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The new Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve attended the Phillip Island Festival of Stories at the weekend, in one of her first official duties, where she chatted with Sarah Hardy of the Penguin Foundation which was launching a new children's book 'The Littlest Penguins'.

MAYORAL UPSET

– Messy
changeover
at Bass Coast

BOTH local councils, South Gippsland and Bass Coast, will have new mayors by Wednesday this week as local government enters what out-going Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, described as the “silly season” ahead of the October 2024 council elections.

Elected to replace him last week was veteran Western Port Ward representative Cr Clare Le Serve, who has previously served

as mayor in 2012.

South Gippsland Mayor Cr Nathan Hersey has also confirmed, in his final Mayor’s Message this week, that he will not be seeking re-election, after fellow councillors indicated to him they preferred a rotational model for mayor that gives others with “the capacity to lead” an opportunity to take on the top job.

And favoured to be the next mayor at South Gippsland is Tarwin Valley Ward

Councillor, Clare Williams, who is believed to “have the numbers”.

However, while South Gippsland looks set for a smooth transition at the top, it was anything but that at Bass Coast last Wednesday.

And the injured party, Cr Rochelle Halstead, wasted no time in expressing her deep disappointment at the meeting for the way the process was handled.

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Mayoral upset

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After thanking the outgoing mayor Cr Michael Whelan for his service, over the past two years, and for “passing on his knowledge in my role as deputy to him”, Cr Halstead claimed politics had “played a huge role” in council’s decision not to support her moving up from deputy to mayor.

“I think it’s going to be a totally different council moving forward. I am very disappointed not to be elected into the top job, but I respect the decision of council,” said Cr Halstead.

“I just wished that politics hadn’t played such a huge part in that decision but it’s the decision and I will respect it, thank you.”

At issue was the decision by fellow Waterline councillor, Cr Geoff Ellis, to initially lead the push for Cr Halstead to be elected as mayor, by nominating her for the role, but in a move that some insiders have described as “treachery”, he switched his vote at the last minute to Cr Le Serve, a decision that proved crucial in a 5-4 result.

Voting in favour of Cr Le Serve were Crs Ellis, Laing, Le Serve, Rooks, and Whelan, while Cr Halstead had the support of Crs Bauer, Halstead, Larke, and Tessari.

Speaking afterwards, Cr Halstead said she had been blindsided by the outcome after Cr Ellis had offered his support.

“After he offered to nominate me, and indicated he was fully behind me, I was aware he was under some pressure, so I stepped away and allowed him some space,” said Cr Halstead.

But she said there was a “full-blown” campaign going on behind the scenes, to reject her as mayor, much of it from outside the council, that ultimately resulted in Cr Ellis changing his mind.

“It was pretty full on,” said Cr Halstead.

Exactly what the forces, behind Cr Ellis changing his vote, thought they had to lose, if Cr Halstead was mayor, isn’t clear.

Protecting the priority so far given by council to action on climate change, reconciliation, and social engineering policies has been suggested but Cr Ellis has been reluctant to explain.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times at the Phillip Island Festival of Stories last Saturday, Cr Ellis acknowledged he’d changed his vote to Cr Le Serve, and while he declined to explain exactly why, he added the cryptic remark that not everything was as it appeared on the surface.

New seat, new beginning for veteran Monash MP

THERE was a Palestinian protest in full voice out the front.

And inside the Australian Parliament last Wednesday, Opposition Leader Peter Dutton was in full flight.

The Prime Minister Anthony Albanese had one job, he said, to protect the Australian people and he claimed that he had “gone missing” on two fronts, by delivering a mixed message on the war in the Middle East and failing to take decisive action after the High Court ruled the indefinite detention of refugees was unlawful.

There was a lot going on. Hardly anyone had noticed that veteran Monash MP, Russell Broadbent, had slipped quietly into a new seat, beside the other independents including Vietnamese-born Australian Dai Trang Le and several Nationals’ members including Pat Conaghan.

A day, not a week, it seems, is a long time in politics.

After the Liberal Party rejected him at a pre-selection conference in Waragul on Sunday, November 12, in favour of the former CEO of the Committee for Gippsland Mary Aldred, Mr Broadbent officially withdrew as a Liberal Party MP altogether at a party room meeting in Canberra on Tuesday and then promptly flew back to Melbourne.

Citing the highly-orchestrated outcome at pre-selection, after he secured 16 votes out of a possible 193 from Liberal Party delegates, as the main reason for his departure, Mr Broadbent said he was simply attending a routine medical appointment when he went



It was just another day for veteran Monash MP Russell Broadbent as he took up his new place in the Federal Parliament after leaving the Liberal Party last Tuesday.

back to Melbourne.

For Mr Broadbent, speaking exclusively to the Sentinel-Times last week, it’s a matter of getting on with the job now.

Will it affect his access to Government Ministers?

“No, I’ve always had good relationships on the Labor side, never a problem getting in to see a government minister.

And on his own side, are there any hard feelings?

“My friends understood, my enemies didn’t.”

“We’ve got another 18 months to make a difference and I’d like to hear from the local councils about what we need, not what we want, but the one or two things that we really need to get on the agenda as an election promise.

“Some of these things we got funding for, and a good example is the improvements on the South Gippsland Highway east of Koonwarra. There’s no

doubt that work has saved lives, we know that.

“That’s what we want to hear about. What are those things that simply must be funded across the electorate of Monash?”

Mr Broadbent said road maintenance and housing were two of the big issues.

“If the government is going to scale back its major projects plan, then we want to see some of that money going to roads.

“And the crisis in housing, especially where people want to come to our regional areas, including to support the visitor economy. It’s crucial we make some gains in that area.”

And will he stand at the next election as an independent?

“No,” said Mr Broadbent, but he wasn’t categorical.

“You never know, there could still be a couple of twists and turns before the next election,” Mr Broadbent said.

Leongatha Sergeant’s career celebrated

SERGEANT Dale McCahon, recently retired from the Leongatha police station and his career was celebrated in a Statement to State Parliament by Melina Bath, Member for Eastern Victoria region.

Dale joined Victoria Police in 1982, and after doing a stint in Melbourne, saw the light and came to country Victoria, transferring to

Wonthaggi in 1990.

He continued his service at Wonthaggi and Leongatha stations, rising to the rank of sergeant in 2008, until his retirement earlier this month.

In 1990 Dale received a service commendation for diligence, courage and tenacity in the arrest of two offenders who were attempting to evade police.

Like many country-based

officers, as well as working to keep our communities safe, Dale has embedded himself in his community, doing a lengthy stint as the President of the Leongatha Parrots Netball Club and volunteering his talents as the Social Media Officer for the club.

Raising funds regularly for charity, Dale completed Ox-fam marathons on a number of occasions.



Burglars’ trash businesses

THE smash and grab MO of the burglars apparently responsible for a spate of damaging robberies across South Gippsland in recent weeks, was all over two more premises hit last Friday morning.

Tradesmen arrived at Mitre 10 in Inverloch at 7am last Friday to pick up their day’s supplies only to find the business had been robbed overnight and was out of action for much of the morning.

“You can’t come in, we’ve been rolled,” was the message they received, unable to enter the store to pick up their orders.

The shop was still investigating the extent of losses and damage but tradesmen noted a \$1000 Paslode nail gun had been thrown on the ground outside as the burglars made their escape.

Also at Foster overnight Thursday into Friday morning, burglars had again targeted Aherns Fruit Market not only robbing the place but also trashing produce, fridge doors and cash registers.

“Our shop has been broken into... again. All three of our registers have been destroyed so we are unable to open Friday, November 17...” said a spokesman for Aherns, keeping customers informed by social media.

Turns out they couldn’t reopen on Friday, returning on Saturday after losing a day’s trade, several fridges which had their doors smashed despite being open, and shelves ransacked.

Police are yet to change anyone in relation to thefts, damage and arson attack at Fish Creek, Meenyan and Yanakie in recent weeks. Police are looking for three to five males wearing dark clothing and acting suspicious. Anyone with information, including CCTV and dashcam footage between Inverloch and Bairnsdale, are urged to contact Bass Coast CI on 5671 4100.

Pedestrian struck in Inverloch

AT 10.15am on Wednesday, November 15, two local residents, one elderly female and one elderly male, were in the vicinity of two cars parked side by side in the Inverloch Foodworks carpark.

It’s understood the female driver got into her vehicle and reversed, pinning the male to a separate vehicle. Panicking the female has accelerated and dragged the male. A doctor on scene attempted to revive the male until Ambulance Victoria arrived. The male passed away on scene.

Major Collision Investigations attended with local police including Highway Patrol blocking Reilly Street.

Spate of burglaries

A MALE has been arrested and charged after a spate of burglaries took place in Leongatha on Tuesday night, November 14. A search undertaken on Wednesday recovered stolen goods and property. Investigations are ongoing with multiple offenders suspected to have been involved. Anyone with information should contact Leongatha Police.




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Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: S 15-20km/h
11° 21°



FRI | Nov 24
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: E 15-25km/h
Wind PM: E 15-25km/h
11° 25°



SAT | Nov 25
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: SE 15-20km/h
13° 26°



SUN | Nov 26
Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: SE 15-25km/h
14° 23°

IN BRIEF

Hardship payments
and apology

The state government will make a historic formal apology in Parliament on November 29 at 10am, as well as offering hardship payments, to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care before 1990.

Applications for \$10,000 hardship payments have also opened for eligible care leavers in exceptional circumstances – like those who are terminally or critically ill, and who experienced physical, psychological and emotional abuse or neglect while placed in orphanages, children's homes, missions and other out-of-home care.

To date, a total of \$7.5 million has been invested in hardship payments and to design a redress scheme covering the period before 1990, when more than 90,000 children were placed in institutional care because of economic stress, social disadvantage, being orphaned, having a single parent or parental mental illness.

The new scheme builds on support available through the National Redress Scheme set up after the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Applications for hardship payments can be made by visiting bit.ly/3QAFm92.

For further information please email VictorianGovernmentRedressScheme@dffh.vic.gov.au.

Pre-1990 care leavers who need support can contact Care Leavers Australasia Network or Open Place (Relationships Australia Victoria). Crisis help can be found through Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Grants to boost
Men's Sheds

APPLICATIONS for grants to establish, expand or improve Men's Sheds are now open.

This is part of a \$1 million

investment by the State Government.

Opening the new grant round, Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence said grants of up to \$100,000 will support communities across the state.

Men's Sheds provide a place for men to come together and build friendships and support networks.

They improve the health and wellbeing of their members by reducing social isolation and promoting social inclusion.

Shedders get to share their skills, learn new ones and make new friends in their local area.

In addition to helping build new sheds, the grants program also helps successful applicants upgrade premises and refurbish facilities to make them more accessible and inclusive for people with disability.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, December 8.

For more information about the 2023-24 Men's Shed funding program, visit providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/mens-shed-program.

Energy Innovation
Co-op AGM

THE ENERGY Innovation Co-operative has their AGM coming up this Saturday November 25 from 10am to 12pm at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine.

The meeting will start off with a smoking ceremony with the Bunurong Land Council, and attendees can hear about the Energy Innovations climate action through the AGM and participate in a discussion about the next stage of the Old Energy - New Energy project. Refreshments will be provided.

The Co-op are also looking for an Executive Officer to join the team. Applications close this Friday November 24 at 5pm.

RSVP with dietary requirements for the AGM to projects@energy-innovation.au.

McCabe re-elected
in Baw Baw

WEST Ward councillor Annemarie McCave was re-elected Baw Baw Shire Council mayor on Wednesday.

Cr Tricia Jones was also elected as deputy mayor.

The pair make up the first all-female leadership group and both councillors represent the West Ward.

Cr McCabe has represented Baw Baw Shire as mayor for the last 12 months and said she is honoured and excited by the opportunity to remain in this role for another term.

Recently, council introduced a new engagement platform Baw Baw Connect, an online resource that enhances opportunities for meaningful and direct interactions with council.

Cr McCabe said she looks forward to building upon the achievements and milestone from the last 12 months.

"As documented in the 2022/23 Annual Report, Baw Baw Shire has seen some great outcomes over the last year, including the opening and refurbishment of some of our incredible facilities, an increase in visitation across our recreational venues, and the introduction of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2022-2023, which demonstrates how we plan to care for and ensure that the Baw Baw Shire is in a great position for generations to come," she said.

The mayor and deputy mayor will each serve a one year-term in their roles.

Cr Jones said she looks forward to supporting Cr McCabe in another mayoral term.

Magnificent seven for
state tourism awards

BASS Coast businesses and the Bass Coast Shire Council will play a prominent role at this year's Victorian Tourism Awards.

Bass Coast has seven finalists in the awards, most of them no strangers to success

at state level. They include:

- Bass Coast Shire Council
- BIG4 Ingenia Holidays Inverloch
- Destination Phillip Island
- Harman Wines
- NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park
- Phillip Island and Bass Coast Visitor Information Centre Network
- Phillip Island Nature Parks

The awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 30 at The Palladium at Crown Melbourne.

Labor's construction
industry timber
'advice' backflip

THE STATE Government has backflipped on its directive to the Victorian building industry to cease designing and constructing homes with native hardwood timber.

The Governments November update labelled 'updated guidance following industry consultation', told the Housing Industry Association (HIA) members that industry will still be able to access hardwood supply from Victorian timber mills.

The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region Melina Bath called out the State Government for its "gross overreach" in attempting to "dictate customer choice" in the building industry.

In its previous communique to the HIA on October 30, the State Government "strongly recommended" builders cease using native hardwood varieties in all flooring, staircases, beams, doors, windows, architectural features, decking and cladding.

Ms Bath said the government's advice to the HIA was a political push to quash all demand for quality hardwood used in the building and construction industry.

"The Nationals remain steadfast in our support for Victoria's building industry, our timber communities and the workers that underpin them," Ms Bath said.

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New Fullers Road college gets Ministerial approval

THE Victorian Minister for Planning the Hon Sonya Kilkeny MP has approved an application for a new secondary college to be established in Foster.

The Department of Transport and Planning provided notice of the decision on its website last Tuesday, November 14.

Board members of Corner Inlet College have expressed their delight at the announcement, clearing the way for the school to open in 2025, eventually with a student population of 90.

Founder of the school, board chair and owner of the site in Fullers Road Foster, Jen Young, said the group had already had supportive meetings with the council before making direct application to the Minister.

After selecting a "picturesque site overlooking Corner Inlet", the board liaised with the Department of Transport and Planning resulting in an application being made.

"The process has been thorough, objective, and professional. It was a lengthy process because a high standard of compliance was expected from us," said Ms Young.

"Unlike government and faith-based schools, independent schools are grassroots. They are run by volunteers who undertake the financing, growth forecasting and master planning themselves," she said.

Independent school students now make up more than 30 per cent of Victoria's student population. It was identified through a 2019 government review that the independent school sector was experiencing growth restrictions due to the planning process which is why the department is now dealing with such applications directly.

"The department found lengthy resourcing, referral and administrative delays by councils, and appeals to VCAT



Board members and directors of new secondary school, Corner Inlet College, celebrate their recent planning permit approval on the new school site. They are from left, Rebecca Matthews, Amanda Mohamad, Luke Rooker, Jen Young, Jan Bull and Abby Pettitt.

by third parties on "minor issues" were holding up progress. To reduce costly delays, the permit process was reformed, and a dedicated planning team was established within the DTP."

She said the community had already demonstrated its support and encouragement for the project. "Families stop us in the street and they're excited. Lots of teachers are eager to be involved. I think most people can appreciate how important and overdue this project is and they understand what it takes to get a new school off the ground."

The journey continues, she said, with a full agenda in 2024 with a family information event to be held early in the New Year with a view to opening in 2025.

But not everyone is happy.

Nearby local resident and Foster business operator Julia Merrington was one of the objectors,

but she says she has nothing against the plan to develop a new school, heading an "open letter" about the proposal as "Good Project, Wrong Location".

"Neighbours immediately adjacent to the proposed college were surprised and shocked back in July 2023, when they received written notification of an application for a planning permit... for a private independent school of up to 90 children and 12 teachers," Ms Merrington said, noting that those who received notification were only given 10 days to respond.

"They rapidly learnt private and other schools can apply directly to the State Planning Minister for planning permits, without any of the normal Council checks and balances, process, appeals or notification.

"This process is designed for urban settings to fast track the

application and minimise neighbours' objections and is rarely used in a highly protected rural setting like 625 Fullers Road, Foster," she said.

"The proposed school is to be located seven minutes by car from Foster on a small paddock of private land approximately 1.5 hectares in an area, zoned farming."

Ms Merrington said the selection of the site and approval by the Minister for Planning was contrary to the government's own site selection criteria: "New school sites are generally best located close to the residential areas which generate student population, and near activity centres, where joint/shared use opportunities are greatest, and facilities are easily accessed by the community," according to the Victorian Government 'School Site Selection Criteria Guidance'.

Bureaucratic bushfire backburning approval process challenged

BACKBURNING on crown land during bushfires is set to remain a tortuous bureaucratic process after the Minister for Emergency Services refused to acknowledge a significant issue with the approvals process.

During Question Time last week Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use and The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath called on Minister for Emergency Services, Jaclyn Symes to detail what action she will take to streamline the back burning approvals to better protect forests and communities from mega-bushfires.

With the new bushfire season fast approaching and fuel loads at a three year high, Ms Bath again raised the concerns of experienced CFA officers who were forced to make repeated backburn requests to save the Bemm River community during the Black Summer bushfires.

"State Government agencies ignored legitimate requests for weeks, before permission was finally granted at the last moment placing CFA volunteers in a more dangerous position than was necessary.

"Instead of committing to streamline the backburning approvals process, Minister Symes has instead hidden behind government advisers.


"Furthermore, the Minister's response brought into question her understanding of the difference between preparatory burns that reduce forest floor fuel loads and backburning which creates a fire break during a major bushfire event and suppresses active fire."

Ms Bath said regional communities deserve to know that the State Government will make the right decisions and not put lives, livelihoods, and habitat at risk.

"There's no confidence that the Government will make appropriate decisions to mitigate and suppress bushfire threats given its green ideology, past mistakes and failures.

"Labor's continually fails to listen to local knowledge and decades of hands on bushfire suppression experience.

"The Nationals are calling on the State Government to better enable local first responders to protect communities and our forest habitats."



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Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Le Serve



I'D like to commence by saying hello to everyone in our community and express how delighted I am to be elected as the new Mayor of Bass Coast. It is a great honour and I'm thrilled to be supported by Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead and I look forward to working with the whole group of Bass Coast Councillors.

I thank my Councillor colleagues for their support and of course Cr Michael Whelan for his stewardship over the past couple of years. He leaves the Mayoral role in such a great position.

As many of you may know, I was recently acknowledged for ten years of service in Council, a space I have loved working in and am excited to continue in. I have lived in this region for over 50 years, raising my family here and I am committed to this unique and magnificent area.

As one of Australia's fastest growing regions we have huge opportunity to grow our economy and boost jobs, particularly for our young people.

I am dedicated to ensuring we do all we can to create as many opportunities as possible for the younger generations to continue to live, be educated and work in beautiful Bass Coast.

Bass Coast Shire Council has recently delivered some major pieces of work. As Mayor, I will be working with community to support climate change, reconciliation, protection of our coasts from erosion, support the arts and culture sectors as well as delivering support to our farming community.

I want to continue Council's work highlighting issues of equality for women and improving outcomes for disadvantaged sectors within our community. Council is partnering

with a range of community organisations to bring awareness through the 16 Days of Activism. Starting on 25 November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) and running to 10 December (Human Rights Day) you can be involved and together we can help change the story and create a future where we are all safe, equal, and respected.

The people of Bass Coast expect first class service delivery and I will be focussed on doing all I can to help Council deliver it. I am committed to the ongoing review of Council's services and to the continuous overall improvement of Council's governance. This includes good economic management, which is critical to keeping rates affordable and delivering quality services and programs. It ensures we make smart decisions for a more transparent and accountable Council.

As always, there is plenty on in the region during Spring with the Village Feast event having just happened this weekend and many events at both Berninnet and Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre. Of course, there are also all the free and beautiful places to explore in our region.

Inverloch will be hosting a pop-up cinema from November 23 – 25 with movies for the whole family to enjoy. From Sunday, November 26, beautiful Cape Woolamai will play host to the Australian Surfing Titles where junior surfers will be competing from all around Australia. If you're planning to stay at home, then maybe make the most of our free green waste program which ends on November 26.

Either way, I hope you all have a wonderful week.



Bass MLA Jordan Crugnale, Bass Coast Shire Council Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve, Kilcunda Community Association former president Andrea Bolch and President Marcel Van Den Bronk officially opened the Kilcunda skate park on Sunday with plenty of excited skaters.

Skate park officially opened

THE Kilcunda skate park and playspace was officially opened on Sunday.

A great crowd turned out for the grand opening after a seven-year process to bring the project to fruition.

"The support of the whole community has been fantastic. I've only been involved with the Kilcunda Community Association (KCA) for about 18 months, but obviously a lot of work has gone into this by a lot of people. I'm really grateful to the State Government and (Bass Coast Shire) council for the funding," KCA president Marcel Van Den Bronk said.

Works at the park created a new skate bowl with a roll in for beginners and a deep end for advanced skaters.

The playspace features rock carvings and traditional play elements for climbing, sliding, swinging and a rubber undersurface will ensure it's a safe space to have fun.

There is also a shelter, seating and accessible ramp entrances from both the rail trail and foreshore sides.

With a barbecue shelter, water fountain, bins, bike racks and toilet block, it's an idyllic outdoor setting for families to enjoy beachside vibes, foreshore

gatherings and active play.

Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve officially opened the skate park with Bass MLA Jordan Crugnale.

"This is something that's been in the pipeline for a long time, and here we are. We have a fantastic bowl here and you can see by the enthusiasm that the kids love it," Cr Le Serve said.

Council contributed \$470,000 to the project, with the State Government providing a \$250,000 grant from the Local Sport Infrastructure Fund.

"This is a whole community project and it is magnificent," Ms Crugnale said. "It is backdropped by

probably the most stunning seascape in Victoria, and it will be a home to a passionate community of skaters of all ages.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the KCA for their advocacy, passionate skaters, locals and also Bass Coast Shire for their significant contribution and project management. Great things happen in partnership and I'm thrilled to be part of this one."

Former KCA president Andrea Bolch said it was a long process but thanked the association for its perseverance and the government representatives for their support.

New Mayor to serve the Bass Coast Shire

COUNCILLOR Clare Le Serve was elected the next Mayor by Bass Coast Shire Councillors last week.

Cr Le Serve comes to the role with a pragmatic approach and experience, recently being recognised for ten years of service.

"I've got a lot of experience and knowledge to share and I feel passionate about what we do in Council and in the community. I think it's just a great opportunity and a privilege really to be able to stand for the mayor's position," Cr Le Serve said.

"It's a privilege to be supported by the councillors and it's a team effort. I'm

really proud to be able to offer that service for this year."

Cr Le Serve sees engagement with the community as one of Council's major priorities, after having a focus on getting the format right for the capital works program and budget over the past few years.

"I think it's now bringing the community along for those conversations and making sure that they understand what we're doing and why we're doing it. They're the really important things."

Cr Le Serve looks forward to moving on to items that impact small communities in the region once

major capital works are finished.

"It's about the little things that may not cost a lot of money, but that will support each individual community."

"Everybody gets we're spending huge money on Berrinnet, but let's look at all those other communities and make sure, everybody gets something fantastic."

Other priorities for the new mayor include gaining an understanding of what each councillor stood for initially and deciding what to do with the Wonthaggi Council site.

"Everybody's got great

ideas, but let's be really practical about it and have a commonsense look," Cr Le Serve said.

While 54 per cent of people opposed the Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Special Charge Scheme, Cr Le Serve is hoping they can work with the community to make something happen.

"I think there's further conversations to have."

Cr Rochelle Halstead was re-elected as Deputy Mayor and Cr Le Serve expressed that she is looking forward to working with Cr Halstead and continuing their positive ongoing working relationship.

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Can't see a solution for the dust, he says

EVEN at the recommended speed of 20km/h, the dust still rises from The Esplanade at Surf Beach on Phillip Island, before settling on parked cars and ocean-front decks.

You'd have to get the road material tested first but in much more polluted places around the world, the carcinogenic risk from road dust is rated as very low but it may not be zero.

Different types of dust particles have different health effects. It may just be the nuisance value that keeps all facing windows closed.

Local resident, Lou Pecora, has a theory about why the Bass Coast Shire Council's road maintenance efforts, as well as intended as they may be, could be adding to the health hazard.

"The rock they are putting on the road has a high clay content and when it rains the lighter material works its way to the top where it dries out in the better weather, leaving a very fine layer of dust that drifts or blows very effectively when disturbed by passing cars even at low speeds."

As if to demonstrate the theory, several cars file past while we're out the front of his house on The Esplanade, near Surfies Point, trailing a plume of dust behind them, despite complying with the speed guidelines.

"Not everyone drives like that,"



Surf Beach resident Lou Pecora says council can't simply ignore the dust and flooding problems at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay on Phillip Island and should come back and talk to the people before it abandons them.

said Mr Pecora.

It's one of the reasons why he hasn't given up on finding an acceptable solution despite an announcement on the Council's website, on Friday, October 13, that the shire was abandoning the scheme.

He believes it's too important an issue for the council to simply drop.

And he's launched a petition, so far with more than 300 signatures, which he plans to present at the December Council meeting, asking council help find another way.

"I've spoken to a lot of people as I've taken the petition around and quite a few people are having second thoughts. They thought if they voted against this one, the council would finally listen to them and come up with some other options," Mr Pecora said.

"They're surprised and frankly a bit alarmed that the council isn't going to do anything."

One of the main issues,

according to Mr Pecora, is that a much higher percentage of the owners in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay are absentee owners, upwards of 60 per cent, in contrast with Pioneer Bay, where the council completed its last special charge scheme.

There's also a wide variation in traffic, dust and flooding impacts.

"It's human nature, they're not going to say 'I feel sorry for those people on The Esplanade, here's \$24,000 to fix their dust problem', It's not going to happen."

"But the council has spent \$1 million on this, so they can't just drop it."

"They never should have tried to do the whole thing in one hit. The conditions that exist are too diverse across the two estates."

"The council was overconfident about it going through."

"They need to come and talk to us and then get back to the drawing board and maybe come up with some smaller schemes that can get through and will address most of the problems."

If you want to sign the petition, calling on the Bass Coast Shire Council not to "abandon" the people of Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay, go to the change.org website and search for "Do Not Allow Council To Abandon The Surf Beach & Sunderland Bay Special Charge Scheme".

Community demands economic plan include environment

THE PEOPLE of Bass Coast have demanded that council centre their economic development plan around sustainability and caring for the natural world.

Considerable feedback during the engagement phase of Councils Economic Development Framework 2030 led to a substantial transformation from the first phase of the Framework's development to the final document.

Adaptations made to the recently adopted plan to better recognise environmental considerations include adopting a principle-based approach to sustainable economic development and embracing principles of the circular economy.

Of the nine principles that have been adopted, the first of these recognises that 'Environment is our economy' and that there is an interdependence between a healthy environment and economic wellbeing for Bass Coast.

While the four key economic pillars that underscore the nine principles include Living and Working, Natural World and Visitor Economy, Industry Diversification and Innovation and Place Shaping.

The Council have mapped the alignment of the goals to actions under the four key pillars and nine principles and will be measuring their actions against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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Sharing stories is a highlight in residential aged care on the Island

BLUECROSS Grossard Court resident, Jim Lalor, says the best thing about living in residential aged care on Phillip Island is the people you live with.

“They always have such great stories!” says Jim.

Jim has been at BlueCross Grossard Court for over a year now due to realising it was getting harder and harder for him to live by himself at home.

“There is too much danger at home,” he said.

“I can’t live there. I fell over three times taking the rubbish bins out and knew that I needed more help.”

Now that Jim is settled at Grossard Court he can see all the benefits it offers.

“It’s a great place to live,” he said.

“My bed gets made, my laundry gets done, my meals are cooked for me, the shower is terrific and I have all my nick nacks around me.

“I always come out for breakfast as it’s the best meal of the day. I’ll then join the daily exercise classes.

“After that I might play some pool or often, on a fine day, I’ll head into town on my scooter which I keep in the shed. The scooter gives me that independence that I need.”

Jim also goes on to explain that of great comfort is the 24 hour care he receives.

“If I need a doctor, it will be arranged, if I need a script filled out, it will be arranged, if I need a haircut, it can be arranged. Everything is on call and the staff are so lovely,



Jim Lalor, BlueCross Grossard Court resident, finds joy in shared stories, independence and the care that enriches his days.

I can’t fault them.”

While Jim has everything he needs, the times he enjoys most is chatting with the other residents.

“I have found that I am most interested in other peoples’ stories, and everyone has such great stories,” he beamed.

“I often sit with a lovely lady called Marge. Marge grew up in the area on a farm with sheep.

“She talks about riding horses and getting to school on her motorbike. I love her stories. There are lots of people like that all with terrific stories.”

For anyone looking for more information on residential aged care at BlueCross Grossard Court, please contact Jo Hackett on 0437 900 129.



Kevin Griffin, Lyall and Joan Broughton, Graham Jolly, Keith Fisher, Peter McMahon, Robin Truman and John Trigt at the final Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association annual general meeting on Saturday.

Ratepayers association winds up

BASS Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association decided to fold after seven years at the close of its annual general meeting on Saturday.

Since 2016, the association has worked to hold Bass Coast Shire Council accountable for its actions and to seek transparency from local government representatives.

However, positions were unable to be filled during Saturday’s annual general meeting and the association does not have an active committee.

To comply with corporation law requirements, the association will officially fold in a few weeks.

“We had a good shake, but we have decided to wind it up,” association secretary Kevin Griffin said.

“People are leading busy lives

and are getting back to normal after the pandemic. We realise a lot of time and effort needs to be put into this committee – there’s a lot to follow up and be across.”

The association was formed in response to claims of “rate gouging” and widespread community dissatisfaction prior to the introduction of the rate cap.

Mr Griffin said it was a pity the association would no longer be shining a light on council, with fears the cycle of money wastage will continue with “failed” special charge schemes.

Community members will continue to address council, with a petition set to be tabled on December 13.

The petition will call for council’s Audit and Risk Committee Charter to comply with the Local Government Act 2020 and the

Audit Act 1994.

Specifically, the community is seeking transparency around performance monitoring of the CEO.

Community members are also concerned about where money is allocated, with many calling for projects such as the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre to be delivered for decades.

As to whether or not the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association will come out of recess, Mr Griffin is uncertain.

“We will see what happens down the track, but it will not be back in the foreseeable future, unless someone else steps forward due to their frustrations with council,” he said.

“It’s a pity we won’t be continuing to shine a light on council. It’s something we need to do so we stop seeing old habits.”

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Mayor Hersey steps down

THE South Gippsland Shire Council is set to welcome a new mayor into the top job at its meeting this Wednesday, November 22 after Cr Nathan Hersey declared in his final 'Mayor's Message' this week that he would not be nominating.

However, his decision not to stand appears to be more about "providing opportunity to other Councillors who also have capacity to lead" rather than any loss of appetite for continuing in the role.

And the one being touted as most likely to be the new mayor is Tarwin Valley Ward councillor and current deputy mayor, Cr Clare Williams.

It has been something of a tradition to rotate the role of mayor around in South Gippsland, and while there have been exceptions to the rule, it appears the council is looking to re-establish this convention by offering others the "opportunity to lead".

"As a Councillor group, we have achieved a lot, and I will be forever grateful for the faith our Councillors had in me to lead," said Mayor Cr Nathan Hersey this week.

Open Gippsland parks

AS summer fast approaches and Gippsland enters peak tourism season many of our local public land parks face damaged infrastructure and closed walking tracks due to storms, flood and/or bushfires.

"Gippsland is home to many amazing natural tourist destinations," The Nationals Member O'Brien said. "It is very disappointing to see many of our local walking tracks out of commission for significant periods."

Mr O'Brien said it was time for the Government to make Gippsland National Parks a priority. "Earlier this year we saw the State Government brag about completing a \$21 million Urban Parks Active Well-being Program. It seems that when it is a city project like the Urban Parks we can build quickly, but when it is something in a part of regional Victoria that is critical to our tourism offering, we are left waiting."

Funding opportunities for manufacturing businesses

LOCAL manufacturers are encouraged by The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath to apply for funding under The Made in Victoria program.

The funding opportunity can be used to expand operations, boost productivity, generate local jobs, and to transition to net zero emissions.

"Manufacturing is a major contributor to our regional economy in Eastern Victoria with the region known on the global stage, which generates billions for the economy, as well as employment opportunities," said Ms Bath.

There are two funding rounds open.

Small and medium-sized Victorian manufacturers can apply for grants under Round 2 of the Made in Victoria - Manufacturing Growth Program.

Grants of up to \$250,000 will support businesses to introduce new technologies, improve productivity and competitiveness in local and global supply chains, upskill workers and create new jobs. Round 2 closes December 19, 2023.

Applications are also open for the Made in Victoria - Energy Technologies Manufacturing Program to support manufacturers to purchase or develop



The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath is encouraging local manufacturers to apply for funding opportunities to expand operations, boost productivity and generate local jobs.

new equipment, skills, or technology enabling them to capitalise on renewable energy opportunities.

Grants of between \$100,000 and \$750,000 are available to increase capacity to manufacture components for zero emissions and renewable energy supply chains. This round closes December 13, 2023.

"Manufacturing grants are an opportunity to secure investment into innovative projects that will improve sustainability,

expand operations, invest in new equipment and grow the capabilities of staff," Ms Bath said.

Letters of support for grant applications can be obtained from Melina Bath by contacting her office on 03 5174 7066 or emailing melina.bath@parliament.vic.gov.au to discuss the details of your project.

Further information on manufacturing grants can be found on Business Victoria's website - <https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs>.

Bath keeps up the pressure for Coal Mine Café reopening

THE NATIONALS Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath has continued to pressure the State Government to re-open the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine Visitor Centre Café.

Advocating on behalf of Friends of the State Coal Mine in State Parliament Ms Bath called on the Labor Government to reopen the café as per its commitment.

"After a long campaign by locals the Government finally committed to funding to reopen the Visitors Centre Café and repair the drift cart."

"The community and Friends of the Coal Mine were told at the time the Visitors Centre Café would reopen in September, but this date has come and gone."

"With the peak summer tourist season in Bass Coast commencing it's imperative for the Visitor Centre Café to be open for business."

Ms Bath said the State Coal Mine is a much-loved facility, highly valued by locals, which provides a wonderful opportunity for visitors to learn about the history of Wonthaggi.

"The Visitors Centre Café gives visitors the opportunity to enhance their experience when exploring Wonthaggi's heritage and make a day of it."

"After the uncertainty experienced post COVID-19 lockdowns, our hardworking volunteers do not want to see another summer tourist season wasted."

"Volunteers rightly want their facility back up and running at full capacity. I am calling on the State Government to reopen the Visitor Centre Café as soon as possible."

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

South Gippsland Draft Children and Family Plan

The proposed 2023/27 Children and Families Plan is now available for community feedback after being endorsed for consultation at last week’s Council Meeting.

The document has been developed as a road map to support children and families throughout the region, helping them to feel connected to the community as well as happy, healthy and able to grow to their full potential.

The proposed Plan encompasses a wide range of initiatives aimed at enhancing the overall quality of life for our children and families. From improved recreational facilities to expanded educational programs, the Plan addresses the diverse needs of our community.

The Plan not only focuses on immediate needs but also lays the foundation for a sustainable and supportive future. As we look ahead, the community can anticipate positive changes that will greatly benefit our children and families for years to come.

The Draft Plan has been developed based on extensive research, consultation and engagement. This has taken place with families, agencies, Council officers, Councillors, and importantly, the plan includes thoughts and feelings of nearly 700 primary and pre-school aged children who expressed what they would like to see changed or improved.

Council encourages everyone to read through the Children and Families Plan and provide feedback. Your insight is valued and we invite you to share any thoughts or suggestions to ensure nothing is overlooked.

You can find out more at:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Feedback closes Thursday 30 November 2023.

Great Victorian Bike Ride



The Bicycle Network’s Great Victorian Bike Ride is coming to South Gippsland this December.

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

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

For information about scheduled road closures, events and more, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/GVBR

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Wednesday 22 November 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council’s website at:
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To watch the ‘open’ part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:
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Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

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KINDERGARTEN IN MIRBOO NORTH

Council is offering families an opportunity to provide their views on an Early Learning Centre for Mirboo North.

With the introduction of funded three-year-old kindergarten, the announcement of pre-prep and the age of the existing building, Council has identified a need to provide new kindergarten facilities to Mirboo North to ensure local families continue to have access to quality kindergarten programs.

For more information and to provide your feedback, please visit:
yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Submissions close Sunday 26 November

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RTF/388 – Simons Lane, Leongatha; Road Realignment

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 5 December 2023

RTF/390 – Construction of Retaining Wall; 18 Smith Street Loch

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Documentation is available from Council’s e-Tendering Portal
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Mohya Davies achieves major milestone as a councillor

WHILE the rest of South Gippsland Shire's councillor group are in their first term, Cr Mohya Davies brought valuable experience to the role and was acknowledged at the November council meeting for her 10 years' service as a councillor. She was previously on council from 2008-2016.

The period of turmoil leading up to the 2021 South Gippsland Shire Council election prompted Mohya's decision to put herself forward as a candidate after five years' break from council. "I was disappointed that the council had been dismissed and concerned about the damage that had been done, both in the community in terms of confidence and trust, and also with the staff," Mohya said.

She noted the dysfunctional council led to a terrible staff retention rate with people leaving in droves and taking vast quantities of corporate knowledge with them. With a new councillor group elected in 2021, Mohya's council experience was deemed important by the other councillors who chose her unopposed as mayor for the first year of council's term. "I was privileged and honoured to be made mayor in that first year, and it was wonderful to work with a very different group of councillors," she said. While the transition to council involved lots of work for an otherwise inexperienced councillor group, Mohya said the support of council staff, along with the assistance of council monitor Prue Digby for the first year of



South Gippsland Shire councillor Mohya Davies, pictured with Mayor Nathan Hersey, was acknowledged by the Municipal Association of Victoria and her colleagues for a total of 10 years as a councillor.

council's term ensured the process ran smoothly. Mohya spoke of her observations regarding the current councillor group. "The thing I have noticed with this new group is that they're keen to upskill and take on training and get involved in Regional and State levels of local government, (such as) the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Australian Local Government Women's Association," she said. Mohya said most of the current councillors were motivated to stand for similar reasons to her and have worked together to restore community confidence in council. While she believes the current council has achieved a great deal, she said there is always more to

accomplish. Mohya worked in early childhood education for many years, 12 of those as director of the Fish Creek Kindergarten. She and her husband John, who run a farm overlooking Wilsons Promontory, have also operated several businesses including a popular butcher shop in Foster. They raised six children, including two adopted daughters from Ethiopia, and are proud grandparents of nine, eight of whom still live in Gippsland. Mohya reflected on her total of 10 years as a councillor. "I've enjoyed the opportunity to work at that level with staff and other councillors," she said, acknowledging it has been a big commitment.

Help boost support for children and families in South Gippsland

IMPROVED outcomes for children and families in South Gippsland Shire are in sharp focus, with community members encouraged to share their thoughts on the subject during a two-week consultation period running until November 30. At their November public meeting, councillors endorsed the draft version of the Children and Families Plan 2023-2027 for community engagement. "The plan articulates how agencies, governments, children and families, and the wider community will work together to improve outcomes for children and their families," the draft document states. A lack of access to childcare is one of the crucial challenges identified in the plan, with Foster, Fish Creek, Toora, Welshpool,

Meenyan, Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay all towns in which that situation prevails. "Partnerships between government, service providers and developers will be critical to addressing existing and future gaps," it is observed in the plan. The need to develop strategies to expand workforce numbers in the health and education sectors to better support children and families is a key objective outlined. Cr Mohya Davies stressed at Wednesday's meeting that council is doing its utmost to plan in all the areas in which it is involved but having been a kindergarten teacher for 30 odd years she is passionate about providing the best possible support for children and families. She highlighted the challenges

council faces in attempting to implement State Government changes to kindergarten that involve a significant boost in hours of attendance for those in both three and four-year-old kinder, noting a lack of sufficient infrastructure and resourcing. "Plans like this try to identify where the critical gaps in available childcare are," Cr Davies said. Cr Jenni Keerie noted the importance of such planning in forming a platform from which to advocate to higher levels of government for needed improvements. Approaches to boost the resilience of families are also identified in the draft Children and Families Plan document, which is available to view through council's website.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



Thank you

I WOULD like to thank everyone who has supported me over the past 12 months as I have served our community as Mayor. It has been an incredible opportunity and honour, that I certainly did not take on lightly. I'm confident that we have delivered significantly for South Gippsland and that our direction and advocacy has been taken to a new level. I'm proud to see that our community engagement is at a much higher level than it was a year ago and that our community is increasingly pleased with the direction of Council. As a Councillor group, we have achieved a lot, and I will be forever grateful for the faith our Councillors had in me to lead. At the Council Meeting on Wednesday 22 November, it is not my intention to nominate for another term as Mayor. I believe the majority of our Council group see value in providing opportunity to other Councillors who also have capacity to lead. I have no doubt that whoever is elected Mayor for our final year of this council term will continue to strongly lead our community. It has been an honour to serve! Thank you!

Opportunities for Feedback

It is crucial that our community continues to receive opportunities to provide feedback on a range of different projects. There are currently three projects available for you to provide your thoughts. These are:

- Princes Street, Korumburra – involves investigating potential improvements that can be made along this stretch of road.
- Mirboo North Kindergarten – pre-planning has begun on a potential Early Learning Centre in Mirboo North including a location and services that may be offered.
- Draft Children and Families Plan – after an excellent first round of engagement with the children and families of South

Gippsland, this Plan is now available for broader public consultation. To provide your feedback on any or all of these projects, please visit: yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Christmas Food and Gift Drive Donations

As the festive season approaches, it can be easy to be swept up in the celebration. However, it is not a happy time for all. As we did last year, there is a collections box at Council's office in Leongatha where we are taking donations on behalf of the Salvation Army. If you would like to help spread some Christmas cheer, please bring along your unwrapped children's toys, books and clothes, as well as non-perishable food items. Donations will be accepted until 5.00pm Thursday 7 December.

Planning Award

Council has won a Planning Institute of Australia award for the South Gippsland Coastal Strategy. This award would not have been possible without the important feedback of our community and the hard work of all the staff involved. It highlights what we can achieve when we work together and how willing our community engages with us. Awards of this nature do not come easy. We have had to take on the private sector, and we, a small Shire from Gippsland, have walked away with recognition of our South Gippsland Coastal Strategy.

Small Business Bus

The Small Business Bus is coming to Korumburra on Monday 27 November between 10.00am and 4.00pm in the car park adjacent to Kelly's Bakery. This is a fantastic opportunity to get tailored advice for your business. To book, please visit the Business Victoria website: www.business.vic.gov.au

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Subdividing Property

- How and why

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

The process of subdividing property from a single piece of land to two or more parts is complicated but with the right professionals and comprehensive research money can be made on the future use of the newly created land. This editorial is written to provide a high level overview, and is relevant for Victorian properties only.

The first step is to determine if the land can be subdivided. This will involve reviewing the certificate of title and plan which you can do yourself if you are familiar with titles, otherwise a solicitor, surveyor or town planner can be engaged. Generally speaking a property with the right zoning can be subdivided if it meets certain criteria and adheres to the rules and regulations set by the local council and planning authorities.

Some factors that should be considered and researched include (1) land size; is it large enough to be subdivided into smaller lots while still meeting the minimum lot size required by local council? (2) zoning; does it allow for a subdivision? (3) access to roads including driveways or easements to ensure each new lot has suitable access (4) shape and topography; is it flat and are the dimensions regular? (5) utilities and services such as water, sewerage, electricity and telecommunications; are they available or do they require upgrading or extending? and (6) are there any special overlays restricting the use or building designs, such as environmental or heritage overlays?

Once the investigation of the above factors is satisfied a feasibility of the subdivision should be the next step to determine its profitability which will involve consulting with surveyors, civil engineers, and town planners for preliminary advice and submitting the application for a planning permit.

The surveyor is the professional responsible for applying for a subdivision permit and drafting the proposed plans. They will guide you through the council application process and obtain approval from the council and relevant referral authorities which may include VicRoads, water, gas,

electricity and NBN.

A civil engineer is engaged for a variety of services and reports needed in the application process. There are three main requirements that a civil engineer performs; a connection point for sewer, a connection point for water; and a lawful point of discharge for stormwater.

Once the planning permit has been issued civil construction can commence which includes clearing and grading the land, building new roads and footpaths, and installing and connecting utility services in accordance with the approved plans and permits.

Upon completion of all the civil construction works, the council and relevant authorities will check them and sign off a statement of compliance which then allows for the plan of subdivision to be registered with the titles office and create the new titles. This step is usually undertaken by a solicitor or conveyancer.

The subdivision process involves a number of steps as outlined above and as a result the time it takes from start to finish can often be anywhere from 12 to 24 months for small single stage subdivisions. If unexpected delays are encountered then the timeframe can be even longer and if you are selling after subdivision is registered then the time to sell and settle will be in addition.

The final part of the process to consider is the costs. Depending on the size and complexity of the development the costs can be significant and may also require debt to fund the project. For a simple two lot subdivision the ballpark figure can be circa \$30,000 - \$50,000. Additionally, there may also be tax payable if you make a profit so it is important to seek advice from an accountant to understand any tax implications that apply.

In summary, subdividing a property or land can provide uplift to the owner through the future use of the land, however it is not a simple process and requires the right professionals, time and money to execute correctly.

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Cr Mick Felton encouraged community members to work with him and other councillors. A03_4723

Attentive audience at South Gippsland Council meeting

RECENT consternation about aspects of South Gippsland Shire Council's draft Local Law 2024 document and proposed changes it contains, resulted in a substantial increase in public interest at Wednesday's council meeting compared to any other such meetings this scribe has attended.

People chose to still come to the meeting when it became apparent the Local Law matter wasn't on this month's agenda, with the public consultation period now closed but feedback still being processed.

Just over 360 submissions were received, demonstrating the tremendous interest the proposed local laws have generated.

Councillors at the November meeting expressed delight at the full public gallery and the respectful manner in which attendees conducted themselves.

People mostly listened intently through the more than an hour and a half session.

"There's been lots of conversation about the local laws but I don't want your engagement to stop there," Cr Clare Williams told those who came to check out the council proceedings, encouraging them to have their say on other matters.

Cr Mick Felton thanked everyone present in the gallery for turning up.

He encouraged people to work with him and the other councillors.

"That's what we're here for," Cr Felton said, adding that his mobile number and email address are readily available.

Some community members have expressed concerns they weren't made aware in a timely fashion of the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed local laws and have suggested no-

tifying all ratepayers by letter of such important information.

Cr Felton addressed that suggestion at the council meeting, detailing the prohibitive cost of doing so and the waste of ratepayers' funds that would entail.

He advised people to register for council's electronic 'In the Know' newsletter.

"It's up to you to be involved," Cr Felton stressed.

With much of the recent angst in relation to proposed local laws focused on potential negative impacts for those in the South Gippsland Shire's agricultural sector, Cr John Schelling spoke of the importance of that industry to the area.

He said councillors recognise what farmers bring to the region.

"We need to ensure we keep looking after them," Cr Schelling declared, a sound of acknowledgement audible from the gallery in response.

South Gippsland Shire Council initiatives on track

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is currently on track to achieve most of its Annual Initiatives according to its first quarterly Organisational Performance Report for this financial year, detailing the period from July 1 until September 30.

Of 34 Annual Initiatives adopted by council for the 2023/24 financial year, 32 are either completed or considered on course to be completed by June 30, 2024.

The status of the other two initiatives is listed as 'monitor'.

One of those initiatives relates to delivery of council's capital works program, with the sustainability and improvement of council's infrastructure to be measured by the percentage of completed capital works projects due for delivery in the current financial year.

Grant funding projects with funding pending are excluded from that calculation.

"The capital works program has grown from the



Cr Mohya Davies spoke of the value of regular reports on South Gippsland Shire Council's progress in achieving its objectives. A07_4723

adopted Annual Budget due to the addition of carry-forward projects from 2022/23 and grant funded projects such as the road safety Blackspot Program and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program; many projects and programs are being tendered or are underway, however the size of the project is am-

bitious to achieve by the end of the financial year," the Performance Report states.

The other Annual Initiative where it is not yet clear how it is tracking relates to engagement with recognised First Nations groups to strengthen council's knowledge, connection and understanding of South Gippsland's traditional custodians.

The Performance Report notes that the scope for Cultural Awareness Training is being developed in consultation with Gippsland Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation representatives.

In addition to detailing council's progress in achieving its Annual Initiatives, the Performance Report details progress towards accomplishing the Strategic Objectives outlined in the Council Plan.

"This tells us what we've achieved and it keeps us on track," Cr Mohya Davies said of the importance of periodical performance reports.

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Council's COVID support succeeds

THE SUCCESS of South Gippsland Shire Council's COVID-19 Support Package (CSP) has been evaluated and detailed in a new report, its findings largely positive, and recommendations offered for improvements in dealing with future major upheavals.

While administrators were in charge of South Gippsland Shire after the 2019 dismissal of the local council, current council CEO Kerryn Ellis stepped into the role in March 2020 just prior to the initial introduction of pandemic restrictions.

South Gippsland Shire Council's \$2 million COVID Support Package was designed to use a three-phase approach and to sit alongside other support being provided by higher levels of government.

Phase 1 focused on targeted support in the form of financial relief to businesses and householders, and support to vulnerable and isolated community members during the initial stages of COVID restrictions.

Phase 2 centred on building resilience by supporting key industries such as tourism, small business and the arts and creative sector.

Recovery and Reconnection were in the spotlight in Phase 3, with the aims being to rebuild social connection and support economic development, tourism, sport and community wellbeing.

Through the CSP, grant assistance was provided to 83



Cr Sarah Gilligan highlighted ongoing benefits from South Gippsland Shire Council's COVID Support Package. A08_4723

community organisations, with 846 local businesses benefiting from the establishment of a Business Support Grants Program.

Other CSP measures included reducing or waiving business registration fees and permits.

With maintenance still required at recreation reserves and COVID restrictions resulting in lack of income, council stepped in to provide a total of \$126,000 of support.

Shopping locally was promoted by council.

Other measures were taken to help South Gippsland Shire community members negotiate the pandemic period.

While the Community Support Package Evaluation Report says objectives of the CSP were largely met, feedback suggested that the initiative would have benefited from a more centralised co-ordination model.

That was considered to be particularly early in the pandemic, with a Project Manager likely to be of value should a comparable program be

required in future. The report into the CSP recommends such a centralised approach for dealing with future significant events or emergencies but also notes the importance of allowing for flexibility in times of uncertainty.

While the CSP had to be organised rapidly, the report on its implementation noted it drew on work council had previously undertaken.

It was found there was little duplication of funding, with the CSP filling gaps in funding from higher levels of government.

However, the report acknowledged it was difficult to keep track of the many available types of support.

Spending of grants locally and improved relationships between council and community groups and businesses are a couple of positives considered to have flowed from the CSP assistance provided.

With the benefit of hindsight, the Community Support Package Evaluation Report suggests that council could have placed more emphasis on recovery, given the long-running nature of the pandemic and its ongoing ramifications.

However, at Wednesday's November council meeting, Cr Sarah Gilligan spoke of ongoing benefits flowing from CSP initiatives.

"I can see a lot of things that are still going; the shop local program has been successful and will have benefits for years to come," she said.



Cr John Schelling is upbeat about what has been achieved by the current South Gippsland Shire Council in the two years since councillors took on their roles. A02_4723

Cr Schelling proud of South Gippsland Shire Council achievements

FOLLOWING a long period of administration after the dismissal of the previous South Gippsland Shire Council, the current crop of councillors has now notched up two years in the role, prompting Cr John Schelling to provide his thoughts on their achievements.

He seized that opportunity at the November council meeting.

"I believe we've brought stability, which has brought much better productivity to our organisation," Cr Schelling said.

He added that the hard work of councillors and council staff has made South Gippsland Shire Council one of the premier councils in rural Victoria.

Cr Schelling expressed pride in being part of council and the achievements it has made, such as improvements to some roads and new recreation reserve lighting.

He attributes the success he perceives to the positivity the current councillors have provided since they were elected.

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New technology to understand biodiversity

ELANORA Offshore is applying innovative environmental DNA technology to paint a detailed picture of the marine environment and biodiversity at its proposed offshore wind farm area.

Together with traditional environmental monitoring methods, the project is working with nature technology company NatureMetrics to analyse environmental DNA (eDNA) contained in water samples to understand the diversity of species living and passing through the wind farm area.

Local fishermen have been engaged to collect the water samples from Elanora Offshore's proposed site – located far off the coast of Gippsland – which are then sent to laboratories for analysis.

Elanora Offshore CEO Maya Malik said the project see opportunities to employ new technologies to gain more accurate data that can be collected more efficiently, and in ways that are not intrusive.

“eDNA monitoring provides an opportunity to get a better picture of biodiversity at offshore wind sites faster and with minimal disturbance to the environment. Minimising our impact is a priority. We are excited to be supporting the application of cutting-edge



Elanora Offshore will be working alongside NatureMetrics to better understand the marine environment and biodiversity.

nature technologies on our project,” she said.

Most fish and marine mammals leave tiny traces of DNA in the waters they travel through, called eDNA.

NatureMetrics has developed a way to capture this DNA from seawater samples.

A single water sample of around five litres contains enough DNA to provide a snapshot of the living species that have passed through that area from around two days before

the sample was collected.

Multiple samples can be compared to profile the state of an ecosystem over time.

An advantage of eDNA monitoring is it is non-intrusive and enhances traditional monitoring methods such as visual surveys.

“We are thrilled to be working with the Elanora Offshore team and Gippsland fishermen on this implementation of our eDNA technology,” Dr Joe Huddart of NatureMetrics said.

“To our knowledge, this is the first application of eDNA monitoring for offshore wind in Australia.”

In offshore wind, eDNA monitoring is currently being implemented alongside traditional environmental monitoring methods.

Upon maturity, it is expected that eDNA methods could:

- Expand the scope of what can be monitored in oceanic ecosystems.
- Allow comprehensive baseline mapping of species in the area.
- Facilitate the modelling of ecosystem composition.
- Be able to track changes in ecosystems through time.
- Be more time and cost efficient while increasing the scope and resolution compared to conventional sampling and monitoring.

As industry in Australia seeks to improve knowledge of the marine environment, this approach may provide opportunities for both fast paced learning and resolving data gaps.

The ability to gather prompt and accurate data will be highly beneficial to Elanora Offshore, as well as regulators and the industry generally.

It could be used to inform early regulatory discussions for meaningful engagement and planning.

Leongatha business making widespread positive safety impact

INNOVATIVE Leongatha business Omicron Automation has developed and locally manufactured a chemical distribution system for a national company, with the prototype to go into service in coming weeks.

The system is designed to eliminate problems the company is encountering while transporting aggressive chemicals throughout Western Australia.

“These issues are centred primarily around cross-contamination of chemicals, which can have major consequences, as well as manual handling and other OHS concerns,” Omicron Automation managing director James Schneider said.

“The solution we’re creating is a mobile ‘skid’ that will be mounted on the back of our customer’s trucks.”

James outlined the product’s safety-boosting features.

Chemical detection capability will ensure the correct product is moving through the system.

Eliminating the need for truck drivers to lug around heavy chemical-covered hoses will be achieved through an electrically driven ‘pump-out’ point.

Emergency shut-off valves and pump control are other safety features, as is site inlet identification to avoid chemical cross contamination.

“It’s built and is past the factory-testing stage; it’s come together nicely and has passed all our internal tests well, and the customer is happy with the video demonstrations we’ve given them,” James said of the chemical distribution system’s progress.

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Help determine the future of the Korumburra Business Association

KORUMBURRAS popular Christmas shopping and family fun evening, planned for December 7, has unfortunately been cancelled with the event organiser Korumburra Business Association (KBA) explaining that insufficient committee numbers forced the decision.

“Currently we don’t have a compliant committee to continue the activities of the Korumburra Business Association,” KBA stated in a Facebook post.

Although the organisation has a membership of 75, little more than a third of the town’s businesses belong to KBA and while the Association has four keen committee members none are able to commit to executive positions, with all its executive positions remaining vacant.

A Special General Meeting has been called for this Thursday November 23, to be held at the Middle Korumburra Hotel from 7.30pm, with the need to fill the positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer at the top of the agenda, along with efforts to add a further two or three committee members.

There will be discussion of KBA’s future. The organisation’s previous committee provided extensive service and are ready to tackle other challenges, with the opportunity for others to step into their roles promoted ahead of the late October AGM.

Then KBA secretary Noelene Cosson stressed ahead of that meeting that being on the committee doesn’t have to be an onerous job, a message she reiterated last Sunday.

She said all options will be explored at Thursday’s meeting to establish a compliant committee, potentially including sharing of roles or shorter-term positions in acknowledgement of the fact many people have limited availability due to various commitments.

“If there is no executive elected Thursday night, our rules state that winding up isn’t an option at this stage and those at the meeting will need to decide what to do from here,” Noelene said.

Producing a new Korumburra tourist brochure was a recent KBA achievement.

A major highlight the business association accomplished was teaming with the Korumburra Round Table to save the town’s Bendigo Bank branch when it was set to be closed.

As reported recently, KBA members have worked to promote Korumburra, encouraging people to shop locally.

Noelene said KBA keeps local business operators informed and works in partnership with others to benefit Korumburra, with the organisation’s motto being ‘Working together for our future’.

While those considering putting up their hands for a committee role may be concerned the large-scale Southern Lights Festival will require an extensive time commitment, the event is not the responsibility of KBA, which only auspiced it.

KBA membership is just \$60 a year, with the organisation having bought \$50 vouchers off a number of local businesses last year for its lucky shopper competition tied to the Christmas evening and rewarding shoppers who had made purchases in Korumburra.

Protect yourself this festival season

BLACK Friday/Cyber Monday is one of the biggest shopping events in the calendar worldwide, and with a rise in online shoppers hunting for a bargain before Christmas comes increased opportunities for cybercriminals.

Personal finance experts, at Wealth of Geeks are warning shoppers who rush to grab the best deals to be extra vigilant of circulating scams that appear year on year.

“Fraudsters are becoming increasingly clever as technology evolves, and during this busy shopping period, it provides the perfect opportunities to exploit the increased volume of transactions and potentially catch shoppers off guard,” Michael Dinich founder of Wealth of Geeks said.

“Most of the time, a cybercriminal’s motive is to steal a customer’s money, or personal information such as bank details, login credentials, personal address.

“Therefore, to protect themselves, shoppers should take steps to secure their online activities, such as using strong, unique passwords, enabling two-factor authentication, being cautious of phishing attempts, and regularly monitoring their financial statements for any suspicious transactions.”

Below, Wealth of Geeks share 10 of the most common Black Friday/Cyber Monday scams that catch shoppers out and how to spot them ahead of the big weekend.

1. Incorrect bank details scam

One of the most common is scammers emailing shoppers to say their billing information is incorrect, and that it needs changing immediately or the order will be void.

If a retailer asks you to change your bank details with urgency and claims there is a risk of losing out on an order you have made, then you should be suspicious.

Essentially, they are hoping to draw you into entering your bank details into a fake website that they have made to look real.

Regardless of whether you believe your bank details are correct or not, you should contact the retailer directly with any order confirmation or information so you can receive legitimate information on your account.



Don't get caught out this Black Friday/Cyber Monday – short of shopping locally in store ensure you don't fall to scammers online. Photo: PA/Alamy.

2. Hot deal scam

While Black Friday weekend is full of hot deals, certain popular items are advertised on fake websites that are generally hard to find.

These items turn out to be illegitimate and it will result in you paying for a product you will never receive – and the scammer now possesses your payment details.

If you come across an item like this, check the legitimacy of the product or the seller.

3. Phishing emails

Phishing emails are commonly used throughout the year, and Black Friday is no different.

Phishing emails are designed to trick users into disclosing sensitive confidential information. Therefore, it is important to not click on any links or pop-ups from sources that you are not familiar with.

This also applies to website, including suspect URLs (ones with no ‘https’ or locked padlock symbol on the bar) and websites with poor design.

4. Fake tracking number scam

Fraudsters are sending fake package tracking notifications as an email attachment or link.

Scammers use these tactics to infect your device with malware or direct you to phishing sites.

Legitimate retailers will never send tracking numbers via an attachment. They are normally directly in your inbox or accessed via the retailer’s

website. Therefore, always visit the seller’s site to get accurate tracking information for your order.

5. Instant messages

Often, you may receive a suspicious-looking message with a link to a well-known website, urging you to click to secure a great deal.

Scammers will replicate the retailer website’s URLs and layouts, which makes it extremely hard to spot whether it is fraudulent or not.

However, majority of the time the link is fake, and clicking on it will invite an intrusion of malware on your device, making your personal information vulnerable.

Once they have encouraged people to click, they will then send phishing messages and keylogging malware straight to your device.

Before clicking on a so-called deal, go direct to the retailer’s official online website to see if that same deal is there.

6. Fake charity scam

Especially during the Christmas season there will be a surge in charity donations, and scammers are aware of this. They set up fake charities and use high-pressure tactics to get you to donate.

Often you can spot a fake charity with the face they only accept payment through gift cards, wire transfers or cryptocurrency.

7. Fake social media profiles

Social media profiles are simple to impersonate, as

all a scammer must do is copy their logo, branding, hashtags, and content etc.

This mode of communication can trick customers into giving personal information or data or sell counterfeit products.

You can often spot if a social media website is fake through its aggressive advertising campaigns.

Always check if there is an alternative official social media account which is verified or has more followers before clicking on the one you have come across.

8. Fake product reviews

Fake Amazon product reviews are usually over-packed with technical jargon and feature unusual phrases. However, it is in fact humans that are promoting these in exchange for payment from the product manufacturer.

There are ‘review exchange’ clubs online, normally on social media sites, where sellers on sites like Amazon will offer goods in return for overly generous comments-often ones that are extremely misleading. Therefore, if you want to get a more accurate review of a product, compare reviews of the same product on several other official retailers before you purchase.

9. ‘Grey Market’ distribution

During Black Friday, brands will be using all kinds of channels to market and sell their products.

However, when a product falls out of a brand’s authorised network, they will no longer have control.

When this happens, unauthorised sellers may not properly display, package, handle, or ship the correctly. Therefore, returning or exchanging the product will be a lot more difficult.

10. Gift card and discount scams

Gift cards are a popular gift at Christmas, which is why scammer will offer gift cards at a discount, but these cards are either empty or stolen.

You should only buy gift cards from reputable sources, such as the retailer’s official store or online website.

Similarly, discounts and coupons received via email or social media that are advertised as huge discounts, can also be void. Therefore, verify the source of the coupon to ensure its valid before using it.



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Best Small Health Service in Victoria

THURSDAY evening, at the Public Healthcare Awards, South Gippsland Hospital was awarded the Premiers Small Health Service of the Year, for 2023. They were finalists in the same category last year.

South Gippsland Hospital (SGH), located in Foster, serves the Corner Inlet Communities by providing high quality and safe acute and community care. With a keen focus on partnerships, safety, workforce capability, and community engagement, SGH provides high quality health-care services in a hospital setting, two community centres, and in people's homes.

Recognised for a positive workplace culture, SGH is known to have consistently strong ratings in both employee and patient satisfaction surveys. Additionally, SGH is known to promote diversity and inclusion, and collaborate with various organisations to improve health and wellbeing in the community. CEO Paul Greenhalgh acknowledged the award in an email to the team on Friday morning.

"This award is the most



The Minister for Health, Hon Mary-Anne Thomas, Executive Directors, Claire Kent and Samantha Park, with Board Chair David Pollard.

prestigious award a health service can receive in Victoria, and it acknowledges you, the most amazing, dedicated team of staff and volunteers, who care for the community so beautifully. Congratulations, this award recognises all your hard work and effort over many years, but especially the last 12 months."

He also highlighted that

there was broad support for the health service, that ensures successful outcomes for patients and clients.

"We are fortunate to have an enormous circle of support, giving us the energy and drive to do our best in our day-to-day work. Our funders, including the State and Commonwealth Governments; our fundraisers, like the SGH

Auxiliary, South Gippsland Community Health Foundation and Murray to Moyne crew; our partners, like Foster Medical Centre, South Gippsland Radiology and surrounding health services, the Board and especially our community."

Congratulations to all the winners, and finalists across the twenty categories.



Consumer John Lowe consults specialist Diabetes Educator Claire Gatto at Wonthaggi Hospital.

End diabetes stigma this World Diabetes Day

BASS Coast Health (BCH) has joined the world-wide movement to end stigma and discrimination around diabetes.

On World Diabetes Day on November 14, BCH CEO Jan Child signed the organisation to the 'International consensus and pledge to end diabetes stigma and discrimination'.

BCH specialist Diabetes Educator Claire Gatto said 'diabetes stigma and discrimination' refers to the negative social judgments, stereotypes and prejudices that still unfairly affect people with diabetes all over the world.

"Up to one in three people with diabetes have been discriminated against due to their diabetes. Diabetes stigma and discrimination can affect the mental health of people with diabetes and become a barrier preventing access to diabetes care," she said.

World Diabetes Day is marked on November 14, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting who, with Charles Best, discovered insulin in 1922.

The international consensus includes the use of accurate, respectful, inclusive and non-judgmental language.

"For example, instead of talking about 'a diabetic', we should say 'a person with diabetes' because there is much more to a person than the fact they have diabetes," Claire said.

BCH invites the community to sign the pledge via the enddiabetesstigma.org website.

BCH provides a variety of diabetes education services to help people with diabetes live as fulfilling lives as possible.

Our Diabetes Education service offers support for a range of diabetes and pre-diabetes related conditions. These include:

- Management of type one, type two, gestational diabetes and pre-diabetes
- Lifestyle changes
- Blood glucose monitoring and interpretation of blood glucose levels related to food, physical activity and medication
- Management of unstable blood glucose levels
- Changes in medications and/or beginning insulin or other injectable diabetes medications
- Use of new glucose monitoring technologies
- Prevention and management of diabetes complications
- Travel advice.

To learn more, go to basscoasthealth.org.au/diabetes

Celebration of Gippsland primary health care

A FAMILY violence prevention initiative, a day respite service, a clinic to treat diabetes-related foot problems and a cultural awareness safety program have won the 2023 Gippsland Primary Health Awards.

Chief Executive Officer of Vic Health, Dr Sandro Demaio, announced the four winners from 16 awards finalists from across Gippsland who were celebrated at the Gippsland Primary Health Awards event on Wednesday, November 15, in Traralgon.

GippSport, Gippsland Women's Health and the Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault won the Prevention category, South Gippsland Hospital the award for Populations, Latrobe Community Health Service and Latrobe Regional Health won the Health category and West Gippsland Healthcare Group the Service category.

Gippsland PHN Acting Chief Executive, Angela Jacob, congratulated the winners who each received a \$2000 voucher.

"The awards showcase the



Sam Park Deere, Lilli Lush and Fran Allott, all from South Gippsland Hospital Day Respite Service, took out the Populations category at the 2023 Gippsland Primary Health Awards.

amazing work of our primary care health professionals and organisations across the region," Mrs Jacob said.

"This year's theme was 'Ask the Question' and our 16 finalists all demonstrated that if you ask the right question the result is a powerful tool for driving health outcomes.

"They demonstrated how, by asking the right questions,

they identified the need for their service or project, and then designed and delivered it to meet this need."

The winners included:

Populations – improving health and wellbeing of communities. South Gippsland Hospital – The hospital's Day Respite Service was designed to help older, frail or isolated people to remain in their own

home by providing support they need. With the aim of ensuring service flexibility for both consumers and carers, the hospital worked collaboratively with other organisations to provide this accessible and integrated service for South Gippsland.

Prevention – improving social and environmental factors of health. GippSport, Gippsland Women's Health and the Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault – These organisations won the award for the Winter Orange Round which has been running across the region for nine years. They saw an opportunity for sports clubs in the region to take a stand for the prevention of family violence and with the support of Gippsland's six local councils, five Prevention of Family Violence Networks and state sporting associations, the campaign was launched.

Health – improving outcomes for people experiencing ill health. Latrobe Community Health Service and Latrobe Regional Health: diabetes-related foot disease.

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Make a positive contribution at Agnes Falls

NATURE lovers are invited to join Friends of Agnes Falls (FoAF), with extra hands needed to help at working bees in the Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve.

While the organisation has just over 20 members, many are no longer active participants at such gatherings.

As well as helping the Reserve look its best, FoAF promotes the scenic spot, with its volunteers having a presence at local events such as the Foster Show and the Sea Days Festival at Port Welshpool.

Additionally, the organisation distributes postcards depicting Agnes Falls, an initiative that has been made possible through support from Evans Petroleum, with between 35,000 and 40,000 of the postcards having been provided through local cafes, B&Bs and other local businesses over the years.

Various South Gippsland Shire Council grants have also assisted the Friends group.

While visitation to Agnes Falls hit stunning numbers following the pandemic, attracting 44,000 visits in a single year, this year's figures sit at a healthy 28,000.

Parks Victoria installed visitor-counting technology about eight years ago.

In good news, FoAF now has a committee in place having overcome initial challenges to achieve that requirement since its recent AGM, with a subsequent meeting proving successful.

New president Shannon Roelink has taken over from Matt Sherry.

Enthusiastic committee member, Kathy Whelan, is secretary, treasurer, publicity person and Facebook administrator for the Friends group.

Membership of the Friends group costs just \$10 per year.

If you are interested in joining FoAF or learning more, email friendsofagnesfalls@gmail.com or call Kathy on 0419 344 867.

Charity night raises funds for vital cancer care equipment

THE INVERLOCH Fundraising Auxiliary – Bass Coast Health organised a dinner and auction attended by 110 guests at the Inverloch Community Hub last Saturday evening.

The patrons enjoyed excellent food, fine wines and local beer while being entertained by local musicians Jan and Tonic Duo, who generously donated their services for the function.

In addition to the music, the crowd was treated to a fast moving humorous auction of collectibles and art works conducted by volunteer auctioneers Alan Bolding and Lewis Stone.

The items up for auction were kindly donated to the Auxiliary from the deceased estate of ex-Inverloch resident Ron Stone and were headlined by many wood carvings and model ships constructed by Ron himself, along with a number of appealing art works.

Bidding for the items was competitive and frenetic at times, with many attracting higher than expected prices.

In addition, a raffle of a unique wood and stained glass sculpture created and donated by local artist Jan Dawes was enthusiastically received.

With the support and generosity of the large crowd, the function raised in excess of



The Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary Bass Coast Health raised in excess of \$6000 for the L Rigby Cancer Care Centre at Wonthaggi at a recent dinner and auction evening.

\$6000.

The L Rigby Cancer Care Centre at Wonthaggi is a wonderful facility that allows many local cancer patients access to surgery and specialised treatment regimens without the need to travel outside the region.

A highlight of the evening was the screening of an interview with local cancer patient, Willie. She outlined her treatment at the Centre, the excellence of the staff, and the high standard of specialist services and equipment.

In particular, Willie emphasised the importance and positive impact of having a local facility that did not require

her to travel long distances before and after exhaustive treatment sessions.

Bass Coast Health CEO, Jan Child, informed the patrons at the dinner that patients can consult oncologists from Alfred Health in Wonthaggi, undergo surgery, and receive chemotherapy and other infusions.

There are nine treatment chairs treating an average of 300 patients a month – and that number is continuously growing, along with the range of services offered.

Auxiliary President, Gerry Surridge, expressed his thanks to the members of the Auxiliary for all their planning

and time in getting the function off the ground.

He also was keen to acknowledge the many other volunteers who selflessly assisted in a variety of roles to make the night a success.

Finally, the Auxiliary expressed a debt of gratitude to the community minded people who attended on the night and so generously participated in the fundraising activities and social interaction.

The support of the Inverloch community to such events is a phenomenon that is indicative of features that contribute to Bass Coast being such a great place to call home or to visit.



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Cardiology team with another regional first for Gippsland

LATROBE Regional Health (LRH) Cardiology Services is the first regional hospital in Australia to use a new generation of cardiac imaging. The Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) machine provides cardiologists with a much clearer vision of a patient's arteries.

"This means that patient outcomes are improved by close to 20-30 per cent as it allows us to be much more precise when we insert a stent," LRH Cardiology Director Dr Derek Pol said.

Historically, cardiologists relied on black and white, 2D imagery to deploy stents within the artery.

"This new imagery is much more advanced, giving us a view inside the artery in both colour and 3D, meaning we can see much more clearly the space we are working in and tailor the stent to suit the patient's anatomy," Dr Pol said.

The OCT machine is one of a number of advances and milestones for the unit over recent months.

"We've passed the 1000 coronary angiogram procedure mark a couple of months ago, held Gippsland's first Cardiac Coronary Conference in October, performed a number of more complex stenting procedures for the first time and now become the first hospital in regional Australia to use OCT with the updated second-generation catheter. All of these



Dr Derek Pol (far right) and members of the cardiac cath lab team with the new OCT imager.

events underline LRH's determination to provide the best possible care for the residents of Gippsland," Dr Pol said.

Before the Cardiac Cath Lab was opened in 2018, LRH only provided basic diagnostic input for people with heart conditions.

"Over the last five years, we've moved from solely diagnosing the problem to not only treating issues but also being at the leading edge of the type of services we can offer. Prior to 2018 a patient would have to go to Melbourne for these

services. Now they can get this closer to home, meaning less travel, less stress, less disconnection from family and friends and significantly better outcomes in terms of recovery."

Gippsland has higher than average numbers when it comes to both heart disease and deaths due to heart disease.

"We are certainly over represented when it comes to heart conditions in Gippsland and while a lot of that can be changed with more emphasis

on diet and exercise, the LRH cardiology service is expanding to meet the need that is obviously present.

"In 2024 we are opening an acute cardiac service for patients experiencing a major heart attack. Again, this will allow people to receive local treatment rather than being cared for in a Melbourne hospital. We know that a local response equals better outcomes for the majority of patients, allowing them to be treated and return home quicker and healthier," Dr Pol said.

Prostate checks are simpler than you think

SCREENING for prostate cancer is a lot simpler than it used to be and it all starts with talking about risk factors with a doctor.

Six GP clinics across Gippsland are getting the conversation started to mark 'November', the international campaign raising awareness about men's physical and mental health. The clinics in Wonthaggi, Drouin, Traralgon and Sale have offered to bulk bill one prostate screening appointment for each patient who mentions the November campaign during November.

The screening opportunity is being supported by the Gippsland Primary Health Network (GPHN) and promoted by Latrobe Regional Health (LRH) which is putting men's health under the spotlight as part of November.

Gippsland Primary Health Network Acting Chief Executive Officer, Angela Jacob, said avoidable cancer death rates (average per 100,000 people) in Gippsland were at 35.9 per cent, significantly higher than Victoria at 28.2 per cent and Australia at 28.8 per cent.

"It is important to raise awareness of the importance of screening for cancer, especially prostate cancer for men," Mrs Jacob said. "Finding cancer at an early stage increases the chances of successful treatment and improved survival. I encourage all men to talk about having a prostate check with their trusted GP or nurse."

LRH Information and Communications Technology Manager, William Buckley was the first to take up the invitation for prostate screening with Dr Tunji Onibokun from Mercy Family Medical Clinic in Traralgon.

"It was a lot easier than I thought it would be. After having a blood pressure check, we talked about my health generally and assessed any risks such as my family history with cancer and my age," William said.

If you don't have a regular GP, consider making a prostate screening appointment at:

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Inverloch's feast turns it on



Esme and Sean Main were enjoying the music and sampling some of the great local fare on offer at the Food and Wine Festival at Inverloch.



Jimmy, Sebastian and Aimee were having fun catching up with friends and trying different goods from local producers.



Ellie-jade Kelly with partner Bradley and Jasper Nicholls enjoyed an afternoon of great food and great weather at the Food and Wine Festival Inverloch.

WHAT a day, what an evening it turned out to be at the culinary climax of Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Regional Edition, the Village Feast, in the Glade at Inverloch last Saturday.

With a great lineup of music all day, cooking workshops and demonstrations by acclaimed chefs of the calibre of the 'Cook Up' host Adam Liaw and some amazing food and wine, with Gippsland produce at the forefront, no wonder it was a sold out affair.

And didn't Bass Coast and South Gippsland food, wine and other beverage producers put their best foot forward.

There were seven festival bars, run by leading producers Patrick Sullivan and William Downie, Momento Mori and Bandicoot Run, Dirty Three Wines, Sailors Grave, Good Land Brewing, Gurneys Cider and Loch Brewery and Distillery, and if that wasn't enough there were another 14 top-drawer winemakers offering free tastings at the Wine Gippsland Cellar; including the likes Bass River and Harman Wines.

But, without a doubt, it's the weather that really makes a day like that and it was absolutely ideal.

Just right early, a bit on the cooler side, but perfect for cruising around with a glass in hand and on the hunt for the tastiest of treats.

And then, as the afternoon turned into evening, the weather just got better, leaving visitors, locals and hosts wanting more.

What a great advertisement the day was for Bass Coast, South Gippsland and our incredible producers!

If the top Melbourne restaurants weren't out and about signing up some new local suppliers, they will certainly hear about it from their colleagues.

A great event, well planned and executed and didn't the visitors love it... let's do it again soon.



Friends from Berwick made the trip to Inverloch for the day to enjoy the culinary delights on offer and gain ideas from the cooking workshops at the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Inverloch.



Nicki Gardiner Paul Wright and Kerri McGrath had a fine time catching up with friends in the relaxed and vibrant atmosphere of the Food and Wine Festival.



Everyone flocked to the local fare which was the feature of the Village Feast in the Glade at Inverloch last Saturday.



Acclaimed cook and host of 'The Cook Up' program, Adam Liaw, chats with Nicole Harman of Harman wines at the Village Feast in Inverloch.

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Volunteers: we need you back in Gippsland

VOLUNTEERS are vital to not just our local community, but our local economy. According to Volunteering Victoria, the estimated value of volunteering within Victoria was over \$58 billion in 2019. However, recent reports suggest volunteer numbers are yet to return to pre-COVID levels.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said that while he understands the pandemic meant many volunteers stepped away from their roles, it is time for Gippslanders to get back to doing what they do best – helping make Gippsland the best place to live and work.

“As a member of Sale Rotary Club and Seaspray Surf Life Saving Club, I know first-hand the satisfaction you experience when you volunteer your time to better your community,” Mr O'Brien said.

“With SES Victoria recently reporting a “near decade low” number of volunteers and the recent cancellation of community events like the Meenyan Garlic Festival due to a lack of volunteers, it's clear that we need more Gippslanders to put their hand-up to help.

“Likewise we've seen operational volunteer firefighter numbers in the CFA fall by about 6000 statewide since 2015.

“If we want our community to be able to fully return to pre-COVID times, we need to ensure our volunteer numbers also return.”

According to Volunteering Victoria, those aged over 65 made up 78.9 per cent of our volunteers in 2019, an age group that was also cited as the most at-risk throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

“We need to work together to fill this gap and help our local schools, committees, sporting clubs, charities and emergency response services thrive again.

“I'm encouraging anyone who is in a position to do so, to consider donating their time and skills locally.”

Seeds of Renewal grants are back

ANZ and the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) have awarded \$250,000 in grants to 20 community groups and non-for-profit organisations through the ANZ Seeds of Renewal program.

The program, which is now in its 21st year, provides grants to community groups across remote, rural and regional Australia. The awarded funds will support projects that improve access to housing, financial wellbeing, and environmental sustainability.

ANZ General Manager, Strategic Delivery, Jenefer Stewart said: “During the past 21 years, Seeds of Renewal has helped more than 800 communities in remote and regional Australia to thrive, while promoting community vibrancy and sustainability.

“The program is something we are really proud of, and it was very pleasing to see a diverse mix of applications, all with strong alignment to the four focus areas; environmental sustainability, financial wellbeing, housing access and projects that assist local communities to thrive.”

FRRR CEO, Natalie Eggleton said: “Many Australians are presently facing uncertainty and environmental, financial, housing or wellbeing concerns. For people living outside of metro regions, practical support is harder to access and sustainable solutions require both committed funds and local people with the capacity to lead the change.

“Across remote, rural and regional Australia, local organisations continue to show up for their communities, to help address the critical needs of locals that would otherwise likely be unmet.”

Since 2003, ANZ Seeds of Renewal has awarded \$5.75 million to more than 800 community groups for approximately 900 projects.

Blooming beauty at 50th Rose Spectacular

THE 50th Leongatha Rose Spectacular lived up to its name with a glorious array of colours and varieties of roses and other blooms, and a stunning golden anniversary display created by former Dr-ouin florist Maureen Quigley, all showcased at the Dakers Centre.

It took time to settle on her design, having new ideas pop into her head every night, but Maureen chose to create a vision in two parts, the front section featuring yellow roses and representing a birthday cake, with the vibrant and mixed display behind evoking an image of fireworks.

The overall look was brought together with a balloon arch, while golden balloon numbers made it clear it was the 50th show.

While the yellow roses came from a local commercial grower, the others were from Ecuador in order to achieve the desired look, with foliage coming from Maureen's garden.

She used to be a regular entrant in the National Flower Show in Melbourne, winning six years running, and also took charge of floral displays at Government House for a couple of years.

Second-time exhibitor Mathew Thomas, of Leongatha, was already excited after discovering a couple of his roses had won first prizes, being beside himself when advised he had also been awarded the Champion Rose.

He had a simple explanation for his rose-growing motivation.

“I just like it,” Mathew said, adding he has 60 to 70 rose



Maureen Quigley created a spectacular 50th Birthday display for the Leongatha Rose Spectacular. A10_4723

plants at home.

“I'm so happy,” he declared before hearing of his biggest win.

Glenys Griggs, who opened this year's Rose Spectacular, has a background in judging and outlined the process behind choosing the Champion Rose.

“They get all the firsts in all the sections and they pick out the perfect rose, and that is a perfect rose; it's got to have the right form, be round and the centre nicely pointed,” she said, adding Mathew's entry is a well-deserved Champion Rose.

Splendid open garden weekend treat



Joan and Russell Spencer opened their magnificent Leongatha North garden over the weekend, with maple trees among the many highlights. A20_4723

IT WAS a weekend treat for those who love the outdoors, plants and art with pleasant conditions for the second South Gippsland Open Gardens Association event, visitors enjoying a trio of gardens including one attached to Rostrevor homestead at which a variety of art was showcased.

At Joan and Russell Spencer's Leongatha North home, people were greeted by a stunning well-established garden that appeared older than its 16 or so years, having previously been a paddock.

Grantville visitors Anne Cole, Carolyn Poynter and Sue Dunbar were delighted with what the garden has become.

“We've been saying ‘Oh wow’ all the way,” Sue said, with Carolyn praising the variety and colour, and the many maple trees a highlight.

“I'm a sucker for maples,” Joan said.

“We slowly built up the garden ad-hoc, no plan to it at all.”

The time she devotes to the huge area is evidence of her passion, taking three hours to mow the lawns, apart from tackling the more challenging gardening tasks.

While Russell plays his part,

to relish every year.

“You don't have to see a rose to get the feel,” Wanda said, declaring she'll be back next year.

The Leongatha Rose Show was originally run by a local RVIB auxiliary, then a committee, with the Leongatha Horticultural Society responsible for the event since 2017.

In her opening speech, Glenys spoke of the history of the Leongatha Rose Spectacular.

The first show was held in 1970 in Leongatha's old council chambers, with auxiliary ladies bringing roses for display, no judging, a small charge per floral entry and the public admitted for free.

However, donations were given and money raised went to the RVIB.

Vision Australia continues to benefit from the show and will again receive a donation this year, with funds also being directed towards a Lions Club vision-related project.

Following the success of the 1970 show, men were invited to enter roses the following year, entries becoming too plentiful for the original venue and soon prompting a shift to the Rose Spectacular's long-term Leongatha Memorial Hall home.

The show became a two-day event in 1997, having previously run for just a single day.

As attendees reflected on the event's history and enjoyed the colour and fragrance of this year's show, their stomachs weren't forgotten, the local Red Cross ladies on hand as they are every year with sandwiches, cakes, and for this scribe scrumptious Devonshire tea.



Jeremy Curtis, Mark Humphries, Linda Humphries (Rotary District Governor), Jolyon Dutton (President elect for Leongatha Rotary Club), Andrew Ross, Karen Argento, Julie Curtis, Leo Argento and David Leslie (President of Leongatha Rotary Club) at the 70th Birthday celebration for Leongatha Rotary Club. A16_4723

Leongatha Rotary parties for 70th Birthday

LEONGATHA Rotary Club chose to give the traditional dinner and speeches approach a miss on Saturday, celebrating the club's 70th Birthday with a music-themed party that included a band and music trivia at Meeniyar Town Hall.

The UpBeats played music from the 50s through to the 90s, with the band consisting mostly of Rotary members, and many attendees dressed to fit the musical theme, representing their favourite bands and performers.

Rock 'n Roll dancers further brightened the occasion from the moment they took to the floor twirling to 1950s numbers.

Leongatha Rotary Club was chartered on November 23, 1953, being the date it was recognised by Rotary International.

In addition to the music and trivia on Saturday, attendees heard snippets of the club's history from its current president David Leslie.

He spoke of the 1950s fundraising initiative in which members grew spuds on every piece of vacant land they could find, harvesting a whopping nine tons of potatoes to sell in 1957 alone.

The following decade a courtesies competition was held, with community members



Music-inspired characters abounded at Leongatha Rotary Club's 70th Birthday celebration, with this group taking a creative approach featuring the likes of Amy Housewine and Elton Bowie. A18_4723

voting on who had given them the best service in town, with Harold Loftus who worked at Edney's declared the winner.

In the 1980s, Leongatha Rotarians were entrusted by then Woorayl Shire Council with the responsible role of being street marshals for floats during parades.

Paddy's market was another former fundraising approach taken by the club, with local business operators gently persuaded to part with goods to be sold for a cause.

Garden parties and even land speculation were other ways the club generated money needed for local initiatives and those further afield.

Nowadays, Leongatha Rotary's second-hand furniture and bookstore in the town's old fire station is proving a tremendous success.

President David outlined the multiple benefits the store is providing.

"It prevents waste, provides inexpensive furnishings and is a good income stream to support charitable causes," he said.

He expressed the significance to him of belonging to Leongatha Rotary Club.

"I enjoy it and I'm proud to be part of it and also part of Rotary International which is on the verge of eliminating polio from the world," David

said of an organisation that runs many important programs.

Looking back, one of the early community-focused initiatives Leongatha Rotary Club took was the purchase of the old Leongatha hospital site to be turned into accommodation for the elderly, leading to the now Woorayl Lodge.

The Club is still an enthusiastic supporter of the Lodge, with some of the funds raised during the 70th Birthday celebrations going towards the planned Boags Road facility that will enable Woorayl Lodge to care for more people from the region.

Some of the money raised on Saturday is going towards the Meeniyar Community Cupboard that provides non-perishable goods for those in need and is located near the Meeniyar Community Garden.

While there was a fundraising element to the evening, the focus was on everyone in attendance having a great night, an objective that was undoubtedly accomplished.

Each table was given a band name, with rounds of trivia divided into musical eras.

The winning team claimed a trophy created by multi-talented artist Bob Hickman who is the drummer for The UpBeats.



Rotarian and past president Ray McCurrie shows just how to relax in a camp chair as Tour Local Auctioneer for the night Joanne takes in the bids. C05_4723

A community came together

WALLETS were at the ready as the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi hosted their dazzling Dinner Auction on Friday evening, November 17, at Wonthaggi Golf Club.

The Clubhouse came to life with the Rotary Club meticulously organising an event that would not only tantalise taste buds but also open hearts and wallets for a noble cause. The air was filled with laughter and friendly banter as over 80 auction items, generously donated by local businesses and individuals, were showcased for bidding.

The enthusiastic auctioneer, alongside some trusted local Rotarians, brought each item to life, regaling stories and features that turned every bid into a heartfelt contribution. From vouchers and weekend getaways to artworks, meat trays and tools, the eclectic array of items sparked fierce yet friendly bidding wars.

Amidst the excitement, guests were treated to a delectable three-course meal. The clinking of cutlery and murmurs of appreciation filled the room as friends, old and new, savoured the delicious offerings.

Over \$7000 was raised by attendees in the few short hours, a testament to the community's generosity and commitment to making a positive impact in the local community; when a community comes together, incredible things happen.

Inverloch legacy service

FORTY South Gippsland legacy widows, legatees, friends of legacy and RSL members attended a service and blessing for both a legacy plaque and "Legacy Rock" with an intricate mosaic logo celebrating 100 years of legacy, at the Inverloch RSL and Legacy Commemorative Garden in Inverloch cemetery.

One of the guest speakers and celebrant Sherine, the granddaughter of a WWII digger and legacy widow spoke of the effects the war had on her grandfather upon his return to family life while also explaining the affect it had on her grandmother and children as they continued to milk cows and run the farm.

"While the Veteran battled with migraines, side effects from malaria and skin cancers from the tropical sun in New Guinea for the rest of his life, he never once complained or spoke of his time during the war, preferring to protect his daughters..."

"These days it would probably be diagnosed as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), it just didn't have a name back in those days, let alone veterans receiving assistance. The servicemen and women just had to get on with life the best way they could."

After the passing of Sherine's grandfather, her grandmother Thelma moved to Inverloch where she was supported and offered opportunities by legacy. Home maintenance, social outings, morning teas and wonderful friendships were formed as she met other legacy widows who had either lost their husbands during the war or whose health had been affected by the ravages of war – finally, someone Thelma could speak to, who had also been through similar times.

As noted on the Legacy plaque in the Commemorative Garden.

"... Legacy salutes and supports these families whose lives, youthful dreams and ambitions have been forever changed, yet they continue to contribute to Australian culture and society. Lest We Forget."

Another successful year for the Inverloch VIEW Club

IT HAS been a busy year for members of the Inverloch VIEW Club celebrating 25 years of service to the local community through its support for the Smith Family educational program.

Recently, members took time out to enjoy a social occasion at Harman Wines' winery and vineyard a favourite venue with members.

As the year of celebration approaches its end Inverloch VIEW club members are able to reflect upon what has been another successful year of fund raising for the Smith Family's learning

and mentoring programs for disadvantaged students. The Smith Family's support can be life-changing for these students and at present the Inverloch VIEW club is directly supporting seven students.

If you wish to find out more about joining VIEW and how you can be part of a progressive organisation that supports a very worthwhile cause, contact the Inverloch VIEW Club President Heather on 0412 463 344, visit view.org.au or call 1800 805 366.

To sponsor a child visit thesmithfamily.com.au or call 1800 633 622.



Inverloch VIEW Club members recently enjoyed a day at Harman Wines.



Tessy Stalker has been named as the second kindest person in Australia after setting up and stocking the Wonthaggi Community Pantry since 2020.

Tessy, the second kindest person in Australia

TESSY Stalker, the founder of Wonthaggi Community Pantry has been named the second kindest person in Australia for 2023.

The award is a yearly gong on behalf of fashion label Black Pepper who look for the 'unsung heroes' in the community and recognise their contribution to society, the lives they've changed and to celebrate them for World Kindness Day on November 13.

Tessy was nominated by Leongatha local Adele Dunn for her work in setting up the Wonthaggi Community Food Pantry which offers free food, toiletries and essentials for people in need.

"I was not expecting it - I wasn't expecting the whole thing. I was just mind blown that somebody would choose me," said a very humble Tessy.

The Community Pantry was started in 2020 to help people doing it tough during COVID lockdowns.

Tessy witnessed the lines of people at Centrelink growing longer and longer, with an increasing number of individuals experiencing hardships, losing income and struggling to access government support.

"I started off just driving along the lines handing out water, chips and sandwiches to people in line because they'd been in those lines for hours."

As an owner of a cleaning business Tessy felt fortunate that she wasn't impacted financially by COVID and wanted to do more for the people she knew were hungry.

Tessy put a cupboard next to her letter box and stocked it with items of non-perishable food and posted a note on Facebook to let people know.

"It took a little bit for people to start using it. I guess they were embarrassed, but I kept it open 24 hours because I didn't want people to be embarrassed to use it," explained Tessy, who refilled the pantry every week or when it was low on food.

"Eventually I found that it was being used more and more and more, and now I have people lining up down the street to use it during the day."

Spending about \$400 a week to keep the pantry stocked and at times working two jobs in her cleaning business and in aged care, there were times when Tessy couldn't keep up with the demand and donations from members in the community helped.

After losing both of her parents and granddaughter in a 24 month period, Tess decided to extend her kindness even further.

"It was just me and my five daughters and I said guys, why don't we put on a great big Christmas for everybody that can't afford it."

In the first year 40 families attended and in the second, 60 families attended, this year 120 families are attending the free Christmas lunch.

Parents can choose toys for their children. A jumping castle, face painting, a petting zoo and waterslide will be there.

"It is just a fun day; everybody gets along well. It is just like a great big family lunch," Tess said.

While Tessy's unending kindness can't be matched by many, to help out, donations of food and presents can be dropped off to The Pantry at 25 Turner Street, North Wonthaggi and monetary donations can be made to Wonthaggi Community Pantry, BSB 067 733 ACC 1045 2223.



Maree Pascoe and Wombat Lyons. Maree was awarded leader of the year for her amazing volunteer service while managing personal health issues.



Bailey Webster of 1st Inverloch with his grandmother Ms S Watt. Bailey was one of two Scouts to be awarded Scout of the Year for his contribution to district events.

South Gippsland District Scouts recognises volunteers

RECENTLY at the Phillip Island Scout Hall, South Gippsland District Scouts Annual Reports and Presentations gathering was held, attended by 80 members of Scouting in Bass Coast and South Gippsland with members of the Wellington based 1st Yarram Scout group joining on Zoom.

Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath MP and South Gippsland Shire Councillor Scott Rae attended as VIPs representing the Community.

"This has been the first time the event has been held on Phillip Island and it was nice to bring all our Scouting community including many parents together in this part of our district which covers three local governments,

mostly South Gippsland Shire and Bass Coast Shire, but we are also home to 1st Yarram Scout group from the Wellington Shire," said Wombat Lyons - acting District Commissioner for South Gippsland.

"On the night, we learnt that Councillor Scott Rae who was the only local government representative with us has been a past member of Scouting."

Volunteers from the District team as well as youth members from various groups shared highlights of the Scouting year. 1st Inverloch Venturer Scout Charlie Ogden spoke on her travel to the New Zealand Venture where she undertook canyoning as an adventurous

activity. Charlie has been a recipient of the Queen Scout award during the year.

Youth members also spoke about the recent Cuboree event, the district camp called Camp Neon held at Gilwell Park and many weeknight activities they have enjoyed this year with cooking night featuring regularly.

A big part of the gathering was presenting awards:

- Coal Creek Venturers based at 2nd Korumburra were named Venturer Unit of the Year
- William Cook of 1st Yarram and Bailey Webster of 1st Inverloch were Scouts of the Year.
- Evelyn Shannon of Leongatha Scout Group was Joey Scout of the Year.

- Willow Rosen of 1st Inverloch was Cub Scout of the Year.

Colin Murray adult support at 1st Mirboo North was recognised for the many hours he supports scouting, and the connections he builds between the scout group and the CFA.

The Shirley Reeves OAM Good Housekeeping Award went to 1st Yarram and the Media Award to 1st Fish Creek, our smallest group in one of the smaller towns but doing great work on Facebook.

The big award of the night was Leader of the Year to Maree Pascoe, South Gippsland District Cub Scout Leader who battled cancer this year but maintained her volunteering.



Darcee from Grade 1 was very eager to be the 'I' in kind.



Frankie from Grade 2 was excited to perform an act of kindness for her teacher Mrs Grindy!

World Kindness Day at San Remo Primary School

ON November 13 it was World Kindness Day, which has always been an important day on the Respectful Relationship calendar for San Remo Primary School.

As part of the teaching and learning the students discussed and completed activities on how to be kind, what it means to be kind to others and themselves. They were exposed to the idea of the small acts of kindness having a domino

effect on the community - that one small thing can spread to the next person and then the next.

In the school garden a display has been installed to represent the students being the 'I' in kind and students really liked the idea and jumped at the chance to be in a photo.

Students were interviewed during lunchtime and were asked 'What would you do as a small act of kindness for

someone else or for yourself?'. Responses varied from giving someone a hug, to helping an elderly person across the road, to helping someone if they were hurt or crying. They also said that sometimes to be kind to ourselves we need to give ourselves some time out and even hug a tree to be kind to the environment.

During assembly a poem of kindness was read out as students sprinkled a little

kindness to the families in the audience. They received little treats with sayings on them. This really put a smile on the students and teachers faces and certainly did for the parents as well. Principle Karen Bower expressed her thanks to the student support leaders, Amy, Pat, and Asha for helping put together the assembly idea and making the treat packs.

"It sure does feel good being kind!"



Principal PA Katrina Lawrence slimed by the students at the Christmas fete. Z08_4723



'Sliming' Head of Middle School Geoff White. Z06_4723

Newhaven College School Fete a Huge Success

NEWHAVEN College has welcomed the re-establishment of the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) this year. It has been a busy year for this industrious team, bringing a positive and vibrant energy to the College community through a number of exciting events.

The Christmas College Fete, held on Friday, November 17, was a terrific way to wrap up the year. It was the first time in 25 years the College has held a school fete. What a terrific day it was, with perfect weather and a large turn out from the College and local community.

The rides were a huge success, especially with the younger children. The Star Lotto Raffle created a buzz, with incredible prizes on offer. Food and wine from local vendors were enjoyed by families who stayed to soak up the atmosphere.

Music performances by students of all ages boomed out from the sound stage for

everyone to enjoy, and the event was emceed by funny and talented Newhaven College Mum Natasha Crestani.

The highlight of the event, for many, was the 'sliming' of some of the College leadership team: Principal Tony Corr, Head of Junior School Ralph Arceo, Head of Middle School Geoff White, Principal PA Katrina Lawrence and the most 'slimey' attention was given to teacher and Head of Operations, Brett Torstonson.

Newhaven College thanks the PFA team, parent volunteers and staff for their tireless efforts to bring this incredible event together. Newhaven College's sense of community is enhanced by a strong support network, and events like these play a crucial role in fostering a sense of unity and pride among students, parents, and staff.

Congratulations to the Newhaven College PFA for a successful year of community team building and fundraising.



Enjoying the fun of the fete, Avia Scarlett, Abigail Birch and Zara Schnerring.

Newhaven College's VCE students exams are done!

NEWHAVEN College's Class of 2023 VCE students have completed their final exams and are ready for the next exciting episode of life. The students impressed their Year 12 teachers with their diligence and hard work over the past few weeks.

Principal, Mr Tony Corr expressed his appreciation for the 2023 VCE students' commitment to their exams.

"We are very pleased with the commitment and dedication our students have demonstrated towards their VCE examinations. In what is a stressful time our students approached their exams in a concerted way to give themselves the best chance of success. They have worked very hard and now have the opportunity for a well-deserved break", he said.

Newhaven College is proud of this year's Year 12 cohort and wishes them all the best with their results and plans for the future.



Theatre Studies students had the final exam for the year! Back, from left, Sabilla Prendergast, Sarah Stone, Art Oakley, Lucas White, Charlie Swan, Jonah Keys, Max Jobe, Esta Christensen. Front, from left, Kobey Carlson, and Sarah Hawking.

Submissions extended for State Education Inquiry

THE TIME period for submissions for the Inquiry into the State Education System has been extended to Friday December 15 by the Legal and Social Issues Committee.

The Inquiry has to date received over 220 submissions from students, teachers, families, and administrators outlining their experiences and concerns with the state education system.

At the time of the Inquiry's establishment there were nearly 1000 teaching jobs advertised by the Department of Education and many schools are struggling trying plug holes.

However, today's Herald Sun reported school staff shortages had now reached more than 2100, which includes 1200 teachers.

The Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) report found "the Department is not effectively protecting the health and wellbeing of its school principals".

The Inquiry established by The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath, will examine learning outcomes in state school Prep to Year 12 students, impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning and wellbeing, and importantly, the state of teaching profession including teacher retention.

Ms Bath, a former teacher said, "better supports for students and teachers need to be prioritised."

"My objective is to seek the best outcomes for student education and wellbeing and have an education system that is designed and resourced to let teachers teach and prevent burnout.

"I encourage Victorians, whether from the inside or as a parent to provide feedback to this Inquiry."

Submission can be made on the Parliament of Victoria's website - new.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/inquiries/stateeducationinquiry/submissions.

A report to parliament with findings and recommendations for government is due by June 25, 2024.

The next generation of Australian agricultural leaders

TO SUPPORT the future prosperity of Australian agriculture and rural communities, the 2024 AgriFutures Horizon Scholarship, which aims to support the next generation of industry leaders, is open for applications.

Created in collaboration with industry sponsors, the highly sought after AgriFutures Horizon Scholarship is designed to support full-time university students across Australia who are pursuing agriculture-related undergraduate degrees and STEM degrees with majors aligned to the industry.

The scholarship provides a \$5000 annual bursary for the final two years of the recipient's degree. It also offers opportunities for professional development, industry work placements, exclusive networking events, and participation in industry gatherings.

Previously, the Horizon Scholarship program was open to students in their first two years of tertiary studies, but that has changed for 2024 and is now available to students who are in their final years of study to better connect them with industry networks, providing momentum when entering the workforce.

Applications for the scholarship opened Monday, November 20, and will close Friday January 12, 2024.

For more information and to apply, visit agrifutures.com.au/opportunities/horizon-scholarship/.



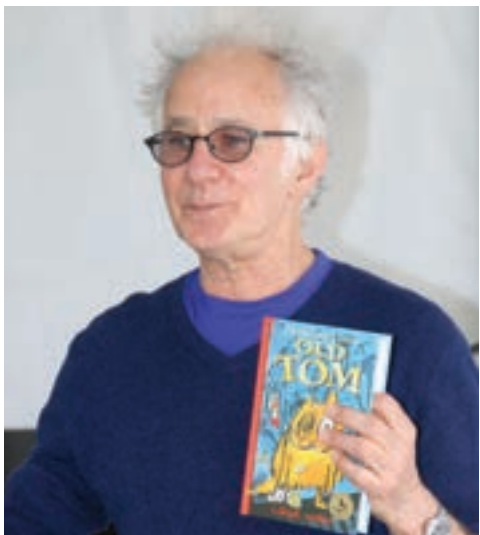
Children's author Gabrielle Wang revealed she edited her book 64 times before it was published at Fishy Stories. tk02_4723



Troy Larkin performing one of the entries in the writing challenge at Fishy Stories. tk05_4723



Alison Lester explained the ideas for her children's books during a workshop at Fishy Stories. tk04_4723



Author Leigh Hobbs delighted children during his workshop at Fishy Stories. tk08_4723



Andrea Rowe, Cassy Polimeni, Gabrielle Bassett, Megan Middleton and Stephanie Taylor worked on illustrations with Alison Lester at Fishy Stories. tk06_4723

Fishy Stories delight

FISHY Stories captivated children in Fish Creek over the weekend.

The Festival of Stories ran over two days for the first time, attracting many families and encouraging children to explore the wonders of their imaginations.

"The children seemed to be very engaged and excited. They loved everything that was available to them," volunteer Maureen Marks said.

"It was great to see a lot of involvement from the parents as well."

Maureen ran the My Stories tent and was thrilled to facilitate the development of many wonderful stories written by children on the day.

At the time of printing, the attendance count had not been finalised.

However, it is estimated 1000 people attended the festival on Saturday, and 1500 on Sunday.

"Our initial survey says that around a third of those who attended the festival had never been to Fish Creek before. It was a wonderful success," organiser Mark Avery said.

The festival also offered opportunities to hear from guest speakers – including three Children's Laureates Leigh Hobbs, Alison Lester and Gabrielle Wang – participate in workshops, create masterpieces and enjoy a love of literature.

The writing challenge garnered more than 700 entries, with some of those stories performed by Lou Endicott and Troy Larkin at the festival.

Twenty stories were chosen to be performed, including an entry from a child from Sydney, who travelled to Fish Creek with family to participate in the festival.

"It has such an impact on children to hear their stories performed. They get to see their imagination and creativity validated and loved," Mark said.

Performers also delighted festivalgoers in the Fish Creek Memorial Hall throughout the weekend.

"There was a lot of energy from the community. The team of organisers led by Mark Avery did a marvellous job putting it all together, seemingly effortlessly," Maureen said.

"The joy of writing is on top of my list, and I love helping children capture their imaginations through their stories. I want this festival to go on forever."



Martha Dunemann, Hilary Sullivan and Beth Milkins from Korumburra bookshop The Hare and Tortoise Books had a stall set up at Fishy Stories over the weekend, selling books exclusively from authors featured at the festival. tk01_4723



Erin and Eloise Ester from Mount Beauty met children's author Alison Lester at Fishy Stories on Saturday. tk03_4723



Claudia Rubinstein welcomed festivalgoers into her enchanting Imaginarium at Fishy Stories. tk07_4723

Island full of stories

WHEN satirist John Clarke died, in April 2017, many people mourned his passing and a few offered to write his story, prompting his daughter, Lorin Clarke, to ask 'why not me?'

The result was a memoir and biography entitled 'Would that be funny – Growing Up With John Clarke', published in August 2023 and featured at the Phillip Island's Festival of Stories last Saturday.

Lorin provided those who attended the event at the new Berninnet cultural centre in Cowes with a personal insight into the writing of the book, her wonderful relationship with her father and, also, his love of Phillip Island.

One of the things John was excited about, she said, was the majesty and beauty of the Island's white-bellied Sea-Eagles, the second largest raptor found in Australia.

"He knew where they hung out, where they would fly and the things they did," said Ms Clarke, and he had a lot of pleasure telling us about it.

"When we were out planting trees one day (as a tribute to John shortly after his death), mum called out for us to look up and there, circling high above us were two sea eagles.

"I remember dad saying to me, when I caught sight of me taking a photo of some trees near home, with the light just right in the evening: "Why would you live anywhere else?"

The day started with a smoking ceremony in the rear court yard by Uncle Steve Ulula Parker and a 'Deep Listening and Truth-Telling Panel'



Author and podcaster Lorin Clarke signs a copy of her book 'Would that be funny – Growing Up With John Clarke' for Jean Verwey of Ventnor at the Phillip Island Festival of Stories last Saturday.

featuring Darug artist Daniel Church, Auntie Fay Stewart-Muir, and Uncle Steve hosted by Dr Laura Brearley, an intercultural and environmental arts specialist.

After Lorin, there were several breakout sessions after lunch and later, the Penguin Foundation and Puffin Books, launched its co-produced

book, The Littlest Penguin, a fun publication, raising money for the conservation work of Phillip Island Nature Parks which would make a great Christmas gift.

Brian Nankervis, with special guest Jane Clifton, featured in the new auditorium in the evening.

The event was presented by

the Island Story Gatherers in partnership with Bass Coast Council, under the theme of 'Everyone has a story' and so it proved to be with new Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve reading out one of her own poems, incorporating some of the sentiments she relies on to motivate herself in public life.



Daughter of satirist the late John Clarke, author Lorin Clarke, had a story about a now-famous rubbish tip for former Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan.

All about roads, rates and rubbish

EVEN when he was back on 'Civvy Street' at the weekend, after finishing his two-year stint as Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan couldn't get away from staples of local government.

While attending the Phillip Island 'Festival Of Stories' on Saturday he put a question to author Lorin Clarke, daughter of former ABC satirist John Clarke, which prompted a funny story that might not have ended up that way without the rapier wit of the late Island resident.

Clarke, who was born in Palmerston North in 1948, received a desperate phone call in 2006 from a long-time friend, the Palmerston North Mayor Heather Tanguay, who was engaged in a war of words with English funny man, John Cleese, of Monty Python fame.

Cleese had complained, in a podcast about his 2005 performance tour to the New Zealand city, that he'd had "such a bloody miserable time" there, in a little hotel, with nasty weather, in a poor theatre and with a "very strange" audience that it left only one option.

"If you ever do want to kill yourself but lack the courage, I think a visit to Palmerston North will do the trick."

Mayor Tanguay was at a loss about how to combat the potential, a serious potential, that Palmerston North might become the suicide capital of New Zealand.

"What can we do," Lorin Clarke relayed from her father's conversation with Cr Tanguay.

"What do you know about your powers with the local laws?" Mr Clarke is said to have inquired.

"Would you be able to rename the Palmerston North tip 'The John Cleese Memorial Tip'?"

And so it transpired. The Palmerston North Tip was renamed 'Mt Cleese Tip' and a sign at the city's waste facility carries a credit to a favourite son, via John Clarke's alter ego, Fredrick Dagg Esq.

If this story creates issue for you contact Lifeline 24/7 on 13 11 14.

First Berninnet gig a success

THE first properly paid gig at the new Cowes cultural centre, Berninnet, last Friday night, was a roaring success.

Egyptian-born comedian, actor and author, Akmal Saleh, packed in about 230 people for what many have reported as an hilariously funny night.

Thereafter followed the Phillip Island Festival of Stories on Saturday, which despite the calibre of talent, including the ABC's Brian Nankervis and Jane Clifton, plus an array of authors was only a measured success.



Bass Coast Shire Council mayor Cr Clare Le Serve, Island Story Gatherers president Lois Gaskin, Phillip Island Festival of Stories and Myli Waterline's Rowanne Grinsted, barrister and author Darren Mort, deputy mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, and author and screenwriter Andrew Pentland at the Festival of Stories – Words and Music event at La Provincia.

Words and music celebrated at La Provincia

MYLI Waterline presented Festival of Stories – Words and Music at Corinella's La Provincia on Sunday.

A continuation of the festivities following the Phillip Island Festival of Stories, the event featured presentations from barrister turned author Darren Mort and a performance of words by author and screenwriter Andrew Pentland, as well as music from Jessica Geyer.

The event was well attended. "I'm absolutely thrilled. I recognised a few people who

came to the festival in Cowes, which was wonderful to see," president of the Island Story Gatherers Lois Gaskin said.

"We heard a lot of rich, wonderful stories, which is what we are all about. There was such a wide variety, and I think people really appreciated that."

Phillip Island Festival of Stories and Myli Waterline representative Rowanne Grinsted said she was thankful for the support of Bass Coast Shire Council, with Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve and Deputy Mayor Cr

Rochelle Halstead attending the event at La Provincia.

"Council has backed us to extend the Phillip Island Festival of Stories to involve the Waterline community," she said.

"We want to see it grow and we want to see the whole of the Bass Coast getting involved."

Myli Waterline is also calling for its own standalone library to for its community.

"The problem we have at Waterline is our library is too small. We totally rely on the generosity of the community to put this event on," she said.

La Provincia generously donated the use of its venue to the festival, with a cost of \$25 per attendee for tapas.

"In showing council this turn out and the quality of speakers we have, they can see there's a cultural environment here that needs a library," Rowanne said.

"Going forward, we need council to keep giving us grants until we have a place where we can hold these events."

Currently, the Waterline community has a small library located at the Grantville Transaction Centre.

Sentinel-Times COMMENT

Messy mayor transition points to trouble

MOST people couldn't give two hoots about what their local council is doing so long as their rates don't go up too much, the bins get picked up and they get a reasonable response when they apply for a planning permit or engage in some other council service.

And they're looking for improvement from their councils in many of those areas as identified in the annual Community Satisfaction Survey.

As we know, cost of living pressure is the main issue for many of us, and things like childcare, housing, access to health care and services that directly impact quality of life are front of mind.

But people do get concerned when political pressure is being brought to bear on their local council, taking interest and effort away from the core role of council "to provide services for the benefit and wellbeing of our communities" as seems to be happening at Bass Coast.

The fact that all is not well was underscored during the election of a new Bass Coast Mayor last Wednesday.

While there is nothing wrong with interest groups outside the council, clearly with sympathetic supporters on the council, from applying political pressure to ensure that their particular issue gets the prominence they think it deserves, it's up to the council as a whole to recognise where such things as action on climate change, reconciliation, and social engineering fits into the broader role of council as expressed in the Council Plan 2021-25.

Here you will find emphasis placed on council activities and services which "improve the lives for everyone" - setting the overall direction for our municipality through long-term planning, service delivery, law-making, policy development and enforcement, maintaining the viability of Council, advocacy and representing our community on matters of concern.

But during Cr Michael Whelan's term as mayor, the issues around action on climate change, reconciliation, and social engineering including "preventing family violence" (if that's even a core role of council) received a lot of prominence, more some would say, than the three Rs of local government rates, roads and rubbish, as well as the other core responsibilities of council, and "the importance of transparent and accountable leadership".

However, if councils don't get the balance right between having a social conscience and managing the core responsibilities of council, a day of reckoning on that score is coming - in October 2024.

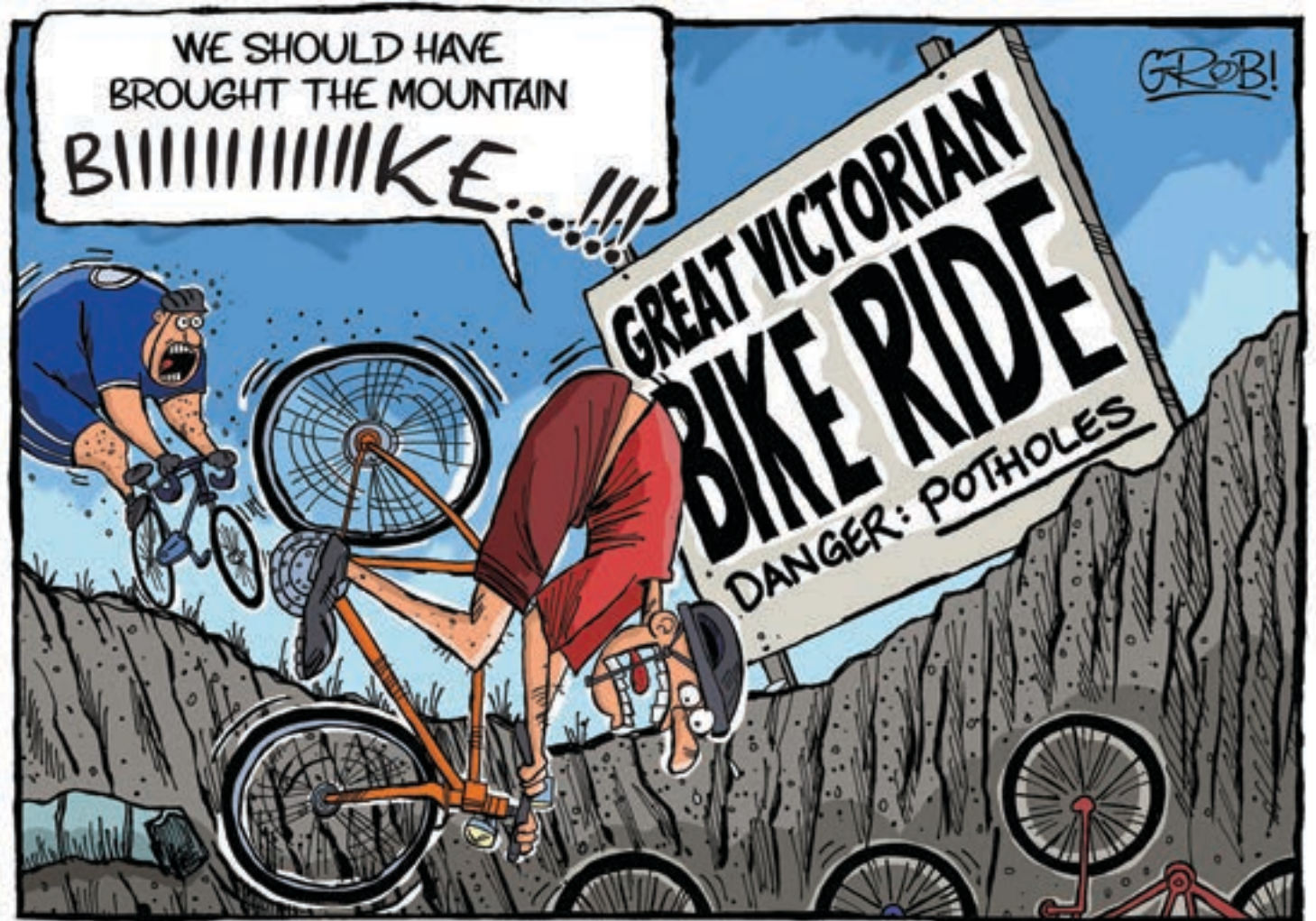
Fonterra working with farmers

I'VE just read an article saying Fonterra will "be working with farmers to achieve a 30 per cent emissions reduction target."

As if dairy farmers don't already have enough on their plates.

Fonterra seem to be blaming customer demands. Well as a customer/consumer I want to buy products free from the climate change farce demands and hope that dairy farmers will look to supply companies other than Fonterra.

Steve Finlay, Leongatha



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grob' Robinson.

Broadbent resigns from the Liberal Party

ON Tuesday November 14 I resigned from the Liberal Party and joined the crossbench as an Independent where I'll continue to represent the people of Monash until the next election.

As I have stated in the media over the past few days, I remain a Liberal at heart and my values have not changed.

I want to reassure my constituents that moving to the crossbench in no way affects my commitment and capacity to represent them. I have strong and genuine relationships with Members of Parliament and Ministers across all sides of politics and I will be well-placed to continue speaking up on issues that are important to my constituents and our region. That hasn't changed - it is business as usual in my office.

It has been an honour to stand in the parliament as the Liberal member for Monash and I sincerely thank those who elected me to represent them.

Russell Broadbent MP, Federal Member for Monash

Turning your coat

I HAVE always voiced my opinion that the community and councillors have the right to freedom of expression. But what I witnessed at last Wednesday's Bass Coast Council meeting reminded me of the last supper, where Judas betrayed Christ.

I feel for Cr Hallstead for being betrayed by Cr Ellis. He nominated her for mayor and when it came to the vote did a backflip.

I always believed Cr Ellis was a councillor of integrity but his backflip showed his true colours and, in my opinion, he is not worthy of representing the ratepayers of the Waterline Ward and should resign his position as our ward councillor. Politics may be accepted in Government cycles but why should we allow it in council matters. We don't have a say in who should be mayor but our representatives should be aware of our community feelings before they commit to a vote, not as shown at this meeting.

John Trigt, Surf Beach

You can't do that Geoff!

WHAT happened at the (Bass Coast) mayoral election was unbelievable. For Cr Geoff Ellis to nominate Cr Rochelle Halstead

for mayor, and then to vote against her in the election was unfathomable.

According to Bass Coast Councillor Code of Conduct adopted on February 17, 2021: Page 4. Standards of Conduct: A Councillor must, in performing the role of a Councillor, treat other Councillors, members of Council staff, the municipal community and members of the public with dignity, fairness, objectivity, courtesy and respect (Cr Ellis failed).

Page 5 (2). In performing the role of a Councillor, a Councillor must not deliberately mislead the Council or the public about any matter related to the performance of their public duties (Cr Ellis failed).

And those who unduly pressured Geoff Ellis, as confided to me by Geoff on November 11, at the Remembrance Service in Grantville, should also be condemned. It would appear that they've got their way but there is also a conflict of interest here, which should have been declared.

Something caused Cr Ellis to change his mind, and the matter should be investigated. There is no integrity or transparency and accountability as required by regulators and expected by ratepayers.

Rob Parsons, The Gurdies

Time to move on

THE results of the ratepayers vote on the Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach special charge scheme are done and dusted. 53 per cent no, 13 per cent yes and 33 per cent didn't vote. I think that's called emphatic.

Over the last two years, the Say No group, representing 80 per cent plus of the voters in the suburbs concerned, have fought an honest, democratic and ultimately successful campaign resulting in a victory for the majority. During this period the Say No group was demonised by proponents of the scheme on all fronts. Door knocking, petitions, letters to the editor and so on, were deemed inappropriate and undemocratic very vocally by the yes supporters. So, the "Failed No Group", as some yes proponents gleefully chose to call us, simply stayed the course and fairly and democratically won. Now the yes group refuses to accept the result of this democratic process. Predictably and unsurprisingly, BCSC and its newly elected Mayor, has continued to provide yes proponents with hope and public support for this overwhelmingly rejected scheme. Simply put, it's time for all concerned, including you, Bass Coast Shire councillors, to move on. The people have spoken.

Ross Bencraft, Surf Beach *Letter cut

Vox Pop

What's your hottest tip for Christmas presents this year?



Gary Parsons

"I usually buy for my grandsons each year and my best bet is to give them money because they are all diverse in what they like."



Rosemarie Henderson

"I find I like to purchase Lego for the young grandchildren, because they can always add to it to create something new."



Irene Carter

"My family are all older now, so I like to give them gift cards so they can choose something for themselves."



Ronnie Rhodes

"We will have a family Christmas this year and I like to give money to the teenagers because they all have their own ideas."

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.



Holding three of Lynne's creations are Michelle Ward, Lynne Gower, Debbie Williams and Aileen Vening.

For families in need

LOCAL Plastic Free Bass Coast sewing group members Lynne Gower and Lois Dwyer have been busy making play mats and other items such as pencil cases and toiletry bags for St Kilda mums.

All the fabric they use to make these beautiful items is recycled or scraps left over from other sewing projects.

St Kilda Mums began in 2009 when a group of mums

in St Kilda took home baby items that had been donated to their local Maternal Nurse. They sorted, washed and bundled the clothes and gave them to a social worker to pass on to families in need.

As the numbers of donations and volunteers grew, St Kilda Mums moved the next year from their front verandahs and garages to a warehouse in St Kilda and

in 2019 to larger premises in Clayton.

With branches in Geelong and Ballarat, they aim to reach every child who needs support in Victoria and re-home repaired and cleaned prams, cots and clothing as well as making up book bags, toy bags, toiletries and everything to support families in need in caring for their children.

Plastic Free Bass Coast began about eight years ago making boomerang bags. Since then they've made and distributed about 14,000 bags to replace plastic shopping bags. They have also made scrubs for the Wonthaggi Medical Group during COVID, draft stoppers and knee blankets for Cosy Homes, and pouches for injured wildlife.



NIGHT photographers were treated to an amazing Aurora Australis display recently. Anna Carson (Seabrae Photos on Facebook and Instagram) captured this photo from Kilcunda at 1.20am Monday, November 6.

• FAITH FACTOR

A Christmas Wish

By Reverend Wendy Elson

AS WE come to the end of the year and look toward Christmas, I expect we will be singing those old songs. The Carols we sing are a wonderful mixture of children's fun songs and the lovely old hymns. Snow features in many of them of course, and so does tinsel and reindeers and even Holden Utes. Many of the old hymns are from a British heritage and so snow is part of that. Not sure what the original stable scene looked like, but snow does not get a mention (and actually neither does a donkey!). Each year the glamorous Christmas Carol events get a good viewing and people have a good singalong.

This year we will sing of Bethlehem and peace and silent nights and Jerusalem and probably not think too much about the irony. And yet, the pain and suffering of those in Gaza and Israel is so very prominent. Perhaps as we sing, we will spare a thought and a prayer for those in that area whose lives will not know "Peace on Earth and Good Will to all". The suffering, and grief, and loss, caused by the conflict there allows for very little thought of Peace, except as a distant longing.

Perhaps as you sing you will think of other babes in makeshift cradles and bleak conditions. Perhaps you will think of mothers and fathers fleeing their painful circumstances being followed by "kings" in power who wish to harm their children. Perhaps you will think of shepherds and tradespeople with no place but out in the open to sleep. Perhaps, like many of us, you will long for war to cease and weapons to be made into farming implements as the Old Writings describe. And perhaps you will think on the love we were commanded to share with one another, the compassion with which we must treat our enemies. 'Merry Christmas' is not a term I will use this year, but Peace on Earth is still the desire of my heart. Wise Men and Women still seek this child who was born to stand up to systems of power and to cherish the "little ones", the lonely, the grieving and the vulnerable.

So, as our year becomes a whirlwind prior to Christmas, and then changes pace over the summer, my constant prayer is: "Let there be Peace on Earth, and let it begin with me".

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

MID November! Programs here at WNC are travelling along well. Our program of activities is as popular as ever with regulars such as the Chess Club, Seated Yoga and other health and well-being programs being regularly well attended. A great success story this year has been the Bass Coast Parkinson's Support Group. The next meeting will be on December 8 and the group plans to continue in 2024.

Another success this year has been the Renters' Rights program. Sessions are organised by the Housing Matters Group and held at Mitchell House. The final Renters'

Rights session for 2023 is 3pm - 4.30pm on December 14. If you'd like to book an appointment with the visiting Gippsland Community Legal Service lawyers for free, confidential advice regarding your rights as a tenant, just call Mitchell House on 5672 3731.

Once again WNC is participating in the United Nations 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. Bass Coast Shire Council 'Free from Violence' project and 'Big Respect Gippsland' in conjunction with artist PollyannaR are running pop up photobooths across Gippsland

during the 16 days, with the Wonthaggi booth popping up in Apex Park on December 5 from 1pm - 4pm. The question we'll be addressing is "What does respect mean to you?"

The booth in Apex Park is not too far from Mitchell House, and all you need do is have your picture taken with a sign with a message of what respect means to you. You will receive a print-out to take away (maybe to put on your fridge?) and a digital copy will be uploaded to the PollyannaR facebook page.

As we head towards the holiday season, WNC programs

will start to wind down for 2023. We'll keep you updated, but a key date to note is Wednesday December 13 which will be our Christmas Community Lunch. We had a big turn out and great time last year so make sure to save the date...

Don't forget to check out our website wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com/ for copies of our latest program and Connections newsletter.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

COMING up this Friday is the final Construction Induction (White Card) course for the year.

The White Card is the health and safety ticket required to enter any building or construction site in any capacity, whether you're a builder, apprentice, architect, or even caterer. It's perfect for any school leaver looking for some labouring work over the holidays, and also essential for owner-builders.

Also coming up this week is the First Aid Level II Update course for holders of a current or recently expired First Aid certificate.

It is recommended that CPR is updated every 12 months, and the First Aid Level II needs to be updated every

three years. You can do both this Friday.

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

■ **WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN**

THE garden's more than 30 plots are an ever-changing mix of plants, growing methods, gardening styles and gardeners.

They represent a range of growers' preferences from the purists - vegies only in tidy formation - to the informal and relaxed, where all sorts of edibles and pollinators intermingling with a weed or two!

Garden member Caylie is leaving her two plots soon. She has brought a youthful

energy and creativity to her gardening, combined with a determined and disciplined approach to getting good harvests every season.

Another member, who moved on recently, let flowers dominate this year. She leaves behind a full plot of perennial blooms and plants such as rhubarb and rosemary.

Whatever the approach, the main aim for the community gardeners is to grow food plants for the table.

If this sounds like a good idea to you please contact tgordon@westnet.com.au for more information. Or you can visit and chat to volunteers on a Thursday between 10 and noon. Plots are becoming available and new growers and helpers are very welcome.

■ **WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS**

THE Woodies recently had a welcome donation of timber including some redgum, silky oak, Baltic pine, and hardwood floorboards.

The bulk of it will be used by the furniture making group, and for making boxes. Used building timber makes for great material because it is already well dried so there's no risk of any shrinkage.

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



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More comprehensive safety rating system for used cars

Victorians are being urged to prioritise safety when buying a used car with the release of this year's Used Car Safety Ratings helping to save lives.

For the first time, safety ratings have considered a vehicle's level of protection for other road users and the presence of crash avoidance features, such as autonomous emergency braking, lane keep assist and reversing sensors and cameras.

Previously, the ratings only included the protection a vehicle provided its driver. This has been changed to encourage people to consider more than just crash protection and their own safety when choosing a car.

This year, 518 vehicle models received a star rating out of five for driver protection, a vehicle's ability to keep other road users safe, and its capacity to prevent a crash through included collision avoidance technologies.

The new focus on protection levels for other road users has resulted in a reduction in overall safety ratings for some larger dual cab utilities, while medium SUVs were the safest vehicles overall.

Of the drivers and passengers who have died on Victoria's roads this year, more than half were travelling in vehicles aged 10 years or more.

Monash University Accident Research Centre calculated the ratings by analysing more than nine million vehicles and 2.5 million injured road users involved in police-reported road crashes across Australia and New Zealand between 1987 and 2021.

The TAC's How Safe is Your Car website has all the new ratings. People in the market for a new or used car can visit howsafeisyourcar.com.au

How fast are you really going?

HAVE you ever noticed that sometimes the display on your vehicle's speedometer is different from the speed show on the navigation app on your phone?

You're not alone, and it's all to do with ADRs.

The Australian Design Rules (ADRs) – set by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts – are the national standards for road safety and specify how a car should be designed and made fit for purpose when sold in Australia.

According to the ADRs, car manufacturers are prohibited from under-reporting a vehicle's speed.

As a result, vehicle manufacturers often calibrate the speedometers at the factory so that it reads above the actual real speed of the car.

Road safety expert Emeritus Professor Michael Regan said most manufacturers do this to avoid any chance whatsoever the car might be travelling at a speed that is higher than the reading on the dashboard.

Many drivers use mobile navigation apps, which also measure and display the speed being travelled within the interface.

Unlike the speedometer, these apps take advantage of global positioning satellite (GPS) technology to calculate speed by determining the time taken to travel a given distance.

As a result, the GPS speed is often hailed as more accurate than the car's speedo.

KSC students learn valuable road lessons

ROAD trauma has unfortunately impacted the Korumburra Secondary College (KSC) community, with students in Years 10 and 11 participating in a road safety education program at Korumburra Showgrounds on Thursday, equipping them with knowledge needed to maximise their safety on the road.

RYDA is a national road safety program for youth in Australia and New Zealand, with students undertaking six half hour sessions during the day.

While there were no gruesome TAC-style scenes, a makeshift dummy illustrated the frightening impact of a car striking a pedestrian at 30km/h.

Students learned that had driving instructor Axel Zebisch been travelling at 50km/h, he could have stopped in time to avoid hitting the 'pedestrian' but his speed of 60km/h was too fast to do so.

Program coordinator Anton Hockey explained that by the time you reach the last quarter of your stopping distance, you are still travelling at half your original speed.

Axel demonstrated the distance required to stop after reaching a fixed point, first from 40 km/h, then 60 km/h and finally 80 km/h.

"It took a lot longer than I would have thought to stop," Year 10 student Marty Cook said of the practical demonstration.

He was also interested to learn that a distraction of one second, such as glancing at a mobile phone, would mean you are driving blind for 17 metres if travelling at 60 km/h.

Anton told his young audience that when a driver is paying attention, the reaction time from the moment of seeing something amiss



Korumburra Secondary College students learn how to check tyres are in good condition. A04_4723

to acting is around a second and a half.

He stressed the importance of leaving a three-second gap to the vehicle in front to ensure sufficient time to stop should something unanticipated occur, noting that Axel's stopping distances were based on a situation in which he was prepared to brake at a marked point.

"If you increase your speed by half, you double your stopping distance and if you double your speed, you quadruple your stopping distance," Axel told the Sentinel-Times.

Anton ran students through car safety ratings and safety features, explaining primary safety features are those that help you avoid an accident, while secondary ones protect you in the event of an accident.

The session was engaging, students contributing to the discussion and learning about features such as lane-keeping technology, ABS, blind-spot protection, stability control and auto braking, as well as protective devices such as airbags and crumple zones.

Participants also learned how to check tyres are in good condition.

Another of the RYDA workshop sessions, 'Road Choices', involved discussion of key areas for young drivers and passengers aided by high impact videos on decision making and choices.

'Mind Matters' enables students to consider the role of mood as a road risk factor and develop strategies to recognise and change harmful mind states.

The 'Crash Investigators'

session lets them speak to a crash survivor and investigate crash factors, comparing them against the Safe System approach.

The "I" in Drive' component of the workshop involves students considering the impacts of personality on road risk, developing their ability to analyse risky situations and practise speaking up.

In 'Drive S.O.S.' participants learn to look at the road from the perspective of other road users by participating in engaging activities, gaining an understanding of people's challenges and learning how to 'Drive So Others Survive'.

Anton expressed his appreciation to the KSC leadership team and the school council for their enthusiasm in getting students involved in the RYDA program.

New legislation targets dangerous drivers

THE safety of all Victorians will be at the forefront of new legislation introduced by the state government, with dangerous drivers to be targeted earlier and stronger safety controls placed on recreational firearms.

Minister for Police Anthony Carabines introduced the Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill into the Victorian Parliament last week which will deliver a suite of reforms to ensure Victoria Police have what they need to keep our community safe.

The Bill introduces new circumstances in which police can deploy vehicle immobilising devices (VIDs) such as road spikes and stop sticks to

intervene to prevent and stop dangerous drivers earlier on.

Currently police can only deploy a VID when they are trying to prevent a driver from escaping custody, avoiding arrest, and stopping a moving vehicle in limited circumstances.

The new powers will allow police to pre-emptively deploy VID's where they have reasonable suspicion that a vehicle is a risk to the safety of the driver, a passenger, a police officer, or another person.

The Bill also strengthens firearm controls by placing a special condition on Category A or A & B long-arm firearm licences for hunting, sport, or target shooting. This will prevent bolt-action shotguns being

paired with large capacity detachable magazines which are not necessary for these recreational activities.

To support the National Firearms Amnesty, the Bill will allow licensed firearms dealers to formally receive firearms from unlicensed people – encouraging people to hand them in without fear of being arrested and prosecuted.

Separately the Bill will enhance Victoria Police's disciplinary system by amending the Victoria Police Act 2013 (VPA) to expressly allow the Chief Commissioner of Police to issue a code of conduct that is binding on all Victoria Police personnel and failure to comply with the Victoria

Police Code of Conduct (the Code) is a disciplinary action.

The Code itself will not be written into the VPA, allowing it to be a living document which can be updated in response to future community needs and stakeholder feedback without the need for legislative change.

In addition, the Bill will extend the timeframe for when Victoria Police can charge a person for incorrectly accessing, using, or disclosing police information inappropriately from 12 months to three years.

This recognises the serious consequences that can flow from the misuse of sensitive police information, including the privacy and safety of members of the public.



Dalyston rec roars to life

HISTORY revved its engines as the Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club held its first annual Show and Shine event at Dalyston Recreation Reserve in conjunction with Dalyston Football Netball Club on Sunday (November 19).

The air was buzzing with excitement as vintage car enthusiasts and curious onlookers gathered to witness a spectacle that exceeded all expectations.

"It was just fabulous. It's all beyond what we thought we'd be able to do," exclaimed Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club President Keith Tonkin, overwhelmed by the success of the day.

The event, a simple first try, resonated with the community, showcasing a collection of beautiful cars that seemed to transport everyone back in time.

The effort and attention to detail were palpable, reflecting a genuine commitment to bringing the community together through a shared love for four- and two-wheel automobiles.

As the day unfolded, attendees revelled in the charm of the meticulously restored cars, each with a story to tell. The show and shine featured an array of vehicles that spanned decades, from classics to more recent models, showcasing the evolution of automotive craftsmanship.

The success of the event was not only measured by the impressive turnout but also by the generous contributions from local sponsors, which has set the wheels in motion and secured the event for a second year – block it out in the diaries for same place, same time next year.

Representatives from AutoPro and Ross Chapman Cartage were recognised for their sponsorship, having donated trophies that added a competitive edge to the event.

The event also wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of businesses like Wonthaggi Tyrepower, RACV and Bass Coast Shire Council, whose contributions helped bring the vintage spectacle to life.

The climax of the day was the trophy ceremony, where the best in show was celebrated.

- Best Interior: Darren Oudshoorn 1968 HK Holden
- Best Engine Bay: Ian Martin 1950 Ford
- Best Paint: Brendan Hemming 1968 ZC Fairlane
- Best Hot Rod: Andy Haywood 1932 Ford Coupe
- Best Bike: Paul Huitema 1972 Honda CB750
- Best Muscle Car: Jack Underwood 1969 Chevrolet Camaro
- Best Aussie: Chris 1972 Holden HQ GTS Sedan
- Presidents: Adam Rockall 1974 Ford Falcon



Brian Reed of Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club proudly shows off his 1993 968CS Porsche with a top speed of 260km/ph. C06_4723



Andy Haywood's 1932 Ford Coupe in Cherry Black Candy secured Best Hot Rod in the club's first Show and Shine. C11_4723



Lilly Dellamina (left) proudly shows off her 1932 Ford Roadster mini rod. C08_4723

Near-death experience for motorcycle rider

IN A distressing turn of events, the state of Victoria has experienced a significant rise in road fatalities, with 258 lives lost, marking a staggering 21.7 per cent increase from the previous year and reaching the highest figure in 15 years. This disturbing trend raises questions about the safety of road surfaces and their role in these incidents. One such incident involving Mr Alex Henderson, a motorcycle enthusiast, serves as a stark reminder of the dangers faced by motorists due to poorly maintained road surfaces.

While participating in a Sunday motorcycle convoy on September 17 from Foster to Leongatha, Mr Henderson's life took an unexpected turn. Tragically, the 73-year-old was thrown from his motorcycle on a route marred by a significantly damaged and ill-repaired road surface on Koonwarra-Inverloch Road, near the Bass Highway.

Despite being a rider with almost 60 years of motorcycle riding experience, Mr Henderson encountered a rough and poorly treated area of the road, leading to a life-changing accident. The incident left him seriously injured, landing him in a roadside ditch.

Fortunately, Mr Henderson's fellow riders acted swiftly, calling local police and paramedics to the scene. After initial care, he was transferred by helicopter to The Royal Melbourne Hospital, where he was diagnosed with several severe injuries, including six broken ribs, a broken scapula (shoulder blade), a broken clavicle (collar bone), various vertebra injuries, including the C7, and a split kidney. He endured two weeks in the hospital, underwent surgery to insert a plate and screws into his collar bone, and wore a neck brace during his recovery.

In light of the South Gippsland Shire Council Road Management Plan 2022, which aims to establish a management system for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of public roads, and the Motorcycle Safety Levy intended to enhance safety for all riders in Victoria, motorcyclists are increasingly concerned about the deteriorating state of roads within the region.

The matter is now in the hands of Henry Carus + Associates, and the firm's Principal, Henry Carus, emphasised the urgency of addressing the road's perilous condition, stating:

"The road is in such a dangerous condition, for all motorists, those with two and four wheels. Someone must act quickly to fix the road before others are injured."

Data from the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) reveals that, on average, 36 motorcycle riders lose their lives each year on Victorian roads. If the rising road toll is accepted as the price of a rural lifestyle or transportation, it is projected that another 2500 people will perish in the next 10 years, and 50,000 individuals will be hospitalised with serious and life-changing injuries.

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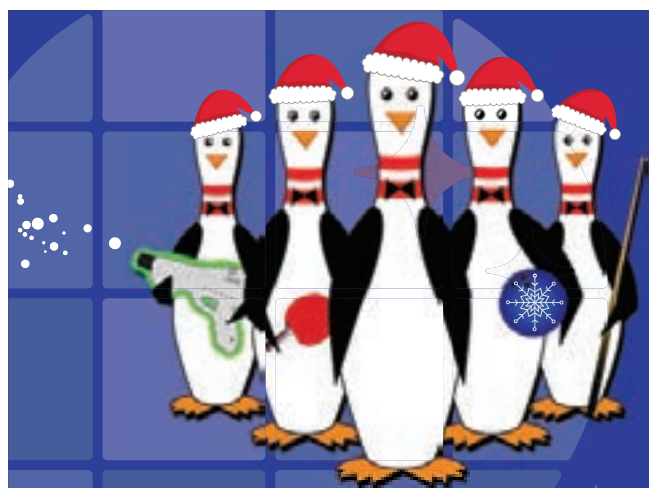


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Woorayl Lodge manager Barry Westhorpe is ready to spin the prize wheel again. A09_4723

Fete fun set to return at Woorayl Lodge

EXCITEMENT is building again at Leongatha's Woorayl Lodge with its annual fete on this Saturday, November 25.

There will be plenty of tasty treats to eat at the event as well as others to take home, along with the chance to grab craft items, Christmas gifts and bric-a-brac.

"The residents will be having their own stall this year and the Christmas decorations they have made are just beautiful," president of the Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary Kaye Warren said, adding those involved are bubbling with enthusiasm.

The Auxiliary runs a craft group on Wednesdays, with residents having learned to work wonders with a glue gun, including creating some marvellous Christmas table centrepieces.

Sausages cooked by the Lodge team and hot chips from the local Lions Club will be available, as will the scones of the Lodge's new chef Antony who has a focus on homestyle cooking.

"I think he's got a secret ingredient," Lodge manager Barry Westhorpe said of the scrumptious scones.

"They're to die for," Kaye enthused.

As well as Devonshire teas in the Lodge's Nelson Lounge, or outside if preferred, those wanting more of a caffeine hit can obtain it from the onsite coffee van run by a Melbourne barista helping out for the day.

Members of the Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary along with others from the broader community will again make a delicious range of homemade country-fresh cakes, jams, and relishes, with Christmas cakes and puddings available.

As he was last year, Barry will be spinning the prize wheel, with Christmas hams and vouchers from local businesses among the items to be won.

You'll also get a liberal sprinkling of his renowned humour, while one staff member suggested they might add Barry to the prize pool.

Hearing that suggestion, Kaye joked that the idea is to boost ticket sales not the other way around, before adding that Barry has livened the place up, the staff are happy, and the Lodge is a full house.

There is also a Christmas cake raffle and one for a substantial hamper.

The South Gippsland Shire Brass Band and 'Gatha Rock dancers proved popular last time and will be back.

Kaye is delighted with the support the fete has received from the whole town.

"What they've done is amazing considering the times we're going through," she said of people's generosity.

As well as providing joy for visitors and residents, last year's Woorayl Lodge Fete raised around \$6500 with glorious weather and a large turnout, and the 2023 event is also sure to be a great success.

The Woorayl Lodge fete runs from 8.30am until 1pm on Saturday November 25.

Tim's Road to Recovery

ON Sunday, November 26 the Cape Tavern will host a fundraiser towards Timothy Hanley's rehabilitation and recovery after a paralysing fall five months ago.

Tim's devastating workplace accident happened on June 19, 2023.

At about 8am, Tim fell from a ladder and landed directly on the tape measure that was clipped to the rear of his tool belt, sustaining a severe burst fracture of his L1 vertebrae. Two gruelling ambulance rides later, Tim underwent an eight-hour operation to stabilise his spine – rods and screws were inserted into the bone to prevent further injury to his spinal cord.

Tim was recently discharged home to Mullumbimby from the Spinal Injury Unit at Princess Alexandra Hospital. During his stay Tim participated in an intensive rehabilitation program that included physiotherapy and hydrotherapy. Tim still has no movement from L1 down but has some altered sensation in his upper thighs. He will continue to need extensive physiotherapy and the rehabilitation process will be ongoing.

Long-term friends Adam and Zoe Blundell have rallied behind Tim to help him through his recovery, working with friends, family, and local businesses to organise an upcoming fundraiser at the Cape Tavern in Cape Paterson.

As an original local boy from Bass Coast, Tim has family and friends in the local community looking to help him through this journey and provide some relief to the financial pressure.

"Adam and I visited Tim in the spinal injury unit and were inspired by his positive attitude to achieve the goals that had been set for him. He took on every challenge with positivity, grace and his trademark humour and wit that he is known and loved for," said Zoe.

The home Tim shares with partner Michelle Popple is another colossal issue.

"Their house was horrendously flooded in the 2022 floods and is still in disarray after being extensively damaged, and their insurance company yet to pay out their claims," said Zoe.

"Our fundraiser will also help with the renovation and modifications needed to accommodate Tim's wheelchair and other accessibility needs within the home."

The modifications around the home will allow Tim to have independence during his recovery process and allow him to live actively and comfortably moving forward.

Tim would like to thank his family and friends who visited him during his recovery in Brisbane and those who have reached out with messages and calls of love and support, over the last five months.

Tim also acknowledges the staff at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane who operated on him so quickly, cared for him and supported him in his initial recovery.

Over 80 businesses have supported Tim's Road to Recovery by generously donating to the numerous raffles that will be drawn on the night, including the major raffle prize that will be announced at the sister fundraising event held at the Common People Brewery on December 2 in Bangalow NSW – Tim's new local town.

To support Tim and his family during this time, head on down to the Cape Tavern where 'Archie and the Gang' will perform live. A Harley's courtesy bus will collect patrons from the Wonthaggi Police Station at 2pm on Sunday and will make a return trip at 7pm. (\$5 per seat, cash, and card facilities available on the bus).

Together the town are raising funds for a legend in need, with 5 per cent of raised funds being donated to the The Perry Cross Spinal Research Foundation to aid in the research towards spinal injury treatment.

"Thank you for supporting Tim. Tim, you are loved."



Tim has inspired his family and friends by taking on every challenge since the accident with positivity, grace and his trademark humour and wit.



Tim sustained a severe burst fracture of his L1 vertebrae after a workplace fall in June this year. Pictured here with partner Michelle by his side.

CWA fundraising in Wonthaggi Plaza



CWA have been busy baking Christmas treats for their November stall at Wonthaggi Plaza.

CWA WONTHAGGI Owl Women will be back in the Wonthaggi Plaza on Saturday, November 25 with their Christmas Pop Up Stall.

This will be their third Fundraiser stall this year, with one held last May at the Plaza and another for the first time at Bunnings Wonthaggi in September.

The November stall will start selling at 9am just inside the entry to the Wonthaggi Plaza and continue until 1pm or until sold out.

Members have been busy baking Christmas treats and making small craft gifts to donate for sale.

The proceeds of these fundraisers have previously been donated to local organisations supporting families and young people in the local area, a flood recovery fund, and CWA Statewide Emergency and Welfare Funds.

Recently the Branch was pleased to donate \$1000 to the Steve Plumb Memorial

Fund for students at Bass Coast College.

CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women is an evening Branch of the Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. The Branch started up in late 2018 with the support of CWA Bass Group.

Since then, they have grown from the initial six members to the current seventeen.

The Branch meets on the third Thursday evening of each month from February to November in the Wonthaggi RSL Hall. They are a dynamic group who welcome women of all ages to join them for community support, speakers, craft, demonstrations and social connections.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women and joining this Branch, may contact the Branch Secretary on cwaofvic.wonthaggi@gmail.com

You can also find them on Facebook under "CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women".

Meet the Storytellers at Coal Creek

A CLOSING event for the last exhibition of the 'Changed Forever: Legacies of Conflict' tour, which explores the lives of refugees and recent war veterans will be held at Coal Creek this weekend.

Attendees will have the chance to meet and chat to storytellers that feature in the exhibition.

The Shrine of Remembrance staff who curated the exhibit will also talk about the impact these stories have had on people and communities during the four-year tour.

Almost fifty per cent of Victorians have a parent who was born overseas and many of these came from war torn countries and have a similar lived experience to Victorian veterans.

"Those groups come from a place of conflict to a place of peace," said Katrina Nicolson, The Shrines Exhibitions and Grants Coordinator.

Interviews and oral histories were collected from the storytellers, which were then enhanced with art, objects, photographs, audio-visuals and interactives for the exhibition.

"You're asking people to reflect on pretty serious moments in their lives and people were incredibly



Storytellers from the 'Changed Forever: Legacies of Conflict' exhibition at Coal Creek will be speaking at the closing event on Saturday November 25.

generous with what they shared about their experiences," Katrina said.

One of the first people Katrina spoke to was Matter Muchar, a child of the Lost Boys of Sudan, who was taken by militia groups and trained as a child soldier.

"He has these incredible series of journeys across the face of Africa. First when he's held by these militia troops, and then a long journey to safety in a refugee camp in Kenya."

Telling his story gave Matter Muchar the opportunity to reflect and process his

experiences to create a narrative to able to tell his story, not only to the schoolchildren he now teaches, but also to his own children.

"That's a bit of a common thing, again, between both refugee and our veteran storytellers, that the impact of being part of the exhibition has been overwhelmingly positive," Katrina said.

The major impetus for people wanting to tell their stories is to create a better world and experience for their children, explained Katrina.

"Intergenerational trauma is certainly something that

is felt in both refugee and veteran communities. How you deal with that and how you can prevent your experiences impacting on your children in a bad way, is a really strong motivating force."

The exhibition also created powerfully positive ripple effects through adults and children in the communities it travelled to.

Two older veterans who had never engaged with the RSL or spoken about their war time experiences were so inspired by James Farquharson at a young veteran artists talk, they then formed a veterans self-help group.

While refugee women from various Middle Eastern countries gained hope and inspiration for their own lives and their own stories, when they saw how Jumabi Mohamad Ali, a Rohingya woman had learnt English, got a job and was involved in the community.

These stories won't be lost and will now go to The Shrines Galleries for an ongoing legacy.

The 'Meet the storytellers' closing event is on Saturday, November 25, at 2pm. RSVP to programs@shrine.org.au or 9661 8107. The last day of the exhibition is Monday December 4.



Bass Coast writer, Meryl Brown Tobin's first novel, 'Broome Enigma' will be launched at the Wonthaggi Library on November 25.

World-wide release date for 'Broome Enigma'

NOVEMBER 20 was the release date for Bass Coast writer, Meryl Brown Tobin's first novel, 'Broome Enigma', and on Saturday, November 25, 'Broome Enigma' will be launched at the Wonthaggi Library at 11 am.

Published by New York publisher, The Wild Rose Press, the romance suspense novel is set in Broome and Perth. With its remoteness, turquoise sea, rugged red sandstone cliffs and kilometres long stretch of white sands, Broome is an exotic place for two young people to meet.

On a working holiday in Australia's cosmopolitan outback town of Broome in 1986, the main character, Jodie, a young book designer and artist, is open to romance and adventure.

At the holiday village where she is staying, she meets Joe, a young man who works there. Despite the strong attraction between them, the many unknowns about his earlier life keep them apart. To try to uncover his mysterious past, they travel to Perth and back to Broome and are drawn into not only bizarre but also dangerous situations.

The launched has been organised by programs officer at the Wonthaggi Library, Sabine Aeschlimann, with tea and coffee being provided. All are invited, and anyone wishing to attend should book on eventbrite.com.au or phone the library on 5672 1875.

Snowy to sea

FOR the first time in over 25 years, the Great Vic Bike Ride is returning to Orbost where riders will kick start their nine day journey.

Taking in all this picturesque region has to offer, this year's Great Vic will take riders alongside the Snowy River before winding through Gippsland's breathtaking regions soaking in the sea air en-route to Wonthaggi.

Arriving in Orbost on Saturday (November 25) riders will set up camp and prepare for the days ahead.

- Day two: Orbost to Buchan.
- Day three: Buchan to Lakes Entrance.
- Day four: Lakes Entrance to Paynesville.
- Day five: Paynesville to Sale.
- Day six: Sale (rest day).
- Day seven (December 1) will take riders from Sale to Port Albert in the largest 100km challenge day. Mostly flat the route will feature plenty of quiet country roads.

Day eight (December 2): Riders are well and truly in South Gippsland country now heading from Port Albert to Fish Creek. Winding roads, rolling hills, riders will have plenty of opportunities to take photos along the way.

Day nine: The Great Vic Bike Ride will finish on Sunday December 3 with participants riding from Fish Creek to Wonthaggi.

It's still not too late to register and join the ride. Head to bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/great-victorian-bike-ride

Classical guitarists the Grigoryan Brothers to perform in Wonthaggi

THE Grigoryan Brothers are blessed with an uncanny ability to perform so seamlessly as a duo that they play and breathe as one.

This, combined with their broad appeal and incredible skills, means the Bass Coast is in for a real treat this December as Slava and Leonard Grigoryan come to town for a special performance.

The classical guitarists are counted amongst the finest musicians of their generation, having developed a reputation for enthraling audiences with the energy of their performances and the breadth of their repertoire – embracing genres such as classical, jazz and contemporary music from around the world.

Growing up and performing together does not guarantee a symbiotic relationship, but what does create the perfect storm is the mutual respect and admiration the brothers have for each other.

Perhaps this is the intangible quality that creates their ability to connect with listeners.

Slava and Leonard Grigoryan's deep appreciation of a broad spectrum of musical styles has resulted in many collaborations involving music, both written and improvised.

Combine this with their classical training and the result is a unique sound incorporating all these influences.

In August 2017 they performed as support for the Canadian singer/songwriter k.d. lang on her *Ingénue Redux*, 25th anniversary Australian tour, followed immediately by



At their upcoming show in Wonthaggi, the Grigoryan Brothers will honour those who have provided the fuel for their fire.

another national tour sharing the stage and billing with the great Flamenco guitarist Paco Pena.

All of this occurred while their classical release *Songs Without Words* was at the top of the classical music charts for three months. In February 2018 k.d. lang invited them to join her for a 21-date, five-week USA tour.

Then in November 2018, the ABC released two Grigoryan Brothers albums.

The first, *Bach Concertos*, recorded with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and arranged for Slava and Leonard by their father Edward, includes three of Bach's most beloved concertos.

The second release is a

soundtrack the Grigoryan Brothers created for the award-winning movie *A Boy Called Sailboat*. Set in New Mexico, the music's Latin theme presents the Grigoryan Brothers in a style far removed from what audiences are used to hearing them play.

To celebrate the movie's success at international film festivals – including 'Best Director' and 'Best Screenplay' at the prestigious Boston Film Festival – the Grigoryan Brothers completed an Australian national tour of special screenings performing the soundtrack to the movie live.

For the performance in Wonthaggi, Slava and Leonard are honouring those who have provided the fuel for their fire

across past, present and future:

- Past: Favourite works from their vast back catalogue of recordings – from Bach to Towner, from Tchaikovsky to Lovelady.

- Present: Their own compositions and arrangements from their last two releases: the soundtrack to the award-winning movie *A Boy Called Sailboat* and their collaboration with the National Museum of Australia *'This Is Us: A Musical Reflection of Australia'*.

- Future: Audiences will have the opportunity to hear works from Slava and Leonard's latest recording – to be released in 2024 – a selection of compositions penned specifically for the brothers by friends from all over the world.

The Grigoryan Brothers will be performing at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre – at 96 Graham Street – on Sunday December 3 at 2.30pm.

Tickets are \$55 for adults and \$20 for children 15 years and under. Secure your spot at trybooking.com/CMEAC

Prom Recitals, made up of a group of South Gippsland locals who share a love of classical music and the Prom Country region, have organised for the Grigoryan Brothers to perform in Wonthaggi.

They also organised for the Melbourne String Ensemble, Genesis Baroque and the Clinch Saxophone Quartet, among others, to perform in the region this year. More information at promrecitals.org.au or follow them on Facebook or Instagram.

Nigel Wearne at Archies Creek Hotel



Singer-songwriter, Nigel Wearne to perform at Archies Creek this November. Photo: Ian Laidlaw.

SINGER-SONGWRITER Nigel Wearne just released his highly anticipated new album *The Reckoning* and will perform live at Archies Creek Hotel on Saturday, November 25.

Self-produced by Nigel Wearne, *The Reckoning* features Wearne on vocals, electric and acoustic guitars, Hammond organ and percussion, and an all-star cast of musicians: Danny McKenna on drums, Isaac Gunnoo on double-bass and some of Montreal's hottest jazz cats. Aurélien Tomasi on reeds; soprano, tenor, bass sax and clarinet, Jérôme Dupuis-Cloutier on trumpet, Blaise Margail and Alex Bouchard wielding the Trombone and Christian Leclerc on Tuba. Special guest vocalist Lauren Housley features on duet, *To The Edge*.

It was late 2019, in a shapeless airport hotel room as the sun set on a Canadian tour, Nigel heard a piercing clarinet note that cracked open the night sky... somehow, he knew this would change everything. A Frenchman living in Quebec, Aurélien Tomasi is a gifted composer, clarinetist, and saxophonist. An instant connection was

cast, and the music played long into the night, descending into the hallways and etched into memory. After reconnecting in New Orleans in January 2020, they got to work during lockdown and the rest is in the tape-reel.

In an interview with the *Sentinel-Times* Nigel shared that he's been primarily playing solo for the past 10 years and with this regional performance at Archies Creek he's stepping into the band realm playing with Danny McKenna on drums, and Isaac Gunnoo on double-bass.

"I'm a singer-songwriter, first and foremost. I follow where the song goes, I don't stick to a particular genre, and these songs came out of time spent during lockdown – during those uncertain times. Particularly the song 'I Don't Want This Rage Anymore' – a socio, politically frightening time, and this song is definitely a catalyst for a lot of the songs on the album."

Rollicking, rumbling, sneering and reflective, *The Reckoning* is an album of contrasts; a combined global effort with contributions taking place on three continents, Australia, Canada

and the UK. Inhabiting the after-dark realms of blues, jazz and soul, *The Reckoning* is a full band explosion of songs, stories and musical mayhem. All the while, Wearne's crooning, cutting, monolithic vocal keeps lyricism and poetry at the forefront. The new beginnings of a dedicated and shape-shifting artist.

"The Reckoning' and the title of the album is a song about hope and the likelihood that there is going to be change, with younger generations perhaps making better decisions than what has been made before them," said Nigel.

Singer-songwriter, luthier, poet and gleaner, Nigel saunters after dark in the music of the night. Hailing from Gunditjmara country in south-west Victoria, he's a guitarist and multi-instrumentalist with diverse influences such as Nick Cave, Tom Waits and Rickie Lee Jones. Blending blues, jazz, and Americana-noir, he sings of human frailty, grace, and the cosmos. A deep thinker and truth speaker with a penchant for all things peculiar; songwriting that cuts to the bone.

Nigel's had a huge 2023...

in this year alone he's toured the US three times, the UK twice and played a bunch of festivals including AmericanaFest (USA), MerleFest (USA), Cambridge Folk Festival (UK), Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion (USA), Mile of Music (USA) and Old Settler's Music Festival (USA).

"I am excited to be bringing my music back home."

Nigel's new album *The Reckoning* (released November 3) has received early praise with a nomination for Best Blues Work at the Music Victoria Awards and a four-star review in *The Weekend Australian*. Think after dark jazz club meets Ennio Morricone with a dose of soul.

To celebrate the release of the album, Nigel's playing a short run of dates in November and the 2024 Port Fairy Folk Festival next March with his six-piece band.

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NOV 23// Melbourne, VIC – The Gasometer Hotel
*Six-piece band

NOV 25// Archies Creek, VIC – Archies Creek Tavern
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Tickets and information found at nigelwearne.com

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	FRI 8 DEC	M WARD + FOLK BITCH TRIO
	SAT 9 DEC	COURTNEY MARIE ANDREWS + ROBERT ELLIS
	SUN 10 DEC	CAR WHEELS ON A GRAVEL ROAD - 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
	FRI 15 DEC	SUNSHINE TIP BAND - ALICE GARNER, DEE HANNAN & DAVE BOWERS
	SAT 16 DEC	MARK SEYMOUR & THE UNDERTOW
	FRI 22 DEC	SAND BROTHERS
	SUN 31 DEC	NYE BALL FEATURING KYLIE AULDIST & 7 PIECE BAND
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	SUN 7 JAN	THE BLACK SORROWS
	SAT 13 JAN	ASH GRUNWALD
	SUN 14 JAN	ELLA HOOPER & BAND
Feb	SUN 20 JAN	RICHARD CLAPTON
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Nominate your ultimate road crew this festival season

VICTORIAN music lovers are being asked to assemble their Ultimate Road Crew, as part of a new campaign encouraging the separation of drinking and driving this festival season.

The Transport Accident Commission and Victorian music festival, ALWAYS LIVE, last week launched the Ultimate Road Crew – a competition on the look-out for the unsung heroes of friendship groups, who get everyone home safely at the end of the day.

Music, theatre and television icon Natalie Bassingthwaite and rising soul and pop star Budjerah will lend their voices to the campaign, inviting attendees to nominate the people close to them who prioritise safety.

The campaign promotes the various roles people can play in ensuring they and those around them get home safely, including as the designated driver; the public transport planner; or the friend who offers their couch as an alternative to driving home.

Victoria has had a devastating year on the roads having already surpassed 2022's total lives lost, with more than 250 people losing their lives.

TAC Chief Executive Officer Tracey Slatter said it was a critical time to look out for each other on the roads and that a safe plan to get home should be at the top of everyone's essential festival checklist.

"Many Victorians will be looking forward to spending the warmer months enjoying live music with their friends and loved ones, and we want everyone to make it home with fantastic memories," Ms Slatter said.

"Our partnership with ALWAYS LIVE aims to build a culture within the live music industry that values road safety by prioritising safe travel options," she said.

People who enter the competition go into the running for a wide range of prizes, including dozens of rideshare and travel vouchers, and a major prize pack valued at \$4000.

In an effort to gain a deeper understanding from attendees on their personal road behaviours, entrants will have another opportunity to be rewarded by completing a survey from the TAC.

People can nominate their friends to win a range of prizes including ride-share vouchers by visiting [alwayslive.com.au/roadcrew](https://alwaysslive.com.au/roadcrew) and sharing a short story about how their mate has saved the day.



D.C Cross will be launching his instrumental album **Wizrad** at Archies Creek this Friday night.

Magical storyteller on the guitar D.C Cross at Archies Creek

AUSTRALIAN Guitarist Darren Cross is playing at Archies Creek after having recently released his fourteenth album **Wizrad** and fourth album under the name D.C Cross.

The last four albums from D.C Cross are purely instrumental and show off the guitarist's mastery and creative storytelling with the instrument.

His sound is inspired and influenced by American and British acoustic guitarists from the sixties and seventies including John Fahey, Roy Harper, Leo Kottke, Elizabeth Cotton, Nick Drake and Bert Jansch, but with an Australian twist.

Earlier in the year Cross toured across France, Germany and the Netherlands, and planned to write an album while he was on tour. "I only ended up writing

one song so when I came back, I knuckled down and I guess because I had to come home, I felt a bit sad. So, I wrote all this music."

The result was **Wizrad**, an album that is equal parts ecstatic primitive guitar and madcap ambient.

"There's three songs on the new record where my dog is barking at these crazy birds, I've never heard them before, and then I put it through this weird manipulation thing. They're a bit like little segues into the guitar."

And Cross is always conjuring up something magical with the guitar.

Touring his new album Cross will perform in Sydney, Archies Creek, Melbourne, Canberra and Nowra and has recently played with Ed Kuepper

and Jim White.

Catch D.C Cross at Archies Creek Hotel on Friday November 24, followed by Nigel Wearne and Sally Ford and the Idiomatics on Saturday and Sunday November 25 and 26.

December performances feature Garth Liddiard, Painters and Dockers, Ross Wilson and the Peaceniks, M Ward – Folk Bitch Trio, Courtney Marie Andrews – Robert Ellis, Car Wheels on a Gravel Road – 25th Anniversary Celebration, Sunshine Tip Band – Alice Garner, Dee Hannan and Dave Bowers, Mark Seymour and the Undertow and the NYE Ball will feature Kylie Auldist and a seven piece soul band and don't miss the entertainment on New Years' Day.

For more information go to archiescreekhotel.com.au.



Outdoor cinema at The Glade

GRAB the family, a picnic rug, and some sweet treats because The Glade Inverloch is screening three nostalgic movies over three nights in November, including **The Grinch**, **Barbie** and **Mario Bros**.

Tickets for adults are only \$8 each, with all kids 17 and under, free, when you book online.

The Inverloch event will cater for all featuring the following family favourite movies, chosen with help by some locals:

- November 23 – **The Grinch** (PG)
- November 24 – **Barbie** (PG)
- November 25 – **Mario Bros** (PG)

The pop-up roadshow will feature movies, music, a candy bar with popcorn and snacks, and a bar for the adults and encourages family and friends to come along for a picnic prior to the movie screening with the gates opening at 7.30pm and the movie starting at nightfall – approximately 8.45pm.

Non-alcoholic drink options will be available at the bar; a great option for those adults responsible for driving to and from events.

Supported by Toyota, the TAC, Rule Prostate and local council, Cinema Pop Up will run for three nights only with limited tickets. Bookings are essential and only available online at [CinemaPopUp.com.au](https://cinemapopup.com.au).

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Beena Mathew and husband Mathew Thomas with one his winning roses at the Leongatha Rose Spectacular. A14_4723



Korumburra RSL president David Jackson with a container of roses grown in the RSL garden that claimed second place. A15_4723



Grantville's Anne Cole, Carolyn Poynter and Sue Dunbar are delighted with the Leongatha North garden of Joan and Russell Spencer. A26_4723



Chris May, Wonthaggi Rotary Club President Nicky Chung and Leah Montebello at Friday's Rotary Auction. C01_4723



Jillian and Paul of Hilltop Farm Meats were supplying delicious Banh Mi sandwiches to the community at the Newhaven College PFA fete. Z02_4723



Alice snuggling a bunny from Animals on the Move at the Newhaven College PFA fete on Friday evening. Z03_4723



Thomas, Valentina, and Liza attended the inaugural Newhaven College fete on Friday evening, dressed festive for the Christmas season. Z04_4723



April and Karen of Animals on the Move set up their petting zoo at the Newhaven College fete. Z05_4723



Zahra and Scarlett Heywood worked on their masterpieces at Fishy Stories. tk01_4723



Pictures of you and your friends at Leongatha Rose Spectacular, Newhaven College Parents and Friends Association (PFA) inaugural school fete, Fishy Stories, Kilcunda Skatepark opening and the Wonthaggi Rotary Auction.



Mardi, Evie, Ivy and Chantai enjoyed the rides at the Newhaven College inaugural fete on Friday evening. Z01_4723

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Cousins Judith Grant of Korrine and Annie Chisholm of Archies Creek attended the Rotary Auction helping raise over \$7000 for local community organisations. C02_4723



Wonthaggi Fire Brigade firefighter Jess Garvey and Wonthaggi Rotary Club past president Ray McCurrie checked out the auction prizes on offer at The Clubhouse. C03_4723



Wonthaggi Rotary's oldest member Brian Davidson (91-years-young) was joined by visiting Rotarian Estefania Moreira of Rotary Sin Fronteras (Without Borders) Chile and Wonthaggi Rotary Treasurer Ash Lamers. C04_4723



Wonthaggi's Harry and Regan Walsh checked out the Kilcunda playspace on Sunday. tk12_4723



Foster's Georgie and Hattie Wilde had fun at Fishy Stories on Saturday. tk03_4723



Billee James, Andy James and Damian Collis were raising money for Fish Creek Primary School at Fishy Stories. tk06_4723



Aster, Norah and Marina Bartholomew had a day out at Fishy Stories on Saturday. tk09_4723



Cape Paterson home wins GreenSmart Sustainable Home

BEAUMONT Building Design's entry in Cape Paterson won the GreenSmart Sustainable Home award with the results announced at the 2023 HIA-CSR Victorian Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards, held at Crown Palladium on Friday November 10, which was attended by over 1000 people.

This home in Cape Paterson is an outstanding example of contemporary sustainable living.

It integrates sustainable materials with low embodied energy, solar power, solar hot water and rainwater harvesting.

Oriented to maximise natural light and crossflow ventilation, the home features three bedrooms, two bathrooms and seamless open plan living. The industrial feel of polished concrete and exposed brick is softened by sustainable timber cladding on the ceilings and eaves. The judges praised the quality of work



carried out by all trades, and also noted that the home achieves excellent environmental performance on an achievable budget.

Ecoliv won the Small

Business Management award.

A total of 83 awards were presented on the night, and a full list of winners and finalists can be found at hia.com.au

Beaumont Building Design's Cape Paterson masterpiece clinches the GreenSmart Sustainable Home award with innovative and eco-friendly design excellence.

New home sales volumes remain low

"NEW home sales fell back in October, down by 8.1 per cent for the month," stated HIA Senior Economist Tom Devitt.

The HIA New Home Sales report is a monthly survey of the largest volume home builders in the five largest states and is a leading indicator of future detached home construction.

"The spike in sales that emerged in September, caused by regulatory changes in NSW, was more than reversed in October," added Mr Devitt.

"Buyers rushed to get ahead of NSW regulations that will add significantly to the cost of a new home, causing an extraordinary spike in sales in the state in September.

"This drawing forward of home purchasing decisions is anticipated to continue weighing on sales over coming months.

"The sales performance in October was consistent with the weakness observed throughout 2023 and will see new house starts continue to decline.

"Interest rates continue to weigh on confidence, with the industry headed for its weakest year of new house commencements in over a decade.

"The RBA's November decision to continue the steepest hiking cycle in a generation, risks further deepening and prolonging this trough in home building.

"This coincides with Australia's deepening housing crisis, with record population growth and acute rental shortages reflecting the need for a strong pipeline of new housing supply.

"Increasing the supply of homes will require policymakers to help lower the cost of building. This means reforms to tax, land release and planning, and loosening macro-prudential rules that squeeze out owner-occupiers and investors alike," concluded Mr Devitt.

New home sales across Australia in the three months to October fell by 5.8 per cent compared to the same quarter in the previous year. By jurisdiction, sales were similarly down in South Australia (-20.1 per cent), New South Wales (-17.4 per cent), Queensland (-15.0 per cent) and Victoria (-13.8 per cent). Sales in Western Australia increased by 42.2 per cent compared to the same three-month period in 2022.

Backing housing support groups that support renters

COMMUNITY organisations helping renters in need will receive more funding as part of the state government's landmark Housing Statement, with bodies able to put themselves forward from this week.

Minister for Consumer Affairs Gabrielle Williams recently announced organisations delivering support for renters in the private market can register their interest in the \$2 million Rental Stress Support Package from Friday.

These organisations provide information and advice, advocacy and legal assistance to

Victorian households.

The Rental Stress Support Package recognises high demand for services with an estimated five per cent of Victorian households facing serious renting stress. Supporting families to stay in their homes and preventing homelessness, it is one of many initiatives to support renters and extend protections in the Housing Statement.

The injection builds on more than \$25 million invested annually in the Private Rental Assistance Program to help community agencies

deliver this important work.

The Government also supports private renters experiencing financial disadvantage or family violence through the Tenancy Assistance and Advocacy Program. The program assisted more than 8400 Victorians last financial year, backed by a \$3.2 million investment, with information, negotiation support and assistance at VCAT hearings.

In addition to the \$2 million Rental Stress Support Package, the Housing Statement includes further reforms that will:

- Stop landlords from evicting first-term renters to secure higher rent
- Extend notice of rent increases and notice to vacate periods to 90 days
- Create a portable rental bond scheme
- Stamp out all types of rental bidding
- Establish Rental Dispute Resolution Victoria – providing a one-stop shop to resolve tenancy disputes.

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The home offers four spacious bedrooms, including a master suite. A central bathroom caters to the needs of residents and visitors, ensuring convenience. The well-appointed kitchen boasts stone benchtops, dual stove, dishwasher, walk-in pantry, a wine cellar and ample bench and cupboard storage.

A spacious open plan living area seamlessly connects to a generous deck, creating a perfect spot for outdoor dining and relaxation. A separate kids retreat is found off the open plan living and opens to a deck.

A feature stone wall within the home adds character and charm, making this property truly unique.

The upper level boasts a master suite with its own bathroom, a dedicated living area, and an office. It also offers access to additional deck areas that provide scenic views of the property's surroundings. Heating and cooling is via two reverse cycle split systems. The home includes a solar system which feeds back into the grid, reducing your electricity bills.

The property includes a built-in trampoline for recreational activities and a meticulously maintained garden featuring elegant English trees and native shrubs.

For practicality, a lock-up shed/garage with concrete floor provides ample space for vehicles and storage needs.

Water for the property is via three large tanks that are adequate for servicing the home. There is also a dog run/pen, so your pet can be safe and secure.

The property is located 10-minutes to Korumburra, 25-minutes to Leongatha, 30-minutes to the pristine beaches of Inverloch and only 45-minutess to Melbourne's south eastern suburbs.

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For further information or to inspect the property, please get in touch with Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312.

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LOCATED approximately 15 minutes from the township of Leongatha, nestled amongst the rolling green hills and bushland of South Gippsland is this most unique home. A special gem here, built with rock from the earth, it is positioned so beautifully upon to take in the serenity of the native bushland, the tallest of gum trees, and an abundance of bird life. Beginning as a cottage and expanding over the years to create a much-loved family home, this rock, brick and cedar home has character and warmth.

Situated on an undulating 32 acres (12.75 ha) a mix of bush surrounds six fenced paddocks with the beautiful 'Brookes Creek', meandering through the property.

The home features:

- Kitchen with gas cook top, double electric oven, breakfast bar and dining space.
- Cathedral ceilings extend into the formal dining room with sunken lounge with featured rock walls and wood heater.
- High ceilings throughout the home with expansive windows providing

views into the treetops.

- The spacious lounge room enjoys a second wood heater with gorgeous views across the property and opens out to the front entertainment deck.
- A custom designed office doubles as a music sound room, a perfect work from home office.
- There are three bedrooms with the smaller having built-in bookshelves, the second with built-in robes and the master complete with ensuite and walk-in robe.
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Externally:

- 2.75 ha/32 acres (approx.) fenced with six internal paddocks.
- The original 'Dairy Studio' ideal guest accommodation with stained glass windows is bursting with options for the creative!

- An excellent lock up machinery/workshop shed is fully concreted with power.
- Assorted original timber and cedar buildings provide car parking and sundry shedding.
- Excellent water storage plus access to the permanent Brookes Creek.

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“Lolands” 163 acres prime grazing Bass Coast

SITUATED at 30 Lolands Road, Lance Creek, this impressive 163-acre property offers an idyllic rural lifestyle in a picturesque setting. The land features gently rolling terrain of blue gum and messmate land, creating a serene grazing environment ideal for livestock.

Land: The productive 163 acres of grazing land is divided into six main paddocks and several smaller. Four large dams, one with power, one spring feed and troughs for ample water supply to all.

Soil: This fertile soil has been recently limed with one tonne to the acre for healthy pasture growth/hay and silage production.

Residence: The charming solid newly renovated/extended 1930's weatherboard home is surrounded by low maintenance gardens and established English trees. Two-sided verandah's welcome you inside to an open plan living/dining with bay window, newly polished Tasmanian Oak floorboards and original timber Dado walls.

Kitchen: The country style kitchen with an Island bench/pantry and plenty of cupboard space, is equipped with modern appliances including new Westinghouse gas cooktop, new electric oven and Meile dishwasher.

Bedrooms: The main large bedroom boasts a full size ensuite and WIR, while the other three bedrooms offer larger than normal comfortable spaces.

Living Comforts: Enjoy a cosy atmosphere with a large Kent wood heater, a split system for climate control and ceiling fans throughout.

The property features a central second bathroom with full claw bath and an additional separate powder room meeting the needs of family and guests alike.

Outbuildings: A substantial 50'x25' garage/workshop with remote doors, industrial lighting/power and Molnar car hoist offers ample car space/work-space.

Down the central laneway you will find a 60' x 25' machinery shed with stable and a 40' x 25' hay shed for further convenience.

Stockyards, holding yard, cattle crush, and round yard are all there for the ease of cattle movement.

Water supply: The property boosts an abundance of water. Three Interconnected tanks for the household. Dams/troughs for all paddocks.

Location: Only a 15-minute drive to Wonthaggi/Korumburra for convenient shopping and services, as well as easy access to the stunning Inverloch beaches to fulfil the tranquillity of land and sand.

This picturesque property presents an excellent opportunity in a tightly held farming locality or for those seeking a rural lifestyle and peaceful retreat, or a combination of both, 30 Lolands Road, Lance Creek offers a well-equipped, comfortable and picturesque homestead in a sort after location.



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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

AMERICAN QUIZ

- [\$100]** Who was the first President of the United States? A. Thomas Jefferson. B. John Adams. C. George Washington. D. Benjamin Franklin.
- [\$200]** Which war was fought between the Northern and Southern states of the United States? A. American Revolution. B. American Civil War. C. American War of Independence. D. Spanish-American War.
- [\$300]** Which event led to the United States entering World War II? A. Attack on Pearl Harbour. B. Invasion of Normandy. C. Dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. D. Signing of the Treaty of Versailles.
- [\$500]** Which civil rights leader is known for his "I Have a Dream" speech? A. Malcolm X. B. Martin Luther King Jr. C. Rosa Parks. D. Booker T. Washington.
- [\$1000]** What famous American author wrote The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn? A. Ernest Hemingway. B. F. Scott Fitzgerald. C. Mark Twain. D. Nathaniel Hawthorne.
- [\$2000]** What is the tallest mountain in the United States? A. Mount Whitney. B. Denali (Mount McKinley). C. Mount Rainier. D. Mount St. Helens.
- [\$4000]** Which U.S. state is home to the largest Native American population? A. Oklahoma. B. California. C. Arizona. D. New Mexico.
- [\$8000]** What is the largest (by area) state in the United States? A. Alaska. B. California. C. Texas. D. Montana.
- [\$16,000]** Which U.S. city was the first capital of the United States? A. New York City, New York. B. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. C. Washington, D.C. D. Boston, Massachusetts.
- [\$32,000]** Which president issued the Emancipation Proclamation? A. Abraham Lincoln. B. Andrew Johnson. C. Ulysses S. Grant. D. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- [\$64,000]** Who wrote the national anthem of the United States? A. Francis Scott Key. B. Thomas Jefferson. C. Alexander Hamilton. D. George Washington.
- [\$125,000]** What event triggered the start of the American Revolutionary War? A. Boston Tea Party. B. Battle of Lexington and Concord. C. Battle of Bunker Hill. D. Signing of the Declaration of Independence.
- [\$250,000]** What was the first American city to host the Olympic Games? A. St. Louis, Missouri. B. Los Angeles, California. C. Atlanta, Georgia. D. Lake Placid, New York.
- [\$500,000]** What was the first state to grant women the right to vote? A. New York. B. California. C. Wyoming. D. Massachusetts.
- [\$1,000,000]** What was the first daily newspaper in the United States? A. The New York Times. B. The Boston News-Letter. C. The Philadelphia Gazette. D. The Pennsylvania Packet.

Quiz answers: 1. C. George Washington. 2. B. American Civil War. 3. A. Attack on Pearl Harbour. 4. B. Martin Luther King Jr. 5. C. Mark Twain. 6. B. Denali (Mount McKinley). 7. A. Oklahoma. 8. B. California. 9. A. New York City. 10. A. Abraham Lincoln. 11. A. Francis Scott Key. 12. B. Battle of Lexington and Concord. 13. A. St. Louis. 14. C. Wyoming. 15. D. The Pennsylvania Packet (launched 1771).

SUDOKU

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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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ACROSS

- Popular newspaper size (7)
- Trembling poplar (5)
- Wear away (5)
- Supplement to a will (7)
- Gland in the neck (7)
- Prickle (5)
- Intemperance (6)
- Overseas (6)
- Disrobe (5)
- Hermit (7)
- Type of crossword (7)
- Mythological abode of the dead (5)
- Bright, cloudless (5)
- Hang (7)

DOWN

- Playhouse (7)
- Plunder (5)
- Burdensome (7)
- Make up one's mind (6)
- Inspect accounts (5)
- Small flute (7)
- Synthetic fabric (5)
- Continue (5,2)
- God of wine (7)
- Wearing clothes (7)
- Summary (6)
- Religious factions (5)
- Trivial (5)
- Excessive (5)

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SOLUTIONS: Nov 14, 2023

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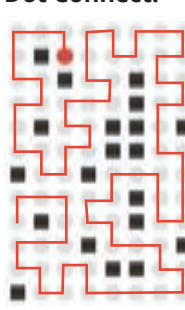
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Dot Connect:





Moisture levels are a challenge this season with buyers being cautioned to undertake relevant checks and not rely on visuals. Photo: AAP Image.

Are you producing quality silage?

CHECKLIST for producing quality by Agriculture Victoria.

1. Only lock up pasture that is surplus to requirements

On most farms, pasture growth will generally exceed animal requirements in early to mid-September. However, if paddocks are locked up earlier this may not be detrimental to the nutritive value of the pasture providing the paddock is cut at the appropriate time.

2. Use nitrogen to increase dry matter yield but cut pasture within six weeks

of application

Once cutting is delayed beyond six weeks, the quality of the silage declines more rapidly than if no nitrogen is applied and this can result in large quantities of low-quality silage which is often unsuitable to feed cows in the early stage of lactation. By using rates of nitrogen up to 50 kg N/ha, responses of 12 kg DM/ha for every kg N applied, six weeks after application can be produced.

3. Use tedders to increase

the drying rate of cut material and so reduce the wilting period

It has been shown the use of tedders benefits both final silage metabolisable energy and crude protein. The length of the wilting period will be dictated by the type of silage to be made, and weather conditions. Given reasonable drying conditions material should be ready for pit silage within 48 hours and for bale silage within 72 hours.

4. Ensile material quickly and seal well

It is important to ensure the material being ensiled is tightly packed into either a pit or the bale and that it is sealed promptly. The ideal dry matter of pasture for pit silage is 30 per cent, any lower and effluent may be a problem and any higher, compaction may be difficult. The dry matter percentage of bale silage should be about 45 – 50 per cent. At this dry matter a reasonable fermentation should occur, and it reduces the chance of spoilage.

Hay Market Update

- Overall**
- THE hay market is firming due to the volumes that Australian exporters are buying and the good hay making season we have had. The Chinese government recently re-instated Oaten Hay export licenses to 22 processing facilities in Australia – which had been out of operation since March 2020.
 - Areas in New South Wales and Southern Queensland are impacted by the dry weather and El Nino outlook – and cattle graziers in these areas are currently creating increased demand for hay and straw.
- Oaten Hay**
- Plenty of good oaten hay available with good visuals.
 - Advice is to wait for test results before purchasing, there is a variance coming through from top to bottom which can't be read via visuals.
- Vetch Hay**
- Challenges with moisture levels have been common.
 - Bales with moisture issues lead to mould and potential fire hazards.
 - Buyer beware. This year more than any in the last decade, buyers should be completing thorough moisture checks before committing.
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A yellow telehandler is lifting a large rectangular hay bale in a warehouse. The background shows stacks of hay bales and the structure of the warehouse.

A large, round haystack made of golden-brown straw sits in the center of a field. The field is covered with harvested grain stalks, some standing and some lying flat. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

Although this technique is recommended for silage, tedding (spreading) will reduce the curing time of hay by about 30–40 per cent, if used within a few short hours after mowing. Some farmers use the tedder the day after mowing, but the curing rate would benefit greatly if done soon after mowing. Some farmers worry about bleaching by using these machines.

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and how to get it

The tedding will allow far more even and quicker drying, so bleaching should be minimal. In any case, bleaching itself does not greatly affect hay quality but it does reduce the carotene level where bleached. Also, the reduced risk of rain and its effect of reduced quality is reason enough to consider using a tedder.

4. Raking

Raking is used to enhance uniform drying. The most common type of rake rolls and fluffs the windrow, bringing the bottom layer to the top. The rolling action exposes more of the stems while protecting the leafy portion of the plant. Hay should be raked at moisture content above 30 per cent to minimise leaf shatter. Leaf loss can be further reduced by raking during early morning or late evening after the leaves absorb moisture from the air. As much as 15 per cent dry matter can be lost if legumes such as lucerne are raked at the wrong time. Pastures losses would be less than this.

5. When to bale

Optimum moisture content for baling hay for conserved feed depends on bale size and density. For small rectangular bales, the moisture content should be no higher than 18 per cent. The upper limit for large round bales should be about 14-16 per cent and large square bales 12-14 per cent. Over 80 per cent of fires have been in the large square bales which have often been baled at the correct moisture content, but their high density doesn't allow breathing. That is, there is no room for error with these large, very densely packed bales.



From dewy fields to baling precision, the journey to high-quality hay demands strategic choices and meticulous timing. Photo: Austin Wegener on Unsplash.

Hay prices in Gippsland

PRICES are steady in Gippsland with cereal fetching between \$250-\$310 (+5), lucerne \$330-\$400 (-10), straw \$100-135 (+/-0) and pasture \$220-\$270 (+/-0) as of November 17.

Silage production is ongoing in the region, with a considerable number of bales entering the market. Additionally, a substantial amount is being traded 'over the fence' with local dairy farms or utilised on-farm by mixed enterprises.

Local reports indicate a significant surge in silage production, with some fields already undergoing their third cuts. This surge is poised to replenish depleted silage pits that have been in use throughout the year.

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VFF launches membership packages

THE VICTORIAN Farmers Federation (VFF) has completely overhauled its membership packages and offering, introducing a four-tiered membership structure that makes it easier than ever to join Victoria's peak agriculture and farming lobby group.

The new structure replaces the previous 30 separate membership types.

VFF President Emma Germano said new and existing members could look forward to a simpler, fairer and custom-built membership.

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Each workshop is targeted to a different sector accessed by farmers, with guest speakers and industry experts.

- November 22 Workshop 1 - Financial services sector 9am to 12pm at Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre
- November 22 Workshop 2 - Community organisations 1pm to 4pm at Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre
- November 24 Workshop 3 - Health-based organisations 9am to 12pm at the Old Wonthaggi Post Office, Wonthaggi.

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Berrys Creek Beef farmer Fergus O'Connor is using regenerative farming practices to fertilise paddocks naturally, increase cattle production, decrease emissions and costs, and help the environment. Photo: Farmers for Climate Action.

The benefits of regenerative farming

REGENERATIVE agriculture is something that Fergus O'Connor, a Beef farmer from Berrys Creek, is passionate about and he believes is simple to start.

"Two words. Soil test," he said.

Fergus rotationally grazes his cattle on mixed species pasture. The majority of which is about 48 per cent productive ryegrass, 25 per cent mixed clover species and 25 per cent dandelion, dock and plantain.

The plantain's deep roots suck nutrients from further down than ryegrass, and an agronomist who visited the farm last spring was astounded to find nitrogen nodules on white clover from 14 inches down.

"We actually have nitrogen in our paddocks naturally, rather than having to spend a fortune on synthetic fertilisers," said Fergus.

Fergus has planted 19,000 trees along a spring water course on the property to protect the waterways and has fenced off dams.

"When we had the water tested, it's the highest quality of underground water you can possibly get. When it comes out of the ground and then runs through our property, it's still in the same pristine condition when it leaves our property."

As a result of these sustainable practices, bugs, birdlife, koalas and various species of frogs are flourishing on the farm and it's being noticed by people who visit and those close by.

"The neighbours have said they've never seen or heard frogs like this for well over 40 years," said Fergus.

Fergus believes there is more than one way of doing things and the use of synthetic fertilisers is not necessarily the answer to good production; and planting trees and mixed pasture species can provide exceptional advantages.

The rising cost and availability of synthetic fertilisers for famers is one impediment and the other concern for Fergus is that the making and using synthetic fertilisers is the biggest contributor to greenhouse gases in agriculture, at 59 per cent.

"Why chuck enormously expensive fertilisers on if it's not needed and if there's other ways to grow things that will put nutrients in the soil naturally," queries Fergus.

The trees planted also offer shade and shelter by keeping cattle warm in winter and cool in summer, and Fergus has doubled the production of his beef and halved emissions.

"We've shortened the time frame by about four months that we need to keep them."

"So not only have we got the trees soaking up the CO2 but the methane is also diminished enormously because of the length of time that we have the cattle."

In addition, plants like plantain lessen the amount of methane that a steer will produce and the more mixed species in the pasture, the less methane cattle produce.

"When I can produce my cattle and turn them over quicker, it's a win-win situation for me and it's a win-win situation for nature as well as sustainability in the place."

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Prom Coast Ecolink and Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group organised a walk and talk in the foothills of the Hoddle Range.

Walk and talk in the Hoddle foothills

HAVE you ever noticed how easy it is to soak up details about nature while walking and talking? We spent a fascinating morning following one of the maintenance tracks our host Pat has carved through his biodiversity-rich property, nestled in the foothills of the Hoddle Range.

Pat's stewardship of this property over the past 20 years has nurtured the areas of remnant native vegetation and extended them through planned planting and fastidious weed control. He showed us an aerial photo of the property taken some years ago and it was inspiring to see what had been achieved since then.

Our walk meandered through tree ferns, beside streams, through open woodlands dotted with orchids and hillsides with ancient trees and stunning views. Prom Coast Ecolink and the Gippsland Threatened Species Action

Group organised this as a joint event, so we were joined by a remarkable number of flora and fauna experts. The walk was punctuated not only by birdsong, but also by exclamations of delight at natural treasures along the way.

Our experts were generous in sharing their discoveries and it was easy to understand their enthusiasm when you were actually there, seeing the plant or animal in its natural habitat. It was pretty exciting to spot a birds nest orchid amongst some tree roots!

The event was rounded out by a delicious morning tea on Pat's deck - again with stunning views. Thank you to our host Pat and to the volunteers from Prom Coast Ecolink and Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group who gave us this wonderful experience.

Stay tuned for similar opportunities in the New Year!

Celebrating Gippsland's women in dairy

GIPPSDAIRYS annual ladies' lunch is taking place this year on the sprawling grounds of the Narkoojee Winery and Restaurant in Glengarry North.

The event - being held on Thursday, November 23 - is organised by the Women in Dairy Discussion Group to celebrate the hard work and successes of women across the region. It is an opportunity to leave the farm and network with like-minded individuals, hear from inspiring guest speakers, and win some great prizes.

The lunch will feature keynote speaker Chloe Brown. Chloe is a passionate dairy farmer from south-west Victoria and sits on numerous committees within the dairy industry. She co-created the 'Cream of the Crop' conference to educate, encourage and connect women in dairy.

Chloe also hosts the 'More than Milk' podcast, showcasing the incredibly talented and diverse people that make up the Australian dairy industry. For this event, Chloe will present a live podcast featuring Gippsland dairying women, Alannah Moore and Sarah Kelly.

The event MC will be Rose Atherton, who has been involved with Gippsland's Women in Dairy group for over 16 years. Rose and her husband operate two dairy farms and supply a micro-dairy in Melbourne. Recently, Rose also took part in Dairy Australia's Farmer Ambassador Program.

GippsDairy would like to thank its major sponsor Gardiner Dairy Foundation, with additional support from ProviCo Rural Australia and the Bega Group.

Food and Fibre Gippsland CEO appointed

THE board of Food and Fibre Gippsland Inc confirmed Ben Gebert as CEO at its November meeting.

Ben has been acting CEO since July when his predecessor Nicola Pero moved to her new role in the New Energy Sector.

Ben - who lives just outside of Stratford on a mixed farming property with his partner Cassi - is from long-term farming stock, originally hailing from the Wimmera Mallee.

He moved to Gippsland in 2016 during his employment as an agribusiness banker, having subsequently held roles as a strategic partnership broker within the further education space, and in senior project and general management roles at Food and Fibre Gippsland Inc (F&FG).

Feeling honoured, he is looking forward to continuing the good work of the organisation and adding further value to stakeholders through a redoubled focus on growing Gippsland's profile as a leader in food and fibre production.

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35 Angus steers, 2 yrs, Barwidgee & Merlewood blood, 3 x 5 in 1
A/c Copperleaf Pty Ltd, San Remo (ELDERS)
32 steers, Angus & BBP, 20 mths, Battersby & Glencoe blood, have been drenched & booster 5 in 1, VB, GF & ABF, extremely quiet
A/c Comeragh, Leongatha North (SEJ)
25 Angus steers, 2yo
A/c K D Opray, Hedley (PHC)
150 Angus steers, 14- 16 mths, VB, weaned, forward condition by Top Stud Leawood, Prime & Battersby Angus bulls. Annual Draft of Tops of Drop Steers, 400-500kg
A/c B.M & G.H Missen, Woodside (SEJ)
45 Angus steers, 18 mths old, VB, GF and AB Free, Leawood & Pinora blood
A/c G & G Thompson, Fish Creek (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 15-16 mths
A/c Polyplas, Buln Buln (PHC)
16 Angus steers, 18 mths, AI bred by "Black Onyx"
A/c L Tumino, Buffalo (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus X steers, 18 mths

WEANERS

A/c P&J Sibly (ELDERS)
70 Angus weaners mixed sex, Fernliegh & Bowman blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Copperleaf Pty Ltd, San Remo (ELDERS)
48 steers, Angus & BBP, 10 mths, yard weaned
13 heifers, Angus & BBP heifers, 10 mths, yard weaned
Battersby & Glencoe blood have been drenched & booster 5 in 1, VB, GF & ABF, extremely quiet
A/c Fuller Downs, Foster (ALEX SCOTT)
60 Angus mixed sex weaners by stud Banquet and Yancowinna bulls, 2 x 7in1 vacc
A/c R & K Telling, Woodside (PHC)
40 Angus steers
20 Angus heifers
8-9 mths, Innesdale & Pinora blood, weaned
A/c Wallenbeen, Walkerville (NUTRIEN)
60 Angus heifers, 12-13 mths
A/c Patanga Properties, Bombala (NUTRIEN)
50 Hereford steers, Sept 22 Drop, Tarcomb, Mawarra, Bendoc Park & Josslyn blood, NE Accred
A/c SJ & LJ Campbell, Mardan (SEJ)
44 Angus steers, 13-14 mths, 2 x 5in1, Leawood blood, well weaned
A/c A Pocklington, Mirboo (SEJ)
40 Angus & Angus Hereford mixed sex, 12-14 mths, VB, GF & ABF, Greenhams NE Accred
A/c L Simmons, Longford (ELDERS)
40 Angus steers, 12 mths, VB, GF, & ABF
A/c Miralai P/Ship, Bombala (NUTRIEN)
17 Hereford steers
20 Hereford heifers
Sept 22 drop, Wirruna blood, NE Accred
A/c S Bentley (PHC)
28 Angus steers, 12-13 mths, Sired by AI Chiltern Park Moe 6, Out of Rennyalea, Banquet, Yancowinna and Fernleigh cows, 2 x 5 in 1 vaccine, 2 x Multi min, Drenched Ivermectin pour on and Ivermectin F injection
A/c N Shingles, Longford (ELDERS)
25 Angus m/s weaners, 10 mths, VB, GF, & ABF

A/c B & R Cashin, Stony Creek (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 14 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Melaleuca Pastoral, Ruby (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 12 mths
A/c A & A Missen, Woodside (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 12 mths
A/c B&S Phillips (ELDERS)
20 Angus steer weaners, 12 mths, Merlewood & Harris Angus blood, yard weaned
A/c S&J Bland, Alberton (ELDERS)
20 Angus x weaner steers, 10-11 mths old GF, ABF
A/c D Sommerville, Moe (ELDERS)
20 Hereford steers, 10 mths, weaned, Injemira blood, VB, GF & ABF, EU
S/c S Bare, Hallston (SEJ)
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15 Angus steers, 12 mths, Temania blood, yard weaned
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A/c W Sampson, Toora (ELDERS)
12 Speckle heifers, 8 mths, quiet
A/c B Sellings, Woodside (ELDERS)
10 Char & Blonde and Blonde heifers

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A/c P. H. & M. Thomson, Fish Creek (NUTRIEN)
72 Angus & Speckle Park X heifers, 15 mths, Vacc 7in1
A/c G & G Thompson, Fish Creek (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus heifers, 15-16 mths
A/c Copperleaf Pty Ltd, San Remo (ELDERS)
8 heifers, BBP, 18 mths unjoined, Battersby & Glencoe blood, have been drenched & booster 5 in 1, VB, GF & ABF, extremely quiet
A/c Glenwarn Pastoral (ELDERS)
4 Limousin X Blonde 'D' Aquitaine heifers, 18 mths

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A/c Clark Cattle Co, Mirboo Nth (ALEX SCOTT)
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BRUZZESE, Michele:

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Loved and only child of the late Michele and Rosa Bruzzese.

Beloved husband of 72 years to Annunziata.

Treasured father of Maria and Adriana. Adored Nonno of John and Kathy, Michael and Lisa, Jessica and Daniel. Cherished Big Nonno of Jayda, Aleya, Lucas, Bella and Mikey.

Dearly loved brother-in-law and uncle.

In God's Care.

DEATHS

NUGENT, Joan Margaret:

Joan Margaret Nugent of Rosebud, formerly Korumburra aged 76 passed away peacefully on Friday, November 10, 2023.

Partner of Peter Murray.

Joan was born in Melbourne on August 12, 1947 to Peg and Gordon Silk.

Joan was a devoted and loving mother of Wayne, Cameron, Michael, and Sally-Ann.

Mother-in-law of Lori, Kat, and Ben and loving grandma of 10.

Now at peace and dancing with the stars.

DEATHS

FERRES: Norman Bruce:

27.01.1948 - 11.11.2023.

Loving husband of Edith.

Father and father-in-law to Jane, Josh, Andrew and Catherine.

Grandfather to William, Henry, Liliana; Lydia, Amelia, and Ava.

Now resting in peace.

DEATHS

PHIPPS, Geoffrey (Geoff):

Passed away unexpectedly at Inverloch on November 15, 2023.

Cherished husband of Norma, for 62 years.

Very proud and loving father of Sally and Andrew.

Special friend and father-in-law of John and Tammy.

Devoted Pa of Lucy, Sophie, Taj and Mia who loved and adored him, as he loved and adored them.

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FUNERALS

BRUZZESE:
The Funeral Service for the late Michele Bruzzese will be held at the Southern Hills Church, 85 Commercial St, Korumburra **NEXT TUESDAY** November 28, 2023, commencing at 1.30pm.
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DEATHS

PHIPPS, Geoff:

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DEATHS

RUBY, Philip George:

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OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Swati Mukherjee, Cardiologist, will share information on Cardiac Disease in South Gippsland.

Followed by light refreshments.



RSVP Thursday 30th November, 4.00pm
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By: Friday 24 November 2023

Email: dallas.surace@gshs.com.au | Phone: 03 5667 5514

*Please note, there will be no virtual meeting arrangements.

Beloka dog trials success



Duke carefully manoeuvres the sheep to where he wants them in the finals of the Open Yard Trials.



This kelpie flew up to 2.32 metres to take out the Winner of the Dog High Jump at the Beloka dog Trials.



12-month-old Millie rounds up the sheep towards the pen in her first yard trials in the Encouragement Section.



Megan Campbell's dog Bri rounds up the cows in the Novice Cattle Trial.

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Community Information Webinars

To continue meeting natural gas demand from homes, business and industry, Beach Energy has commenced planning and consultation for the Offshore Gas Victoria (OGV) Project.

The webinars will enable the local community to learn more about the OGV Project, which is considering a range of activity in the Commonwealth waters across several phases. These webinars will focus on drilling and plug and abandonment activities.

We are committed to working with our local communities, ensuring people are informed of our projects and can provide feedback. Stakeholder consultation is an important part of our planning as it helps identify any local concerns and ensures management of potential impacts.

If you would like to ask our technical staff questions about our projects, or provide feedback, please register your interest in joining one or more of the webinars by emailing community@beachenergy.com.au.

Wednesday 22 November 2023, 5pm to 6pm AEDT

Drilling and Plug and Abandonment activities explained, including Q & A

Wednesday 29 November 2023, 12pm to 12.30pm AEDT

Drilling Q & A with Beach technical team

Thursday 30 November 2023, 1.30pm - 2pm AEDT

Plug and Abandonment Q & A with Beach technical team

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Community gardening

By author Claire Chitty

THERE'S nothing like getting together with people who passionately share a common interest. Take for example, our local community garden which was established just prior to lockdowns and has steadily expanded in size and membership. This space is an opportunity to meet people and develop friendships, with the added benefit of maintaining mental and physical health. Having fun with a group of like-minded individuals whilst literally getting my hands dirty is fulfilling and uplifting.

People are warmly welcomed, including curious onlookers who can wander through the garden observing the contribution and hard work of volunteers, or simply relax and enjoy nature's bounty in the reflection area.

The community garden promotes organic practices, permaculture and has installed many wicking and no-dig garden beds thanks to the generosity of talented unpaid workers who come together despite the challenging weather conditions; rain, hail, wind and heat. People have the freedom to work individually or in small groups at their own pace, depending upon their physical abilities and seasonal requirements.

Besides being an educational experience where ideas, knowledge and practices are freely shared, organically grown food, is available for the community and distributed to families struggling with current economic conditions. This ensures nutritional advantages alongside positive social benefits.

There's nothing more rewarding than reaping a bountiful harvest of fresh beans, beetroot and broccoli. And, there's nothing more frustrating than cucumbers demolished overnight by snails, leaves eaten by the white cabbage moth or the tedious task of removing weeds by hand as we constantly learn new alternative practices for chemical free gardening.

We're always searching for new plants to add to the area, and have excursions to various local nurseries, including The Ranch at Dalyston, Townsends and Meleleuca, and Foster and Meenyan Community Gardens which are an inspiration as we marvel at this silent movement of growing fresh organic produce with like-minded people.

I've observed many small communities are springing up as the need for more personal and meaningful links are re-evaluated after social isolation. With corporations implementing AI and technology, and removing one-on-one interactions, people are finding alternative ways to connect and work with each other towards a common goal. Both individually and collectively, it is vital to create supportive community in order to retain equilibrium, both physically, emotionally and mentally to create a sense of belonging and comradeship.

My suggestion is: 'Go on, get out into the world and find your passion and tribe! There's unity in community'.

NEW DISCOVERY: Earliest evidence that birds set foot near South Pole 125 million years ago

IN A groundbreaking discovery, researchers have identified 27 avian footprints on the Bass Coast of Victoria near Inverloch, dating back to the Early Cretaceous when Australia was still connected to Antarctica.

Published today in PLOS ONE, the findings represent some of the oldest positively identified bird tracks in the Southern Hemisphere, shedding light on early avian evolution.

Professor Anthony Martin, a geologist and palaeontologist from Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia) spearheaded the international team of researchers, including Dr Thomas Rich from Museums Victoria's Research Institute, alongside other experts from Monash University, the Benemérita Normal School of Coahuila in Mexico, and the Smithsonian Institution.

"Most of the bird tracks and body fossils dating back to the Early Cretaceous are from the Northern Hemisphere, particularly from Asia," explains Professor Martin.

"Our discovery shows that there were many birds, and a variety of them, near the South Pole about 125 million years ago."

Local Dinosaur Dreaming volunteer fossil hunter Melissa Lowery, dubbed 'the doyenne of dinosaur discovery,' played a pivotal role in the find. Lowery, known for her keen eye, first spotted some tracks in 2020. In a few short years, Lowery has been responsible for the discovery of hundreds of fossils.

Dr Thomas Rich, Senior Curator of Vertebrate Palaeontology at Museums Victoria's Research

Institute and co-founder of Dinosaur Dreaming said, "Palaeontologists and citizen scientists have spent decades combing the foreshore around Inverloch for prehistoric life with success – but when Melissa joined our program in 2019, the number of discoveries exploded."

The 27 bird tracks, found in the Wonthaggi Formation, vary in form and size, with some of the largest dating from the Early Cretaceous. Ranging from seven to fourteen centimetres wide, these tracks resemble those of modern-day shorebirds like small herons and oystercatchers.

Located in the rocky coastal strata where the ancient supercontinent Gondwana began to break up around 100 million years ago, the Wonthaggi Formation offers a glimpse into a polar environment during the Early Cretaceous. The discovery suggests a recurrent presence of various birds, possibly on a migratory route, and provides valuable insights into the ecosystem during polar summers.

While the Wonthaggi Formation is renowned for its polar dinosaur bones, bird fossils are scarce due to their lightweight nature and minimal foot impressions.

"Since discovering the tracks, we have witnessed the disappearance of seven of them due to coastal erosion. This emphasises the pressing need for documentation and preservation. These fragile finds serve as a unique window into the mysteries of early avian evolution," Dr Rich explained.



Melissa Lowery and Museums Victoria Research Institute Palaeontologist Dr Tom Rich. Photos: Museums Victoria.



Melissa Lowery first spotted the tracks in 2020 which has since led to the identification of 27 avian footprints.

Berninneit to host Tubular Bells for Two



Berninneit – the exquisite new arts and culture centre recently opened on Phillip Island – is bringing Tubular Bells for Two on Saturday, November 25, at 7pm.

Two blokes juggle over 20 instruments live on stage in a spellbinding performance.

A multi-award-winning hit at festivals around the world, Tubular Bells for Two returns to the stage for one final tour in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Mike Oldfield's seminal work.

Ask anyone who grew up in the 70s and they will be able to tell you exactly where they were when they first heard Tubular Bells.

It was the first release on Richard Branson's fledgling record label, Virgin Records, selling over 40 million copies – kick-starting the Virgin

empire – and later becoming the soundtrack to the cult-classic film The Exorcist.

Tubular Bells for Two is an intricately choreographed thrilling piece of tightrope theatre.

The duo are literally rushed of their feet as they dash around a sea of instruments.

Things can go wrong at any moment, and the slightest mistake or misplaced limb can bring the entire show crashing to a halt.

Regardless of whether you are a Tubular Bells virgin, or long-time fan, Tubular Bells for Two is guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat.

Don't miss your last chance to see it.

LEFT: Tubular Bells for Two is coming to Berninneit this Saturday, November 25.

Koonwarra Memorial Park wishes to know - is this your flag?

THE Koonwarra Memorial Park Management Committee was made aware of a strange flag flying on their flagpole recently. After checking with the committee's flag raising member, Mr Albie Rodwell, who had no knowledge of the flag, its owner or why it would appear on the Memorial Park flagpole, it was removed.

The flag was identified as a Eureka Stockade Flag.

The Koonwarra Memorial Park Management Committee

are intrigued as to why someone would want to raise that flag on their flagpole and why they thought they had the right to do so.

The Memorial Park was established in 1947, the land being donated by a local identity, to remember the local men who gave their lives during WWII.

This Park has been developed and managed by a local Committee ever since.

"We as Australian citizens

today need to be ever reminded and grateful to our local soldiers for their supreme sacrifice. Lest we forget," Ken Caithness said.

"I have nothing against those who were involved in the Eureka Stockade and what they stood for; it is also Australian history, but the Memorial Park is not the place to display it."

If the owner would like to reclaim their flag they can do so by contacting, Ken Caithness on 0419 387 860.



Two local riders in upcoming Surfing Titles on the Island

THE WOOLWORTHS Australian Junior Surfing Titles will be held on Phillip Island from Saturday November 25 to Sunday December 3.

Winners of the Under 16 and Under 18 Junior men and women will earn a spot on the Irukandjis' Team to represent Australia at the ISA World Junior Championships.

The upcoming event is mobile and may include Cape Woolamai, Smiths Beach, Right Point (Cat Bay), the Penguin Parade and Flynn's Reef.

A variety of conditions is expected with waves in the 3-6 foot range and water temperatures of approximately 16-20 degrees Celsius.

Phillip Island surfers Evie Lutz and Angus Kennedy from Cowes will be competing on their home waves at the upcoming Surfing Titles.

Angus, aged 12, is ranked fifth in the state and rides an Island Ringa NXT. He had a Groms lesson with Island Surfboards before starting school.

"I loved it and I've been hooked ever since," said Angus said whose favourite surf trips were Indonesia and Snapper Rocks.

Morgan Cibilic and Mikey



Phillip Island surfers Evie Lutz and Angus Kennedy (pictured) from Cowes will be competing on their home waves at the upcoming Surfing Titles.

Wright are Angus' favourite surfers and his favourite local wave to surf is "Wooli on a good day".

What does Angus love most about surfing? "Every wave is different and unpredictable. Days in the surf are never alike."

Evie is 13-years-old and ranked fourth in the state and started surfing after watching her uncle (Stuey Campbell) and other locals like Joe (van Dijk) in the surf, "It looked like a lot of fun," she said.

Evie's favourite surf trip

was to Lennox Head and favourite surfer is Mick Fanning. Evie rides a Channel Islands Happy Everyday board and her favourite local wave to surf is Woolamai.

What does Evie love most about surfing? "It's a great break from the everyday."



Sienna, Neka and Molly showed off their colours at Sunday's Duel in the Pool.



Swimmers were divided into four teams to compete in Sunday's Duel in the Pool.

Swimmers duel at Leongatha Splash

FAMILY and club loyalties were put aside in the pool on Sunday, with all swimmers divided up into four teams of equal ability for the "Duel in the Pool" at Leongatha Splash.

Siblings and parents donned coloured caps as well as colourful clothing for their teams and raced each other.

There were more than 100 swimmers from the seven Gippsland clubs competing.

Competitors competed in 50m races in all four strokes,

as well as some novelty events, such as the butterfly kick 50m and the mixed order Individual Medley.

One of the most popular for the crowd to watch was the skins event, where the selected eight swimmers raced 25m and the slowest from each heat was eliminated until there was just two left.

There was a lot of cheering as friends became fierce rivals to try to bring the points home for their team.

The other popular event

was the final one, the 10 x 50m Relay, which saw one swimmer from each age group compete for the team.

Teams chose their order, so that at times an 8-year-old maybe doing their leg against a 16-year-old.

The result for the day was decided in this final event with the Red team bringing home the relay win which meant they were the champions for the day.

The focus of the day was increased involvement for

the younger swimmers who are still learning how to race and they were able to do so in a pool that is so familiar to them.

The atmosphere was one of happiness and fun and all the young swimmers went home excited about being a part of the sport.

A raffle was also drawn, with the winners of the Blue Salt necklace: P. Perczyk, Inverloch Air BnB accommodation: G Cook and \$300 RACV voucher: G. Perry.

Protecting Victoria's abalone from virus outbreaks

A SIGNIFICANT leap forward has been taken that will help keep Victoria's abalone, a marine snail, safe and healthy.

A comprehensive new Code of Practice, that has been developed in close consultation with industry stakeholders, is a milestone initiative poised to ensure the safety and sustainability of Victoria's abalone populations.

The primary goal of the Code is to minimise the risk of outbreaks and the spread of abalone viral ganglioneuritis (AVG), a viral disease that affects the nervous system and can lead to weakness and death of abalone.

This objective will be achieved through the adoption of standardised operating procedures across the industry.

AVG presents a significant threat to both wild and farmed abalone populations, underscoring the urgency of effective control measures.

The virus first made its appearance in southern Victoria in late 2005, without previously being recorded in Australia. During that time, it was declared a notifiable disease under the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994.

"It's imperative that we do everything possible to protect our abalone from this disease," Dr Bradley said.

"Given the recent incidents of AVG affecting abalone in the Portland area, it's more important than ever to prioritise collaboration across the industry.

"The Code of Practice provides clear guidelines and procedures to prevent the devastating impact of AVG."

The virus can spread through water but is fragile and doesn't last long outside of a host. It is essential for everyone involved in catching, growing, or processing abalones to adhere to the Code of Practice.



Brad Anderson keeps for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL against Meenyan Dumbalk United, finishing with a catch and a stumping after scoring 55, but MDU enjoyed a narrow win. Photo: Jodie Arnup.



Blake Smith bowls for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL in the Cougars' close B1 loss against Meenyan Dumbalk United, with the young bowler taking 2/35 from eight overs. Photo: Jodie Arnup.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY November 21
▲ 6.24am 1.56m
▼ 11.54am 0.62m
▲ 6.12pm 1.36m

WEDNESDAY November 22
▼ 12.03am 0.37m
▲ 7.11am 1.49m
▼ 12.44pm 0.60m
▲ 7.13pm 1.32m

THURSDAY November 23
▼ 12.56am 0.48m
▲ 8.03am 1.43m
▼ 1.41pm 0.56m
▲ 8.32pm 1.30m

FRIDAY November 24
▼ 1.57am 0.61m
▲ 9.01am 1.39m
▼ 2.47pm 0.51m
▲ 10.01pm 1.35m

SATURDAY November 25
▼ 3.08am 0.71m
▲ 10.00am 1.37m
▼ 4.00pm 0.43m
▲ 11.16pm 1.44m

SUNDAY November 26
▼ 4.27am 0.78m
▲ 11.00am 1.36m
▼ 5.08pm 0.34m

MONDAY November 27
▲ 12.22am 1.56m
▼ 5.46am 0.80m
▲ 11.57am 1.38m
▼ 6.08pm 0.26m

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ALLAMBEE MIRBOO & DISTRICT

RESULTS: round six.
Section 1 results: Leongatha 4.35 defeated Koonwarra 4.30; Inverloch 7.48 defeated Korumburra 1.22; Westernport bye.
Ladder: Westernport 42, Inverloch 40, Koonwarra 26, Korumburra 21, Leongatha 20
Section 2 results: Outtrim 6.55 defeated Leongatha 3.47; Baromi 6.63 defeated Korumburra 3.49.
Ladder: Outtrim 46, Baromi 39, Leongatha 34.5, Korumburra- 12.5
Inverloch won well in Section 1 against Korumburra.
Well done to Korumburra for taking a mixed set of the strong Inverloch team.
Koonwarra and Leongatha had a much closer match, with Leongatha winning by just five games.
The young players with Matt Pocklington are all learning from their experience and getting better each week.
Baromi had a convincing win.
There were three tiebreakers during the day – two in the men’s sets going the way of Baromi, and one in the mixed going to Korumburra.
Greg Edwards played in all three tiebreakers.
After a comeback week, Wayne Roberts (a.k.a. Robbo) got injured again in this match.
Baromi had to call on a fill-in to finish the match.
The association wish him all the best in his recovery.
Outtrim was the winner over Leongatha, but, as there always is with these two teams, there were some great sets of tennis. Congratulations to Jeff Brusamarello for playing his first game for the season and contributing to his team’s win.
Both matches in this section had family pairs playing together – Baromi had Sean and Matthew Fraser, Leongatha had Susan Clark and Nicole de Longville, and Outtrim had Sara Beale and Alex Beale.
Marty Nichol’s son Toby also played for Outtrim this week as a third lady.
Please be aware that fill-ins names must be on the back of the sheet until they have played three matches.
Junior boys (under 15 years of age at the start of the season) can only play five games as a lady for the season.
The name and birth date of the junior boy must be on the back as well.
The tournament will be played on Saturday, December 2, so make sure you have your pairs ready.
It would be good for all teams to be represented.

RIVERSIDE

ROUND six results:
Section 1/2 Doubles:
Moe 9 - 56 defeated Warragul 0 – 22; Drouin Gold 0 - 27 defeated by Drouin Maroon 9 – 56; Neerim District 3 - 36 defeated by Hallora 6 – 47; Trafalgar 2 - 29 defeated by Poowong 7 – 44.
Team Points: Drouin Maroon 51, Moe 44.5, Neerim District 41, Warragul 36, Hallora 29, Poowong 25.5, Trafalgar 20, Drouin Gold 17
Section 1 Singles:
Trafalgar 0 - 1 - 32 defeated by Moe Blue 4 - 8 – 49; Drouin 0 - 1 - 21 defeated by Moe Red 4 - 8 – 47; Moe White had the bye.
Team Points: Moe Red 23.5, Moe White 21, Moe Blue 18.5, Drouin 7.5, Trafalgar 4.5
Section 2 Singles:
Pax Hill 6 - 48 defeated Warragul 0 – 9; Trafalgar 6 - 48 defeated Drouin Gold 0 – 13; Moe 3 - 39 defeated Drouin Maroon 3 – 29.
Team Points: Pax Hill 38, Trafalgar 37, Drouin Maroon 26, Moe 22, Drouin Gold 12, Warragul 1



Indianna Eden and Jan Lardner participated in the dressage lesson at Bass Valley Pony Club.



Tully Rain Paurini enjoyed the first rally back at Bass Valley Pony Club.

Riders return to Bass Valley Pony Club



Abi Lewis-Oxley received coaching from Kate Reedy at Bass Valley Pony Club.

BASS Valley Pony Club is back in action.
After a two-year recession due to the pandemic, the club held a Come and Try Day on Sunday to help re-establish its membership.
“We wanted to see if we could form a club again and we’ve had a great response. We’re super proud,” Club President Victoria Stewart said.
Twelve riders – aged from five years old into adulthood – took part in the day, which featured an obstacle course with poles and dressage lessons.
“We are one of the very few clubs that will accept adults as well as children. We have opened our doors to everybody. We want everyone to have the chance to join,” Victoria said.
“We are a small, intimate, family club. A lot of pony clubs push rides to become more competitive. We want to be the type of pony club that will accept anyone – whether you’re doing dressage, showjumping or western. We want to be a really inclusive club.
“It’s a chance for riders to go out and have fun, meet other riders and realise there is a whole community out there just like themselves.”
Should the pony club re-establish its membership, there are grand plans in the pipeline.
“Right before COVID hit, we had plans, permits and a bit of

funding – that is potentially still available – to build a brand-new cross-country course,” Victoria said.
“We have a little cross-country course, but it’s quite small in the scheme of things. We are hoping that if we can rebuild the club and rebuild interest, we will be able to build the new cross-country course for our riders.
“We want the chance to be able to build this club into something the community wants and needs, and we’ve had a very promising start.”
The pony club will run another Come and Try Day in December, with rallies set to start back in January.
For the December sessions, there will be a small fee for insurance, and to cover the cost of coaches and instructors.
“We source our coaches and instructors. We want to be the type of club where you don’t have the same instructors every rally. With new, different instructors each time, our riders have the opportunity to learn from different experiences. I think it’s important, because different instructors will pick up different issues, teach you different skills and teach you different activities,” Victoria said.
For more information about the Bass Valley Pony Club or the upcoming Come and Try Day, contact Victoria on 0426 874 574.

Team Suds Secures Solid Victory in Week 7 of Spring Series

IN A laid-back yet competitive atmosphere, Week 7 of the Phillip Island & Districts Darts League Spring Series unfolded on Monday with 24 participants engaged in dart-throwing action.
Team Suds, consisting of Sudsy Knowles, Grummo, Paul Gleeson, and Darren, took centre stage, clinching a solid 6-1 win for the night.
Adding to the enjoyment of the competition, congratulations were extended to Vince Palladino for winning the delectable San Remo Butchers meat tray. Rumour has it; there’s a BBQ at his place this upcoming

weekend – an invitation that’s sure to be well-received among league members.
On the individual front, Paul Gleeson maintains a comfortable lead in the standings. While he’s cruising at the top, the race for second and third place remains open, keeping the competition interesting for several players.
Looking ahead, the league gears up for the final week of the series on Monday 20. Organisers are hopeful for a strong turnout from members to not only

acknowledge the winners but also to enjoy the conviviality that makes the league special.
“It’s been a fun and competitive series,” noted a league representative.
“We invite everyone to join us for the last week, celebrate the winners, and enjoy the camaraderie that defines our league.”
New players are always welcome, so if you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female, please contact Scott Lethbridge: 0407 543 154 | scott@glpc.com.au.



Vince Palladino won the delectable San Remo Butchers meat tray this week.



Michael Dady (S), Max Summers (L) and Chris Brooks (3) were South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's winners.



The runners up of the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were David Talbot (3), Elaine Williams (L) and Rob Jeffrey (S).



Raff Merente (3), Phil Wright (S) and Peter Thorley (L) were the best one game winners at the Lang Lang Bowls Club.



Philip Fowler, Jeannie Slocombe and Mario Toffolon were the Friday winners at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls.



John Newcombe (skip), Ewen Wilson and Daryl White were the Monthly Triples winners at the Inverloch Bowling Club.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners Charlie Wright, Joy Phillips and Hans Bischofberger.

INVERLOCH

SOCIAL Bowls:
On Thursday, the Social Bowls had more than 20 participants play two games of 10 ends.
Runners up for the day on two wins and 33 points was the team of Mal Marshall (skip), Pam Sutcliffe and Diane Hallas. Winners on the day was the team of Keith Cousens (skip), Graham Turton, Di Selby and Liz Jacobs.
Monthly Triples: Monthly Triples saw 22 teams battle it out.
Winners on the day were John Newcombe (skip), Ewen Wilson and Daryl White with four wins and 71 points.
Runners up were the team of Geoff Coleman (skip), Neil Everitt and John Duthie with four wins and 70 points.
Best first game went to C. Fisher (skip), C. Donohue and D. Silulr with +18.
Best second game on +16 went to Keith Cousens (skip), Paul Davis and Peter Shaw.
Best third game went to Johnny Mig (skip), Alan Jordan and Stan Node on +18.
Best fourth game went to Doug Archer (skip), John Duscher and Martin Hannaford with +8.
Next Monthly Triples at Inverloch will be on December 20.
Pennant:
Midweek Pennant Division 1: Inverloch 56 Phillip Island 58.
Division 2: Inverloch 43 Phillip Island 56.
Division 3: Inverloch (4) 37 Port Welshpool 34.
Inverloch (3) 36 Mirboo North 40.
Saturday Pennant Division 1: Inverloch 49 Leongatha 50.
Division 2: Inverloch 56 Korumburra 52.
Division 3: Inverloch 50 Lang Lang 52.
Division 4: Inverloch 56 Loch 56.

KORUMBURRA
IT was a varied week for the club this week with Division 1 travelling to Corinella and coming home winners.
Judith Nicholl had a 22 to 17 win, Jenny McVeigh a 23 all draw and unfortunately Jo Lomagnolo lost 21 to 23.
It was still an overall three shot win.
Division 3 hosted Tarwin Lower with Lena Harfield having a 23 to 12 shot win.
Unfortunately, Cheryl Moore suffered an eight to 28 loss.
On Wednesday, the ladies had

a coffee morning with guest speaker Ross Besley giving an entertaining talk on his experiences of walking with the gorillas in Africa.
Saturday pennant had Divisions 1 and 4 travelling to Wonthaggi while Division 2 hosted Inverloch.
Division 1 came away with a good win.
Shane O'Loughlin won 26 to 16, Rob Cosson won 21 to 16 and Peter Spark was the only loss, going down 14 to 20.
It was still a good overall win.
In Division 2, Rob Sund was the only winner getting up 22 to 17.
Ben Peachey went down 18 shots to 19 while Jim Garnham went down 12 shots to 20.
In Division 4, George Hams had a good win 28 shots to eight Alan Cherrett won 28 shots to 14 alas Neil Harfield went down 15 shots to 31 – still a good overall win.
Don't forget names for the Christmas tea are required by December 1 and monies paid on that day.

LEONGATHA

ROUND three of the Midweek Pennant Division 1 competition was played at the Leongatha Bowls Club and the opponents were a side representing the Wonthaggi Bowls Club.
The visitors were defeated narrowly on two rinks but scored a mammoth win on the other rink which resulted in an overall result of 54/67 shots.
Individual rink scores were as follows:
Marj Pearson skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Janice Jeeves skip (Wonthaggi) 13/32 shots.
Jenny Miller skip (Leongatha) defeated Caroline Donohue skip (Wonthaggi) 20/18 shots.
Rosa James skip (Leongatha) defeated Kathleen Simpson skip (Wonthaggi) 21/17 shots.
Social bowls was played on Wednesday and disappointingly only 10 bowlers graced the green.
The team of Karen Fidler, Alan Moxey and Lance Lancaster went home with the chocolates.
Last Saturday, the weather was kind, and the club was represented by Division 1 and Division 2 in the Saturday Pennant Competition round five.
Division 4 had the bye.
Division 1 travelled to Inverloch and scored a one-shot

victory against formidable opposition.
Individual rink scores were as follows:
Ron Burge skip (Inverloch) defeated Jenny Miller skip (Leongatha) 17/16 shots.
Martin Hannaford skip (Inverloch) defeated John Hall skip (Leongatha) 20/10 shots.
Andrew Rowe skip (Inverloch) was defeated by Anthony Collier skip (Leongatha) 12/24 shots.
The Leongatha Division 2 side made the picturesque journey to San Remo Bowls Club to enjoy the hospitality of the opposition, but suffered a defeat overall with a score of 58/65 shots.
Individual rink scores were as follows:
Mark Andretta skip (San Remo) defeated Marj Pearson skip (Leongatha) 21/20 shots.
Barry McGowan skip (San Remo) defeated Ron Symmons skip (Leongatha) 27/18 shots.
Tony McKiernan skip (San Remo) was defeated by Rod Jackson skip (Leongatha) 17/20 shots.
Coming events are the following:
Business Bowls: November 21 and 28, and December 5 and 12.
Medley event: December 7 – contact Janice Sing 0429 436 991 for booking.
Corporate events: November 23, and December 1, 8 and 15.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

THIRTY-THREE of the family met to fight it out at Lang Lang this week.
Weather was pretty good – not hot, a bit cool, but certainly not cold.
Games were high quality but that didn't stop the laughter from all quarters.
Marianne looked after the bar again and kept many of our bowlers happy.
Pauline, Peter and John once again did a superb job in getting everyone out on the green.
They do a marvellous job week in and week out so a big thank you for them.
One or two wrong bias bowls – good to see the tin slowly filling up.
The winners on a score of 35 were Michael Dady (S), Chris Brooks (3) and Max Summers (L).
Runners up on 34 points were Rob Jeffrey (S), David Talbot (3) and Elaine Williams (L).
Best one game winners on 23

points were Phil Wright (S), Raffaele Merente (3) and Peter Thorley (L).
Thank you also to Vicki for looking after the kitchen.
Kevin and Vern also received thanks for clearing up the rink after the game.
Next week, the bowlers will be heading to Corinella.
Everyone who is playing should be on site by 10am to allow time for Peter to work his magic getting the teams set up.
Meanwhile, have a great week and to all the pennant players, the club hopes you have a good weekend of playing.

WONTHAGGI

IT was another busy week at the club.
The club was able to have bowls clinics with secondary and primary school students during the week, where Rob Aitken and helpers explained the basics of the sport.
It is important to take the sport to the students.
Tuesday saw Midweek Pennant with Division 1 travelling to Leongatha on a cold overcast day.
Two rinks had tight matches with the other having a good win.
The final scores Wonthaggi 67 Leongatha 54.
Division 2 played host to Lang Lang looking for a win to keep their season on track.
All rinks played well to record a solid victory.
The final score Wonthaggi 85 Lang Lang 47.
Barefoot Bowls started on Tuesday with a good turn out on a cool evening.
All players had a good roll up and are looking forward to next week.
Wednesday social bowls saw 24 bowlers grace the greens on a day with another event at another local club.
There were two teams that were two game winners, with the runners up being Lyn Tagel, Michael Raman and Rod Beech with a score of two wins and 32 points.
The winners were Hans Bischofberger, Joy Phillips and Charlie Wright with a score of two wins and 33 points.
Thursday went off well, with a photo of the winners of a special treat on the club website.
They were Jim Martin, Eria Thompson, Heather Blanch and Colin Ormerod.
Saturday saw Division 1 play

host to Korumburra in a match that was always going to be close.
Wonthaggi won one rink with Korumburra having an edge on the other two.
The final scores were Wonthaggi 52 Korumburra 61.
Division 2 travelled to Fish Creek which is always a tough match.
Two rinks fought hard to stay in their matches but the other found the going a bit tough against good opposition.
The final scores were Wonthaggi 52 Fish Creek 77.
Division 3 travelled to Mirboo North looking for a win.
Two rinks had close games with the other having a very good win to secure victory.
The final scores were Wonthaggi 72 Mirboo North 53.
Division 4 played host to Korumburra at home, in a game that on ladder positions, Wonthaggi should have had a win.
Korumburra were up for a scrap, with Wonthaggi having a good win on one rink but went down on the other two.
The final scores were Wonthaggi 53 Korumburra 71.
Bowls this week: Tuesday Midweek Pennant and Barefoot Bowls from 5pm, Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday is Pennant Day.
Don't forget the Christmas lunch is on Sunday, December 10, at the clubhouse.
This will be catered, so put your name or names on the sheet in the clubhouse.
Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

IT was another enjoyable week of bowling with a total of 45 players – 20 on Tuesday and 25 on Friday.
The results are as follows:
Tuesday's winners with a plus 16 after winning both games were Sylvia Mattock, Mary Spooner and Pat Smith. Runners up, also winning both games on plus 12, were Phylis Petersons, Judy Sweetnam, Teresa Ireland and Jim Rodhi.
Friday's winners on plus 17 were Philip Fowler, Jeannie Slocombe and Mario Toffolon. Coming second on plus five were Lia Smith, Marg Hender and Max Sweetnam – both teams won two games each.



Foster Golf Club's Ladies Champions were A Grade Robyn Galloway, B Grade Rachael Brown and C Grade Kylie Collins.



Four fabulous tee shots landed around the flag on the fifth during the second round of the Club Championships at Lang Lang Golf Club. From left, Luke Sparks, Rob Bradshaw, Jamie O'Neill and Dylan Bradshaw.



Meeniyah Golf Club's runner up Irene Holm, Kasey Thorson (sponsor's daughter) and winner Heather McCaughan.

FOSTER Ladies

FOSTER Ladies Championship's three rounds were completed in excellent conditions. Congratulations to Club Champion Robyn Galloway with 260. B Grade Champion was Rachael Brown 283 and C Grade Champion was Kylie Collins 316. The Mollie Mitchell net event was won by Rachael Brown. Putting Barb Britten with 93. Well done to all who participated and congratulations to all the winners. The daily event was sponsored by Val Williams. Thank you to Val, who is a great supporter of the club. The winner was Beth Curram (22) 70. B Grade's winner was Kylie Collins (30) 74 C/B. Scratch score went to Robyn Galloway 85. B Grade scratch went to Elisa Nudelman 103. Putting was won by Barb Britten 29 C/B. NTP on sixth was K. Collins and 17th Beth Curram. Balls down the line went to Robyn Galloway 71, Rachael Brown 72 and Barb Britten 72. Next week, November 29, is the Clayton's "bus" trip to the nine-holes at Inverloch. Everyone make their own way to the course and bring plenty of old balls.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, November 14. Stableford: 38 players. A Grade: Brian Clasby (16) 39 pts. B Grade: John Kerr (20) 41 Pts NTPs: first Ian Gibson, seventh Athol Worthy, 10th John Stein and 13th Iain Riddell. Thursday, November 16: Stableford: 20 players. Winner: Jake Fowles (27) 43. NTPs: first Joseph Salvatore, seventh Rob Gallagher, 10th John Kerr and 13th Peter Johnson. Saturday, November 18: Stableford: 50 players. Sponsor: Scott Roda. A Grade: Jacob Wrigley (11) 42 pts. B Grade: Steve McNamarra (22) 43 pts. NTPs: first Barry Kerr, seventh Tim O'Neill, 10th David Sorrell and 13th Peter Van Agtmaal.

Ladies

WELL done to Kerri Besley (20) who played an amazing round of 64 net to win the Star Medallist play-off last Wednesday. Merrissa Cosson (14) was runner up 70 net and Julie Brannaghan (27) came in third, 74 net. There was also a Stableford event last week. The A Grade winner was Beryl Brown (26) 32 pts and runner

up was Sherrin Solly (24), 30 pts on a c/b. Karen Sorrell (40) won B Grade 35 pts and Trudy Olden (32) was runner up 34 pts. BDTL went to Betty Thomson (41) 33 pts and Deb Wrigley (28) 30 pts. The nine-hole comp winner was Moira Rogers (30) 14 pts. Kerri was NTP on the first and 13th, and Merrissa was closest on the seventh and 10th greens. Congratulations to the finalists of the 30+ markers Singles Knock-out Diarne Maskell and Kath Welsh. This was a super even match, with Diarne winning on the 19th hole. The Saturday RB Medallist round was won by Lynette McIvor (22) 72 net on a c/b from Aliesha Wrigley (22). Deb Wrigley (28) was the place getter, 73 net. Heather Grist (21) won the Stableford event 32 pts, Judy Webb (24) was close behind, 31 pts and Julie Hillberg won a BDTL. NTPs went to Chris Rickard 10th and Julie Hillberg 13th. Thursday's nine-hole Twilight golf was won by Don and Julie Hislop 19 pts after a third c/b with Gail Beer and Rob Gallagher.

LANG LANG

RESULTS: Tuesday Stableford – field of 63. Division 1: Winner: Josh De Groot 39 pts. Second place: Cameron Harwood 38 pts. Division 2: Winner: Ron Constantine 40 pts. Second place: Ken Lay 38 pts. Ball rundown to 35 pts. Nearest the pins: Fifth: Dave Austin. Ninth: Daryl Barker. 12th: Josh De Groot. 15th: Robert Stead. Wednesday: Ladies Stableford. Winner: Jenny Fraser (Leongatha Golf Club) 38 pts. Runner up: Robin Smith (Leongatha Golf Club) 37 pts. Ball rundown to 32 pts. Nearest the pins: Fifth: Carolyn Cripps – hole in one. Ninth: Betty Williamson. 12th: Rebecca Thomas. Thursday 4BBB/Stableford – field of 59. 4BBB: Winners: Colin Crowle and Phil Mott with 45 pts by countback. Runners up: Tony Andrews and Michael Bushe. Stableford: Winner: Patrick Farrell 39 pts. Runner up: Tony Andrews 37 pts. Ball rundown to 35 pts. Nearest the pin: Fifth: Michael Thomas. Ninth: Alan Courtney. 12th: Wayne Kennedy. 15th: Roger Parker. Saturday: second round Club Championships – 164 players. Leaderboard as follows after round two: Men's A Grade (Gross):

Bart McDonald 154, Wayne Kennedy 154, Casual Walker 155, Richard Briggs 156, John Beveridge 157, Levi Maxwell 158, Colin Casey 160, Darren Rooke 161 Men's B Grade (Gross): Josh Rietman 169, Col Maclean 177, Kevin Greenland 178, Mark Owen 181, Dick Cousins 181, Rick Falcone 181 Men's C Grade (Gross): Kevin Curtis 185, David Chadwick 196, Noel Marsland 198, Steven Walsh 199 Ladies A Grade (Gross): Rena Casey 174, Jennifer Sulivan 156 Ladies B Grade (Gross): Sue O'Connor 224, Sue Van Gaal 227 Sunday Stableford: Winner: Darryn Danger 34 pts by countback. Runner up: Trent Burge. A big congratulations to Carolyn Cripps on achieving a hole in one on Wednesday on the fifth hole. The club has a very exciting third and final round of Club Championships upcoming on Saturday. The leaderboard is very close in a lot of divisions and a seeded draw has been drawn up for the final round for the top contenders. Everyone is encouraged to get down to the club on Saturday and show your support for the golfer – it is sure to be a great atmosphere. There will be another couple of meat trays to raffle and presentations to all winners will be held on completion of the round. The club looks forward to seeing everyone there and hopefully the weather gods will play nicely.

LEONGATHA THURSDAY, November 16: Stableford. Seventy-two members and guests played in Thursday's Stableford round. Despite the recently cored greens, there were many great scores returned. A Grade winner: Steve Foster (16) with 40 pts. A Grade runner up: Ashleigh Hutton (15) with 38 pts. B Grade winner: Key Lay (22) with 42 pts. B Grade runner up: John Moor (20) with 38 pts. C Grade winner: Lyndon Thompson (28) with 39 pts on a countback. C Grade runner up: Malcolm Legge (26) with 39 pts. NTP 14th: Ken Smirk at 4.24m. NTP 16th: Alan Briggs at 2.80m. NTP second shot fifth: Doug Clemann at 3.00m. Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Peter Waters, Sean Munley, Renato Monacella and Fred Debono. Saturday, November 18: Stableford. Eighty-six members and guests

played in the Stableford event with more great scores returned. A Grade winner: John Feddersen (18) with 44 pts. A Grade runner up: Renato Monacella (16) with 38 pts. B Grade winner: Gerry Carcour (24) with 43 pts. B Grade runner up: Phil Strike (24) with 40 pts. C Grade winner: Jim Cresp (32) with 43 pts on a countback. C Grade runner up: Malcolm Legge (26) with 43 pts. NTP 14th: Russell Williams 5.00m. NTP 16th: Ian Watson at 4.80m. Extra Balls Comp prizes went to John Fraser, Marilyn Williams, Lianne Adamson and Daniel Yeap.

MEENIYAN

Ladies WEDNESDAY, November 15, was a stroke round, which also was the play off for the Star Medallist. Faye LePage was the winner on a countback from Dot Christie. The winner for the day's event sponsored by Andrea Thorson was Heather McCaughan with a great 72 net – well done Heather. Runner up went to Irene Holm 74 net, with down the line balls to Heather Poletti, Sue Hoskin, Lyn Jennison and Tanya Thorson with 74 net. Jan Trease won the putting with 27.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, November 16: Stableford. A Grade: M. Payne, (13) 41 pts c/b. B Grade: P. Cummaudo (32) 41 pts. DTL: D. Taylor 39, D. Woodall 37 and N. Baker 35. NTP: fourth G. Renwick, sixth P. Cummaudo, 13th T. Whitelaw and 16th D. Woodall. Birdies: sixth P. Cummaudo, D. Taylor, A. Liebe, R. Thompson and S. Woodall, 13th T. Whitelaw and, 16th D. Woodall. Saturday, November 18: Stroke – second round Championship. A Grade: T. Bradshaw, (11) 65 net. B Grade: S. Hill-Smith, (20) 68 net. C Grade: J. Taylor (30) 70 net. DTL: M. Payne 68, D. Woodall 70, N. Bickerton, N. Rutledge and B. Bradshaw 71. NTP: fourth D. Woodall, sixth J. Taylor, 13th G. Renwick and 16th J. Coleman. Birdies: sixth M. Payne, J. Taylor, J. Robbins and R. Jenkins, 13th T. Bradshaw, M. Payne and G. Renwick, 16th T. Bradshaw, and J. Coleman. Championship leaderboard will on the board at the clubhouse.

PHILLIP ISLAND

RESULTS: Tuesday, November 14 – annual Phillip Island Golf Club vs Flinders Golf Club. Men's 18-hole Stableford: Ron Davies (21) 42 pts, Tom Tyrell (10) 40 pts C/B, Nigel Firth (24) 40 pts C/B, Stewart Goldsmith (21) 40 pts, Don Stewart-Uden (29) 39 pts, Fred Panozzo (16) 38 pts C/B, Patrick Garry (27) 38 pts, and Chris Hosking (Flinders) (12) 37 pts. Ladies' 18-hole Stableford: Jeanette Diss (20) 36 pts, Pam Rothfield (24) 34 pts, Sabine Bommer (Flinders) (24) 39 pts C/B, Vicki Amato (31) 29 pts and Trudee Laphorne (45) 28 pts. Wednesday, November 15: Women's 18-hole Monthly Medal Stroke. Winners: A Grade: Lesley Meadowcroft (16) 72. B Grade: Michelle Pardoe (32) 68. C Grade: Jill Trickey (45) 70. BDL: 76 C/B. NTP: fifth Vicki Roff-Smith, seventh Judy Henry and 10th Taylah Robinson. Women's nine-hole Stableford: Winner: Joan Baker (45) 18 pts C/B. BDL: 17 pts. Thursday, November 16: open 18-hole Stableford. Overall winner: Don Stewart-Uden (27) 42 pts. A Grade winners: A-1 Dennis Osborne (12) 40 pts and A-2 Michael Taylor (14) 39 pts. B Grade winners: B-1 Brodie Mabilia (17) 39 pts and B-2 Ray Reid (17) 37 pts C/B. C Grade winners: C-1 Don Stewart-Uden (27) 42 pts and C-2 Ian Huther (34) 39 pts. BDL to 33 pts C/B. Great score: Rob Haydon – eagle on the 13th. NTP: fifth Peter Gray, seventh Dennis Osborne, 10th Michael Taylor and 17th Wayne Morris. Nine-hole Stableford: Winner: Clive Hill (33) 20 pts C/B and Robert Pascoe (16) 20 pts C/B. BDL to 16 pts C/B. Saturday, November 18: Men's Monthly Medal. Overall winner: Brenton O'Brien (20) 66. A Grade winners: A-1 Tim Duff (8) 69 C/B and A-2 James Bain (7) 69. B Grade winners: B-1 Daniel Hall (18) 67 and B-2 Rob Haydon (14) 68 C/B. C Grade winners: C-1 Brenton O'Brien (20) 66 and C-2 John Monk (23) 69. Great score: Scott Fullarton – eagle on the 14th. BDL to 74 C/B. NTP: fifth Ian Smith, seventh Chris Reynolds, 10th Phil Ellard and 17th Alf Micallef. 2023 Medal of Medallists winner: Tony Gay.

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Woorayl Golf Club's Perrett Family Foursomes runners up Jean Hayes and Heather Sullivan with winners Joan Smith and Sharyn Rayson.

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Ladies' 18-hole Stableford:
A Grade winners: A-1 Sheryl Smith (23) 42 pts and A-2 Maria Kirwan (39) 38 pts C/B.
BDL to 34 pts C/B.
NTP: fifth Pam Rothfield, seventh Helen Coghlan, 10th Helen Coghlan and 17th Vicki Roff Smith.
Saturday open nine-hole Stableford:
Overall winner: John Rodakis (32) 19 pts C/B .
BDL to 16 pts.
Sunday: Open Comp 18-hole.
Overall winner: Phillip Smith (9) 31 pts.
Open Comp nine-hole:
Gwen Mather (46) 23 pts C/B.
BDL to 21 pts.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: November 16, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole.
Winner: Keith Ridout 39. Runner up: Jim McEachem 37. BDTL to 35.
Ball sweep: Graeme Crawford 36, Stephen Judd 36, Mick Bourke 36, Frank Huber 36 and Craig Charles 35.
Results: November 16, SR. 34.5. Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.
Winner: Keith Ridout 21. BDTL to 18.
Ball sweep: Ken Cuman 19, Dio Apostolopoulos 19, Ray Hender 18, Willy Williams 18 and Norm Burne 18 C/B.
Results: November 18. Stableford 18-hole: Presidents V Captains Day.
Won by the Captain's team by 22 pts.
Winners:
A: Ian Baker 38.
B: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 41.
C: Bruce Betts 39.
BDTL to 37 C/B.
Ball sweep: Gary Youtlen 39, Mick Bourke 39, Ben Clark 39, Mark Tiziani 38, Stephen Judd 38, Jonathon Clayton 37, Blake Cornelis 37, Frank Huber 37, Miles Foster 37 and Brad Andrew 37 C/B.
NTPs: Phillip Studham second, Andrew Hooton-Shandley fourth, Frank Huber propin eighth, Tony Kozenberg 13th and Bruce Betts m

Ladies

WITH the dry weather, the course has turned into the course the club loves, and consequently the scores have also turned into the ones golfers love to have.
With a smaller field, as the missing players were on a trip away, only two grades were made.
The winner Catherine Bolding (19) 40 pts are riding her purple

patch of great form, including birdies on the third and fourth.
Donna Brosnan with another great score of (43) 39 pts was the runner up on c/b from Marg Johnson and Lisa Brusamarello also 39 pts.
BDL went to Marg Johnson 39, Lisa Brusamarello 39 and Marg Ryan 38.
NTP went to Simone Lindsay on the second and eighth, and 17th Donna Brosnan.
The nine-holes winner was Anne Tschiderer with 17 pts.

WOORAYL

Ladies

THE Woorayl Golf Club annual Pink Day was well supported by women decked out in a variety of pink outfits from 11 local clubs to compete in an Irish 4BBB event.
It was generously sponsored by A.W. Smith and Son.
Some first-time visitors from Churchill/Monash Shirley Turner, Sandra Caldwell, Christine Stevens and Merryn Dear came in winners with a great score of 110.
Runners-up was a Woorayl team of Linda Forrester, Pauline Lancaster, Kath Davis and Anne Grist with 108.
BDL went to Inge Giliam, Bec Thomas, Sherrill Winkler and Lianne Adamson 102, Carole Sartori, Marg Ryan, Jan Beaumont and Marg Johnson with 98, Robin Smith, Nan Meagher, Trish Owen and Maxine Eabry 96 and Marlene Gibson, Ros Reid, Mary Taylor, Wendy Hopkins 96.
NTPs eighth Heather Sullivan, 11th Jan Beaumont and 17th Chris Lay.
Amidst much hilarity there was a draw for the busiest golfers. Phillip Island's team of Jan Bilson, Rhonda Boyd, Naoko McRae and Marilyn Jamieson and a Woorayl/Drouin team of Michelle Fairlie, Heather Sullivan, Karen Adams and Sharon Rippon.
It was lovely to see friends return for the first round of the Perrett Family Foursomes board event, sponsored by Gardiner's Kitchens.
The weather was fine, if a little chilly, and the course is in excellent condition.
The winners were Joan Smith and Sharyn Rayson with an excellent score of 103-30-73.
Runners up were Jean Hayes and Heather Sullivan with 96-21-75.
BDL were Elly Berryman and Pauline Lancaster with 75.5, and Ann Poole and Linda Forrester with 79.
NTP was eighth Elly Berryman and 17th Sharyn Rayson.



The new Korumburra soccer committee for 2024 are focused on fun and rebuilding the social elements of the club.

New 'Burra soccer committee

KORUMBURRA City Soccer Club has a new committee for the 2024 season.
New President, Tony Gardner thanked three outgoing stalwarts of the club, Rory Cull, Jodie Olden and Peter Jacques for their many years of service. All three were awarded life membership.
The committee are focused on fun, rebuilding the social elements of the club, that took a hit through COVID, and providing a great environment to play soccer.
With the new lights recently installed at the Richard Street reserve, the club will be looking to host at least one Friday night fixture next year.
The Club are also working hard with the Cricket club and Shire to secure funding for new

cricket nets with an all-purpose facility to play five-a-side and other all-weather community use on the old netball courts, and to build an equipment shed.
On the Pitch, the club is currently recruiting to get the Senior Women's team back up and running.
The Senior men are looking to avenge their narrow loss in the semifinal this year and get to the big dance in 2024.
In Juniors, members say farewell to club champions, Addison Greig and Taolin McNeil. Both have been accepted into NPL club Gippsland United in the metro league.
While it is sad to lose them, the club are very excited for these two incredibly talented players, and wish them well on the journey.

Addison and Taolin played in the u14s Final against Phillip Island.
Miniroos programs for the little ones, Juniors, Seniors, Indoor, five-a-side, and social kick arounds are all on offer. 'Burra is a community club and welcomes players of all ages and abilities.
Equal opportunity for girls and boys, there are strong numbers of girls playing in junior mixed sides, and the league is looking to build on the Matilda's success by growing girls' participation and developing standalone girls' competitions.
The club is currently looking for coaches. Expressions of interest close on Friday December 15 and all enquiries are welcome. Contact korumburracitysc.secretary@outlook.com or on Facebook and kcsc.teamapp.com.



The Twin 'W' Shield team, Hazel Wise, Sue Cartwright, Max Wise, Kathy Ross, Gerry Kool, Tom Lacey, Sue, Baker and Philip Bool.

Wonthaggi hand over the trophy to Warragul

THE ANNUAL Twin 'W' Shield competition, between Wonthaggi and Warragul took place once again on the first Saturday after Melbourne Cup Day.
Consisting of four pairs per club, the event is held on a Hi-Lo basis with opposing captains drawing playing pairs from a hat on the day.
It is a fairly informal event and although winning is always a good thing, it is an event where inexperienced players are encouraged to have a go at perhaps their first external tournament. This year it was Philip Bool from Wonthaggi

who stepped up to have a go.
Warragul was the host on this occasion and they excelled in both play and hospitality during the day. Broken up by a BBQ lunch, the event was a huge success with, unfortunately, Wonthaggi having to hand over the shield after being well and truly beaten twelve games to four.
Also on this weekend, Neil Warburton and Virginia Wheeler travelled to Bairnsdale for a two day singles event. Playing in section one, Neil was unfortunately relegated to third on hoops difference winning five

games, as did the winner and runner-up. Virginia won three games in section two.
On Thursday November 16, several BCSC employees came along for a couple of hours to have a go at our game and by all accounts had a pretty fun time. It was also an opportunity for them to check out our new facility to which the BCSC has been a major contributor.
This coming weekend November 25 and 26, Wonthaggi will be holding its external singles tournament. Sixteen players will be competing in two sections over the two days.

She Hoops backs young leaders

YOUNG female basketballer will develop skills and gain professional development beyond the court through a new scholarship program as part of Basketball Australia's women and girls' strategy.

The She Hoops Leadership and Confidence Scholarship will propel 62 recipients, across two intakes in 2023, on to various pathways within the Australian basketball landscape.

Connecting and empowering females in all facets and levels of the game, She Hoops is led by Basketball Australia's Head of Women Lauren Jackson AO OLY.

"She Hoops is my passion, being able to spend so much time with young girls all over Australia has been such a highlight for me. To be able to provide scholarships has been the ultimate dream, I know what these girls are capable of and now they have an incredible opportunity to become leaders of the future," she said.

Launched with the support of Federal Minister for Sport the Hon Anika Wells MP, the fully-funded scholarship will have a holistic focus with resilience, mindset and confidence, and leadership sessions with EQ Minds as well as Level 0 and 1 coaching accreditations and an introductory official course.

Recipients will also participate in a three-day camp at the Australian Institute of Sport and be mentored by WNBL players and Australian Opals including Tess Madgen, Kristy Wallace, Nyadiew Puoch, Abby Cubillo and Steph Reid.

WNBL player and mentor Abby Cubillo said the scholarship will empower young women to lead and excel both on and off the court.

"I feel super honoured to be a mentor. To be identified by people like LJ (Lauren Jackson) to give guidance and advice to the younger generation and share my own journey is special and I'm excited to be part of it," she said.

"The idea of the scholarship being a holistic program, and not just basketball, with leadership and confidence components is so important for young girls as well as the resources and connections to the athletes is something I wish I had access to growing up in Darwin."

Ms Wells praised She Hoops for offering tangible development and mentorship opportunities for young women.

"She Hoops is a crucial resource to developing our next female leaders on and off court, so we have more Lauren Jacksons and more Abby Cubillos," she said.

"Women's sport is growing rapidly and the Albanese Government is committed to ensuring there are more females in leadership roles.

"Put simply, we need more women making decision for more women."

Applications are open for girls aged 15 to 18 who have a demonstrated interest in basketball beyond playing, in coaching, officiating and administration.

Community backs Paws for a Cause



PAWS for a Cause supported young people in need on Sunday morning.

Around 12 participants and their dogs took part in the YMCA's event, which included a five kilometre walk to raise money and awareness for young people experiencing disadvantage.

The YMCA runs an Open Doors program to support families experiencing disadvantage, and the Paws for a Cause event will go towards helping young people through the provision of free food and personal items.

These essentials are offered to young people in need through the YES Youth Hub.

"The whole premise is a fun day where we get to take our dogs out, go for walk and contribute to kids in need," YMCA health and wellness program coordinator Branca McFarlane said.

Participants could choose the 400-metre short walk around the oval at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve or walk a five-kilometre route around Wonthaggi through the wetlands and back.

Treats for pet owners and pooches were provided at the event.

The YMCA was thrilled to see the return of Paws for a Cause after the pandemic.

"We ran this event twice before COVID, so we thought we would run it again. It was successful with a lot of participation and a lot of fun," Branca said.

LEFT: Tracey Wain, Susan Banks, Vicki Clarke and Carol Hamilton participated in the Paws for a Cause dog walking event on Sunday morning.

Wonthaggi Little Athletics club finds a new home



Wonthaggi Little Athletics Club president Mark Rowe, Bass Coast Shire Council representatives Darren Green and Kelly Boyd, and GippSport's Emma Foley celebrated Wonthaggi Little Athletics Club's move to the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve. The first meet was held on Saturday, November 18.

THE Wonthaggi Little Athletics Club held its first meet of 2023/24 season at its new home – the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve.

The move was facilitated through talks with GippsSport and Bass Coast Shire Council.

It will increase the number of sessions available and will hopefully boost numbers overall.

The club has called Wonthaggi Secondary College Dudley Campus home since 2011 but due to the wet surface causing delay to the start of the season over the previous few seasons, when the move to the recreation reserve was made possible it was an opportunity to good to refuse.

"We are extremely grateful for the partnership we have had at the Dudley campus and it has been a great base for us over the last 12 years, but it's been a battle to get started in October/November because it's just too wet. This move will ensure we can start as early as possible and give our athletes a full season," Wonthaggi Little Athletics Club president Mark Rowe said.

Council is also excited about the move and see great benefit in welcoming the club.

"We don't have a summer tenant on Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve 1 at the moment, so this will ensure we are maximising our major asset in town during this time of year. Having an athletics track marked out on the oval will hopefully encourage any other residents to take advantage of it outside of the use from the club," Recreation Liaison and Project Officer Kelly Boyd said.

GippSport Program Coordinator Gene Parini believes it is a huge win on many fronts.

"This move will allow the club to grow and build for future years. We are excited to work with the club to do this, giving more people a chance to get involved in the sport. It also provides informal running on the oval with a marked track," he said.

The club is in the process of informing members of the move.

For more information on how to become a member, please visit Wonthaggi Little Athletics Facebook, or contact us at wonthaggi@lavic.com.au or call 0432 540 723.

New members are welcome.

Volunteers wanted for Great Victorian Bike Ride



A team entered in the Great Victorian Bike Ride is looking for volunteers for the three-day challenge, which will go from Sale to Wonthaggi on December 1-3.

THE Great Victorian Bike Ride will be coming through Wonthaggi on December 3.

Melbourne-based cyclist Michael Fox has entered the challenge the fifth time with a team consisting of Bernie Fox, Marion Fox and Greg Mundie on a tandem bike.

The three-day bike ride will be going through Sale on December 1, ending in Wonthaggi.

Michael and his team are looking for a driver to accompany the team from Wonthaggi.

The driver would drive the team's car back to Sale, and then return to Wonthaggi.

The team is also one cyclist down and is looking for a fifth person to join.

No tandem experience is required.

"The bike travels along very well given there are five people working and only wind resistance for one," Michael said.

"We all work together as a team. All the pedals go around together, and the driver controls the gears and breaks.

"Flats and slightly downhill is awesome, but uphill can be hard."

Michael has owned the bike for 10 years, made in the US by Comotion Cycles.

He said the Great Victorian Bike Ride has always been great fun with plenty of people to meet along the way.

The team also has music on board and produces a video at the end.

If anyone is interested in volunteering as a driver for the team, or wants to be part of the team, they are encouraged to call Michael on 0417 568 328.

Gippsland swimmers remain undefeated

A TEAM of 87 Gippsland Swimmers once again were victorious in claiming the title of Country Junior District Champions at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Saturday, October 28.

In the history of the competition, Gippsland was the champion district at the previously named Country 7-10 Competition from 1978-1988, winning the trophy 11 times.

From 1989, the trophy was won by Ovens and Murray District for the next four years.

Gippsland reclaimed the title in 1993 and has held onto it since.

Making Gippsland, Country Junior District Champions for 30 consecutive years.

This year's team consisted of 22 swimmers from South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club, 11 swimmers from Warragul Swimming Club, 12 swimmers from Sale Swimming Club, 28 swimmers from Traralgon Swimming Club, six swimmers from East Gippsland Water Dragons, four swimmers from Moe Swimming Club, and four swimmers from Morwell Swimming Club.

At the conclusion of the day, Gippsland were declared the overall champions with a combined total of 1657 points, ahead of the Central District on 850 points.

Gippsland girls scored 762 points and the Gippsland boys scored 833 points.

Throughout the meet,



Gippsland captains Archie Smyth and Emily Croatto with the trophy.

Gippsland swimmers won three individual events, placed second in fourteen individual events, and placed third in thirteen events.

The team also won 10 out of 12 relay events and placed second in the other two relay events.

Gippsland was led by swimming captains Emily Croatto (South Gippsland) and Archie Smyth (South Gippsland).

Coaches for the day were Heidi Gratton (Warragul), Samantha O'Keefe (South Gippsland) and Lorraine McKenzie (South Gippsland).

Team managers were Josh Szkwarek (Traralgon), Janelle Smyth (South Gippsland) and Brooke Said (Traralgon).

Placegetters for the day were:

11-Year-Old-Girls: Emily

Croatto (South Gippsland): 3rd 50m Butterfly, 2nd 50m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Breaststroke; Indi Joiner (Warragul): 3rd 50m Backstroke; Elise Pratt (Traralgon): 3rd 50m Freestyle.

11-Year-Old Boys: Jayden Tran (Traralgon): 3rd 50m Butterfly, 3rd 50m Breaststroke; Archie Smyth (South Gippsland): 2nd 50m Backstroke, 3rd 50m Freestyle; Max Williamson (Sale): 1st 50m Breaststroke.

10-Year-Old Girls: Lilah Stevens (Warragul): 2nd 50m Breaststroke

10-Year-Old Boys: Logan Gibson (Warragul): 2nd 50m Butterfly, 2nd 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Breaststroke, 2nd 50m Freestyle.

9-Year-Old Girls: Pippa Brideson (Sale): 2nd 50m Butterfly.

9-Year-Old Boys: Hayden Rawson (Traralgon): 2nd 50m Butterfly, 2nd 50m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Freestyle; Henry Arnup (Sale): 3rd 50m Backstroke.

8-Year-Old Girls: Ruby Pirouet (South Gippsland): 3rd 50m Butterfly; Ruby Stagg (Moe): 2nd 50m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Freestyle.

8-Year-Old Boys: Matthew Thornby (South Gippsland): 3rd 50m Butterfly; Dylan Wu (Morwell): 1st 50m Breaststroke; Austin Lynch (South Gippsland): 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 3rd 50m Freestyle.

8-11-Year-Old-Multiclass: Mackenzie Gibbs (Sale): 3rd 50m Breaststroke; Blake Warne (Traralgon): 3rd 50m Freestyle, 3rd 50m Backstroke.



While delighted with his figures, OMK's Hayden James credited teammates for their part in the side's success on Saturday.

Nine does it for OMK's Hayden James

HAYDEN James, playing for Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak, took the staggering figures of 9/40 on the second day of the Diggers' B1 contest against Imperials on Saturday, helping his side to a big first innings win.

"It was a funny old day," the medium pace swing bowler said of his dream 26.1 overs.

While it was a remarkable performance, James is amused his first wicket came from a full toss, the unfortunate batsman finding the only fielder on the leg side.

"Wickets kept falling and the captain kept backing me in," James said.

Despite being the only wicket taker, with the penultimate dismissal a run out that came during one of his overs, the modest OMK player expressed his appreciation of his teammates' contributions.

"All the boys on the field looked after me," James said, explaining there was some excellent fielding and the bowlers at the other end kept the pressure on the batsmen and were unlucky not to break through.

As for the fielding, a stunning one-handed catch by junior keeper Clayton Quaife was the highlight in James' eyes.

It was the first big bag of wickets James has taken for some time, with his figures surpassing the previous OMK club record haul of Nathan Cant.

Bridge in the ballroom at Government House

HER Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria, hosted an afternoon of bridge at Government House on Wednesday, October 15.

A total of 65 clubs across the state were represented at this extraordinary gathering.

Phillip Island Bridge Club was delighted to receive an invitation.

The committee selected to send two lifetime members Karen Klym and Don Stewart-Uden.

Both considered it a great honour to represent the club at this momentous event and found the experience most enjoyable.

It is wonderful to see the

game we love being promoted and supported at this level.

Monday, November 13, was the first week of the club pairs red point event.

Top team of the day on 60 IMPs were husband and wife team members Don and Trish Stewart-Uden and Wendy and Graham Mckergow.

It would seem you can play bridge with your spouse and remain married.

Greg Nicholson and Jean Barbour teamed with Lois Dwyer and Anne Gibson to come second on 49IMPs.

In third place were Bron Sund John Farr and Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman on 39 IMPs.

The final results for the

competition will be determined next Monday.

Wednesday, November 15, was Nationwide. Judy O'Connell and Molly Downing won the day with 61.31 per cent, a great effort for a first-time partnership.

Bron Sund and Shirley Weaver achieved 58.33 per cent and collected some master points, as did Caroline Shaw and Marnie Myall on 57.74 per cent.

Not to be left out, Moya Crowley and Diane Coleman finished fourth with 52.98 per cent.

Bron Sund and Shirley Weaver finished 23 out of 208 players Australia wide – well done.



Don Stewart-Uden and Karen Klym at Government House for the bridge tournament.

Korumburra Croquet Tournament

ON SATURDAY November 18 and 19 Korumburra Croquet Club held their Korumburra Croquet Tournament, sponsored by Elders who they wish to thank for their support.

A very successful tournament was held with many players attending from Sale, Warragul, Phillip Island, Leongatha and Drouin.

With 28 people competing, all seemed to have had a great time over the weekend even though the weather was a little ordinary with lots of cloud and not much sun, but

at least it didn't rain.

Section One winners were Damien Minogue (Elders), Sue Baker and Tom Lacey and runners up were Heather Lees and Julie Beasley.

Section Two winners were Stephen Beitz, Mary Tabrah Winners and Damien Minogue (Elders) with Jean Phillips and Elaine Geisbers coming runners up.

The Korumburra Croquet Club would like to thank everyone who attended as well as the club members who put in a lot of effort for the event to happen.



Korumburra Croquet Club Tournament runners up in Section One Heather Lees and Julie Beasley with winners Damien Minogue, Sue Baker and Tom Lacey.

Bendigo Bank's Peter Paul with Phillip Island Bowling Club's John Mathews and chairman Wayne Barr.

Bowling club under lights

PHILLIP Island Bowling Club has just installed new lighting to its bottom green with a spectacular event held on Friday, November 17 in celebration.

The project would not have been possible without the generous support from the Bendigo Bank and Phillip Island Bowling Club would like to thank the Bendigo Bank for its continued support.

Phillip Island Bowling Club is now in the position to hold night competitions and to extend their corporate bowls and barefoot bowls competitions.



Local Veteran cricketers Peter Miller and Russell Cleeland were part of the successful Victorian team at the National Championships held in Perth last week.

Victoria's victorious Veterans

From page 68

After three days of cricket, most young blokes are starting to feel the pinch but when your over 60 it's a whole new ball game as the individual's fight between mind and body results in the brains receptors receiving messages of pain from previously unknown areas.

Day Four New Zealand v Victoria (the final):

Batting first, Victoria was going down quicker than the Titanic, being 6/70 on a wicket that was two paced and provided uneven bounce.

Russell Cleeland (2) was burnt by his batting partner, being run out by a street.

However, Peter Lelievre (40) and Randall McDonald (25) (with the aid of 28 wides) rallied remarkably to close at a defendable 8/154.

The Kiwis run chase was cautious at 1/25 off 13 overs, the 3/44 and 4/73 off 27 overs.

Things went downhill from there as Russell Cleeland bowled the number eight and nine batsmen to have the Kiwis 9/108 and eventually all out 121.

Again, Owen Brew 3/15 set the cat amongst the Kiwis and he was ably supported by Cleeland 2/14.

The Victorian team had come from a position of unlikely finalists to beating the unbeaten New Zealand team an excellent team effort.

The team gathered for a prestigious presentation night with 300 guests and a variety of speakers.

With much revelry, the triumphant Vics lubricated the vocal chords with some of Western Australia's finest beverages and proudly displayed their medals.

Peter Lelievre at the age of 66 was the voted the player of the match.



Howzat? This was the hattrick ball survived by Callan Reilly off the bowling of Inverloch's Wayne Chapman at Bass on Saturday but certainly worth a second look.

Stingrays strangle Sharks on the road

C GRADE

INVERLOCH has finally got their season underway and have done so in style, defending 146 on the road against Kilcunda-Bass.

The Stingrays were superb with the ball and in the field right from the outset, making it extremely hard for the hometown Sharks to score.

Matt Marston (2/56 from

29) and Wayne Chapman (4/27 from 22) punched in monster shifts, bowling 29 and 22 consecutive overs respectively as their side tightened the screws and didn't let go.

Cameron Butler (3/14 from 6) then cleaned up the tail to seal the 24-run win for the visitors, despite an outstanding innings from Killy' Bass number three Darcy Clay (56).

Sharks complete the win away from home

LEONGATHA welcomed Phillip Island back to Scorpion Park 2 as the Sharks looked to continue their chase of the 205-runs required for victory.

In the end, chase the 205-runs they did, behind two brilliant half centuries from John Manning (59 off 49) and Steven Niven (51*) to win by five wickets.



Up they go, appealing vociferously on the hattrick ball bowled by Inverloch's Wayne Chapman to Callan Reilly.

MDU claims thriller over Koonwarra L/RSL

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

AFTER promising a gripping second day, the contest between Meeniyian Dumbalk United and Koonwarra Leongatha RSL delivered just that, the Demons scraping home by a couple of wickets after being set 231 for victory.

Matt Olden's patient 82 at the top of the innings and Clayton Fisher's unbeaten 68 off 73 balls, batting at number eight, proved decisive in MDU's success, along with a crucial 16 not out from Dylan Zuidema.

The Demons still required 49 runs when their eighth wicket fell, the Cougars looking a good bet at the time.

Paris Buckley had the pick of the figures for the narrowly beaten Cougars, taking a couple of top-order scalps that included MDU skipper Craig Hooper for a duck.

Buckley's teammate William Cashin (2/45 off nine overs) was responsible for the eighth wicket when he knocked over Daniel Field for just two, and earlier had top scorer Olden caught by Blake Smith.

Smith also grabbed a couple of wickets, conceding 35 runs off his eight overs in what was a solid team bowling performance by the Cougars despite honours ultimately lying with MDU.

Korumburra's batting aggression sets too many for Inverloch

AGGRESSIVE batting on a shortened day one gave Korumburra a great platform on which to build and the Cobras did so, progressing from 173 to 6/297, then skittling the Stingrays for just 140.

Korumburra's Shane Dole went from 67 not out at the conclusion of the opening day to a game-high 121, with Matthew Allen making 86.

John Bowring toiled productively with the ball for Inverloch, grabbing 4/66 off 17 overs.

While Inverloch captain Brett Debono made 43 opening the batting, Bowring's 30 was the Stingrays' only other notable score.

Korumburra shared bowling responsibilities between seven players and all made batting challenging for Inverloch.

Scott Head took 3/37 from 11 overs, including starting the rot for the Stingrays when he caught and bowled opener Riley Harris for seven.

Mathew Olden took 2/33 off his 11 overs, while Bryce Riddell dismissed Inverloch top scorer Debono and finished with a stingy 2/7 from five overs.

OMK crushes Imperials

OUTTRIM Moyarra Kongwak's day one batting exploits left Imperials with a mountain to climb and the Diggers' bowlers ensured that wouldn't happen, engineering a 175-run win, chiefly due to Hayden James' stunning 9/40 haul off 26.1 overs.

James was denied the opportunity of taking all 10 Imperials wickets by the run out of James Forrester.

Gary Sauvarin made an unbeaten 58 from 151 balls but a lack of support from teammates dashed any hopes of holding OMK to a draw.

Rohan McLennan's 21 batting at number three was next best.

Shane Taylor and Ben Maguire were serviceable for the triumphant OMK, conceding just 70 runs from their combined 24 overs.

Town hangs on against rampant Island

LEONGATHA Town ground its way to 8/115, seeing off the 59 remaining overs after Phillip Island declared with a 142-run first innings lead set up by a dashing unbeaten 105 from Andrew Finlayson, who was well supported by Jobe Williams' 30 not out batting at number 10.

Scorpions captain Luke Ashton was the standout with the ball for his side with 3/52 off 14 overs. He helped Town cling on in its second dig with a defiant 38 not out off 116 balls, with Travis Strybosch's 15 next best.

Phillip Island skipper Kurt Lane starred for his team, seizing 4/20 off 19 overs, including a staggering 13 maidens, while Timothy Niven captured 3/29 from 13 overs.

C GRADE

Inverloch 8/146 d Kilcunda-Bass 10/122
Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: D Harris 10, W Stewart 1, G Eddy 38, W Chapman 26, A Box 1, M Woods 6, J Foote 7, M Dugard 3, C Butler 9*, M Marston 7*
Bowling: Darcy Clay 2/26, P Cornelis 0/13, P Hammer 1/6, A Joseph 0/36, E Magnussen 0/9, A McBride 5/25, C Reilly 0/7
Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS: P Hammer 2, P Cornelis 11, D Clay 56, J Hockett 13, E Magnussen 1, J Reilly 5, A McBride 1, O Shumack 0, M Whitby 17, A Joseph 11*, C Reilly 0
Bowling: C Butler 3/14, W Chapman 4/27, M Dugard 0/23, MMarston 2/56

Town 9/204 v Phillip Island 4/93
Day 2 results not supplied.

Nyora d Club
Nyora won on forfeit

Koonwarra L/RSL d OMK
Koonwarra L/RSL won on forfeit

Glen Alvie d Korumburra
Glen Avie won on forfeit

MDU - Bye



OMK’s Rob Quaife found the gap with this drive through the onside.

OMK digs in after blistering Club display

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

WHILE Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak was never going to match Wonthaggi Club’s extraordinary day one tally of 377, the OMK top order showed character to get the Diggers off to a solid start when action resumed.

Robert Quaife top scored with 57 at the healthy strike rate of 75 before being run out.

His opening partner Thomas Walker was dismissed earlier for 22, bringing in Russ White who went on to make 43.

George Lomagno with 21 was the only other Digger to show any real defiance, OMK finishing nine down and still 200 runs adrift of Club.

Club gave seven players a go with the ball, Sam Liddle proving damaging and economical with 3/31 from 21 overs, while Chris Fraser took top and middle order wickets to finish with 3/39 from 20 overs.

Foster can’t get near Korumburra total

WITH Foster a player short, the sides agreed to end the game when the Tigers lost their ninth first innings wicket on a score of 98 after Korumburra made 9/215 on day one.

The Cobras attack accounted for Foster’s top four batsmen for a combined 15 runs, with only Jarryd Guganovic (34) and Tim Garvey (28) able to mount any resistance.

Peter Churchill (3/31) and Thomas Sorrell (2/6) were the multiple wicket takers for Korumburra, with the remaining quartet of Cobra bowlers



Club wicketkeeper Jack Sheerin and OMK batsman Russ White focus intently on the ball.

claiming one scalp each and none of the winning attack easy to score from.

Determined Killy’-Bass falls short

Kilcunda-Bass continued its cautious approach on day two working patiently towards the 202-run target set by Nerrena but the Red Caps bowlers continued to take wickets, eventually leading their side to a 50-run victory.

Brett Joseph failed to improve on his day one score of four but his Kilcunda-Bass opening partner Scott Williams advanced from two not out to 34 before falling to

Jack Donohue.

Other Sharks batsmen dug in and showed tenacity, with James Mahood (28), Ray Gardiner (26) and Robert Blackney (25) facing a combined 209 balls but the Nerrena bowlers eventually had their measure.

Sharks skipper Bradley Waldron also displayed defiance but fell for 17 and others were unable to provide meaningful resistance.

Nerrena captain Michael Croatto led by example to snare 3/12 from eight tidy overs, Cameron Baudinette taking 2/33 from almost 15 overs.

Charlie Dougherty backed up his 66 runs for Nerrena on day one with a neat 1/41 off 19 overs.

Island impresses against Glen Alvie

PHILLIP Island quickly seized a first innings lead against Glen Alvie early on day two, ultimately declaring 94 runs ahead after the loss of just three wickets.

Glen Alvie showed determination with the willow second time around, managing 6/194 by the time stumps were drawn.

After the Sharks Tharidu Asurumuni fell on the first day for 86, his opening partner Thomas Blackwell didn’t resume his innings of 68, retiring not out, providing opportunities for other Phillip Island batsmen.

All those who got a chance contributed, Oliver Duggan (31), Daniel McCausland (18), Tony Hornsby with an unbeaten 28 and Matthew Parsons also not out with 25.

Gaby Hynes was the only multiple wicket taker for Glen Alvie, with 2/50 from seven overs, those scalps being Asurumuni and Duggan.

While Glen Alvie tried six bowlers, none were able to stem Phillip Island’s brisk scoring.

Glen Alvie opener Andrew Brown made a rapid fire 67 in his second knock for the match, Darcy Hale also showing character with a brisk 79.

Justin Tran’s 3/14 off five overs was the pick of the Phillip Island figures second time around, with only two Sharks not getting a bowl.

B GRADE DIVISION 1

MDU 8/234 d Koon L/RSL 9/230
MDU - 1st INNINGS: M Olden 82, G Webster 9, T Sinclair 8, C Hooper 0, W Prosser 0, T Zulkovskis 13, D Thomas 13, C Fisher 68*, DFeild 2, D Zuidema 16* 2/26
Bowling: W Cashin 2/45, P Buckley, B Smith2/35, T Collins 1/14, I Anushka 0/49, M Thomas 1/23, A Drury 0/40

Korumburra 2/173 v Inverloch 140
Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: R Harris 7, B Debono 43, J Strickland 0, A Mankhong 3, J Bowring 30, J Rowe 12, C Newman 5, A Terlich 0, T Debono 9, D Cashin 4, C O’Flynn 0*
Bowling: M Olden 2/33, S Head 3/37, J Douglas 1/21, B Riddell 2/7, A Damon 0/16, S Dole 0/14, J Wrigley 1/4

OMK 6/303 d Imperials 10/128
Imperials - 1st INNINGS: G Sauvarin 58*, A Casey 0, R Mclennan 21, F Botha 1, J Ballagh 4, K Gray 3, J Jeffery 18, C Bruce 6, C Reid 0, J Forrester 6, IBolge 2
Bowling: H James 9/40, S Taylor 0/29, B Maguire 0/41, P Fermanis 0/17

Phillip Island 8/203 d Town 10/61 & 8/115
Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: C Epifano 18, M Arceo 0, K Beaumont 2, H Peppard 19, A Finlayson 105*, K Lane 14, T Niven 0, S Angelo 4, A Tolley 0, J Williams 30*
Bowling: L Ashton 3/52, C Bruce 0/19, J Williams 0/35, V Peiris 2/25, Y Ratnaike 1/11, T Strybosch 2/15, M Hardy 13, J Lindsay 0/10, R Hume 0/21, E Smith 0/4, A Fixter 0/6
Town 2nd INNINGS: R Edward’s 10, R Hume 8*, E Smith 8, L Ashton 38*, Y Ratnaike 1, A Fixter 9, C Bruce 2, T Strybosch 15, M Hardy 11, D Goss 0*
Bowling: T, Niven 3/39, H Arceo 0/20, K Lane 4/20, J Williams 0/21, M Arceo 0/4, K Beaumont 0/1

B GRADE DIVISION 2

Club 10/377 d OMK 9/177
OMK - 1st INNINGS: R Quaife 57, T Walker 22, R White 43, J Greenwood 8, H Sorensen 1, G Lomagno 21, P Harper 1, Michael Whiteside 4, Matt Whiteside 0, R Wyatt 1*
Bowling: L, Anstey 0/28, J Shannon 0/11, L McRae 2/38, M Sharp 0/24, S Liddle 3/30, C Fraser 3/39, W Speed 0/1

Korumburra 9/215 d Foster 9/98
Foster - 1st INNINGS: J Pilkington 0, M Allott 2, B Busuttill 8, E Smith 5, T Garvey 28, J Guganovic 34, A Gibson 3, L Moon 1, B Cripps 6, J Anderson 0*
Bowling: T Sorrell 2/6, D Scott 1/22, P Churchill 3/31, S Mckinnon 1/27, P Beadel 1/0, J Dunn 1/4

Nerrena 10/201 d Kilcunda-Bass 10/151
Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: B Gannon 22, C Dougherty 66, M Croatto 3, C Baudinette 42, E Berryman 0, B Croatto 4, Private Player 42, J Donohue 8, Private Player 0, Private Player 0, D Grigg 0*
Bowling: S Tapscott 1/51, B Rookes 3/32, R Duff 2/25, B Waldron 0/31, T Stacey 0/19, J Mahood 3/31
Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS: B Joseph 4, SWilliams 34, J Mahood 28, R Blackney 25, R Gardiner 26, B Waldron 17, A Bedford 2, R Duff 6, K Anand 2*, T Stacey 0, B Rookes 0
Bowling: C Baudinette 2/33, B Croatto 0/2, C Dougherty 1/41, D Grigg 1/10, J Donohue 1/29, E Berryman 1/7, R Jefferis 0/10, Private Player 0/7, Michael Croatto 3/12

Phillip Island 3/271 d Glen Alvie 10/177 & 6/194
Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: T Asurumuni 86, T Blackwell 68*, O Duggan 31, D McCausland 18, T Hornsby 28*, M Parsons 25*
Bowling: Z Scholz 0/71, L McRae 0/53, J Brown 1/65, A Brown 0/14, J Brown 0, G Hynes 2/50
Glen Alvie -2nd INNINGS: H Smith 0, A Brown 67, J Brown 0, D Hale 79, Z Scholz 14, S Smith 1*, N Thatcher 0, D Tiziani 18*
Bowling: Tarryn Allan 0/15, T Asurumuni 0/25, T Hornsby 0/17, Z Hughes 0/5, D McCausland 1/32, M Parsons 1/37, S Sirirathnagae 0/1, J Tran 3/14, A Williams 0/39



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A1: Ethan Lamers (OMK) 144 ; Andrew Donohue (Inverloch) 5/32

A2: Paul LePage (MDU) 110* ; Ben McRae (Glen Alvie) 3/8

B1: Andrew Finlayson (Phillip Island) 105* ; Hayden James (OMK) 9/40

B2: Darcy Hale (Glen Alvie) 79 ; Michael Croatto (Nerrena) 3/12

C: Darcy Clay (Kilcunda-Bass) 56 ; Cameron Butler (Inverloch) 3/14

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Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
A GRADE, Division 1			A GRADE, Division 2		
Phillip Island	48	2.759	Foster	60	2.244
Club	48	1.859	Nyora	48	1.779
OMK	48	1.059	Glen Alvie	48	1.457
Inverloch	36	1.399	Club	24	0.951
Korumburra	36	0.839	Koonwarra L/RSL	24	0.801
Town	36	0.758	MDU	24	0.706
Imperials	24	0.503	Kilcunda-Bass	24	0.627
Nerrena	12	0.497	Nerrena	24	0.489

B GRADE, Division 1			B GRADE, Division 2		
OMK	60	2.943	Kilcunda-Bass	48	1.580
Phillip Island	60	1.823	Nerrena	48	1.303
Inverloch	54	1.681	OMK	48	1.088
Korumburra	30	1.247	Club	36	1.510
Koonwarra L/RSL	24	0.757	Phillip Island	36	1.129
MDU	24	0.723	Korumburra	36	0.719
Town	24	0.584	Foster	24	0.564
Imperials	12	0.388	Glen Alvie	12	0.533

C GRADE		
Inverloch	42	1.495
Nyora	36	2.000
Phillip Island	30	0.530
Town	30	0.000
Glen Alvie	24	1.109
Koonwarra L/RSL	24	0.901
Club	24	0.000
MDU	18	1.886
Kilcunda-Bass	18	0.668
Korumburra	18	0.500
OMK	12	0.000

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RND 7 - SATURDAY
NOV 25 & DEC 2

A GRADE, Division 1		
Club v Inverloch	Won Turf	Glen Plymin
Town v Imperials	Scorpion 1	Ian Salmon
OMK v Nerrena	Outtrim	Ken Scrimshaw
Korumburra v P-Island	Kor Turf	Ashleigh Stride

A Grade, Division 2		
Club v Foster	McMahon	Brad Phillips
Nerrena v Kilcunda-Bass	Nerrena	Geoff Parkinson
Nyora v MDU	Nyora	Les White
Koon L/RSL v Glen Alvie	Leon Turf	Terry Rogers

B GRADE, Division 1		
P-Island v OMK	Newhaven	TBA
MDU v Korumburra	Meeniyen	TBA
Wk 2		
Inverloch v Town	Inv Turf	TBA
Imperials v Koon L/RSL	East Campus	Neil Grabham

B GRADE, Division 2		
Glen Alvie v Nerrena	Glen Alvie	TBA
OMK v Korumburra	Digger Park	TBA
Foster v P-Island	FGC	Michael Ryan
Kilcunda Bass v Club	Bass1	TBA

C GRADE		
P-Island v Nyora	Rhyll	TBA
Korumburra v Club	Poowong	TBA
Inverloch v MDU	Inverloch	TBA
Koon L/RSL v K-Bass	Koonwarra	TBA
Glen Alvie v Town	Dalyston	TBA
OMK - BYE		

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Noah Christensen contributed 13 runs to Korumburra's tally.

Donohue's five helps Stingrays down Cobras

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

THE first round of two-day cricket concluded over the weekend in the LDCA with some mixed results around the region.

After a vintage performance from their skipper set up a defendable total a week prior, Inverloch welcomed Korumburra back to Thompson Reserve to complete their two-day match on Saturday.

The Invy' captain was backed up tremendously by his bowlers too, as Andrew Donohue (5/32 from 13.3) led the young Stingrays attack to a feast on the Cobras, who lost 8/60 after starting out quite well.

Visiting captain Rumesh Rangana (49 off 63) was the standout, falling just shy of a half century in the 99-run loss, while Jesse Dugard (3/20 from 7) impressed again with the ball for the hosts.

Cleeland's ton powers Sharks past Town

PHILLIP Island have done it again, completing a resounding victory in the Grand Final rematch against Leongatha to go back on top of the table.

The Scorpions set out in defence of their 225-run total but were on the back foot from the outset as Lachlan Cleeland (123* off 145) made it his day.

The Sharks' opener batted throughout the whole chase, even while losing two partners along the way to see his side cruise to the 226-run target with eight wickets to spare.

Shiran Rathnayake (45* off 37) chipped in some valuable runs towards the end, to go with his sensational 'six fa' a week prior, challenging Cleeland for man of the match honours.

Jack Hume (1/31 from 5) was the pick of the bowlers for Town.



Korumburra captain Rumesh Rangana awaits a delivery from Inverloch bowler Andrew Donohue.

Club wrap up a strong win on the road

CHASING 273 runs for victory on their home deck, Nerrena welcomed Wonthaggi back to the Nerrena Recreation Reserve to finish off their clash.

The hosts got off to a promising start with openers Mitchel Clark (41 off 60) and Loc Roberts (38 off 83) both getting starts, but unfortunately, those starts were the highest scores that were made on the day.

Club bowled beautifully in defence of their strong total, getting behind Ryan Thomas (3/29 from 11) and dismissing their opponents for 210, sealing the 62-run win. Visiting skipper Joel Brann (2/56 from 17) backed up his half century with a couple of scalps in a great all-round performance.

Lamers blasts match-winning century

OMK has held their spot inside the top three after they completed a gallant road win over the Imperials on Saturday.

Chasing 236 for the win, the Diggers turned to their in-form opening duo, and although Jake Cochrane (4) went cheaply, Ethan Lamers (144 off 217) more than made up for it, blasting a monumental century to see his side over the line.

Lamers' scored more than half of his side's runs in the chase in a round-high innings and easily took home man of the match honours despite a brave challenge from Luke Wright (2/45 from 19) and the Imps.

The visitors claimed the win by just two wickets in the end, as Adam Trotto (2*) and Peter Dell (1*) saw them over the line at the end.



Nerrena's Scott Checkley battles a low delivery from Glen Alvie captain Stephen Kennedy.

Alvie duo rip through Nerrena

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

GLEN ALVIE welcomed Nerrena back down the road to continue their clash with the visitors at 1/8, chasing 241 for victory. Unfortunately for Nerrena though, things just went from bad to worse, as the Alvie attack found full gear. Ben McRae (3/8 from 3.3) and Nathan Findlay (3/26 from 17) combined to wreak havoc on their visiting opponents, dismantling them for just 63, sealing the mammoth 177-run win. Nerrena's captain Dave Trotman (25 off 56) top scored for his side.

Tigers make it four straight

FOSTER had similar success with the ball in their defence against Koonwarra L/ RSL, to clinch a fourth straight win to remain atop the A2 ladder. Harvey Griggs (3/13 from 14) and Josh Toner (3/17 from 11.2) combined for six wickets in a dominant display by the Tigers as they dismissed Koony' 10/119, making it a 131-run win in a match that saw all 20 wickets fall. Azhar Mehmood (34 off 60) top scored for the Cougars in a losing effort.

Nyora get past Kilcunda-Bass, hold onto second spot

NYORA finished off their work on Saturday, when they returned to the Bass Recreation Reserve, chasing 157 against Kilcunda-Bass. The visitors made quite easy work of the modest total, losing just four wickets along the way before surpassing the total and continuing to bat for practise for the rest of the afternoon. Aaron Kaddatz (87* off 81) finished with an unbeaten half century, but it was the set up by Jake Hackett (57 off 69) that proved pivotal to Nyora's six-wicket win. Jackson Baker (2/36 from 7) finished with a pair of wickets on the day.

Le Page dominates with century at home

MDU welcomed Wonthaggi back to the Meeniyen Recreation Reserve as the hosts looked to chase down the 264-runs required for victory. And chase it down they did, thanks, in no small part, to a mega unbeaten knock from number four Paul Le Page (110* off 152), who was supported well by numerous teammates. Jai Williamson (2/60 from 16) was excellent with the ball for Wonny' in a runs fest, as his side took five wickets but just could not dismiss Le Page who was a cut above on the day.



Nerrena's Roy Checkley displays solid defence against Glen Alvie's attack.



Glen Alvie bowler Nathan Findlay fires down another quick delivery.

A GRADE

Phillip Island 2/227

d Town 225

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS

Lachlan Cleeland not out 123

Heath Womersley c: ? b: J Hume 28

Daniel Mock c: A Ratnaike 20

b: F McLennan 45

Shiran Rathnayake not out 11

Extras (4nb, 6lb, 1b) 11

Total 2 / 227 (44 Overs)

Bowling: PG Rajapakshage 8-1-36-0 (3nb), DLMP Gallage 5-1-16-0, A Ratnaike 5-2-17-0, J Hume 5-0-31-1, R Abeysinghe 11-0-48-0, L Hickey 3-0-20-0 (1nb), F McLennan 7-0-52-1

Inverloch 4/231

d Korumburra 132

Korumburra – 1st INNINGS

Tom Crocker c: W Taberner b: C Asbury 5

Daniel Salmon c: I Seuren b: A Donohue 42

Jacob Whiteside c: J Dugard b: I Seuren 5

Rumesh Rangana c: H Butcher b: J Dugard 49

Noah Christensen lbw: A Donohue 13

Jason Richards b: A Donohue 2

Hemal Ratnayake c: A Donohue b: J Dugard 1

Zachary Barrett c: W Taberner b: A Donohue 0

Jye Celebrine c: J Butcher b: J Dugard 0

Levi Gooch lbw: A Donohue 8

Harry McNeil not out 1

Extras (2nb, 3lb, 1b) 6

Total 10 / 132 (51.3 Overs)

Bowling: C Asbury 13-4-33-1, H Butcher 6-0-17-0, I Seuren 6-1-13-1 (2nb), A Donohue 13.3-4-32-5, J Dennerley 6-0-13-0, J Dugard 7-3-20-3

A GRADE

OMK 8/236 d Imperials 235

OMK – 1st INNINGS

Jake Cochrane c: DW Arachchige b: J Ginnane 4

Ethan Lamers c: DW Arachchige b: L Wright 144

Noel Creed c: A Williams b: J Ginnane.. 4

Private Player lbw: D Ginnane 43

David Creed b: M Lafferty 1

Jacob Lamers b: L Wright 19

Jaxon Hayes run out: L Rogers, A Williams 2

Nick Wylie run out: R Higgins, DW Arachchige 0

Adam Trotto not out 2

Peter Dell not out 1

Extras (3w, 5nb, 5lb, 3b) 16

Total 8 / 236 (70 Overs)

Bowling: J Ginnane 18-3-66-2 (1w, 4nb), L Wright 19-4-45-2, D Ginnane 7-1-36-1 (1nb), T Sauvarin 5-0-23-0 (2w), A Williams 11-2-29-0, M Lafferty 10-1-29-1

Club 7/272 d Nerrena 210

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS

Mitchell Clark b: R Thomas 41

Loc Roberts c: ? b: J Sheerin 38

Hayden Funnell c: L Mclean b: M McCall 29

James Kelly lbw: J Brann 15

Timothy Wightman b: J Brann 14

Josh Checkley c: B Walsh b: R Thomas 21

Jarrod Hoy run out: S Beaumont 28

Tadhg Gannon c: J Sheerin b: R Thomas 0

Darcy Berryman lbw: M McCall 12

Archie Gannon b: E Dempsey 2

Jaxon Checkley not out 2

Extras (1w, 5lb, 2b) 8

Total 10 / 210 (69 Overs)

Bowling: J Brann 17-4-56-2, R Birkett 9-0-33-0, R Thomas 11-2-29-3, J Sheerin 19-3-59-1, M McCall 12-2-26-2 (1w), E Dempsey 1-0-0-1

A GRADE

Glen Alvie 240

d Nerrena 63 & 7/104

Nerrena 1st INNINGS

Joel Renden b: B McRae 4

Dave Trotman c: A Dakin b: S Kennedy 25

Tyson Harris b: M Dakin 0

Shaun Sparks b: N Findlay 4

Mitchell Croatto run out: S Peatling, A Dakin 5

Zack Trease lbw: N Findlay 0

Kade Berryman b: N Findlay 0

Scott Checkley lbw: B McRae 13

Roy Checkley run out: S Peatling 5

Patrick Johnston c: A Dakin b: B McRae 0

Fill-in not out 1

Extras (1nb, 5lb) 6

Total 10 / 63 (33.3 Overs)

Bowling: N Findlay 17-5-26-3 (1nb), M Dakin 7-2-20-1, B McRae 3.3-2-8-3, S Kennedy 6-5-4-1

Nerrena – 2nd INNINGS

Dave Trotman b: M Dakin 1

Zack Trease c: M Donohue b: D Williams 23

Mitchell Croatto c: M Donohue b: B McRae 4

Joel Renden b: D Williams 9

Tyson Harris st: A Dakin b: B McRae 8

Shaun Sparks b: D Williams 39

Kade Berryman not out 6

Scott Checkley c: A Dakin b: R Sinclair .6

Roy Checkley not out 2

Extras (1nb, 2lb, 3b) 6

Total 7 / 104 (47 Overs)

Bowling: N Findlay 7-2-13-0 (1nb), M Dakin 8-6-8-1, B McRae 13-7-38-2, D Williams 10-3-34-3, R Sinclair 7-4-6-1, S Kennedy 2-2-0-0

A GRADE

Nyora 8/298 d Kilcunda-Bass 156

Nyora – 1st INNINGS

Henry Dolphin c: A Conron b: J Baker 15

Daniel Esler c: T Smith b: R Duff 23

Gavin Hackett c: H Berry b: C Davidson 27

Jake Hackett c: A Larcombe b: C Davidson 57

Jake Henry run out: C Peckett 22

Aaron Kaddatz not out 87

Lochie Row c: C Peckett b: J Baker 4

Aidan Simmons st: J Tregear

A GRADE

MDU d Club 9/263

MDU – 1st INNINGS

Joel Sinclair run out: M Davey 22

Scott Browne c: J O'Reilly b: J Williamson 17

Jai Bright c: S Roche b: J Trevisi 17

Paul Le Page not out 110

Mitchell Hooper b: J Williamson 16

Mark Cantwell b: J Burns 38

Sam Bright not out 10

Extras (6w, 18nb, 2lb, 4b) 30

Total 5 / 260 (68.6 Overs)

Bowling: J Williamson 16-2-60-2
J Burns, 8-0-30-1 (1w, 13nb), J Trevisi 16-4-30-1 (1nb), S Williams 13-1-64-0 (1nb), S Roche 5.5-0-32-0 (4w, 2nb), H Dobbie 10-1-38-0 (1w, 1nb)

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RIDERS RETURN TO BASS VALLEY PONY CLUB

Addy Fisher had a go at the obstacle course during Bass Valley Pony Club's Come and Try Day. More details on page 58.

Victoria's victorious Veterans

THE Over 60's National Cricket Championships were held in Perth this week.

With Veterans Cricket being one of the fastest growing sports, Victoria sent four teams to the championships this year.

The Over 60's state competition boosts 26 teams that play every Sunday with local team the South Gippsland Kookaburras being a highly successful and competitive combination.

Two players from the Kooka's, Peter Miller and Russell Cleland were selected to play in the Victorian Division 2 team.

The rigorous selection process involved five indoor training sessions and a practice match

By Peter Cleland

at Benalla.

Both players performed well in the trial for selection and packed their bags for Perth.

The competition format for the National Championships involved four divisions with two groups of four teams in each division with the top two teams playing off in a final after three completed matches.

Matches were 45 overs per team with batsmen retiring at 40 and bowlers allowed an allotment of eight overs.

Day One Victoria v Western Australia:

The Victorian team made short work of the Sandgropers

bundling them out for a miserly 79 runs and in the process only lost two wickets in achieving the target.

For the Vics, Wayne Hinchcliffe 3/12 and Owen Brew 2/21 were the best of the pie chuckers while Pete Miller 18 and David Howes 32 were the best with the stick.

This win was to prove vital at the end of the three matches.

Day Two New South Wales v Victoria:

The Vics faced a far more competitive unit on day two as the New South chaps batting first mustered a total of 8/159. Captain Keithy Janz taking 3/24 with his doorknobs and Owen Brew 2/28.

Chasing down the score, the Vics were in trouble early losing 3/25, Pete Miller contributing a valuable 10.

Russell Cleland (32) joined Ballarat legend Peter Lelievre (38) and the pair put on 70 valuable runs before the loss of four quick wickets saw the Vics tumble to 7/111.

Eventually, they were bowled out for 126.

Day Three South Australia v Victoria:

The South Australian Croweaters were completely out of their depth being bundled out for a miserly total of 71.

Pick of the trundlers was Jay Stent with 3/6 and Owen Brew 2/26.

Peter Miller (37) and David Howes (26) were always on the attack, went after the bowling to set the Vics well on their way to achieving victory which they did for the loss of one wicket.

All interest was centred on the New South Wales v Western Australia game as the New South Wales team had not been beaten to date.

Compiling 200, the Sandgropers fell in by four runs meaning that three out of the four teams in the group had won two matches.

With the Vics having a superior percentage they were scheduled to play the unbeaten New Zealand in the division final.

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