opportunities for people to share their thoughts on Foster's future direction, and ask questions. Public feedback on the Foster Structure Plan Review Discussion Paper will help guide the development of the town's draft Structure Plan.

That draft document is scheduled to be released in March 2023, with further public consultation to be conducted prior to the development of the final Foster Structure Plan. "There will be a pop-up event in the main street of Foster, currently scheduled for Friday November 25, and two officers will be present for a six hour period," Cr Davies said of the opportunity to comment on the discussion paper. A further session, that would be held in the morning, is proposed for Sunday December 11 at the Prom craft market. Public engagement on the discussion paper runs until December 23 this year. In addition to the Foster event on November 25, and any others scheduled, it will involve an online component through council's 'Your Say' page, with a survey, postcards and posters, to encourage and collect community feedback. Landowners potentially affected by proposed new settlement boundaries within the discussion paper will be contacted by letter.

The Foster economic assessment (2022) of residential, commercial and industrial land, commissioned by council, found that there is sufficient urban land for future development, but additional land may need to be rezoned in future in the case of a higher growth scenario. While the assessment findings recommended having at least two growth fronts for residential land in order to ensure market choice and prevent unnecessary scarcity driving prices higher, there are some significant expansion constraints outlined. "The bushfire risk assessment (draft 2020) prepared for Foster found that the existing growth area to the north is severely constrained by bushfire risk and the western growth areas are also constrained by bushfire risk," the discussion paper states. It also indicates the southern growth areas are impacted by inundation risk. Once a new Foster Structure Plan is in place, an updated Framework Plan for the town would then be implemented into the planning scheme through a planning scheme amendment.

Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies



THE November Council Meeting was held this week. Here's some of the key bits. Council is currently in the process of reviewing the Foster Structure Plan, and a discussion paper for community feedback was adopted at this week's Council Meeting. Engagement with the community will take place through until Friday, December 23, with face-to-face opportunities available on Friday, November 25 in the main street laneway and Sunday, December 11 at the Prom Coast Produce and Craft Market. The aim of this engagement is to capture ideas, opportunities and issues that can be addressed in the draft Plan that will be developed in the New Year. The last time a town plan was developed for Foster was back in 2008, making it one of the oldest Plans in South Gippsland. This is a great opportunity for Council and the community to work together and address the future challenges and opportunities for our town. Being a Foster local, I am extremely excited about this and the opportunity for my community to provide input. We are seeing a lot of growth and that will only continue as the secret gets out of how nice it is to live in South Gippsland. There will be drop-in sessions in Foster as well as online opportunities to provide feedback, which you can find here: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/fostersp> We also discussed the compulsory acquisition of three parcels of land to undertake intersection works at Simons Lane Leongatha South. The realignment and reconstruction of Simons Lane is part of the 2022/23 Capital Works Program, and the acquisition of this land will help Council make the intersection safer for users of the Bass Highway and Simons Lane. Council has worked closely with the impacted landowners and will continue to do so as the project progresses. This week, I have attended some lovely, creative events. On Friday evening I attended the Lyric Theatre production of Ladies in Black and what a fabulous evening it was! Councillors and Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis were also treated to a behind-the-scenes look at just how much work goes into a production like this. I would like to congratulate Lyric Theatre for putting on this wonderful show and for all the work they have done in Memorial Hall to temporarily extend the stage and put in extra seating. It is great to see spaces such as this being used and revitalised to continue to meet the needs of our community. I also attended Stockyard Gallery in Foster to look at the work of some local students. The exhibit was a sight to behold and highlighted the extraordinary skills of our young people. I wanted to remind you all this week about an amazing program that Council runs - L2P. For those who don't know about it, L2P is a program overseen and managed by the TAC and Department of Transport that helps young people complete their 120 hours of driving before getting their licence. Council has been coordinating the program since 2010 and in that time over 60 mentors and 241 learners have been involved, with the mentors completing a combined 10,526 hours of driving time. South Gippsland Shire Council operates one of the 67 L2P programs across Victoria. However, programs like this cannot exist without mentors and learners. If you would like to be part of the program, you can find out more information or apply by calling 5662 9200 or visiting: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/l2p Last week wasn't as busy as others, giving me a great chance to have a bit of rest over the weekend. I just want to remind you all that having some down time to rest your body and mind is extremely important.

Cybercrime Security

- Your wealth & identity

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

PROTECTING your wealth, identity and personal information is difficult in today's technology driven world as nearly every person has a digital footprint regardless if you want it or not. And, as more and more data is captured and stored digitally online the greater the risk of data being stolen or leaked increases because data is a valuable resource that cybercriminals make money from.

The common types of cybercrime to be aware of include: email and internet fraud; identity fraud (where personal information is stolen and used); theft of financial or card payment data; and theft and sale of corporate data.

One way hackers commit cybercrime is through phishing in which a deceptive email, website, phone call or SMS is used as a scam to steal sensitive/confidential personal or organisational information from unsuspecting victims. Another method is called malware, short for malicious software or in other words a virus that hackers use to steal data, damage or destroy computers and computer software, and control your devices and accounts.

Whilst cybercrime has been in existence since computers were born, it wasn't until the internet and emails arrived in the 90s and then the in the 2000s when homes and offices globally had easy access to the internet, that cybercriminals had more devices and software vulnerabilities to exploit than ever before in the new digital age. Over the past few years, the increased dependence on the internet - to work remotely, to access services and information, and to communicate our daily lives - has exponentially increased data, and it is forecasted that globally cybercrime will cost \$10.5 trillion USD annually by 2025.

In an effort to curb cybercrime, businesses and governments are spending big on cybersecurity, but the question being asked is whether it is enough and are businesses doing enough to protect their consumers' data. The government has increased the financial penalty for privacy breaches as well as the requirement to disclose and report notifiable data

breaches to the federal privacy regulator, the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC). In addition, organisations are taking out cyber insurance policies to cover them in the event of a breach or social engineering.

Even with these extra measure this year alone we have witnessed the Optus attack whereby thousands of Australian's personal identity was breached and more recently Medibank Private who collects and stores highly confidential medical records has been hacked which undoubtedly is causing concerns.

It is important to understand that there are steps you can take to protect yourself from cybercrime, one of which is the use of passphrases instead of passwords. A passphrase uses four or more random words as your password. For example: 'garden mattress africa watermelon'. Make sure it is unique and not used across multiple accounts, is at least 14 characters long and unpredictable. You can also include symbols, capital letters, or numbers as part of the passphrase.

Another form of protection is the use of multi-factor authentication (MFA) which is a combination of something you know, something you have or something you are. For example: a pin or secret questions combined with a card or token on your mobile device and a finger print. The reason MFA provides greater security against criminals is even if they have one form of identity the criminal still needs to obtain and use the other proofs of identity to access your account.

Lastly, cybersecurity software is also worth considering and is available for both computers and mobile devices. The software constantly scans your system, emails and web browser for any attacks. Security software companies such as McAfee, Bitdefender and Trend Micro offer relatively inexpensive protection when compared to the cost of losing your identity or data. However it is just as important you update the software version (or better site turn on automatic updates) on any computer or mobile device you own as it will help protect your device by fixing software bugs (coding errors) that criminals exploit.

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Wonthaggi RSL president Dan Lucas during this year's Poppy Appeal.

Poppy appeal's \$18K success in Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI RSL's Poppy Appeal for 2022 is a resounding success, raising an impressive \$18,886, helping support local veterans and their families.

While money raised goes to RSL Victoria to help veterans all over the State, half is sent back to be used locally, with that money going into Wonthaggi RSL's Appeals Fund.

"That Appeals Fund gets used for veteran support, and for events for the veterans," Wonthaggi RSL president Dan Lucas said.

Such events could be a day out with South Gippsland Tank Adventures, or a veterans dinner.

Dan is investigating the possibility of taking local veterans to Warrnambool to participate in its annual 'Walking off the War Within' event.

Many RSL members from various sub-branches participate in the walk.

Whereas returned funds not spent within 12 months previously went back into the general RSL Victoria pool, they will now be spent on local veterans.

Dan said individual veteran's assistance could be needed due to health issues, or an oven that has ceased working and needs replacing.

His wife Melissa is in charge of veterans support, with veterans able to approach her.

"She works at Wonthaggi Hospital, is qualified in aged care, in alcohol and other drugs and veteran mental health," Dan said.

Proposed expenditure needs to be approved through the sub-branch's committee to proceed.

Dan noted that veterans support can be wide ranging.

"We've had veterans' widows come in and ask for their husbands' service records or medals, and we apply for their medals," he said.

Dan explained that many veterans haven't received medals that they are entitled to.

"I discharged from the army in 1999 and I didn't know until two years ago that I was entitled to my medal," he said.

He was also unaware he was entitled to claim for injuries through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Dan served in Iraq during the 1990s and said that even at the stage he left the army, there was no information on available assistance and no program to help veterans transition to civilian life and deprogram from military training.

"You do a discharge course in the defence force now to bring you back to civilian life and help you adjust, whereas when I discharged from the army, it was just 'See you later'," Dan said, adding it was simply a case of having to fend for yourself.

"I went through 15 years of hell before I started getting the help that I needed," Dan said.

He believes there are around 170 veterans in Wonthaggi based on census details.

In addition to the Poppy Appeal success, \$19,000 was generated by the Wonthaggi sub-branch through this year's Anzac Day Appeal.

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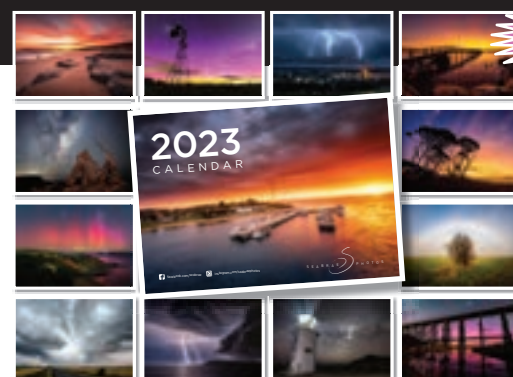
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Police out in force for schoolies period

BASS Coast Police will have increased resourcing on Phillip Island for Schoolies from this Friday, November 25 to December 4, after which time police units will then continue under festive and end of year period operations.

“We know that the overwhelming majority of school leavers celebrate safely, they take responsibility for their actions, look out for their mates and speak up if their friends are taking things too far,” Bass Coast Acting Senior Sergeant Scott Morison said.

“Sadly, there are always a small few who choose to make poor decisions and put other school leavers and members of the wider community at risk.

“As in previous years, Victoria Police will be ensuring a safe environment for everyone whether a school leaver or a local community member. We will not tolerate any behaviour that threatens the safety of those around you.

“Victoria is home to some beautiful locations for school leavers including Phillip Island and we want all visitors to these areas to enjoy all they have to offer.”

With extra resourcing targeting the specific period consistent with those hitting the Surf Coast, Bass Coast Police are



Bass Coast Police Acting Senior Sergeant Scott Morison is looking forwards to welcoming schoolies back to Phillip Island this year but has warned anti-social and unwarranted behaviour will not be accepted. C61_4722

aware that some will opt to head down outside these periods (or for the three week period) and police will be ready to address unfavourable behaviour outside the main target window.

“Wherever you choose to celebrate the end of your schooling career, respect the community you are in, respect the safety of those around you and help us ensure everyone has the chance to celebrate safely,” ASS

Morison added.

“This year (schoolies) is a state event – it’s a step up. There are three sectors – Phillip Island, Morning Peninsula and the Surf Coast, and it will be greater coverage than we’ve had in the past.”

Victoria Police will have a highly visible presence in popular locations with local police supported by state-based specialists units including Highway Patrol, Public Order Response

Team and Dog Squad.

Police will be targeting underage drinking, anti-social and drunken behaviour in public places and around licensed venues and accommodation.

“We want to reassure the community that we will not tolerate any behaviour that results in damage to people or property, especially around holiday rentals. Treat where you are staying with respect – police will be monitoring short term rental bookings and streets in order to detect potential high-risk bookings and prevent any crime and anti-social behaviour from occurring.”

Bass Coast Police and Red Frogs also wish to remind school leavers to monitor their alcohol intake and not drink and drive, never leave a mate behind, don’t go anywhere with anyone you don’t know, never accept drinks from others, drink water, avoid drugs, and most importantly, remember it is never too late to report sexual assault.

Red Frogs, in conjunction with Dancewize will provide outreach support to young people through peer education and support services, including free transport to and from Cowes, barbecues and cooked breakfasts.

Shire calls for desperate review of school crossing program

BASS Coast Shire councillor and new Deputy Mayor Rochelle Halstead has wasted no time in her new role backing calls for a review of the state’s school crossing system.

In a notice of motion tabled at last week’s meeting, Cr Halstead urged the shire to support the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and 23 other local governments calls for the review, which they stated was promised by the government in 2016.

“We want the State government to uphold its 2016 commitment to the community and undertake a broad strategic review into the movement and safety of students,” Cr Halstead stated.

“We have asked that this should also include safety improvements, use of technology at crossings and the effectiveness of the built environment and funding.

“For many Councils it is increasingly difficult to attract people to work as school crossing supervisors, causing many school crossings to be unsupervised each school day.

“This has safety implications for school children and the wider community.

“School crossing supervisors are highly valued, often well-known, and respected members of our communities who also provide road safety support for students walking or riding to school and help with traffic congestion issues around the school gate.”

The shire subsequently released more information about the situation, with a survey of 40 councils state-wide showing the program is under immense pressure.

The results found that:

- 97 per cent of councils have unsupervised crossing sessions;
- 82 per cent regularly face staff shortages;
- 87 per cent consider the system no longer fit for purpose.

According to council, the government is only contributing just over 30 per cent of the funding towards the program.

A breakdown of costs for the provision of school crossings was provided, which showed for 2022/23:

- \$196,836 forecast expenditure
- \$68,000 State Government funding
- Expense to Council (income – expenditure) = \$128,836, 2023/24
- \$232,125 forecast expenditure
- \$72,000 State Government funding
- Expense to council (income – expenditure) = \$160,125

The issue was echoed by Bass Coast Specialist School.

“We have had concerns with our school crossing over many years,” the school stated.

“Primarily, that it is not a designated school crossing, just a bike path crossing.

“With a VicRoads Grant, we’ve secured some funding to place a visible speed advisory sign at the beginning of each school term from Term 4, 2022, and Term 1, 2 and 3 for 2023.

“This has been helpful and has had a positive effect on the speed of cars, however, high school students still have to navigate crossing the busy road in the morning with cars, buses and trucks without proper supervision or signage.”

Mobile police unit hits the streets of Bass Coast

THERE’S a new police member in town. She’s tall, shiny and has technology to boot.

She has the ability to be run off mains power or a specialised European technology generator with back up batteries in case things go south, and whilst on first appearances she looks like a large, heavily branded Victoria Police minivan, the capabilities inside are next level – a true ‘jack of all trades’.

She is also brand new and barely two weeks old.

The second Mobile Policing Unit (MPU) for Eastern Region, and number eight of nine, she is a welcomed addition to Bass Coast Police who have the opportunity to try all her bells and whistles for the upcoming schoolies period on Phillip Island.

With the ability to be moved around as needed, in any given week, MPU may appear at a crime hot spot to deter offending, be deployed to a critical incident such as a siege, serve



Acting Sergeant Patterson shows off the new Mobile Policing Unit which will be stationed with Bass Coast Police for the coming months. C04_4722

as a co-ordination point for large-scale search and rescue operations in remote areas, or be based at a major sporting event or music festival.

The units will serve as central police coordination points for incidents, allowing the Police Forward Commander responsible for making strategic decisions affecting members

on the frontline to be based in the field, rather than managing the police response from a station or office removed from the action.

Police will also utilise the MPUs as coordination points for large scale search and rescue operations in remote areas that are often difficult to access by road for ill equipped

vehicles.

Each unit can also be used as an additional vehicle on Victoria’s roads that has the ability to process offenders for drink and drug driving.

Lastly, Victoria Police will base MPUs at major events such as large sporting events, music festivals, and local community events - serving as a central hub at the event for police to engage with the community and also monitor any anti-social or criminal behaviour.

After schoolies MPU Bass Coast have scheduled a beach safety operation working alongside other organisations.

A home away from home for members, the vehicle automatically links to air wing and has the capabilities to link with police networks and CCTV to ensure safe streets.

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South Gippsland needs better roads, says shire

SOUTH Gippsland Shire was represented at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress this month, with Cr Clare Williams travelling to Hobart to advocate on behalf of the shire at the event run by the Australian Local Government Association.

She attended instead of Cr Scott Rae, who was invited due to his role on the executive of the South East Australian Transport Strategy but was unwell.

Cr Williams was delighted to represent the shire and advocate for a better deal for South Gippsland and local governments in general, noting local governments look after 75 percent of Australia's road system.

"It was about getting there, asking what are the problems that we have, how can we do better and what do we need to do better," Cr Williams told the Sentinel-Times of the Congress that brought local councils together.

"I got to chase down some really good people and ask them for a lot of money," Cr Williams said of the Congress while reflecting on the experience at Wednesday's council meeting.

She said it was a great opportunity to advocate for South Gippsland, presenting the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Senator Bridgette McKenzie, with council's advocacy package.

McKenzie spoke to Cr Williams of the importance of a united approach to improving road funding for councils.

"Change is going to be achieved when we all stand together and are asking for the same thing," Senator McKenzie told Cr Williams, making clear the valuable role the Congress plays in bringing councils together.

Cr Williams took the opportunity during the Congress to speak about South Gippsland Shire Council and what it is currently doing.

Australian Local Government Association president, Linda Scott, was there to hear representatives of various councils share their thoughts.

Cr Williams said all rural councils are dealing with similar road challenges to South Gippsland Shire, with insufficient funding for the roads they manage

Mixed views on Simons Lane acquisition

COMPULSORY acquisition of land in Simons Lane, Leongatha South is to proceed.

A majority of councillors voted at their November public meeting to do so in order to create a safer intersection with the Bass Highway, but Cr John Schelling opposed that approach.

He is supportive of the need to improve Simons Lane, saying that is something people have been wanting to achieve for years, but feels the process could have been handled differently.

"I have taken umbrage to the way we've gone about it, that we've gone down the compulsory acquisition road; in my working life I've always found negotiation and collaboration works a lot better than telling people what they should do and what they shouldn't do," he said.

Cr Schelling said the Patterson family, who stand to lose a portion of their land, have worked hard with the shire to achieve a good outcome, adding that they "have been left largely in the cold at the end of the whole discussion".

"They've indicated to me that they are prepared to negotiate all the way through and have not been allowed to in the final phase of the whole thing," he said.

While Cr Schelling conceded there may be reasons why that has occurred, he called for extra time to allow for further negotiation.

"I'd like to foreshadow an amendment to push this decision back for a month to allow the officers to deal with the Patterson family and see if we can find common ground going forward, rather than making a hasty decision today," Cr Schelling said.

However, councillors voted to support the initial recommendation to commence the compulsory acquisition process, so Cr Schelling's amendment was not directly considered.

He explained to the Sentinel-Times the key issue to be negotiated is determining a fair value for the land to be acquired.

"They (the Pattersons) still will get an option to negotiate, but the shire will put forward a figure, the landowners will put forward a figure and it will all be done through lawyers, and I thought we could have saved some of the cost and negotiated out ourselves," Cr Schelling said.

The report received by councillors indicated that in order to "construct a new intersection where Simons Lane meets the Bass Highway to improve road



The limited view from the opposite side of Bass Highway to Simons Lane. A18_4722



The intersection with Simons Lane is not yet apparent from this part of the Bass Highway due to the slope, despite not being far away. A19_4722

safety, council will need to acquire parcels of land from three properties."

"As part of its adopted Capital Works Program for 2022/23, council is committed to the realignment and reconstruction of Simons Lane," it is stated.

The project involves three key elements.

They are to seal Simons Lane along the majority of its existing unsealed alignment, close the lane at its current hazardous intersection with the Bass Highway, and relocate the intersection to a safer site.

The realignment is intended to overcome "sight distance safety issues for right turning vehicles into and out of Simons Lane", with a lack of available public road space to achieve the intended design prompting the recommendation to acquire land.

It is intended to situate the new intersection approximately 290 metres north east of the current location, further along the Bass Highway towards Leongatha.

Cr Scott Rae joined Cr Schelling in voting against the

recommendation put to councillors to commence the acquisition process for the three parcels of land concerned, with councillors Mick Felton and Sarah Gilligan not present at the meeting, having been granted leave.

Those councillors supporting the land acquisition stressed the importance of action that enables Simons Lane to be made safer.

"It's been around 14 years since this particular area was considered for change and it's a positive step forward for improving the safety of a hazardous intersection, and also the sealing of Simons Lane will be beneficial to the people who live in that area," Cr Jenni Keerie said.

"It's about a trade off," Cr Clare Williams said.

"Yes, we're acquiring some land, but having this will create a safer spot for people to come into Simons Lane."

Cr Nathan Hersey also stressed the positive side of acquiring the land.

"What compulsory acquisition can do in this situation is

provide certainty for the community, certainty for a safety upgrade of that intersection, certainty that the road can be sealed, and it also provides certainty for those in the area who are looking at developing land, which will help to create housing," Cr Hersey said.

He conceded there are different ways council can go about things but feels that such certainty may be what the community is looking for in this instance.

Mayor Mohya Davies also spoke in favour of the intended Simons Lane project, supporting the land acquisition to achieve it.

"This will allow Simons Lane to remain as a through route and will provide dedicated right and left hand turning lanes from the Bass Highway into Simons Lane, which I think is a good outcome," she said, adding, "It is a dangerous intersection."

Creating the turning lanes will be made possible by the acquisition of two narrow pieces of land on Bass Highway, not owned by the Pattersons.

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One of the groups participating in the Tour de Cure pauses for a moment before heading for a well-earned lunch. A05_4722

Weather and funds hold up for Tour de Cure

TOUR de Cure cyclists stopped in Leongatha on Thursday en route to Inverloch as part of a three-day ride from Traralgon to Melbourne to raise funds for four cancer research projects.

The event was intended to raise over \$650,000, with the projects to be funded being undertaken at the Olivia Newton John Cancer Research Institute, but had comfortably surpassed that monetary goal by its first day.

Kerryn Westcott, who works as a scientific project officer at the Institute described the significance of the ride's fundraising as "huge".

"I work in one of our research programs called tumour targeting, which in my case works on brain cancers and brain tumours," Kerryn said.

"We fund four research projects upwards of \$100,000 each in four different areas of our Institute, and we focus a lot on our early career cancer researchers."

She explained that finding funding for such researchers in Australia is generally hard to do.

The Tour de Cure is no race, with riders visiting schools along the way and delivering messages on healthy lifestyles, including ways to reduce cancer risk through diet, sunscreen use and exercise, with research indicating one in three cancers can be prevented through healthy lifestyle choices.

Most participants had worked up a hearty appetite by the time they reached Leongatha, quickly heading into the RSL for a tasty lunch, with local councillors joining them.

Lindsay Chaffer of Warragul was among the first group of riders to arrive, inspired to take part by the

loss of his wife's mother to cancer and because his business mentor Craig Deane has long been involved in raising funds for Tour de Cure.

Craig has recently recovered after his own cancer battle.

Lindsay was justifiably proud to be wearing the 'achievement jersey', which recognised his fundraising efforts, kilometres he has done and his dedication to travelling long distances to participate in training rides.

Leongatha rider Renee McLennan arrived in a later group.

At the recent Boobs & Bubbles event in Korumburra she said that her experience with cancer has altered her outlook and given her the desire to tackle challenges she would never have considered previously.

"Now I'm not scared to have a crack at anything and I do a lot of charity bike riding for Tour de Cure," Renee said.

"Not anyone can jump on a bike and do 120 kilometres, which before I couldn't, and I wouldn't have."

South Gippsland Shire councillor John Schelling expressed his delight at the Tour de Cure visiting town.

"It's a fantastic organisation and all the riders should be proud of what they do for cancer research, and South Gippsland Shire Council is extremely happy to have them come through our area," Cr Schelling said.

Mayor Mohya Davies was impressed with the Tour de Cure jerseys, saying they looked fantastic.

Josh Read of Melbourne had already achieved a stunning total of \$19,000 towards the fundraising tally through his participation in this ride, his fifth Tour de Cure event.

Josh is supportive of the organisation because he knows money raised will go into targeted cancer research.

"You tap into your corporate network, family and friends," he said, explaining how riders can achieve such impressive fundraising feats.

Josh's riding companion Lindsay Davies said most people have been touched by cancer, having lost his 17-year-old son to the disease.

"I don't want to see other families go through what our family has been through," Lindsay said of his motivation to fund cancer research.

Schools in Mirboo North and Boolarra were among those visited by riders.

From Inverloch, riders then headed for Phillip Island, with the event finishing at the Bundoora campus of La Trobe University on Saturday.

Participants covered over 300 kilometres.

The four research projects to receive grants from Tour de Cure's VIC Discovery Tour are:

- Dr Laura Jenkins, Postdoctoral Research Fellow: investigating a more effective treatment for an aggressive form of colorectal cancer
- Professor Hui Gan and Associate Professor Delphine Merino: investigating resistance to treatments for brain cancer
- Associate Professor Doug Fairlie: understanding how to predict the potential for a patient to respond to treatment (particularly in breast cancers)
- Associate Professor Peter Janes: Development of novel antibodies targeting over-active proteins in tumours to improve cancer therapy by reducing the toxic side effects of some chemotherapies



The Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Christmas Shop is back again and will be located in the Bass Coast Artists Society Goods Shed.

Woodies at the Goods Shed

THE festive season is quickly approaching and after two years absence, the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Christmas Shop will return again this year, but with a difference.

The shop will be open for nine days only and located in the Bass Coast Artists Society Goods Shed, bounded by the Big W, Woolworths and Dan Murphy car parks and adjacent to the Wonthaggi Historical Society railway station.

This year, the Christmas Shop will be open every day from Saturday, November 26, until Sunday, December 4.

Opening times: Weekdays 10.00am to 5.00pm; Saturdays 9.00am to 3.00pm; Sundays 10am to 2pm.

On display and for sale will be a broad range of quality locally crafted timber products. There will be beautiful turned bowls, platters, vases, wall displays, containers and pens, wall and mantle clocks, kitchenalia, chopping boards, small furniture, artistic display items and so much more.

Children's toys feature rocking horses, pull-alongs, scale models and a variety of wheeled toys, or choose a toy kit to enjoy assembling and decorating with your kids at home.

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Lyrebird steals the show at Woorayl Lodge

A STRIKING lyrebird sculpture, now perched in front of Leongatha's Woorayl Lodge, proves the sleepless nights it caused its creator John Vuilerman were well spent. Woorayl Lodge auxiliary president and board member Kaye Warren sparked the initiative, with Woorayl an Aboriginal word meaning lyrebird. The lyrebird is the Lodge's logo, with John having to draw on his ingenuity to bring his sculpture to life. When approached by Kaye, he was less than confident when asked if he could build a lyrebird. "I'm buggered if I know," John responded. One of his initial concerns was working out which material to use to clad the sculpture. "Then I thought, distorted reo bar," he said of the choice of steel reinforcing bar normally used in concreting jobs but having the ideal texture for the appearance he wanted to create. John attributed that inspiration to his lost sleep as he worked out how to tackle the task Kaye set. The bird, which already has multiple nicknames among the lodge residents and staff, including Ozzie, was created with a mixture of materials. They include repurposed car parts, with a skeleton formed from a Toyota front coil spring and eyes that started life as brake rivets, while fencing wire forms the bird's finer feathers. The new Woorayl resident



Leongatha Rotary Club's Dr Lindsay Moore, Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary president and board member Kaye Warren and sculptor John Vuilerman with his recently installed lyrebird. A14_4722

looks right at home on a red gum log sourced from Cobram, and will soon be spotlighted at night. Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary funded the sculpture, with president Kaye delighted it has settled in just in time for the Lodge's November 26 Fete. Leongatha Rotary Club also made a significant donation towards the project, with its funding helping enable the recent concreting in the vicinity

of the lyrebird. Past Leongatha Rotary president Dr Lindsay Moore said the club's members are pleased to support the local community. The Rotary Club was involved in establishing the Lodge and was keen to be a part of the lyrebird project. Funding was raised through the furniture and book shop Leongatha Rotary opened this year in the town's old fire station.

Leo Argento, a member of the club and on the Woorayl Lodge board, sees the new sculpture as an ideal fit for its home. "It's a proud bird and we're a proud organisation," he said of the Lodge. That pride was clear to see as its residents and staff assembled for a photo with the lyrebird, its creator and others who made the project a reality.

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New strategic direction for Newhaven College

THIS week, Newhaven College presented its new strategic direction to the school community.

Entitled Hearts & Minds, it has been developed after many months of consultation and is intended to guide the school into the next phase of its journey.

Hearts & Minds intentionally has the student at its centre.

It is designed with future students and graduates in mind and aims to provide the best possible environment for learning and growth.

Hearts & Minds is built around five keys that are the school's priorities: Learning, Care, Community, Sustainability and Innovation. Together they will direct the future and enable each student to flourish.

The document complements Newhaven College's newly developed Vision and Mission statements.

Vision

Inspire young people with knowledge, empathy and curiosity to engage in their world with confidence and a sense of purpose.

Mission

To be a thriving learning community where young people are thoughtful, caring, and courageous. We strive to provide personalised learning experiences which stem from authentic relationships and a deep connection to our unique environment. In doing so we aim to instil high expectations, promote innovation and encourage critical thinking.



The new look Newhaven College logo.

These Vision and Mission statements, along with the strategic direction, will serve to steer Newhaven College as they strive to become the best school of its kind. These important documents articulate the aspirations the College holds for its students, staff and community, the ideals by which they operate, and the thinking that shapes their most important task – educating the next generation of Newhaven College students.

"Hearts & Minds builds on our school's proud values and traditions but is firmly focused on the future.

Its objectives will direct our planning and decisions now and in the coming years. In collaboration with

the community, it provides an exciting blueprint for the future of Newhaven College." Principal Tony Corr says.

Newhaven College's Director of Learning, Karen Milkins-Hendry has been an integral part of the process.

"Every conversation has helped provide a variety of insights to lead us to consistently enact our vision. Deeply know each young person. Honour and enrich their unique learning path," she says.

"I see the various learning partnerships between 5-year-olds through to 18-year-olds, with a diverse staff seeking to build relationships in myriad ways. The major lesson that keeps repeating is that all learning is through wellbeing."

Newhaven College's Strategic Plan document will direct the college's future.

Hearts & Minds outlines a new era for Newhaven College – building on the school's proud values and traditions but firmly focused on the future.

To accompany this new era is a new look for the school with a refreshed visual identity. It reflects the College's place and character.

The original Newhaven College crest and motto are still part of the school's identity. The original Royal Spoonbill, drawn by renowned ornithologist Graham Pizzey, the ecumenical symbol of a cross in a boat and the scroll inscribed with the school motto 'In Quietness and Confidence Shall Be Your Strength' (Isaiah 30:15), still being an important connection to Newhaven College's origins.

The new look branding is simpler, lighter and more contemporary while still embracing the past.

Knit Group working hard for those in need

IMAGINE you have lost everything – your home, your memories, your favourite jumper.

This is the reality for a number of Australian's as floods continue to devastate their homes – for some the first time, for others simply another round this year.

But behind every tragedy there is a light and alongside Wonthaggi Lions Club's Need for Feed, Wonthaggi Library's Close Knit Group are continuing their tremendous efforts creating blankets, beanies, trauma toys and children's knitted goods amongst other things, for those in need.

"Everyone has their own niche," Close Knit coordinator Cath explains.

"We keep going and we keep creating because we know Need for Feed will find the right home for these items, which is really good.

"We would also like to thank the community who drop off knitted blankets and knit squares that we can turn into blankets, beanies and trauma teddies – it really is a community effort and they are genuinely going to people in need."

A short time between deliveries Cath and the ladies could not be prouder of the effort by all, and welcome new members and donations.

"You can drop off finished and unfinished works, even wool or tools.

"We recently had a lady who dropped off two bags of wool after her mother had passed – it's incredible.

"Thank you to the library who give us the space to meet and complete community and personal projects on a Thursday from 1pm.

"It's been four years since Sandra sowed the seed and inspired us – it's the little things here and there.

"We even receive knitted donations from Mitchell House."

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Support Rotary and help fight polio

UNTIL recently, Polio had largely been eradicated and local Rotary clubs are determined to keep it this way.

However, this year, authorities have confirmed polio is spreading in major cities around the world and Australia has recently started wastewater testing to avoid the chance of an outbreak.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years, reducing polio cases by 99.9 per cent since their first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

To help the fight, the Wonthaggi and Inverloch Rotary Clubs are co-presenting a fundraising movie event on Sunday, December 4, at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

They are hosting a pre-release screening of *The Lost King*, starring Steve Coogan and Sally Hawkins.

Critics describe it as “an incredible and inspiring true story about perseverance and not taking no for an answer”.

All funds raised go directly to fighting Polio. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$20 for pensioners which includes pre-movie drinks and nibbles from 3pm.

Tickets are available by emailing rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com or calling Wonthaggi Club President, Nicky Chung on 0475871589.

The event is supported by the Bass Coast Shire Council.

More than \$11k raised for community programs

THE Bass Coast Community Foundation's 20 Years of Giving celebration at Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving club on Friday, November 18, was a huge success.

One hundred local supporters raised over \$11,000 through ticket sales, silent auction bids, and donations, which the Foundation will now use to support community programs in Bass Coast in 2023.

The Foundation's Executive Officer Sarah Bourke said the Foundation was absolutely overwhelmed with the support shown by local people for the event and the Foundation's work.

Current Foundation Chair, Phil Friedlos launched a new video highlighting the Foundation's work in the community and the Foundation's current focus on reducing the incidence and risk of homelessness and housing stress, increasing aspirations of young people, and providing opportunities for local women and girls.

The Foundation was founded in 2002 as a community owned, independent, and non-for-profit organisation, to provide a vehicle for sustainable long-term funding for community driven initiatives, and to make our local communities stronger, more resilient, and healthy.

For more information, please contact Sarah on 0493 110 802 or visit www.bccf.org.au and follow the Foundation on Facebook and LinkedIn.

New classrooms for San Remo Primary School

A RE-ELECTED Labor Government will deliver new permanent classroom spaces for San Remo Primary School.

“We’ve been fighting year in year out,” Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said alongside Minister for Regional Development, The Honourable Harriet Shing.

“Here we are today and I’m announcing \$5.3 million that will see the old portable classrooms demolished and replaced with new permanent facilities, ensuring local kids have the learning spaces they deserve.”

Gasps were had as teachers, support staff and School Council members who could not contain their relief.

“San Remo Primary School is a great local school that’s growing – that’s why we’re making sure it has the infrastructure it needs so that every student has access to a great learning environment,” Jordan added.

“Education is so important in a child’s development and that’s why Labor has invested more than \$200 million in building and upgrading schools in Bass.”

Growing exponentially San Remo Primary is one of the only schools without permanent buildings, and as the



Minister for Regional Development, The Honourable Harriet Shing, Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale and School Council Vice President, Kelly Woolford join students Gus, Harvey, Amy and Lucy for last Tuesday’s exciting re-election announcement. C04_4722

school grows from 170 students this year to 180 next year and the introduction of a new grade the new facilities will be welcomed more than ever.

“We’re known as an excellent school because of our students’ achievements,” principle, Karen Bowker smiled.

“I’ve got amazing teachers that are extremely dedicated.”

“The most common feedback we get here is that we’re

a community school, and our community really takes on board that we have such poor facilities – the community is invested just as much as our staff and students,” parent, Lesley Oaks added.

“It is the heart of the community.”

With a new high school up the road and kinder across the way it’s never been more important for the feeder primary school’s facilities to be

brought up to standard.

“It’s fabulous, because our buildings are going to meet the learning needs of our students,” Karen stated.

“We’d like to thank the School Council including Tessa Kyle and Fleur Mowlam who have done a mountain of work and the collaborative effort from the community,” School Council Vice President, Kelly Woolford concluded.

Exciting nomination for Nobel Peace Prize



The International Association of Collaborative Professionals has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, of which, Tricia Peters, who works throughout Gippsland, is a board member.

SHARING MELCA's unique peaceful separation and divorce approach during the International Association of Collaborative Professionals (IACP) conference, Tricia Peters, co-founder of Australian collaborative law firm, stepped off the stage over the weekend after presenting in Orlando, Florida to confirmation of a nomination for a Nobel Peace Prize for IACP, of which, she is a board member.

A financial planner and mediator of over 20 years, Tricia is Australia's first board representative for the esteemed IACP having served as President and Director of the International Women's Development Agency (IWDA) and IWDA Trust for over 20 years; continuing her connection serving on the Finance and

Risk Committee.

Tricia spent 25 years as a Lecturer at RMIT where she developed and lectured in the Bachelor of Business Financial Planning in Australia, Singapore and Malaysia, co-authored the award-winning textbook 'Personal Finance' and is a certified Financial Planner (TM), a Mediator, Collaborative Law Financial Planner and Alternative Dispute Resolution Practitioner.

In 2010 and 2019, Tricia presented at the IACP International Forum. In 2019 she presented a whole day workshop on the MELCA model, to collaborators from 13 countries.

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Fracking will return under Coalition, says Labor Minister

THE Labor party came out swinging right from Berrys Creek stating they believe the Coalition will reintroduce fracking following their announcement to legislate a 100 per cent domestic reservation policy on all new conventional onshore gas.

According to the Coalition, the policy would see 100 per cent of new natural gas supplies reserved for the state.

In response, Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio, Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Harriet Shing and Gippsland South Candidate Denise Ryan held a media stand up at Fergus and Deb O'Connor's property in Berrys Creek.

The farmers are members of Farmers for Climate Action and strong supporters of renewable energy technologies.

The couple had campaigned against fracking in recent years due to the threats it caused to their livelihood.

This follows the State Government's ban on fracking in 2017, which includes onshore unconventional gas, with the Constitution Amendment (Fracking Ban) Bill 2020 passing last year.

Minister Lily D'Ambrosio said as scientists and research had indicated there were no known sources of onshore conventional gas in the state, this meant the Coalition would reintroduce fracking.

"Matthew Guy wants us to believe that somehow there is (gas sources), but there isn't, which really tells you that his interests are about fracking," she said.

"That's the only way he's going to be able to turbocharge gas production in Victoria is through fracking pristine farmland, fracking and poisoning our water and absolutely poisoning the livelihood of Victorians."

Fergus O'Connor said it was very simple:

"Three per cent of arable land in Australia. We produce 29 per cent of the nation's produce, so why would you want to stuff it up?" He said.

"We're farmers, we want our water protected and our land



Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio, Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Harriet Shing and Gippsland South Candidate Denise Ryan and Berrys Creek farmers Fergus and Deb O'Connor. Ns054722

protected and it's so simple, that's what farmers do, we feed the nation.

"And anybody who wants to take that away from us is up for a big fight."

While Harriet Shing MP added, "Let's be really clear. The chief scientist has been crystal clear. There is no viable onshore gas reserves."

A moratorium had been placed for onshore gas exploration and development in Victoria during 2012, but in 2020, the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Act 2020 was passed by the Victorian Parliament, which allowed for the restart of onshore conventional gas exploration and production.

In July 2021, the Onshore Conventional Gas sector restarted.

A member of the press queried the Minister on the moratorium and what this meant if reserves were found since it had been lifted.

"No one, no gas industry figure has been able to find any onshore gas, onshore conventional

gas in Victoria," Ms D'Ambrosio said.

"If there was any gas there, it could have been found in the last two years, but it hasn't been."

"No one has been stopped from finding onshore conventional gas in Victoria since that moratorium was lifted."

The Minister further highlighted the government's push for renewable energy such as offshore wind, and the restart of the State Electricity Commission as ways of leading the state's future energy supply.

Report suggests gas supply

However, Nationals Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien, who welcomed the Coalition's announcement, said a 2020 report confirmed that Victoria potentially has up to six years' worth of conventional onshore gas supply.

The Victorian Gas Program Progress Report was undertaken by Geological Survey of Victoria, which embarked on

a three-year suite of geoscientific, environmental and social studies known as the Victorian Gas Program.

It identified potentially significant onshore conventional gas resources, particularly in the Otway Basin, with the Victorian Gas Program's geoscientific investigations concluding that there is likely to be 128-830 petajoules of commercially feasible onshore conventional gas yet to be discovered in the state.

"Production of the estimated gas resources could generate around \$300 million annually for regional economies and create up to 6400 jobs over the lifespan of these projects," the report states.

"South-West Victoria and Gippsland would be the main regions to benefit, where potentially significant onshore conventional gas resources were identified."

"The program's environmental studies showed that developing these gas resources to

secure local gas supply would not compromise the state's groundwater supplies or agricultural sector."

Mr O'Brien said The Nationals will ensure the domestic gas reservation policy is legislated within the first six months of forming government.

"The Andrew's Labor Government has blocked this gas from being used which has impacted supply and pushed prices even higher," he said.

"Higher energy prices are hurting Gippsland families and accessing and using our natural gas reserves right here in Victoria can help ease that burden."

"We have seen a domestic gas reservation policy work in Western Australia since 2006 and it just makes sense for Victoria to do the same."

"Our plan continues the ban on fracking and gives veto rights to landowners against gas companies while also offering an incentive via a share of gas royalties to landowners."

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Single-lane set for Burra's main street

Pee-Wee Lewis, President, Korumburra Round Table.

NEXT year will be a big year of upheaval in Commercial Street Korumburra at the November meeting of the Korumburra Round Table they heard all about it.

Here's president Pee-Wee Lewis' report on what transpired at the Thursday, November 17 meeting:

"At this month's Korumburra Round Table meeting we were lucky enough to have senior council officers Luke McGrath and William Garlepp attend to give us an update on the redevelopment of Korumburra's main street.

"This project, which is separate from the Korumburra Hub project, involves a major design change to the highway leading up the main street, whereby rather than two lanes of traffic travelling in each direction, there will be one lane and a wider area next to that lane, giving vehicles a safe space to pull over and reverse park while the single lane of traffic continues through.

"An example of how this will work can be seen on Mine Road outside the Primary School

"As we poured over the plan, which was first released for public comment in 2016, we discussed various informal crossing points for the main street (the current crossing with lights will remain in its current location) and how any beautifying of the street, with out-stands and garden beds etc, must be weighed up against the loss of car spaces; and we were at great pains to point out that the latter is of major concern to the community.

"We also discussed preferences for materials and colour selections for planter boxes, shrubs and flowers, drink fountains, bike racks, seats and bins, amongst other things. It was a highly animated discussion, and Luke and William seemed very receptive as we hammered home the need to get the most bang for our buck. Works on this exciting project are due to start in mid-to late 2023.

"The meeting also covered the highly popular Men's Shed in Korumburra, which is looking forward to moving into the large shed at the Bridge Street end of the railway yards. This very active group meets twice-a-week and is keenly awaiting the fitting out of the new, much larger shed for their use.

"Speaking of active groups, huge accolades to Ben Ellis, who spearheads the many enthusiastic volunteers working on our wonderful hidden asset – the Korumburra Botanic Park, at the bottom of Bridge Street. The Friends of Botanic Park have linked in with Landcare, are holding monthly meetings and many, many working bees including on Olsen's Track, and are now discussing the possibility of erecting a history board in the park, and also having music events down there in the future.

"See you all at the 'Christmas in Korumburra' event on Thursday December 8 from 4.30pm in our main street. It is going to be huge!

Korumburra ready to mark 16 days of activism against gender violence

A VIBRANT splash of orange is about to arrive in Korumburra, with a bed of artificial flowers set to spark awareness of the impact of gender-based violence and the help available to those experiencing it.

Belinda Nicholls of Milpara Community House is in charge of organising the display, with people encouraged to help out by popping into the community centre to grab some orange plastic so they can create flowers for the display.

"The only requirement is that they put it together in a way that it will last 16 days outdoors," Belinda said, adding there will be maintenance efforts made throughout that period to keep the flowers looking their best.

The display, to be located across the road from Korumburra's RSL, will highlight the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, running from November 25 until December 10.

Belinda said the colour orange is intended to provide hope, and that flowers are an appropriate symbol of the desire to see the community bloom.

The reality is that gender-



Belinda Nicholls of Milpara Community House in Korumburra will use a display of crafted orange flowers to deliver important messages about gender-based violence. A02_4722

based violence remains a major issue throughout Australia, with the 16 Days of Activism designed to achieve real benefits, not just rely on symbolism and positive vibes.

Statistics in the 'Orange the World' resource booklet, available for download from Milpara's website, say that one in four Australian women have experienced physical or sexual violence.

"Milpara's Orange the World campaign is about bringing the issue to community attention, reducing stigma, increasing awareness of support services available, but

also about challenging our 'That's just the way it is' belief and empowering our community to 'change the story' by building a community that values respect and equality," it is stated.

November 25 is a symbolic starting date for the 16 Days of Activism campaign in Korumburra and elsewhere around the world, being both the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and White Ribbon Day.

The choice of orange was made as part of the UN secretary-general's UNiTE to End

Violence against Women campaign, being perceived as "a bright and optimistic colour".

Belinda said the campaign helps create awareness for those experiencing gender-based violence that they are not alone and support exists.

A few support services are Safe Steps, 1800RESPECT, and Lifeline.

Men's Referral Service is a valuable resource for men concerned about their own behaviour.

The resource booklet provides guidance for family and friends of those who disclose they are experiencing gender-based violence, and details available help services.

Cards outlining available assistance and information packs will be supplied to shops around town, ensuring people have easy access to these valuable resources.

Those making flowers for the Korumburra campaign are encouraged to do so by November 24 in order for them to be ready for the start of the 16-day campaign.

However, Korumburra Library will add to the floral collection, running 'Orange the World' workshops on November 24 and December 1, between 10.30am and 12pm.

Korumburra's Forgotten Café back in mind



Although not apparent from the street, with its windows covered, Korumburra's Forgotten Café premises are expansive, with the building on the market. Elders sales agent Katrina Griggs stands at the site. A01_4722

KORUMBURRA'S Forgotten Café is back at the forefront of minds, with the building which housed it up for sale, creating a rare opportunity in the thriving town.

"Because of its size you could do anything with it," Elders sales agent Katrina Griggs said, with the two storey building occupying most of the approximately 520 square metre block on which it sits.

There is potential for a retail or hospitality business or an office, after the vendors decided to move on a few years after the café's closure.

Katrina said it is a challenge to find available commercial spaces in Korumburra at present, let alone one so large and offering such versatility.

The building is situated in the heart of Korumburra, offering

rear lane access from Little Commercial Street.

The new owner can start with a near blank canvas, with everything to be cleared out apart from a couple of cool rooms.

Noelene Cosson of the Korumburra Business Association (KBA) is excited about the potential for a new business in town, saying such an opportunity is likely to be seized on.

"It's the only real estate that's vacant in our main street," Noelene said.

She added that two shops in town recently became vacant but were quickly filled.

The building's availability may offer an opportunity for somebody looking to move to town, with KBA keen to support existing and new business operators in Korumburra.



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No fly zone for retirement village

AS planning continues to progress over Leongatha's future over 55s village, the Department of Health has raised concerns over its proximity to Gippsland Southern Health Service's helipad.

The \$30M development will be located at 168 South Gippsland Highway at the rear of the Leongatha Hospital, with the hospital's helipad abutting the shared boundary.

Access to the site will initially be via Byrne Street.

"We've received a submission from the Department of Health regarding concerns with access to the helipad at Leongatha Hospital. These concerns are being worked through with the applicant, Council and the Department," South Gippsland Shire stated last week.

The Sentinel-Times is further inquiring for more detail on what the concerns entailed.

The retirement village will feature almost 160 units including a manager residence, and will have a total area of approximately 7.9ha.

Communal facilities will include:

- A vegetable garden / orchard.
- Bocce space.
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- Fitness centre.
- Community hub.
- Tennis court.

The dwellings and communal facility buildings are all single storey.

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Seventy (70) car spaces are provided for visitors and general use.

While all dwellings include private areas of secluded open space and additional communal open space is provided through the site.

Newhaven College was Reith's 'proudest achievement'

PHILLIP Island in general, and Newhaven College in particular had a prominent place in the State Memorial Service for The Honourable Peter Reith AM last Thursday, November 17.

The Reith family's involvement in the Island's recent history was mentioned, Newhaven College was rated Mr Reith's "proudest achievement" and he was ultimately interred at Phillip Island Cemetery on Coghlan Road at a private ceremony on Friday.

Mr Reith's former media adviser, Ian Hanke, led the eulogies and while he praised Mr Reith as "one of the great men of Australian politics" and among other things as "a fiercely loyal man who defended his friends to the limit", he saved a significant part of his remarks for Mr Reith's involvements on Phillip Island.

He spoke about the battle Peter's parents, Alec and Elaine Reith, had trying to hold on to their property on the Summerland Peninsula, after it had been resumed by the State Government, only to note the irony of Peter playing a prominent role, while on the Penguin Parade committee of the local council, in the establishment of a research centre for those same penguins, that had effectively cost his parents their retirement plans.

"Whilst I'm talking about his island life, I can't pass



Newhaven College students, staff and board joined political heavyweights and media personalities at the funeral of Peter Reith last Thursday.

without mentioning another of his achievements that still resonates, and one that his family says was probably his proudest achievement. It was the establishment of Newhaven College, a Prep to year 12, an independent school. The principal of the school Tony Corr is here today but let me read to you what he wrote to the family about the establishment of the school."

Mr Hanke relayed details of Mr Reith's key role in the establishment of the college, and also his legacy.

"Education is the best legacy which any government can bequeath citizens, because it is a prime mover in every facet of human endeavour. What Peter provided for the young people of South Gippsland for over 40 years and for many generations to come, is access to educational opportunities that simply would not have been available in this area, opportunities that will continue to inspire, motivate and empower to make the world a better place," according to Mr Corr. Australia's second-longest-

serving prime minister John Howard also spoke at length, describing Peter as a friend "calm and reassuring" and "relentless and effective" as the need arose, a great "all-rounder" with "enormous capacity" and someone who was there to bring about change for the better.

Peter Keaston Reith AM died on Tuesday, November 8, after a battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was 72.

You can view the livestream of Mr Reith's funeral at <https://monkhouse.com>.

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Vital support for those battling breast cancer

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is easing the burden on people whose lives have been upended after receiving a breast cancer diagnosis.

A comprehensive cancer care service from Wonthaggi Hospital and the Phillip Island Health Hub is saving patients the cost of time, energy and money in travelling beyond the region to receive treatment and medical advice.

Patients are able to consult with oncologists from Alfred Health at Wonthaggi, undergo surgery, and receive chemotherapy and other infusions at the L. Rigby Centre – a dedicated cancer and infusion facility at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Figures from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare predict that 57 people will be diagnosed each day with breast cancer.

Bass Coast Health CEO, Jan Child, highlighted that over 20,428 people are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia this year, including 212 men.

BCH is also fortunate to have the services of McGrath Breast Care Nurse, Taryn Robinson, funded by the McGrath Foundation.

She provides free physical, psychological and emotional support to her clients affected by breast cancer and their families.



McGrath Breast Care Nurse, Taryn Robinson (left) with breast cancer patient Una Curtin of Wonthaggi outside the L. Rigby Centre at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Taryn has 20 years of experience working in oncology, has specialist breast care nurse training, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Cancer Care and a Masters in Advanced Nursing Practice.

The team at Bass Coast Health includes a Breast Surgeon (Dr Sarah Birks), Medical Oncologists, a Radiation Oncologist, Allied Health professionals and the L. Rigby Centre team.

Wonthaggi Hospital also has Breast Screen Victoria onsite.

Judy Mashford of Surf Beach Estate had chemotherapy at the L. Rigby Centre, in addition to surgery at The Alfred hospital and radiation therapy at Gippsland Radiation Oncology at Traralgon.

For five weeks, volunteer drivers from Bass Coast Health took her to Traralgon on a Monday, and she stayed at Gippsland Rotary Centenary House until Friday, while she received daily radiation therapy. A volunteer driver drove to Traralgon every Friday to return Judy home to Phillip Island.

“It’s marvellous to be able to have treatment locally. I moved down to Phillip Island from the city and did not release what was available here,” Judy said.

Una Curtin of Wonthaggi was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020.

After initially being told she would need to travel to Melbourne to receive treatment,

Una said being able to be treated in her home town was “incredible”.

“It meant that I did not have to rely on anybody and not have to stay in Melbourne. It meant that my family members did not have to travel to take me to my appointments,” she said.

Una underwent two surgeries and then chemotherapy at the L. Rigby Centre, and is now having appointments with her oncologist and physiotherapist at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Taryn’s services are free and can be accessed through self-referral – without a doctor’s referral. Taryn can be contacted on taryn.robinson@bass-coasthealth.org.au or 0417 552 327



Owner of Wonthaggi Newspower Fiona Fleming is an official Myki retailer, with access to sell and top up Myki cards for Melbourne travel on buses, trams, and trains. Z12_4722

Newspower; an official Myki retailer

WONTHAGGI Newspower has firmly campaigned for the past six years to become an official Myki retailer and the store was approved to sell and top up Myki cards for Melbourne travel.

Owner Fiona Fleming said previously in-store we could only supply customers with explorer packs, customers would then have to travel to Pakenham or their nearest station to top up their Myki cards before stepping onto public transport.

“From now on we can support regionals who need to travel to Melbourne, offering Myki cards and top ups for children, adults, concession and seniors,” said Fiona.

“It’s great news for the community, for young student travellers and those working in Melbourne.”

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South Gippsland Shire Brass Band in action at a previous carols performance.

Carols to make Leongatha return

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Brass Band members are looking forward to performing at the Leongatha Community Carols on Friday, December 9.

The band has a diverse membership, with a wide range of ages.

Brooke Matera is one of the many talented local artists who will be singing at this year's Leongatha Community Carols.

"Brooke rehearsed her number with the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band last Wednesday night, and sounded great," band president Darryl Hunt said.

While the carols night is always a special event, it will be a little more so this time after a couple of missed years.

The event takes place at Leongatha Recreation Reserve, with pre-show entertainment, activities and food stalls starting at 5.30pm and the main Carols program at 6.30pm.

New mayor to be determined

COMMUNITY members are welcome to attend Wednesday's special South Gippsland Shire council meeting to witness the election of the mayor and deputy mayor, with those roles so far having been filled by councillors Mohya Davies and Nathan Hersey respectively.

Council CEO Kerry Ellis will oversee proceedings, acting as the Returning Officer for the mayoral election.

Prior to the election of the mayor, the length of term of the appointment will be determined, although it appears that will be one year as was the case for the incumbent mayor and deputy mayor.

"Whilst Councillors may resolve to elect the mayor for a period of two years, it is recommended that Council continue with the precedent of electing the mayor for a one-year term," council states.

The term of office for the elected mayor and deputy mayor will commence immediately after Wednesday's election.

The meeting commences at 2pm at the Council Chambers in Leongatha.

Renewable focus for Coal Creek

CLEAN energy, electric cars and community-produced fresh fruit and vegetables will all be discussed during an informative afternoon at Korumburra's Coal Creek on Sunday November 27.

Those keen to learn more about electric vehicles have the chance to see them on display and chat to their owners, also being brought up to date with information about the state of the EV industry generally and any other relevant local developments.

A few Teslas will be present, with the possibility they will be joined by a Nissan Leaf and a Polestar.

The mini car show follows the AGM of the Energy Innovation Co-operative, which is committed to working towards zero emissions across Gippsland through the use of renewable technologies, with people encouraged to come along to discover more.

Prior to that, the afternoon kicks off with community-based organisation Grow Lightly, which is inviting people to attend its AGM so they can hear about becoming one of its growers or enjoying its fresh produce as a customer.

Grow Lightly commenced about a decade ago, selling surplus farm fruit and vegetables.

"It evolved towards dedicated vegetable growing from a variety of sources, both farmers and vegetable growers who



Gil Freeman and son Rhys collect Gil's Tesla from the dealership.

do it on a smaller basis, and they sell to Grow Lightly who then send it on to a number of local families," Grow Lightly member Gil Freeman said.

Vegetables are delivered in bags, with the price paid dependent on what is ordered.

"The aim is to give people access to high-quality local food, and to encourage small-scale organic farming and horticulture in the local area," Grow Lightly says.

The not-for-profit enterprise

operates throughout southern Gippsland.

It will be a busy day for Gil, who is also a member of the Energy Innovation Co-operative and one of the Tesla owners chatting about electric vehicles.

Details of the Day:

Sunday November 27

Grow Lightly AGM: The meeting commences at 2pm in the Grow Lightly Hub adjoining the Coal Creek car park.

Energy Innovation Co-op

AGM: The meeting will be held in the front hall of the Coal Creek centre, starting at 2.30pm.

Electric vehicle display and chat:

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the display of electric vehicles in the Coal Creek car park starting at 3.45pm.

Refreshments will be available in the Grow Lightly Hub.

For more information about the car display, call Gil Freeman on 0425 773 190.

Rock 'n Roll your way to the Lodge on election day



Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary president Kaye Warren and the Lodge's general manager Barry Westhorpe look forward to welcoming attendees at its Election Day fete. A15_4722

THERE'S far more to do on Election Day besides voting, with the Woorayl Lodge Community Fete offering a happy blend of music, dance and tasty food.

Residents and visitors are sure to enjoy the lively tunes of the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band, with Rock 'n Roll dancing exhibitions adding to the fun.

The Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary members' productive efforts will ensure there's a great selection of delicious treats to buy, including jams, relishes, plum puddings and Christmas cakes, with some of the residents' families also pitching in.

There'll be a sausage sizzle, with the Lodge's general manager Barry Westhorpe likely to engage in some friendly banter with customers and other members of the barbecue crew.

Leongatha Lions will be selling

their famous hot chips.

Those wanting to settle in and savour something sweeter can tuck into Devonshire Tea.

There'll be plenty of raffle prizes up for grabs, including hams and ducks.

Residents and others have made the craft items that will be on sale.

You can also buy plants, which have all been potted up.

"We've got Christmas covered," Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary president Kaye Warren said.

As well as raising funds to make improvements at the Lodge, the Fete is sure to be a great day for those who live there.

Woorayl Lodge Community Fete details:

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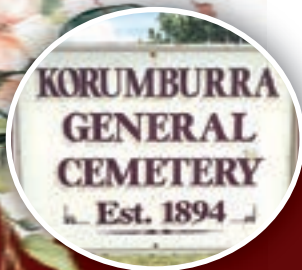
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Foster Carers detail key election priorities

VOLUNTEER foster carers are carrying health, therapeutic, educational and social costs for the privilege of caring for some of Victoria's most vulnerable children and young people.

The care allowance is a "contribution" to the costs of care but falls far short of the true costs of care. Increased costs of living in 2022 have exacerbated the existing shortfall.

"Support for foster carers is an effective social and economic investment. It directly improves the wellbeing of children and young people in foster care households," Chief Executive Officer of the Foster Care Association of Victoria (FCAV), Samantha Hauge said.

"On top of this, recent studies estimate that the economic value to the Victorian economy of volunteers providing safe homes for children in state care, is between \$450-\$850 million every year".

"Unfortunately, because of inadequate funding, carers continue to pay for the costs of caring out of their own pockets resulting in poor morale, high attrition rates and low recruitment."

According to the latest Australian Institute of Health and Welfare - Child Protection report, Victoria again had the highest number of carers (580) exit the foster care system in Australia during 2020-21 and proportionally fewest commencing foster care (315).

This represents a net loss of 265 carers for the state. That's 265 fewer homes for children and young people.

The FCAV recommends that the following initiatives are funded through the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (the Department) to address systemic problems in current supports to foster carers and the children in their care.

1. Increase the Carer Allowance in line with recommendations from the KPMG report commissioned by the Department to support carers with the cost of living.
2. Annually index the Care



Foster carers come in all shapes around the world – but they are united in one goal, to transform children's lives for the better.

- Allowance to the household rate of inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index.
3. Review the Client Support Funding Framework (CSFF) that funds access to specialist services.
 4. Fund the Carer Strategy that drives system wide reform for carers.
 5. Provide ongoing funding for the Carer Assistance Program (CAP) for counselling and advice.

Echoed on a local level

These sentiments are echoed by foster carers nationwide. "It is difficult because a lot of these kids come with absolutely nothing – just the clothes they are in," local foster carer, mother and grandmother Julie explained.

"I deal with it by going to op shops and buying stuff that's nearly new, going to Kmart, Big W at the end of season sales, and picking up suitcases where

and when I can. "I've asked people to donate stuff, which they have. Occasionally they'll come with something from A Better Life for Foster Kids, which is a small case of clothes, but a lot of times they don't. "You're funding medications, clothes and all sorts – you want these kids to have clothes to wear, and shoes, things." A foster carer for five years, Julie started by caring for two teenagers' long term, she has since transitioned to a retainer home – emergency and short-term fostering. "I was fostering a teenager at one stage, sometimes you're fighting the department to get these kids a therapist or whatever they need, and they don't particularly want to fund it, but they don't want us to fund it. These kids really need those supports in place ASAP" Last week Julie had a nine- and two-month-old dropped

into her care in the early hours of the morning – sleepless nights, doting on little ones.

In particular for those walking, talking or both, Julie's hope is that they leave having experienced a more positive world.

"I take them out and try and do things they've never done. I take them to the beach, The Nobbies, the penguins... I love being able to give them a sense of self and let them have choices, let them talk to me openly and just to make a difference. Hopefully they go away with something a bit positive from here and use that in their life."

Funding often doesn't cover these experiences, and with all walks of youth coming through Julie's doors, her dedication and passion is what keeps her going because being a foster carer does add up.

"I treat these kids like I would my grandchildren. You want to see them clean and healthy and dress nice and having a sense of self, you want to see them leave with suitcases not bags, you just want to make their life as good as you possibly can for while you've got them.

"The whole situation needs more carers desperately, if they can somehow up the funding, change the funding, to attract more people that would be ideal; there are kids coming in all the time.

"They need to make it a more positive experience and more support for carers."

For those who may want to help but are not quite up for fostering full time, Julie suggests putting your hand up for respite care.

"It takes a village to raise a child.

"These kids have fallen behind in schools, they are not going enough and are missing out on connections. The other thing the government could do is supply them a laptop and have remote learning continue for these kids.

"You've got so many falling through the cracks, not through any fault of their own."

Re-established community garden not expected until 2023

WORKS to establish the Phillip Island Community Garden at Blue Gum Reserve is progressing despite the project earmarked for completion in March 2023.

Council recently awarded contracts for education and storage sheds, garden beds, accessible toilets and more.

The project is the result of the current Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) being acquired by the state government to expand the community hospital; necessitating the move of the existing community garden.

However, the project has caused considerable stress for the organisation due to delays in start dates and timelines.

The first stage of delivery is due by the end of November to allow groups to start establishing garden beds for summer.

But remaining works won't be completed until March next year, with council's original timeline for completion earmarked for December 2022.

The newly rebuilt space will feature a new main shed for equipment storage, constructed by Gippy Farm sheds and garages.

Relocation and installation of Coels shed - to be used for classes – was undertaken by Pugh House Relocations.

New garden beds, including wheelchair accessible beds, with accessible gravel footpaths and accessible car parking will be installed by SR Excavations.

Island Fencing will install full perimeter fencing and gates, utilising recycled timber from the Cowes Jetty.

ASCO will supply and install an accessible toilet.

Electrical connections will be installed by Cowes Electrical. New water tanks, pergola and seating will also be installed.

"PICAL is delighted to see the community garden progressing. We have worked on this for two years with Council and our garden volunteers are just itching to get in and start the re-establishment of the garden," said Jeff Floyd, PICAL president.

The total project cost is \$384,107, including Council's contribution of \$239,343, an RSL contribution of \$106,000 and a PICAL contribution of \$38,764.



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Bringing contemporary art to the community

THE Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space (PICES) held its second annual general meeting at the Newhaven information centre recently, where the president outlined the achievements of the past year, and the outgoing committee was re-elected for 2023.

The meeting was followed by a celebratory launch of the PICES 2022-27 strategic plan, promotional signs and banner featuring the attractive new PICES branding designed by committee member, Carolyn O’Callaghan.

PICES president Sandra Peeters is grateful to both the Bass Coast Shire Council and the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo for funding these projects.

Organisation of the fourth series of annual pop-up exhibitions is underway and will be held at the Ramada Resort Phillip Island, from January 4 to January 31, 2023.

They will feature the work of 26 talented artists from Bass Coast and beyond, working in a wide range of media including painting, print making, ceramics, photography, wood turning. Not to be missed!

Also, not to be missed, stage two of the Hoard project. Fourteen different artists are now featured on the hoarding along Thompson Avenue outside the Cowes Community Cultural Centre development.

PICES is committed to bringing contemporary art to the community, if you would like to join PICES or support its activities in any way, email pices3922@gmail.com or alternatively visit www.pices.com.au and follow along with social media to see the exciting plans for the future. Facebook. [com/picesartspace](https://www.facebook.com/picesartspace) and Instagram [com/picesartspace](https://www.instagram.com/picesartspace).

Leongatha Fire Brigade open day and fundraiser

LEONGATHA Fire Brigade is throwing open its doors on Election Day, with the public invited to enjoy a family open day, and the event doubling as a fundraiser for the brigade backed by local business Leongatha Forest & Garden.

People can enjoy a tour of the station and chat to members of its friendly crew about the upcoming fire season and how to be well prepared for it.

The family-oriented brigade is always keen to welcome new members, with open day attendees encouraged to learn more about available operational and non-operational roles if interested.

Non-operational roles include administration and gardening.

While there is a serious side to the brigade, with its devotion to protecting the Leongatha community and those in surrounding areas, it also has a vibrant social component.

That includes holding brigade parties for members and their families.

The light-hearted side of Leongatha Fire Brigade will be on show during the open day, with its members competing in wooden fire truck races, using streams of water to propel the little vehicles.

The barbecue will be in action so attendees can enjoy a snag.

Part-owner of Leongatha Forest & Garden, Rob Low, outlined the motivation for



Manager of Leongatha Forest & Garden Isaiah Chatelier teams up with the CFA mascot to promote Saturday’s Leongatha Fire Brigade Community Open Day.

Saturday’s event.

“We are keen to be part of the towns we are in, and the focus is on raising as much as possible for the CFA,” he said.

Leongatha Fire Brigade captain, Mick Wight, said funds raised will help to purchase a new Forward Command Vehicle (FCV).

The brigade recently secured a State Government grant towards buying the Ford Ranger FCV, and will also raise funds through the sale of its current FCV, but needs to find further money to enable the purchase of the new vehicle.

An FCV serves multiple purposes.

It acts as a fireground radio

communications vehicle, but is also used for Fire Equipment Maintenance (FEM) jobs.

FEM involves brigade members checking firefighting equipment in the local region, and is the major fundraising source for the brigade.

The FCV is also important for community events, being used to transport equipment such as barbecues.

Raffles will help boost Saturday’s fundraising total, with Leongatha Forest & Garden donating a chainsaw as a prize.

Members of the Forest & Garden team will demonstrate the use of equipment such as axes, chainsaws and wood splitters during the day.

“The object is that by the end of the day we’ll probably have a couple of tons of firewood and we’ll raffle that as well,” Rob said.

Forest & Garden was encouraged to open in Leongatha because many people from the area were customers of its Waragul store.

After settling into Leongatha, the Forest & Garden team is keen to boost its community involvement and Rob said the expectation is that Saturday’s CFA open day will become an ongoing event.

It’s hoped that in addition to the barbecue, a coffee van will be in attendance at Leongatha Fire Station.

Leongatha Fire Brigade COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Saturday 26 November 10am to 3pm 83 Bair St, Leongatha

BBQ | MEET THE CAPTAIN | DEMOS



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The Leongatha Fire Brigade welcome the community to visit our station for a day of fun activities, BBQ and interactive displays. Meet our firefighters and check out our equipment, including our firetrucks!

WIN!



ENTER OUR COMMUNITY DAY RAFFLE TO WIN A brand new Husqvarna 455 Rancher chainsaw with 20-inch bar valued at \$1,319. Kindly donated by Leongatha Forest & Garden. All proceeds going to Leongatha Fire Brigade.

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IS CLIMATE IRRESPONSIBILITY

Phillip Islands' biodiversity is unique and priceless. But it being put at risk by the Care-Less planning, rezoning and poorly considered development.

We need a sustainable balance between economic development and protection and conservation of the remarkable and diverse ecosystems that are part of protected wetlands and wildlife .

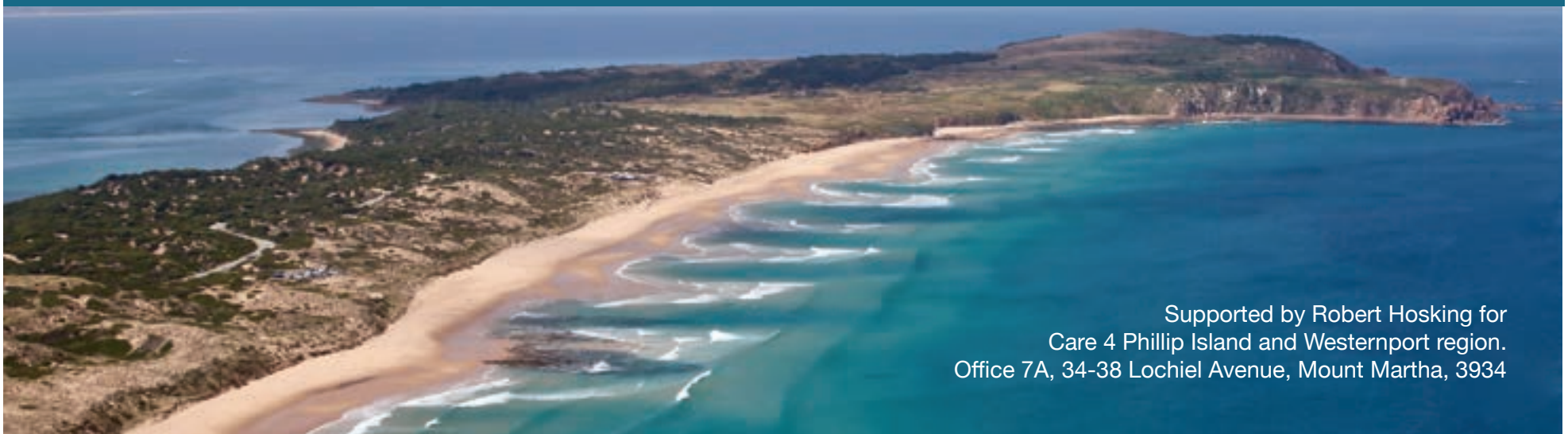
The people of Phillip Island, San Remo, French Island, Mornington Peninsula, South Gippsland and all areas surrounding Westernport Bay require a genuinely independent administrator with the power to enforce environmental standards and regulations.

We must respect and care for the land, the waters and the people who live, work, visit and enjoy this natural environment.



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Bass Coast program among winners of health awards

EARLY intervention for young children with development delay, nurse-led screening for cardiovascular health, a program to help ease health workforce issues and mental health support for the homeless.

These varied programs won the four categories in the 2022 Gippsland Primary Health Awards, announced in front of a large crowd at a ceremony that followed the Gippsland Primary Health Network's annual general meeting in Sale on Wednesday, November 16.

From 17 finalists, the winners were:
Populations – Central Gippsland Health in 2020

Central Gippsland Health implemented a trans-disciplinary model of care through the development of the Early Intervention Triage Clinic. The clinic's focus is on timely support for pre-school children with developmental delay or behavioural concerns.

Health Issues – Latrobe Health Services

In June 2022, Latrobe Health Services delivered an Australian first-of-its-kind Healthy Hearts Study in Gippsland. It tested the cardiovascular health of 500 people and successfully demonstrated that pharmacy or nurse-led health screenings can be a valuable mechanism for delivering preventative health awareness for the community.


Service Issues – Gippsland Lakes Complete Health

The Cadetship Program at Gippsland Lakes Complete Health represents an innovative solution to rural allied health workforce issues. The cadetship model offers students the opportunity for paid employment while they complete their degree.

Prevention Issues – Wellways Australia

The Gippsland Psychosocial Support Service is delivered throughout Gippsland by Wellways Australia and in 2021, a position dedicated to supporting participants who were homeless was introduced. Wellways designed a training package for support workers, recognising the inherent link between housing instability and mental health recovery. The worker identifies individuals experiencing homelessness and introduces the activities to support participants in finding and sustaining a home, through a recovery-focused lens.

LIFE Moments



Hudson Sam Burns was born on Friday, October 14, 2022, to Laura Robins and Sam Burns of Tarwin Lower. Hudson is the gorgeous first-born son and child for Laura and Sam.

Send your birthday, anniversary or baby photos to news@sgst.com.au



The Family Violence Rally held in Melbourne prior to COVID in 2019.

There is no excuse for family violence; say police

FAMILY violence is an increasing problem. The Latrobe Family Violence Investigation Unit (FVIU) look at the more serious and complex investigations of family violence.

"We manage high risk family violence offenders, and we manage those that are repeat cases as well," Detective Acting Senior Sergeant Paul Ziebell said.

"Part of our management is that we will go out and visit both the respondent and the AFM (affected family member).

"We'll make sure that the AFM's got in place her safety risks and that could be established from the Orange Door or the Service Hubs – Quantum, The Salvation Army... And then we'll go and see the respondent as well. Part of that is obviously making him aware of what the conditions of the IVO are. We might discuss if they're on bail, the conditions of bail, and then we'll explain to them the consequences of committing further family violence."

The IVO and bail a double jeopardy.

"If you breach bail and you breach your IVO we say that's a risk and you're not complying with what the court has set in regards to your bail. Therefore, we will probably consider, on most occasions, a remand and will remand that person in custody before the court. The court may give them bail, the court may remand them for a further period that's determined by the court."

"We also support the general duties' police, we're there for advice in regard to any of the investigations into family violence they may have."

Whilst not every day is the same in the unit, the day starts off in a similar manner.

"We analyse what comes in. Every morning a detective (rotating schedule) will triage the family violence from overnight and we will then determine where it goes whether it stays with us, or uniform continue to manage it."

Integral to the Unit is their

close working relationship with services including Orange Door, Quantum, The Salvation Army and DFFH child protection, amongst others.

"They are the people who look after our AFM's – they'll look after the AFM, and we'll concentrate on the enforcement side of things with the respondent."

Stepping behind the doors to the unit is no easy task.

"All members of the Family Violence Unit are detectives, and they go through the same process. Detective training school, the Sexual Offences Child Investigation Unit (SOCIT) course and the VARE course, which is how we interview children and those with disabilities.

"If a position becomes available and their successful, they complete the Family Violence Operative course."

With two dedicated FV detectives in Bass Coast and two in Baw Baw, along with Paul, it's not uncommon to pull both teams together if the job requires additional numbers, or dispatch detectives from Latrobe.

"The teams do long hours, but we do have our own welfare department and we have a group that check in with us to ensure we are coping. In my role I'm mindful of their welfare, the hours they work, the job they've picked up, the people they are dealing with.

"We meet weekly, every Monday; we sit down and go through the jobs and make sure everyone is coping."

Having been in the force for 29 years, four in Family Violence, and Crime Investigation prior for many years, Paul took the opportunity to step into the new division.

"The Family Violence Units came into play after the Royal Commission, it was an opportunity to try something different – my head was spinning for a while.

"It's rewarding, we get some really good outcomes from the Courts in regard to some of our victims.

"In Crime you charge someone with burglary, who may

have been in 10 times before, but you get a serious family violence offender, and they go to court and the court itself looks upon it in a different way – we've seen some really good jail sentences come out from the work we've done."

For the FVIU seeing a victim of family violence be able to move on with their lives and putting a stop to children who are exposed to family violence are the most rewarding parts of the job.

And whilst family violence is not restricted to women, statistics show women are at higher risk, with at least one quarter of women in Australia having experienced at least one incident of violence by an intimate partner, and on average, one woman a week in Australia is killed by her intimate partner.

"We've started to see non-fatal strangulation being a common theme. They impact us more because of the seriousness of the crime. If there's a non-fatal strangulation, we're looking at ensuring the person goes to a doctor and sees the doctor, because there are complications that can set in afterwards depending on how serious the strangulation was at the time – restricted breathing, whether the person passed out, there could be loss of bowel movements. Restricting the blood flow in the muscles in the neck can be fatal weeks afterwards.

"There are heaps of symptoms that come with non-fatal strangulation that are concerning to us."

Fortunately, fatal strangulations are few and far between, however non-fatal strangulation is one of the most significant red flags to homicide and premature death.

"We know family violence impacts quite heavily on the community, sometimes it may not just involve that direct family, but it might involve people surrounding it. We see family violence happening in the streets. We see it happening in our homes and it's normally the people in the street that call it in or neighbours.

"We appreciate those people contacting us and contributing towards how we investigate family violence, but we still know that there's a lot that goes under reported as well."

In serious cases, families are relocated by the services.

"Whilst protecting the family our role is not to split up families, our role is to try and stop family violence to the point both parties can get on with each other. Unfortunately, there are respondents who don't adhere to what we are trying to do and that forces our hand to what we do.

"People will end up in jail as a result of continual family violence."

Once released the FVIU manage individuals again for a period of time and ensure they understand the conditions of their IVO and that a breach will likely mean back to prison.

"Some individuals on our books have IVO's on until 2060."

By comparison, some families have been reunited.

"We've seen people come out of prison; they've changed their ways. The AFM has been satisfied with how he's been behaving so she'll get a court order limited to the fact that he can now see the children, they might not get back together again. But the fact is, he's seeing his children.

"At the end of the day everyone's got a role to play. There's a large range of support that's now available to victims of family violence.

"Coming into summer and the festive season, we know that alcohol will play a large role in some of the family violence that takes place. Be mindful and we encourage reporting.

"Victoria also has a 24/7 family violence support service it's available and can be contacted on 1800 015 188."

You can report family violence to police by calling 000 in emergency situations or contacting your local police station either via telephone (Wonthaggi 24 hour – 5671 4100) or in person.

Bass Coast's priceless asset

By Meryl Brown Tobin

WHAT is remnant pre-European native vegetation worth?

Some argue extracting sand and gravel from the remnant pre-European native vegetation that makes up much of the biolink stretching from Nyora-Lang Lang to Grantville and beyond is providing cheap sand for Melbourne.

But how much would it cost if the cost of the biolink's biodiversity, which has evolved over millions of years, were factored into the cost?

If a sand company were required after mining to rehabilitate a site to what it was before extraction took place, is the cost even calculable? Would it even be possible to rehabilitate the site to this standard?

For instance, would it be possible to reinstate wildlife if it were made locally, regionally, state-wide or nationally extinct by the removal of their habitat here?

If you had to create or recreate this virgin forest, you would need to have it evolve over millions of years and have it create ecosystems, all inter-related and where flora and fauna would be interdependent. How would you even go about it?

If you factored in the cost of the time and the ability of humans with the intelligence and expertise capable of doing such a job, if such intelligence and expertise exists, what would be a realistic price to ask for virgin forest?

The Western Port Woodlands is the biolink stretching between Nyora-Lang Lang to Grantville and beyond that locals have been fighting since 1996 to have declared a national park.

It is virtually the last big stand of the 5% of remnant uncleared pre-European native vegetation left in West Gippsland.

If we allow much of it to be mined for sand and gravel, what will be left of this priceless biolink, land of incalculable value, to do its bit for the environment?

Will offsets do the job? Does it make sense to you that cutting down mature forest and bulldozing the middle and under storeys and the ground cover could be compensated by and/or replaced by planting



Walker admires hundreds of years old grass tree in the Grantville Grass Tree Forest. Photo: Hartley Tobin

some seedlings elsewhere? Will saying we'll count another forest elsewhere as an offset do the job that, for instance, the Western Port Woodlands are currently doing?

Or is it common sense to appreciate that native vegetation and the fauna dependent on it, once wiped out, are impossible to replicate to anything like the same standard? For instance, once wiped out on sites given

over to sand mining, what will happen to the over 50 species of native orchids Bass Coast locals Ron Fletcher, the late Ken Hollole and Geoff Glare found and mapped in The Gurdies and Grantville areas?

Is our fast-disappearing virgin land so cheap we should be mining it for sand or so beyond value we couldn't put a price on it?

What is a realistic price for

someone to pay to buy it or to obtain a work permit to mine it?

Are David Attenborough and top scientists correct in demonstrating our natural environment is something on which human life depends for its survival? Is it an economic, social and environmental priceless something that could go on in perpetuity? Or should we continue to take notice of those who talk about 'balancing needs' and 'offsets' and continue to destroy remnant native vegetation for the 'cheap' sand underneath it? Should we ignore the fact that our biolink is being incrementally and continually nibbled at and chomped away until it is unviable?

If you were running Victoria, would you be running it with the main aim to keep yourself and your party in power for the next four years and hopefully the four years after that?

Or would you have a 10 year plan, a 25 year plan, a 50 year, 100 year, 500 year plan and 1000 year and a forever plan for your state? If not, should you?

This statement appeared in the Bass Coast Shire Council's Environment Sustainability Plan, 2008-2013: "One of the most critical local environmental issues for Bass Coast is that there is less than 10% of indigenous bush remaining from pre 1700s. There is research and a common acceptance that if there is 35% cover of native vegetation then 75-80% of species can survive, but below that level extinctions can accelerate rapidly."

Would you take action to rectify this issue or continue to exacerbate it by digging up more remnant indigenous pre-European bush?

Is opening up our Western Port Woodlands to a massive increase in sand extraction a short-sighted fate for an environmental and economic asset of value to benefit the community indefinitely?

Would you be a 'future-eater', a person who eats up the resources of not only their own generation but those of future generations and who make their profit at the expense of this generation and future generations.



Local writer Lauren Burns writes of her journey to discover the identity of her biological father in her book Triple Helix.

The rights of the child

THE book review by Meryl Brown Tobin of Triple Helix: My donor-conceived story describes the emotional connection that local writer Lauren Burns is bringing to her readers, inviting them into her journey of re-writing her own history and finding a sense of identity.

Tobin provides a glimpse into the depth of what a reader will experience from Lauren's story stating, 'If, 12 days after you turn or turned 21, your mother said, 'Dad's not your biological father,' how would you react?'

Like local writer Lauren Burns, would you feel as if 'her words tore a hole in the surprisingly convincing facade of my life'?

"Many people, especially women, would probably feel as she did. Just as many adopted children want to know who their biological parents are, they would want to find out who their biological father was," said Meryl.

However, Lauren Burns' job was harder as her mother told her she was a sperm-donor conceived IVF baby before 1988. At the time of her conception, mothers of donor-conceived babies were told little except that most donors were medical students.

Her book, 'Triple Helix', published in March 2022, also follows her journey to find her biological father and to find her roots, but it expands on a lot of the earlier material. However, her need does not negate her feelings for the man who had helped bring her up, despite him and her mother divorcing when she was two.

"Coming up against bureaucracy, records gone missing, unhelpful guardians of secrets and not getting the information she believes she is entitled to as a human being with basic human rights, Lauren Burns becomes frustrated with a cruel system."

Lauren questions the ethics of donor anonymity and becomes a political activist when it becomes obvious that is the only way to get change so that babies who were sperm-donor conceived prior to 1988, when laws changed, could find their sperm-donor biological fathers.

"As she follows up leads to her biological father and comes to dead-ends, she and her partner Gerry take a year off and travel through national parks and other scenic places in America," said Meryl.

"Lauren tells two parallel stories—one of her hunt to find her biological father and one of her journey with Gerry in America, an analogy for her first journey. Along the way her relationship with Gerry develops, especially as he copes with her at times almost obsessive need to find her roots before she can feel whole again."

Published by University of Queensland Press, 'Triple Helix: My donor-conceived story' is a 280-page paperback available at bookstores The Hare & Tortoise Books in Korumburra, instore at Big W or online.

Beautiful quilts displayed for all

TWO members of Philip Island Patchworkers, Annemarie Campbell from Ringwood and Jeanette Clark from Patchwork Maze, Glen Alvie presented quilts they had on display at the club's Quilt Show over Cup Weekend.

They were presented to John and Krishna Methven, founders of the Vietnam Veterans Museum. These quilts will be displayed permanently at the Museum.

Pictured is Annemarie Campbell, Jeanette Clark, John and Krishna Methven.



Sentinel-Times COMMENT

Where's the OH&S on the 'Early Voting' booths?

THERE'S been plenty of argy-bargy on the booths in Bass, between the candidates and their supporters during the two weeks of Early Voting.

"Don't vote for her, she's in favour of nuclear energy."

"He's just a stooge for the Labor/Liberal Party."

"She's an antivaxxer!"

"Why are you even standing?"

And worse than that, verging on abuse.

People have gone home crying, others red-faced, forced to apologise the next day.

So much so that we've been told that the Victorian Electoral Commission has warned some of the candidates involved to tone it down or they will be banned until election day.

But is it any wonder that fatigue is setting the candidates off?

On Tuesday and Thursday last week, the booths were open from 8.30am to 8pm at Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Cowes, the same again on Thursday this week, November 24. They're open for almost 10 hours on other days.

And most people like it. In fact, a record number, well over 50% of voters, are expected to have cast their vote well before election day – that's the end of the "democracy sausage".

Seriously though, it's a virtual impossibility for independent candidates and small parties to man the booths for those sorts of hours, and even the main parties are struggling to get people there so the candidates have to stand up for 8, 10 or more hours daily themselves.

It's crucial, in a tight race, that your party gets the chance to personally hand out the 'how to vote' card, but where's the workplace occupational, health and safety rules? It can't be safe to have candidates and their supporters standing out for that long.

And where did the practice of two weeks of 'Early Voting' before election day come from? It was supposed to be for shift workers, the infirm, frail and the like who couldn't get there on Saturday. But surely, it's impacting the result to have people voting while the campaign is still going on and new developments are coming out on a daily basis.

The government and the VEC has got to wind it back. One week of Early Voting should be more than enough, and limit it to those who have pre-qualified online to vote early, plus those over 70. Let's have a proper election day where the voters have all the information in front of them, and the independents and small-party candidates aren't as clearly disadvantaged by the voting arrangements.

Time for action

Thank you, Sentinel-Times, for your front page (15/11) highlighting the disgraceful state of the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

Please keep the spotlight on this subject to ensure some dignity is restored to the resting place of our loved ones.

Surely it is unacceptable to have to wear gum boots to visit the graves of our loved ones as myself and others find necessary.

Our Cemetery, Our Disgrace.

Come on Bass Coast Shire Council, after many years of neglect - it's time for action.

Denise Jeffries and family, Wonthaggi.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grob' Robinson.

Strong environmental protections

As well as considering one important aspect of the Bass Coast environment, we need to look at the Andrews Government's overall achievements in guarding Victoria's flora and fauna.

Since coming to office, the current administration has invested more in biodiversity and environment protection than any other Victorian Government, creating 250,000 hectares of protection through:

- 65,106 hectares of new National Parks in the Central West
- 96,000 hectares of Immediate Protection Areas
- 90,000 hectares of old growth forest protection

In 2017 Minister D'Ambrosio released Biodiversity 2037, a 20-year plan to stop the decline of our biodiversity and improve outcomes for our threatened species. (Environment land and water planning Vic State Govt).

As well, the Minister has recently called for interested people to partner with the government to restore 20,000 hectares of private land under its \$31 million BushBank program.

The current government has returned over 30,000 hectares of land at Ned's Corner to the First People of the Millewa-Mallee and the Minister has announced a \$10 million Nature Fund, to attract private investment into Victoria to help protect our precious biodiversity.

There was the creation of new and expanded box-ironbark parks, a world-class representative system of marine national parks and marine sanctuaries in 2002 and the banning of cattle grazing in the Alpine and River Red Gum national parks in 2015 where we used to bush walk.

To read of the many more achievements in protecting Victoria's environment and biodiversity by the Andrews Government see the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website.

We need to look at the overall achievements of the Andrews Government in protecting our environment and biodiversity as well as at an important local issue.

Felicia Di Stefano, Ryanston

Still waiting for report

Thank you for highlighting the importance of cemeteries (Sentinel Times 15/11).

And congratulations to Cr Les Larke for remaining on the case.

It was his return to the area over a decade ago and his agitating for change that focussed attention on the dire need for works at the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

Governance issues were also requiring attention.

Bass Coast Shire Council is responsible for managing both Wonthaggi and San Remo cemeteries, a task undertaken with what I would politely describe as varying degrees of enthusiasm.

San Remo Cemetery is in a tranquil hill-top setting.

It is well maintained, apart from the Memorial Garden which requires ongoing weeding and planting.

Council has commissioned a report which, as I understand it, will offer recommendations for future management.

It was due out in the middle of this year. Those of us interested are still waiting.

Jane Ross, Co-ordinator - Friends of San Remo Cemetery

Nature strip requires council attention

On October 3, 2022, I sent an e-mail to Bass Coast Shire Council alerting them to the fact that their nature strip bordering the entrance to the Thompson Reserve in Cuttriss Street had not been attended to for months and was quite unsightly.

Besides long grass bordering the kerb, the boundary fence was covered in dead scrub, festoons of poisoned grass and blackberry runners.

I received an e-mail the following day allocating me a reference number and inviting me to contact them again if necessary.

Two weeks later, after discussing it with a local councillor, I received an e-mail from Council telling me the nature strip would be attended to for 'Roadside slashing and spraying'.

As the area in question is in a residential street, I believe the Council should adhere to its own local law regulations which require residents to keep their residential nature strips up to a certain standard.

Following a call to Council enquiring about the progress of my enquiry, Council sent someone the next day to roughly cut the long

grass and then phoned me to tell me they had attended to the issue.

However, the festoons of long dead sprayed grass, blackberry and dead scrub lining the boundary fence was untouched.

When I pointed this out to the Council administrator who phoned me, he said it was going to be necessary to get a contractor to complete the job.

This is a job any home gardener could do.

Added to the absurdity of the protracted exercise was the fact that the Council administrator tried to maintain that the lack of attention had been due to the 'wet season'.

He was unable to contradict my knowledge that it had not been attended to for many months long before the 'wet season'.

Also, during this time Council maintenance workers had been able to mow the grass on the other side of the nature strip boundary.

An incorrect claim, absurd limitations on maintenance job descriptions and a five-week delay still without any end in sight to complete a simple task, could provide some insight into the reasons for any delays and complications affecting major projects in Bass Coast.

I object to having to waste my time and paying the wages of administrators who make incorrect excuses regarding a matter, which I should not have had to draw their attention to if they had a fixed schedule of responsibility for maintenance of land assets in residential areas.

Rosemary Hutchinson, Inverloch

Expand existing supports

There's plenty wrong with our councils, they say (SGST 01.11.22) – but, beyond statutory change granting councillors greater access to information, another suggested solution is not the answer.

Why establish yet another info-silo like 'Councillors Victoria' to help prepare new councillors and provide them with independent advice - when the MAV and the VLGA already exist?

That a bunch of Liberals want their own partisan patch in this important zone is depressing...

Get in there, reform, expand and adapt existing institutions to effectively curb the overweening arrogance of local council bureaucracies.

There's many out here in ratepayer land who'd like to see that!

Ken Blackman, Inverloch

Vox Pop

How has the wet weather affected you?



Cath Murphy
Cowes

"Prefer the sunshine but used to the rain growing up. Rain is good for the business though – a lot of families come in."



Nici Cahill
Phillip Island

"Had cold showers for six years so quite adaptable to the weather. With six seasons in one day we're more prepared for how quick the fronts come in."



Barry Wooding
Neerim

"Only really messed up the weekends, otherwise there has been no issue."



Trevor Hirt
Burwood East

"Not one bit."

water
Teach. Teach children water safety skills
Respond. Learn how to respond in the case of an emergency
Keep Watch is supported by the Australian Government.
For more information about Royal Life Saving's Keep Watch campaign, visit www.royallifesaving.com.au/keepwatch
Justin Scarr, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Life Saving Society - Australia

Vote with environment in mind

Preserve our Forests Mirboo North (PoF) is a non-partisan community group whose focus is solely on the preservation of the Mirboo North forest.
Our committee and supporters consist of people with diverse political views, and PoF is not affiliated with any particular political party.
In light of the upcoming election, we believe it important to ensure that voters are aware of the candidates' position on future protection of the Mirboo North forests.

In response to the PoF Open Letter to Candidates published in November 15, several candidates have put forward their position as follows...
Sophie Paterson, Upper House candidate for Eastern Victoria, Sustainable Australia Party:
"In terms of the specific concerns regarding the protection of forests, I am in support of greater protection of native flora and fauna in Victoria. Sustainable Australia Party policy has strict guidelines on development and forestry, including that they must "avoid all habitats of threatened, vulnerable and endangered native species." Therefore, I respect and endorse all recommendations for the Mirboo North [Immediate Protection Area] IPA as per the comprehensive, independent, and scientific investigations."
Harriet Shing, Member for Eastern Victoria, Labor:
"Over the past eight years we have listened to the local community - who love the Mirboo North Forest for its unique landscape and precious biodiversity. In recognition of this, we designated it as an Immediate Protection Area. A response to the Eminent Panel for Community Engagement's report - which included over 1600 engagements with locals and stakeholders - will be provided by the next Victorian Government."

Mat Morgan, Lead Upper House candidate for Eastern Victoria, Australian Greens Victoria:
"As an anti-logging activist myself, I am very proud to say that The Greens unequivocally support ending native forest logging and bringing forward the \$120m transition fund to 2023.
Under no circumstance should Vicforests get their hands on Mirboo North Forests in a climate and biodiversity crisis."
Danny O'Brien, Member Gippsland South, The Nationals, has been contacted and a response was promised by his office however, it hasn't materialised in time for submission of this letter.
When voting, please carefully consider the candidates' stance on the protection of the Mirboo North forests.
My thanks to all the candidates who found time in their busy schedules to provide a response.
Marg Thomas, Preserve our Forests Mirboo North & District

Conserve Our Coast

Have you heard about the government's proposal to cover our beautiful coastline from Phillip Island to Loch Sport - yes, all the way around the coast - past the world renown Wilson's Promontory, with up to three thousand industrial wind turbines.
We must think about the marine life and habitat destruction which would be caused by concreting these 240-350-metre-tall wind turbines, into the seabed, including cables to bring the power to land.
We must think about the migratory whales, migratory Shearwaters and other precious birds, penguins, and sensitive wildlife we harbour in the waters off Phillip Island and Wilson's Promontory National Park.
I have just been to the iconic light house at Wilson's Promontory National Park, we were thrilled to see whales, playing off the coast.
And trust me, you can see all those islands around the tip in the picture from the light house - this land scape would be covered with wind turbines as far as you can see.
We need to think about the cost and energy use which would be required to build the structures, blades, substations and generators (not in Australia of course) and then transport them to Australian waters and anchor them deep in our ocean floor.
We must think about the waste of non-recyclable wind turbines and blades after their workable life has expired (and no doubt before our grandchildren have finished paying for them).
Things we need to consider in regards to the Labour Government's industrial zoning of our waters:
• We have not been told by the Andrews government what the impacts will be. No photo montages, no idea where the pylons will be going, etc
• The coastline between Cape Woolami and Wilsons Promontory and around to the Ninety Mile beach is pristine and should not be industrialised. The benefits of wind energy simply don't justify the destruction.
• There have been no meaningful consultation with local residents about the choice of sites.
• There is inequity in the choice of Bass Coast, Wilson's Promontory and the East Coast for their turbines. The wind regime off St. Andrews Beach, Portsea and Anglesea is just as strong and there are plenty of existing power cables (eg: Point Henry in Geelong) to disperse the power.
• Why is Port Phillip Bay not included? The water is shallow, it is 1,900 sq km, it is close to all the major users, it is an already industrialised landscape, provides good port access and a strong grid network. It is also close to two large gas-fired power stations at Laverton and Williamstown for rapid backup when the

wind fails.
• Bass Strait is an important migration and shipping route, Phillip Island is a world renowned National treasure, Wilson's Promontory is a First Class Australian National Park, and the Ninety Mile beach area is an untamed stretch of natural coastline, all are important marine environments, and breeding places for our precious birdlife. They should not be industrialised. One mistake in judgement could cause irreversible damage.
• The so called 'economic benefit' needs to be investigated thoroughly. I believe China currently controls over 80% of all renewable energy supplies such as wind turbines and solar.
With the pending State Election, a group of concerned locals have met with the candidates in Bass Coast, and tried to get them to put the industrialisation of our coast on the table as an election issue.
With no suitable response from any candidate, a local lady, Meg Edwards, has decided to run in the seat of Bass as an independent candidate, to give a voice to our region in Parliament.
In the Upper House, candidates who are seeking to fight this project are James Unkles (UAP candidate) and John O'Brien (independent candidate).
The fight will go on long beyond the election, so please feel free to contact Meg Edwards and have your name included in an 'action against industrialisation' group, to keep up to date, and participate in the discussion.
Gayle Moss, Yanakie
Editor's note: This letter was edited due to space

Keep watch

Following on from a record number of drowning deaths in the past year, Royal Life Saving Society - Australia is urging all parents and carers in your area to always 'Keep Watch' around the water.
Our latest research reveals 549 children aged 0 to 4 have died from drowning in Australia in the past 20 years. Forty per cent were aged just one year old.
This clearly reveals there needs to be much more action on supervising young children around water - which is why we urge everybody to 'Keep Watch'.
The drowning risk for young children peaks in summer; 38 per cent of all drowning deaths take place between December and February.
More than half of all deaths occurred in swimming pools, making pools the leading location for drowning among young children.
Drowning in young children is often quick and silent. Everyday distractions like answering the front door, checking on dinner in the oven or answering a text message can divert someone's attention away from the crucial task of supervision. This can then enable a child to enter the pool area unaccompanied.
Active supervision means giving your full attention - and avoiding distractions. It is important that you check your pool fence and gate. Pool gates should never be propped open for any reason. The 2022 Keep Watch campaign urges parents and caregivers to:
Supervise. Actively supervise children around water
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Open garden first for Rostrevor

Pam and Andrew Bowen held their first South Gippsland open gardens event from Saturday, November 12 to Sunday, November 13 at the marvellous 'Rostrevor' in Leongatha. Alongside three other locations including, Mc Eccles Manor, Black Duck Farm and B&B's a ground historic home in Wild Duck Valley. For more information on South Gippsland open gardens visit www.southgippslandopengardens.com.au 247_4622

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.



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Medical Volunteers Andrew Simmons of Gippsland and David Parmesan of Bright were back on board for a fantastic weekend of racing. C16_4722



Tanya Bland of Cowes and Allison Keith of Wonthaggi assist with the BCAL Melbourne Cup Parade Exhibition. C06_4722



Shelley Gray of Wonthaggi and Tayla Oldham of Inverloch join in festivities at BCAL for the photography exhibition. C07_4722



Anthony Azzato of Makita, Total Tools marketing coordinator Bronte Primmer and Makita rep Luke Broomhall attended the Total Tools end of year VIP event on Wednesday. Z01_4722



Jill Wang of Melbourne, Claire Viri of Ballarat and Yanan Wei of Melbourne were on board as medical volunteers at the World Superbike's on Phillip Island over the weekend. C17_4722



Tracey Davies of Warrenheip and ASBK rider Trent Binaisse caught up between preparation ahead of an action-packed weekend on Thursday. C18_4722



Australian Superbike rider, Billy McConnell and Australian Supersport rider Ty Lynch were all smiles in the sunshine as Ty sits in second for the championship. C19_4722



Alessandro Alvisi and World Supersport rider Yari Montella chat in the sunshine ahead of the final round at Phillip Island on Thursday. C20_4722



Old friends and Pit Lane Officials Effie Alygizakis and Michael Griffin enjoy a spot of lunch during a break on Thursday. C21_4722



Pictures of you and your friends at the BCAL Melbourne Cup Parade Exhibition, Phillip Island World Superbikes and Total Tools end of year VIP event.



Total Tools staff Paul Slater, Josh Crank, store manager Glen Hoskin and Graham Hardman welcomed VIP customers to the end of year event and showed their official partnership with Movember. Z02_4722



Area manager of JAK Max, Mark Scott visited the Wonthaggi Total Tools store for the end of year VIP event, displaying a range of Greenworks battery operated products. Z03_4722



Lincoln Sturre and Robert Wood parked their mobile pizza truck 'Wheelie Good Pizzas' at the Total Tools VIP event, providing free pizza to all customers, staff, and brand reps. Z04_4722



Area manager for Gorilla, Michael Cobb attended the Total Tools end of year event, showcasing their range of ladders and scaffold for VIP customers and trades. Z05_4722



National account manager for Bostik, Mark Lowe held a stand at the Total Tools VIP end of year event, providing information and support on hardware and plumbing. Z06_4722



Shanell and Johan stock up supplies and help finish the set up in the Ducati tent on Thursday. C22_4722



Wayne Maxwell and Josh Waters set their sights on the Phillip Island Australian Superbike rounds. C23_4722



Brett Lynn of Milwaukee assisted CFA volunteer Dale Wakefield at the Total Tools VIP end of year event, providing support on tools for the Kernot Grantville brigade. Z07_4722

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What a year for Studio Phoenix!

THE well known Dance and Performing Arts studio based in Wonthaggi and Newhaven couldn't have fitted more into the past 12 months.

In June, they had New York based director and choreographer David Wynen hold his Broadway Masterclass series at Studio Phoenix.

Students from Studio Phoenix and other local dance studios were treated to two days of Broadway Tap, Broadway Jazz and Musical Theatre workshops, soaking up the industry expertise and knowledge from the creator of Tap Rhythm.

Bringing New York to the Bass Coast was a dazzling success!

In August, Studio Phoenix Directors Naomi Laing and Jane Hanley travelled to Las Vegas in a whirlwind trip to see former Studio Phoenix graduate Marni McGrath perform in Cirque Du Soleil's 'Mad Apple'.

Marni studied Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop and Contemporary with Studio Phoenix and was then accepted into Jason Coleman's Ministry Of Dance.

Since then, she has been dancing professionally in New York and now scoring a dance contract with Cirque Du Soleil, maybe the most famous show on earth.

"It's really important for us to offer our students a connection to the big world of dance and



Studio Phoenix has bounced back well in 2022 hosting a number of exciting shows and even a New York based director and choreographer.

performing arts out there. We want them to know that if you dream big and work hard, you can go out into the world and truly shine," said Jane Hanley.

"Marni is the perfect example of that and a wonderful role model to our current Studio Phoenix students! We're so proud of her."

Along with the glamour of New York and Las Vegas, their hard-working classical ballet students participated in the Royal Academy of Dance Classical Ballet examinations, with their Intermediate students achieving Distinctions. A hugely commendable accomplishment and a testament to the solid technical RAD syllabus at the studio.

And just when you think they couldn't fit anymore into a dance year, they also held three sold-out mid year showcases at the studios! And it's not over yet...

Studio Phoenix hold their Annual Concert 2022 over three exciting shows at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre on Saturday, November 26 and Sunday, November 27, and they are set to be three shows of high energy dance artistry, dazzling costumes and an irresistible good time! Head to their website www.studiophoenix.dance/concerttickets to book your Saturday 1pm matinee, Saturday 6pm evening show or Sunday 2:30pm matinee.

Tickets are selling fast so get in quick.

With high level training that

allows students to reach their full potential, staff who have worked professionally in the Dance and Performing Arts industry, Studio Phoenix is more than a dance studio.

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New members join View

INVERLOCH View Club welcomed four new members to the club.

President Joy presented Kaye, Jan, Karen and Wendy with their members badges.

New members are always welcome.

View, under the auspices of the Smith Family, raises money to support under privileged children through their education.

Inverloch View Club sponsors five of these children.

They are always grateful to people who give up their time to come to our meetings and to share their experiences, their skills, and their jobs with us.

MP Jordan Crugnale was one of those speakers and she entertained us with stories of her life growing up in an Italian family, and her parents giving her a lawn mower for her sixth birthday.

Local author launches adventure novel

KIT Fennessy's new action-adventure novel 'Cornerstone – the Rise of Mithras' traces the fortunes of a gang of Italian art thieves and secret religious cult, with a high body count and chases galore.

The Sentinel-Times spoke to the Cape Paterson author about the background for his new book and where he gets his ideas.

"The first glimmers of the Cornerstone occurred to me while I was working on a touring exhibition from the British Museum that was coming to Melbourne," he said.

"In England, the lead archaeologist took me on tour behind the scenes and told me about a time she'd been evacuated from a dig in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm. We also discussed the blowing up of temples and the threats that had been made to museums around the world by fundamentalist terrorists.

"Some years later, I took a couple of trips to Europe, travelling through the Alps and cen-

tral Italy, and was inspired by the people, events and places that I saw there.

"The paramilitary group of thieves I've invented come from the Alpini, or Penne Nere (the "Black Feathers", so named because of the raven feathers they keep in the bands of their hats).

"They're an existing infantry corps within the Italian army, that we saw on border checks between Italy and France; elite Alpine troops who engage in mountain operations. I even have one of their hats which my wife bought me from a military outfitter.

"I approached the plot with two main questions in mind. "What if an ancient temple in the Middle East was blown up, as the cover for the stealing of antiquities for resale on the black market?"

And "What if a secret army of thieves had robbed the Villa della Regina in Turin in the post war period and became a secret paramilitary of thieves through time?"

"There's also some weird

cultish religious stuff in there too. The cult of Mithras used really existed. It was a Roman soldier's religion that was a rival to Christianity that was banned after the Romans took Christianity on as their formal religion. There's a secret temple to Mithras in a former pope's palace in Rome that I visited (that palace had also been an officer's club for a time before it became a museum as well).

"I was intrigued that Italy had so many non-Christian religious sub-cultures.

Almost everything else is made up. Almost."

'Cornerstone – the Rise of Mithras' is available for purchase in Gippsland at ArtSpace Wonthaggi or by visiting kitfennessy.com.

All of Kit's books can be borrowed at West Gippsland Regional libraries for free.

Kit will be having a Bass Coast book signing and launch at the Cape Paterson Tavern on Friday, December 2, from 4-7pm.



Kit Fennessy's will be having a book signing and launch at the Cape Paterson Tavern on Friday, December 2.

Wonthaggi's ArtSpace Gallery celebrates a decade



ArtSpace Gallery curators Ursula Theinert and Karin Ellis during its 10th birthday celebration. A01_4622

WONTHAGGI'S ArtSpace Gallery recently celebrated its 10th birthday, appropriately opening a new exhibition to mark the occasion, with participating artists each displaying one past work and a current piece.

ArtSpace president of two years, Geoff Ellis, said the gallery belongs to the people of Bass Coast.

He explained that Bass Coast Shire Council owns the venue and rents it out at a nominal fee, something that benefits the local community and visitors.

Councillor Leticia Laing visited the opening of the 'Past & Current' exhibition with her children.

While it is ideal for hosting exhibitions, ArtSpace also functions as a shop selling art and craft produced in the region.

Additionally, the well-located venue close to the centre of Wonthaggi serves as a tourist information centre.

Geoff said ArtSpace is often

the first point of contact for new arrivals to Wonthaggi.

Sentinel-Times chatted to two of the gallery's trio of curators, Ursula Theinert and Karin Ellis.

Along with Susan Hall, they are responsible for hanging a diverse range of artworks for each exhibition, with a new show beginning every six weeks.

"You have to try and get harmony so that each artist is shown to the best of their ability," Karin said of the challenge of combining different types of artworks in one exhibition.

Full time artist and art teacher Peter Biram was at the ArtSpace birthday celebration, describing the art scene in Bass Coast Shire as "exceptional".

"A vibrant arts scene gives a community a certain buzz, is the cornerstone for tourism, and gives visual magic to an area," Peter said.

He contrasted the bright outlook for art on the Bass Coast with other places.

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New members for Probus

MEMBERS of Wonthaggi – Inverloch Probus recently had the pleasure of welcoming three new members who were inducted into the club.

They were Philip Fowler, Allan Ireland, and Sandra Fowler who received her badge at our last meeting.

Good wishes go out to Don Edwards.

The club hopes he is recovering well from his 90th Birthday celebrations.

They are looking forward a Christmas dinner at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club on December 7.

All the very best to everybody for the following Festive Season.

Bass Coast Fine Film group presents 'Lost Illusions'

AT 10.45am, Sunday, November 27, the BCFFG is screening "Both Sides of the Blade", the latest film from auteur French director, Claire Denis (Beau Travail, 35 Shots of Rum, Let the Sunshine In).

Cinema icons Juliette Binoche and Vincent Lindon star in this scorching romantic drama, a blazing story about a passionate, complicated woman caught between two very different men.

Sara (Binoche) and Jean (Lindon) are in love and have been living together for a decade.

When they first met, Sara was in a relationship with François (Grégoire Colin) while Jean, a pro rugby star, was married with a son.

Their relationship has been relatively secure, even surviving a stint in prison by Jean.

Out of the blue, François returns to Paris and contacts Jean, suggesting he come work for him in his agency for sports stars and wants Jean's expertise in identifying talent. When Sara first sees François again, she's overcome with emotion. Soon, things rapidly spiral out of control.

Screening at 10.45am on Sunday, November 27, at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. Details and trailer for the film are available through the BCFFG website: <https://bcffgfilms.weebly.com/both-sides-of-the-blade.html>

BCFFG Members entry is free on presentation of membership card; general public welcome with tickets at usual box office prices.

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



Freya Josephine Hollick will be performing at Archies Creek this weekend.

In conversation with Freya Hollick

RISING country star Freya Josephine Hollick will be heading to play Archies Creek on November 25.

The artist recently made the top 10 Australian Country Album with her record 'The Real World'.

Recorded in Joshua Tree with Lucinda Williams' Buick 6, renowned guitarist Greg Leisz (Jackson Browne, Eric Clapton) and her own diamond-sharp Australian band, The Real World delivered a string of highs for this rising queen of outlaw country.

How long have you been performing as an artist?

I have been performing for 18 years, but more

seriously for the past eight years. I started out in my hometown, Ballarat, performing on local stages, radio and in record stores.

What is your style of music?

I'm a cosmic country musician. Which, if you're unfamiliar, is a blend of country, rock and soul. Keynote musicians of this genre are Gene Clark, Gram Parsons, Emmylou Harris.

How did it feel to be in the top 10?

It was super exciting to have my record chart in the top 10 on the Aria Charts. It was a surprise only insofar as the kind of music I

play is certainly not mainstream, so it was very exciting to be acknowledged in this way.

What are your musical influences?

My main musical influences at the moment are Gene Clark of The Byrds, Townes Van Zandt, Ann Peebles and Bettye Swann.

What are looking forward to at Archies Creek?

As a collective of humans, me and the band all adore Archies Creek Hotel and the team there. We are mostly looking forward to some great hangs with great folks! Come down and be part of it.

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Sun 11 Dec 10.45am



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[PG] 1h33m [Persian]

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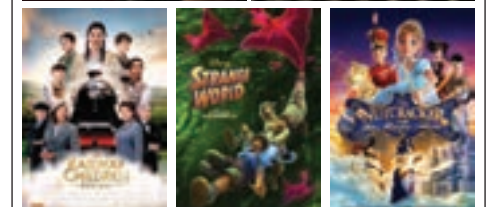


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The mower repair and small engine Business and Workshop has been in operation for 40 plus years and has a loyal customer base from Lang Lang, surrounding towns and the large farming communities. Included in the price is a two-post hoist, tyre changing machine, valve grinder, compressor and loads more equipment necessary to perform the repairs.

A large quantity of stock including mowers, chainsaws, brushcutters, blowers and a massive amount of spare parts.

Not to mention the second-hand parts and equipment, too many to list.

WIWO basis to be finalised at sale with the vendor.

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The new owner would have to apply to Stihl for a new franchise license.

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AGNES 	KORUMBURRA 	SILVERLEAVES 	WONTHAGGI 
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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

ONLY A MONTH 'TIL CHRISTMAS?

1. **[\$100]** What did the other reindeers not let Rudolph do? A. Drink Eggnog. B. Join in any reindeer games. C. Share the carrots. D. Sing Christmas carols.
2. **[\$200]** Which religion doesn't have a celebration holiday in December? A. Buddhism. B. Christian. C. Islam. D. Judaism.
3. **[\$300]** Where was baby Jesus born? A. Amman. B. Bethlehem. C. Kedar. D. Jerusalem.
4. **[\$500]** In which modern country was Jesus born? A. Israel. B. Jordan. C. Palestine. D. Syria.
5. **[\$1000]** Which of these names starting with 'D' is not one of Santa's reindeers? A. Dancer. B. Dasher. C. Donner. D. Davey.
6. **[\$2000]** How many ghosts show up in 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens? A. 1. B. 2. C. 3. D. 4.
7. **[\$4000]** What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising? A. Coca-Cola. B. Colgate. C. General Motors. D. Avis.
8. **[\$8000]** In Home Alone, the highest-grossing Christmas movie, where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind? A. Miami. B. London. C. Paris. D. Honolulu.
9. **[\$16,000]** How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish? A. Feliz Navidad. B. Joyeux Noël. C. Buon Natale. D. Veseloho Rizdva.
10. **[\$32,000]** What is the theme of Myer's Christmas windows in Melbourne City? A. All aboard for an Aussie Christmas. B. 100 years of Disney. C. The music of Christmas. D. A Christmas Carol.
11. **[\$64,000]** Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree first? A. Russia. B. Austria. C. Germany. D. England.
12. **[\$125,000]** What do Swedish children leave out for Santa Claus? A. Beer. B. Coffee. C. Pickled Herring. D. Meat and potatoes.
13. **[\$250,000]** Who wrote 'twas the night before Christmas? A. Enid Blyton. B. Clement Clarke Moore. C. Charles Dickens. D. Truman Capote.
14. **[\$500,000]** How many gifts in total were given in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' song? A. 364. B. 420. C. 485. D. 502.
15. **[\$1,000,000]** Who wrote the Christmas carol Jingle Bells? A. Johnny Marks. B. Joseph Mohr. C. James Lord Pierpont. D. Charles Wesley.

Quiz answers: 1. B. Join in any reindeer games. 2. C. Islam (Buddhist, Christian, Christmas, Judaism Hanukkah). 3. B. Bethlehem. 4. C. Palestine. 5. D. Davey. 6. D. 4 (Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the ghost of his former business partner Jacob Marley and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come). 7. A. Coca-Cola. 8. C. Paris. 9. A. Feliz Navidad. 10. B. 100 years of Disney. 11. C. Germany. 12. B. Coffee. 13. B. Clement Clarke Moore. 14. A. 364. 15. C. James Lord Pierpont.

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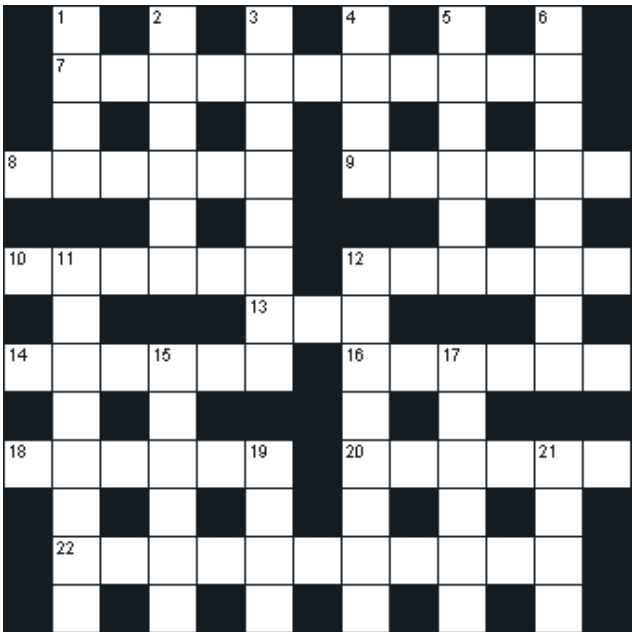
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Instructions:
Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

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QUICK CROSSWORD



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ACROSS

- 7 Quickly (2,3,6)
- 8 Turn to ice (6)
- 9 Grown-ups (6)
- 10 Nearer (6)
- 12 Give a sermon (6)
- 13 Chopping tool (3)
- 14 Beast (6)
- 16 Expensive (6)
- 18 Pleasantly odd (6)
- 20 Foliage (6)
- 22 Somnambulist (11)

DOWN

- 1 Couple (4)
- 2 Greek capital (6)
- 3 Postponement (8)
- 4 Garment in ancient Rome (4)
- 5 Forswear (6)
- 6 Upright (8)
- 11 Pine away (8)
- 12 Strange (8)
- 15 Posted (6)
- 17 Light meals (6)
- 19 Kind, sort (4)
- 21 Republic of Ireland (4)

WORD SEARCH ON THE FARM

C P Z Z N S V D L M V Q Y B K N Q
C V I S H E D M X D N A L U K J M
B Z C R O P I B O X A M K C U R T
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R V I D D D R E R I I Y G O D C B

- BALER
- EGGS
- HAYSTACK
- SILO
- CATTLE
- FARMER
- HORSE
- TOOLS
- CHICKENS
- FENCE
- LAND
- TRACTOR
- CROPS
- GRAIN
- MOTORBIKE
- TRUCK
- DOG
- GRASS
- SHED
- UTE

MAGIC SQUARES

- Instructions:**
1. You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 16 in the puzzle.
2. You can only use the numbers once.
3. The sum of the numbers in the rows, columns and the diagonal must be the same as the numbers that are printed around the puzzle

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				43
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30	30	37	39	39

WORD WHEEL



Create as many words of 4 letters or more, using the letters once only and always including the letter in the middle of the wheel.

SOLUTIONS: Nov. 15, 2022

Crossword:

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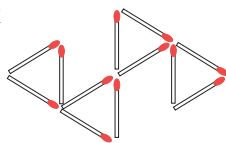
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6	2	3	7	9	8	1	5	4

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Matchstick puzzle:



Math Squares:

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-		x		+	
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From antiques to hydroponics

WHAT started out as a hobby farm for Peter and Angelika 15 years ago, soon turned into a working hydroponic vegetable farm.

Fast track 15 years and the property is brimming with a strawberry field, produce store and café/restaurant with onsite butcher.

"I started farming when I bought the farm 15 years ago," Peter, who is more affectionately known as Macca, began.

"I was always interested in farming. At the time I worked in antiques, and I wanted the farm, and this was a proper working farm with hydroponic hot houses, which were leased out at the time.

"After two years, I bought the infrastructure off the company that was running it and we started growing vegetables for the wholesale market.

"After doing that for four or five years, we realised that we wanted to open the restaurant, produce store and do agritourism.

"We built the café/restaurant for a true paddock to plate experience."

Learning as they grew, the pigs joined the farm after their first year of wholesale produce growing, where produce deemed not right for market wasn't accepted.

"That first year we were throwing out a lot of vegetables so I thought I might as well be fattening pigs. That's why we now have our own butcher shop where we process and make our own bacon and hams, and process the pork, free-range beef and lamb."

Whilst the beef and pork are reared on site, the lamb is supplied by fellow local South Gippsland farmers.

"We started by selling off whole pigs to people. When we opened the restaurant/produce store we had a full-time butcher, and we started making our own bacons,



Peter McDonnell traded antiques for farming in Glen Forbes 15 years ago. C59_4722

hams and smallgoods.

"A paddock to plate experience for people to enjoy onsite and the same with their vegetables."

Walking down the aisles of 'pick your own strawberries' it's easy to understand Macca's passion and love for the farm.

"I like the countryside, the fresh air and general farm life – working from home. It's hard work but it can be rewarding, and we liked that we have a lot of happy customers coming through and enjoying the farm.

"It's not always easy on a farm but the rewards normally outweigh the pain."

Backing onto the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve, Macca is most proud of his work with Landcare and implementing good farming practices.

"We are a member of Landcare and we've planted probably

40,000 native trees, fenced off a lot of our waterways and deepened them... We're a very green farm."

The relationship with Landcare grew after Macca and Angelika purchased the farm.

"They approached me and said there were grants out there for tree plantings and we've planted trees nearly every year ever since.

As for the practicalities of living on a produce farm.

"We don't have to go to supermarket – we have everything here!

"That's the one thing, if I sold the farm, I'd miss the fresh produce – the homegrown, having your own butcher and restaurant."

With members of the team retiring earlier this year, Macca and Angelika turned to value adding.

"During winter we thought a little bit differently about what we were doing on the farm.

"At the moment, we're only growing for the produce store and we're doing a lot of lasagne and things that people can buy and take home.

"Coming into summer we will be adding salads and dips..."

And whilst Macca is looking forwards to retirement one day, his heart is still on the farm working seven days a week.

"The pigs need to be fed twice a day and the irrigation has to be done. The strawberries have to be watered, then I set up the shop, pitch in in the kitchen... Moving cattle, mowing, keeping the drive-ways..."

"I don't know what I'd do if I sold – I'd be going from working seven days a week to going surfing and fishing all the time," Macca laughed.

"I'm sure I'd find another project."

New fact sheets available

AFTER four years, the South Gippsland Landcare Network's Enhancing Soil Biology project has closed, however, individuals can still access the incredible details through five new fact sheets and ten online videos which includes topics of farmer case studies, soil biology, multispecies pastures, regenerative grazing management, and carbon trading.

The five new fact sheets cover details about the project and the results, actions to improve your soil biology, monitoring tools, multispecies pasture introduction and identification.

The new fact sheets and a link to the videos can be viewed at sgln.net.au/2022/11/01/multi-species-pastures-and-soil-biology-new-fact-sheets-available.

To get involved with South Gippsland Landcare Network visit sgln.net.au/contact

Pilot soil monitoring incentives program

HAVE you wanted to test your soils but balked at the costs? Or do you already test and will test again in the next couple of months?

The good news is the government will subsidise up to 50 per cent of your soil testing costs this year.

CSIRO is collecting soil analysis data for the national soil database and in exchange for sharing the results of your soil analysis, the Commonwealth will put \$275 towards the cost of each sample and analysis, up to \$10,000 per applicant.

ERF projects are also eligible to participate.

For more information visit scu.edu.au/pilot-soils-program/



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Sheep selling away

By Matt Dalgleish

MEAT & Livestock Australia have released saleyard throughput figures for sheep and lamb sales for the 2021/22 financial year.

This showed saleyards in New South Wales have captured the lions share of the turnover at 51.4 per cent of the national saleyard transactions.

NSW holds the most sheep in the country, at around 36 per cent of the national flock, so its probably unsurprising that saleyards in this state dominate the transaction numbers.

Victoria, with around 23 per cent of the national flock, come in at second place for saleyard throughput market share making up nearly 33 per cent of sheep and lamb transactions for the 2021/22 season.

A look at the change to saleyard volumes from the previous financial year shows NSW was the only state to record an increase to transactions, with throughput volumes gaining 6.2 per cent from 6.3 million head to nearly 6.7 million head this year.

Meanwhile, Victorian saleyards saw a 5.7 per cent drop in sales from 4.5 million head to nearly 4.3 million head.

Out west sheep producers shunned the saleyards even more aggressively with WA posting a 23.6 per cent drop in sheep and lamb throughput volumes.



Livestock owners need to be aware of health issues for their livestock following heavy rains.

Animal health issues in a wet spring

HEAVY rainfall across the state can bring out animal health issues.

To manage this, livestock owners need an awareness of what to look out for and what to prevent, you may need to monitor your stock a little more closely and be ready to act quickly and decisively if and when problems arise, particularly in flood-affected areas.

The lush pastures of spring can lead to photosensitisation, which appears as a severe form of sunburn on the uncoloured, less hairy areas of the skin, such as the unpigmented skin and teats of cattle, and the ears and nose of sheep.

Moulds grow easily in wet, humid conditions, and some moulds are toxic and can cause stock to die suddenly or create longer-term health problems such as liver damage, which may also lead to photosensitisation.

Foot abscesses and other foot problems will be common in heavy animals standing on wet, muddy ground.

By Dr Jeff Cave, Senior Veterinary Officer

Warm, humid conditions will also favour the expression and spread of footrot in sheep if it is present in a flock.

A wet season is likely to result in larger than usual insect populations. Flystrike is likely to occur in sheep after wetting, especially if they have a thick wool cover.

Diseases that can be spread mechanically by flies, such as pinkeye, may become more widespread.

Plus, insect-borne diseases usually found further north such as Bovine ephemeral fever, Akabane disease and Murray Valley encephalitis could extend into Victoria.

Most bacteria thrive and multiply in a moist environment, so bacterial diseases can become a real problem during wet conditions.

Pneumonia, diarrhoea, and mastitis are more likely to occur due to exposure and unhygienic conditions.

Vaccinating against clostridial diseases is important with abundant spring growth.

The sudden flush of feed will make stock susceptible to pulpy kidney.

Similarly, leptospirosis vaccination is recommended, as leptospirosis is more likely to be a problem in wet seasons.

A sudden flush of pasture, especially clover or lucerne, can cause bloat in cattle or red-gut in sheep.

Worm larvae survive much longer on pasture in moist conditions, and parasite burdens may increase rapidly.

Protozoan parasites such as cryptosporidium and coccidia also emerge in wet seasons, causing scouring in calves.

Floods can dump large quantities of silt and organic material in dams.

Be on the lookout for polluted dam water, and algal blooms when the weather warms up.

For further advice please contact your local veterinarian or Agriculture Victoria veterinary or animal health officer.

MARKET REPORT

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Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, Nov. 16, 2022

Bullocks

12 Gieschen J1 Maffra	675.0	477.0	3,219
5 Littlejohn AC & BM Leongatha	614.0	476.6	2,926
10 Wheeler BP & LM Moe South	626.0	475.0	2,973
7 Davies SM Outtrim	661.4	471.6	3,119
2 Woodsgreen Farm P/L Mardan	590.0	465.6	2,747
15 Donchi T & J Alberton West	789.0	463.6	3,657

Steers

1 Brunt MJ & LM Poowong	445.0	575.6	2,561
1 Dunne J Hazelwood	375.0	570.0	2,137
1 Cummaudo GT Mirboo Nth	370.0	570.0	2,109
1 Adams K Boisdale	370.0	567.6	2,100
1 Woodsgreen Farm P/L Mardan	495.0	555.0	2,747
6 Rees WJ Kongwak	328.3	550.2	1,806

Heifers

2 Dunne J Hazelwood	345.0	570.0	1,966
1 Tuckett GL & ML Leongatha	345.0	567.6	1,958
2 Beamish JL & JE Budgerie	352.5	557.6	1,965
1 Rinaldi B1 West Creek	380.0	547.6	2,080
1 Brunt MJ & LM Poowong	400.0	545.6	2,182
2 Woodsgreen Farm P/L Mardan	475.0	523.6	2,487

Cows

6 Derham AT & TJ Maryvale	360.0	417.6	1,503
1 Woodsgreen Farm P/L Mardan	430.0	399.6	1,718
1 Cantwell BS LSTK Toora	500.0	360.0	1,800
1 Alburt N/Strzlecki Red			
Yinnar South	720.0	360.0	2,592
10 Derham AT & TJ Maryvale	380.5	359.6	1,368
1 Francis I Narracan	600.0	350.0	2,100

Bulls

1 Symons GJ & HT			
Traralgon Sth	1,005.0	409.6	4,116
1 Mangiafico A & KJ			
Dumbalk Nth	970.0	403.6	3,914
1 Schuhkucett RP & GR			
Trafalgar	970.0	395.6	3,837
1 Nave D Berrys Creek	1,070.0	393.6	4,211
1 Burford D Meenyan	920.0	393.6	3,621
1 Ross IM Poowong	1,155.0	391.6	4,522

Vealer Bulls

1 Tuckett GL & ML Leongatha	480.0	445.6	2,138
1 Reynolds MW & DE Yinnar	505.0	445.6	2,250
6 Francis M & J2 Devon Nth	209.2	429.2	897
2 Love VR Boolarra Sth	320.0	395.6	1,265
1 Bodman AM & LA Poowong	275.0	304.2	836
2 McDonald AW & JC Bingenwarri	297.5	304.2	905

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Bass Valley Primary School students won the Junior Division which has given the chance to enter the National Cows Create Careers competition.

Creating brighter futures for students

EXCITED students from across Victoria were recognised at three online Cows Create Careers presentation days in October and November.

The presentation days celebrated the achievements of students who have completed the innovative Cows Create Careers project, which aims to increase the awareness of dairy industry careers.

Bass Valley Primary School won the Junior Division for the Gippsland Region, which has now given them a ticket to enter the National Cows Create Careers competition, with a chance to be in the running for a \$3000 prize for their school.

Their winning team was “Bass Cows” - Paige O’Brien, Sean Trebley, Stephanie Jaskula and Riley Lordan.

To lead by example, the Cows Create Careers project was delivered online for the second half of this year, due to the possible implications of Foot and Mouth Disease.

Students and teachers from schools across Victoria have participated in these high-energy online events, to celebrate their achievements as part of the project.

The fun-filled days saw students participate in industry-based games and the project’s winning teams awarded prizes. John Hutchison, Jaydee Events director, said it is encouraging to see students so passionate to learn, and connect with, Australia’s vibrant dairy industry.

“The presentation days are a great way to recognise and celebrate both the students’ and teachers’ dedication to the Cows Create Careers project. Each year we continue to be inspired by their enthusiasm for the project,” he said.

During 2022, over 60 Victorian schools were provided with dairy industry curriculum, at no cost. Students took an online journey through Willbrae Farm where they were introduced to two dairy calves, ‘Bright’ and ‘Future’.

Over five weeks, students found out how to care for the calves and watch them grow through engaging videos.

Students also learnt about the environment, technology and machinery used on farm through quirky activities and competitions.

With all Cows Create Careers resources, the online program prioritised student learning and aligned with ACARA curriculum.

Cows Create Careers was established in 2004 with dairy farmers in the Strzelecki Lions Club in Victoria and nine Gippsland schools.

It has now grown over 230 schools across Australia with more than 1500 students completing the project in 2021.

John said the project’s passionate volunteers are vital to the continued success of the Cows Create Careers project: “Since its inception Cows Create Careers has gained support from industry, regional development programs, dairy farmers and sponsors across Australia.

“Last year alone 425 passionate volunteers gave 2,125 hours of their time across 23 Australian dairying regions,” John said.

Results: VICTORIA

- **Winning Junior School - Gippsland**
Bass Valley Primary School
- **Winning Junior Team - Gippsland**
“Bass Cows” – Paige O’Brien, Sean Trebley, Stephanie Jaskula & Riley Lordan
- **Winning Senior School - Gippsland**
Marist Sion College
- **Winning Senior Team - Gippsland**
“9 Ag Crew” – Connor Hopley, Charlie Stone & Riley Senini
- **Winning Junior School – Northern & North East Victoria**
DRAW – Yanco Agricultural High School and Girgarre Primary School
- **Winning Junior Team - Northern & North East Victoria**
DRAW – “Choccy Milk” – Jessica Condon, Jessica Golder, David Caldow & Alex Lloyd |
“Coco Cows” – Alyssa Braithwaite, Chevy O’Neill & Destinie Clark
- **Winning Senior School - Northern & North East Victoria**
Rochester Secondary College
- **Winning Senior Team - Northern & North East Victoria**
DRAW – “Hayfever” – Maddy Pearce, Tara Atley, Matisse Martin, Eva Carnegie & Jayde Ballinger |
“The Kim – Cowdashien’s – Monica Ingram, Charlie Langdon & Jasmine Moroney
- **Winning Junior School – South West Victoria**
Allansford & District Primary School
- **Winning Junior Team - South West Victoria**
“Friendly Friesian Kids” – Harry Membrey, Poppy Holloway & Bella Clark
These schools have won \$250 for their school, along with a gift voucher for the student’s teams. Furthermore, they now have the opportunity to enter the Cows Create Careers national competition which will culminate with a National senior and junior winner being awarded \$3,000.

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A/c R Mcleish (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 2 ½ yo, GF & ABF
A/c Jemrock Park, Korumburra (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 20-22 mths (East Gippsland Bred)
A/c S & E Moriarty, Strzelecki (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 18-20 mths
A/c A Walker, Warragul (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 2 yo
A/c M & S Hamblyn, Woodside (SEJ)
10 Angus steers, rising 2 yo
A/c ML & GN Lee, Munro (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 2 yo
A/c G & S Semmens, Maffra (NUTRIEN)
9 Angus & BB steers, 18-20 mths, VB, GF & AB Free
A/c Jackson Pastoral Co, Cowwarr (NUTRIEN)
80 Angus steers, 14-16 mths, By Te Mania, Lawson & Merdeduke Bulls, NE Accred, ABF & GF
A/c Ponderosa H/Fords, Meeniyann (NUTRIEN)
50 Hereford steers, 18 mths, NE & JBS Accred
A/c M & T Wynne, Maffra (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus & Angus X steers, 16-18 mths
A/c Melaleuca Pastoral Trust, Ruby (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus steers, 16-17 mths
A/c T & S Cuff, Moyarra (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, VB
A/c P & T Harris, Mount Best (NUTRIEN)
15 Hereford steers, 16 mths
A/c Narrang, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus heifers, 15-16 mths, VB
A/c NR & KD Hansford, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)
20 Poll Hereford heifers, 18-20 mths, Mawarra blood
A/c D Crossfield, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus X heifers, 2 yo
A/c Fuller Downs (ALEX SCOTT)
6 Angus Heifers, 2 yo

WEANERS

A/c Latrobe Park Angus, Morwell (NUTRIEN)
45 Angus steers, 12 mths
90 Angus heifers, 12 mths
A/c F & C Cameron “Wild Dog” Ventnor (SEJ)
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A/c G & H Foat, Woodside (NUTRIEN)
90 Angus & Angus/Hereford X, 14 mths, mix sexes, weaned, By Kirribilli Bulls, drenched Sept
A/c Nalajule Nominees P/L, Mardan (NUTRIEN)
90 Angus heifers, 12-15 mths, Annual Draft, Entire Drop, Leawood Blood, 2x5in1, Dectomax drenched mid Sept, ideal future breeders, very quiet
A/c P. LePage (ALEX SCOTT)
30 Angus steers, 14 mths
20 Angus heifers, 14 mths
A/c A Walker, Warragul (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 12 mths
40 Angus heifers, 12 mths
A/c NR & KD Hansford, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)
45 Poll Hereford mix sex, 12-14 mths, Mawarra blood
A/c I & R Hengstberger, Dumbalk (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 12-13 mths
A/c D Sommerville (ELDERS)
20 Hereford steers, 12 mths
20 Hereford heifers, 12 mths
EU Accred, Injemra blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c BS Cantwell, Stony Creek (PHC)
40 Charolais/Red Angus-Simmental mixed sex yearlings, 12-14 mths, Rangan blood

A/c A & B Wilkins, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
35 Murray Grey mix sex, 12-15 mths
A/c Fuller Downs (ALEX SCOTT)
35 Angus mixed sex weaners
A/c C & G White, Fish Creek (SEJ)
34 Angus heifers, 12 mths, weaned, GF & AF, Banquet blood
A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)
32 Angus steers, 10 mths, weaned, GF & AF, Harris Farm blood
A/c C Zissis, Mardan (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus X mixed sex, 12 mths
A/c Schuhkraft Family, Childers (NUTRIEN)
28 Char mixed sex weaners
A/c S Bridger (ELDERS)
10 Angus steers
15 Angus heifers
11 to 12 mths, by Yancowinna bulls
A/c L & R Di Dio, Tyers (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus mixed sex weaners, Sharinda blood, NE Accred
A/c S Bare, Hallston (SEJ)
25 Angus heifers, 10 mths, Well weaned, Battersby Blood, 2 x 5in1
A/c W Taranto (ELDERS)
24 Speckle mix sex weaners, 10 mths
A/c R & H Stevens (ALEX SCOTT)
8 Hereford Angus x steers, 10 mths weaned
13 Hereford x Angus heifers, 10 mths weaned
A/c P & A Chisholm, Archies Creek (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 12-13 mths, By Yancowinna & Merlewood Stud Bulls, 2x7in1, B12 & Selenium Treated, Cydectin Platinum Drenched, NE Accred
A/c D Nish, Kongwak (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths, By Battersby Stud Bulls, weaned & drenched 4 weeks
A/c P & H Norman, Archies Creek (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus mixed sex weaners, 8-9 mths, Leawood blood
A/c M. Sweeney (ALEX SCOTT)
10 Angus steers, 11 mths weaned
6 Angus heifers, 11 mths weaned
A/c C Collinson (ELDERS)
12 Angus mix sex weaners, 10 mths
A/c P Berryman, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 14 mths, forward condition
A/c M O’Brien, Cowwarr (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 12-14 mths

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A/c P & H Linke, Rosedale (NUTRIEN)
28 Angus/Friesian X steers, 2yo
A/c Horseman Management, Nerrena (NUTRIEN)
20 X/Bred steers, 12-14 mths
A/c M Conn, Hedley (SEJ)
24 Friesian steers, 2yo
A/c Jelbart Dairy, Leongatha Sth (NUTRIEN)
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A valid driver's licence.

Contact for further information: Elishia Mitchell, Deputy Area Operations Manager Elishia.Mitchell@dfh.vic.gov.au

Reference number: DFFH/COPL/00521096

Applications close: Wednesday 30 November 2022

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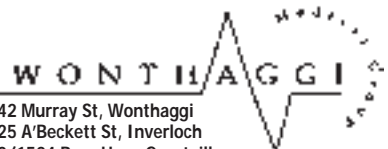
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About You

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There is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to become a part of Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of the Australian Aged Care Group which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a mission to excel in providing quality care services and accommodation. We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes and the 90-bed facility is set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds.

Banfields Aged Care is inviting volunteers to become a part of the 'Lifestyle Teams Innovated Program' which is planned to enhance the residents' lifestyle.

Some of the ways you may wish to assist and support the program are by being involved in the: bus outings that occur one to two times a week (this varies week to week so flexibility is required); supporting residents with garden walks; wheelchair walks; bingo; hoy; happy hour; men's group activities; craft; art therapy; quizzes; BBQs; group discussion; etc.

This is a great opportunity to become involved with your local community and for further information please do not hesitate to contact reception on (03) 5951 2500.

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3 Casual staff required Monday to Saturday 5.45am to 8.15am per day.

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- Assisting in the preparation of weekly, monthly and yearly reporting.
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To successfully secure this position you must have:

- Prior experience working in an office environment.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Experience in customer service.
- Experience in accounts and payroll functions.
- Experience and competent skills in Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel & Outlook).
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- Experience in data entry.
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Tuesday, November 29, 2022

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Bass Coast Health

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Social Worker

Permanent Full Time – Closes 02/12/2022

Pharmacist

Permanent Part Time – Closes 09/12/2022

Team Leader Integrated Family Services

Permanent Full Time – Closes 24/11/2022

Medical Workforce Officer

Permanent Part Time, Full Time – Closes 02/12/2022

Medical Workforce Manager

Permanent Full Time – Closes 02/12/2022

Associate Nurse Unit Manager - Emergency

Permanent Part Time/ all hours considered

Midwifery Team

Full Time/ Part Time, Casual – Closes 11/12/2022

Registered Nurse - Emergency

Full Time, Part Time, Casual – Closes 30/11/2022

Coding Educator / Auditor

Permanent Part Time – Closes 05/12/2022

Registered Nurse – Urgent Care Centre

Permanent Full Time, Part Time – Closes 31/12/2022

Support Service Assistant – Environmental Services

Casual – Closes 30/11/2022

Registered Nurse – District Nursing and Palliative Care

Casual – Closes 31/12/2022

Registered Nurse - Perioperative

Permanent Part Time/ Casual – Closes 30/11/2022

Social Worker Team Leader

Permanent Full Time – Closes 26/11/2022

Physiotherapist

Fixed Term Full Time – Closes 02/12/2022

Dental Therapist

Permanent Full Time, Part Time – Closes 02/12/2022

Registered Nurse– Acute

Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual – Closes 30/11/2022

Associate Nurse Unit Manager – Central Sterilising Department

Permanent Full Time – Closes 30/11/2022

Perioperative Services Manager

Permanent Full Time – Closes 03/02/2023

Nurse Unit Manager Perioperative Service

Permanent Full Time – Closes 04/02/2023

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To find out more about working at Bass Coast Health and to apply, visit the Careers page on our website or contact our HR team on

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Wonthaggi Miners Friendly Society's Dispensary Ltd (ACN 087 822 419)

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND
BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

The Annual General Meeting of the Wonthaggi Miners Dispensary will be held on
Wednesday, December 14, 2022,
commencing at 4pm
at 169 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

Items of Business:

- Receipt of Annual Report
- Election of Directors
- Appointment of Auditor
- Appointment of office bearers and remuneration

Members have the right to appoint proxies to vote on their behalf. If a member appoints a proxy the proxy does not need to be a member of the company. The proxy form must be delivered to the Dispensary at least 48 hours before the meeting. Proxy forms can be obtained at the Dispensary.

Note – If you wish to attend the meeting, please advise us by no later than **Wednesday, December 7, 2022** so that arrangements can be made for the meeting.

Contact details – Phone: 03 5672 1034,
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Dispensary: 169 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

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Schools gather for surfing contest

ON Thursday, November 10, 36 local primary school students and many of their parents, friends and teachers attended the SCPSSA District Surfing Contest held at YCW beach, Phillip Island.

The competition involved students from 10 local South Coast Primary Schools.

Surf conditions were idyllic with light offshore winds, sunshine and a user friendly two-foot swell rolling into the east end of the bay.

Students were scored on their best two rides in each heat with the top two competitors progressing through to the next round.

As well as competing, students were able to learn about heat format, judging and water safety.

The results on the day were:

Boys champion:

1. Arch Rayner (Inverloch Primary)
2. Dusty Rayner (Inverloch Primary)
3. Angus Kennedy (Cowes Primary)

Girls champion:

1. Scarlett Rennie (Newhaven College)
2. Evie Lutz (Newhaven College)
3. Savannah Bennett (Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School)

Overall winner:

First Newhaven College
Second Inverloch Primary School
Third Cowes Primary School



Four young surfers pose with their boards before hitting the waves.

Why Gippsland is key to
Australia's COP27 promise

THE rollout of Gippsland's offshore wind industry is expected to be supercharged after Australia joined a growing number of countries in signing on to the Global Offshore Wind Alliance (GOWA).

GOWA's objective is to act as a global driving force for an ambitious uptake of offshore wind and contribute to achieving a total offshore wind capacity of a minimum of 380 GW by 2030 and an installed capacity increase of at least 70 GW per year from 2030.

Member countries are expected to commit to their own ambitious targets.

Australia presently has no offshore wind facilities.

The Australian Government is yet to commit to an overall target for wind energy but may do so "in the coming weeks" according to Minister Bowen, while addressing the COP27 general assembly.

"Australia wants to be a renewable energy superpower and in coming weeks, I'll be delivering Australia's first annual climate change statement to our Parliament, a comprehensive and transparent stocktake of how we're tracking against their indices, and how we'll make further progress," Minister Bowen said.

"Because the urgency with which must act requires frank conversations about where we are now where we're going, and how we're going to get there. Collectively, we now have just 85 months to achieve our 2030 targets. We all know this is the critical decade. And that means national action, but it also means multilateral action, and action by every single one of our institutions."



This structure was left behind, offshore near Newhaven, after a failure wave-energy experiment. What will happen to the 1000-plus wind turbines visible from the Gippsland coast?

Parliament sits a further eight days in 2022; from November 21-24 and November 28 to December 1.

However, while Australia hasn't announced its "individual commitment" in joining the GOWA, private companies have already offered to develop a collective capacity of 40GW.

And, in the run up to the State Election the Andrews Government committed Victoria to the ambitious targets of 2 GW of offshore generation by 2032, 4 GW of offshore wind capacity by 2035 and 9 GW by 2040 – that would amount to four or five projects of the scale of the Star of the South, or almost 1000 turbines, many of them to be located off the Gippsland coast, easily visible from some of our most iconic beach locations.

Star of the South is the most advanced of the Victorian offshore projects, proposing to locate 200 turbines off the Gippsland coast, between Woodside Beach and McLoughlin's Beach, with a generating capacity of 2.2 GW.

They say turbines could

be spinning by 2028, the same year that the Yallourn power station is set to close down.

Whilst offering in principle support, the Bass Coast Shire Council recently expressed concerns about the Gippsland location and its impact on tourism and the environment.

"The proposed area would have a significant impact on several nationally iconic views including the globally recognised Phillip Island Penguin Parade, the area is an environmentally vulnerable and sensitive marine environment," they said, calling for a full impact assessment on whale migration, the iconic penguin parade and mass shearwater migration, as well as the affect on business and tourism.

There's little doubt, however, that the Federal and State governments are planning to fast-track the rollout of these facilities and the undertakings made at COP27 are expected to supercharge the developments.

Koonwarra Parkrun

TWO weeks ago, we celebrated Koonwarra's 5th Birthday and over the weekend it was our 200th run.

This weekend we were informed, as a collective group of enthusiastic Koonwarra parkrun supporters, that we have clocked up just under 90,000 km.

Returning on the weekend, Ellie Horkings was given a very special task to be a Junior Tooter starting off 81 sprinters, joggers and walkers.

Well done to each and everyone of you.

Bill Barry was the first overall in a time of 20:09 and our wonderful tail walkers Maryan Foote and Shane O'Loughlin crossed the line in a time of 53:38.

We had four first timers to parkrun.

Congratulations to Brendon Tomada, Louise Ellen Wilkins, Andrew Brick and Tai Daldy, and 2 visiting tourists, Andrew Van Agtmaal and Lynne Kahsnitz.

Eight Parkrunners made use of the great running conditions to achieve a PB, congratulations to Nick Tuckett, Sarah Price, Levi Walker, Julie Bloye, Belinda Slinger, Natasha Kneale, Dayna Walliker and Steve Santilli.

No 'Assembly' vote
in Narracan

THE "tragic and unexpected death" of The Nationals' Candidate for Narracan, Shaun Gilchrist, at the weekend, means there will be no Lower House election in the district stretching from Nar Nar Goon to Trafalgar East.

But voters will still have to turn up on the day to vote for candidates in Eastern Victoria Region, for Members of the Legislative Council.

It's likely a new election will be called in Narracan for three to four weeks from now, potentially crucial if the overall result is close on election day, November 26.

Media is reporting that Mr Gilchrist died by suicide. It is believed that issues, outside the scope of the election, were the main contributing factors.

Nationals state director Matt Harris confirmed Mr Gilchrist's death.

"Today (Monday) I have written to the Victorian Electoral Commission to advise of the tragic and unexpected death of the Nationals' candidate for Narracan, Shaun Gilchrist," Mr Harris said.

"The Victorian Nationals express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mr Gilchrist, and our thoughts remain with them at this difficult time."

If you have been impacted by this article, you can call Lifeline Australia on 131114 website <https://www.lifeline.org.au/> or call 13YARN 139276.

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

OUR scrumptious Free Community Lunch is coming up next Wednesday, November 23, at 12noon. Emma will, as usual, be cooking up a storm so come along and enjoy good food while meeting new people or reacquainting yourself with old friends or bringing another along to enjoy a meal out together whilst having a chat with others. You need to book in so that we can cater accordingly. Remember if you don't make the next one, they happen every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Put them in your diary now!

There are so many good reasons for getting together with others, be they family, friends, people with like interests, the list may go on. It is so beneficial to our health which has been tested over the last three years, it's also fun and informative. Here is one of our groups which provide this. Our multicultural Women's Group, they meet on Thursdays 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.

There are some services we provide such as our Computer Support. Perhaps the NBN is playing up or Windows, or Office, isn't working then Peter may be able to help. Call Mitchell House and make an appointment to meet him there and together, things can be sorted.

There is also the Community Pantry or Free Food Shelf here at Mitchell House to help community members feed themselves and their families. People have been doing it tough and sometimes need a helping hand. If you have spare non-perishable items in your pantry or could buy a couple of cans of food to add to our pantry that would be great!

Have you been enjoying our activities and being part of our groups over the year(s)? Met our lovely volunteers and want to be part of this great community centre?

Then read on Volunteer Opportunities:

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre relies on a team of volunteers to carry out a number of tasks including, working on the front desk answering phones, providing customer service and general office duties. We have day shifts available for 9.30 am - 4.00pm or half day shifts if that is more suitable. Come along and join a great team and gain experience working in your local community, it looks great on the resume! Call or drop in and speak with one of us, or visit our website and follow the link to 'volunteer-with-us'. Complete the online volunteer application form and we will be in touch with you.

There is lots on each week at the WNC. Ring us ahead of time to let us know you're coming. Remember, if you want to know more about the activities mentioned here today call or visit Mitchell House on Murray Street.

Our Grapevine newsletter is out and if you become a member of the WNC, this will be delivered online or posted out to you. Plus you will receive discounts to many activities. Also, you can visit us on Facebook, go to Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THEY say there's no time like the present. Why wait until the new year to start getting qualified when you can do it right now?

Starting this week, BCAL is running two industry taster courses in the fields of Hair and Beauty, and also Horticulture.

Both courses are presented by local industry experts. They are designed to help participants get some experience in the industry before committing to the full qualification. Those who continue to the Certificate level courses after completing the tasters will get a special discount on their enrolment fee.

So, if you're wondering if either of these careers are right for you, why not give them a try? Take your next step now.

■ U3A WONTHAGGI

Are you 55 plus and retired? You can enjoy participating in more than 24 courses (absolutely no exams!) and activities on offer for 2023.

Areas that may interest you include art, environment, exercise, games, health, history, languages, music, walking groups, literature and discussion. To discover more about U3A Wonthaggi visit www.u3awonthaggi.org.au

An annual subscription of \$50 allows you to enrol in one or as many courses as you like.

Do you have a skill or knowledge that you would like to share with others? Volunteer course tutors and activity leaders are very welcome.

To learn more about all of U3A's activities, please phone: 0493 471 254 or email secretary@u3awonthaggi.org.au.

■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

Have ever thought about growing a few vegies, herbs or fruit?

Last week garden volunteers planted tomatoes, zucchini, pumpkin and beans, with cucumbers and melons ready to go in next week. None of these are hard to grow and seeds and seedlings are cheap and available locally.

But there's a lot more than fresh, tasty produce to be gained from planting an edible garden. Biologist, writer and gardener Ken Thompson explains:

"Encouraging people to grow their own food simultaneously targets food security, improves the well-known (physical and psychological) benefits of gardening, and helps reduce climate change, flooding, pollution and erosion. "You seriously want to save the planet? Give us the tools and the land, and we - the gardeners - will do it for you." (Ken Thompson's books are available via Wonthaggi library).

So if you or your group would like to give edible gardening a go, visit the community garden on a Thursday between 10am and noon or contact tgor-don@westnet.com.au for more information.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Wonthaggi Woodies' annual pop up gift shop will be opening this Saturday, November 26, for nine days only.

This year, the shop is at the Bass Coast Artists Society Goods Shed. The shed is located between the Wonthaggi Historical Society (train station) and Dan Murphy's, and is accessible from the Big W carpark.

There will be over 500 beautiful, locally handcrafted timber products for sale. With small to large items and everything in between, there's something for everyone. Don't delay though, because this year's shop is only open until December 4.

For more information visit www.wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or pop into the workshop.

LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

I CAN'T believe we are so close to the silly season, it's something we really look forward to here at the Leongatha Community House.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few events we have coming up here at LCH:

On December 2, at 12pm we are hosting a barbecue and lawn games luncheon in celebration of International Day of People with Disability.

This is a free event and open to the whole community. This is a great opportunity to get out of the house and hopefully enjoy some sun in company.

On December 9, we are holding our annual Christmas party from 12pm - 2pm, everyone is invited, we only ask you please RSVP by December 2, so we can confirm catering. Great company and great food guaranteed - this is a free event.

On December 16, we have organised a small bus to go Christmas Light looking around Leongatha.

If you would like to join us please call the Community House, there are limited spaces available so get in quick to avoid missing out.

We will be leaving from the Leongatha Community House at 8pm, if you don't drive, we can organise to pick you up. There is a \$10.00 fee which includes a hot chocolate.

The Community House this year will be closed from December 23 to January 16, until then we look forward to operating as normal.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WE ARE excited to have DonateLife Victoria coming to do an information session on Saturday, November 26 at 1.30 pm.

While the overwhelming majority of Australians support organ donation, only 36% have registered their decision to be a donor.

Would you like to know more about the process and how it works? Have some questions you'd like answered? This is the session for you.

Would you like to learn to sew using a sewing machine? We have Lorraine, who is keen to help others learn in a friendly and supportive environment. Don't have a machine? don't worry we can lend one to you. We have a Christmas Themed Learn to Sew short course running over three Tuesday afternoons December 6, 13 and 20. Please book your space by calling Milpara 5655 2524.

The Colour with Style workshop has been rescheduled to Sunday, December 11, we are still taking bookings.

Orange The World 16 days of Activism against Violence is November 25 - December 10. To show our support for a future free from violence, we will be doing a street display of orange flowers and hands on Mine Road near the Korumburra RSL.

Orange is an optimistic colour and used as part of the campaign and we are using flowers because together we can work to 'change the story' and help our community bloom.

Milpara has created a Resource Booklet, which you can download on our website or pop in and pick up a copy.



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INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HOUSE

ON THE 23rd of this month, we have our Introduction to SnapFish photo book session with Gero.

Just in time for Christmas, bring all your memories and special moments into a creative and stylish book for family and friends to enjoy.

Anything from poems, special occasions, holidays or hobbies. Bring along your creative ideas and enjoy the experience. BYO photos on device, laptop or tablet. Email address required. Suitable for all abilities. Wednesday, November 23, 1:30 3:30pm. \$4 members \$6 non-members bookings required 5674 2444.

Staying Safe online is an information-sharing session to discuss, understand and learn about ways in which you can avoid exposure to an array of threats and vulnerabilities from malevolent actors such as cyber-criminals and hackers.

Brought to you by Bendigo Bank and Peter Greening the session will focus on (1) brief presentations on several topics of general and recent interest and (2) attendees' specific questions, concerns, ideas, recommendations, and experience. Monday, November 28. 1:30pm - 2:30pm Bookings preferred 5674 2444.

Saturday, November 25, 10am to 12noon in the House, our repairers for the Garment Repair Café will be ready and waiting to work their magic on your much-loved garments. Do you have any clothes or other textile items that you would like to have repaired? Perhaps you have an old coat you don't want to throw away or a pair of trousers that fit so comfortably. Our repairers will do their utmost to let you enjoy your belongings again.

Garments, buttons, hems, Pillow-case simple repairs, renew garments, freshen your wardrobe.

Team of repairers ready to assist. No need to book. Let the team do their magic. The Garment Repair Café is now supporting Upparel.

An organisation on a mission to reduce the number of textiles/clothing that end up in landfill and upcycle into socks and quality useful products.

Clean garments and textiles can be dropped off at the Repair Café for up-cycling.

*Please note due to storage limitations items will only be taken on the day. No Bookings required. Gold coin donation.



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Around the Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

WHEN will the weather improve?
A question being asked by many, not only by fishermen, with farmers desperate to get machinery into paddocks for silage and hay, something they need to survive the winter.

While we can't get out fishing, or very often anyway, I guess in reality it's just a bit of recreation we are missing out on and not a livelihood, unless you are a commercial fisherman of course and the weather can be as devastating to your business as well.

We have seen some very good sized bags and the quality has been outstanding, especially the whiting.

Black Friday is this week and while we haven't done anything in the past this year, Shimano has given us a selected series of rods, mostly in the whiting, squid, flathead style to sale out.

The promotion by Shimano will run from Thursday until Sunday, unless sold out, and is on three series of rods with various configurations, over 200 rods in all at half price.

From Thursday, December 1, we will be offering 24 days of gift ideas and specials.

The offers will be valid from the day they are advertised until Christmas eve or until sold out.

To say opportunities to get out and have a fish have been few is probably just stating the obvious, and with Christmas just around the corner free time will be even harder to find.

Mother nature is something no one has worked out how to control, so we don't have a lot of choice other than wait for the opportunities.

The best part of it not being busy on the water is when you do get out, there hasn't been a lot of noise and the fish don't seem so spooked especially the whiting one customer told us.

Whiting have been where you would expect to find them or very close to those spots with reports from deep, shallow and that in between depth all producing.

As it has been all season, we aren't always seeing big bags of whiting but we are seeing quality. The sizes of the whiting at the moment means that with 10 you have more than a few feeds in the freezer and they are also much easier to fillet as well.

Customers are telling us that you will know within the first 4 fish what you are going to be catching if you stay around.

There aren't too many spots that aren't producing so just up anchor and search again.

For those who prefer pippies we still have some real ones, yes very expensive and only 1kg bags, but down to our last 4 sacks and no expected date from the suppliers when we will see more, according to the reports we are getting squid and pilchard are out fishing them now.

One customer told us that he was a pippies or nothing guy with the other baits not working until he simply couldn't afford them anymore so changed, also changed slightly how he was fishing and now is 100% converted.

Snapper is the main target species this time of the year and apart from the weather it would have to be the most mixed-up start to a snapper season we have seen since being in the shop. From the reports we have seen lots of snapper caught, some the typical 6kg to 8kg for this time of the year, just not the regular reports we expect.

Pinkies from in the shallows and off the mud long before the bigger ones showed up there. The bay is healthy, the fish are all in good condition and there seems to be plenty of species in the bay, all we need is the weather.

Let the fish count begin

THE WEATHER held out and visibility was quite good as 22 individuals took to the South Gippsland Conservation Society's (SGCS) Great Victorian Fish Count on Saturday as part of the Victorian National Parks Associations (VNPA) yearly count.

Celebrating their 20th year intrastate and 10th year with SGCS, every year hundreds of snorkelers, divers and marine enthusiasts take to Victoria's coasts to take part in one of the biggest citizen science events in Victoria's calendar.

Armed with fish identifier slates and long wetsuits, the group hit Shack Bay along the Bunurong Coast for another successful count with all ages exploring side by side.

It was a joyous occasion this year as the Victorian National Parks Association also celebrated 20 years since the declaration of marine parks, protecting the incredible biodiversity along the southern and eastern coastlines.

"We have one of the most incredibly diverse and unique marine environ-

ments," participant and SGCS Great Victorian Fish Count assistant coordinator, Mike explained.

"It's a real secret with species you only find in southern Australian waters. People are (pleasantly) surprised."

With individuals travelling from Melbourne, The Valley and across Gippsland to participate there were definitely some familiar and regular faces amongst the mix.

Another successful year, the results were tallied up at a BBQ afterwards and will now be sent on to the VNPA.

VNPA Project Officer, Nicole, was also on hand with t-shirts for participants.

"This year we have some groups celebrating 20 years of participating, with new groups joining along the way, including SGCS who are celebrating 10 years.

"Since 2005 we have seen the same species and even spotted fish outside their species ranges including the White Barred Box Fish and Blue Groper, with projections now changing."



Rod Webster has been running the Bass Coast chapter of the Great Victorian Fish Count since it began ten years ago.



It may have been a quieter year for counters than previous but a 22 strong brushed off the weather conditions and dived in.

When one door closes, another opens, says Wayne

CUSTOMERS are still arriving, on a daily basis at Port Franklin, to get their supplies of King George Whiting, Rock Flathead or gummies straight off the boat from local fishermen, Wayne and Linda Cripps and family.

The fish shop, right there on the jetty boardwalk, surrounded by rolled up nets, blue fish boxes, boats and other fishing paraphernalia is as authentic and inviting as it has been for the past 20 years, since it opened in 2003.

But much to disappointment of Wayne and despair of Linda, their fresh fish sales have been killed by bureaucracy.

As of Friday, October 21, the Cripps' fish shop and the farmers' market fish van are no more.

"I'm alright but Linda's not that happy about it," said Wayne, a month into a new era; still fishing about three days-a-week and doing his marine service work but without the impossible compliance that goes with selling fresh fish.

"I'm really going to miss the people most of all," said Linda.

"We've made a lot of friends at the markets and at the shop, especially the older people who really relied on us for their fresh fish.



Port Franklin fishing identity, Wayne Cripps, has been sorry to say goodbye to fresh fish sales but when one door closes, another door opens.

"We went to the markets at Coal Creek, Mirboo North, Koonwarra, Foster and sometimes Inverloch but it's all become too hard."

It's clearly been a big decision.

"We've got a dozen or more organisations that we deal with," said Wayne.

He's made a list:

- PrimeSafe (licence fees & standards control) - We pay a fee for every boat, the shop and van and also for third party audits.
- Victorian Fisheries Authority
- Corner Inlet Habitat Association (local fishermen's group)
- The South Gippsland Shire - Even before we opened the shop, they took us to VCAT. Turns out they didn't have any jurisdiction on the jetty.
- EPA
- Water Police
- Australian Marine Safety Authority
- Seafood Industry Victoria (Peak body for the Victorian seafood industry)
- Gippsland Ports
- Australian Fisheries Management Authority
- Melbourne Seafood Centre

"There are forms to be filled out, reports to be submitted and fees to be paid to most of them and they can come down and inspect us anytime."

"Right in the middle of Easter one year, they came in and closed us down twice while they audited us."

"We've never had an offence against us," says Wayne.

So, fresh fish sales at Port Franklin are no more, a blow to local tourism, but the good news is that Wayne's son Jake and partner Katie, have been awarded the contract, by the Wellington Shire for the wharf fish and chip shop and café at Port Albert, from a Melbourne Cup field of applicants.

The best of Cripps' fish will now get there to be cooked and sold, with chips and all the trimmings at Port Albert.

They expect to be open by Christmas.

"We'll continue to supply Melbourne's wholesale market, and locally Bass Strait Direct at Newhaven, with some going into Foster Seafood but it won't be the same," said Wayne.

And in between babysitting grandchildren, Linda hopes she'll get a few shifts at the Port Albert fish and chip shop, happy days!

TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Cowes +28, Inverloch +30, Newhaven +1.03, Corinella +1.08, Port Welshpool +1.28, Tarwin Lower jetty +3 hours.

TUESDAY	November 22
▼ 3.38am	0.81m
▲ 10.30am	1.28m
▼ 4.23pm	0.53m
▲ 11.45pm	1.37m

WEDNESDAY	November 23
▼ 5.02am	0.84m
▲ 11.26am	1.30m
▼ 5.26pm	0.41m

THURSDAY	November 24
▲ 12.46am	1.51m
▼ 6.18am	0.82m
▲ 12.21pm	1.33m
▼ 6.21pm	0.30m

FRIDAY	November 25
▲ 1.40am	1.64m
▼ 7.15am	0.78m
▲ 1.14pm	1.37m
▼ 7.12pm	0.20m

SATURDAY	November 26
▲ 2.29am	1.73m
▼ 8.02am	0.73m
▲ 2.04pm	1.42m
▼ 8.00pm	0.13m

SUNDAY	November 27
▲ 3.16am	1.78m
▼ 8.46am	0.68m
▲ 2.52pm	1.46m
▼ 8.48pm	0.11m

MONDAY	November 28
▲ 4.02am	1.78m
▼ 9.30am	0.64m
▲ 3.39pm	1.48m
▼ 9.37pm	0.12m

Email us your fishing photos
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Korumburra's Zac Scholte B Grade winner and Anthony Hill A Grade winner.

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's competition
Tuesday, November 15.
Stableford (20 Players)
A Grade: Roland Rees (7) 34 C/B.
B Grade: Mick Belvedere (19) 34 Points.
NTPs: 1st Ian Gibson, 10th Roland Rees and 13th Roland Rees.
Thursday, November 17.
Stableford (8 Players)
Winner: Brian Clasby (15) 36 Points.
NTPs: 1st Peter Van Agtmaal and 13th Roland Rees.
Saturday, November 19
Stableford (46 Players)
Sponsor: Scott Rodda
A Grade: First Anthony Hill (12) 45 Points, second Mat Wrigley (2) 42 Points.
B Grade: First Zac Scholte (16) 42 C/B, second Iain Riddell (36) 42 Points.
NTPs: 1st Peter Johnson, 7th Darren Adams, 10th Brian Clasby and 13th Tim Fowles.

Ladies

OUR 2022 Star Medallist play-off was held last Wednesday with six players competing.
This award is open to all Monthly Medal winners throughout the year.
Congratulations to our newest Star Medallist, Shelley Snooks, winning for her first time with a fabulous round of 71(21)92 and Shelley also won the Stroke round on the day.
R/Up was Merrissa Cosson 74 (14) 88 on a c/b from Kerri Besley 74 (23) 97.
NTPs on the 1st, Merrissa and the 13th green Aliesha Wrigley.
The overall best Monthly Medal Scratch Score for 2022 was won by Merrissa Cosson in February, coming in with a nice 79 off the stick.
Merrissa now holds the best scratch score for our Women's newly rated course, well done.
Last Thursday night's twilight competition played 7 holes.
Doug Grewcock and Marg Harper teamed up to win with 18pts.
NTP on the 13th green was Billie Wrigley.
Friday, we had three pairs go to Wonthaggi to play in the SGGI event.
Saturday, 10 women played a Stableford game. Congratulation to Marg Harper (42) winning with 36pts on a c/b from Aliesha Wrigley (27) and Johanna van den Heiligenberg (11).
NTPs, Deb Wrigley on the 1st and Marg Harper on the 13th green.
The final of our Women's Singles Knockout for 2022 was also played.
Jenny and Kerri Besley both played well all day in a very close

game, ending with Jenny winning on the 19th hole!
This week is our Tournament Week, and we hope to see many faces out and about playing!

LANG LANG

CLUB Championships are in full swing at Lang Lang with Round 2 completed on Saturday with a full field.
A highlight of the day was Daryl Barker's eagle on the 7th.
Daryl made a long range pitch from the fairway and managed to find the bottom of the cup, with the putter being left in the bag.
Tuesday Stableford Competition
A wild afternoon hailstorm interrupted some players on Tuesday, but the morning field enjoyed better conditions.
The winner with a score of 37 points was Gary Jollands, with runner-up Nick Dryden scoring 34 points. Ball rundown to 33 points.
Nearest the pin: 15th Noel Boyd.
Thursday 4BBB/Stableford
Thursday's Stableford competition attracted a large field, the 4 ball winning pair was Noel Welsh and David Chadwick with 47 points, and runners up Kelvin Simpson and Peter Moore with 46 points.
Simon Vigilante took out the Stableford comp with 43 points, and in second place was Wayne Kennedy. Ball rundown to 34 points.
Nearest the pin: 5th Colin Crowle, 9th Laurie Burgess, 12th Peter Butler, 15th Wayne Kennedy.
All members and guests please note the club will be holding a social event on the afternoon/evening of Friday, December 16, featuring a "Party Hole" with a \$250 prize, BBQ, two person Ambrose Competition and two Happy Hours, plus many other cash prizes on the day.
Bookings can be made by calling the club, and a courtesy bus will also be operating.
Members and guests all welcome, come down for a game or dinner or both, or just come along and join in the atmosphere.

LEONGATHA

DROUIN Plate Stableford November 13.
Well done to the foursome from LGC that finished 2nd in the Drouin Plate event.
Dean Kellett scored 37 points
Fred DeBondt scored 33 points
Leo DeBondt scored 33 points
Craig Hutchinson scored 25 points
Tuesday Stableford November 15. We had 36 members/guests in our Stableford event.
A-Grade Winner: Graham Rob-



Korumburra's 2022 Star Medallist winner Shelley Snooks.

erts with 38 points
A-Grade Runners-up: Geoffrey McDonald with 37 points
B-Grade Winner: Michael Delaney with 38 points
B-Grade Runners-up: Antony Roberts with 34 points
Thursday Stableford November 17. We had 84 members/guests enjoy the day.
A-Grade Winner: Craig Hutchinson with 38 points
A-Grade Runner-Up: Ethan Woodall with 34 points
B-Grade Winner: Peter Walsh with 38 points
B-Grade Runner-Up: Fred De Bondt with 37 points
C-Grade Winner: Joe Lowell with 35 points
C-Grade Runner-Up: Timothy McCarthy with 34 points
D-Grade Winner: Tim Kirley with 41 points
D-Grade Runner-Up: Michael Oliver with 35 points
Special Mention: Ethan Lamers with Eagle on the 3rd hole

14th NTP: Ron Findlay with 2.56m
16th NTP: Stuart Harry with 1.06m
Saturday Stableford November 19. We had 71 members/guests enjoy the good conditions resulting in high scoring.
Well done to Craig Hutchinson who is in excellent form with another A Grade win.
A Grade Winner: Craig Hutchinson with a score of 42 points
A Grade R/Up: Glenn Marsham with a score of 41 points
B Grade Winner: Renalto Monacello with a score of 44 points
B Grade R/Up: Jon Smith with a score of 41 points
C Grade Winner: Michael O'Rafferty with a score of 38 points
C Grade R/Up: John Belli with a score of 37 points
14th NTP: Tom Williamson with 2m
16th NTP: Josh De Groot with 0.62m

Ladies

THE course was presented in near perfect condition after the coring and massive working bee in the previous week.
One of our newer members, Cath Seccull (54) won with an impressive 40 points just two ahead of our women's captain Bronwyn Debenham.
Winners of balls down the line were: Colleen Touzel 35, Chris Lay 34, Delia Perry 31, Lianne Adamson, Trish Owen and Cheryl Borg 30, Marianne Gartner 29 and Melina Wilder and Michelle Roberts 28 points.
Joy O'Sullivan was nearest the pin on the 14th and Bronwyn Debenham on the 16th.
Robin Smith had another win this week in the 9-hole compe-



Woorayl's Elly Berryman, Pauline Lancaster, Linda Forrester and Ann Poole.

tition with 16 points and Libby Seebeck and Debra Kilpatrick each won a ball.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, November 17, Stableford.
Day winner: W Reynolds, (17) 37pts c/b.
DTL: R Matthews 37, N Rutledge, N Baker, 36.
NTP: 4th R Matthews, 6th T Bradshaw.
Saturday, November 19, Stroke.
A Grade: M Snell (10) 67 c/b
B Grade: J Hughes (18) 67.
DTL: Tim Traill 69, R Taylor 71, T Bradshaw, N Bracecamp, J Robbins 72 c/b.
NTP: 4th E Woodall, 6th B Bradshaw, 16th E Woodall, Birdies 4th, J Hughes, J Smeriglio, 6th, Tim Traill, S Evison, 16th, J Hughes, M Snell, E Woodall, N Whichello.
Championship results: A Grade - Tim Traill, 234, from S Mc Innes 239
Hcp G Renwick 215 from Tim Traill 219.
B Grade: M Heiberg and R Taylor 263, Play off next stoke round
Hcp J Smeriglio 218 from M Heiberg, W Reynolds, R Taylor 224.
C Grade: S Evison 293 from D Taylor 309 Hcp, S Evison 230 from P Cummaudo 244 Veteran, T Bradshaw 164 from R Scurlock 168 Hcp, J Smeriglio 143 from R Hoskin 145.
Juniors: E Woodall 164 from R Taylor 176.
Hcp: R Taylor 150 from E Woodall 156.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

A BEAUTIFUL Spring day greeted 60 women players on Friday, November 18, at Wonthaggi Golf Club to participate in the Joyce Berry 4BBB Scratch and Par event.
Joyce Berry was a champion golfer and an administrator at both the Wonthaggi Golf Club and South Gippsland Women's Golf Association for many years.
The scratch champions and the winners of the Joyce Berry 4BBB trophy were the Meeniyann pairing of Andrea Thorson (8) and Dot Christie (10) who carded 77 gross.
The Minor Scratch championship was won by the pairing from Wonthaggi Betty Bowmar (28) and Robyn Wilkinson (27) with a score of 99 Gross.
Wonthaggi pairings scooped the pool in the Par handicap section with Leesa Willmot (18) and Marg Johnson (16) the winners in A Grade with 5+ with Anne Poulton (38) and Wendy Cross (44) taking out the B Grade event also with 5 plus.
NTP second Marg Johnson

(Wonthaggi), 8th Andrea Thorson (Meeniyann), 13th Geraldine Prentice (Wonthaggi), 17th Dot Stubbs (Leongatha).
Down the line balls went to plus 2 Vicki Amato/Lorraine Harmon (Phillip Island), plus 1 Neryl Hopcraft/Nan Meagher (Leongatha), Sq Veronica Park/Sheila Constantine (Meeniyann), minus 1 Heather Sullivan/Elly Berryman (Woorayl), Yvonne Everitt/Geraldine Prentice (Wonthaggi), Mary Taylor/Ros Reid (Phillip Island), Helen Williams/Dot Garry (Wonthaggi).

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results November 17.
Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71
Winner: Peter Magnussen 37
Ball Sweep: Mick Bourke 37, Graeme Crawford 34, Keith Ridout 32.
Men's results November 17.
Competition type: Stableford Front 9 hole, SR. 34.5
Winner: Paul Cornelis 18 c/b.
Ball Sweep: Paul Cornelis 18, Blake Cornelis 17, Jim McEacharn 16.
Men's results November 19, S.R 71.
Competition type: Stroke President V Captains Day.
1 Geoffrey Prowd 67
2 John Walsh 69
3 Phillip Dynes 70
4 Stephen Kane 70
5 Jim Jordan 72 C/B
Eagles: Kevin Baley 7th, Robert Day 1st.
NTPs: Jason Sartori 2nd, Robert Geyer 4th, Daniel Crellin propin 8th, Colin Martin 13th and Sam Dennis money hole 17th.
Presidents team 3131 defeated the captains team 3144.

Ladies

MARG Johnson was the winner with a lovely (16) 37 points.
Birdies on the 5th and a pitch in on the 15th helped her score.
Runner-up was Geraldine Prentice (23) 33 points.
NTP: Second Wendy Cross, 8th Marg Johnson and 17th Merryn Dear.
BDL: Jan Beaumont 31 and Merryn Dear.

WOORAYL

Ladies

LAST week was the first round of the Perrett Family Foursomes Aggregate board event.
The winners of the daily event generously sponsored by Kevin Gardiner Kitchens, were Elly Berryman and Pauline Lancaster with a score of 95 - 17.5 - 77.5.
They were closely followed by Ann Poole and Linda Forrester 109 - 28.5 - 80.5. BDL went to Anne Grist and Inge Giliam 81, Jenny Riseley and Dianne O'Connor 84 and Marg Tuckett 87.

MIRBOO NORTH & DISTRICT JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Round 7 results and ladders.
A Grade results:
Fish Creek 5 sets and 35 games defeated Leongatha Kyrgos 1 set and 16 games.
Leongatha Nadal 5 sets and 34 games defeated Mardan 1 set and 16 games.
Baromi 4 sets and 29 games defeated Leongatha Federer 2 sets and 23 games
A Grade ladder:
Leongatha Nadal 36, Fish Creek 29.5, Baromi 25, Leongatha Federer 23, Leongatha Kyrgos 20.5, Mardan 13
B Grade results:
Baromi 5 sets and 33 games defeated Fish Creek 1 set and 25 games.
Mardan 4 sets 30 games defeated Leongatha 2 sets and 19 games
B Grade ladder:
Baromi 33.5, Fish Creek 29, Leongatha 18, Mardan 17.5
C Grade results:
Baromi 5 sets and 23 games defeated Leongatha Tomijanovic 1 set and 13 games
Leongatha Swaitek 5 sets and 27 games defeated Fish Creek 3 sets and 16 games.
Leongatha Saville 7 sets and 28 games defeated Mardan 1 set and 12 games.
C Grade ladder:
Leongatha Swaitek 48.5, Baromi 48.5
Leongatha Saville 30, Leongatha Tomijanovic 22.5, Fish Creek 22, Mardan 16.5

ALAMBEE MIRBOO & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

UNSETTLED weather caused a match in each section to be washed out.
Inverloch won well against Korumburra. Matt Pocklington playing his first game for the season this week.
Koonwarra have gone up the ladder without even playing! The team will be pleased with that.
In Section 2, the top three teams are all close together, only separated by half a point.
A number of players from Outtrim helped out other teams this week to ensure teams could be fielded. Korumburra were winners against Leongatha Green and were the only match in this section to play.
Toby Nicholas from Outtrim was filling in. Well done to him for winning his three sets. Baromi v Leongatha Gold only managed to play their first men's and ladies sets before the courts became too wet to play on.
Section 1 results:
Inverloch 7.68 defeated Korumburra 2.32
Leongatha North v Westernport – WASH OUT
Koonwarra BYE
Ladder: Inverloch 56.5, Westernport 43.5, Koonwarra 33, Leongatha North 30.5, Korumburra 30
Section 2 results:
Korumburra 7.61 defeated Leongatha Green 2.40
Baromi v Leongatha Gold – WASH OUT
Outtrim BYE
Ladder: Outtrim 41.5, Korumburra 41.5, Baromi 41, Leongatha Gold 38.5, Leongatha Green 29.

Wonthaggi dominates at Underwater Hockey championships

PLAYERS from the Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey had a highly successful day at last weekend's Victorian Underwater Hockey State Championships.
A large group of junior and established players travelled to the event held at the Handbury Centre, Geelong Grammar School.
In a highly entertaining yet nail biting affair, Wonthaggi prevailed by a single goal (1-0) over Maribyrnong in the final to claim the state championship shield.
The day started with a fast and highly skilled game between Under 19 and Under 15 Victorian team players.
The Wonthaggi club is well represented in this year's Victorian teams, with Romy Keppel, Mike Milnes, Dave Barry-Macaulay, Ethan Milnes Lucy Perdomo, Belinda Keeley-Watts, Amy Barry-Macaulay, Kirsteen "Chooky" Reid, Rees Quilford, Tamsyn Walsh, Felix Maund, Will Stein, all participating.
They will compete at the Australia Underwater Hockey Championships to be held in Bunbury, Western Australia in January 2023.
A tightly contested club based round robin tournament then followed.
Regional clubs were well represented at the event with clubs



Wonthaggi had a well-deserved win at the Victorian Underwater Hockey State Championships. From rear, Romy Keppel, Mike Milnes, Dave Barry-Macaulay, Ethan Milnes, centre, Lucy Perdomo, Belinda Keeley-Watts, Amy Barry-Macaulay, Kirsteen "Chooky" Reid, Rees Quilford, and front, Tamsyn Walsh, Felix Maund and Will Stein.

from Geelong, Ballarat and Wonthaggi all fielding teams.
Maribyrnong, Monash University and a Victorian Under 19 team (which featured many players from the Wonthaggi club) made up the other competitors aiming to be named as the Victorian Champion for 2022.

undefeated.
Wonthaggi carried their momentum from the final stages in to the final.
The team's younger players Tamsyn Walsh, Felix Maund, Will Steinm and Ethan Milnes more than held their own against adult players, and it was an old hand in David Barry-Macaulay who scored the game's only goal to secure the win for Wonthaggi.
Wonthaggi's Belinda Watts-Keeley was named the competition's Most Valuable Women's Player while Ballarat's Bruce Higgins was named the Men's MVP.
Wonthaggi's junior players also dominated the awards with Hamish Scothern earning the gong for the most prolific goal scorer while Caden Milnes was named Junior MVP.
Both hail from the Wonthaggi club but played for the Victorian Under 19 team at the tournament.
Both have their sights set of participating in the next Junior World Championships, scheduled to be held in Turkey in 2024.
The Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club plays on Thursday evenings from 7pm at the Wonthaggi YMCA. New players are always welcome.

INVERLOCH

CHALLENGING weather conditions greeted our Corporate Bowlers on Wednesday evening.
Thirty-two teams battled it out in gusty wind conditions.
Winners on the night were Bowls Deep with +19 and Runners Up were VBs with +16.
Inverloch Monthly Triples:
Cold and Windy conditions greeted our Triples bowlers on Wednesday 44 ends were played over the day. Only one team won all four games. This team finished on 69 points. The team consisted of Vito Serafino (skip), Wayne Walker and Alan Easterbrook. Runners Up on 3 wins and a draw on 62 points was the of Mal Marshall(skip), Rob Howard and Jeff Curwood. Finishing third with 3 wins and a draw was the team of Bill Selby, Bob Anketell and John. Best first game was won by Arthur Newsome's team. Best second game was won by Nic Van Grunsven (skip), Graeme Dunlop and Rick Brevitt. Best third game was won by Ted Breasley (skip), Jimmy Kirk and Kevin Woolstencroft. Best fourth game was one by Arthur Newsome's team.
Thursday Social Bowls:
Great weather greeted 25 players that were split into teams of triples and fours. The fickle wind produced some very interesting shots. The hard luck story for the day was the team of Bruce Corrigan (skip), Daryl McStravick and Jenny Slater who finished with one win and a draw on 27 points. Runners Up with a win and a draw on 28 points was the team of John Duthie (skip), Joyce Arnold and George Scott. The eventual winners with two wins and 30 points were the team of Bill Selby (skip), Terry Orford and Chris Nevill.
Pennant: Midweek Division 1 Inverloch 54 defeated by Phillip Island 65. Division 2 Phillip Island 51 defeated by Inverloch 56. Division 3 Inverloch defeat-

ed Phillip Island 52 to 25.
Club Championships: The finals of the Men's and Ladies Singles as well as Men's Pairs will be played on the morning of December 4.
MIDWEEK
GAME held at San Remo Bowls Club with 23 of our favourite people turning up to fight it out in the weekly challenge, and it wasn't an easy day for anyone. Some excellent opposition on all the rinks but still a lot of fun with lots of laughter and bantering from around the green.
A few dollars were donated to the RCH tin by some of our excellent bowlers, which goes to show that it can happen to anyone and does.
Winners on 33 points were: Mark Andreatta (S), Phil Wright (3), Michael Saunders (2), Bill Williams (L).
Runners up for the day also on 33 points were: John Nicholson (S), Laurie Bell (3), Pauline McWilliams (2), Michael Dady (L).
Best one game on 24 points were: Peter Gratton (S), Sue Stansfield (3), Enid Johnson (2), Bobby Arnold (L).
Once again we would like to thank Peter and Pauline McWilliams for all the hard work they do to keep our Thursdays on track.
Next week we will be at Koo Wee Rup, so we look forward to seeing everyone there by 10:00AM for a 10:30AM start, everyone welcome.
TOORA
ANOTHER successful triples day at Toora Bowls Club with 8 rinks of avid bowlers.
Sponsors for this month were Welshpool Outdoors and Toora Tourist Park, thank you to both these businesses for their ongoing generosity.
Winners were Steve Snelling, Ian Rogers and Laurie Gabell.
Runners up for the day were Doug Khune, Dudley Harrison

and Kieth Pockington.
Third place was taken out by Harry Forrester, Ian Todd and Wayne Walker and encouragement award goes to John Spooner, John Roberts and Matt Gallagher.
Good luck to our pennants sides this coming Saturday with Division One at Leongatha and Division Five at Phillip Island.
Don't forget our Casserole Tea on Friday, November 25.
Next invitation day for the men is Sunday, December 4, sheet is on the board, so names please if you wish to play.
Ladies good luck for Tuesday next week at pennant and our invitation day is on Friday, December 2.

WONTHAGGI

THIS week started off with the weather being cold and windy.
Tuesday saw the two Mid Week Pennant teams travel in different directions. Div 1 ventured to Foster who are always hard to beat at home.
Two rinks had good wins with the other having a narrow loss, not a bad result on the day.
The final scores Wonthaggi 72 Foster 43. This win puts Div 1 in a secure 2nd spot on the ladder.
Div 2 went in the other direction to Lang Lang, who once again, are very hard to beat at home.
All three rinks had wins, which was very good, to get maximum points on the day. The final scores Wonthaggi 76 Lang Lang 48.
This win also puts Div 2 into 2nd spot on the ladder.
Wednesday was wet and windy with social bowls being called off.
Thursday morning social bowls had a good turnout of twenty bowlers on a day where the weather was starting to improve.
With no social bowls on



Wonthaggi Bowls Club stalwart Denis Stanes being presented with Life Membership by president Trevor Teer.

Wednesday some bowlers took the opportunity to have a roll on Thursday.
After lunch on Thursday, the Club was in shock with the news of the passing of Denis Stanes.
Although as we know, Denis has not been well in recent times, it still leaves a gap when you walk into the clubhouse, and you know Denis will not be in the office.
A Life Member of the club, he was one of the people responsible for the new greens at the club.
A move that has put the club on a better footing into the future, for which all members are grateful for.
Keep an eye on the paper for the funeral details, as I am sure a lot of people would like to say goodbye to a great clubman.
Saturday social bowls was called off because of the weather.
Bowls this week: Tuesday Mid Week Pennant, Wednesday social bowls at 1.00pm, Thursday social bowls at 10.00am and Friday Coaching at 10.00am Saturday Pennant returns after a week off.
Don't forget about Bare Foot bowls starting on November 29, with details on our web page and Facebook page.

Colours remain as LDCA moves to one-day cricket

By Aiden Box

THE Leongatha District Association committee last week decided to change the seasons of their B1 and 2 and C1 and 2 grades to exclusively one-day matches including finals, after originally planning to play two-day games throughout the 2022/23 season.

LDCA president John Schelling spoke to the Sentinel-Times recently on how the decision came about.

"It was the logical thing to do for B's and C's because they hadn't really played any cricket at all yet and it's easier to get someone to play for one week rather than two," he said.

"This time we reached out to the clubs for their thoughts, and they almost unanimously came back to us and said they'd like to go back to one day cricket for the season."

The change comes after the two grades managed just one fully completed round of cricket in over a month due to rain abandonments, and with more rain on the way switching to a one-day comp was always the safer option.

Schelling discussed the impact the rain and poor conditions have had on the season so far, and whether it will continue to affect the lower grades season.

"People are keen as mustard before every season comes and then when there's no activity and it looks like there's going to be rain, they start dropping off and



All divisions of B and C grade will revert back to one day cricket only for season 2022/23. B01_4722

planning other stuff, they start looking for other options," he said.

"Then also we haven't had much junior cricket yet, so the junior cricketers are finding it hard to commit, we've given ourselves an extra week we can use but you can never be confident we're in South Gippsland so who knows, this is one of those unprecedented seasons."

"Coming off finally getting a full season in last season we were pretty happy to go back to one and two-day cricket but it just seemed like we're losing the battle so it was best to revert back to one day only."

Both divisions of A grade cricket will remain two-day competitions except for the matches in rounds eight, nine and 10 before and after the Christmas break, with finals also returning to the two-day format.

"Well A grade have been able

to get three games under their belt so we're really only going to miss one or two games and the A graders are still pretty keen to play two-day cricket because it helps with their GCL."

"We want to try and keep the standard of play in A grade as high as we possibly can."

"Over the past couple of seasons, we've focused very hard on making sure our premier grade is getting as much cricket as they can, and then we just try and suit the needs of the next grades down."

The rain as well as other outside factors, has also hugely impacted the availability of umpires around the association as Schelling explained.

"We've lost three of four umpires, we had 23 last season, now we only have 16, people move away or retire, the issue now is with over 50s and over 60s cricket is people are con-

tinuing their playing career longer rather than umpiring."

"In a lot of respects, we're failing to attract younger members to be involved with cricket and it's something we're working on much the same as we work on junior and women's cricket."

However, the LDCA president was bullish about the opportunity to take up officiating roles in the district.

"It's a terrific way to remain involved, you get enjoyment out of being around the clubs and listening to their chatter."

"It's also a good way to make some money, a senior umpire in A grade will get \$140 for a day so there's opportunities there to make few bucks for four or five hours of your time."

On a positive note, ground availability is near full strength coming into Round 6 of the 2022/23 season.

"We're nearly totally right, I think they're nearly alright to get onto Nerrena, Koonwarra is alright again now, we're losing Wonthaggi Rec 1, they're pulling the pitch out of there to play AFLW games which is a bit of a shame, but there's other grounds we can play at," he said.

Unfortunately, Schelling did mention some bad news for Foster.

"Foster have pulled their B2 team out due to a lack of numbers at this stage, so we encourage anyone that is keen down in Foster area to get involved," he said.

Action continued last weekend, headlined by Round 2 of the inaugural women's season.

All rain and no play

WET weather left a dampener on Gippsland Cricket League action.

All Round 3 matches in senior men's was cancelled on Sunday. The same fate met the Under 18s.

The only match to go ahead was Sale-Maffra and Leongatha District in the Under 13 Development League.

Leongatha made the journey to Stephenson Park to play the Sharks on the hard deck.

A tight match ensued, with the visitors winning by 10 runs.

Batting first, Leongatha closed at 5/116 off 40 overs.

Top run-scorers were Ty Debono and Cooper Newman, who scored 42 and 34 respectively.

Sale-Maffra started well in reply, getting to 41 without loss, but a steady fall of wickets from there meant they found themselves short at the finish.

A lack of conversion hurt the Sharks, with three of the top four batsmen all getting past 10 before going out.

All going well, the next round of Senior GGL will be played on Sunday, December 4.

Matches scheduled are: Sale-Maffra vs Latrobe Valley (at Sale Oval), Bairnsdale vs Traralgon (at Lakes Entrance) and Warra-gul vs Leongatha (at TBA).

Mirboo North senior cricketers to represent at Championships

THE Gippsland Goannas will have seven players representing Victoria at the Over-50 National Cricket Championships, which will be held in Adelaide from 20 to 24 November.

Anthony Bloomfield, from Latrobe CC, has been selected in the first team as an allrounder.

Brenton Howe, from Traralgon West, has been selected in the Victorian second team as an opening bowler and handy batsman.

Brad McDonald from Catani and Mirboo North's Steve Rogers have been selected for the Victorian third team

Rodney Jones from Sale, an opening bowler who is a handy batsman, and Mirboo North's Chris Anders, a wicket keeper, have both been selected in the Victorian fourth team, while Sale's Geoff Wells, a batsman wicket keeper, has been selected in the Victorian fifth team.

There will be four Goannas representing Victoria in the Over-60 National Championships, these will take place in the Barwon region from November 27 till December 1.

The Goannas also had five cricketers represent Victoria in the recent Over-70 National Championships.

Unfortunately, they were one wicket short of defeating Queensland in the final.

On the local front, the Goannas Over-60 game at Warrandyte last weekend was called off early due to the weather.

The next game for the Over-70's will be Sunday, December 4, when the

Over-50 side is also due to play away against the Geelong team.



LDCA's U13s had an exciting game against Sale-Maffra. Photo: Leongatha & District Cricket Association

LDCA juniors dominate the pitch against Sale-Maffra

THE LDCA Under 13s travelled to Sale College to play Sale-Maffra on a synthetic pitch while all games on turf involving Gippsland teams were cancelled.

This Under 13 squad is a talented group of junior cricketers coached by Brett Debono (Inverloch).

Their victory by 10 runs over Sale-Maffra was something many teams before them have been unable to achieve.

There are a lot of good juniors coming through the Leongatha junior ranks under the Chairmanship of Scott Checkley and his coaching panel.

The league now has representative teams in Under 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s, 18s and junior girls.

A number of junior cricketers have been selected in Gippsland Representative Teams and will be going to Melbourne to play

State Championships shortly.

Keep an eye on the LDCA Facebook page to follow junior cricket.

Leongatha won the toss and chose to bat with Hudson Guymer (Nerrena) and Evan Belvedere (Korumburra) opening the batting, but fell cheaply Hudson 0 and Evan 2.

Cooper Newman (Inverloch) was joined by Eamon Berryman (Nerrena) after a solid stand Eamon was dismissed for six at 24.

Ty Debono (Inverloch) joined Cooper and the two Inverloch boys added 62 before Cooper was run out for a solid 34 runs at 86.

Jobe Williams (Phillip Island) joined Ty and they added 25 runs when Ty was caught for a well compiled 42 (4 fours) Jobe 8 and Archie Williams (Phillip Island) 1 batted out

the 40 overs, with the score at 5 for 116 a good competitive score.

After the break Leongatha bowlers Jobe Williams and Ty Debono took the new ball, both bowled well, Hudson Guymer and Jackson Allan (Phillip Island) replaced the openers, but it was Archie Williams and George Edwards (Korumburra) who broke open SMCA batting with wickets at 41 and 42 and a run out by (Cole Munday (MDU) had SMCA 3 for 49.

SMCA took the score to 68 when Cole Munday broke through quickly, followed by a caught and bowled by Cooper Newman a very talented spinner at 69 the game was at the crossroads.

At 79 Cooper struck again after a catch and when Brydon Marshall (Phillip Island) bowled

Grant for 4 SMCA were 7 for 85.

When Hudson Guymer run out Lenham for 4 at 89 Leongatha had victory in sight.

Ty Debono and Jobe Williams cleaned up the tail SMCA all out 106.

Wicket takers were Cooper Newman 2 for 5, Jobe Williams 1 for 12, Ty Debono 1 for 14, Archie Williams 1 for 9, George Edwards 1 for 19, Cole Munday 1 for 12 and Byron Marshall 1 for 13.

Overall it was a great bowling effort to keep SMCA down to 106 off 36.5 Overs.

Next game is December 4, at East Campus Leongatha.

Anyone interested in supporting the LDCA Juniors with sponsorship for coaching and uniforms are most welcome contact Scott Checkley 0417 372 434.



It takes a village to raise a Giant

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“You’ve got to lose to learn how to win, you need to develop the hunger and the need to win, otherwise it doesn’t work, people don’t have the passion to win,” he said.

Myors’ passion is clear and can be seen just by listening to the tone of his voice, he’s committed to this journey with the KBFNC and desperately wants them and their community to taste genuine success again.

“I’m in it for the long haul, I’m not here just for this year to plug a hole,” he said.

Any football netball club especially at the grassroots level is and should always be a sanctum for all to come to, enjoy and express themselves within and be a place beloved by its community for generations, as Myors explained.

“The other driver for me is that I’ve got the next generation of my family coming through now, my grandson Jack has just started Auskick, what I’m hoping for him is that there’ll be a Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club for him to go and play football at and it’s a successful club where he wants to play football.”

“There’s a whole generation of kids now of past players that are all going to have somewhere to go, football, netball the whole lot, it’s the whole community, it’s the whole football netball club wanting to be a part of the one thing.”

Myors also spoke on the community the footy netball club represents.

“The community is a very welcoming place, and it needs to be, and I think new people in the town are more than welcome any time to come down to the footy club and they’ll be made to feel very welcome and we’re always looking for volunteers with expertise in any area,” he said.

“We did a bit of a study a few years back, it takes about 60-70 people, not including players, to put the sides out on the field for a gameday over the course of each week.

“I think what happened with the club was you had people down there giving 30-40 hours a week of volunteer time to make things happen for the footy club, that’s not sustainable, nobody can do that, but I think that’s what was happening.”

The Giants president gave a word on the sort of players his recruiting group is after for 2023 and beyond.

“One of our priorities when we’re recruiting is we’re looking to recruit older guys in that late 20s/30s age bracket if we can and use them to nurture and help bring on our younger group,” he said.

Improvement often doesn’t come without strong planning in place, and Myors touched on his plans to improve the community connection at the KBFNC.

“We just need community support, I want to put a community liaison officer in place,” he said.

“I’d love to get them involved in our round table group and the business association so that they’re actually involved in those committees, and they can bring input on what the community wants from the footy club and what the footy club wants from the community and provide that feedback so we can improve.”

Myors finished by explaining how culture ties it all together and encouraged his community to join in on the journey once more.

“Culture’s terribly important because that’s how you develop all the things I’ve been talking about, the club’s got to be somewhere people want to come and be a part of, not apart from,” he said.



The hard charging World Superbike champion Alvaro Bautista on his way to victory in race three. Photos: Peter Cleeland

Alvaro dominates Island at World Supers

By Peter Cleeland

LIFE is very good in Bologna, Italy the home of the Ducati Motorcycle factory.

Fresh from wrapping up the Riders Championship in Valencia two weeks ago and the Manufacturer’s Championship in MotoGP the Ducati juggernaut rolled on to claim both championships at World Superbike level.

The 12th and final round of the Grand Ridge Brewery World Superbike Championship, held at the famous Island circuit, was the setting for newly crowned World Champion Alvaro Bautista to celebrate his astonishing achievement.

Alvaro, who after one year left Aruba Ducati at the end of 2019 in search of greener pastures at Honda Racing (2020-2021) made a triumphant return to Ducati team to take victory in 2022.

While Yamaha rider Toprak Razgatlioglu made a clean sweep winning all three races in Indonesia; last weekend Bautista ensured his championship win with two second placings earning himself enough points to secure the title.

Coming to the Island round with a 66 point lead over Toprak Razgatlioglu and a 103 point lead over third place man Jonathan Rea, Alvaro Bautista could have backed off the throttle and enjoyed the plaudits of his stunning achievement.

However, with the first round of the 2023 championship scheduled for the Phillip Island track in February, this meeting held great importance for teams in terms of developing their machines for the new season.

Two full length feature races and a 10 lap Superpole Sprint race were held over the weekend, in what could best described as unpredictable Spring weather which brought showers and testing track conditions for the riders to contend with.

World Supersports (Race 1, Saturday 18 laps)

In the main supporting class, World Supersports, Yamaha rider Dominique Aegerter won his second championship at the last round in Indonesia from Italian Lorenzo Baldassarri who also rides a Yamaha.

The field was greeted with a track that resembled a water polo venue.

Despite the horrendous conditions two riders waged a two-man war for the majority of the 18 laps.

Frederico Caricasulo (Ducati Panigale V2) and Italian Yari Montella (Kawasaki ZX-6R) broke away from the field continually changing positions, until on the last lap

Caricasulo made a desperate lunge into Miller corner to overtake the leading Italian and lost the front end. Ducati rider Nicolo Bulega inherited second in what was a fantastic effort just to stay upright and Can Oncu also riding a Kawasaki ZX-6R scored third place on the podium.

Australian entrant Ollie Bayliss rode a very intelligent risk-free race earning a creditable 12th placing.

As a spectator, one is in awe of the skill of the riders who reached speeds of 276kmph in extremely wet conditions.

World Superbikes (Race 3, Sunday 22 laps)

At last, a dry race with threatening overcast skies greeted the field for the final event on the program.

Northern Irishman, Jonathan Rea raised the tempo and was an early leader as they blasted away from the start/finish line from Toprak Razgatlioglu, and Alex Lowes with Alvaro Bautista in fourth spot.

However, once Alvaro had the tyres on the Ducati up to temperature, he soon rounded up the three riders in front of him.

Having taken the lead Rea hung on to the back of the Ducati to be within a couple of tenths of a second for most of the race.

A few failed attempts at passing Bautista at turn 4 further heightened Rea’s competitive streak.

As Rea was mounting another challenge to take the lead the race was cancelled on lap 15 of the scheduled 22 laps, due to a high-speed collision at turn one.

BMW rider Eugene Laverty who was having his last World Superbike race came into contact with Xavi Fores and sustained a broken pelvis.

Eugene is in a stable condition and was taken to the Alfred Hospital for further observation. So Alvaro Bautista was awarded the race with Jonathan Rea and Alex Lowes, both from Team Kawasaki, filling second and third.

While terrible weather had tested the resolve of both the riders and spectators alike, the World Superbike meeting never fails to deliver in terms of excitement and entertainment and the 2022 event was no exception.

A special mention to the event major sponsor Grand Ridge Brewery from Mirboo North and the owner of the family company, Eric Walters for getting behind such a fantastic spectacle.

• VOX POP - SUPERBIKES

- Three questions:
- 1) What do you love about racing at Phillip Island?
 - 2) Where’s your favourite place to eat?
 - 3) What were you most looking forward to this weekend?



Garrett Gerloff
Yamaha YZF R1 – World Superbikes

1) “Looking back at the last time I was here in 2020, I only got to ride Friday and Saturday, then I got taken out by somebody and injured. I hope this year to find out what I enjoy about it. As far as the circuit goes, it’s so fast and flowing and it really gets your heart rate going and I like that.”

2) “I’m trying to figure that out. (Wednesday night) I went to eat at Fig and Olive – that place was amazing. I had a rump steak, real good stuff!”

3) “Looking forward to hopefully good weather. This will be my last weekend with Yamaha after 11 years and it will be my last weekend with the GRT team. I’m sad. The end of one chapter and the start of another one. I’m looking forwards to seeing all the fans.”



Max Stauffer
Yamaha R1 – Australian Superbikes

1) “It’s my rookie year. The fast-flowing nature of the track and coming out of the last corner and the only thing you can see is the water down in turn one. It’s a beautiful place and its one of the best racetracks in the world.”

2) “Pinos – it’s not even a question!”

3) “Some good racing. I’d love to get some good results for myself – I’ve had a tough year so far. If I can make a few steps forward and get closer towards the front guys, I’ll be pretty happy.”



Ted Collins
Yamaha YZF R1 – Australian Superbikes

1) “Phillip Island is the best track in Australia. The view for one there is no other track like it. The fast and flowing characteristics, you’re in fourth and fifth gear most of the track and top speed through corners.”

2) “Thai on the Island – they have awesome Thai food.”

3) “For me, I’m excited to be back in ASBK and be a part of it – to be out racing.”



Kyle Smith
Kawasaki ZX-10RR – World Superbikes

1) “Everything about it – the track is one of the best in the world and it’s equal with the place. I’m into my hobbies – surfing, climbing, everything’s here as well so it suits me down to a tee.”

2) “I like BBQs at the houses.”

3) “Riding the track and having fun racing.”



Toprak Razgatlioglu
Yamaha YZF R1 – World Superbikes

1) “I’ve not come here many times, but I like Phillip Island because it’s small and I’m enjoying. The track is very spacious, the problem is that it is eating the tyres.”

2) “I don’t know Phillip Island – just come one time” – Watch this space...

3) “I try for podium again because this track is not easy for anyone. We’ll try our best.”

'How can you tell someone to say no?': Cummins to support Green's IPL call

Australian all-rounder Cameron Green is poised to nominate for the Indian Premier League.

Photo: AAP Image/
Matt Turner



By **Lachlan Geleit**

AUSTRALIAN all-rounder Cameron Green is poised to nominate for the Indian Premier League for the first time with riches possibly awaiting the 23-year-old.

Following Pat Cummins' decision to not play in next year's tournament, it's believed that Green could well become Australia's most expensive buy in December's auction.

Blessed with power-hitting, genuine pace with the ball and great hands in the field, Green could be the ultimate package in the shortest form of the game.

While Cummins himself would rather his star all-rounder wrap himself in cotton wool and focus purely on his Australia duties, he said there's no way he could tell his younger teammate to not take the opportunity in front of him.

"Yeah potentially (Green will nominate for the IPL)," Cummins told SEN 1170 The Run Home.

"We'll wait and see, I think the auction is a little while away.

"Selfishly as a captain, I'd love for him to save all of his energy for Australia.

"But how can you tell someone to say no to that kind of opportunity?"

The 2023 IPL Auction will take place on December 23 in Kochi, India.

Why former Socceroo is 'very optimistic' as Australia gear up for World Cup

By **Lachlan Geleit**

FORMER Socceroo Scott McDonald is "optimistic" about what Australia can achieve at the upcoming FIFA World Cup.

While Graham Arnold's side just scraped through to qualify for the tournament, McDonald says the Socceroos will enjoy their underdog status.

Despite being in a tough group alongside France, Denmark and Tunisia, McDonald believes the Socceroos will play with no external pressure and have a crack at their more fancied opponents.

"When we get to this stage I get very optimistic," McDonald told SEN Breakfast.

"I think the players do as well because we're Australian, we believe, and we like being the underdog and we like having a crack.

"For me right now, I think it all really rests on no pressure."

Australia's first game in Qatar comes against reigning champions France, but McDonald thinks getting Les Bleus first-up may not be such a bad thing.

"Look at the first game, it's France, it's a really big ask, they're champions of the world," McDonald said.

"They won the last World Cup, but when we played them last time in 2018 it was a 2-1 victory, it was narrow, and they did frustrate France who didn't perform very well on the day.

"Getting them the very first game is the best opportunity the Socceroos are going to have."

McDonald believes Australia's best chance of causing an upset is scoring from set pieces given their array of dead-ball specialists and tall timber to target.

"I think they're going to really have to emphasise set-pieces as well the Socceroos," McDonald said.

"Having that prowess with the likes of Jackson Irvine in there and Harry Souttar does play up that end as well if they can capitalise on something like that.

"The possibility of either causing an upset or certainly getting a result out of them would really set them up well for that second game against Tunisia.

"To go all out and try to get three points in that, you never know."

Kick-off for Australia's first game against France is set for 6am (AEDT) on Wednesday morning.

Why Boomers shouldn't pick Simmons for FIBA World Cup

By **Lachlan Geleit**

FORMER NBL star Corey Williams doesn't think the Boomers should select Ben Simmons for the 2023 FIBA World Cup next August.

While Simmons is perhaps the most talented basketballer Australia has ever produced, he's yet to suit up for the national team after opting not to join the Boomers for the Tokyo Olympics.

With many believing Australia are in the midst of a golden basketball generation, the addition of Simmons could be the spark that helps the side win gold at a World Cup or Olympics after they claimed bronze in Tokyo.

While Simmons at his best

is an NBA All-Star, Williams doesn't think Australia should select him as he battles form issues with Brooklyn after missing the entirety of last NBA season.

"I don't think he'll play, I don't think he'll be a Boomer at the next World Cup," Williams said on SEN The Run Home.

"Look, this team is stacked, and I also feel he hasn't played enough in the last year to year and a half.

"He shouldn't jump into it, that's too much pressure, especially after Australia got a medal (in Tokyo)."

Williams thinks the Boomers must keep the cohesion and consistency that saw them medal in Tokyo while adding that Simmons may not be ready to jump into a situation where the pressure will be on him to make the team better.

"So, if you're jumping on that team now when you're not healthy yet and there's still a lot of things you need to overcome in terms of your professional career in the NBA.

"Mentally to jump into a whole other situation that's going to add to the pressure you'd be under, not ready yet or not time yet."

Williams believes Australia and Simmons instead should focus on getting the former no. 1 draft pick ready for the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

"I think he would want to play when it's time for the biggest stage in the world which is the Olympics, Paris, it's way bigger than the World Cup," Williams said.

"If I'm going to try and play for the Boomers, me if I was him ... I'd try to go when it's time for Paris in 2024."

The 2023 FIBA Basketball World Cup kicks off next year on November 25, with Indonesia, Japan and the Philippines hosting.

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C GRADE

DIVISION 1

Koonwarra L/RSL 9/122
d Phillip Island 76
Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: K Collins 33, AS Van Hamond 0, G Matthies 3, T Collins 0, K Thorne 2, J Geary 2, B Smith 13, R Collins 5, B Cary 52, G Sherriff 0*
Bowling: MA Cleary 4/10, P Francis 0/29, C Fall 1/10, D Mani 0/30, J Marshall 1/12, B Marshall 1/3, J Parry 2/18.
Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS:
J Manning 5, GR Excell 33, P Francis 13, D Mani 0, C Fall 0, J Parry 5, MA Cleary 1, LC Marshall 3*, B Marshall 0
Bowling: S Chadwick 0/34, B Cary 0/5, B Smith 1/18, T Collins 4/12, K Thorne 5/6.

Korumburra d Club
Korumburra won on forfeit.

Nyora d MDU
Nyora won on forfeit.

Inverloch - BYE


C GRADE

DIVISION 2

Town 10 /142 drew Glen Alvie 6/142
Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: V Gopal 18, D McGuirk 42, J Burke 6, J Brown 34*, L Gooch 1, HC Smith 0, C Gooch 14, N Thatcher 4*
Bowling: R Hume 0/13, A Fixter 0/34, Y Ratnaike 2/20, A Livingstone 0/23, C Dowling 3/19, M Carter 1/14, R Shields 0/10, H Gill 0/2, P Carter 0/1
Town - 1st INNINGS: R Hume 12, TJ Cashin 0, N Hodges 92*, A Fixter 2, C Dowling 1, A Livingstone 4, P Carter 7, R Edwards 8, H Gill 1, Y Ratnaike 1, M Carter 0
Bowling: L McRae 2/20, L Gooch 0/11, J Brown 1/17, T Bolding 2/15, HC Smith 3/23, J Burke 1/27, V Gopal 0/22

OMK d Koonwarra L/RSL
OMK won on forfeit.

Kilcunda-Bass d Phillip Island
Kilcunda-Bass won on forfeit



Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING


Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022

7pm at Power Rooms

- To confirm minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on December 2, 2021.
- To receive committee reports.
- To elect officers of the Association and ordinary members of the committee for a term of not less than 12 months.

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Town's Rhett played some nice shots at the top of the order in C2 on Saturday.

Ty Bolding lets one rip for Glen Alvie in the tied match with Leongatha Town in C Grade.

Nigel Hodges scored 92 n.o. in the tied C2 game between Leongatha Town and Glen Alvie.

Cougars and Sharks face off

• C Grade, Division 1

KOONWARRA L/RSL made the trek over to Newhaven to face off with Phillip Island and the Cougars won the toss and chose to bat first.

In an even first innings, the visitors were put under pressure early, losing 5/24 to start out, but they were able to recover well to reach 9/122 after their 35 overs.

A match saving half century from Brodie Cary (52 from 40) was the difference as the Sharks skipper Michael Cleary (4/10 from 7) dominated with the ball.

The second innings was not quite as even, as the Islanders were unable to recover from their early troubles and despite nearing the halfway point in terms of runs, only one wicket down, they lost 6/10 to be dismissed for just 76.

A tremendous win by Koony on the road, highlighted by Kevin Thorne's (5/6 from 6) masterful five-wicket haul, Tom Collins (4/12 from 6) was also a standout in the 46-run victory.

The Cougars will hope to ride this momentum into their next match which will come against Korumburra at home, while the Sharks will have the bye.

Korumburra v Wonthaggi

Korumburra won by forfeit.

Nyora v MDU

Nyora won by forfeit.

Inverloch had the bye

• C Grade, Division 2

IN A C Grade season so far decimated by wet weather, there was a bit of action on the weekend, but sadly just one game.

However, that proved an enthralling contest.

Koonwarra Leongatha RSL forfeited to OMK, with Phillip Island suffering the same fate against Kilcunda Bass.

Thriller at Scorpion Park

LEONGATHA Town all out 142 drew with Glen Alvie 6/142

Glen Alvie set a solid target after being sent in by home team Leongatha Town, with the Scorpions needing to make 143 off their 35 overs at a little over 4 runs an over, with Glen Alvie keeper Daniel McGuirk setting a positive tone with the willow for his side.

He opened the batting, top scoring with 42 off just 53 balls, with four boundaries and a six, an innings that was only surpassed by opposition keeper Nigel Hodges.

Jack Brown was another solid contributor, finishing unbeaten on 34, also scored at a good rate, albeit a little slower than McGuirk.

Leongatha Town president Cam Dowling, with 3/19, and youngster Yuthil Ratnaike who took 2/20 helped prevent a larger score by Glen Alvie, with the pair taking all the top order wickets that fell.

Dowling was pleased to get his medium pace deliveries on the spot, making the Glen Alvie batsmen work hard for their runs.

It was an impressive effort by Ratnaike who is still competing at under 15s level, with the medium pacer finding some swing to make life tricky for opposition batsmen.

Leongatha Town can thank its keeper Hodges for enabling it to salvage a draw, with his 92 not out 56 runs more than all of his teammates combined managed.

"He played all around the field and batted really well," Dowling said of Hodges skilful knock.

An extras tally of 14 was the next highest contributor for Town.

Harvey Smith did best with the ball for Glen Alvie, taking 3/23 off seven overs, with Dowling impressed by his accuracy.

"He's only a young kid and he bowled really well," Dowling said.

The experienced Lachlan McRae produced a fair bit of swing, which helped him take 2/20 off his seven overs, with Tai Bolding's accuracy enabling him to capture 2/15 off four overs of medium pace.

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Diggers dominate Korumburra

• B Grade, Division 1

ONE day cricket continued in the LDCA's B grade divisions as OMK welcomed Korumburra down to Outtrim for their B1 match up and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

Unfortunately for the Cobras though, they never really got going with the bat as Thomas Eustace (4/23 from 8) and the Diggers attack took over bowling out the Cobras XI for just 66.

Roy Checkley (12 from 52) did his best to resurrect things and top-scored for this side.

In reply, OMK openers Adam Busana (44 from 22) and Joel Cuman (21* from 31) guided their side almost all the way to the required total, before Busana fell at 1/65, the Diggers ended up winning by 9-wickets in just under nine overs!

Matthew Olden (1/22) was the only Cobra to get a wicket, his side will face Koonwarra L/RSL at home in Round 7, while the Diggers will be in action against Inverloch on the road.

Nerrena thrash MDU behind Baldi's 99

NERRENA travelled down to Meeniyian to face MDU and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

Their innings got off to a brilliant start as openers Ashley Harrison (35 from 39) and David Baldi (99* from 113) put on a 69-run partnership, before the fall of Harrison's wicket.

Baldi continued and found support from several partners who all got starts but were unable to convert them, regardless of this, Nerrena were able to post an outstanding total of 5/226.

This was hugely thanks to Baldi's half century, he fell just one run short of a big three figure score, finishing the 40 overs unbeaten.

In the second innings, with 227 needed to win, the Demons couldn't quite find the same flow, losing wickets regularly throughout their innings on their way to being dismissed 10/84.

A terrific all-round game from the visitors, they ran out winners by 142-runs, Tyson Harris (3/21 from 8) was the best with the ball in the second innings, while Dale Thomas (19 from 51) did his best for MDU.

The Demons will face the Imperials on the road in their next match, while Nerrena will have the bye.

Cougars easily down Imps

KOONWARRA L/RSL welcomed the Imperials down the road to Koonwarra Recreation Reserve and the visitors were sent into bat after losing the toss.

It was a great call from the Cougars skipper James Rushton, as his side showed great skill with the ball to have the Imps skittled for 72 inside 30 overs.

Josh Thomas (4/9 from 7.4) led the attack with an excellent spell of economic bowling while Paris Buckley (2/7 from 4) followed suit.

Jim Jeffrey (14 from 36) top-scored for the visitors in a tough innings.

In reply, the hosts cruised to the 73-run target without losing



Kieran Brown strives for the breakthrough for Meeniyian but the Nerrena bats were on top in B Grade.



Dave Trotman 24 and Dave Baldi 99 not out take a break in the match between Nerrena and Meeniyian at Meeniyian.

a wicket as Isuru Darshana (48 from 25) and Brad Anderson (22 from 44) combined beautifully to seal the 10-wicket win for their side.

The Cougars will face Korumburra in Round 7, while the Imps will face off with MDU.

Inverloch had the bye

• B Grade, Division 2

OMK's Jeffries and Maguire destroy Leongatha Town

HOST Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak (OMK) batted first, registering a competitive 154 at Digger Park, with its bowlers then taking charge to ensure the total was beyond visitor Leongatha Town.

Luke Jones, in his first knock of the season and coming to the crease early in the match at number three, made 69 to give OMK's bowlers something to defend, and helped steady the ship after both his side's openers went cheaply.

Brock Furness (23 runs) and Danny Elford (20 runs) were the only other OMK batsmen to reach double figures, with 14 extras the next biggest contributor for the Diggers.

While Leongatha Town laid a solid foundation in its chase, runs weren't easy for Scorpion openers Mark Hardy (27 runs off 71 balls) and Noah Fixter (15 runs from 46 balls) who toiled patiently during their partnership of 42 runs.

After the fall of the Leongatha openers, Colin Bruce with 18 runs was the only other Scorpion to show any real resistance.

Although the beaten side faced a little over 37 overs, it fell 55 runs short of OMK's tally, managing just 99 all out.

Club too strong for Kilcunda-Bass

ROHAN Todd and Paul Cornelis were the mainstays for Wonthaggi, helping justify Club's decision to bat first, with scores of 56 and 48 respectively, and enabling it to set Kilcunda Bass a tough assignment.

That was largely attributable to the bowling of Brad Waldron and Chris Peckett who captured seven wickets between them, with four of those belonging to Waldron.

Openers Peter Miller and Alister McBride laid solid foundations but both were dismissed in the 20s.

That set a trend, with a couple of other Kilcunda players,

Stephen Leman and keeper Ray Gardiner also making it into the twenties but nobody able to press on to a substantial score.

Chris Fraser and Luke McGuirk caused most of the damage, snavelling four wickets apiece to spearhead Club's victory, conceding just 37 runs between them in a total of 15 and a half overs.

Todd backed up his earlier exploits with the bat with a tidy display with the ball, and although he didn't take a wicket, he kept the pressure on Kilcunda Bass with his eight overs costing just 20 runs.

Nerrena's bowlers take charge at home

VISITOR Phillip Island showed confidence to bat first but may have regretted that decision when both its openers failed to reach double figures, with the pressure applied by Nerrena's attack not relenting thereafter.

Number three Tom Blackwell topped the Sharks scoring with 27, with skipper Andy O'Brien next best with 20.

Daniel Grigg accounted for O'Brien, finishing with 3/18 off six overs, with Raph Jefferis Nerrena's other multiple wicket taker with 2/18 off the same number of overs.

Phillip Island's batsmen weren't able to get on top of any of the opposition bowlers and although the Sharks batted out their overs, they needed to produce something special to defend a meagre tally of 115 runs.

Nerrena's opening pair ensured that wouldn't happen, with Brian Gannon and Mitch Croatto putting on 89 for the first wicket.

Nerrena needed just 23 overs to complete an eight wicket win.

Archie Williams and Tarryn Allan were the wicket takers for Phillip Island, with Max Arceo, the only member of the attack to complete his eight overs, conceding only 31 runs.

No luck for Glen Alvie

After a season so far destroyed by persistent wet weather, Glen Alvie players had what was undoubtedly an unwanted round 6 bye, with the side having played just one game.

B GRADE DIVISION 1

OMK 1/69 d Korumburra 66
Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: T Allen 8, P Richards 6, H Fernando 6, N Allen 8, C Carew 1, R Checkley 12, M Olden 10, S Checkley 7, Z Barrett 0, B Riddell 1*, A Halliwell 0
Bowling: MW Andrew 1/11, T Eustace 4/23, R Foster 0/12, SM Taylor 1/11, J Paterson 2/2, J Hayes 2/3
OMK - 1st INNINGS: A Busana 44, J Cuman 21*, J Paterson 0
Bowling: A Halliwell 0/24, M Olden 1/22, B Riddell 0/15, H Fernando 0/4

Nerrena 5/226 d MDU 84
Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: A Harrison 35, D Baldi 99*, D Trotman 24, D Symmons 29, J Kelly 4, C Baudinette 22, WB Croatto 1*
Bowling: P Vine 1/36, T Gordon 0/31, Z Bright 1/27, K Brown 0/33, J Palmer 0/10, S Riley 2/42, T Zulkovskis 1/40
MDU - 1st INNINGS: G Webster 17, T Zulkovskis 9, P Vine 2, K Sinclair 9, D Thomas 19, T Dyke 2, T Gordon 1, Z Bright 8, S Riley 1, K Brown 1, J Palmer 0*
Bowling: JA Checkley 1/18, WB Croatto 1/9, C Baudinette 2/15, T Harris 3/21, Z Trease 1/16, D Trotman 2/0

Koon L/RSL 0/76 d Imperials 72
Imperials - 1st INNINGS: T Sauvarin 3, F Materia 10, AR Williams 3, B Van Rooy 11, KT Materia 1, J Jeffery 14, F Botha 9, AW Meyer 8, C Reid 0, L Buckland 1, J Nagel 0*
Bowling: J Thomas 4/9, J Rushton 0/16, A Drury 1/6, M Boswell 0/11, N Trotto 0/13, I Darshana 1/3, PA Buckley 2/7
Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: B Anderson 22*, I Darshana 48*
Bowling: T Sauvarin 0/36, AR Williams 0/18, AW Meyer 0/14, B Van Rooy 0/6

Inverloch - BYE

B GRADE DIVISION 2

OMK 154 d Town 99
OMK - 1st INNINGS: O Fitzpatrick 2, R Quaife 8, L Jones 69, B Hayes 4, B Furness 23, D Jeffries 8, P Jobling 0, D Elford 20, P Harper 0, B Maguire 4*, J Myers 2
Bowling: S Clark 2/29, L Ashton 5/20, L Hickey 0/2, J Schelling 1/11, F McLennan 0/19, E Smith 0/18, L May 0/21, C Bruce 2/33
Town - 1st INNINGS: M Hardy 27, N Fixter 15, L Ashton 0, C Bruce 18, S Clark 9, J Schelling 6, D Goss 0, L May 9, L Hickey 1, F McLennan 0, E Smith 0*
Bowling: P Jobling 0/23, O Fitzpatrick 0/8, B Maguire 3/27, D Elford 0/11, D Jeffries 5/5, R Quaife 2/17

Club 181 d Kilcunda-Bass 9/126
Club - 1st INNINGS: W Speed 16, P Cornelis 48, R Todd 56, L McGuirk 16, S Roche 13, J Shannon 13, A Quilty 1, C Fraser 0, S Liddle 4, L McRae 0, M Sharp 5*
Bowling: R Duff 0/28, C Peckett 3/24, DB Bettles 1/45, S Tapscott 0/36, C Elliott 1/20, B Waldron 4/26
Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS: P Miller 26, A McBride 27, SJ Leman 24, B Joseph 0, R Gardiner 25, B Waldron 3, C Elliott 0, C Peckett 0, R Duff 17, DB Bettles 1*
Bowling: R Todd 0/20, S Roche 0/24, C Fraser 4/20, P Cornelis 0/19, L McGuirk 4/17, S Liddle 1/24.

Nerrena 2/123 d Phillip Island 8/115
Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: DJ Fusinato 9, M Arceo 8, T Blackwell 27, H Peppard 2, A O'Brien 20, O Duggan 12, ST Sirirathnag 9, D Fusinato 0, T Allan 8*, A Williams 0*
Bowling: P Joseph 1/13, MB Croatto 0/7, J Moore 0/23, R Jefferis 2/18, R Elava 0/10, P Johnston 1/22, DM Grigg 3/18
Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: B Gannon 65, MB Croatto 30*, R Elava 10, G Murphy 6*
Bowling: M Arceo 0/31, ST Sirirathnag 0/28, A Williams 1/41, T Allan 1/14, J Allan 0/8

Glen Alvie - BYE



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A1: David Newman (Inverloch) 101* ; Tim Wightman (Nerrena) 5/20

A2: David Womersley (Phillip Island) 81* ; Henry Dolphin (Nyora) 4/36

B1: David Baldi (Nerrena) 99* ; Josh Thomas (Koonwarra L/RSL) 4/9

B2: Luke Jones (OMK) 69 ; David Jeffries (OMK) 5/5

C1: Brodie Cary (Koon L/RSL) 52 ; Kevin Thorne (Koon L/RSL) 5/6

C2: Nigel Hodges (Town) 92* ; Cameron Dowling (Town) 3/19

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Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
B GRADE, Division 1			C GRADE, Division 1		
OMK	24	8.7273	Korumburra	24	5.2542
Nerrena	24	2.4731	Inverloch	12	12.6087
Koonwarra L/RSL	12	1.8639	Club	12	4.5055
MDU	12	0.4877	Koonwarra L/RSL	12	0.4825
Inverloch	12	0.0000	Nyora	12	0.0000
Korumburra	0	0.1459	Phillip Island	0	0.3575
Imperials	0	0.0570	MDU	0	0.1903

B GRADE, Division 2			C GRADE, Division 2		
OMK	36	1.6557	OMK	24	5.5088
Nerrena	24	1.7206	Town	18	0.6987
Town	24	1.2239	Kilcunda-Bass	12	1.2332
Club	12	1.0042	Glen Alvie	6	0.6240
Kilcunda-Bass	0	0.7383	Koonwarra L/RSL	6	0.0000
Phillip Island	0	0.4477	Phillip Island	6	0.0000
Glen Alvie	0	0.3243			

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES
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NOVEMBER 26

A GRADE, Division 1

Imperials v Koon L/RSL
LEONGATHA TURF
Ashley Stride
Club v Nerrena
WONTHAGGI TURF
Glenn Plymin
Town v OMK
SCORPION 1
Shane Moore
Inverloch v Phillip Island
INVERLOCH TURF
Graham Wightman

B GRADE, Division 2

Phillip Island v Town
REECE PARK (RHYLL)
TBA
OMK v Nerrena
OUTTRIM
TBA
Club v Glen Alvie
WONTHAGGI FG
TBA
Kilcunda-Bass - BYE

A Grade, Division 2

Phillip Island v Nyora
COWES
J. Schelling (1) / I. Thorn (2)
Kilcunda Bass v MDU
BASS 1
Neil Grabham
Korumburra v Glen Alvie
KORUMBURRA
Terry Rogers
Foster v Club
INVERLOCH FG
Greg Goss

C GRADE, Division 1

Koon L/RSL v Phillip Island
LG VELODROME
TBA
Club v Korumburra
DALYSTON
TBA
MDU v Nyora
DUMBALK
TBA
Inverloch - BYE

B GRADE, Division 1

OMK v Korumburra
POOWONG
TBA
Nerrena v MDU
NERRENA
TBA
Imperials v Koon L/RSL
KOONWARRA
Neil Barnes
Inverloch - BYE

C GRADE, Division 2

Kilcunda-Bass v Koon L/RSL
BASS 2
TBA
Glen Alvie v Phillip Island
GLEN ALVIE
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Town v OMK
SCORPION 2
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Young gun Jack Butcher defends on his way to a magnificent half century for the Stingrays. B05_4722

Wightman does it again as Club fall on day one

• A Grade, Division 1

TWO-day cricket continued in the LDCA as Nerrena travelled down the road to face Wonthaggi and were asked to field first.

The visitors had absolutely no issues with this though, as the in-form Tim Wightman (5/20 from 12.1) took over the game in the first innings with his second consecutive five-wicket haul!

Matthew Waller (19 from 49) and Ryan Thomas (13 from 41) battled hard for Club but were ultimately beaten by a superb showing from Nerrena with the ball, dismissing them for just 73!

Ryan Clark (2/7 from 10) was another standout with the ball as all four bowlers claimed at least one wicket.

After being bowled out in the 39th over, there was plenty of cricket left in the day, so Nerrena went into bat and chase the 74 required for victory.

The visitors lost just the one wicket on their way to completing the win inside

a day's play as Mitchell Clark (63 from 91) shone once again with a strong half century, Hayden Funnell (25 from 46) was solid in support.

Nerrena won the game by nine wickets but play continued as they batted a total of 35 overs, finishing 6/116, as Jy Hull (2/17 from 6) bowled well.

Rain robs play as Diggers crumble

LEONGATHA welcomed OMK to Scorpion Park for their Round 6 match up that saw Town win the toss and send the Diggers in to bat first.

Overall, it was quite a successful innings for the hosts who were able to claim wickets in clumps to have the visitors finish 8/131, unfortunately much of the day's play was lost due to the rain as the OMK innings only lasted 51.2 overs.

Daniel Lloyd (44 from 82) was a shining light for the Diggers at number seven, while their new skipper Koby Brann (23 from 48) also got himself

a start.

Madura Madusanka (3/19 from 12.2) was the pick of the bowlers for Town while Mudassar Riaz (2/19 from 11) also picked up a couple.

The game will continue this Saturday back as the team's head back to Scorpion Park.

Newman's century saves Stingrays

COMING off their maiden win of the 2022/23 season, Inverloch welcomed the undefeated Phillip Island down the road to Thompson Reserve and the Sharks won the toss and sent the Stingrays into bat first.

The reigning premiers were looking to attack the young Stingrays line up, but the hosts stuck at it and took it to the ladder leaders bowing attack that was without spearhead Simon Kirton.

The hosts were defiant all afternoon, lead firstly by young opener Jack Butcher (60 from 161) who put together a gritty half century to really get

his team going after losing his opening partner and number three to see the Stingrays 2/10 early.

Butcher was able to bat with his captain David Newman (101* from 173) and put on an innings-saving 87-run stand before the gun wicketkeeper batsman was dismissed by Thomas Keily (2/61 from 26) who led the Sharks attack in the absence of Kirton.

The Inverloch skipper was able to continue on and despite losing several partners he showed great determination to notch an amazing unbeaten century, his first of the season after starting the year with two half centuries.

The Islanders will return to Thompson Reserve this week in pursuit of the 201-runs required to maintain their undefeated record on the season.

Imperials v Koonwarra L/RSL

Day one of this match was abandoned due to rain and will be played as a one-day contest this Saturday.

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An all-too-familiar sight on cricket fields around Victoria this season, here the Leongatha Town A Grade players pull out the big cover as the rain gets heavier on Saturday afternoon.

Phillip Island sets competitive total against Nyora

• A Grade, Division 2

WHILE the bowling of Nyora’s Mitch Rowe, Henry Dolphin and Aidan Simmons kept most Phillip Island batsmen under control in Cowes, David Womersley ensured the Sharks mustered a good total of 168 all out.

Rowe took care of Phillip Island’s top order on his way to 3/53 from 14 overs, with Dolphin going one wicket better and conceding just 36 runs off just under 16 overs. Simmons took 3/44 off 15 overs, helping clean up the lower order.

Despite the destruction around him, Womersley’s defiant innings enabled him to finish undefeated on 81, with Tony Hornsby’s 26 making him the only other Shark to reach 20.

Nyora will have to wait for this weekend to mount its reply in what should continue to be an enthralling contest.

Phillip Island is one of those top four teams, currently sitting second and hoping to keep the heat on top-of-the-table Korumburra.

Kilcunda Bass leaves work to a few

KILCUNDA Bass chose to wield the willow first at Bass Recreation Reserve, managing a competitive 8/178 for the day against Meeniyian Dumbalk United (MDU).

While the MDU bowlers proved a handful for most of the home batsmen, opener Cameron Chasemore and keeper Shannon Rozario took the fight to the attack.

Rozario’s 54 included seven boundaries, with Chasemore sprinkling his entertaining 45 with six fours.

Scott Browne toiled manfully for MDU, sending down 22 overs.

Such was his nagging accuracy, he conceded a meagre 38 runs and also managed three wickets, including that of the dangerous Rozario.

In his 132 balls for the day, the miserly Browne didn’t bowl a single wide or no ball.

He was well supported by Steven Arnup who also

captured three wickets. While just one of Arnup’s 15 overs was a maiden, he kept it tight and allowed the Kilcunda Bass batsmen just 39 runs, also not conceding a no ball or wide.

With day one action setting up the prospect of a competitive remainder to the match, it’s to be hoped that the weather plays its part.

In the balance in Korumburra

JUST 29 overs were possible at Korumburra Recreation Reserve, with the home side making a solid fist of its innings after being sent in by the visiting Glen Alvie, finishing the day on 3/125.

However, things were decidedly shaky early for the batting team, with Korumburra slumping to an alarming 2/7 when Nathan Findlay sent the dangerous Tom Crocker back to the pavilion with just four runs against his name.

While Findlay finished the day with the impressive figures of 2/25 off his 10 overs, Korumburra hit back aggressively against Glen Alvie, mounting a strong fightback.

Inshaka Siriwardena led those efforts with a defiant 61 not out off 63 balls, blistering three sixes and seven fours in a statement he wasn’t going to allow the Glen Alvie bowlers to keep control of proceedings.

Korumburra skipper and keeper Rumesh Rangana showed a positive approach from the outset, charging to 21 not out from 22 balls, working the ball around well and demonstrating you don’t need a flurry of boundaries to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

Fingers crossed that the weather plays its part in what should be a competitive day two of the match.

Foster and Club to settle it in a day

WONTHAGGI Club players ventured to Foster hopeful of action, but the ground was deemed too wet for play.

The match is now a one day contest, weather permitting.



Marcus Baxter bowls for Phillip Island. B03_4722



Thomas Keily sends one down at Thompson Reserve on Saturday. B04_4722

A GRADE	DIVISION 1
Club 73 v Nerrena 6/116	
Club – 1st INNINGS	
RG Thomas c C Salmon b T Wightman	13
R Birkett c J Trease b J Hoy	0
M Waller c H Funnell b R Clark	19
J Brann c J Hoy b T Wightman	0
M Thomas c & b T Wightman	8
A Geyer c J Renden b T Wightman	4
J Sheerin c T Gannon b R Clark	4
J Sheerin lbw b J Trease	2
J Hull not out	11
S Beaumont c M Clark b J Trease	0
F West c J Renden b T Wightman	4
Extras (nb 2, w 0, b 6, lb 0)	8
Total 73 (38.1 overs)	
Bowling: J Trease 11-5-2-30, J Hoy 5-1-1-10, R Clark 10-7-2-7, T Wightman 12.1-6-5-20 (2nb)	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
M Clark c J Sheerin b J Hull	63
LJ Giliam run out (S Beaumont)	9
H Funnell c RG Thomas b M Waller	25
T Wightman c M Thomas b M Waller	1
T Gannon c J Sheerin b J Brann	4
D Berryman c RG Thomas b J Hull	3
J Hoy not out	1
J Renden not out	0
Extras (nb 2, w 0, b 4, lb 4)	10
Total 6/116 (35 overs)	
Bowling: J Brann 8-2-1-20, J Hull 6-2-2-17 (1nb), A Geyer 3-2-0-7, J Sheerin 4-0-0-19, M Waller 8-2-2-21, F West 6-0-0-24 (1nb)	
Inverloch 6/200 v Phillip Island	
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
J Butcher c J Black b T Keily	60
J Strickland c J Black b M Baxter	1
A Donohue b T Keily	0
D Newman not out	101
W Taberner c S McIntyre b SL Rathnayake	8
K Joske c S Angelo b C Keerthisinghe	6
JB Dennerley b SL Rathnayake	10
CW Asbury not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 4, b 1, lb 9)	14
Total 6/200 (75 overs)	
Bowling: T Keily 26-10-2-61 (2w), M Baxter 9-4-1-14, TS Niven 5-2-0-11, C Keerthisinghe 12-0-1-44, T Niven 3-0-0-9 (2w), SL Rathnayake 20-4-2-51	
Town v OMK 8/131	
OMK – 1st INNINGS	
K Kerr c J Giardina b M Riaz	6
E Lamers c J Giardina b M Riaz	8
K Brann c A Ratnaike b D Hume	23
T Wyatt lbw b A Ratnaike	16
J Lamers c J Giardina b D Hume	3
D Creed c D Hume b M Madusanka	0
D Lloyd c J Giardina b M Madusanka	44
RL Williams lbw b M Madusanka	13
Z Lamers not out	5
N Auddino not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 10, lb 2)	13
Total 8/131 (51.2 overs)	
Bowling: M Riaz 11-7-2-19, DL Polwaththa Gallage 5-1-0-18 (1w), A Ratnaike 6-4-1-3, M Madusanka 12.2-2-3-19, D Hume 7-0-2-39, O Vimalarathna 2-2-0-0, R Abeyasinghe 8-1-0-21	
Imperials v Koonwarra L/RSL	
Day 1 Abandoned	
A GRADE	DIVISION 2
Kilcunda-Bass 8/178 v MDU	
Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS	
C Chasemore lbw b A Richardson	45
J Tregear c T Sinclair b B Cantwell	13
A Larcombe c & b S Arnup	24
S Rozario c & b S Browne	54
D Ferguson b S Browne	4
S Williams not out	18
H Berry c & b S Browne	0
TC Smith b S Arnup	7
R Duff c T Nuwan b S Arnup	0
J Baker not out	0
Extras (nb 3, w 2, b 4, lb 4)	13
Total 8/178 (59 overs)	
Bowling: M Cantwell 4-0-0-16, S Bright 4-0-0-17, A Richardson 4-0-1-19 (2nb, 2w), B Cantwell 7-1-1-25 (1nb), S Browne 22-5-3-38, MJ McGrath 3-0-0-16, S Arnup 15-1-3-39	
Korumburra 3/125 v Glen Alvie	
Korumburra – 1st INNINGS	
T Crocker c MA Dakin b N Findlay	4
J Richards c A Dakin b N Findlay	1
J Whiteside c W Luke b B McRae	33
I Siriwardena not out	61
R Rangana not out	21
Extras (nb 5, w 0, b 0, lb 0)	5
Total 3/125 (29 overs)	
Bowling: N Findlay 10-3-2-25 (1nb), S Kennedy 9-1-0-22 (1nb), MA Dakin 5-0-0-27 (1nb), B McRae 3-0-1-46 (2nb), J Hales 2-0-0-5	
Phillip Island 168 v Nyora	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
A Finlayson b MJ Rowe	0
K Lane c L Brock b MJ Rowe	14
T Hornsby lbw b MJ Rowe	26
D Womersley not out	81
HW Womersley c & b H Dolphin	1
A Tolley c & b H Dolphin	7
D McCausland c G Hackett b A Simmons	13
C Wilson b A Simmons	1
GD McCausland lbw b A Simmons	6
G Odgers c & b H Dolphin	3
H Arceo c J Henry b H Dolphin	0
Extras (nb 2, w 9, b 2, lb 3)	16
Total 168 (51.4 overs)	
Bowling: MJ Rowe 14-3-3-53 (1nb, 3w), A Simmons 15-0-3-44 (1w), H Dolphin 15.4-5-4-36 (1nb, 2w), J Henry 2-0-0-9, R White 5-0-0-21 (3w)	
Foster v Club	
Day 1 Abandoned ?	



Korumburra-Bena have plans put in place to revive their fortunes for next season.

It takes a village to raise a Giant

FOLLOWING a challenging couple of years, the Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club (KBFNC) has recently committed to rebuilding the strength of their beloved Giants both on and off the field.

More than 60 people attended the club's AGM recently, in which a new committee was elected and several of Korumburra-Bena's born and bred members had their say, ultimately going into bat to save their club.

One such diehard Giant was new president Ken Myers, who made some strong statements in an interview with the Sentinel-Times last week as he explained his vision for the club.

"It takes a village to raise a child, that's the club, the club is the child, Korumburra-Bena is the village, we've got to have that mentality we've all got to get involved in the footy club because if

By Aiden Box

we don't, we'll lose it."

KBFNC has an incredible and rich history and resides in one of the largest and most respected communities in the region, however they faced the proposition of losing it all two weeks ago, but the community refused to give in.

Having committed members roll up their sleeves and help rebuild the club is exactly what is needed at the Giants according to their incoming president.

A KBFNC man by blood himself, Myers has had several generations of his family pass through the many iterations of the club.

"My three sons all played at the club, my dad's a life member and one of my sons is a life member, footy has been in my blood for a long time in Korumburra and then in Bena," he said.

Myers was also a member of the inaugural KBFNC committee when the amalgamation occurred, and the club's history is something that deeply motivates the new president.

"One of the big issues I've noticed over the years is that there has been a disjoint between the KBFNC and the community, there hasn't been a connection there," he said.

"So, one of my main aims is to try and get that community involvement back into the club and the club back into the community.

"I don't have any agenda, my agenda is the club and the town, I want to build the club back up to where it should've been, where it was and make it a family club where people want to be, a destination club if you like."

Injuries ravaged the Giants senior football side in 2022, and

ultimately saw them judged very poorly in a 'wins and losses' driven competition.

However, Myers remained positive on the club's future, insisting that his Giants will enjoy success of their own provided they commit to his inspired vision, and all take part.

"Part of my vision for the club is that we have a goal in place and that goal is not 2023, I'm a realist, I understand we won't be playing finals footy next year, but that goal is 2024, '25, '26."

"Certainly, by then we want to be playing finals footy, if we're lucky enough to sign a great coach now then we'll build around that, but if we're not then we'll put plans in place to get us through 2023.

"So that by 2024 we're ready to go with the coach we want in place, the people they want around them in place and with

the vision of moving forward."

Myers also encouraged all current members of the community and the club to get involved and join in what shapes to be one of the great revivals in country footy.

"It's not a journey that's going to take 12 months, it's not one that's going to take two years, it might take four or five years, but we've all got to be in it together and understand the goal and work towards it," he said.

History has proven attempts from many clubs to bypass the building phase of the club through recruiting rarely pays off, and when it does players often leave soon after the success or the club finds itself in debt.

Myers' philosophy focuses hard on the importance of persistence and commitment to stay the course.

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