



Fishy Stories Festival

Children's author Andrew McDonald and illustrator Ben Wood sign autographs for young admirers including Francis, Greta and Leo. More on page 20

‘FREE CAMPING’ OR FREE SITES?

- Why the government’s holiday initiative has missed the mark

LOCALS have highlighted another looming problem with the State Government’s ‘free camping’ initiative, set to commence on Sunday, December 1 this year. And it’s a failing policy that could have a significant impact on the economies of regional communities across the state. “You’ve got people from Melbourne booking sites at all these camping grounds around the state, without having to pay any money. But what’s the incentive to turn up if there’s a poor weather report or something else happens?” asked one Fish Creek tourism operator at the weekend.

“They just won’t come, the sites will remain vacant and people who would like to go on a holiday will miss out.” It’s a scenario about which commercial caravan park operator, David Holgate of the Venus Bay Caravan Park, is all too familiar. “Occasionally you’ll miss getting a deposit if it’s a group or for some other reason, which is why we always try to contact them. If you don’t get a deposit, there’s every chance they simply won’t show up,” he said. Mr Holgate said he didn’t anticipate any negative impact on his family’s park from

the free camping initiative at Wilsons Prom and other camping grounds, because Venus Bay was always heavily oversubscribed in the summer but acknowledged there could be vacancies at state camping grounds in the absence of deposits. The Member for Eastern Victoria, a Prom regular, Melina Bath MP agrees. “I raised this issue in State Parliament at the time, asking if any modelling had been done on the likely impact on caravan park operators and local economies,” said Ms Bath this week.

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Hospital losses point to 'crisis', say Opposition

THE Shadow Minister for Health, Georgie Crozier, has hit out at the State Government, accusing it of finding "tens of billions of dollars for a new train line from Cheltenham to Box Hill" but not enough for Victoria's hospitals.

Out of the 68 health service annual reports tabled in State Parliament in the past week, Ms Crozier says 52 have recorded deficits for the 2023-24 financial year. In net terms across the 68 health services, she says, there is a deficit of \$1.013 billion.

Locally, Bass Coast Health reported an operating deficit of \$3.233 million on a budget of almost \$170 million, Gippsland Southern Health Service an operating deficit of \$1.933 million and South Gippsland Hospital, a surplus "net operating balance" of \$94,229 to the end of June 30, 2024, as compared to a \$160,022 deficit last year.

The commentary by Ms Crozier seems to be supported in part by Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) in its annual report, noting that it didn't receive a "financial sustainability grant" as had been the case the year before, although the Department of Health, it said, had waived any clawback of funding "for below target activity".

From the Gippsland Southern annual report:

"Gippsland Southern Health Service recorded a \$1.9M operating deficit for 2023/24 with staffing gap challenges requiring the extensive use of agency staff to cover gaps.

"The organisation experienced a 3.74 per cent increase in income from operating activities compared to an increase in expenditure of 9.4 per cent excluding depreciation, non-operating activities and joint operations expenditure.

"Unlike previous financial years, the achievement of a breakeven operating result was not possible without the receipt of a financial sustainability grant at the end of the financial year (\$2.1M - 22/23). The Health Service is appreciative of the financial support from the State Department of Health in waiving funding recall for below target activity."



While there has been some pressure on operating finances, Bass Coast Health has continued to forge ahead on the capital expenditure front with the Phillip Island Community Hospital (pictured) due to open this financial year, and planning for Stage two of the Wonthaggi Hospital redevelopment project.

What the government said

The government has denied it has failed to support hospitals.

"Health systems globally remain under significant pressure following the one-in-100-year pandemic - it's why we provided record funding of more than \$21 billion and implemented a new, fairer funding model to reset hospital budgets to meet demand and deliver the frontline care Victorians need," a State Government spokesperson told the Sentinel-Times.

"We'll always back our hard-working doctors, paramedics and nurses and midwives, and since coming to Government we've grown our public health workforce by 50 per cent.

"Only Labor invests in our health system. The only political party that cuts and closes hospitals is the Liberal Party."

Ms Crozier provided a list of hospitals with the biggest deficits including Monash Health \$321 million, Northern Health \$116M, Western Health \$104.5M, Eastern Health \$100M and Peninsula Health \$59M.

Bass Coast Health

According to the Bass Coast Health annual report, total revenue was \$164.925 million, and total expenditure \$169.754 million.

"Bass Coast Health's financial performance throughout the 2023-24 year continued to be adversely impacted by the expanding and higher cost operational environment. This continued to be driven by higher staffing costs due to a need to use short-term agency staff to fill roster gaps.

"Consumable costs also continued to increase, a result of the provision of additional services throughout the expanded programs and ongoing inflationary pressures.

"Additional operational funding from the Department of Health, of \$19.7m, was received to support the increased costs and support cash flow sustainability. Despite this, Bass Coast Health reported an operating deficit of \$3.233m with the reported net result from transactions for the year being a deficit of \$4.829m.

"The operating deficit noted above includes capital purpose income of \$8.8m and depreciation charges of \$10.5m."

Gippsland Southern Health Service

Total revenue \$55.089 million, total expenditure \$60.496 million

"The budgetary objectives for 2023/24 were unable to be achieved without the assistance of a funding stability grant from the Department of Health that

has enabled a break-even operating result in previous years.

"The organisation is mindful that without the recall waiver, the result would have been a deficit of approximately \$2.1m. The continued reliance on agency staff to fill roster gaps has been the main driver of this result.

The Victorian Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas MP has been asked for comment.

"The organisation has made enormous strides in increasing activity levels and with the uplifted unit price of the National Weighted Activity Unit (NWAU), is hopeful of being able to achieve similar activity levels in 2024/25 while reducing the reliance on agency staff, in order to achieve a break-even result."

South Gippsland Hospital (Foster)

Total revenue: \$16,232,758, total expenditure \$16,138,529.

"In 2023-2024, SGH achieved the targets established under the Statement of Priorities. The hospital recorded a surplus of \$157,558 after capital items.

"The operating result is a deficit of \$228,622 before capital purpose income and depreciation. Capital purpose income of \$997,413, was received during the financial year with depreciation write-offs totalling \$674,562." For more details go to the Sentinel-Times' website at sgst.com.au.

'Free camping' or free sites?

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"I've spoken to caravan park operators at Marlo and Orbost in East Gippsland and also at Waratah Bay and they're concerned they'll not only lose bookings but also be pressured to drop their rates in response to this.

"I'm also concerned that, in a cost-of-living crisis, this initiative is not supporting the people on low incomes it is supposed to be supporting. Would they have the caravans and camping equipment they need to take advantage of this?"

In State Parliament, Ms Bath said she favoured the holiday voucher system proposed by the Victorian Caravan Parks Association, which offered the opportunity for low-income earners to get a subsidised holiday at the venue of their choice; whether it be a camping ground, motel or short-stay accommodation.

"People booking sites in national parks and state reserves and not turning up is a real possibility and potentially another unintended consequence of this ill-thought-out scheme more designed to get votes than really helping people get a holiday who need it most."

Near drowning at Prom prompts warning

THE beach safety season in South Gippsland and Bass Coast is off to a shaky start after a near-double drowning at Wilsons Promontory over the weekend.

East Gippsland Divisional Commander with the Victoria Police, Superintendent Mark Edwards, has reported this week that the HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Services) helicopter had to be called to the Prom last Saturday to rescue two people caught in a rip at one of the national park's beaches.

It prompted an appeal for people not to enter unfamiliar waters and to swim between the flags at patrolled surf beaches.

"Given that we've got some warmer weather coming, we're into that space where people are going to want to start swimming and we already had a nice day last Saturday and we've already had on the weekend a couple of swimmers being pulled out of the water down at Wilsons Promontory swimming in water they might not have been familiar with," said Superintendent Edwards.

"They've got caught in a rip and pulled out by the aircrews and by HEMS to get them out of the water.

"So, it's a pertinent time to talk about, if you're going to go swimming, you don't go into waters where you really don't know what you're getting into... and it just happens all too often in our areas."

Superintendent Edwards made reference to dangerous swimming locations along South Gippsland and Bass Coast beaches urging people to swim between the flags at patrolled beaches.

At Cape Woolamai, for example, professional patrols started last Saturday and will continue this week for 'schoolies' visitors. The Woolamai Beach SLSC will commence its volunteer patrols next weekend, November 23 and 24.

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Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: SE 15-20km/h
10° 19°



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Wind AM: E 15-25km/h
Wind PM: E 15-25km/h
11° 25°



FRI | Nov 22
Sunny.
Wind AM: E 15-20km/h
Wind PM: E 15-20km/h
14° 30°



SAT | Nov 23
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Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
19° 31°



SUN | Nov 24
Possible shower.
Wind AM: S 15-20km/h
Wind PM: S-SE 15-20km/h
17° 28°

IN BRIEF

Extension granted for Venus Bay Caravan Park

VENUS Bay Caravan Park, which had been threatened with a total shutdown over Christmas, has been granted a temporary reprieve for its non-compliant septic system.

The EPA has issued an amended improvement notice giving the caravan park until February 28, 2025, to submit a compliant wastewater management plan.

Venus Bay Caravan Park Manager and leaseholder Tony Holgate says the EPA gave the caravan park more time to resolve the question of who should pay for the compliance works effectively safeguarding bookings for the coming summer.

The Venus Bay Caravan Park has a total of 124 sites including annual sites, cabins, powered sites and unpowered sites accommodating up to five hundred holidaymakers over January.

The stalemate continues however between local authorities.

South Gippsland Water says it manages the piped sewerage systems from wastewater treatment plants, not septic systems which are the responsibility of the local council and the landowner.

South Gippsland Shire says the EPA is the responsible authority.

Streetscapes for Fish Creek

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is preparing to commence streetscape works along Falls Road in Fish Creek.

The project has been developed in consultation with the Fish Creek community over recent years, and according to the Council will help to improve pedestrian and driver movement, increase visual appeal and improve functionality.

The works that will take place along the Falls Road retail precinct will include:

- Formalised intersections and enhanced pedestrian connectivity and safety, including a formal raised zebra crossing in the town CBD and median

crossing for the Great Southern Rail Trail crossing

- Improved street lighting
- Installing existing and new street furniture
- Below ground storm water drainage system
- Concrete paving along shop fronts
- New garden beds and
- Parallel and angled parking as well as an accessible path from Falls Road through to the Foster Road bus stop.

The ANZAC cenotaph and garden bed will be preserved in their current state and made accessible on significant days such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

There are also plans to carefully realign the "1884 Fish Creek 1984" garden bed approximately one metre to the right to fit in with the streetscape works.

The works are planned to commence after summer and are expected to be complete by the end of the 2025/26 financial year. Streetscape plans and progress updates are available at: southgippsland.vic.gov.au/fishcreekstreetscape.

Bass Coast celebrating Christmas

THE INSTALLATION of Christmas decorations has started in Wonthaggi with a Christmas tree in Wishart Reserve and stars on the poppet head in Apex Park.

Over the next three weeks, a Christmas tree and lights will be installed at Inverloch, lights and baubles in Cowes, stars and star baubles in San Remo and tree and stars at the Transaction Hub in Grantville.

As part of the festive decorations Christmas flags will also go up in San Remo, Inverloch, Rhyll, Grantville, Cowes and Wonthaggi.

Bass Coast Shire also has a holiday shopfront display competition to encourage local businesses to turn their storefronts into a showcase of Christmas wonderment.

By voting for your favourite display you will automatically

go into the draw to win one of two, \$100 prizes.

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

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

Power falling behind?

VICGRID, is the authority charged with the responsibility of delivering the Victorian Transmission Plan (VTP) to support the state's transition to renewable energy.

But, it appears to be running late with at least one aspect of the plans rollout.

On the government's Engage Victoria website, VicGrid assures us the following will happen:

"A comprehensive final engagement report including detailed summaries of the study area feedback, and how it will help shape the process to identify draft proposed renewable energy zones, will be published by 31 October 2024."

Whether the "final engagement report" is available is not clear. VicGrid has been contacted for details.

'Overall Excellence' for Island newspaper

THE Phillip Island and San Remo Advertiser has taken off the top gong at the annual Victorian Country Press Association awards night, winning the 'Overall Newspaper Excellence' award in the prestigious over 2500 category.

Judge Margaret Easterbrook said the standard of entries was high and choosing a winner was difficult.

"Our regions are well served by good journalism often produced with very limited resources. Ultimately, The Phillip Island and San Remo

Advertiser's entry was the stand-out. This is a strong, newsy and attractive paper serving the Island and surrounding region, provides detailed coverage of significant local events including the January surf drownings, the channel challenge and Australia Day.

"The paper knows how to engage its readers, not just through its news coverage but through its photography of local events and individuals. The paper's appeal is confirmed by the strong presence of classified and display advertisements. Well worth its \$1.80 cover price."

The paper also took out the 'Best Magazine/Special Publication' award with its special summer tourism publication.

Community question ready to go

LOOKS like there'll be no honeymoon period for the new-look Bass Coast Shire Council and its six new members.

Avid council watchers including Graham Jolly have foreshadowed questions to Wednesday's first council meeting with a focus on finance.

"Councils fourth Quarterly Community Report, ending June 30, 2024, provides a listing (page 30) of Operating Carry Overs to 2024/25 consisting of 31 projects worth \$1.633 million. Would council please provide a new spreadsheet reporting details of Operating Projects for 2024-25 with project numbers, funding and actual year-to-date expenses?" asks Mr Jolly.

Hardship request considered

THE new Bass Coast Shire Council will get a full initiation into the business of council this Wednesday when they go into 'closed session' to consider a financial hardship issue involving waiving the interest on rates.

No details have been provided but council is prepared to hear requests from ratepayers who may be having trouble paying their rates or other fees.



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Higher smoking rates here, they say

A NEW report from Cancer Council Victoria's Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer (CBRC) shows a concerning prevalence of smoking and vaping across the Victorian community, broken down by local government areas (LGAs) and local public health units (LPHUs).

The Victorian Smoking and Health Survey 2022 shows highest smoking prevalence in Swan Hill, where 18.9 per cent of adults currently smoke tobacco. While the City of Yarra in inner Melbourne has the highest vaping prevalence, with 10.7 per cent of adult residents currently vaping.

Both Bass Coast at 15.6 per cent and South Gippsland at 15.3 per cent have smoking rates above the State average of 14.6 per cent, behind Latrobe City at 18.2 per cent which is the highest rate in the Gippsland region.

The prevalence of vaping in Bass Coast (4.5 per cent) and South Gippsland (4.2 per cent) is lower than the State average (6.1 per cent), potentially as a result of availability.

Head of CBRC, Professor Sarah Durkin commented on the trends in the population-representative study.

"Higher smoking in Victoria's urban fringe, regional and rural areas is a concern. We know people from these areas are equally likely to try to quit, so the higher smoking prevalence is probably due to socioeconomic and cultural factors which make starting smoking easier and trying to quit more difficult."

Quit Director, Rachael Andersen spoke about her hopes for the future taking into consideration the new vaping laws.

"We know nicotine is such a powerfully addictive drug, and that addiction is hard to break. And we also know that the industry will continue trying to create products to addict young customers to nicotine. Getting vapes out of conventional retail settings, coupled with the right enforcement, ensuring they are only sold to people for therapeutic purposes, is the right



This photo was taken of the inside of a rubbish bin outside a Bass Coast tobacco store with empty cartons of illegal, imported cigarettes clearly visible. If we know what's going on and where, why don't the authorities?

thing to do."

Ms Andersen concluded by flagging the need for public health efforts and campaigns, which address both smoking and vaping, considering the gateway effect between the two behaviours.

It comes as the Victorian Government is finally legislating to address the illegal tobacco trade in the state with its Tobacco Amendment (Tobacco Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Bill 2024.

The Bill will create a strict new licensing scheme, putting more boots on the ground and providing more powers to crack down on illicit tobacco and organised crime with heavy new penalties including fines of more than \$355,000 or up to 15 years in jail for individuals, while businesses will face fines of more than \$1.7 million.

Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs, Tim McCurdy, has nonetheless criticised the Allan Government.

"This was very much a waste of opportunity. It's time to put an end to the chaos and violence," Mr McCurdy said.

Illegal tobacco leaders caught

Recently, a man accused of being second-in-charge of an illicit tobacco syndicate was granted bail because of the significant delays expected in the case.

Isse Isse, 26, sought bail in Melbourne Magistrates Court, a week after his co-accused and alleged syndicate ring-leader Nazir Haddara, 25, was bailed.

It is alleged Isse and Haddara directed lower-ranked members to sell and distribute illegal tobacco and vapes at Victorian retail stores leased by the syndicate.

The court was previously told more than one million illicit tobacco sticks, 50kg of loose-leaf tobacco and 10,440 e-cigarettes have been seized by investigators since January.

It's estimated the loss of revenue to the Commonwealth is more than \$2.5 million.

Police say Isse is also accused of ordering another man to carry out a ram raid on a Wonthaggi tobacco business that was in competition with one of the syndicate's stores.

Meanwhile, Quit has rolled out its latest reboot of an industry manipulation campaign, alerting Victorians to tobacco industry tactics that seek to addict them and in turn risk causing them significant harm by smoking.

The campaign, 'The Con that Kills', features ads describing the multitude of ways the tobacco industry manipulates its customers, for example, the use of cigarette filters that aerate the smoke people inhale, making it seem 'smoother' and less 'harsh', while humectants added to dried tobacco in roll your own pouches make the tobacco leaves seem more 'fresh and natural'.

POLICE BRIEFS

Subaru located as police appeal for information on car damage overnight

POLICE successfully arrested four offenders in a remote area of Kilcunda on Friday, November 15, locating a white Subaru that had been stolen last weekend from Cape Paterson. It's understood the vehicle had been involved in a collision during the period it was missing with the four offenders in custody and assisting police. They are known to police.

Vehicles damaged in Inverloch

In a separate incident, police are appealing for the public's assistance after a string of vehicles were damaged overnight between November 14 - 15 in Inverloch. It's understood a majority of the damage was conducted in the same vicinity, however, anyone who has woken to find their vehicle damaged, whether windows smashed or otherwise, should contact Wonthaggi Police on 5671 4100.

Men flee from car crash

POLICE were called to Baromi Road, Mirboo North about 1.20am on Thursday November 14, following reports a car had crashed and two men were reportedly seen fleeing from the scene.

Police arrived a short time later. No persons were with the car on police arrival and an investigation into the crash is ongoing.

Police vehicle rammed

POLICE were patrolling the Bass Highway near Dalyston on November 14 just before midnight when a white ute passed at excessive speed in the opposite direction. An attempt to intercept the driver was made, resulting in the offender attempting to ram the police car multiple times. Following the vehicle through Wonthaggi and out via Heslop Road, the offender decided to reverse his car at police along Dalyston-Glen Forbes Road hitting the vehicle and taking off through Glen Forbes. Two police members sustained injuries that did not require hospital treatment. Police are appealing to members of the public who have information, including CCTV or dashcam footage that could help their inquiries. Contact Wonthaggi Police.

A story for the 21st

IT WAS a roadside delivery for one couple last Friday morning. The Wonthaggi Divisional van was patrolling Inverloch Road between Wonthaggi and Inverloch on Friday, November 15 at 1.50am when they stopped a vehicle travelling slightly above the speed limit. Police provided a safe area to support the mother and father until paramedics arrived during which time a little baby was born.

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The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. This includes diverse leadership of the health system that represents the variety of backgrounds and cultures of Victorian communities to enable the vision of achieving the best health, wellbeing and safety for everyone.

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

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

Applications close at **midnight Sunday 24 November 2024.**

Further information about Victorian health service boards and how to apply can be found at www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications

Council already projecting a \$1.4 million loss

JUST three months into its new financial year, the Bass Coast Shire Council is already projecting an 'adjusted underlying deficit' of \$1.4 million against a budgeted deficit of \$114,000.

The projected loss is revealed in the shire's first Quarterly Performance Report for the period July-September 2024. "The adverse projection for Council's full-year results is due to the delivery of the operational programs carried forward from previous financial years," is the administration's explanation for the expected loss.

Among other things, the quarterly report provides details of the success or otherwise of the Annual Action Plan which contains 21 activities and initiatives planned to be delivered by June 30, 2025.

According to the shire's administration, of the 21 actions, two have been completed, one is at risk, and one has not yet been started. The remaining 17 actions are on track to be completed by the end of June.

The project at risk is council's goal of transitioning its light vehicle fleet to 50 per cent electric by the 2024-25 financial year.

"This action is at risk of not being achieved... due to the lack of suitable EV options with towing and off-road capability for deployment by Council's Depot and outdoor workforce."

Electric or hybrid vehicles currently account for 31 per cent of Council's light vehicle fleet.

Within the action plan report, there's no mention of 'Develop a Dog Park Strategy' which was reported by the shire's administration as 100 per cent complete in the last quarterly report.

Progress on other actions is as follows:

- Formulation of the San Remo Town Plan is 60 per cent complete
- Cowes Ryll Shared Path Stage 2 construction is completed. Inverloch to Wonthaggi shared pathway construction is underway
- The development of the Event Funding Framework has commenced and is expected to be finalised by early 2025 (50 per cent complete)
- Public consultation on the draft Planning Scheme Amendment to incorporate the Bass Coast Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study into the Bass Coast Planning Scheme is expected to happen in Quarter 3
- Development of the 2025-29 Council Plan is underway (25 per cent complete)
- Delivery of the shire's Arts and Culture Strategy 2019-29 for the year is 25 per cent complete. According to the shire's admin, the program is exceeding projected audience engagement targets, program planning for both the Wonthaggi arts centre and Berninnet cultural centre are "significantly advanced" while the Art Collection Policy implementation is "on track". Renewal of Public Art Plan has commenced.

Jetty stoush escalates

THE Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath and the Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale are at loggerheads over the future of the Newhaven Jetty and some allegedly "callous" remarks directed at the owner of jetty restaurant Saltwater, Ben Dennis.

According to Ms Bath, Labor needs to issue an apology to Mr Dennis for "an appalling lack of respect" revealed in freedom of information documents in which the Office of the Minister for Ports and Freight, Hon Melissa Horne instructed Parks Victoria officials to "not have any substantive contact" with Mr Dennis, after he wrote to the Minister and the Member for Bass.

"The callous lack of regard and courtesy shown to Mr Dennis is evidence of a government mired in debt, willfully ignoring its responsibilities," said Ms Bath.

"After getting the green light from government and investing his life savings to develop a restaurant abutting the jetty, you can understand Mr Dennis' despair and frustration over its sudden closure."

"The newly released document is further proof Labor doesn't care about small businesses, tourism or the wider Bass Coast community," she said.

Contacted for comment, the Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, has accused Ms Bath of taking the remarks

out of context.

While Ms Crugnale acknowledged that the sudden closure of the Jetty caught people by surprise, the intention had always been to be upfront about the condition of the jetty and its prospects for replacement.

"The jetty is a cherished and utilised asset for the local and visitor community. It was important to be upfront, that the closure was indefinite, that I would be working to get it prioritised under the Local Ports Strategic Framework and do my utmost by making representations to government and the minister for future funding investment," Ms Crugnale stated.

"Melina Bath is misrepresenting the facts for her own political gain but it's not surprising - her instinct is always to put her self-interests ahead of the community."

"I've been advocating for the Newhaven Jetty for some time and organised a meeting between the owner of Saltwater Phillip Island and Parks Victoria to discuss the future of Newhaven Jetty."

"We need to work with the local community and see what design options can be explored, what activities people really want to see happen, bring into the conversation Better Boating Victoria as that amount of funding in this climate is a challenge."

"My job is and has been to make representations direct to government and the

Minister to prioritise the Newhaven Jetty under the Sustainable Local Ports Framework for future investment and am pleased that it continues to be."

Addressing concerns raised around 'substantive contact' with Mr Dennis, Ms Crugnale explained that after organising a meeting between Mr Dennis and Parks Victoria, following up, and reporting back, she became the point of contact.

"I became his contact point and advocate with a direct line to the Minister and her office. This happens when the local MP gets involved."

"I get in there and do my job, because I am fortunate to be a member of the government, be at the table and have a direct line."

"Newhaven Jetty plays an important role for and is much loved by our local and visitor community."

"My father always said to do the research, fight with the facts, give credit where it is due, admit when you are wrong and work hard to give back, support and better your community."

Owner of Saltwater Phillip Island, Ben Dennis, is understandably frustrated.

"Our venue, cherished for weddings, functions, and community gatherings, relies heavily on the jetty's aesthetics and accessibility as a key drawcard," Ben explained.

"Since the partial closure in 2018 and now its

complete shutdown, with locked gates barring entry, we have experienced a sharp decline in bookings, particularly for weddings where the jetty is central to the experience. This has led to significant financial losses and stunted future growth."

According to Mr Dennis, Parks Victoria's handling of the issue has been unsatisfactory.

"Announcing the closure via email only the night before, with no prior consultation or on-site meeting, was both disrespectful and disgraceful. Had I been aware of their plans, I would never have committed to a 21-year lease, nor invested my life savings and substantial loans into this business and government asset. Bass Coast Shire's lack of proactive support has only worsened the situation, leaving our family business to bear the brunt of this mismanagement."

"Beyond the impact on my business, I witness firsthand the disappointment of recreational fishermen who arrive at Newhaven Jetty daily, unaware of its closure, only to find locked gates. With few safe alternatives, they are left to risk dangerous coastal rock fishing instead. This closure also compounds the lack of public facilities, such as pools, skate parks, and playgrounds, further reducing Phillip Island's appeal for locals and tourists alike."

Senator Patterson highlights cybersecurity and defence



THE Shadow Minister for Home Affairs and Cyber Security Senator James Patterson (right) is pictured with Mary Aldred, Liberal Party candidate for Monash for the looming Federal election, and State Upper House member Renee Heath, at a well-attended dinner held at the Wonthaggi Golf Club on Friday night.

Also pictured is Rob Parsons (left) president of the newly established Bass Valley branch of the Liberal Party.

Senator Patterson was the guest speaker at the event, held in support of Mary Aldred, and spoke of the issues relating to both cyber security and Australia's position from a defence point of view in the Indo-Pacific area.

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over ‘callous’ remarks

To June 30, 2024, Phillip Island and Bass Coast have witnessed a 23 per cent jump in visitors from 2023, with a spend of \$285 million (up 70 per cent on 2023). A spokesperson from Destination Phillip Island said: “As per the Phillip Island and San Remo Destination Management Plan 2033, marine infrastructure investment is extremely important to support experiences and our DNA on the Island and in San Remo. The jetties provide engaging visitor and community experiences and should be prioritised for the region. People get to enjoy the outlook, the fishing, boating and opportunities to join tourism charters.”

Mr Dennis has had no other option but to seek legal advice to address the damage caused. “This is not just about our business. The jetty’s closure impacts the vibrancy and economic health of Newhaven and San Remo. Parks Victoria and Bass Coast Shire must act urgently to resolve this issue and provide meaningful support.

“The Newhaven Jetty is more than a structure, it is a community icon. Its closure represents a loss of identity and opportunity. We call on the responsible authorities to address this matter transparently and without delay.”

Ms Bath has called on Labor to issue an apology to Ben in state parliament following the release of a wad of Freedom of Information documents.



Over 70 people came out in support of the Newhaven Jetty at a public meeting in June. C07_2424

Mr Dennis isn’t the only person concerned with Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating Network leader, Amanda Keilar, also spearheading the campaign to get Newhaven Jetty reopened.

“One of my biggest concerns is the lack of dedicated accessible land-based fishing platforms in our area. Not everybody can fish from a beach or a boat. Newhaven Jetty was always a popular angling platform, as a myriad of species could be caught casting into the nearby channel,” Ms Keilar said.

“It only needed to be able to

withstand pedestrian traffic not commercial. It was perfect for people to stretch out, relax and spend their time fishing. There’s not a day that there weren’t people fishing off Newhaven Jetty.”

San Remo Jetty is now taking this added pressure with significant concerns raised in recent weeks about the volatile nature of mixed-use.

“San Remo Jetty now has all the added pressure of all those anglers that would normally go to Newhaven.

“Working on my ladies’ fishing charters and also at the San Remo Fisherman’s

Co-Op, I witness how crazy busy San Remo Jetty gets every time we have a warm day and that’s not even in school holidays. It’s a hectic mix with fishers, tourists having a walk, the wildlife cruises boat, the jet boat, recreational boats tying up to the floating pontoon and, of course, all the commercial boats. Throw kids jetty jumping and swimming in and it’s a pretty volatile mix!”

She’s concerned, like many residents and fishers of Newhaven Jetty, that now it’s closed it will simply be forgotten.

\$111,987 allowance plus for new mayor

THE main business of the next Bass Coast Shire Council on Wednesday, November 20 is the election of mayor and deputy mayor for the next one or two years.

While the Local Government Act allows for a two-year appointment, the report to this week’s council meeting recommends a 12-month term.

There’s a lot at stake, not the least being that the annual allowance for mayor starts at \$109,114 rising to \$111,987 for the period from December 18, 2024 plus resources and support as outlined in the Council Support and Resources Policy including training and education opportunities, as well as reimbursement of expenses incurred in completing the role.

Duties include:

- To lead engagement with the municipal community on the development of the Council Plan
- To promote behaviour among Councillors that meets the standards of conduct set out in the Councillor Code of Conduct
- To take a leadership role in ensuring the regular review of the performance of the Chief Executive Officer
- To perform civic and ceremonial duties on behalf of the Council
- To be the principal but not only spokesperson for the Council
- To leave a Council meeting if the behaviour of the Councillor is preventing the Council from conducting its business and
- To require the Chief Executive Officer to report to the Council on the implementation of a Council decision.

Cr Rochelle Halstead and Cr Brett Tessari, both of them returning councillors, have both indicated their interest in taking on the role of mayor.

Council may also elect a deputy mayor attracting an allowance of \$54,558 per annum rising to \$55,994 from December 18, 2024 onwards.



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Old report creates intrigue

A 1961 report in the Korumburra Times has renewed arguments the Korumburra Senior Citizens Club owns the site its members still view as home despite no longer having access to the building, and South Gippsland Shire Council's decision to sell the Radovick Street property.

The article, dated April 19 that year, details the well-attended Saturday afternoon official opening of the Senior Citizens Centre.

It mentions that Shire President Cr J. Anderson "expressed thanks to the Shire of Korumburra for the donation of the land on which the building is located", the current secretary of Korumburra Senior Citizens Club Kris Chrichton arguing that is evidence the group owns the land.

The subsequent mention of Cr Anderson saying the community owed a great debt to its senior citizens appears to support the possibility they were given the land on which to build their home, that land having been purchased by council in 1948.

However, doubt is then cast on that notion.

Cr Anderson appealed to all senior citizens in the shire to regard the centre as their own, the article states, appearing to suggest they may not actually own it.

Shire engineer, Mr Donn O'Connor was reported to have designed the centre and supervised its construction free of charge, with a group of citizens playing a leading part



Korumburra Senior Citizens Club committee members Kris Chrichton (secretary), Angie Bowen, Beryl Jarrett and Janne Grenon (president) with the Korumburra Times article. C02_4724

in building the centre.

Sentinel-Times contacted South Gippsland Shire Council regarding the Korumburra Times report and requesting documentation showing what Korumburra Shire Council specified in relation to the Radovick Street property.

"The Certificate of Title Volume 07208 Folio 519 is the document that demonstrates Council ownership of the property located at 14 Radovick Street, Korumburra," a council spokesperson stated.

While arguments have previously been put forward that past documents indicate the land is owned by the ratepayers of Korumburra, the

council spokesperson is emphatic that is not the case.

It is noted that the title of the property previously recorded 'the President, Councillors and Ratepayers of the Shire of Korumburra' as the registered proprietor of the land.

"This expression was a common convention of the Registrar of Titles to reflect that land was owned by the Shire of Korumburra," the council spokesperson said.

The Shire of Korumburra ceased to exist in 1994, with the publication of a notice to that effect in the Victorian Government Gazette on December 2 that year, the notice being 'no. S 94'.

South Gippsland Shire Council is said to have become the successor at law to the former Shire of Korumburra as part of the amalgamation of local councils across Victoria, with all property, rights and assets owned by the former transferred to the new entity.

"On and from the date of that gazettal, South Gippsland Shire Council became the lawful owner of the property as successor at law to the Shire of Korumburra," the spokesperson said, adding the Registrar of Titles was updated on August 8, 2016 to reflect South Gippsland Shire Council as the registered proprietor of the property.

Telstra 5G coming to Leongatha

TELSTRA will be upgrading its mobile base station that services Leongatha to bring new 5G coverage to the area.

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Mobile services in the area will be temporarily affected while the upgrade works are underway. Telstra mobile customers will receive texts advising of the upcoming work.

Landline services, NBN internet services, and mobile coverage from other providers will not be impacted.

The site will need to be switched off during the following periods:

- Saturday, November 23 to Tuesday, November 26 there will be no mobile coverage from this site with restoration at the end of the day on Tuesday.
- Wednesday, November 27 there will be no mobile coverage during the day only.
- Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 there will be some disruptions to the network during the day as we complete the call testing and integration of the network.

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Births hold steady for Bass Coast as Australia declines

BASS Coast has outperformed the rest of the nation by registering a constant birth rate against a declining trend across the rest of Australia.

Australia's birth rate or total fertility rate (TFR) has fallen to an all-time low of just 1.5 based on the average number of babies a woman will have in her lifetime.

National birth rates last peaked in 2009 after the introduction of the baby bonus but for millennials aged between 30 and 34 on the Bass Coast, the story is much different.

To date, 185 babies have been born at the Wonthaggi Hospital compared to 186 babies at the same time

last year.

The 2009 peak means we now have a high number of teenagers in the population.

The replacement level needed to keep the population steady over the long term has long been considered to be about 2.1.

The last time the birth rate was above 2.1 was 48 years ago in 1976.

During the 'baby boom' in the 1940s and 1950s birth rates peaked at an astonishing 3.6, more than double the current birth rate resulting in an extraordinarily high number of Australians now reaching pension age.

Birth rates fell sharply with the introduction of the

contraceptive pill and the changing roles of women in society including greater female participation in the workforce.

The peak age for fertility has shifted dramatically since the 1970' when most first-time mothers were in their twenties, the average age now for a mother giving birth is 32.

According to Bass Coast Health, more babies are being born at the Wonthaggi Hospital each year as the region's population grows and more people become aware of the family-focused midwifery service at BCH.

In 2022, 179 babies were born at Wonthaggi Hospital, a slight increase on 2021 when

they welcomed 173 babies and a major increase to 2020 when 110 babies were born.

According to demographic consultants .id insight fertility rates in regional areas are much higher generally than in the inner city.

In 2023 the City of Melbourne recorded a birth rate of just 0.6.

Women are also having children later in life according to .id insight which means they're likely to have fewer children in their lifetime.

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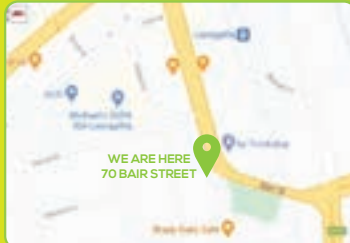
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Australia's Kindest Person unearthed in National Search

HEATHER Baird, a Gippsland woman and former foster child who started a charity to help foster children was last Tuesday, November 12 announced as the winner in the search for Australia's kindest person ahead of World Kindness Day on November 13.

National women's apparel retailer Black Pepper's World Kindness Day Search aims to find the country's kindest people, share their stories and hopefully inspire others to live a little kinder each day.

Heather, who lived in orphanages and foster homes from the age of two-and-a-half experienced many difficult situations but the one that stuck with her the most was going to school with other foster children in old clothes and wishing she could have nice things.

Heather had always wanted to help children in similar situations so in 2014 she started A Better Life for Foster Kids which supports foster children and their carers with clothing, toiletries and other essentials, furniture, advice and referrals and funds for foster kids to participate in normal childhood activities.

Heather was selected as the national winner from hundreds of entries nationwide and was up against state winners including Pamela Tatt from Queensland who started Knit4Charities, which has donated nearly one million items to charity, Eman Rahim from South Australia who was once homeless and is now a charity leader providing food relief for vulnerable South Australians and Chris Jones from NSW



Heather Baird of Gippsland was named Australia's kindest person ahead of World Kindness Day on November 13.

who founded the LIVEfree Project and has dedicated her life to helping those in need.

Black Pepper Marketing Manager, Jacquie McIntosh said their World Kindness Day campaign had once again unearthed some incredible community heroes.

"This is the third year that we have run our search for Australia's kindest person and we have been completely overwhelmed by the incredibly kind people it has unearthed.

"It was not an easy decision as we had some wonderful state winners who have demonstrated incredible kindness, however, Heather's ability to overcome personal hardship to show empathy, selflessness and unwavering

commitment to foster children and their carers is truly inspiring and the epitome of kindness."

Heather was selected as the winner by a panel of judges including previous winners, Victorian woman, Joy Sparks, a retired teacher from Melbourne who spends her time cooking and caring for the homeless, and South Australian, Rose Darling, who founded Community Help and Togetherness CHATS, a volunteer-run organisation providing meals, groceries, clothing and essential household items to community members in need.

Heather was crowned Australia's kindest person at a special event in Melbourne last week and has won \$5000 for her charity.

Wet wipes block pumps and pipes

WET-WIPE-related blockages, often referred to as wipe balls or fat bergs, are costing South Gippsland Water more than \$50,000 a year.

South Gippsland Water (SGW) says it is committed to raising awareness about the impact wet wipes have on the sewerage system and our environment.

The blockages cause damage to pipe networks and pumps and have an impact on wastewater treatment once sewerage arrives at the treatment plant according to SGW.

Wet wipes are great for cleaning sticky hands, grubby faces and messy bottoms but put simply, wipes block pipes claims South Gippsland Water.

"Even though many brands have been marketed as 'flushable' or 'biodegradable', unlike toilet paper, wipes are slow to break down," explained South Gippsland Water Managing Director, Robert Murphy.

"They have the potential to get caught up with a range of other solids in your pipes, form blockages and cause expensive problems both at your end of the pipe and ours."

Ultimately, customers pay for the provision of sewer services and increased blockages of South Gippsland Water driving up the cost of delivering reliable wastewater services.

"We're appealing to people to help us prevent sewer blockages and potential damage to the environment by not flushing wet wipes, baby wipes, hygiene wipes, cleaning wipes, paper towel or fats and oils,"



Wet wipes blocking a water pipe

Mr Murphy said. "Everything that goes down the kitchen, laundry and bathroom sink, or is flushed down the toilet ends up in the sewerage system."

Building awareness around the impacts of wet wipes and other non-degradable materials on the sewer system is important to help prevent environmental and property damage resulting from blockages and spills.

"The South Gippsland Water Maintenance Team works hard to keep the sewerage system moving, but we need the community's help to stick to the 3P's – pee, poo and (toilet) paper."

Everything else should go in the bin.

"Wipes are a handy product," said Mr Murphy, "but remember, no matter what it says on the packaging, bin them, don't flush them."

For more information, including handy tips and do's and don'ts go to sgwater.com.au/services/wastewater/caring-for-our-sewers

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New Councillors for South Gippsland Shire Council



South Gippsland Shire Council is excited to welcome the arrival of a new Councillor group for the 2024/28 term!

This team brings a diverse range of experiences and perspectives, aiming to enhance community engagement and drive positive change across the region.

Information about our new Councillors can be found at:
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 20 November 2.00pm (Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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RFT/376 – Mirboo North Early Learning Centre Concept Design

Tenders close 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 10 December 2024.

RFT/419 – Fish Creek Streetscape

Tenders close 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 17 December 2024.

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Councillors Sarah Gilligan, Steve Finlay, Brad Snell, John Kennedy and Scott Rae, with CEO Kerryn Ellis, and councillors John Schelling, Clare Williams, Bron Beach and Nathan Hersey. A02_4724

Nine councillors ready to represent South Gippsland community

SOUTH Gippsland Shire's councillor group for the next four years is now official, with all nine councillors sworn in on Wednesday morning by CEO Kerryn Ellis in Leongatha. Councillors were encouraged to embrace the principles of councillor conduct required under the Local Government

Act 2020. "This simply means being honest in your dealings with others, separating your personal interests from your public duties, acting lawfully, treating others with respect, and using the community's resources wisely," Ms Ellis said. Councillors then pledged

to uphold the expected standards, signing the required paperwork. Each South Gippsland Shire Council ward will be represented by three councillors, being Scott Rae, Sarah Gilligan and Steve Finlay in Coastal Promontory Ward, Nathan Hersey, Bron Beach and John Kennedy

in Strzelecki Ward, and John Schelling, Clare Williams and Brad Snell in Tarwin Valley Ward. As each 'Councillor Elect' completed the requirements of being sworn in, they were congratulated by Ms Ellis on officially becoming councillors of South Gippsland Shire.

Tarwin Lower community battery a step closer

TARWIN Lower's hopes of obtaining a community battery at the town's Recreation Reserve may be bolstered in the not-too-distant future, with funding recently applied for through the Victorian Government's 100 Neighbourhood Batteries program. Community members identified Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve as a priority site during consultation and engagement on the Community Energy Project, run by the Venus Bay Community Centre (VBCC) in partnership

with other organisations. Consultation and the development of a feasibility study paved the way for the eventual creation and endorsement of the 'Community Plan for Community Energy', which stressed the importance of installing batteries and increased solar capacity at community buildings across Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay. Over the past year, VBCC has liaised with key stakeholders, including the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), and looked for

opportunities to obtain funding to support the desired energy initiatives. "Based on conversations with DEECA, the Tarwin Rec Reserve seems to meet all the criteria for funding and would be well considered to increase resilience for our district," VBCC manager Alyson Skinner said. Members of the Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve Committee and the Venus Bay Project team have worked closely together over recent months to prepare the funding application for the

100 Neighbourhood Batteries program. "While this has been a team effort, acknowledgement must be given to the amazing amount of work Heather Smith has undertaken pro-bono to provide technical information and project plan development that has been critical to the application," Alyson said. Heather is an expert in community energy. An announcement on the funding application's success is expected in March 2025.

Gurneys 250,000L upgrade complete

GURNEYS Cidery at Foster will expand its annual cider output to 250,000 litres, with a new facility built, following a grant of \$331,660. The funds went towards the conversion and fit-out of an existing shed into a fully functioning commercial cidery. The cidery is also working towards a goal of 500,000L produced yearly in the future. Included in the upgrade was the installation of high-capacity fruit processing equipment, as well as new and existing infrastructure connections, to increase production volumes and create operational efficiencies. Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh met with Food to Market grant recipients and owners of Gurneys Cidery, Lorraine and William Gurnett, as well as Maker Tom Gurnett, to officially open the new facility. "Gurneys sets an example for small businesses that want to scale up," Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh said. "The cidery is both a productive facility and an attraction that boosts the visitor economy in the beautiful South Gippsland region." The current 250,000L output has led to new partnerships with larger retailers and engagement with a broader market. "The new facility allows us to

grow to produce volumes of up to 500,000L of our own and other local producers of alcoholic and non-alcoholic products," Gurneys Cidery Maker Tom Gurnett said. "Gurneys continues to grow and we're stoked to have the opportunity and now capacity to share a taste of our unique Gippsland ciders across Australia and overseas!" Gurneys also reported a positive flow-on effect to other South Gippsland businesses who can now utilise the new facility to step up production and grow their own brands in a local setting. It's hoped the upgrade will attract more tourists to South Gippsland, and the bigger facility will mean more local jobs. The Food to Market program concluded in 2023 and was a commitment under the \$115 million Agriculture Strategy, to help to deliver on the vision for a strong, innovative and sustainable sector. The program has supported jobs, delivered productivity improvements and capitalised on new opportunities across the agri-food supply chain. To learn more about the Food to Market Program visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/funds-grants-programs/food-to-market-program.



Gurneys Cidery Maker Tom Gurnett and Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh at the official opening of the upgrade.



HELLO South Gippsland. It has been a busy week for our new Councillor group, who were officially sworn-in at a ceremony on Wednesday. Their Induction Program also started last week, which is designed to give them all the knowledge they need to be great Councillors. This will continue for the next few months. The new group are working well together, with returning Councillors sharing their insights where appropriate. I look forward to seeing the relationships between Councillors continue to grow as time goes on.

New Exhibition at Coal Creek

On Friday, November 15, a new exhibition was officially opened at Coal Creek. Mandy Gunn's exhibition Interwoven, Collected, Cut, Created is a commentary on waste and how we view it. Mandy is an extremely talented local artist who is passionate about using alternative mediums to create art. The exhibition is on now until Monday, January 27, 2025, so make sure to check it out.

Engagement Opportunity

There is a proposed planning amendment at 108 and 110 Parr Street, Leongatha that is open for feedback. Amendment C131sgip incorporates both a Planning Scheme Amendment and a Planning Permit so all required approvals can be sought together. Information on the proposal is available on Council's Your Say South Gippsland website: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au> Feedback closes on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Baths Road Reserve, Mirboo North

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change (DEECA) and Forest Fire Management are on site at Baths Road Reserve to reduce the bushfire risk in the Reserve and create better access for firefighters. Surveys were conducted in Mirboo North to understand the balance between protection of community and the environment. Residents near the work locations have been notified about the works, which will slow over the Christmas period to minimise disruption. As has been the case with other works in the town, any material suitable for domestic firewood will be made available to the Mirboo North community. If you would like more information, please contact mirboonorthstormdebris@deeca.vic.gov.au or visit the Forest Fire Management website.

New Websites

In exciting news, the Great Southern Rail Trail website has had a much-needed refresh. The new site has been live for a couple of weeks and provides some amazing new features such as an interactive journey builder. You can check it out here: www.gsrt.com.au Our Visit South Gippsland website has also had a refresh to bring it in line with the new brand that has been developed. The functionality of the website has remained largely the same, but a new colour palette and layout has brought some freshness to the site. It is also the home of all the events, big and small, that are happening in South Gippsland. So be sure to check out the site and add your event for free here: www.visit-southgippsland.com.au

Holding matters

By Daniel Prior, Partner, Prior Law

I STUDIED history before I studied law. I tell a lot of people that. It's not that I don't love the law, it's just that I love history.

History can be found in many places. It might be what is found in the ground, or found on a plan, or in built form. It might be a piece of furniture. Our Leongatha office has a "new" addition, a cedar pigeonhole document holder from 1862, which was formerly owned by Victorian Treasury. It was 9 and a 1/3 feet tall when it was built, but it is 285 cm now. It might not be as useful as it once undoubtedly was, but you can feel the history just looking at it.

As a lawyer, I am often interacting with history, holding history in my hands. It might not be a history of someone famous, but to the people for whom the document means something, the document is important – often both the document itself and the information it bears.

Wills are still required to be kept as original documents, but you won't find volumes of other paper in most legal offices these days. I wouldn't call lawyers high tech individuals generally, but computers have generally won against the tide of paper that used to be jammed in every nook and cranny.

The other document that was important to be original was your Certificate of Title. Originally, they were on vellum – calf skin generally. These documents are magnificent. They are covered in beautiful copperplate writing, showing the various owners over time, often with a coloured diagram of the land. Over time, the budget for provision of title, and perhaps the number of calves required for the ongoing vellum use led to titles being printed on parchment. Later still the parchment gave way to stiff paper with a watermark, and then eventually a blue piece of A4 with a hologram in the corner.

One thing that struck me over time was that everyone knew where their vellum or parchment title were located. But as the document itself became more rudimentary and printed on A4 paper, the frequency with which people would lose their titles increased significantly. The romance of the document had been lost.

In August this year, the Titles Office decided they had had enough of issuing titles and decreed that all titles from that point on would be issued in electronic format. Existing hard copy titles are still valid, but no more will come. Suffice to say, there is no romance in an electronic entry in a database. However, whilst the document is gone, the record remains and the way in which land is held is becoming more important than ever. It's important, because many people have little idea as to how they hold the land with their spouse or partner.

Recent changes to land tax, reducing the threshold for land to be in the land tax system and removing the ability to claim a principal place of residence exemption over adjoining land in some areas, has meant that unless people review their title and plan, they may pay land tax when they don't need to, or more than they should.

You might have also heard the Supreme Court has hiked its fees for Probate. Probate is required where land is held, but in the past may not have been too expensive if a wife and husband held their shares in a property as tenants in common. In such a circumstance, probate would be required for both the husband and the wife. The same problem would occur if the property is held by a husband and not by a wife, or a wife and not a husband – two probate fees potentially. However, if the property was held as joint tenants, probate may only be required for the last to leave this mortal coil. A change to joint tenants can be made to minimise the risk of double probate being required. For some of the more valuable property around South Gippsland and the Bass Coast, this could be a saving of thousands of dollars.

So, whether your title is on vellum, or simply a computer record, it is always worthwhile having a look, because how you hold it matters.



Andrew Moon with Chris and John Paterson and items including a pre-WWI sword. A04_4724

Special military collection presented to Korumburra RSL

WWI veteran Lt Col Alexander (Alex) Paterson's extraordinary military collection sparked excitement at Korumburra RSL recently when handed over by members of the family, with extensive work continuing to determine the most suitable home for the treasure trove of objects, photos, maps and paperwork.

It is far beyond the scope of a small local RSL to house and display the items.

Tony Moon of Korumburra RSL has prepared a submission to the RSL's Victorian headquarters, Anzac House, requesting assistance from the State RSL to help the sub-branch develop a plan on the most appropriate way to deal with the vast horde.

The Paterson family wishes that it be retained in its entirety rather than split.

Alex began his military career with the Victorian Scottish Regiment in 1903 and was still serving, with the rank of Captain, when he joined the 1st AIF in May 1916.

His 39th Battalion was involved in the battle of Messines Ridge the following year, Alex distinguishing himself under fire, earning the Military Cross, having "personally silenced an enemy machine gun", and "being largely responsible for the capture of two hostile machine guns and crews".

After WWI, Alex was recommended for the Distinguished Service Order "for consistent bravery and devotion to duty during the whole time his battalion has been in France", with the DSO subsequently awarded.

Research officer at the Glenroy RSL, David Kirton, was part of the team in Korumburra documenting the collection, taking photos of the many objects and detailing them



Andrew Moon holds a map from late 1918 showing the Hindenburg Line and German positions. A03_4724

on behalf of Anzac House.

He described it as a unique collection for one person to have amassed, and valuable to Australian military history, being the most comprehensive assortment of pre-WWI and WWI items.

A 1917 slouch hat, 1914 saddle, and a rare leather Brodie Helmet holder that allowed the helmet to be strapped to a horse are a few of the intriguing objects, the latter something David has never seen before.

A striking Victorian Scottish Regiment sword, ceremonial in nature, features a double fuller blade.

Still in its original canvas holder, a WWI gas mask remains in unusually good condition.

That can be said for most items, but for some moth damage to uniforms and a pocket knife shattered by a bullet, saving Alex's life.

Tony outlined the extensive trove of paperwork that includes everything from run-of-the-mill day-to-day details to battle plans and maps.

"We picked out a complete handwritten set of orders for the 39th Battalion and its involvement at the Battle of Messines (Ridge) in June 1917," he said, noting the typed version of those orders was also present.

"That's supplemented by the original Battalion battle map," Tony added, with that document providing extensive detail.

There are 47 WWI battle maps, along with other maps, some predating the war.

Documentation includes routine ledgers and reports that a unit would produce during its daily operations, but even they turn up surprises.

"We found a copy of the daily ledger for around April 1918, and there's a handwritten entry in it that talks about the Red Baron being shot down by anti-aircraft fire," Tony said.

There are also lots of photographs, most not published, including many shots Alex took, along with large portraits taken by others and featuring the likes of Generals Monash and Haig.

Alex's camera not only survived the Great War but is among the haul delivered to Korumburra RSL.

Alex's connection to the area was through his brother William who had a farm in Moyarra, and current-day relatives John and Robert Paterson live in Korumburra.

Sentinel-Times will provide an update when it is determined where Lt Col Paterson's collection will be housed.

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KCDA committee in place for coming year

KORUMBURRA Community Development Association (KCDA) continues to connect locals, encouraging and supporting collaboration to achieve community outcomes, with its committee now in place for the coming year after Wednesday's AGM.

Noelene Cosson remains president, while Joy Cowie continues as treasurer.

Vince Sgarioto is now vice president, with recent South Gippsland Shire councillor Jenni Keerie becoming secretary.

Producing the Burra Flyer continues to be KCDA's main activity, with the organisation working in partnership with students undertaking the Korumburra Secondary College 'Like Minds' program, the Years 7 and 8s producing the Flyer and getting it to the printing stage. KCDA is also focused on ensuring those new to town feel a part of the community, providing 'Welcome Bags'.

During the 2023/24 year, the organisation ran the Australia Day event at Coleman Park and made a submission to the South Gippsland Shire Council during the community consultation period in support of Coal Creek redevelopment.

Over the past 12 months, KCDA has distributed funds to worthy community programs and projects.

These include the Parkrun, Community Meal, Korumburra Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, Dolly Parton's bookgiving program (Imagination Library) through Gippsland Southern Health, and the Halloween event at Coal Creek.

"I would really like to thank everyone who had a hand in helping KCDA achieve what it has in the past 12 months," president Noelene said.

New South Gippsland Shire councillor Bron Beach chaired Wednesday's AGM, enjoying hearing what the committee has achieved over the last year and wishing everyone involved in KCDA well for the coming 12 months.

Community Centre a communication hub

VENUS Bay Community Centre's (VBCC) decision to use a Starlink Roam Plan to provide internet and Wi-Fi communications when outages occur boosts its importance as a resilience hub. VBCC was already a place for people to come when power was unavailable locally, having previously installed solar panels and a battery, along with a backup generator. During storm events earlier this year, Venus Bay lost not only power but communications with people unable to call triple zero, access emergency information, find out what was happening, or get in touch with one another due to the lack of internet and phone connectivity. The Starlink system proved its value during a more recent outage, maintaining communications at VBCC, with locals and visitors now able to use the Centre to communicate and access information, as well as charging devices. VBCC will keep its regular phone and internet system, using Starlink during power outages, with the ability to turn it on and off.

VBCC appreciates the support of the Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund.

Grantville Cemetery honours war veterans

MISSING in action but not forgotten.

Grantville's war heroes have been remembered in a newly painted wall mural at the Grantville Cemetery on the Bass Highway.

Depicting a WWI digger the mural is based on the image of a local identity.

Grantville Cemetery Trust Administrator Kathy Power said the idea behind the mural was to honour all the local veterans who have passed including soldiers from WWI who never came home.

"A few veterans at the cemetery have commemorative plaques but others do not," said Kathy.

A \$3000 grant from Bass Coast Shire allowed Grantville Cemetery Trust to commission Phillip Island artist Marc, of O ROC murals to paint the mural on a blank wall of the amenities block.

The painting is based on the image of local farmer and WWI veteran Hugh George who lived in a farmhouse once visible from the Bass Highway at Grantville.



A new mural for the Grantville Cemetery honouring war veterans. B05_4724

Artist Marc has been working on the mural for two weeks and hopes to have it finished by the end of November.

Another mural is planned to honour mothers and their babies who died during childbirth or from contagious diseases last century.

The second mural will feature the faces of past Grantville residents including children, mothers and their babies, a young boy and dray drivers buried at the cemetery from 1872.

"A lot of mothers and their

babies died in those days," explained Kathy.

The first burial was George, a local two-year-old boy, who drowned at Deep Creek.

The names of many of Grantville and District's pioneering families can still be found at the cemetery.

"I just wanted to honour them, to remember the veterans, the mothers and their babies and past Grantville residents," said Kathy.

"It adds a little character to the cemetery, and helps celebrate the lives of those

who have passed.

"More than one mother died of diphtheria.

"Diarrhoea, dysentery, burns and creeping paralysis or multiple sclerosis as it is known today, were common causes of death in the 1800's."

Visitors are welcome at the cemetery which is located on the north side of the Bass Highway a few hundred metres west of Grantville.

For more information go to grantvillecemetery.org.au or email grantvillecemetery@gmail.com

Don't get caught out by scammers this festive season

ALL of us get scam calls and have ways of handling them.

However, some scammers are using more sophisticated ploys to stop you hanging up immediately. As a forewarning, I'm sharing this story.

Recently, I answered a call. After the tell-tale pause from overseas call centres, a well-spoken man with a thick accent bypassed the usual 'How are you?' introduction and immediately went into his spiel. "I'm ringing from Telstra to let you know we are in your area next week and will be upgrading modems over three years old at no cost to customers."

Because I'd questioned a couple of genuine NBN callers in the past, and this caller said something about updating modems, I didn't hang up.

This caller wanted to make a time to deliver and install a new modem to improve the speed of our computer(s). We agreed he would send a technician at a time one day the following week and it would take the technician 15-20 minutes to do the job.

As I was suspecting a scam and waiting for the caller to ask for money, which he never did, I asked for his name and ID. He provided this information,

By a South Gippsland Resident

plus the reference number for the job and a 1800 Customer Service number to ring to check them.

Presumably to establish credibility, he directed me to a Telstra website to check my Internet speed, which I did. He claimed it was slow. [Later when I checked, it was not considered slow.]

Then the scammer told me to type in 'A-N-Y-D-E-S-K', which took me to an AnyDesk website and instructed me to click on things and give him numbers. I can't remember all details, but I was becoming increasingly wary of him. I refused and told him, if he were genuine, he should tell Telstra not to have people like him ring customers cold.

A number of times I told him, "I think you're a scammer, but apologies if you aren't."

At first, he was calm and gave technical directions to me as though I were a three-year-old. However, when I balked at downloading something [which turned out to be software] he wanted me to, and again told him I

thought he was a scammer but apologies if he wasn't, he became agitated.

"But you're almost there. Just click the button with Accept with the shield next to it."

[Later, when I tried to find the site, I found <https://anydesk.com/en-au>, which was similar, but was for business, not personal use.]

Again I told him I thought he was a scammer and I'd have to check out the ID number and other information he'd given me. He became quite angry.

"If you don't click on Accept, your Internet will be disconnected in two hours."

I went to hang up on him, but he hung up first.

The exchange lasted 40 minutes.

Then I rang Telstra, not on the fake number the scammer had given me and that possibly would have been answered by one of his cohorts, but on their correct number 13 22 00. The Customer Service man I spoke to at Telstra said, "Telstra never rings customers, hang up immediately if anyone claiming to be Telstra rings."

This isn't quite accurate though as Telstra has rung

me, but only after telling me in a letter they would, or else when we have earlier contacted them for help via their website or phone. The Telstra Customer Service man told me my caller was a scammer but, as long I hadn't downloaded anything, all was well.

Then I rang my computer guru, and he said the same.

My finances were untouched.

Afterwards, when researching the sites, I learned AnyDesk was a software program allowing remote access and control to Windows devices. Other remote desktop applications scammers use are TeamViewer, RemotePC, and Zoho Assist.

Never allow anyone you don't know or trust access to your devices and never share online banking login details or any passwords with anyone.

Never trust anyone claiming to represent a well-known company, such as Telstra, Microsoft or your bank, calling to report a computer or internet problem and offering to help. None would ever ask you over the phone to download software.

If ever dubious about a caller, hang up.

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Briana Dowling, Blue Mackerel Project. B17_4724



Star of the South Senior Manager Paul Johnson and Fisheries Manager Lachlan McKinnon. B21_4724

Offshore wind energy moves west of the Prom

FEASIBILITY studies into offshore wind energy south-west of Wilson's Promontory could unlock billions of dollars in job opportunities for South Gippsland and the Bass Coast.

The question of where the new offshore power sites will come onshore is still to be resolved but project developers will work with VicGrid as they consider options.

Gippsland Skies is the closest wind energy project to Wilson's Promontory lying 30 kilometres offshore from the southernmost tip of the promontory and 53 kilometres from Cape Liptrap.

Southerly Ten received approval for feasibility studies in May for two offshore wind energy sites Star of the South and Kut Wut Brataualung located 45 kilometres south of Wilson's Promontory.

The potential financial spin-off for local jobs and industry is staggering.

The Gippsland Skies project and Southerly Ten's Kut-Wut Brataualung project could together inject around \$7 billion into the Gippsland economy.

The costings do not include the value of transmission infrastructure needed to take power from South Gippsland to Melbourne and beyond.

VicGrid has announced Giffard on the ninety-mile beach as the connection point to bring power onshore utilising existing Latrobe Valley transmission and battery infrastructure to re-route energy to the national grid.

Each of the two sites currently undergoing feasibility studies will have a generating capacity of over two gigawatts twice the capacity of Loy Yang B or enough power to supply 1.24 million homes.

The efficiency of the transmission grid falls dramatically over longer distances.

South Gippsland Shire has thrown its support behind offshore wind energy promising to develop enabling infrastructure to facilitate investment, support education and training, and address housing availability and affordability.

South Gippsland already has the most affordable housing in the region.

"Offshore wind power could inject billions of dollars into the Gippsland economy," said Star of the South Regional Engagement Senior Manager, Paul Johnson on Thursday.

Star of the South plans to base its operations and maintenance activities at a Gippsland port directly benefitting Barry Beach,

Welshpool, Port Albert, Foster, and Yarram.

"We will need electrical engineers and graduates with marine qualifications and labour for manufacturing, vessel maintenance and the supply chain," said Mr Johnson.

"The Latrobe Valley has been the principal provider of energy to Victoria for decades.

"A lot of people from the Latrobe Valley are now interested in employment offshore."

Information sessions on proposed offshore wind projects have been conducted in Seaspray, Foster, and Traralgon.

The last session will be held at the Yarram Showgrounds on Saturday, November 23.

Gippsland Offshore Wind Alliance (GOWA) Co-Chair Darren McCubbin encouraged all Gippslanders to get involved.

"Gippsland is leading the way as Australia's first offshore wind zone, and we have a range of developers looking to build projects here."

"By working together, we aim to ensure the success of this industry, as well as positive long-term benefits for the region," said Mr McCubbin.

Government agencies VicGrid, Offshore Wind Energy Victoria and the Department of Climate

Change, Energy, the Environment and Water are also attending the sessions.

Around 12,000 offshore wind turbines are currently operating globally in locations such as Wales, Scotland, the United States, Denmark, Germany, and China.

The construction and operational phases for the offshore wind energy projects are projected to create jobs in engineering, planning and construction, riggers, crane operators, deckhands, marine masters and mates, and blade and wind turbine technicians.

Project development could take between six to ten years and construction around four to six years.

The first power could possibly be generated by 2032.

For more information on the Gippsland Offshore Wind Alliance email info@gippslandowa.com.au or go to the Gippsland Climate Change Network at gccn.org.au

Gippsland Skies can be found at gippslandskies.com.au

Go to southerlyten.com.au for information about Kut-Wut Brataualung, or starofthesouth.com.au for Star of the South or you can follow Star of the South Project on Facebook.



Leisel Burrow wearing a 1920s Egyptian Revival black and gold Assuit dress with a gold crochet and pearl flapper skull cap. Photo: Leigh Mullins.

Vintage fashion a hit at Coal Creek

THOSE who enjoyed one of the two vintage fashion parades at Coal Creek on November 9, or who wish they had gone, can look forward to a similar event in April but with styles suited to autumn and winter.

Organiser Jan Quigley of Friends of Coal Creek (FOCC) was delighted with the strong turnout and positive comments at the recent event.

"It went really well and the people who attended were very pleased," she said, adding that some asked when the next parade will be.

Jan declared a 1920s Egyptian-inspired piece of evening wear, the last outfit modelled, the highlight.

"We got gasps for that one," she said.

While having only joined FOCC recently, Jan began imagining a fashion parade at the Korumburra tourist park after a chat with friend Vanessa Mangan who runs The Vintage Emporium at the Tyabb Packing Shed.

Vanessa was delighted with the idea and agreed to provide a variety of styles from the 1850s through to the 1930s, encompassing the Victorian and Edwardian eras and the Art Deco period.

Interactive trail map one of the new highlights

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council in conjunction with Wellington Shire Council is thrilled to announce the launch of the new and improved Great Southern Rail Trail Website.

Explore Australia's most southern mainland rail line at the tip of your fingers with the new online platform.

Key feature of the new website include:

- Interactive trail map: Choose your own adventure selecting a start and end location which allows users to view the distance and elevation between two towns.
- Town amenities: Easily navigate the Trail with updated town amenities that highlight public toilets, water stations, parking, playgrounds, rest areas and more.
- Frequently asked questions: Prepare for your adventure along the Great Southern Rail Trail with essential information about bike hire, pets, trail surface etc.
- Visitor information: Access details about accommodation, dining options, and local services in both shires using the 'Explore' tab.
- History: Learn about the rich heritage of the Trail, exploring the timeline that spans back to construction of the railway line in the 1880s.

The website also gives users the opportunity to delve into the character of each town and make a well-informed decision of where they would like to go.

"The new Great Southern Rail Trail website is a fantastic resource for all trail users," Kerryn Ellis, CEO South Gippsland Shire Council said.

"The new features help you to plan your journey ahead of time, ensuring you can make the most of your visit to South Gippsland and Wellington Shires. I invite everyone to explore the new website and discover the adventure that awaits you along the Great Southern Rail Trail."

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Foster Secondary college students Josh Gale and Sunday Plowright with the wreath they placed at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Day service in Foster

By Carole Williams,
Foster RSL Sub-Branch Inc.

THERE was a large attendance at Foster RSL Sub-Branch's Remembrance Day service in Foster last week.

Locals, visitors and students from Foster Primary School and Foster Secondary College saw close to 300 people at the service led by RSL president Bruce Lester at the town's cenotaph.

Bruce spoke of the need to remember the cost of war.

"Thirty-five young men from here died paving the way for the life we enjoy today", he said.

"It was a terrible blow to us here and we shall never forget this. It was a microcosm compared nationally but those young could have been grandfathers and great grandfathers today. We will never forget their suffering, sacrifice and their loss."

Bugler Felicity played The Last Post and wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph.

Foster RSL thanks everyone who attended for their support on the day and to all who purchased poppies prior to and on the day as well.

It's a boy! New koala joey receives first health check

THE newest addition to the Phillip Island Nature Parks family – a baby koala – has been given a clean bill of health in the annual medical checks at the Koala Conservation Reserve.

The eight-month-old male joey, which has yet to be officially named, is now out of his mother's pouch and is spending time getting to know the surroundings, learning to grip and feed on branches of fresh eucalyptus leaves.

The joey is the first for mum, two-year-old Trixie, who is taking motherhood in her stride despite a few hiccups, including the joey swapping mothers for a few days.

Both mother and son underwent medical checks in October, along with a cohort of other koalas aged between eight-months and 16 years, ahead of the Koala Conservation Reserve's peak visitation season.

Senior Ranger at Phillip Island Nature Parks, Lachlan Siphthorp said the rangers managed to check 14 of the reserve's 17 koalas over three days in October, with the outstanding koalas to be checked opportunistically in coming weeks.

"Unfortunately, there were no joeys in pouches this year. We only have the one back-yearling this year, Trixie's male joey who is yet to be named," Mr Siphthorp said.



Successful rerelease of mother Trixie and her yet unnamed joey.

The rangers are taking name suggestions from the public via the Penguin Foundation facebook page.

Health checks involve weighing the koalas, examining their teeth and eyes, making head measurements, checking muscle tone and obtaining chlamydia swabs.

Chlamydia is a common disease in koalas that can result in blindness, infertility and sometimes death. Scientists are currently researching a cure for chlamydia in koalas.

Once pathology tests are returned, rangers will assess the results and make the final moves to have the koalas back in their natural habitat, where they can be viewed from tree-top boardwalks.

Koalas are not native to Phillip Island and were introduced in the late 1800s, but the population has been in decline, largely due to a loss of habitat.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Attraction Manager, Daniel Kallstrom said check-ups were done annually and the

most recent examinations showed the colony was in good shape. "Weights are steady and body condition and teeth wear are what we would expect for their ages. We only have nine koalas that are chlamydia-free, but the eight chlamydia positive koalas are currently symptom-free," Mr Kallstrom said.

"These medical checks are important as they allow us to keep an eye on the health of the koala population at the Koala Conservation Reserve.

"As the koalas are semi-wild in a captive environment, we need to ensure they have enough food, aren't succumbing to disease and any previous ailments and injuries are fully healed."

The Koala Conservation Reserve is a state-of-the-art rehabilitation sanctuary that provides a haven for koalas in need of care and those that cannot be released into the wild. There are currently 17 koalas who call the reserve home.

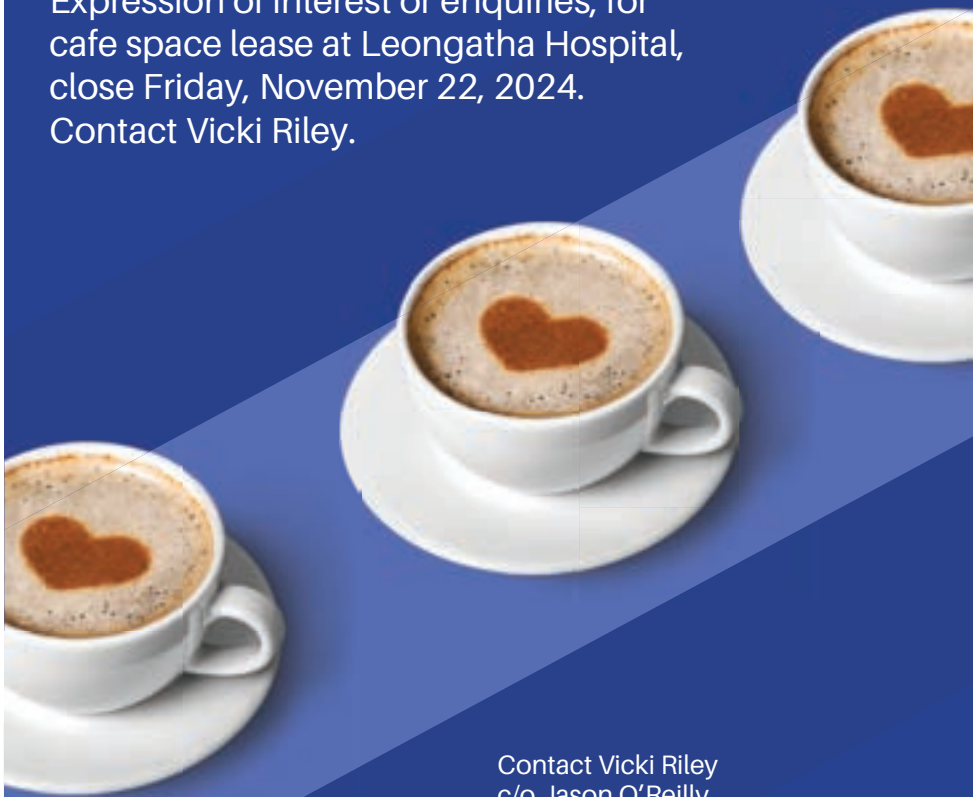
The reserve is open to the public to view the koalas, and money raised from the eco-tourism goes towards koala research and welfare. To adopt a koala or donate to help protect koalas, visit penguinfoundation.org.au

To suggest a name for this adorable koala joey, go to facebook.com/PenguinFoundation

CAFE LEASE OPPORTUNITY

Expression of interest or enquiries, for cafe space lease at Leongatha Hospital, close Friday, November 22, 2024.

Contact Vicki Riley.



Contact Vicki Riley
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Consumer Representative Recruitment



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New veterinary clinic set to open in Grantville

GIPPSLAND Veterinary Group are set to open the doors to their new Grantville clinic on Wednesday, November 20, extending their care for companion animals in the region, addressing the growing need for accessible veterinary services.

The clinic will offer a range of services, beginning with consultations for both new and existing patients. With a commitment to high-quality care, Director and Senior Veterinarian Belinda Herrald shared that the Grantville clinic will focus on general health care, with surgical procedures and hospitalisation referred to Gippsland Veterinary Group's Wonthaggi and Newhaven clinics.

"The new clinic in Grantville will meet the demand of those pet owners that previously had to travel to Wonthaggi or Newhaven for consultations and vaccinations," said Belinda.

"This clinic is closer for those living in Lang Lang, Nyora, Grantville and surrounding towns."

This central location provides both convenience and peace of mind in case of an emergency.

Understanding that veterinary care can sometimes come with an unexpected

expense, Gippsland Veterinary Group offers a range of financial aid options, including Afterpay and Vet-Pay.

"For the owners that have pet insurance, we'll soon have a new service available that allows payment of the gap only, meaning that the insurance payment will be made directly to the clinic. Previously owners had to pay in full and then make a claim for reimbursement," said Belinda.

Existing clients may be able to request their regular vets, as the Grantville staff will be from the other Gippsland Veterinary Group clinics. The Grantville clinic will also manage prescriptions for those on regular medications, as well as stock premium pet food and parasite treatments to ensure the health of your pet long term.

For more information about the services and financial aid options, or to schedule a health check, pet owners are encouraged to contact the clinic directly during opening hours on 5672 1060.

The Gippsland Veterinary Group Grantville clinic will be open Monday to Friday, 8.30am till 5.30pm, or for an afterhours emergency, call 5630 8050.



Veterinary Surgeon Belinda Herrald and Finance Assistant Deb Hoffrichter prepare for the opening of the Gippsland Veterinary Group Grantville clinic on November 20. B81_4724



CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women and volunteers Heidi Vanzet, Carol Maygar and Karl Tauscott were busy selling Remembrance Day merchandise at Wonthaggi Plaza for the RSL Poppy Appeal recently. C06_4624

Record success for Wonthaggi RSL Poppy Appeal

THE Wonthaggi RSL has announced the final total for this year's Poppy Appeal, and the results are nothing short of incredible. Over a two-week period, the community came together to raise an impressive \$18,875. This total includes \$8410 collected through the Poppy Appeal and \$10,465 from Wonthaggi RSL merchandise sales.

The annual appeal continues to serve as a vital fundraiser, supporting veterans and their families.

President Dan Lucas noted that a big thank you goes out to all who contributed, with special recognition for the CWA Ladies, partners, and the many volunteers who gave their time and energy to ensure the campaign's success.

The funds raised will go a long way in continuing the RSL's essential work in supporting those who have served.



EXPANDING OUR CARE



Gippsland Veterinary Group says G'day to Grantville

Gippsland Veterinary Group (GVG) is excited to announce the opening of its newest companion animal clinic in Grantville, bringing high-quality veterinary care to Bass Coast residents and the many holidaymakers visiting this beautiful region. The new clinic, open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, offers routine consultations and treatments closer to home for clients who once travelled to Newhaven or Wonthaggi. Whether you're a local or a visitor to the Bass Coast, GVG's skilled team is here to keep your pets healthy and happy.





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5662 2251 (ext 1)

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Foster Veterinary Clinic
15-17 Court St, Foster
5682 2757

Mirboo North Veterinary Clinic
3 Peters St, Mirboo North
5668 1225

Wonthaggi Veterinary Clinic
290 White Rd, Wonthaggi
5672 1044

Newhaven Veterinary Clinic
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Expressions of Interest

Entrance artwork - Phillip Island Community Hospital

The design of the new Phillip Island Community Hospital includes a space near the entrance to feature an art piece by a First Nations artist.

Bass Coast Health is now seeking Expressions of Interest from talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to submit a proposal for a suitable weatherproof artwork which will welcome our community to the new hospital.

The wall at the entrance measures 2.5m by 2.5m square and will support around 100kgs.

To receive the Expressions of Interest document, please send a request to publicrelations@basscoasthealth.org.au or contact Steve Fuery, Community Relations Manager on 0459 068 719.

Veteran specific financial counselling

A SPECIALISED provider of veteran-specific financial counselling has been added to the National Debt Helpline website, recognising the unique needs of the veteran cohort.

Bravery Trust provides free and independent financial counselling for current and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force and immediate family members. The service is built on a deep understanding of the veteran support system, which can be nuanced and complicated.

Bravery Trust CEO Garth Callender said it was important to recognise the unique nature of military service, and the need for tailored and specialised support for veterans who are negatively impacted by service to the nation.

"Service in the military is clearly unique and can involve exposure to high-risk environments and forging a number of personal freedoms. While most people leave the military with many new skills and positive experiences, there are a minority, who are impacted by their service – by what they have seen or experienced.

"The Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide has highlighted the need for tailored and specialised services to support veterans and their families, and a "shift from a reactive to a proactive response" to veteran wellbeing.

"Bravery Trust has evolved our model from a reactive approach focused on delivering financial assistance, to a proactive focus on providing expert financial counselling and education programs to build new skills and empower veterans to gain control of their finances.

"We know financial wellness and mental health are intrinsically linked. By removing any stigma associated with seeking help and discussing financial challenges early, we can reduce the likelihood and impact of financial hardship and better support those who have served this nation."

Bravery Trust stands as the only national veteran-specific financial counselling service. The Trust works collaboratively with a range of Ex-Service Organisations (ESOs) to make sure veterans can access holistic support.

Veterans or immediate family members facing hardship can seek assistance by phoning 1800 BRAVERY, emailing ask@braverytrust.org.au or visiting braverytrust.org.au.

The National Debt Helpline is also a not-for-profit service helping people tackle their debt problems. Learn more at ndh.org.au.

#2500toomany, 2500 shoes make visual statement at Parliament

TODAY, November 19, 2500 empty shoes have been put on display on the front lawn outside Parliament House in Canberra.

It's the third annual visual presentation of male suicide in Australia, and the largest visual presentation in the world.

"The purpose of this moving presentation is to raise awareness of the scale of the issue and how current approaches are failing to stem the epidemic by focusing primarily on mental health instead of addressing the major push-factors that drive situational distress in men and boys," Paul Withall said in a statement from Zero Suicide Community Awareness Program.

"To achieve this crucial shift of focus a dedicated Minister for Men's Health and Welfare should be promptly instated to guide and facilitate the change in focus and approach that is so desperately needed to help turn the tide."

Among those 2500 shoes are two from Donna Kerr's family, her own son Daniel, who passed away last September, and her and Daniel's cousin, Will, who took his own life six weeks later at the age of 17-years young.

"I never thought I would be a statistic mum, but I am," Donna said.

"Daniel's mate, Noah Tebutt, husband Craig and I will be standing side-by-side outside Parliament House. We will have Daniel's Wings of Pride flag held out.

"I will have the opportunity to speak with a member of parliament, I am not sure who yet, but it's already been pre-arranged and confirmed."

With support from Evans Petroleum, who are assisting with fuel,



Donna Kerr of Daniel's Wings of Pride and Paul Withall of Zero Suicide Community Awareness Program at the recent Cranbourne Family Day, which was an overwhelming success for Daniel's Wings of Pride.

and Saputo, the trio journeyed to Canberra by car for the day with Donna also assisting in the set up of all the shoes.

"Tuesday will build on the recent success at Cranbourne Family Day, which went better than I could have ever thought," Donna said.

"We are in talks of a similar smaller event taking place in Leongatha and it was fantastic that two locals from Leongatha won second and third place in the raffle. Over 6000 people attended with first place going to someone who was really struggling and had also lost three people to suicide."

The community awareness event in Canberra is coordinated by grassroots lived experience survivors and families of the fallen to raise awareness for the

leading cause of preventable death in male adults.

"We're asking all Australians to help raise awareness and spread the message through our communities and join the call for a Minister for Men's Health and Welfare," Mr Withall said.

"Men are told 'it ain't weak to speak'. They're told 'men don't reach out'. They're told all sorts of things but what men in situational distress really need is not to be talked at but simply have their concerns listened to and their welfare considered.

"This epidemic is taking one male every three hours on average. 19,800 ambulance attendances in 2023.

According to Mr Withall that is two ambulances per hour on average.

"Two and a half thousand men and boys lay their souls on the lawn every year, they are speaking, they are reaching out. We need to open this dialogue and start saving our men and boys."

If you or someone you know needs support, talk to a GP or health professional or contact:

- Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36 or beyondblue.org.au.
- Lifeline on 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au.
- MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978 or mensline.org.au.
- Kids' Helpline on 1800 551 800 or kidshelpline.com.au.
- SuicideLine Victoria 1300 651 251, suicideline.org.au offers free professional, confidential support, 24 hours a day, seven days a week across Victoria.

WNOW initiative launches to combat loneliness among men



Brad Gofman runs the WNOW (When No One's Watching) Sunrise Club and encourages others to join the 60 for 60 Walk on November 29 to help break the stigma on mental health.



The WNOW (When No One's Watching) Sunrise Club meet at 6am on a Wednesday for light exercise, coffee and conversation.

IN AN effort to tackle the growing issue of loneliness and mental health challenges among men, a new initiative called WNOW (When No One's Watching) has been launched with an event being held in Cowes on Friday, November 29.

This free peer support group seeks to create a safe space for men to connect, share their experiences, and explore what it means to be better members of their communities.

With rising rates of suicide and mental health issues among men, WNOW aims to break the stigma surrounding these topics and encourage open conversations about feelings and struggles. The initiative is not a crisis service but rather a supportive community where men can gather to discuss their lives in a non-judgmental environment.

Together, WNOW aims to foster a community where men feel safe to be themselves, talk about their feelings, and ultimately lead happier lives.

Each year peer groups walk 60 kilometres to remember the 60 men that die by suicide every 60 minutes around the world. The November 29 event is the date for WNOW's third walk.

Brad Gofman runs the men's health initiative from Mentone Beach and shared that through the Sunrise Club, WNOW is focused on helping men in their communities to connect, drop their body ar-

mour, and be better fathers, brothers, husbands, sons and mates.

"Our 60 for 60 walk – a 60-kilometre walk will take place on Friday, November 29 at Phillip Island. We'll depart from Cowes and do a lap of the island, and I invite every male to join us," said Brad.

WNOW was born out of a personal experience with loneliness and the realisation that many men feel isolated in their struggles.

"The keystone of the WNOW community is our Sunrise Club where we meet at 6am on a Wednesday for some light exercise, sharing challenges in a 'circle of trust', and connect over coffee and conversations. This connection continues through a supportive What's app group. We also run regular events such as retreats, the 60 kilometre challenge and evening talks.

"I started the WNOW Sunrise Club to help feel connected and I encourage anyone in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland area to come along and join the 60 for 60 Walk in Cowes and then consider starting their own peer group. It doesn't cost a thing; each group is supported by WNOW. It is simply an initiative to break the stigma on mental health and help men socialise and feel connected face-to-face."

Register for the WNOW 60 for 60 at wnow.com.au/upcomingevents. Further details will be sent through to those registered for the Team VIC, Phillip Island.



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There was still plenty of fun to be had at the Fishy Stories Festival last Sunday, including the popular 'Box Wars' activity.



Magician Luigi Zucchini keeps the crowd entertained in the Fish Creek Hall during the Fishy Stories Festival.



Fish Creek children's author Alison Lester celebrated the 10th birthday of her bookshop and her own birthday last Sunday, signing books and posters, including this one for Michelle Buckingham.



South Gippsland Shire Councillor Sarah Gilligan congratulated the committee of the Fishy Stories Festival for putting on such a great community event last Sunday.



Program organiser at the Fishy Stories Festival Deb Bray thanked the volunteers for their contribution to the event.



Enjoying a day of storytelling and creative activities at the fifth annual Fishy Stories Festival at Fish Creek on Sunday is Alice Windley with Charlotte 5 and Pippa 3.

Twist in the tale of Fishy's stories festival

BY 11am last Sunday, the fifth annual Fishy Stories Festival at Fish Creek had already worked up a head of steam and the town was alive with colour, movement and music.

An army of kids were seen dashing around the barbecue rotunda in cardboard armour and helmets with swords drawn, others were listening attentively as the creators of 12 'Real Pigeons' books, Andrew McDonald and former Mirboo North Secondary School student Ben Wood, showed them how it was done, while members of Invy Horn Jam Band provided the soundtrack.

Fish Creek icon, Alison Lester, celebrating her own birthday and 10 years at her bookstore in town, had just completed a storytelling workshop in a packed marquee on the tennis courts, followed by author Andrea Rowe, best known for her book 'Jetty Jumping'.

There was coffee and plenty of food including a sausage

sizzle by the Fish Creek Scouts and a cake stall manned by the Fish Creek Primary School parents.

All the cafés in town were doing good business... Fish Creek was absolutely humming.

But then, oh dear, the rain came, not like the brief shower in the morning, but a more persistent burst, a break and then more rain.

It was enough to put a damper on the day, ahead of the official opening at 12.30pm and sadly, the festival never reached the heights achieved in the morning.

Speaking at the opening, program organiser Deb Bray was nonetheless delighted with the first-class talent the organising committee had managed to attract, the turnout of visitors and locals supporting the day and "the amazing bunch of volunteers" who had pitched in to make a day such a success.

Strong supporter of the arts,

returning South Gippsland councillor, Sarah Gilligan, acknowledged the typical South Gippsland weather but thanked everyone for coming just the same. She congratulated Alison Lester on being "a trail blazer" for the vibrant arts community in the shire and revealed that Alison's books and illustrations, including Magic Beach, had provided some of the inspiration for coming to the area with her family.

"Fish Creek today embarks on a journey of mystery and imagination. The Fishy Stories Festival is a celebration of the boundless opportunities that storytelling offers."

Earlier, local students Chloe Littlejohn and Addie Manne had provided the 'Welcome to Country'.

The action continued after the opening, with the Fish Creek Hall packed for Luigi Zucchini the Magician and some live performances from the Fishy Stories Writing Challenge and book signings by the

likes of Andrew McDonald and Ben Wood.

As well as the 12 Real Pigeons books, including the latest 'Power Up', Andrew and Ben have also written and illustrated eight 'Hello Twigs' a graphic novel series for beginner readers full of nature, creativity, emotions and friendship, an idea hatched at a work picnic when the pair started drawing eyes on twigs.

That's 20 books and counting... not bad for a Mirboo North kid!

So, that was the Fishy Stories Festival for another year, and despite the weather (because of it when you think about it), it will be back again bigger and better next year.

Major donors and supporters for the event include the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal and Bendigo Community Bank with the South Gippsland Shire Council and regional tourism body Destination Gippsland major partners.



Fish Creek Primary School students Chloe Littlejohn and Addie Manne present award-winning local children's author Alison Lester with some birthday flowers at the Fishy Stories Festival on Sunday.



Travis and Ryder Cholmondeley of Leongatha with volunteers Charlotte Mortimer and Carly Buckland at the Fish Creek Primary School cake stall at the Fishy Stories Festival last Sunday.

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Chris and Jesse brought out the MG8 but ended up slightly drenched on the journey home. C11_4724



Julie Walsh of Inverloch brought her beauty out to Dalyston. C12_4724



Steven Crouch of Loch was presented with his award by Councillor Rochelle Halstead. C28_4724



David Bourke of Morwell's '78 F100 landed the Best Pick Up. C24_4724



Dave Trotter's family, including grandchildren and great grand kids, and friends made the journey from across Victoria and as far as Queensland for Sunday's special event. (Centre left, Dave's son Jason and fourth from right, Dave's daughter Rachel). C14_4724

Corvettes, Chargers and Buicks

A FANTASTIC display of cars made the journey to Dalyston Recreation Reserve on Sunday where a huge team of volunteers put on a spectacular show, even if the rain dampened the final proceedings for the second annual Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club Show and Shine.

And it was awards galore with a mix of locals, regular car show faces and newbies in attendance.

Awards kicked off with the very special Dave Trotter Memorial American Classics, presented by Dave's son, Jason, with a large display of American Classics on display.

"Family and friends have travelled (from near and far) to be here for the awards in honour of (dad)," Jason explained, noting his kids, grandkids and self had travelled from Queensland for the event.

"Seeing his old footy mates, and even the kids he coached back in the day (attend today), and there has been a lot of support from his friends too," added Dave's daughter Rachel.

Local Dan Huther won the Oldest Car with his blue Buick Special, whilst Best Original went to fellow club member and mate Ken Ballingall with his blue corvette. "Marilyn" the much loved '68 Chevy Impala won Best Presented for regular show and shine attendee Leigh Smith of Drouin in the Dave Trotter Memorial division.

"It's been a good day," BCHAC's Brian Asbury said.

"There was a good turn up given the weather forecast," BCHAC president Keith Tonkin added.

A variety of American cars appeared for the occasion in honour of the late Dave Trotter with old beauties arriving for judging and others simply to be on display.

The rain may have cut the event slightly shorter, but the display was thoroughly enjoyed by all throughout the morning with stall holders also in attendance.

"It's run like clockwork thanks to the



Local Roger Pendlebury with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale won the Best Overall Motorcycle with his Harley Davidson Fat Boy 2010. C15_4724

enormous number of volunteers today." Dalyston Football Netball Club had food and drinks in hand.

"It's been a good day, the weather may have scared some people off, but the car club has done a good, professional job of organising today," Dalyston Football Netball members, Andy Thomas, Frank Angarane and Dave Bell (president) agreed.

"It's a great effort by the cars who came out today and Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club who put it on," AutoPro Wonthaggi and Cowes owner, and event sponsor, Gavin Coyne said.

"Without this effort we don't have fun things like this (for car enthusiasts) in the shire."

The regular BCHAC awards sponsored by AutoPro Wonthaggi and Cowes went to:

- Best Engine Bay: 2016 VF SS Holden Commodore, Darren Matthews.
- Best Original: 1980 Holden VC, Peter Mattea.
- Best Pick Up: 1978 Ford F100,

David Bourke.

- Best Paint: 1970 Holden Torana, Dave Sheerman.
- Best Muscle Car: 1976 Valient Charger, Ray Anderson.

Motorcycle Awards:

- Best Paint: Honda 50, Robert Thompson.
- Best Overall: Harley Davidson 2010 Fat Boy, Roger Pendlebury.

Ute & 4x4 Show:

- Best Touring: Nikki Sonnet, Cranbourne
- Best Touring runner-up: John Dennings, Traralgon
- Best BNS: Meg Shellcot, Foster
- Feral: Steven Crouch, Loch
- Feral runner-up: John Dennings
- Best Theme: Meg Shellcot
- Best Theme runner-up: Molly Courtney, Morwell
- Best 4x4: Molly Courtney
- Best 4x4 runner-up: Steven Crouch

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Violence against women and gendered violence is preventable

GIPPSLAND Women's Health are running things a little differently this year, supporting their partners to run events in each LGA, promoting activity on their social media from next week.

Let's Chat Gippsland is part of the United Nations 16 Days of Activism campaign that runs from November 25 to December 10 each year. The campaign seeks to remind people that violence against women and gendered violence is preventable.

Gippslanders are encouraged to attend events across Gippsland where they will learn that social and attitude change can start with a simple conversation, whether it be with their family, friends, colleagues, classmates or neighbours.

Elissa Duck from Gippsland Women's Health said this year Gippsland Women's Health wanted to support the planning of 16 Days of Activism: Let's Chat Gippsland events and social media campaigns through the use of their new toolkit.

The toolkit includes tips for holding Let's Chat events, including event ideas, event resources, support services and a leadership statement guide for organisation leaders. The toolkit also includes one social media tile and caption for each day of the campaign. The daily tiles are designed to raise awareness and take action by challenging attitudes that perpetuate and normalise gendered violence.

You can view the toolkit, find out more information such as what is Let's Chat Gippsland and how to become a campaign partner via the website gwhealth.asn.au/lets-chat-gippsland.



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Change for Sam committed to tackling family violence

WITH this year's 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence fast approaching, founder and director of 'Change for Sam', Lija Matthews, was recently at Bunnings Wonthaggi continuing her campaign to boost the safety of women and children.

She is determined to achieve that in memory of best friend Samantha Fraser of Phillip Island, who was murdered by her estranged husband after living in fear of his violence.

"Our latest project is providing free-of-charge monitored safety devices to agencies to hand out to victim-survivors through their family violence stream," Lija said.

"We are covering the Bass Coast, South Gippsland, Latrobe Valley, Bayside Peninsula from Rosebud to Port Melbourne, and just recently Ballarat, Bachus Marsh and Central Highlands area," she said of the widespread distribution of the lifesaving devices.

Lija outlined how the personal safety devices work.

"They're security company monitored, so when you press a silent duress button it goes straight through to the security company who can then listen



Change for Sam founder and director Lija Matthews with her son Ned. A01_4724

in to your device, triage what's going on and call the relevant authorities, if they need to, on your behalf," she said.

The service operates 24 hours, seven days a week, with the security devices tracked by GPS so the person under duress can be located.

Change for Sam has been providing the monitored alarms for close to a year.

"We were more about awareness of family violence, what it is, where to go, how to identify the different types of family violence, gender equality in workplaces and sports, and how to

keep yourself safe," Lija said of the organisation's initial focus.

Those objectives remain important, with Change for Sam prompting people to discuss what Lija concedes is "not an attractive topic", albeit a crucial one given family violence is a national crisis.

She stressed that the more people who understand the issue, the more who can be helped.

"We're just doing our bit to help victim-survivors of family violence; everyone has the right to feel safe in their home and outside their home and whatever we can do to help make sure that happens, that's got to be a good thing," Lija said.

She just wants the violence to stop.

Visit the Change for Sam website to learn more.

You can contribute to the Change for Sam personal safety devices project on the organisation's GoFundMe page.

Personal safety alarms, which emit a 130-decibel sound combined with a flashing light, are available for \$20 at changeforsam.com.au/store. Purchases help raise valuable funds.



Leongatha school students will once again be walking against family violence in support of creating a future where everyone is safe, equal and respected.

Leongatha Education Precinct's Walk Against Violence

THE STAFF and students of the Leongatha Education Precinct will be holding their 'Community Walk Against Family Violence' on Friday, November 22 at 11.30am, with parents, carers and the wider community invited to attend.

A loop will be marked out on the main oval at Leongatha Primary School, and people can either walk for 1600 metres, which is four laps, or walk for 16 minutes.

"Really, it's just come down and walk and be together and come together to take a stand against family violence," said Steph Martin, Leongatha Primary School Respect for

Relationships Coordinator.

"It's also to mark the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, which goes from November 25 through to December 10."

Everyone is encouraged to wear a splash of orange which is the colour associated with the campaign.

An announcement will be made on the day promoting the key messages around the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, and signage will be placed along the loop to prompt participants into discussion.

Students will also be holding

regular conversations around respect and challenging gender stereotypes to continue to promote the message in classrooms.

A large mural will be set up on the day so that as they walk, students and others can stop and put a fingerprint to fill in the word 'respect.'

Emergency services will also be attending and the Leongatha CFA crew will be there with their fire truck, as well as some police and SES officers to show their support.

The South Gippsland Shire Council are providing funding for food for the attendees and officers will also be there to

represent council.

The invitation to walk for respect is extended to all community members and the school are hoping for more people to come along to show their support for creating a future where everyone is safe, equal and respected.

The event has been held by the school since 2019 and they are hoping to bring a bigger and more community-focused event in the coming years.

Anyone who is attending is encouraged to park along Horn Street and enter via the cricket ground gates to get to the oval, and there is no need to go via the school's office.

Community walk against gender-based violence

SIXTEEN days of activism against gender-based violence begins next week in Corinella with a community walk to the beach on Monday, November 25, the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women.

Organised by the Corinella and District Community Centre the community walk is expected to attract more than 30 local women and their partners.

Safety for women is not taken for granted in Corinella.

"It is the second walk organised by the community centre," said Corinella and District Community Centre Manager, Kerryn Ladell.

"We all deserve to be safe, equal and respected."

The centre keeps a store of 'escape packs' to support women escaping domestic violence.

The Corinella Community Centre also has a well-stocked food pantry containing staple grocery items and seasonal fruit and vegetables from local gardens.

"Donations of food are always welcome," said volunteer Jenny Date.

Jenny describes the one-kilometre walk to the beach and back as a great idea.

"We've got to get the community involved," said Kerryn.

"It's for men and women, my husband took part last year."

Speaking at the Corinella Community Centre will be Sandra Burns, District Governor of Zonta International, a global human rights organisation, advocating for gender equity, climate justice and an end to violence against women.

"The level of violence



Manager of the Corinella and District Community Centre Kerryn Ladell and volunteer Jenny Date supporting 16 Days of Activism. B03_4724

against women is intolerable," said Ms Ladell.

"Women come to the Community Centre seeking refuge, fleeing from violence. The nearest women's shelter is Traralgon.

"Homelessness is also an issue for women, both young and older women. Fifty-five plus is one of the main ages for homelessness."

The Corinella Community Centre also has good news stories.

"Last year a mother came to us with nothing for the kids to put under the Christmas tree. This year the woman contacted the centre to say she was settled and had a job.

"Women can come to the centre for referrals, food, escape bags and a safe place to share their emotions."

"It is quiet and confidential," added Jenny.

"Just turn up for the walk," said Kerryn.

"Monday November 25, 2.30pm at the Corinella Community Centre."

You can follow 16 Days of Activism at Respect Victoria on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and TikTok, or download the 16 Days toolkit at respectvictoria.vic.gov.au/16-days-activism-toolkit-2024

If you need support or advice the Corinella and District Community Centre can

help you reach out to a recommended specialist support service.

The centre is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 7pm, at 48 Smythe Street, Corinella.

For more information or assistance call 5678 0777, email reception@cdcc.asn.au go online to corinellacomunitycentre.org.au or follow the Corinella & District Community Centre on Facebook or Instagram.

If you are experiencing family violence, concerned for your safety, or in an emergency situation call 000 for urgent police assistance, or contact 1800RESPECT.

16 Days of Activism Events

Community Walk Against Family Violence

November 22, 11.30am
Leongatha Education Precinct

The Vintage Crusaders – Safe Everywhere Always Walk

November 25, 11.30am
San Remo Main Street – IGA

Community Beach Walk Against Gender-Based Violence

November 25, 2.30pm
Corinella Community Centre

Yarram Walk for respect and Community Activities

November 25, 5.15pm
Yarram Secondary College

Foster Community Walk Against Family Violence

December 4, 10.45am
South Gippsland Hospital

Men Supporting Safer Communities

December 10, 8.30pm
Online – events.humanitix.com/men-as-allies-exploring-positive-masculinities-to-prevent-violence-against-women

Active Bystander Training

Newhaven, Inverloch and Korumburra
For more information visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/community-support-services/healthy-and-inclusive-communities/family-violence

Cuppa and Chat

LEONGATHA Community House is proud to be kicking off the 16 Days of Activism with a Let's Chat Cuppa and Chat on Friday, November 22 from 11am-12pm. Join them for a short presentation and relaxing conversation with morning tea provided. This is a free event, and they hope you can wear something orange. All are welcome.

'Let's Chat Gippsland'

THE South Gippsland Hospital and Manna Gum Community House are proud to host "Let's Chat Gippsland," a vital community campaign that forms part of the international United Nations (UN) 16 Days of Activism initiative. Running from November 25 to December 10, this annual global movement seeks to end violence against women and promote gender equality through awareness and activism.

Now in its fourth year, the Gippsland initiative has become a key pillar of regional efforts to address gendered violence through education and prevention.

Let's Chat Gippsland" is focused on the primary prevention of gendered violence. The campaign highlights the significant difference conversations can make – whether at home, work, sport, schools and in the wider community – in shifting mindsets, attitudes and creating real change for gender equality.

A highlight of the campaign will be the Foster Community Walk Against Family Violence, scheduled for 10.45am on Wednesday, December 4. The walk will commence at the South Gippsland Hospital and conclude at Manna Gum Community House, symbolising solidarity with victims and victim-survivors of family violence while advocating for safe and respectful communities.

Organisers hope the campaign will inspire widespread participation and raise awareness about how individuals can make a difference.

"We want to make sure that everyone in Gippsland understands what the 16 Days of Activism is about, how they can get involved and impact change in their own community," said a spokesperson for the event.

For more information about "Let's Chat Gippsland" or to join the Foster Community Walk, visit South Gippsland Hospital or Manna Gum Community House. Let's make every conversation count.

Aged care residents to walk against violence

THE incredible residents at Bass Coast Health's residential aged care facility Griffiths Point Lodge are once again stepping out of their comfort zones to take part in the United Nations' 'Safe. Everywhere. Always' Walk.

The event raises money and awareness for the rights of women and girls to be free from violence and discrimination.

Griffiths Point Lodge's (GPL) team 'The Vintage Crusaders' will walk, shuffle and roll a minimum of 10 kilometres over the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence, which starts on Monday, November 25, and ends on Tuesday, December 10.

GPL diversional therapist Tash Stapleton said last year the GPL residents were so determined to end violence against women and girls around the world, they more than doubled their fundraising target of \$500.

"That's why this year they have increased their target to

\$1000 and are hoping to double that also," she said.

Weather permitting, the Vintage Crusaders plan to walk down the main street of San Remo on Monday, November 25, at 11.30am from the IGA supermarket to the San Remo Fisherman's Co-operative.

There, they will enjoy a well-earned rest and lunch before returning to IGA to board the bus for GPL.

"Whilst this doesn't seem a great distance, it is a difficult walk for many of our residents. They will need support, and they will be tired, but their dedication and determination will get them there. We hope you can come and cheer us on or even walk with us if you please," Tash said.

Supporters are encouraged to wear a splash of orange.

Donations are welcome via this link: safetyeverywherealways.org/fundraisers/thevintagecrusaders.

Funds raised go towards United Nations' women's initiatives to prevent and respond to gender-based violence globally.



Griffiths Point Lodge resident Betty Pescud with 'Jordan', the mascot she knitted for The Vintage Crusaders to take part in the United Nations' 'Safe. Everywhere. Always.' Walk on Monday, November 25.

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Will
'free campers'
even turn up?

IT'S a classic response that the owners of commercial caravan parks are always at pains to avoid.

If, for some reason, they neglect to take a deposit for a booking, there's a strong chance that the customer simply won't turn up when the time comes, in response to poor weather conditions, some other issue, or simply a change of heart.

And that's what some local business operators fear will happen from December 1 this year when the State Government's 'free camping' thought bubble starts to take effect.

"You've got people from Melbourne booking sites at all these camping grounds around the state, without having to pay any money. But what's the incentive to turn up if there's a poor weather report or something else happens? They just won't come, the sites will remain vacant and people who would like to go on a holiday will miss out," said one Fish Creek tourism operator at the weekend.

The other aspect of that is if fewer people turn up, it will have an impact on the local economy.

It's potentially an even worse outcome than commercial caravan park operators losing business to free camping opportunities in national parks and reserves, or being pressed to lower their charges to meet the market.

It was simply a dumb idea in the first place.

No one objects to paying the \$40.70 a night you have to pay for a space in the Tidal River Camping Ground, for example, if you're lucky enough to get a spot over the Christmas-January break. It's still a cheap holiday.

And most would say that the \$7.3 million lost to the government's coffers in booking fees would be better spent on improving the experience for campers and other holidaymakers, or funding more environmental initiatives through the cash-strapped Parks Victoria operation.

There's even doubts about the initiative doing what it's supposed to do, and provide the most disadvantaged in the community the chance to have a holiday. Would they even have the caravans and camping equipment needed to take advantage of the offer in the first place?

And this from a State Government which is reportedly adding \$80 million-a-day to public debt, while overseeing a 95 per cent reduction in essential road maintenance.

Having put this unneeded measure in place, the State Government must now monitor the vacancy rate, establish if the camping customers are still coming and readvertise the vacant sites for late bookings.

If it's all too much, they'll need to call the 'free camping' initiative a trial and discontinue it after June 30, 2025 and introduce a 'holiday voucher' system for use with any accommodation booking, private or parks, if they want to save face in the run-up to the 2026 election.

Vox Pop

What should the theme be for International Men's Day?



Koop Zuidema

Leongatha

"Keep yourself fit and keep walking the dog; I have a four-month-old kelpie."



Jessica Puncher

Korumburra

"Men's mental health because it's not talked about enough."



Fletcher Dunn

Wonthaggi

"Mental health, particularly suicide prevention."



Eddie Smith

Wonthaggi

"Embarrassment of violence against women and the behaviour of men."

Time for action

READERS of the Sentinel will be aware of the damage at the Inverloch Surf Beach over five days in late August and early September. It was an unprecedented weather event, seeing intense wave energy over a long period of time. It is estimated that around 40,000m3 of sand was swept away from a one-kilometre section between the SLSC and the Ozone Street access track. The beach level lowered by up to 1.8 metres and up to 14 metres of dunes were lost.

This event is an example of the impact of warming oceans and a warmer atmosphere on our weather. The cost of managing the consequences of erosion at the Inverloch Surf Beach runs into millions of dollars.

Another fire season looms, starting earlier each year. Broken Hill was forced to run generators after they lost power and phone reception after wild weather. Floods in Spain caused over 200 deaths and infrastructure damage.

The scientific consensus is that human activities, especially greenhouse gas emissions, are the primary cause of global warming since the mid-20th century.

Surely, we should be preparing so that another firestorm doesn't mean people being evacuated by the army, as happened in Mallacoota? Serious money needs to be spent on emergency services, back-up infrastructure and flood mitigation measures, so more lives aren't lost. Regions of Australia will soon be unliveable due to extreme heat.

At the same time, millions of Australians are reducing their emissions and enjoying the benefits of renewable energy.

The Albanese government approved three new coal mines in September, while fracking is now allowed in the Northern Territory, threatening First Nations land and water security.

Because of the government's "sit on our hands" policies, pandering to the fossil fuel lobby, local people are compelled to act.

A group of us, young and old, will be catching the train to the Rising Tide blockade of the world's biggest coal port in Newcastle on November 23rd and 24th. Are you with us?

Jessica Harrison, Wonthaggi

Save your coast Inverloch, it's been done before

I WAS on the San Remo foreshore committee of management for 29 years. The San Remo Back Beach was eroding away and got to the point of threatening the foreshore caravan park and the huge power line tower at the end of Marine Parade.

The committee convinced the authorities to do something about it and fast. A rock wall and groynes were constructed,

a magnificent job was done. Up to one tonne boulders with matting layered behind them, each boulder locked into the other like a jigsaw puzzle and the angle of repose creating a slope on the wall so the wave action would roll up and not smash into it, fantastic. Then a concrete walkway placed on top.

East Cowes has had similar works.

The erosion at San Remo was caused by man. The building of the bridge e.g. the abutment leading up altered the tidal movements; unlike Inverloch yours is nature, storms, and strong tides.

Inverloch, you have to get funding to save your coast, you have no other option, it is a complete waste of money bringing in sand to just washaway again. You might as well give it to charity. Go over to San Remo and Cowes and see for yourselves – it works.

All the planting and rehabilitation will do nothing until you rock wall it.

Geoff Lee, Longwarry

Speaking for me, against coal and gas

I SALUTE members of the Bass Coast community who are travelling to Newcastle this week. They are shining light on our government's hypocrisy regarding climate change.

On the one hand the government is supporting Pacific Islanders in their efforts to... well... stay above water.

On the other they are supporting companies exporting coal and gas – the very cause of the disasters unfolding in our warming world.

They are speaking for me, well done them.

Aileen Vening, South Dudley

Korumburra chaos, he says

THIS week in Korumburra, the shire has temporarily closed down the public toilets in the centre of town for works. This now takes away another four parking spots for the time being, and with the whole side of the street losing most car parks, it's chaos for parking and shop owners. No parking, no customers. Retailers are looking for compensation.

With the replacement/changing of driveways and the mistakes happening on the left-hand side, it makes you wonder if it's us ratepayers who are paying the cost.

This project is way behind. Radovick Street is looking good but isn't finished and the footpath is still a tripping hazard due to unevenness and brickwork.

Questions are being asked but why won't they talk or listen to issues arising from every shop owner or questions

from the public. The shire information shop isn't open or no one to talk to.

Yes, there is a phone number to call when they call back. Must be a better way for all involved. A question is simply a path to a better way.

Mistakes are happening and no one takes accountability. A local person who has been there from the start, asked a lot of questions, still waiting on answers.

David Amor, Korumburra

Community markets back in full swing

THERE is no better sign that winter is over than the full calendar of community markets taking place right across Gippsland each weekend.

And let's be honest, with our diverse agriculture and produce, no one does a market better than Gippslanders.

Our markets – whether they be farmers markets, makers markets or community markets – are filled with a vast variety of locally grown fresh produce, handmade clothing and accessories, local arts and crafts, fresh flowers, baked treats, general bric-a-brac and much more!

These markets are a great opportunity to get out and enjoy all that Gippsland has to offer while supporting local producers and makers.

For information on when and where local markets are occurring across Gippsland visit gippslanddirectory.com.au/listing-category/markets.

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

The best of our local youth

HOW gratifying it was to have seen among the participants of our local Remembrance Day Service at the Coleman Park Cenotaph, the two Captains of the Korumburra Secondary College.

During this time of societal unrest, especially among youth in general, those two young people stood out as being among the very best examples of our local youth.

Myself, and no doubt my contemporaries, appreciated their and the colleges' acknowledgement of our culture and history, both nationwide and at a local level.

Lest we forget.

Dennis Conn, Korumburra

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.



BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

ON MONDAY last week, BCAL's partnerships coordinator Olivia Hurrell ran a professional development session in Melbourne for the Care and Support Industry Practice Network.

Hosted at the VET Development Centre, the event was an opportunity for experienced educators to come together to share ideas and enhance links between industry and Learn Local providers.

Professionals from all across Victoria discussed childcare, aged care, disability, health support and allied health. The objectives are to assist facilities in the care economy to recruit and retain staff as well as preparing people seeking employment to be ready for the industry. This will improve health and wellbeing across Australia while also increasing job opportunities.

Throughout 2025, BCAL will be presenting four courses for people looking to work in the many different aspects of health services.

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

We love a freebie at the garden. And sharing in Bass Coast Shire's mulch piles has been a great boon for this busy community garden, with little money to spare.

It's a first come best dressed system once a pile of mulch is deposited in Wonthaggi. Luckily, we have keen volunteers keeping watch for any new dumps.

Other helpers also look for free mulch further afield and are happy to fill a few bags and

deliver them to the garden gate.

Then it's up to the small crew on site to get the paths weed free, lay down cardboard and finally spread the free mulch in layers on the garden's pathways.

A big thank you to volunteer/members Kevin and Peter B for their part in this. The mulch does keep the weeds down and make the garden maintenance that little bit easier. Thanks also to Bass Coast Shire for keeping the mulch coming.

To learn more about any aspect of the garden contact tgordon@westnet.com.au, BCAL on 5672 3115, or drop in on a Thursday morning between 10 and noon to check it out.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Last Friday, Woodies member Mel Ilsley brought in

some of her carvings to show off and the group was most impressed.

Several of her pieces feature the use of epoxy resin, both clear and opaque to set off some highlights of wood.

One particular piece made from a burl, has a light coating of blue resin to make it shine like a jewel. The ornament can take on quite different characters depending on how it is displayed and the viewing angle.

All the pieces were created completely by hand with no power tools.

For more information, visit wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or visit the workshop.



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

FIRST of all, a big apology for the misprint of the Darwesh name last week. Predictive text thinks it knows all, and one must be vigilant in keeping it a tool and not a master. That has been cleaned up and one will try to keep on top of it.

To share our hospitality we are well known for we are holding a celebration come welcome to the Darwesh and Rezai families at Mitchell House on Sunday, November 24 from 2pm and in true Australian style, please bring a plate (with food on it, we don't want any confusion on this score).

We can all struggle with our health or just how we are from time to time in our lives. For some it is a time with a beginning and an end. For others it has a beginning but no end and care and compassion from others can go some way to support them. Some disabilities can hold people back and for others it may be that their disability can take them in surprising and interesting directions. Each person has their unique journey. Bearing that in mind we are celebrating International Day of Disability on Tuesday, December 3, 11am to 1pm with a free BBQ, games and activities.

Come along one and all for a lovely day at Mitchell House on Murray Street.

It is not always easy to make positive moves in our lives. Sometimes we need help. The AA Support groups meet on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm and Saturdays 11am to 12.30pm. A good fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help others achieve sobriety. Call Sean on 0425 707 480 for Wednesdays and Steve on 0431 700 085 for Saturdays.

Al-Anon helps family and friends of alcoholics to

recover from the effects of living with a person whose drinking is a problem. Now they meet on Fridays from 10.30am to 12noon. Call Karen on 0409 354 038.

A Narcotics Anonymous group is also available. Help could come in sharing experiences with narcotic addiction within a supportive group. They meet on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm. Call Peter on 0456 000 844 for more information.



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INVERLOCHCOMMUNITY HOUSE

There's plenty happening at Inverloch Community House.

Mondays & Tuesdays: Android Tech Support. Got a new Samsung Galaxy, HTC, Sony, Google Nexus, Motorola, or a Windows laptop? Geoff's here to help! Learn the basics, set up your email, store photos, or get answers to any specific tech questions. Geoff also offers MyGov support, including help with MyHealthRecord. One-on-one sessions run from 1pm to 3 pm, Mondays and Tuesdays.

Our monthly Carers Support Group, facilitated by Latrobe Community Health Service, meets on Monday, November 25, from 1pm to 3 pm. Join

other carers for a supportive afternoon, a wonderful opportunity to relax, share, and connect.

Every Tuesday, join the lively group of Chatty Crafters from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Whether you enjoy sewing, knitting, embroidery, or any creative project, no experience is necessary – just bring your ideas and have fun in a welcoming space!

Wednesdays: What Do I Say? What Do I Do? This free community workshop on Wednesday, November 27, from 1.30pm to 4pm, is about understanding suicide bereavement and learning supportive skills for friends and family.

Presented by MyLi Inverloch, Stand By Support, Suicide Prevention Network, Wellways, and Inverloch Community House.

Led by industry expert Brian Ahern, the weekly Sewing Studio offers support in patternmaking, garment creation, alterations, and more. All skill levels are welcome. Bring your own sewing machine, materials, and any projects you're working on. Join Brian and learn in a fun, friendly environment. Sessions take place 9am to 11.30am.

Get moving with Bev's line dancing classes every Thursday, 12pm to 3pm. With classes from beginner to easy

intermediate, this is a great way to have fun, get active, and learn new dance steps. Just wear comfy clothes, bring your enthusiasm, and join in!

In House Painters takes centre stage every Friday, 10 am to 1 pm. Explore your creative side with the In House Painters! This friendly group meets weekly to paint, share skills, and enjoy art together. Bring your own materials and enjoy a supportive, inspiring atmosphere. All are welcome!



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LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

LEONGATHA Community House has an exciting lineup of activities for Term 4, offering a wide range of programs for all interests and ages. From creative workshops to fitness groups, there's something for everyone!

New and popular activities this term include Ukulele classes on Mondays, Zumba Gold and exercise classes on Tuesdays, and Hatha Yoga and Meditation on Wednesdays. Those interested in arts and crafts can join Sewing and Patchworking or Painting with Acrylics, while book lovers can connect through our Book Club/Book Chat held fortnightly. We also have specialised groups like Dungeons and Dragons and Parents and Friends of Queer Youth (PFQY).

For those who need help getting around or just want to catch up with a friend, our Wednesday bus service is here for you! We pick up and drop off residents from Meenyan, Koonwarra, Leongatha, and Korumburra. Whether you're running errands, doing some shopping, or meeting up for coffee, we'll get you there and back.

We are currently planning our 2025 year and are really hoping to hear from you, about any courses, information sessions, workshops, or bus trips you have ideas for. It would also be great to hear from anyone who has skills they would like to share or ideas for a program they may like to run. As your Community House, we want to provide programs that will benefit you and allow meaningful social connection, education, and, most importantly, fun!



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

MILPARA means 'meeting place'. We have recently celebrated one year in our new home at the Korumburra Community Hub. A meeting place for the whole community with Myli Library Facilities, South Gippsland Shire Council Customer Service, Kourmburra Historical Society, along with Milpara's Training Rooms, Computer room, Emergency Food Bank, Services Australia (Centrelink) Agency and other consulting services. Milpara's vision is for all people in the Korumburra district to have access to new skills, personal development and community networks. To be a focal point for the delivery of a range of services and learning opportunities.

At Milpara you can be Active with Yoga and Tai-Chi, be musical with singing groups and Les' Guitar Lessons. Be social with the Sunshine Spreaders, be playful with Boardgames and Giggles, Gippsland Gamers D&D and other role-playing games, Mahjong and Play 500 cards. Be creative with the Korumburra Craft Group and Crafts with Barb, crochet, and cooking classes. Be literary with our book club and story writing classes. Be artistic with our art classes. Learn in our computer classes, catering to beginners and beyond. And so much more.

Call into our office on the Lower Level on the Korumburra Community Hub to find out more about what we have to offer or check out our website and follow our Facebook.

You can book for any of our activities online via our Milpara website course bookings page or phone our friendly office.

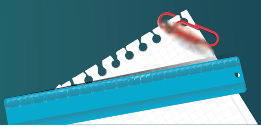
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Evelyn and Allira designing with 3D printing technology thanks to the donation from Mat Bowtell at Free 3D Hands.

Powlett River Primary taking their learning beyond the classroom

MAT Bowtell founder of Free 3D Hands isn't just creating free assistive technology for people around the world, he's inspiring the next generation. Mat generously donates 3D printers they no longer use to schools in and around Phillip Island.

This very generous donation provides access to technology that primary schools could not typically afford. Students at Powlett River Primary School have been using the printers and different programs to design and create.

They started with simple designs name plaques, rulers, and fidget rings. Now they are ready to challenge themselves and design toy planes.

"They have been incredibly excited," senior schoolteacher Pete Matthews explained.

"They have taken their learning beyond the classroom, and have been looking at programs at home. A student even picked up a feather and they all started talking about the structure of that feather and flight."

Pete who coordinated the donation with Mat Bowtell has been working with the students in the senior school with the hope to start including the junior school students in aspects of the process.

"We'd love to be able to have something happen across our local schools that have received the printers from Mat."

Powlett River Primary School was fortunate to receive three 3D printers from Mat.



Hunter and Shyla showing some of the completed designs from their 3D printer.



Allira getting a finished piece from one of the 3D printers.



Year 9 students and teaching staff from Foster Secondary College taking part in the Future Bound program with representatives of CUC, Swinburne University and SGBCLLEN.

Future Bound delivers at Foster

LAST week Country's University Centre Bass Coast delivered the FutureBound Program to Year 9 students at Foster Secondary College. The widening participation program is aimed at Year 9 students to help nurture aspirations and future thinking about post-secondary school aspirations.

After consultation with the local community the program has been developed and co-designed with Swinburne University and Australian Catholic University and delivered in partnership with South Gippsland and Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network (SGBCLLEN) and is funded through the Federal Government's Regional Partnership's Program Pool. Through a series of practical and engaging activities that have been designed and delivered by current university students, secondary

school students can find out firsthand what it is like to go to university and learn about the different ways that higher education can work as a regional student.

Country University Centre (CUC) Education Program Coordinator, Rhett McLennan said, "Future Bound is an incredible opportunity for young people of our region to meet current university students and participate in sessions across a range of disciplines like engineering, design and exercise science. The activities are designed by university students for current secondary students and gives them a taster to see if it may be something that they are interested in exploring down the track. The students here at Foster showed great enthusiasm and looked like they had fun exploring what kind of things they could do with a

tertiary education."

"To date we have delivered to over 400 local students, across four local secondary schools. The program is offered at no cost to schools and delivered on site, and we are currently taking bookings for Term 1 and 2, 2025 so we are happy to work with schools to lock in dates prior to the holiday break," Rhett commented.

Wendy Vitols, Careers Coordinator at Foster Secondary College said, "The day was a great way for our students to learn through current university students and ask questions about how university works. Our students had the opportunity to make a bionic arm, create a design brief and take part in exercise physiology tests; all of which helps to open their eyes to the range of further education pathways that are available to them in

the future. We are very grateful to CUC and Swinburne for supporting our regional students as they begin to consider their pathways towards tertiary study."

CUC Bass Coast is a community led model which aims to increase access and opportunities to higher education pathways for regional students, and in doing so, building the capacity of our local community and workforce. The centre is open for access to registered students seven days a week, providing high speed technology, academic mentoring and support. The study space allows students to network with others to create a community learning environment and reduce isolation while studying remotely. For more information, please give the team a call on 0472 741 451 or visit cucbasscoast.edu.au.

Mirboo North Primary School students have fun to raise funds

STUDENTS of all colours of the rainbow were laughing as they made their way around the obstacle course set up on their oval at the Mirboo North Primary School last Friday for the school's biggest fundraiser.

The students each helped to raise funds prior to the event and completed colouring competitions to promote the event.

"It's a good fun fundraiser of our parents club. Over recent years, certainly since the pandemic, we've found it hard to find volunteers and something that's filled the void of that really well is the fundraising of the school," said Mirboo North Primary School Principal Matt Snell.

"This year it's close to \$20,000, so we're pretty thrilled that the community have got behind it so much and parents have supported their kids and their fundraising efforts for some

playground equipment and some other things in the school too and for engagement purposes."

The preps to grade two were the first to launch themselves across the slippery slide, climb through the tape in the tent, leap over hurdles, run through streamers and tunnels, past the CFA hose and under the rainbow tent; followed by the equally enthusiastic and slightly more competitive older students.

And no one was safe from the colour bombing or the drenching from the CFA's fire hose which has exceptional 360-degree reach.

"It's always great fun. There's rarely a tear, although I did see one before, but they were ok," said Mr Snell.

"It's a great day, the CFA are always fantastic too, it's terrific, they always come and support the day too and the staff are always fantastic as well."



The students tackle the taped-up tent getting colour-bombed for the school's biggest fundraiser of the year.



Japanese language students, Airi White, Alice Mabilia, David O'Neill, Tom Bird and Jemima Aitken pictured with their Japanese Teacher, Mitsuko Horiguchi.

Newhaven College's VCE Students exams are done

NEWHAVEN College's Class of 2024 VCE students have completed their VCAA exams and are ready for the next exciting episode in their lives. The students impressed their VCE teachers with their diligence and hard work over the past few weeks.

Principal, Mr Tony Corr expressed his optimism for the 2024 cohort.

"As a year level they have been exceptional in the way they have conducted themselves for their entire journey at our school. In sending them on to the next stage of

their life journey we want to encourage our graduates to make the most of the opportunities that await them in life," he said.

"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."

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.



Mya Brosnan, Lucy Wilson, Erika Allen and Tahlia Williams were pleased to complete their final exams.



Teacher Sarah McAdam celebrating World Kindness Day with Grade 1-2 at Wonthaggi North Primary School. B12_4724

Wonthaggi North Primary making the world a better place

WORLD Kindness Day was celebrated at Wonthaggi North Primary School with students showing the world their happy place.

Kindness Day is a special day celebrated around the world to show the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world around you.

Teacher Sarah McAdam known as Little Red Riding Hood from Book Week encouraged her students to think of a happy place and to draw and paint what it looks like, or create a collage of things that make us happy.

"Smiling faces, toys, books, pets and family."

World Kindness Day was Wonthaggi North Primary School's fourth term WOW Day activity.

The theme for the day was

the kindness you do, even if it's only the size of a pea will be remembered by those who receive.

WOW Day is a special day with special activities when families and carers are invited to attend the school and share lunch with their children.

Grade 1-2 student Nixon said he had been kind to everybody. "World Kindness Day is a day to make everyone laugh," said Nixon.

"Make everybody happy by being kind to each other.

"Saying kind words to everyone."

Ms McAdam's Grade 1-2 students were asked to think about the kind things they had done for other people.

"World Kindness Day is about self-care and being kind to ourselves," said Ms McAdam.



Wonthaggi North PS students Maverick, Mitchell, William, Nixon and Ivy celebrating World Kindness Day with pictures of their happy place. B11_4724

Team Vic for 2025 WorldSkills Australia Nationals announced

TAFE Gippsland has a total of 16 students from Sale, Bairnsdale, Morwell, Moe, Traralgon and Mirboo North selected for the 2025 WorldSkills Australia Nationals competition.

With the Regional WorldSkills recently wrapping up, WorldSkills Victoria has now completed their selections for the national competition, set to take place in Brisbane in June 2025.

TAFE Gippsland are excited to share that the following students have been officially invited to join Team Vic at the national competition:

Luca Centra (RAL Constructions) – Carpentry; Reuben Pinkerton (Kennedy Trailers) and Thomas McDonald (Energy Australia Yallourn) – Construction Steel Work; Tom Collins (Rohan Kaldvee Electrician) and Liam Oswin-Inglis (White Rhino Electrical) – Electrical Control; Tom Harms (Marathon Electrical) and Patrick Boys (Burra Electrical Services) – Electrical Installation; Tobie Adams (Superior Energy) and James Binotto (WPC Group) – Fitting; Callum Buckland (Buckland Painting) and Matthew Foster (Charrouf Painting Services) – Painting and Decorating; Isaac Wilson (BJ's Plumbing and Home Maintenance) and Harrison Austin (Chila Plumbing) – Plumbing and Heating; Jack Barnes (Marcus Engineering) and Brendan Anthonisen (WPC Group) – Turning; and, Amber Leyshan – Welding (AGL Loy Yang).

Head of Department Emerging Industries and Trades Alex Terranova said this outcome reflected the exceptional scores and high quality of work demonstrated, particularly by several second-place finishers.

"We expected across the nine competitions we would get nine invitations, however a total of 16 TAFE Gippsland students have been selected!" Alex said.

"Some of our silver medallists outscored gold medallists in other competitions and in some cases, the difference between our first and second place was nothing!"

"A huge thank you to our dedicated staff whose support and guidance have been instrumental in getting our students to this point. This is a tremendous achievement for TAFE Gippsland and I couldn't be prouder!"

San Remo Primary School 150th Anniversary Celebration



San Remo Primary School parent Gabrielle with Grade 1/2 teacher Stacey celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Primary School. Z01_4724



Teaching staff Courtney, Ruby, and Tracey running old fashioned games at San Remo Primary Schools 150th Anniversary event. Z02_4724



Sisters Karen Ingbritsen and Ingrid Wilson Ingbritsen attended San Remo Primary School's 150th anniversary on Saturday, November 16 reminiscing on their childhood days as students in 1954. Z11_4724

A Walk Down Memory Lane at San Remo Primary School

SISTERS Karen Ingbritsen and Ingrid Wilson Ingbritsen visited San Remo Primary School for their 150th anniversary celebration event on Saturday, November 16, together reminiscing on their days as students in the village school of the regional fishing town.

San Remo – well known for its history of fishing was a quiet coastal town in Victoria, one that has undergone significant transformations over the decades. As Karen and Ingrid walked the grounds of their primary school, they sat together in awe of the change, they shared fond memories of their childhoods, reflecting on a time when the village was a quiet fishing community, far removed from the bustling tourist destination it is today.

Among the most vivid memories were their school days in 1954, when the town's school had only one classroom (the same room that stands today) with just 15 students.

"We all fitted in one room," recalled Karen.

Ingrid reflected on the days when their mother had been president of the school committee involved in the school's expansion.

The sisters spoke fondly of how the school grew to accommodate more children as the community began to develop.

"Our father – who was born in the

1920's would visit the school grounds regularly as a child. He then grew to be a fisherman in town, and we would walk to San Remo Primary, have our fingernails checked every Monday morning and walk home for lunch each day," they shared.

In those days, the town's economy was largely driven by fishing, with boats lining the shores and families relying on the sea for their livelihood.

"We grew up in the little white house overlooking the water next to the San Remo Police station," said Ingrid.

Today the sisters both reside in Bass Coast and made the decision to return to their local Primary School to celebrate this significant milestone for the community.

What was once a small village with a close-knit community has transformed into a popular tourist attraction.

"It's not the same place we grew up in, but to see these classrooms and remember the wash basin that we washed at each day and the walls that we learnt in – it's just wonderful."

Despite the shifts, the sisters expressed a deep sense of nostalgia and joy in revisiting the school that once served as the backdrop for their childhood. For many, the memories of San Remo Primary as it was – quiet, simple, and tight-knit – remain as vivid as ever.



San Remo Primary School students of 1954. Including Sisters Karen Ingbritsen and Ingrid Wilson Ingbritsen. Photography: San Remo Primary School. Z37_4724



San Remo School 1904. Photography: San Remo Primary School. Z38_4724



San Remo Primary School parent volunteers Lauren Papas, Jamie Papas (former student), Jozz Hart, Vice President Bucky Hamer and President Josh Thompson at the 150th anniversary. Z05_4724



San Remo Primary School students Liv, Evie, and Leila with school principal Karen Bowker at the school's 150th anniversary celebration. Z04_4724



Eddie (prep) and dad Trevor playing old-fashioned games, hopscotch, ring toss and Jenga at the San Remo Primary School anniversary event. Z06_4724



Adrienne Brown Education Support for Grades 3/4 with teacher John Manning showing visitors the memorabilia of San Remo Primary School. Z12_4724



Young Maddy with Nana Jane at San Remo Primary School to support their 150th anniversary. Z08_4724



Grade five students Sasha and Lucille played guitar in a live performance at San Remo Primary School for their 150th anniversary celebration. Z09_4724



Holly (Grade 3) and Audrey (Grade 4) visit the San Remo Recreation Centre to see the artwork on display. Z13_4724



Elliot, Brontë, with mum Fiona in the games area at the 150th anniversary event of San Remo Primary School. Z07_4724



Shaun Taylor (Grade 5/6 teacher) and Emily (Grade 5) sell merchandise to celebrate San Remo Primary School's 150th anniversary. Z15_4724

San Remo Primary School celebrates 150th anniversary

SAN Remo Primary School marked a significant milestone in its history, celebrating its 150th anniversary with a special event that brought together current and former students, staff, and teachers. The celebration took place on the school grounds, where the vibrant community gathered to reflect on the rich history and achievements of the school.

What began as a modest village school has grown into a cornerstone of the local community, providing quality education for generations of students. The anniversary event featured live music from students, a showcase of artwork, and a display of the school's journey through the years with photos, record books and memorabilia.

The original building had photos dated back to the late 1800s – the timeless black and white class portraits alongside the Education Department Victoria Cover for Attendance Roll and Examination Register – a step back in time, as well as original newspaper articles reading 'San Remo a thriving hamlet – Our own pleasant seaside village' with images from 1876.

The more recent classrooms showcased memories from productions over time, whilst in the San Remo Recreation Centre there was a display of student's artwork, students and staff selling school merchandise and freshly baked goods at the bake sale.

The afternoon was a celebration of strong community ties that have been nurtured for over a century. Principal Karen Bowker proudly welcomed every visitor to the school grounds as they toured the classrooms to see just how far the school has come over 150 years.



Teachers Justine Lethbridge and Dan Earle with students Lucy and Rosinda, selling baked goods at the bake sale for San Remo Primary School. Z14_4724



Current teacher, Theresa Gifford-Cox, was invited to cut the cake as one of the longest-serving staff members at the school. Photo: Anna Carson.



Principal Karen Bowker discussed the school's history and thanked significant people for their contributions over the years. Photo: Anna Carson.



Amanda Bourke, Brigade Secretary and Jason Barnes both serving and 30-year veterans of the brigade and CFA cut the cake at Mirboo North's 80th celebrations.

Mirboo North CFA Brigade celebrates 80 years of community service

THE MIRBOO North Fire Brigade threw a birthday party to celebrate their 80 years of existence and continuous service to the community on Thursday, November 7.

Members of the brigade, their families and the community celebrated the milestone alongside special guests Danny O'Brien MP and Simon Boink CFA District 9 Commander.

Attendees were thrilled to be entertained by the Warragul RSL Pipe and Drum Band who performed a great selection of Scottish and Irish tunes to mark the occasion, including a pipes version of Happy Birthday.

There were the usual speeches and two former members of the Brigade, David Tree and Mark Bourke, gave some historical perspectives of the early days of the brigade's history.

Acknowledgement was also given to Mirboo North resident John Austin for his substantial contribution to this history through extensive interviews to gather information from him, for the brigade's 75th anniversary, five short years ago.

The celebrations concluded with the cutting of the cake, which was a task shared by Amanda Bourke, the Brigade Secretary and Jason Barnes, both currently serving 30-year veterans of the brigade and CFA.

People will come and go, but the brigade will always be there for the community and brigade members are hopeful that by their 85th birthday, they will be celebrating in a brand new station.

LIFE Moments

IT WAS a very special Remembrance Day this year as President of the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-branch Dan Lucas celebrated his 50th birthday. The RSL Hall was hired after the formal services of the day and a great celebration was enjoyed by Dan's family and friends with music and entertainment by Eric Collier Music. Happy 50th Birthday Dan, with love from Melissa, Chloe, Jared and everyone.

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Roast turkey

with cornbread and pecan stuffing

By Meg Viney

THE festive period is almost upon us and in celebration of Meg's time spent living in America, she is sharing a couple of special recipes.

The cornbread can be replaced by any bread, or if you choose you can look up a recipe for cornbread and make it.

Turkey stuffing

- 1 turkey
- 3 onions
- turkey liver
- 3 tbsp butter
- 2 cups breadcrumbs
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- ½ cup parsley, chopped
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme, chopped
- Chicken stock
- 1 cup pecans
- Salt, pepper

Cranberry Sauce

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup almonds, chopped
- 500g cranberries
- 1/3 cup orange marmalade
- One lemon, juiced

Method

Melt the butter and add the chopped onions and the turkey liver and sauté in a saucepan that is covered, for about 10 minutes until soft and aromatic.

Add 2 cups of breadcrumbs or corn breadcrumbs, one cup of chopped celery, half a cup of chopped parsley and 1 Tablespoon of fresh thyme chopped.

Mix together and moisten with a little chicken stock then add a cup of chopped pecan nuts but if you can't get pecan nuts you can use walnuts or even almonds.

Season with salt and some freshly ground black pepper.

Stuff the cavity of the turkey with the mixture and keep any to serve at the table if there is any left over.

The trick that I find to keep the turkey moist, and the skin crisp, is to melt a couple of tablespoons of butter in a small saucepan and in it soak a piece of cheese cloth or even a piece of tea towel and then drape that over the top of the turkey whilst it is being cooked.

Cook for the recommended time for the size of the turkey that you have bought. Remove the cheesecloth for the last 15 minutes, but while turkey is cooking be sure to baste it with the juices in the bottom of the pan.

Remove the turkey to a big platter and make some gravy using the juices and obviously some flour or a roux made of butter and flour that will thicken the sauce.

Carve the turkey and serve it with the stuffing and with cranberry sauce.

Cranberry sauce

In a saucepan cook sugar and water until it is syrup then add the cranberries and cook for five minutes.

Remove from the heat and add the marmalade and the lemon juice.

When it has cooled add the slivered almonds.

Mandy Gunn's exhibition Inter-woven: Collected, Cut, Curated comes to Coal Creek

By Courtney O'Brien

REVEL in the work of award-winning and local Artist, Mandy Gunn as she brings her dynamic exhibition from across the decades, Inter-woven: Collected, Cut, Curated to Coal Creek Community Park and Museum.

Two striking elements make up this large and mesmerising exhibition, one is born from Mandy having grown up in post-war England, where there was a shortage of everything and you 'made do' with what you had; and the other is her ability to weave.

Each piece has been created from discarded materials and is a comment on the sheer amount of stuff we produce as a society that ultimately ends up as waste.

"The beach rope pieces, I called them entangled one and entangled two because that's what they do," said Mandy who turned the rope she found on the Venus Bay/Walkerville beaches into monoprints.

While a sense of sustainability had been ingrained since her youth, the catalyst came for Mandy when she was in the Central Desert on an art camp in the seventies and was struck by how brilliant the Indigenous women were at using what was lying around.

"That's what really got me using cardboard with collage paper on it, and a lot of my stuff is



Mandy Gunn brings her sculptural exhibition to Coal Creek, all pieces are created from discarded materials.

paper, and I just played around to see what I could do with it.

"And because I've got this whole background in weaving, which is, one thread vertical, one thread going across, sort of thing, I cut everything into strips, and then I just saw what I could do with it, and played around with it and it sort of comes out as 3D stuff," explained Mandy, who confides she was never interested in weaving with traditional materials.

Another one of the more unusual pieces featured in the exhibition is created from inner tyre tubes.

"You have to sort of muck around and do an awful lot of

experimenting; cut them up and see what they want to do. Because you can have an idea that you want to weave it or whatever, but it doesn't always want to do that, so you've got to find out what the material wants to do, and then kind of work around that, I think."

Other pieces speak to times gone by and form an archive of sorts, from Yellow Pages and Blue Pages turned into scrolls of fabric and old metro tickets with different pictures and colours, advertising different events, have become 3D grid forms.

Another is a three-dimensional piece made out of 25 separate sheets of white braille

paper, called Ways of Seeing after someone gave books of braille to Mandy and she was struck by an absurdity.

"I started thinking about going into a gallery and looking, and then it says, do not touch anything. And then I thought, what's the point of a blind person going into a gallery if they can't see, and then they can't touch? So, I made this very large piece."

Another huge piece Mandy has woven is with paper from the famous book on convicts in Tasmania. For the term of His Natural Life by Marcus Clarke.

"I've cut the book into strips and I've woven it into a long scroll, and then the rest of it I've cut out and put onto cardboard, and then I've made this construction."

While the practicalities of holding exhibitions closer to home make certain elements easier, such as transporting the larger pieces, Mandy commented that it offers something valuable, particularly to budding artists.

"What's in this exhibition, a lot of people that I've taught would have never seen, because it's not the sort of thing you would put up in an ordinary space."

This exhibition was curated by Dr Sheriden Palmer and initially showcased at the Gippsland Art Gallery earlier this year.

Inter-woven: Collected, Cut, Curated will be open from Friday, November 15 to Monday, January 27, 2025 at Coal Creek.



The Thomas family were stoked to meet Warwick Capper.

Dipper is coming to Inverloch

LAST month, The Inlet Hotel in Inverloch played host to 80s VFL legend Warwick "The Wiz" Capper. This month, it's Robert "Dipper" Di Pierdomenico's turn!

So why are some of the biggest names in VFL/AFL history heading to Gippsland? It's all in the name of raising awareness of the issues facing young veterans and to support the Young Veterans organisation.

Since 2012, Young Veterans has set out to enrich the lives of Australian veterans by connecting them with their communities through active and social events.

So, get behind this fantastic cause and head to The Inlet Hotel on Friday, November 22 from

5pm and say G'day to Dipper!

Find out more about Young Veterans by visiting youngveterans.com.au – and stay tuned for more local events raising awareness of the issues facing our young veterans such as suicide, homelessness and addiction.

Next month The Inlet Hotel will welcome Dale Ryder, lead singer of Aussie 80s rock legends Boom Crash Opera. Head along on Saturday, December 7 from 1.30pm to see Dale Ryder and Tristan Ross supported by Eric Collier – entry by donation with all proceeds going to The Young Veterans and The Salvation Army (Project 614).

Bookings are not essential but can be made via 5674 1481.

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Local singing group welcomes all to join in three-part harmony

AFTER two years of bringing men together through music, the Island Men's Song Gang has relocated to the cosy atmosphere of The Westernport Hotel.

Founded by Simon Moule and his friend Liam Jury, the Song Gang started as a casual meet-up in a school hall, inspired by a desire for more music in their lives.

"We hassled a few friends into coming along, and it was a bit awkward but only for a couple of minutes," recalls Simon.

"Then we all really enjoyed it. More than we had anticipated."

With a background in film and TV and a lifelong passion for music, Simon has transformed what began as a simple gathering into a growing community. Every second Tuesday, participants gather at the pub to sing their hearts out in a relaxed, judgment-free environment.

"It's not a choir," Simon insists. "That term has associations with being serious, performative or religious. Song Gang is none of these things. It's all about the experience of doing it – no pressure, just fun."

The group tackles an eclectic mix of songs, from Bill



Island Men's Song Gang has found a new home at The Westernport Hotel.

Withers and Bob Marley to the Pixies, with participants voting on what to sing next. Simon then crafts three-part harmonies, all without backing music – members even recreate guitar and bass parts vocally.

"It's surprisingly fun. Way more enjoyable than I thought it would be. After the first one, I counted the days until it was on again!" said one participant.

"There's no cheesy dance moves or backing music. It's just singing."

The Song Gang has become more than just a singing group; it's a space for connection

among men, a refreshing shift in a culture where such openness isn't always the norm.

"Many cultures around the world get together and sing but being vulnerable isn't really an Australian bloke thing to do. We generally don't want to seem silly or soft so find the idea of singing together a bit weird – myself included. But it actually feels amazing to get together and harmonise," Simon explains. "There are many well-known scientific benefits from singing, but for me it's just great to get a bunch of guys together and

make some noise. We're really starting to sound good too!"

With an eye toward growth, Island Men's Song Gang currently has no formal membership list but is eager to welcome new participants.

"If you're a bit unsure you can sit in the restaurant part of the pub and listen before diving in, or you can just rock up and give it a go," Simon invites. "And it's free!"

Island Men's Song Gang: November 26 and December 10

Island People's Song Gang (ladies welcome): Friday, December 6, 7.30pm

Friends of Coal Creek Open Gardens

FRIENDS of Coal Creek (FOCC) is offering a memorable weekend for keen gardeners and anyone wanting to see creative gardens, combining the chance to view four magnificent private gardens and visit the Jumbunna Bush Market.

The FOCC event takes place on Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1.

Three gardens will open on both days, with a fourth garden and the bush market open on the Sunday.

The cost is only \$10 per person to access all four gardens, with tickets available each day at the Jumbunna Cottage Garden, 5 Taverners Road Jumbunna or online through trybooking.com/CXCKX.

Children under 14 are admitted free but need to be accompanied by an adult.

Jumbunna Cottage owner David Slack looks forward to welcoming people to the garden he has expanded greatly over more than 30 years.

"It's been part of my life's work creating it and I like people to enjoy it, and for me, it's a very special place and I just want people to see it and appreciate it," he said.

He was initially inspired by the views, renovated 1880s cottage and existing garden to buy the property.

While the garden was then relatively small, it contained a healthy number of mature trees.

The decision was made to expand the garden by planting in empty paddocks and David eventually purchased a neighbouring block, allowing further expansion, with the garden now just under four acres.

A wilderness garden features a forest of trees with an understorey planting.

Elsewhere, there are fruit trees, and roses growing in rock wall terraces, with the roses looking their best at this time of year.

"We leave the fruit for the birds, and what I love about the garden now is its bird city," David said.

The garden also features lots of hedges, some creating the effect of outdoor rooms.

While David continues to do some of the gardening, he praised gardener Chris Twite of Darlimurla who has long looked after the Jumbunna Cottage Garden, having helped create it.

Artist Paul Blackman, who lived in Kongwak, was the garden's designer and Gordon White was another who helped establish it.

While the open gardens event is restricted to the outdoors, the outside of the cottage is of significant interest, with David explaining it was the first brick building constructed east of Dandenong.

The Jumbunna Bush Market is located opposite David's garden, running from 8.30am until 2pm on Sunday, December 1.

Garden open times on both days are 10am until 4pm, with three of the gardens in Jumbunna and the other in nearby Korumburra, and light refreshments available in the Jumbunna Hall between 10am and 3.30pm.

Interchange radio reaching out to everyone

HELLO Wonthaggi, Foster, Leongatha, Phillip Island and everyone in between. Interchange Radio is reaching out to you every second Tuesday on community radio station South Coast FM.

Volunteer presenter, producer, editor and technician Mal Dunn couldn't be happier with the radio team from Interchange Wonthaggi which has now presented eight one-hour programs.

Alternating with 'Health Matters' every other Tuesday at 2pm 'Interchange Radio' presents everything from interviews and popular music to 'yet-to-be-heard' tracks from Interchange group 'Eagles 'n Snakes.'

Interchange camps and outings are a popular topic with everything that happens at camp, not necessarily staying



South Coast FM Interchange presenters Ray, Georgia and Peter with Community Access Worker Ian. B02_4724

on camp.

Participants Ray, Georgia and Peter share the microphone with Interchange Community Support Worker, Ian.

"The radio show came from an idea to see how a radio station works," said Ian.

"It is nice to see them come into the studio and enjoy

themselves," according to Mal. "It gives them confidence."

"I'm impressed at how far they've come."

The Interchange participants from Wonthaggi have plenty of support from Interchange friends in Morwell and Bairnsdale.

"They send in requests,"

said Ian.

Listeners outside the coverage area of South Coast FM can stream Interchange Radio on the Internet or use 'on-demand' playback.

The group enjoys producing good radio although there have been some hiccups along the way.

The one-hour show takes two hours to pre-record.

"We've forgotten to press record several times," said Ian.

Every fortnight the search is on for a new guest.

"It's great," said Georgia.

"Just to talk on radio, talk to different people," said Peter.

"I love coming here and doing a good show," said Ray.

You can hear South Coast FM on 88.1 (Leongatha and Inverloch), 89.1 (Bass Hills and Philip Island) and 89.5 (Mount Hoddle and Foster).

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You'll find tableware, serving accessories, teapots and vases made on the potters' wheel at the studios of both Cathy Hayward Designs, at 15 Hall Rd Buffalo, and Kate Stuart, at 105 Lees Rd Venus Bay.

Mitch and Nickii Brice, at 10 Tatiara Drive, Grantville, will be showing their aquatic-themed sculptures and hand-built functional pottery.

Find the map of open studios to visit near you at: members.austrianceramics.com/social/open-studios.

Family fun-day and concert for Western Port Woodlands

MUSIC, Woodland walks, face painting, food... what better way to spend a Family Fun-Day Sunday in Grantville!

Circle Sunday, November 24 on your calendar and bring the family to a celebration concert for the Western Port Woodlands at the Grantville Hall!

Make a picnic of it, or enjoy the sausage sizzle, Farmyard Grill and Burgers and Annie's coffee van.

Kick back on the grass to the sounds of Australia's ukulele master AJ Leonard ("The Downunder String Wonder") and cellist Jenny Rowlands, bluesman Doc White, local singer songwriter Tim O'Brien, Rick Sands from the Gippsland Indie rock outfit The Sand Brothers, and local acoustic trio Keachange.

For younger visitors, there is free face painting with Sian who can transform them into their favourite Woodlands animals, and nature arts activities with Sally and Karri.

For those 'bitten by the orchid bug', local orchid expert Dick Wettenhall will be signing copies of his new book, The Guide to Orchid Paradise: The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve.

Kelly 'Koala' Smith and members of the Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group will be on hand to tell us more about our local fauna.



Crowd pleasers AJ Leonard ("The Downunder String Wonder") and cellist Jenny Rowlands will entertain at Grantville Hall on Sunday.

Woodland walks

Visitors and families can also join the guided woodland walks in the Grantville Bushland Reserve and Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve in the morning. This is a great chance to learn more about the animals, birds and orchids in our beautiful woodlands, right at our door.

- 10am Gurdies Rainforest. Birds and more. Meet at the car park on the Bass Highway near the Pioneer Bay turnoff.

Bring binoculars if you can.

- 10.30am Wildflowers and Orchids. Gurdies Nature Reserve. Meet at the picnic ground at the end of Dunbabin Road, off Stewart Road.

- 11am Plants and Birds: Bird Walk. Grantville Bushland Reserve. Meet in Shackelford Rise, opposite the Grantville Hall/Reserve. Bring binoculars if you can.

Snakes are about (we may be lucky enough to see one or two!) so wear suitable footwear

and remember you're responsible for your own safety. Walks are generally 60-90 minutes, but you can turn back when you've had enough.

See you there!

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Family Fun-Day and Concert for Western Port Woodlands

- Grantville Hall, Grantville
- Sunday November 24
- Walks from 10am, Concert and Picnic - 12:30pm



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Family day & free concert

FEATURING

- ♪ Bluesman Doc White
- ♪ AJ Leonard & Jenny Rowlands (Ukulele master)
- ♪ Rick Sands (Sand Brothers)
- ♪ Keachange (Celtic-grass, acoustic)
- ♪ Tim O'Brien & Friends (Acoustic singer songwriter)







- Sausage sizzle, coffee cart, food truck
- Guided woodland walks
- Orchid book launch
- Face painting & art for kids
- Nature presentations
- Bring a picnic and rug/chairs.

Grantville Hall & Reserve

Sunday, November 24

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A harmonious Choirs in Union concert

IN A thrilling celebration of choral music, the South Gippsland Singers and the Bass Coast Chorale are coming together for a special performance as part of the Choirs in Union event. This collaboration, which also features the renowned Australian Welsh Male Choir, promises to deliver an unforgettable afternoon of music. The concert will be held at 2pm on Sunday, November 24, in the Memorial Hall, located at 6-8 McCartin Street, Leongatha.

Both the South Gippsland Singers and the Bass Coast Chorale have long been pillars of the local music scene, offering both seasoned and emerging vocalists the opportunity to showcase their talents. These choirs are known for their diversity of repertoire and dedication to the art of choral performance. This concert, featuring the Welsh male voices plus the female and male voices of the local choirs, will highlight the rich vocal traditions of the region.

Bass Coast Chorale coordinator Wayne Moloney said throughout the preparation for the concert, the groups have been rehearsing their repertoire intensively, ensuring that they bring their best to the stage.

"The schedule leading up to the event has included a series of joint rehearsals, where members of both choirs have come together to refine their performances." These rehearsals have allowed



BCC Accompanist Karen Vincent, MD Larry Hills and SGS MD Jen Holm (SGS Accompanist Dorothy Warren absent) collaborated prior to combined rehearsals.

for a seamless blending of voices, with an emphasis on harmony and ensemble precision.

The concert's repertoire is as eclectic as it is exciting. The South Gippsland Singers and Bass Coast Chorale will perform a variety of songs, each bringing a unique sound to the program.

From the operatic rock anthem "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen to the poignant ballad "Send in the Clowns" by Stephen

Sondheim, and the energetic wartime hit "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" by the Andrews Sisters, the program offers something for every musical taste.

Another highlight of the concert will be the infectious rhythm of "Africa" by Toto, a song that has become a global favourite with its catchy melody and powerful percussion. These anthems will be sung with the combined voices of the

choirs, creating a fuller, richer sound that will fill the Memorial Hall with energy and emotion.

The rehearsal venues have varied, with both choirs meeting in various local spots across South Gippsland and Bass Coast, building camaraderie and forging connections between musicians who might not have worked together before.

"Some of our dedicated singers are members of both the South Gippsland Singers and Bass Coast Chorale, practising their vocals two nights a week," said Wayne.

The inclusion of the Australian Welsh Male Choir adds an extra layer of depth to the performance. Known for their powerful male voices and rich choral traditions, they will join forces with the South Gippsland Singers and Bass Coast Chorale to create a truly memorable experience.

Whether you're a lifelong fan of choral music or a newcomer to the scene, this concert offers a unique opportunity to experience the best of what these local groups have to offer.

Join the musicians for an afternoon of harmony, passion, and musical celebration as the South Gippsland Singers, Bass Coast Chorale, and the Australian Welsh Male Choir come together for this spectacular performance. Tickets available via trybooking.com/CWNDQ.

Rise of the Scribblers comes to Berninnet

BRING your child along and immerse in the magic of stage craft and be part of a theatrical experience on Saturday, November 23, 5pm at Berninnet.

Long ago in a faraway land lived a boy who grew up as an orphan on the dusty streets of London, he was to be known as Scribbler. On the other side of town living high above in a shining castle lived the Novel sisters. They lived very different lives but had one thing in common, they dreamed of brighter tomorrows. One day their paths met, and they realised together they could bring the magic and enchantment to all by opening a school. Through the iron gates an adventure awaits from Mrs Oberon's Magic Shoppe to the flight of the Bluebell Fairies.

All children in the audience will receive a magic wand and secret code to light the show and open the gates to Scribblers Academy.

Storytellers on stage are the from Marrina Mouse's Theatre House and will bring this original story to life through song and dance.

For further information visit trybooking.com/events/landing/1267723? And whilst you're at Berninnet don't forget to pop by the gallery and see a spectacular exhibition by Russell Kent.



Sunday 24th November 2024

Time: 2pm

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Among those volunteering to stage the fifth annual Fishy Stories Festival were Beth Liley, Joan Liley and Ros Griggs.



Pam Gardner volunteered to sell raffle tickets at the 51st annual Rose Spectacular. Z26_4724



Miriam and Mario visited the Dakers Centre in Leongatha to learn more about roses. Z27_4724



Sybil and Marg. Sybil won Best Stem of David Austin Rose, she is both a member of the horticulture and rose committee. Z28_4724



Manning the information tent at Fishy Stories Festival were Jan Bull, Jill Throckmorton and Kate Deeley.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Fishy Stories, Leongatha Horticulture Society 51st annual Rose Spectacular, Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club Show & Shine.



Getting around Fish Creek during last Sunday's Fishy Stories Festival were Chris Mahomed and John and Ann Denbrok.



Committee members Annette and Sandra, volunteered for the plant stall, selling purchased and donated plants, tomatoes, and cactus at the 51st Rose Spectacular. Z29_4724



Junior section first prize winner Kenzie Maskell at the Leongatha Horticulture Society 51st annual Rose Spectacular. Z30_4724



Among those enjoying the Fishy Stories Festival were Jayden Littlejohn and Tom Layton.

Among the authors and illustrators who presented at the Fishy Stories Festival were Andrea Rowe, Ben Woods, Jess Racklyeft, Jane Goodwin and Anna Walker.



Dawn Green sells posies with proceeds to the Leongatha Lions Club charity for Vision Australia. Z31_4724



The 'Welcome to Country' at the Fishy Stories Festival was presented by Fish Creek Primary School students Chloe Littlejohn and Addie Manne.



The Dalyston Football Netball Club ladies were kept busy behind the coffee counter with orders on Sunday, from left, Deb, Karlie and Oona. C08_4724



Season's Greetings are in full swing at Garden of Thoughts, where Tex was busy painting a festive window display recently. C01_4624



Nick and Michael, both of Foster, braved the weather and journeyed to Dalyston on Sunday. C05_4724



Tamikah and Euan of Wonthaggi sheltered undercover when the rain struck but were otherwise enjoying their visit to the show and shine. C06_4724



Dalyston Football Netball Club's Andy Thomas, Frank Angarane and Dave Bell (president) enjoyed a moment inside as the weather took hold. C07_4724



Fete helper Kerry Napolitano, her sister Leonie Thomas and Barbara Culph sold baked goods, preserves and produce at the fete. Leonie and Barbara are members of the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary.

Community at the heart of public healthcare

VOLUNTEERS and staff were overjoyed by the community's support of the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary held at Wonthaggi Hospital on Saturday, November 9.

The annual fete in the Stirton Room and Allied Health carpark was well attended, with people lured by the variety of stalls and the chance to support their local public healthcare service.

Among the fete goodies on offer were baked goods, plants, knitted items, Devonshire teas, jams, a sausage sizzle, craft, books, jewellery, toys, flowers, clothes and more.

This year, the fete expanded to include outside vendors who hired tables to sell their goods, offering the community even more reasons to attend.

BCH Ladies Auxiliary President Raye Tucker thanked the community for their support of the annual event.

"The fete is not only an opportunity to raise funds for our public health service but also showcase the creative talents of our local vendors," she said.

"Thank you to the wonderful

volunteers of the Auxiliary for their work in the lead-up to the fete and also on the day. We enjoy coming together for such a worthwhile event."

Acting BCH CEO Shaun Brooks thanked the dedicated, tireless volunteers of the BCH Ladies Auxiliary, and the other Auxiliaries, for once again presenting the community with an amazing fete.

"The fete is an annual highlight of the Bass Coast's social calendar and we're so pleased that the Auxiliary, and the broader Bass Coast community, continues to support their sub-regional health service with such enthusiasm, energy and generosity," he said.

"Every dollar raised helps BCH to continue to provide a greater range of healthcare to our community close to their homes.

"I'd also like to acknowledge members of the Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary and Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary, which also support Bass Coast Health, for holding stalls, raffles and a barbecue to further boost the fundraising result."



Stella Hitchins buys a sausage from Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary's Klaus Edel and Gerry Surridge.



Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary's Joan Gaunt, President Gill Scrase (back) and Pat Paxman sold plants and raffle tickets at the fete.

Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast



Artists impression of the double story retail site to be constructed on Davis Street, Nyora.

Nyora development seeks interest from businesses

EXPRESSIONS of interest are being sought for retail spaces in a large development that looks set to change the face of Nyora.

The double-storey development will be constructed by an independent developer on Davis Street, just south of the existing Nyora pub site.

It will consist of a ground floor housing a 1332 square metre (sqm) supermarket, seven shops and one café at about 80 sqm each.

On the first floor, a medical centre will be able to accommodate up to three medical practitioners as well as storage, staff amenities and an office for the supermarket.

"They (the developers) are obviously hoping for a good café, a reasonable-sized supermarket. They're hoping for a bit of a mix, so something beauty related

or hairdresser or something like that; but really, they're open to whoever wants to lease them and have a go," said Joanne Gillard, Director of Barry Plant, Korumburra.

There will be 88 onsite car spaces, including two all access and a one-way vehicle circulation will go clockwise around the building; a loading bay will be located to the south.

While there is no official start date for the works, Ms Gillard stated that the developers are hoping to break ground next year.

Locals have expressed concern about the development, with some commenting on Facebook that it's 'time to move', 'Why do we even need this?', and 'Nyora is perfect as it is'.

"People certainly fight change sometimes, so there's definitely a little bit of pushback of 'we don't

need it and it's unnecessary,' but it's a growing community. There's a lot of residential development taking place, so there is a lot of houses coming in, whether people want them to or not, so with that comes the need for this sort of thing," said Ms Gillard.

"I think it creates great job opportunities for our kids as well and even locals. I think primarily as someone who did live in Nyora with teenage kids, having them have somewhere that they can get their first job, that they can just walk up to and things like that, I think it's hugely beneficial for the community."

Barry Plant Korumburra also suggests that the strip between the laneway and Mitchell Street could, in the very long term, become a strip for small-scale retail or cafés/restaurants.

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IN A significant win for the Gippsland region, local builder SJD Homes has been awarded the Professional Major Builder title at the 2024 HIA-CSR Victorian Housing Awards, held earlier this month. This title is awarded to the builder who demonstrates the highest level of professionalism in all areas of their business – from construction quality and customer service to business management, marketing, sustainability, and innovation. This achievement marks a milestone for the family-owned company and showcases the strength of a local business in a competitive state-wide field.

Simon Dunstan, Director of SJD Homes, shared his pride in the team, saying: “Winning this award is a huge moment for SJD Homes. It’s not only a reflection of our incredible team and their commitment to excellence but also shows that when you put people first, great things can happen. We’re incredibly proud of this recognition from the HIA and grateful for the trust our clients place in us.”

In addition to the Professional Major Builder award, SJD Homes was honored with four additional awards for their display homes, including accolades for the Morrison 282, Portsea 376, and Savanna 223 display homes, and were a finalist in the Display Home of the Year category.

With this award, SJD Homes has solidified its place as a leader in Victorian home building. For local homebuyers, SJD Homes’ success is a reassuring promise of quality, service, and dedication to their craft. The company’s commitment to creating high-quality homes for their clients has set a new benchmark for professionalism and innovation within the industry.

Competing with some of the largest names in Victorian home building, SJD Homes’ dedication to putting people first was recognised as a winning factor. From their team members to clients, people are at the core of SJD Homes’ operation, and this award is a testament to their commitment to excellence. As a proudly family-owned and operated company, SJD Homes is proving that a smaller builder can lead the way, providing not only high-quality homes but a personalised and trustworthy experience for clients throughout

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It's never you, until it is

FATIGUE on the farm is a significant issue that affects the safety and productivity of agricultural workers. According to WorkSafe Victoria, fatigue is not just about feeling sleepy; it's about pushing our bodies beyond their mental and physical limits day after day without adequate recovery time. This can lead to slower reaction times, poor concentration, and an increased risk of accidents, especially when operating heavy machinery or handling unpredictable livestock.

Farmers are particularly vulnerable to fatigue due to the nature of their work. Long hours, especially during busy periods like harvest, combined with intense physical labour and exposure to extreme weather conditions, can all contribute to fatigue. The consequences of fatigue can be severe, with agriculture being overly represented in workplace fatalities. More people die on farms than in other workplaces.

To combat fatigue, WorkSafe Victoria recommends several strategies. Taking regular breaks is crucial. This can help keep the mind and body sharp, reducing the risk of accidents. Planning ahead to ensure extra help during busy times can also alleviate the workload and reduce stress. Additionally, maintaining a healthy lifestyle by prioritising sleep, eating nutritious foods, exercising regularly, and limiting caffeine and alcohol intake can set the body up for better rest and recovery.

Addressing fatigue on the farm is essential for the safety and health of farmers. By implementing recommended strategies and taking regular breaks, farmers can mitigate the risks associated with fatigue and ensure a safer working environment for all.

For helpful tips and practical information and guidance visit [worksafe.vic.gov.au/its-never-you-until-it](https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/its-never-you-until-it).

Protect wrapped silage

BIRDS and vermin can be a serious problem for baled silage.

Field mice, in particular, appear to sense grain baled in silage at grain formation stage and can chew holes through the plastic film resulting in large losses.

Birds can also pierce multiple layers of plastic wrapping, however, with a little extra effort large losses can be reduced substantially.

The drier the silage material, the warmer the weather, the larger the hole and the longer it takes to repair a hole, the greater the loss of quality.

Any holes that occur, no matter how small, will allow air to enter silage encouraging the growth of unfavourable aerobic bacteria, moulds and yeasts.

Silage bales can be protected by electric fences.

Damage caused by farm animals breaking through temporary fencing and ripping large holes in the wrapping is almost impossible to repair.

Silage bales left out in paddocks are more prone to damage than bales relocated into storage and protected by netting.

Grouping bales appears to offer some opportunity to reduce damage but there's no

guarantee that grouped bales won't attract larger flocks of birds.

Silage bales are an expensive commodity therefore protecting them should be a priority.

These helpful tips can reduce damage to your silage bales.

- Wrap silage bales straight away to minimise exposure to air.
- Move bales away from freshly cut grass as soon as possible.
- Ensure your bale handler and trailers have no exposed, sharp cutting edges.
- Patch any holes or damage in silage bales immediately.
- Store bales on a well-drained, level storage site free from sharp objects.
- Keep your silage bales away from bird and possum-attracting trees.
- Avoid stacking bales more than three bales high to avoid squeezing bales at the bottom.
- Cover your bales with a protective net lifted slightly away from the plastic film.
- Keep working dogs and cats away from your silage stack.
- Check your bales regularly after storage and patch any damage.

How did you score?
Scary balloons, scaring



Corellas can tear holes in wrapped silage. B26_4524

devices or scary designs painted on silage bales do not seem to work on curious, playful corellas and possums, unless of course, the painting task is assigned to children on the farm.

Painting an eye design on the top surface of silage bales may reduce damage but a painted X design was found to be only successful in providing a target for larger, marauding flocks of corellas.

Direct physical barriers denying access to birds to the silage as opposed to scaring devices appear to be the most reliable method of preventing damage.

A hilled circle of slaked lime around the circumference

of silage bales is often used against mice as mice dislike hills and the effect of the lime on their claws, until the first Gippsland rain washes the lime away.

Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos, Long-billed Corellas and Galahs are native wildlife and as such are protected under the Wildlife Act.

It is illegal to wilfully disturb or destroy protected wildlife.

The most common approval to scare, disperse or destroy protected wildlife is an Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW) permit.

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cockatoos must apply to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) for an ATCW.

It is DEECA policy that an ATCW applicant must try non-lethal control options first.

Chicken wire, installing rolling perches over fixtures, using scare guns or big eye balloons are all permissible.

Notwithstanding that cockatoos are protected wildlife under the Wildlife Act 1975, Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos, Long-billed Corellas, and Galahs have been declared "unprotected wildlife" by a Governor in Council Order (GiC Order) in certain situations in Victoria.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoos, Long-billed Corellas, and Galahs are unprotected when they are causing serious damage to trees, vineyards, orchards, recreational reserves or commercial crops, however, silage does not fall into these categories.

Cockatoos are highly intelligent so not all damage control measures will be effective in every situation, or for sustained periods of time.

Your best chance of success is to think like a cockatoo by understanding cockatoo behaviour.

Before you implement any cockatoo management action it is recommended by

Agriculture Victoria that you develop a Cockatoo Damage Management Plan tailored to your location based on past experience and local knowledge.

Some may find however that the cost of control exceeds the benefit and that reducing or altering current efforts or doing nothing are more economic options.

It is important to establish with certainty that it is actually cockatoos that are causing the problem, sometimes cockatoos may be sighted in or near a damaged area, but they are not actually the cause.

It is also crucial to engage with neighbours to ensure that people are fully aware of any disturbance that may be caused by a scaring programme over several weeks.

If the birds are attracted to Onion Grass, try removing Onion Grass from the site with selective herbicides.

A scaring strategy using bird hides, Bird Frite® cartridges (pyrotechnic 'crackers' fired from a 12-gauge shotgun), recorded alarm calls and gas guns could be effective and may enhance the effect of visual barriers.

Stringing plastic humming wires between stacks of silage will probably not work and

could be a danger to people on the farm.

Scarecrows can also be used, dressed in bright colours or grandpa's dressing gown.

Farmers could also consider providing an alternative, low-cost food source such as rice hulls as a decoy to enhance the scaring strategy.

Decoy food should be at least five hundred metres away from the silage bales so that scaring activities do not disturb the birds at the decoy site.

No control should be undertaken near the decoy no matter how tempting this is.

Decoy model cockatoos in the feeding posture could be used to lure birds to the decoy.

A range of services and equipment can be used for cockatoo management programs.

Gas guns are available from rural hardware or farm machinery outlets.

Ask your local ammunition dealer for Bird Frite cartridges.

Bird of prey kites and eye-spot balloons can be found on the internet.

Electric shock perches do not work.

For further information contact your local DEECA regional office or go to wildlife.vic.gov.au or email customer.service@deeca.vic.gov.au

Reduce your risks

WORKING alone on farms significantly increases risks, particularly with farm machinery. Many fatalities in Victorian agricultural workplaces could have been prevented with earlier emergency care and better procedures. To reduce risks, ensure reliable emergency communication and procedures. When possible, work near others to maintain communication. Solo agricultural workers face additional risks when working in confined spaces, around dams or power lines, at heights, with hot work, farm animals, under machinery, or with hazardous chemicals. Use check-in procedures and set up a buddy system with neighbours. Emergency phone apps like Emergency+ can help in emergencies.

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Week-by-week for South Gippsland cattle market

VICE PRESIDENT of the South Gippsland Stock Agents Association Brian McCormack says the cattle market locally remains a week-to-week proposition dependent on the weather.

"If we keep getting a bit of rain every week, it'll just keep ticking along," he told the Sentinel-Times.

Phelan & Henderson & Co's Simon Henderson observed in last week's Weekly Times that people around South Gippsland aren't used to the season turning dry in early November, saying, "Usually this is where we are in the first or second week of February."

He noted confidence is down and everyone is being cautious, and like Brian, sees the situation as week-to-week.

"They are looking at whether they can cut silage now, instead of buying cattle," Simon said of the dilemma people face due to uncertainty about what the weather will do.

While Brian concedes it is drier than it probably has been for the last three years, he considers that is the price to pay for an excellent winter locally.

"If you're not in mud in winter, you usually find you're going to dry out earlier, in the later part of the Spring at least, unless you get a heap of rain," he explained, saying things remain in the balance



Brian McCormack of the South Gippsland Stock Agents Association hopes for more rain in South Gippsland to keep the cattle market ticking along.
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between now and Christmas depending on the weather.

If it dries off too much, more people will choose to sell, potentially flooding the market and reducing prices, but good rain can still avert that eventuality.

Recent rain in South Gippsland, on Tuesday, November 12 and the following day, varied greatly between locations.

"Some people got an inch of rain; further South, down through Fish Creek and Buffalo, heading out towards Foster they got (good) rain, but then you come to the likes of Mirboo North, Yinnar and Thorpdale and they only had four or five up to 10mm of rain," Brian said.

Elsewhere, where conditions are drier, weaner cattle are being sold off early as a lack of rain reduces confidence and

returns for store stock.

The Weekly Times recently reported an unseasonably high number of cattle being yarded in Ballarat, with 5000 heads available, about 1000 more than is usual for November, with that attributed to early selling of weaners that would normally be marketed in February.

A Ballarat agent said hopes were being pinned on demand coming from South Gippsland and feedlots, as well as New South Wales.

As reported in the Sentinel-Times recently, a reduction in feedlot competition has been apparent at the Leongatha Saleyards, likely due to the availability of cheaper cattle elsewhere.

However, Simon observed that "Quite a few of the heavier cattle and weaners are being purchased by restockers."

New research aims to add value to dairy waste

ABOUT 710,000 tonnes of Australia's on-farm milk production is discarded as waste each year, but new research could see it transformed into a range of valuable products.

Researchers from the Dairy UP team are investigating fermentation opportunities to convert dairy wastes into value-added products with a commercial market and say that early results are promising.

About eight per cent of Australia's total on-farm milk production is discarded as waste, mostly post farm gate, and researcher Juan Gargiulo says this has economic, environmental and food security impacts.

"Although some efficiency could be gained by reducing total waste, it is also possible to turn what would be wasted into a valuable product," Dr Gargiulo said.

"Fermentation uses microbes such as yeasts to convert dairy wastes into valuable products. This is cost-effective and can generate new income streams for farmers and processors as well as reducing waste."



Professor Juan Gargiulo is leading a Dairy UP research team which is exploring value-added opportunities for Australia's milk waste.

Dr Gargiulo said fermentation could produce a range of compounds, including stockfeed supplements.

The project includes reviewing dairy food wastes to identify those with the greatest opportunity for reduction, pilot studies to develop yeast strains capable of producing valuable compounds from dairy waste, determining the commercial viability of products and potentially upscaling the commercial implementation.

Dr Gargiulo said the initial review identified promising opportunities to use

fermentation to reduce wastage.

"There are opportunities to use fermentation to create value added products from excess colostrum, milk with abnormal composition, and milk from cows treated with antibiotics (e.g. for mastitis)," he said.

"For example, waste milk could be used to produce microbial protein (also called single-cell protein) as an animal feed or ration additive to improve digestive efficiency."

Manufacturing waste makes up 70 per cent of all dairy food waste in the supply chain and Dr Gargiulo says there is potential to use microbial fermentation to convert expired milk, cheese whey and other by-products into bioenergy, enzymes, organic acids, biopolymers and biomass.

The Dairy UP team is focussing on fermentation using brewer's or baker's yeast, which is safe for humans and animals. The project is a collaboration between Dairy UP, Macquarie University's Australian Genome Foundry and NSW DPI.

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Mixed results for stores

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded another generally good quality yarding of 3200 cattle at last Thursday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

A good field of buyers were in attendance along with the regular commission buyers but there was once again less feedlot orders in play.

The offering had a few excellent pens of mid weighted steers and very nice weaners which attracted very strong competition and steady competition on any cattle with a bit of weight including a couple of pens of heifers.

The balance of the yarding was generally a little easier with variations in prices due to breeding and temperament with lighter conditioned weaners and, in particular, heifers and plainer xbred types harder to sell being 10 - 30 cents easier.

There was a handy run of cows calves on offer with anything with some breeding and good calves making \$1800 to \$2100 with the rest making \$1000 to \$1600.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024

Steers			
Patrina P/L 10 Angus	657kg	\$3.63	\$2390
RG & D Dalrymple 14 Angus	600kg	\$3.28	\$1970
P & T Inverno Pty Ltd 14 Angus	578kg	\$3.54	\$2050
R.Kimber 15 Angus	547kg	\$3.61	\$1980
R.E.farmer 13 Angus	543kg	\$3.60	\$1960
F Fotopoulos 15 BB	537kg	\$3.47	\$1860
G.Murray 20 Angus	529kg	\$3.59	\$1900
Y Q Australia 18 Angus	522kg	\$3.63	\$1900
M.Phillips 13 Angus	518kg	\$3.58	\$1860
Eaglehawk Trading 12 Angus	502kg	\$3.28	\$1650
D.Tomic 22 Angus	501kg	\$3.62	\$1820
A.Wilson & J.thomas 24 Angus	490kg	\$3.51	\$1750
J Mackinnon 11 Angus	477kg	\$3.29	\$1570
Eddington Holdings 32 Angus	460kg	\$4.11	\$1890
Melrose Limos 10 Angus	448kg	\$3.28	\$1470
B & R Cashin 16 Angus	430kg	\$3.47	\$1490
CJ & GA Pettigrove 21 Hereford	406kg	\$3.44	\$1400
RB & KM Fleming 10 Angus	402kg	\$3.50	\$1410
Tandivale Holdings 10 Limo	403kg	\$2.70	\$1090
B East 15 Angus	395kg	\$3.64	\$1440
S.Barwick 22 Angus	383kg	\$3.54	\$1360
L & L Hornby 18 Angus	373kg	\$3.05	\$1140
A Filsell & E Smith 20 Angus	363kg	\$3.53	\$1280
D.C Mcgrath 29 Angus	345kg	\$3.65	\$1260
G Danks 16 Angus	338kg	\$3.70	\$1250
L Bianchi 11 Angus	337kg	\$3.50	\$1180
Copperleaf P/L 22 Angus	333kg	\$4.79	\$1600
Woodstock Properties 17 Angus	325kg	\$3.69	\$1200
Nar Nar Goon Angus P/L 16 Angus	313kg	\$3.54	\$1110
C Bass & P Rogers 18 Salers	310kg	\$2.76	\$860
G.Ross 14 Angus	302kg	\$3.47	\$1050
Copperleaf P/L 16 Angus	298kg	\$5.02	\$1500
GR & HM Motton 10 Angus	290kg	\$3.59	\$1040
Fuller Downs 12 Angus	284kg	\$3.86	\$1100
L Bianchi 14 Angus	280kg	\$3.72	\$1040
Woodstock Properties 15 Angus	263kg	\$4.48	\$1180
Leighwood Farms 13 Speckle	245kg	\$2.44	\$600

Heifers			
PA Hanson 16 Angus	511kg	\$3.22	\$1650
Monies Farming & Contacting Pty Ltd 22 Angus	443kg	\$3.20	\$1420
D Young 19 Hereford	425kg	\$3.15	\$1340
G Danks 10 Angus	401kg	\$3.26	\$1180
D Young 20 Hereford	391kg	\$3.12	\$1220
M.Phillips 17 Angus	388kg	\$3.22	\$1250
L & L Hornby 19 Angus	373kg	\$3.07	\$1150
S.Barwick 20 Angus	352kg	\$2.69	\$950
B & J Henwood 12 Angus	350kg	\$3.11	\$1090
Steadfast Cartage 11 Angus	334kg	\$2.57	\$860
D.C McGrath 21 Angus	325kg	\$2.70	\$880
G Danks 24 Angus	324kg	\$3.01	\$980
R & L Hull 13 Angus	320kg	\$2.15	\$690
Tandivale Holdings 11 Speckle	307kg	\$1.95	\$600
K & R Dyke 15 Angus	303kg	\$2.30	\$700
L Bianchi 15 Angus	298kg	\$2.89	\$860
Fuller Downs 29 Angus	295kg	\$2.65	\$780
Combiobar Farms 15 Ang X	290kg	\$2.03	\$590
H.Freeman 11 Spec/Park	280kg	\$2.28	\$640
Copperleaf P/L 18 Angus	272kg	\$2.94	\$800
Medowra Pastoral 15 Angus	270kg	\$2.92	\$790
L Bianchi 16 Angus	267kg	\$2.88	\$770
Pilgrim Cromb 16 Angus	257kg	\$2.80	\$720
T Morgan 11 Angus	253kg	\$2.68	\$680
GV, SE & DG Somerville 11 Hfd	228kg	\$2.50	\$570
Leighwood Farms 21 Speckle	227kg	\$2.59	\$590
Copperleaf P/L 11 Angus X	223kg	\$3.22	\$720
Pilgrim Cromb 16 Angus	215kg	\$2.83	\$610

X Bred & Dairy Steers			
WC & TL Warren 15 Friesian	543kg	\$2.65	\$1440
WC & TL Warren 15 Friesian	518kg	\$2.64	\$1370
CW Sim 14 Friesian	497kg	\$2.21	\$1100
S & M Roberts 10 Friesian X	432kg	\$2.82	\$1220
B.Rinaldi 13 Angus X	370kg	\$2.75	\$1020
J.Jorgensen 11 Friesian X	368kg	\$2.41	\$890

Xbred & Dairy Heifers			
Db & Cl Knee 16 Ang/Ff X	297kg	\$1.88	\$560



Mumu with her spoils of success.

Mumu and Sean achieve breakthrough success

KORUMBURRA'S Sean O'Leary recently teamed with muster dog Mumu to win the Novice section of the South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trials at Korumburra Showgrounds, the first time a Korumburra dog has won in the 69 years the trials have run in the town.

Remarkably, it's just three years since Sean and wife Jinyan popped into their local sheepdog trial to see what the competition was all about.

The couple were immediately taken with the event, planning to watch for half an hour on the first day but staying for six hours.

"My wife spoke to some of the triallers and got keen on getting a puppy," Sean said.

Puppy Betty was soon on the scene, Sean and Jinyan getting involved in the South Gippsland Working Dog Group, with Mumu and sister Ruby arriving at the couple's 20-acre farm just outside Korumburra six months later.

"There were too many dogs for my wife to train, so I was given Mumu," Sean said.

Sadly, Betty had a degenerative disease and had to be euthanised.

Mumu and Ruby, who come from a good line of working dogs bred by Paul Elliott in New South Wales, compete in various sheepdog trials around Victoria.

Following her recent

success in Korumburra, Mumu will now compete exclusively in the 'Open' and 'Improving' classes, while Ruby will continue in the 'Encourage' and 'Novice' sections.

Mumu scored a stunning 93 out of 100 to claim her win in the Novice Final in Korumburra, having topped the first-round scores with 81, following on from her recent second place in the Novice Supreme in Geelong.

Sean said that in the Korumburra final she dealt well with the young, flighty sheep, which were reactive to the dogs and difficult to settle down and walk around the course.

Mumu's pace enabled her to cover the sheep and prevent them from running off.

"What I was most impressed with was her natural ability to cover the sheep as we were walking around the course, so she would allow the sheep to walk off her and then be able to come up and cover them so they don't run off," Sean said.

He noted Mumu struck just the right level of control to keep the sheep on course and listened to commands when needed, being in the perfect position right around the course.

"It's always a good feeling to get around the course, walk the sheep into the pen and close the pen, and

then go to the dog and give her a big pat and a cuddle, and you can see that she knows that she's done well," Sean said.

After combining for Novice success, Mumu and Sean tackled the open competition in which they were brought back to earth.

"She couldn't get the sheep under control and they were everywhere, and I think we walked off the ground with 15 points," Sean said, describing it as "a humbling pastime", where you can be on top of the world one day, then walk away with a handful of points next time.

He aims to keep building on skills while having fun.

Sean and Jinyan have enjoyed tremendous support from those far more experienced in the sheepdog trial caper, finding the atmosphere warm and welcoming, with people happy to share their knowledge.

Mumu and Ruby have different strengths.

Ruby casts (goes up behind the sheep) better than Mumu but has to keep further from the sheep because of her stronger presence, Mumu able to get a bit closer.

Sean and Jinyan's farm is home to sheep, cattle, goats, alpacas, also containing an orchard, with Mumu and Ruby ensuring that moving livestock is a simple and enjoyable process.

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GROWN STEERS

A/c DA & PM Conn, Hedley (PHC)
50 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, Central Tablelands bred, Kywarra blood
30 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, Cooma district bred, Hazeldene blood
30 Angus steers, Flinders Island bred, Landfall blood
A/c Blackwood Grazing, Trafalgar (NUTRIEN)
100 Angus steers, 14-15 mths, Pathfinder blood, NE Accred, GF & ABF, Bovilus X 1
A/c J & J Mosley, Briagolong (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus steers, 16 mths, Millah Murrah blood
A/c BJ & LE Neumann, Perry Bridge (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 22-24 mths, Innesdale blood, NE Accred
A/c P & G Johnston, Leongatha South (SEJ)
27 Angus steers, 20-22 mths, GF, AF
A/c Holleywoods Pastoral Co, Giffard (NUTRIEN)
18 Angus steers, 18 mths
A/c J Tuffin, Toora (SEJ)
18 Hereford and Black Baldy steers. 14-15 mths, VB, GF, ABF
A/c B & D McMahon, Leongatha Nth (NUTRIEN)
17 Angus steers, 20 mths, East Gippsland bred
A/c Narrang Unit Trust, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 16-18 mths
A/c R Desborough & M Lenders, Tooradin (NUTRIEN)
13 Angus steers, 16-18 mths
A/c S Crutchfield, Mirboo Nth (SEJ)
12 Angus steers 18-20 mths
A/c P & L Whiteside, Leongatha Sth (NUTRIEN)
12 Hereford & Angus steers, 15 mths
A/c Chris Hulls, Stockdale (SEJ)
10 Angus & Angus Hereford X steers, 14-15 mths
A/c Bertrand & Grippi, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)
8 Angus X steers, 2yo
A/c Black Magic, Munro (NUTRIEN)
6 Angus steers, 24 mths, NE Accred
A/c Street Farms, Sale (NUTRIEN)
6 Angus steers, 18 mths

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c RE Kuch, Perry Bridge (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus heifers, 16 mths, Kunuma blood, NE Accred
A/c Black Magic, Munro (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus heifers, 18 mths, NE Accred
A/c Narrang Unit Trust, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths

WEANERS

A/c DC Bates, Munro (NUTRIEN)
150 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, Millah Murrah blood, NE Accred
A/c F & C Cameron, "Wild Dog", Ventnor (SEJ)
65 Angus steers
50 Angus heifers
9-10 mths, all weaned 3 weeks, Alpine Angus Genetics, VB, GF, ABF, NE Accred, "Extremely quiet and great to handle", Annual Draft
A/c Malabar Farm, Tarwin Lower
50 Angus steers, 13-14 mths
35 Angus/Hereford X steers
15 Poll Hereford steers
Weeran Angus and Werruna Poll Hereford Sires Used, NE Accred, VB, GF ABF
A/c B & K Foat, Woodside (SEJ)
40 Angus steers
30 Angus heifers
10 mths, VB, GF and ABF, Leawood blood
A/c RA Jones, Glen Forbes (NUTRIEN)
60 Angus mixed sex, 8-9 mths, By Stud Angus Bulls
A/c Hiho, Hedley (SEJ)
55 Angus & Hereford mix sex weaners, 10 mths, Ponderosa & Harris Farm blood
A/c J & C Brennan, Cape Liptrap (SEJ)
50 Angus weaners, mix sex, 12-13 mths
A/c JE & JR Alcock, Bombala (Nutrien)
49 Hereford steers, 12-14 mths, Mawarra/ Karoonda blood
A/c Miralai Partnership, Bombala (NUTRIEN)
47 Hereford steers, 12-14 mths, Werruna blood, NE Accred
A/c A Rumble, Bunyip (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths
A/c Thexton Farms, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

35 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, East Gippsland Bred
A/c "Sunrise", PI Operations, Ventnor (SEJ)
32 Angus steers, 14 mths, VB, GF & ABF
A/c T & L Morrison P/L, Maffra (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 14 mths
10 Angus heifers, 14 mths
A/c CJ Saunders, Bundalaguah (NUTRIEN)
35 BB mixed sex, 7 mths
A/c J & K Hilliar. "Riverview". Mirboo (SEJ)
30 Angus heifers, 12 mths, weaned 6 weeks, Battersby blood, VB GF AB, Free NE Accred
A/c J & C Bowman, Wild Dog Valley (SEJ)
30 Hereford heifers, 14 mths, VB, GF and ABF, Mawarra blood
A/c N & K Hansford, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)
28 Hereford steers, 12-14 mths, Mawarra blood, 2x5in1, Drenched 20/10, weaned
A/c D Smith, Yarram (PHC)
15 Angus steers, 14 mths
10 Angus heifers 14 mths, all by stud Angus Bull
A/c G & L Simmons, Woodside (PHC)
25 Hereford mixed sex weaners, 10-11 mths, Karoonda blood, weaned
A/c C Zissis, Mardan (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths
A/c Emjay Angus, Stony Creek (SEJ)
24 Angus steers, 9-10 mths, Banquet and Dunoon blood. VB, GF, ABF, yard weaned 1/11
A/c BM & GH Missen, Woodside (SEJ)
12 Angus steers
12 Angus heifers
6 mths old, VB, GF and ABF, Leawood & Pinora blood
A/c Cathy Coleman, Hastings (SEJ)
23 Black Baldy mix sex weaners, 10 mths, All out of Banquet Blood cows, by Stud Poll Hereford Bull
A/c SP Dunlop, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
7 Angus steers, 14 mths
15 Angus heifers, 14 mths
By Black Spur Angus Bull
A/c A & A Missen, Woodside (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 12-14 mths
A/c P & H Norman, Archies Creek (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus mixed sex calves By Ferleigh Stud Bulls
A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)
18 Angus steers, 13-14 mths, Harris Farms and Mordallup blood. VB, GF, ABF, NE Accred.
A/c CA Christensen, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
18 Angus mixed sex weaners, 12 mths
A/c B & R & S Knee, Toora (SEJ)
18 Angus steers, 9-10 mths, VB, GF, ABF, NE Accred, weaned
A/c G & J Turner, Trafalgar (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 12-14 mths
A/c M & K Jeffery, Phillip Island (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus & BB steer calves, 8-9 mths, Multimin Treated, By Fernleigh & Wattlewood Stud Bulls

XBRED & DAIRY

A/c A & L Van Kuyk, Agnes (SEJ)
30 Montbéliard X steers, 14-15 mths
A/c M & K Jeffery, Phillip Island (NUTRIEN)
6 Angus/FF X & Hereford/FF X steers, 13-14 mths, bucket reared

COWS & CALVES

A/c JE & JR Alcock, Bombala (NUTRIEN)
50 X 50 Hereford cows & calves, mixed ages, NE Accred
A/c E Stokkel, Cardinia (SEJ)
4x4 Angus cows & calves
2x2 Black Baldy cows & calves
5x5 Angus Friesian X cows & calves
2nd calves – 3-4 mths , Not rejoined, calves by Innesdale Stud Bull
A/c D & R Lace, Newry (NUTRIEN)
10x10 X Bred cows, 3rd & 4th calvers with Limo CAF 1-2 mths

JOINED FEMALES

A/c DC Bates, Munro (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus hefers, 15 mths, AI to Millah Murrah Quixote, rededpastured 1/10 Millah Murrah sires
A/c G Jones, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus X heifers Springing to Angus Bull to calve Dec on

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John Lloyd elected Chair of Meat & Livestock Australia

MEAT & Livestock Australia (MLA) has announced that Mr John Lloyd has been elected as the Chair of MLA, effective following the upcoming MLA Annual General Meeting on November 20. Mr Lloyd was elected to MLA's Board as a Director in 2019 and takes over the Chair role from Mr Alan Beckett, who has been MLA's Chair since 2019 and a Director since 2014. Mr Beckett congratulated Mr Lloyd on his election as Chair, which

came at a critical time for the organisation as it approaches a new five-year Strategic Plan. "It has been an honour represent red meat producers and levy payers as a member of MLA's board and as Chair," Mr Beckett said. "I congratulate John and wish him the best as he starts a new leadership chapter for MLA, supported by an exceptionally talented Board, Management team, staff, and industry," Mr Beckett said.

An impossible challenge?

ANOTHER week where the spot and forward market continue their meandering ways. At auction passed in rates remain low and wool is flowing through the pipeline. The positive side is that there is little build up in stocks to dampen any recovery in price when better demand does come. This is balanced by the fact that season-to-date testing (July to present) is down 20 per cent and prices have oscillated in a very tight range. 19.0 micron opened July 1379, high 1418, low 1331, average 1373. Currently 1412. For 21.0 micron a similar story opened July 1296, high 1311, low 1232, average 1276. Currently 1311. Demand remains the key. The blip caused by the positive reaction to the US elections has somewhat abated. Most commodities are in a wait and see mode with little to play out until the new year. Demand out of

our key markets remains intermittent at best. The forward market posted only one trade for the week with November 2025 traded at 1475 (63 cents over spot). General the forward market is better bid than offer but remains frustratingly illiquid. More activity is required before we can put faith in the robustness of the forward curve. Bidding currently presents a curve that is flat to Christmas, a 20 cent (1.5%) premium in early 2025, 40 cent (3%) premium in late 2025 and an 80 cent (6%) premium into 2026. It is difficult to see too much change next week. Supply remains steady at their seasonal lower levels. The roster for the next three weeks, year on year, still coming in around 15 to 20 per cent down. Bidding in the forwards should hold until the auction opening Tuesday.

Bridging the Summer-Autumn Feed Gap for Farmers

By Agriculture Victoria

AGRICULTURE Victoria is measuring whether species-diverse pastures can grow feed all year round to negate the summer-autumn feed gap. Getting the mix of grasses, legumes, herbs, brassicas, and cereals right, has the potential to increase productivity for farmers with grazing animals across all livestock sectors. Agriculture Victoria teams conducting the research at the Ellinbank and Hamilton SmartFarms include; agronomists, animal nutritionists, experts in water movement and soil nutrients, plus on-ground practitioners. Farmers of grazing animals in temperate southern Australia often experience an annual summer-autumn feed gap, where supplementary feed is needed off-farm.

This tends to occur in most pasture-based systems, usually where there are perennial monocultures that are typically ryegrass-based. During dry periods such as summer into early autumn, these pastures perform poorly resulting in a feed gap. Under future climate scenarios, the duration and severity of dry periods are predicted to increase requiring forward-thinking solutions to reduce feeding gaps. Traditionally, farmers purchase off-farm feeds or design containment feeding strategies to maintain livestock productivity. If homegrown feed bases fail it can result in destocking, increased financial costs, and negative wellbeing impacts for farmers. That's why designing multispecies pastures able to grow feed all year round is highly important for the agriculture industry. Based on a robust and innovative experimental design, the extent of the trials ensures multispecies pasture systems are tested under an expansive range of control systems, climate, and soil conditions under varied management. Grazing animal farmers will be



An Agriculture Victoria scientist surveying the botanical composition of a Pasture 365 experimental plot at Ellinbank SmartFarm.

able to apply learnings produced by the research project and may provide farmers with practical science-based strategies. Implementing appropriate multispecies pasture mixes suitable to their environment that are resilient to changing climate conditions and have potential to grow all year round. The multispecies pastures selected for the project were informed by a co-design process including farmers, Traditional Owners, and agronomists. Ellinbank SmartFarm is investigating four different multispecies combinations. Each combination has an assigned N fertiliser regime based on the nitrogen-fixing capacity of the species mixes planted. In addition, the project is also investigating the inclusion of native and annual species, in some of the mixes being tested.

Farmers are invited to contribute to the project through large paddock-scale sowings. Up to five satellite farms are currently being sought in Gippsland and Western Victorian regions to sow with a demonstration multispecies pasture. This project is aiming to increase the ability to assess the effectiveness of multispecies pasture mixes, reducing or eliminating feed gaps and providing producers a chance to see how these multispecies pasture systems perform on their own land. Participating farmers are being invited to complete an optional survey about the importance of reliable pastures to their personal wellbeing and business outlook. Interested in becoming a Pasture 365 satellite site? Contact Craig Butler craig.butler@agriculture.vic.gov.au. Farms to be selected by autumn 2025.

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BOSTON, Graeme Douglas:
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Adored and fun uncle to all their families.

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DEATHS

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The Wonthaggi Club is currently looking to appoint a full time, experienced Bistro and Functions Manager.

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Fish Creek/Walkerville area

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Newhaven College is an independent co-educational school on Phillip Island offering quality education for students from Prep to Year 12

Newhaven College is seeking applications for:

TEACHER YR 7-12 PRODUCT & DESIGN (WOOD/METAL)

Permanent ongoing – Part time (0.80 FTE) may include additional hours.

COLLEGE NURSE

Permanent ongoing – Part Time (0.40 FTE)

OUTDOOR EDUCATION LEADER & YEAR 9 SUPPORT

Temporary – Full Time (one year duration Traineeship). Commence 24 Jan – 9 Dec 2025

For more information and details on requirements, duties and responsibilities, visit our website or contact Human Resources Manager, Leisa Lomax via email: recruitment@newhavencol.vic.edu.au

Commencement 24 January 2025 for the academic year. Applications to be submitted to: recruitment@newhavencol.vic.edu.au

Applications close Friday 29 November 2024 at 4pm

Newhaven College is a child safe environment. Every child has a right to be safe, and at the College we have a zero tolerance for child safety risks (including child abuse and reportable conduct). As such, preferred applicants will be subject to child protection screening, background and reference checks, verification of identity checks and must adhere to the College's child safe practices, as outlined in the Child Protection Program policies available on the College website.



BOARD MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Gippsland is a not for profit organisation providing free, confidential and independent planning and support services to farming enterprises and small rural businesses across south-eastern Victoria.

Our Board is seeking expressions of interest for a new member to commence in February 2025.

Further details for this position are available on our website www.ruralfinancialcounselling.org.au.

All enquiries should be directed to support@rfcsgippsland.org.au OR phone 1300 045 747.

Applications close November 19, 2024 with interviews to be conducted in early December 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Will this planning application affect you?

The land affected by the application is located at: 1 Stanley Road and McGrady Road Road Reserves, generally located between Bass Highway and 115 McGrady Road GRANTVILLE AND GLEN FORBES

The application is for a permit to:

- Remove 1.757 hectares of native vegetation in EVC16 (lowland forest)
- Removal of 36 large trees
- Removal of 4 patches of vegetation
- Removal of 1 small scattered tree
- Facilitate upgrades to Stanley and McGrady Road for heavy vehicle traffic

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: 220321
Address: Stanley Road and McGrady Road Road Reserves, generally located between Bass Highway and 115 McGrady Road GRANTVILLE & GLEN FORBES

Applicant: Hanson Construction Materials C/- Ricardo Pty Ltd

For further reference contact: Tim
Phone number: 1300 BCOAST (226 278)

How can I find out more?

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application free of charge by scanning the QR code below or by visiting the link to view more details: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/planningads.

You may also call 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or via the National Relay Service (for people with speech/hearing difficulties) on 13 36 77 to arrange a time to look at the application & any documents that support the application at the office of the responsible authority, Bass Coast Shire Council (76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi). This can be done during office hours & is free of charge.

How can I make a submission?

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority. If you object, the responsible authority will tell you its decision. This application has not been decided and you can still make a submission before a decision has been made.

An objection must:

- be made to the responsible authority in writing by emailing basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au or posting it to: Bass Coast Shire Council, P.O. Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995;
- include the reasons for the objection and;
- state how the objector would be affected.

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available for any person to inspect free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The responsible authority will not decide on the application before: December 2, 2024



Find out more: Scan the QR code using your mobile phone



• FAITH FACTOR

Why Did You Stop Going?

By Ps Karen Evans,
Wonthaggi Christian Life Centre

DID you ever go to church when you were younger? Maybe your parents sent you to Sunday School, you might have had Christian Religious Education or maybe you and your family went every Sunday because that was what you did then. If you did, why and when did you stop going? Was it because it interfered with your social schedule, maybe a hobby or work commitments. Did you get offended by someone in the church, a few too many hypocrites, or did you just stop believing in the God of the Bible because there were too many rules of do's and don'ts? Whatever your reason for stopping, would you reconsider thinking about the reasons why you went and why you left in the first place.

If it was because of hypocrites, yes, I understand but you get them everywhere. You don't stop going to the doctors if one of them was a hypocrite, you would find a different doctor.

If it was work commitments, social schedule or a hobby, there are church services in the morning, afternoon and night now, surely one of these would work.

If it was the rules you found too restrictive, let me refresh you of some of them:

1. Do not steal – Sounds good to me, don't take other people's stuff that they have worked hard for.

2. Do not lie – I personally like it when people speak the truth to me, develops trust and the foundations of a good relationship. Nothing worse than a spouse or friend lying to you.

3. Do not commit adultery – It hurts when this happens and so many people get damaged hearts from this, sometimes, even the kids.

4. Do not kill/murder – Value and respect human life and do not take the life of another. If this has happened to you, you know the pain and how traumatic this can be.

5. Do honour your father and mother – Children listen to your parents, they are there to love, provide and protect you.

These are just some examples of the God of the Bible and how He cares for you with his rules of do's and don'ts. When you think and reflect on these, you may begin to see that the God who gave these rules is very much interested in the welfare of people and interested in you. He is a good God, and it's obvious that He wants the best for us. Now back to my question. Would you reconsider thinking about the reasons why you left the church in the first place, and are those reasons still valid today? Then, would you think again about getting back to church and learn more about this caring, gracious God whose rules don't seem so bad after all.

God bless and hope to see you back in Church one day.

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Will this planning application affect you?

The land affected by the application is located at: **670 South Gippsland Highway, Koonwarra VIC, 3954. Being CA11A Parish of Leongatha (now known as Lot 1 PS445632D)**

The application is for a permit to:
Clause 35.07-1 – Use of land for a Saleyard (Farming Zone)
Clause 35.07-4 – Development associated with a Section 2 use and development within 50m of a Transport Network Zone (Farming Zone)
Clause 42.01-2) – Buildings and works (Schedule 2 to the Environmental Significance Overlay)
Amendment seeks to:
Amend Condition 2 regarding landscaping.
Amend the Endorsed plans by considering:
- An additional holding yards
- Inclusion of two temporary office cabins;
- Four portable buildings

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: **1980/1041/A**
Address: **670 South Gippsland Highway, Koonwarra, VIC, 3954**
Applicant name: **KLM Spatial**

For Further reference contact:

Robyn Begg Ph: 5662 9200
Email: council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

How can I find out more?

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the South Gippsland Shire Council at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha. This can be done during office hours and is free of charge.

You can find more details or make a submission regarding this application by scanning the QR code below or by visiting the link to view more details:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/planning

How can I make a submission?

This application has not been decided. You can still make a submission before a decision has been made.

What are my options?

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to comment to the responsible authority.

An objection must:

- be made to the responsible authority in writing
- include the reasons for the objection and;
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If you object, the responsible authority will tell you its decision.

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The responsible authority will not decide on the application before: 4 December, 2024



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Phone: 03 5683 9712

RSVP

Please note, there will be no virtual meeting arrangements



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Primary Health Meeting Room,
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You are invited to attend the
32nd Annual General Meeting
Gippsland Southern Health Service

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Committee & presentation of our Staff Awards.*

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Jenny Fisher and Sandra Peeters at the opening of Looking for the Tiger on Friday.

Looking for the Tiger opening success

THE opening celebration of the exhibition Looking for the Tiger by Russell Kent on Friday, November 15 at Bernin-neit was a happy evening with about 50 people attending.

The exhibition, in partnership with Bass Coast Shire Council, highlighted how the community space can be used as another exhibition space for intimate shows.

The audience enjoyed the selection of works over four decades, the high standard and the fascination with the subject matter. There was high praise for the set up and hanging of the show.

“I always admired his skill at life drawing when I attended sessions at the Goods Shed Wonthaggi,” Marian Quigley said.

“Some of his paintings in this current exhibition are quite sensational.”

Russell Kent’s Looking for the Tiger runs until November 26.

Berninneit 91 – 97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes. Monday – Friday 9.30am-5pm / Weekends 10am-4pm. Visit basscoastculturalvenues.com for more information.

Apply now for School Netball Championships

MORE than 150 schools are expected to compete in Netball Victoria’s 2025 School Championships, taking place at nine locations across the state in August and September next year.

The competition will feature four divisions for primary and secondary school students – Primary (years 5 and 6), Junior (years 7 and 8), Intermediate (years 9 and 10) and Senior (years 11 and 12), with all divisions playing off in finals days at the State Netball Centre.

The Secondary Boys Gala Day has been moved to Knox Regional Netball Centre, a larger venue to facilitate the increasingly popular division.

The School Championships, presented by Deakin University, is one of the largest netball tournaments conducted in Australia.

Teams play in a round-robin format across multiple preliminary days around Victoria, with the top teams advancing through to the finals day at the State Netball Centre, where the state champions are crowned.

A non-competitive division will feature on preliminary days at the State Netball Centre, Geelong and Frankston.

Registrations for the 2025 School Championships are now open.

Team registrations are \$100, with an early bird discount for the first 200 teams to register.

Teams must provide an umpire for each team they enter or can have one supplied for \$140.

For more information, visit netballvic.com.au.



Volunteers of the Red Cross preparing a luncheon for the Leongatha Horticulture Society’s 51st annual Rose Spectacular. Z33_4724

Leongatha Horticulture Society’s 51st Annual Rose Spectacular

THE annual Leongatha Rose Spectacular, now in its 51st year, unfolded this weekend at The Dakers Centre, bringing together the community to celebrate the beauty and diversity of floral artistry. The event, organised by the Leongatha Horticulture Society, is a beloved tradition, showcasing not only the best of local horticultural talent but also raising funds for charity.

Preparation for the Rose Spectacular is no small task. Show secretary Sue Thompson said the setup began on Friday, November 15 with volunteers from the local Lions Club pitching in to help transform The Dakers Centre into a floral paradise. Tables were laid out for the near 400 entries, and volunteers of the committee worked diligently to arrange the flowers, ensuring each display was pristine ahead of the judging that took place on Saturday, November 16.

Entries continued through Saturday morning, prior to the 10am judging with exhibitors bringing in their prized blooms. Flowers were carefully labelled with numbered tickets, allowing for easy tracking and identification throughout the event. At



Show Secretary Margaret Hyde, won second prize of the container of floribunda rose at the 51st Rose Spectacular. Z34_4724

10am sharp, judging commenced, with local horticulturists, florists, and experts in attendance to evaluate the entries across a variety of categories, including best rose, perfumed bloom, and best floral arrangement.

Judge Wanda, member for Vision Australia, assessed the Class B special sections.

By noon, the results were

in. Visitors and participants eagerly gathered over two days to view the array of floral displays and see the winners, a moment of celebration for many who take immense pride in their gardening.

The Leongatha Horticulture Society has a proud history, with about 70 active members who share a passion for growing and exhibiting flowers.

The group has expanded over the years, adding a floral art section that complements the traditional horticulture categories, further enriching the diversity of the show.

The Society meets monthly to plan events, discuss horticultural techniques, and keep the community engaged with the world of gardening. The flower show is the highlight of their calendar, but it is the culmination of year-round dedication and teamwork.

- RESULTS**
- Champion Rose: Nola Sweetny
 - Best Container Roses: Wendy McDonald
 - Best Container of David Austin: Wendy McDonald
 - Best Exhibit in Miniature Roses: Aileen Clark
 - Best Stem of David Austin: Marg Turra
 - Best Perfumed Rose: Ingrid Tenhoopen
 - Best Container of Old-Fashioned Roses: Sue Thompson
 - Best Exhibit in Delbard Roses: Josie Rutherford
 - Best Exhibit in Cut Flowers: Shirley Turton
 - Best Novic Exhibitor: Jess Scott Smith
 - Community Group Award: Optometrists

Wonthaggi wins back croquet shield

HELD every Saturday after Cup Day, the annual Twin ‘W’ Shield Tournament took place on November 9.

This doubles tournament held between Warragul and Wonthaggi has taken place over a number of years now, with a hiatus during the bad COVID years, and is a keenly fought contest whilst being a lot of fun at the same time.

Wonthaggi hosted the event this year.

Four pairs from each club took part with Wonthaggi being triumphant, winning the day 12 games to four – a reversal of the last time the teams met.

The day was broken up with a barbecue, ably mastered by Bert Orr, after two rounds and finished off with a lovely afternoon tea.

Wresting the shield from Warragul’s hands was not an easy task but very satisfying.

Thanks to Sue Cartwright for managing the tournament and all those who assisted in the kitchen and around the club during the day.

Tournaments like this cannot work without members chipping in and this is always much appreciated.

During the same weekend, Virginia Wheeler travelled to Bairnsdale for a singles tournament, managing to win three games in her section – well played.

The club days are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, and everyone is welcome to come and have a try.

The club is located on Wentworth Road in Wonthaggi, near the Bass Coast Leisure Centre.



Wonthaggi’s winning croquet team in the Twin ‘W’ Shield Tournament included, back from left, Neil Warburton, Sue Baker, Marjorie Prendergast, Mike Butterfield, front from left, Tom Lacey, Gerry Kool, Michael Barber and Kathy Ross.



Anderson Inlet Angling Club searching for the elusive snapper

FOURTEEN members of the Anderson Inlet Angling Club ventured out to Western Port over the weekend in search of a much prized snapper.

Onboard an Island Charters boat under the guidance of skipper Craig and deckie Terry seven well sized snapper were landed along with several trevally.

If you didn't catch anything you were probably standing beside somebody who did.

This was the last club outing for the year and now we focus ahead to the December 8 Christmas party then the Anderson Inlet Angling Club Open Day on January 5 in the clubrooms, 88 The Esplanade, Inverloch.

The format for the Open Day this year will be a white elephant sale, the usual sausage sizzle, Devonshire tea and children's games.

To keep us busy there are four kids' fishing clinics planned for January with dates to be determined.

You can find the Anderson Inlet Angling Club at inverloch-angling-club.rbh49.com



Anderson Inlet Angling Club champion June Rawlings very happy with her prize snapper.

Ladies learn new squid fishing skills

THE Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating Network Bass Coast local group recently held a ladies' "Come and Try Squid Fishing" session.

Thirty-five women took over the San Remo Jetty and 10 Southern Calamari were caught.

The ladies learnt a new style of fishing and some lucky attendees were rewarded for their jigging efforts.

Everyone honed their casting and jigging techniques, and there were sponsored prizes and showbags.

The afternoon included a squid cleaning demonstration.

These events put on by Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating are to upskill and get more women into angling.

RIGHT: With new skills learnt, several ladies reaped the rewards of the Come and Try Squid Fishing session.



Squeals of delight ring out across Western Port Bay

THERE was a hot Snapper bite out on Western Port Bay on Saturday morning (November 16) with many of the ladies on board the Ladies Fishing Charters San Remo, catching their first ever Snapper. Hosted by Amanda Keilar, there were squeals of delight ringing across Western Port Bay as every lady caught fish.

Around the bay

By Jim's Bait & Tackle

THERE is definitely an air of familiarity to this season like we've been transported back ten years or so.

Mid-to-late winter the weather was mild with some cracking days and excellent early fish but early spring was terrible and unpredictable before the weather settled and suddenly there were fish everywhere.

Calamari showed up early on the beaches and they were big, squid was also being caught on the jetties change of light by far the best but as usual weed was a problem.

Snapper are everywhere and it seems like ten years since we have seen these numbers being caught.

Whiting was more difficult to get numbers but those you did catch were all big channel fish.

Calm days saw hundreds of boats stretch from Rhyll to Corinella.

The snapper were following the old pattern of deeper early and shallow later, ninety per cent of the snapper catches have come from those using squid or pilchards, and calamari a mixture of baited and artificial jigs with stories of people bagging out on jetties and beaches.

When you ask me what colour jig to use, the first colour I would have told you to use over the last few years would have been white.

This year, like all the fishing we have stepped back in time and reds, oranges and pinks are back in favour, out-doing the white jigs most of the time.

No idea why the season is working out this way but reading reports from around ten years ago I could just take one of them and it would be current.

Maybe this is normal, and the last few years have been the odd ones, again no idea but I don't have too many customers complaining.

We have been working hard during winter on new suppliers, new ranges of stock, new programs and new benefits for our customers.

We are updating the information maps and sheets we hand out and introduced a loyalty program with specials and deals only available to loyalty program members.

We've listened to the visitors to the island and set up a program for them to be able to hire fishing rods and reels to have a fish while they are here.

We will have a new design for our fishing shirts coming in the new year and many other changes, we have also adopted a new motto for the shop 'We Make fishing Match Your Budget'.

If you are just starting or a seasoned angler wanting a new setup, tell us your budget and we will set you up with the best quality and value for your money.

Reports have flooded in this season so far for both land and boat fishing.

Snapper, just open any fishing-related social media and reports are everywhere.

Lately, deep of Rhyll very early morning, follow them up the bay during the day then fish shallow and mud into the evening and overnight, that's until the next customer walks in and tells me something completely opposite.

One comment similar to everyone that has been successful, is they have been very much on their own and not fishing in the middle of a large group of boats.

We have had several in that are

struggling and with most it's been a simple fix to help their chances, for others it's just been a bit of luck that was needed.

Fish where the fish are, use your sounders to find fish structures.

You must get to the bottom so correct sinker size is important.

Rigs, there are so many that are used and successful, it's really a personal choice just use and tie the one you know the best.

Apart from being where the fish are one of the most important things that will help you is one often the thing that people spend the least amount of time on, and that is bait presentation, probably the most important element to a successful day's fishing in Western Port Bay.

Squid and whiting reports have been a little more inconsistent, or at least seem to be.

When you actually have a good look at them and compare them to previous years squid are actually better than the last few years and whiting about where they normally are.

What I think is happening is the snapper reports are so good that everything else looks ordinary.

One thing that has stood out with all reports this season is people catching fish where and when you expect them to be caught, and the reports are not too surprising.

But there are always people not catching fish that aren't doing anything wrong they just haven't been lucky enough as yet.

If you do find yourself in this situation don't overthink it, strip it back to basics and make sure the simple things are right.

We have seen a lot of fish of all types caught from the land so far this season and while the Newhaven Jetty, where a large majority of our land-based reports once came from is closed, some quality has come from San Remo and more whiting have been reported over the last two months than we see in a normal year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all those customers that have sent through messages over the last few weeks following my recent diagnosis and surgery.

I would also encourage all our male customers over forty years of age to talk to their doctor and request a very simple, painless blood test to check their PSA levels, an early indicator of prostate cancer.

One thing I have learnt over the last few months is early detection is the key to successful treatment.

Speaking with others, by the time you wait for symptoms it might just be too late.

While many of these cancers don't need treatment, and there is a saying that you will die with it not because of it, treatment will be determined with further testing.

I have been surprised just how many I have met, men aged between forty and sixty that have an aggressive type, without symptoms.

I am no expert by any means but if you are someone about to go through treatment feel free to drop in for a chat.

Although I can't speak highly enough of the medical staff, I have met I found it extremely helpful speaking to others in the same situation as myself.

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 19	WEDNESDAY November 20	THURSDAY November 21	FRIDAY November 22	SATURDAY November 23	SUNDAY November 24	MONDAY November 25
▲ 3.15am 1.82m	▲ 4.00am 1.80m	▲ 4.45am 1.74m	▲ 5.29am 1.66m	▲ 6.11am 1.57m	▲ 6.53am 1.49m	▼ 12.31am 0.53m
▼ 8.41am 0.66m	▼ 9.26am 0.63m	▼ 10.09am 0.61m	▼ 10.53am 0.60m	▼ 11.38am 0.61m	▼ 12.23pm 0.62m	▲ 7.36am 1.42m
▲ 2.47pm 1.51m	▲ 3.33pm 1.50m	▲ 4.19pm 1.47m	▲ 5.04pm 1.42m	▲ 5.51pm 1.35m	▲ 6.44pm 1.27m	▼ 1.12pm 0.62m
▼ 8.50pm 0.10m	▼ 9.37pm 0.15m	▼ 10.23pm 0.22m	▼ 11.07pm 0.31m	▼ 11.49pm 0.42m		▲ 7.49pm 1.22m

Email us your fishing photos

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All smiles at junior race nights in Wonthaggi and Leongatha

AGE and experience was no barrier to being among the ribbons for this week's South Gippsland Bass Swim Club meet with swimmers of all ages racing against friends.

From the youngest junior to the more experienced swimmers chasing national times each ribbon and personal best brought a smile to their faces.

The week kicked off with junior race nights at both the Wonthaggi and Leongatha pools with about forty-five of the development and junior squad swimmers having a go at all four strokes over 25 metres.

The youngest swimmers from Prep and Grade 1 were excited to be in the pool with their big brothers and sisters in older age groups.

The largest group of Grade 3/4 swimmers had many club members bringing a friend to compete with and join in the fun.

Swimming with a friend gave invited swimmers a taste of the excitement of racing supported by their families on the sidelines.

It was about having a go, trying their best and showing how much, they can do.

While the butterfly may not have been as stylish as the national squad there was no shortage of determination put into finishing the distance.

Ribbons and certificates were



Mya, Grace and Juliet celebrate their efforts in the pool at Junior Race Night in Wonthaggi.

handed out showing the swimmers' current times to look back at in future years to see how far they have progressed.

On Saturday the more experienced swimmers took the pool at the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre in Traralgon competing in 50m and 200m events with many of the swimmers trying to optimise times for upcoming championships before entries close in three weeks.

There was also a number of swimmers swimming to gain more experience and improve their times, especially the eleven-year-olds practising their 100 metres in readiness for the Gippsland championships in March.

Teammates provided plenty of support for fellow swimmers knowing how hard it is to get the last few seconds off their time and how much others want the same or better times.

Celebratory cheers and consoling hugs were everywhere as swimmers gave their best.

A number of swimmers achieved times to qualify for the National Championships in April next year.

The Gippsland Aquatic Centre was filled with cheers as Coach Dylan took on one of his swimmers, Will in the 50m Backstroke.

Will had been inching ever closer to Dylan's time over past years and they both fought hard swimming up and down the

pool with Will, for the first time ever, sneaking past Dylan to touch 0.06 seconds faster.

Family and friends on the sidelines went wild.

Many swimmers from the country squad were excited to get their first country time to join the growing team heading to the National Championships.

There were also a number of swimmers returning to racing having finished VCE exams, university studies or gap year travel.

Maintaining training while studying or travelling these older swimmers are now relishing the opportunity to enjoy time back racing in the pool sharing their wisdom marshalling the younger swimmers.

AM&DTA Tennis Results 2024/25

KOONWARRA managed to win one set against the strong, top Inverloch team in Section 1.

Korumburra were winners by 11 games against Westernport White.

No score was received from the Westernport Red and Leongatha match, so their points have remained the same on the ladder.

They will be updated when a score is received.

Section 2 continues to have close matches, and the ladder shows these teams are always extremely competitive.

Outtrim won by just four games against Korumburra.

Korumburra won an extra set, but the games are what counts.

Leongatha were winners by seven games against Baromi.

Tom Piasente played his first senior match and did well to win a set against some experienced players.

Allistair Newton was a great fill-in for Baromi, but it was also great to see lots of young players filling in in both sections.

A note to all teams to please ensure their scores are in before 8pm on Saturday evenings.

The winning team is obligated to submit the score to the Score Secretary by this time, or they may lose points.

Section 1 Results

Inverloch 7.47 defeated Koonwarra 1.15
Korumburra 5.40 defeated Westernport White 3.29
Westernport Red v Leongatha – No Score Received
Ladder: Inverloch 49, Koonwarra 32, Westernport White 31, Korumburra 27, Leongatha 25*, Westernport Red 6*

Section 2 Results

Outtrim 4.53 defeated Korumburra 5.49
Leongatha 6.59 defeated Baromi 3.52
Ladder: Outtrim 36.5, Leongatha 33.5, Korumburra 33.5, Baromi 28.5

Big swell at Surfies Point for first Aggregate

IT WAS a big swell day at Surfies Point on Saturday 10 October for the Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) first Aggregate for the 24/25 Season.

Headed up by Club Captain Ash Easton the competition format saw equal prize money of \$100 for each division of Open Men, Women, and Aussie Mongrels divisions. The Aussie Mongrel division has become a true mark of club pride, whereby those who get knocked out in their first round get a second shot in a surf-off for the same prize money.

Results

Cadets Males (U16): 1st Dusty James Rayner, 2nd Angus Kennedy and 3rd Arch Rayner.

Junior Females (U18s): 1st Lillian Based, 2nd Abbey Clarke and 3rd Evie Lutz.

Junior Males (U18s): 1st Rye Cicero, 2nd Jarrah Cicero and 3rd Rhylee Duell.

Senior Men's (28-45): 1st Ash Easton, 2nd Sam Fullarton and 3rd Dan Laing.

Masters (45-60): 1st Adrian Maier, 2nd James Steiner and 3rd Peter Stephen.

Legends (60+): 1st Boots, 2nd Brian Tancheff and 3rd Mal Gregson.

Open Men's: 1st Harry De Roth, 2nd Glyndyn Ringrose and 3rd Sam Patterson.

Open Women: 1st Sarah Seuren, 2nd Abbey Clarke and 3rd Zoe Adams.

Aussie Mongrels: 1st Jai MacDonald, 2nd Jay Panopoulos and 3rd Rye Cicero.



Abbey Clarke, Sarah Seuren, and Zoe Scott
Photo: Tommy Williams Photography.

Green set to battle Yellow in table tennis grand final

YELLOW defeated White six to two.

The dye was cast pregame when young Rocketballs Charley went down with illness and couldn't take her place in the knockout semifinal.

She no doubt would have been fraught with FOMO, squandering her chance to embed more balls into more opponents.

Last-minute replacement Leigh was under-prepared and over-aroused after spending the day wrestling copperheads.

"Grab 'em from the end that doesn't bite," he wisely advises.

Team Yellow grabbed Team White by the tail and never let go to cruise through to a solid victory.

Leigh's effort was admirable in supporting Captain Mark who gained two singles wins despite fretting about his sick Lieutenant. Team Yellow's captain Brad needed to show some ping after last week's pong.

His game improved marginally to a level of mediocrity.

Yellow teammates veteran Fred and gelato Maestro Luke placed high value on every point, playing a smart mix of aggression and defence,

steered Yellow into the grand final.

Now if only the skipper can lift to a level that is at least ordinary.

Green defeated Black seven to four.

Team Green captain Sven prevailed over opposing captain Dirk in a highly entertaining five-set stoush that was only a single net or edge or nedge away from flipping the result.

The highlight was the contrasting styles of Sven's steely calm and precise angles versus Dirk's kaboom.

Team Black's Beau overcame

Warren in another five-set slapfest.

This set up the doubles match between Green's Sven and Andy versus Black's Dirk and Beau as crucial as rubbers on a paddle.

Can't play with little paddles.

In yet another pulsating five-setter, down the stretch when tension was thick and margins were thin, Andy, the Prince of Powerball, was sublime and booked Green a ticket to the grand final.

The grand final will be played at 7pm on Monday, November 18 between Green and Yellow.

Subsidised swimming lessons on offer

PARENTS looking for a low-cost holiday activity over summer are being encouraged to consider a VICSWIM intensive swim program at one of our local pools.

One-week courses are available throughout January for children aged 4-12 of all swimming abilities at the government-subsidised cost of just \$35.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said the programs represent not just a great low-cost holiday activity for the kids, but an important opportunity for children to learn a lifelong skill.

"The VICSWIM program teaches more than swimming technique – they also teach safety in and around the water and what to do in an emergency.

"This is a great way for children to learn important life-saving skills, all while having fun with other children over the summer."

Member for Eastern Victoria, Tom McIntosh is also throwing his support behind the program.

"Swimming is a key part of summer for Victorian kids, and the first step is ensuring that all kids are able to swim," said Mr McIntosh.

"Whether it's families on a beach holiday, or at the pool or lake for the summer months, parents will have peace of mind knowing that their kids are swimming safely."

An extra \$117,000 has been invested into the program to provide tailored lessons for kids with disability and from multicultural backgrounds. The additional funding will create 400 extra spots for kids across the state.

VICSWIM lessons will be held at local pools in Korumburra, Leongatha, Mirboo North, Toora, Poowong, Yarram and Rose-dale.

Spaces are limited. For more details, or to book visit vicswim.com.au.



Fred Demenech, Mary Spooner and Max Sweetnam were Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls' winners on Friday with plus 11.



Rob Howard, Diane Collins (visitor and skip), Judy Caughey and Patrick Bowd were Inverloch Bowling Club's Thursday social bowls winners.



Pat Novak, Linda Newman and John Stewart, and Rhonda Rattenbury, Jan Clark and Helen Gladstone tied for first place at Breakaway Bowls on Monday.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

MONDAY saw a great turnout with the winners tying for the trophy. The two winning teams were Pat Novak, Linda Newman and John Stewart, and Rhonda Rattenbury, Jan Clark and Helen Gladstone, all on plus three. Friday's results saw a winning team of Margaret Morgan, Ken Webb and Linda Newman. Both days were well attended and fun-filled days were enjoyed by everyone. See you all soon – don't forget to come along to Breakaway Bowls on Mondays and Fridays at the Cape Paterson Community Centre with a 1pm start.

FOSTER

LAST Wednesday night saw round two of the Jack Attack competition played. It was a lovely, pleasant night weather wise with a good turnout of teams. The evening's winners were the Hospital Hustlers, Hayden, Alice and Claire, with equal points but one extra end seeing them over the line – well done guys. Prizes sponsored by Foster Cars and Off-road. Runners up were the Robblecocks with Leigh and Vanessa. Chockys were sponsored by Prom Kitchens. There was lots of fun with the raffle draws and it was awesome seeing everyone having a great night. This week sees another dress-up with a Cowboys and Indians/Western theme – always looking forward to that. The club then had 18 teams take to the green for the November Triples – another great roll up and the weather was magnificent. The winners for the day were the Foster team of Jim, Phil and Nancy. Sponsors of the prizes were Heather and Ivan Ray. Runners up were the Toora team of Joe, Ray and Don. Sponsors were Pulhams Furniture and Carpet. Best game winners were the Foster team of Charlie, Peter and Rab. Prizes were sponsored by IGA Foster. The encouragement prizes of club vouchers went to the Foster team of Kelvin, Ray and Brian. Foster Bowls Club hosted the Strzelecki South State Mixed Pairs on Sunday. Sadly, the weather was against the bowlers, so play will resume next Sunday, November 24, at 9am. The Christmas raffle is up and running with the hampers filling fast with donated goodies. There are lots of extra prizes too of hams, cakes and a Foster Seafood voucher. Call in and grab some tickets. Prizes will be drawn at Christmas dinner on December 13.

INVERLOCH

THE Club Championships are progressing well with some surprise wins amongst the members. The major men's and ladies' singles finals will now be held on Friday, November 29, at 9.30am. Thursday social bowls saw 37 bowlers attend the day's activities. Two games of 10 ends were played. Three teams ended up winning two games. The winners with 33 points and 8 shots up were Diane Collins (visitor and skip), Rob Howard, Judy Caughey and Patrick Bowd. Runners-up on 33 points and three shots up were Joy Brown (skip), Graeme Dunlop, Peter Gentsch and Michael Ward (visitor). The hard luck story went to the team of Terry Orford (skip), Paul Davis, John Cook and Jack Miller. Friday night, November 29, will be the final members' night for the year. On that night, the club will be having its usual draw and raffles, and the members will also be playing "Musical Bingo". This will be hosted by Greg Nugent, so it should be a fun night. Friday will be a big club day with both the finals and the member's night with bingo. The dinner night on Friday, December 6, will be the Christmas gathering for members and partners. Individual names will need to be recorded on the booking sheet. The cost will be \$25 each to be paid in advance, either by direct deposit, cash in the slot in an envelope or by Eftpos at the bar. You need to book and pay by December 3 in order to attend. Due to catering, there will be no bookings taken after this date and maximum number will be 96 – 12 tables of eight. The club will also be having a pre-dinner cocktails and canapés stand-up get-together from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. This will be held upstairs in the newly renovated room and cocktails will be \$5 each. These will also be available downstairs. Attendees will then proceed downstairs for dinner by 7pm. Luck was with the club on Wednesday night for the community corporate bowlers as the rain had passed during the morning, leaving the players with dry but overcast weather during the evening. Players rugged up again against the chill and took to the greens with some great games played. Winners on the night were the Post Office on +16, closely followed by runners-up Bowling Stones on +15. Five lucky players took home the raffle prizes on the night with a combined value of \$350 from the sponsor for the night Hawkesbury Breweries.

The MandM man is really playing hard to get with the jackpot next week jumping to \$250.

KORUMBURRA

IT WAS another varied week in pennant this week. In Midweek, Division 1 travelled to Phillip Island and came out victors. Jenny McVeigh won 21 to 16, Jo Lomagno won 21 to 18 and Katrina went down 18 to 19. Division 2 hosted Phillip Island. Judith Nicholl was the only winning rink, winning 20 to 16. Jim Garnham went down 15 shots to 25 and Lena Harfield lost 14 shots to 24. Saturday Pennant Division 1 hosted Mirboo North and came out victorious. Robin Provan won 27 shots to 12, Charlie Edgerton won 19 shots to 17, but unfortunately, Rob Cosson went down 18 shots to 23. Division 3 travelled to Mirboo North and didn't have a good day. Les Davis lost 18 shots to 24, Ross Lomagno lost 21 shots to 23 and Phil Ashton lost 17 shots to 23. Division 4 hosted Fish Creek and had a bad day. Alan Cherrett lost 14 shots to 28, Geoff Barber lost 17 shots to 27 and Lena Harfield lost 10 to 37 – not a good result. Members are reminded of the coffee morning to be held at the club at 10.30am tomorrow (Wednesday, November 20). Admission is \$10 with guest speaker Belinda Nicholls. The Christmas counter tea list is up. If you wish to attend, money needs to be paid by December 6. There is a cap on numbers so don't miss out.

LEONGATHA

THE Leongatha Bowls Club was successful in the Midweek Pennant Division 2 game that was at home against Wonthaggi Bowls Club. The overall result recorded was 67/48 shots and the individual rink scores were as follows: Rosa James skip (Leongatha) defeated Jon Duscher skip (Wonthaggi) 26/10 shots. Dot Shandley skip (Leongatha) defeated John Kippler skip (Wonthaggi) 23/14 shots. Karen Fidler skip (Leongatha) was defeated by John Migliorisi skip (Wonthaggi) 18/24 shots. The Leongatha Bowls Club Division 1 Saturday Pennant side travelled to prosperous Inverloch where they chalked up a victory against the Inverloch Division 1 side with an overall score of 44/48 shots. Individual rink scores were as follows: Ron Burge skip (Inverloch) defeated Jenny Miller skip (Leongatha) 15/12 shots. Ross Gabb skip (Inverloch) was

defeated by John Hall skip (Leongatha) 15/18 shots. Martin Hannaford (Inverloch) was defeated by Anthony Collier skip (Leongatha) 14/18 shots. The Leongatha Division 2 Saturday Pennant side had Wonthaggi Bowls Club in its sights during the journey to the club where they met the opposition side. The final overall scoreboard displayed a result of 59/53 shots in favour of Wonthaggi. Individual rink scores were as follows: Peter McBain skip (Wonthaggi) defeated Ron Symmons skip (Leongatha) 27/17 shots. Rod Beech skip (Wonthaggi) had a drawn game against the Girl Power side skipped by Marj Pearson with a score of 18/18 shots. Ray Hin skip (Wonthaggi) was defeated by Ray McGannon skip (Leongatha) 14/18 shots. Leongatha Bowls Club's Division 4 side welcomed the opposition from the Wonthaggi Bowls Club, which was too strong overall by compiling a margin of 50 shots in their 36/86 shot victory. Individual rink scores were as follows: Alan Moxey skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Mick Yates skip (Wonthaggi) 15/20 shots. Lynne McIntyre skip (Leongatha) was defeated by John Migliorisi 6/36 shots. John White skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Klaus Kassek 15/28 shots. The Monthly Triples sponsored by South Gippsland Quarries is scheduled for November 27 and the club requires more entries to maximize the field, so please nominate to experience the pleasure of an enjoyable day. Phillip Island Bowling Club is to be commended for sending two teams to Heathmont Bowls Club to compete in a tournament on October 23, with the sole purpose of raising funds for Parkinson's Disease research. Approximately \$15,000 was raised on the day, which will be a welcome addition to the coffers of the Research team. Phillip Island Bowling Club have a reciprocal arrangement with Heathmont Bowls Club to stage a similar event in the New Year. Further information regarding participation will be made public by the Phillip Island Bowling Club. Parkinson's Disease is spreading rapidly across the nation and bowlers have been affected and are hopeful that a cure can be found that would be beneficial to their everyday living.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

WHAT a great day at San Remo on Thursday. The group was welcomed to the clubhouse by Pauline and John with Peter busily preparing the teams. Some of the women were missing, as they were playing in local

Women's Invitational Events and the club is hoping they had plenty of success. Once the teams were declared, 37 players went out to fight it out once more for team of the week. The weather was a bit cool, but not cold. The wind was pretty much non-existent – a bit of a surprise at San Remo – and the opposition was, as always, awesome. As usual, there was a reasonable amount of friendly banter and quite a bit of laughter from all around the green. As the day progressed, the weather warmed up enough for quite a few coats to be discarded, but the quality of the bowling only increased as the day went on. This week's winners on a score of 37 were Rob Jeffrey (3), Peter Thorley (L) and Mick Walton (S). Runners up on a score of 33 were Laurie Bell (3), Dennis Talbot (S), Pauline McWilliams (Co-second), Ron Hughes (L) and Lindsay Russell (co-second). Best one game winners on 18 points were Frank D'Unienville (2), Max Summers (3), Mark Hanrahan (S) and Lou Capsalis (L). A big thank you to Gwen and John who did so much work in the kitchen with the difficult washing machine. Also, to Rob behind the bar. It is these selfless people who keep this great family coming back for more each week. Next week, the club will be heading to Loch to again fight it out for team of the week. In the meantime, the club wishes all its players lots of luck with their respective pennant matches this coming week. But till next week have fun and stay safe.

WONTHAGGI Indoor

ONCE again, this has been another amazing week of bowling with a total of 56 members competing. There were 28 players on both Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday saw a close finish the winners of John Bird, Max Sweetnam, Jim Wilson and Theo Sholley on plus eight with the runners-up of Ken Peterson, Pam Russell and Stephen Rosenberg on plus seven. Friday's winners on plus 11 were Fred Demenech, Mary Spooner and Max Sweetnam. Runners-up on plus 14 winning one game only were Lia Smith, Thelma Kavanaugh, Carol Thorpe and John Postlethwaite. On Wednesday night, United played its Triples Championship. The winners on a countback were Helen Rook, Ron Snooks and Max Sweetnam. Second place went to Judy Sweetnam, Jeannie Slocombe and Allan Ireland. Congratulations to all those who competed, making it such a successful night.



Elisa Nudleman (putting), Barb Britton (B Grade), Robyn Galloway (A Grade) and Jenny Alexander (C Grade) shared success in Foster Golf Club's recent women's Club Championships.



Jake Wrigley and Mat Wrigley were the Two-Man Ambrose winners at the Korumburra Golf Club.



Korumburra's 2024 Star Medallist was Kim Enbom.



The winners of the Invy Espy Stableford event at the Leongatha Golf Club on Thursday were Rod MacKenzie, Fred Debono, Ian Watson, Ross McRobert and Dave Brownnett.



Leongatha Golf Club winners Lianne Adamson and Di Williams with sponsor Jo Miles.



Sherrill Winkler, Linda Forrester and Lyn Delaney from the Woorayl Golf Club were the winners of the South Gippsland Golf Women's Bowl.

FOSTER

IT'S been a big few weeks around the Foster Golf Club with the ladies having held their Club Championships.

Robyn Galloway (11) continued her winning streak.

After having won the overall Club Championships every year since 2010, Robyn won A Grade by 25 shots from life member Barb Warren (15).

Robyn ended the three rounds with 254 scratch, 221 net and was joint winner of the putting along with Elisa Nudelman with 96 putts.

Barb Britten (21) had an excellent three rounds and won the B Grade championship with 275 strokes, 212 net.

In the first round, Barb won the day and won the club's Monthly Medal for November when she shot an impressive five under par, 66.

The winner of the C Grade championship was Jenny Alexander (35).

Jenny carved up the course for the three days and finished with 312 off the stick.

Her exceptional rounds earned her this year's Mollie Mitchell award with 207 net.

There were 12 entrants into this year's Championships with unfortunately two players having to pull out between rounds.

The three rounds were generously sponsored by Judy Bacon, Val Williams and Beth Curram with round one also being the monthly medal and playoff for this year's Star Medallist.

Geraldine Sinclair (24) took out the Star Medal after having been the winner of the Monthly Medal in February and shooting 70 net in the playoff, throughout the three rounds Geraldine also won two balls down the line.

As mentioned earlier, Barb Britten (21) won the A Grade competition in round one with 87 scratch, 66 net to win the Monthly Medal.

Barb also won the putting (round one) as well as nearest to pin on the 17th and a ball down the line in round two.

Jenny Alexander (35) won all three of the B Grade daily competitions with 72, 65, 75 net, as well as nearest to pin on the 17th in round three.

Robyn Galloway (11) won the A Grade scratch all three rounds with 86, 85 and 83.

In round two, Robyn won putting with 30 putts as well as nearest to pin on the sixth.

In round three, she was the overall A Grade winner with 72 net.

Elisa Nudelman won a ball down the line in round three as well as taking out the putting with 29 putts.

Di Walker didn't play in the Championships but won two balls down the line – one in each of rounds one and three, as well as also finding herself nearest to pin on the sixth in round one.

Also in round one, Jan Best was nearest to pin on the 17th as well as winning a ball down the line with 73 net.

Back on Cup Day, the club had 25 players play between a nine-hole Cup Day bonanza as well as the usual 18-hole Stableford.

Lyndell Shields (32) 22 pts, won the bonanza ahead of Robert Fulton (17) with 19 pts.

In the 18-hole Stableford, Peter Dight (9) continued his great form with 40 pts and won the day on a c/b from Kevin Fleet (13).

Neil Coates (21) and David Hutchinson (15) both had 38 and won a ball down the line. Robert Tracy (sixth) and Graeme Revell (15th) won the nearest to pins on the day.

Two days later, there was a two-person Ambrose played with 12 players.

Neil Coates and John Stone won with 66.75 ahead of the pairing of Kiwi Jones and Garry Buckland with 67.25, Rod Coughran-Lane was the most accurate all day winning both nearest to

pins on the 4th and 17th.

On November 9, 27 players played a round of Stableford playing for the Stuart Canning Trophy.

David Hutchison (15) won A Grade with an awesome 41 pts and ended up five pts clear of his nearest competitor.

In B Grade, Neil Henry (19) 38 pts won on a count back from John Sone (21).

Chris Riddell (25) had 37 pts and Scott Rathjen (5) played to his handicap and had 36 pts.

Scott was also nearest to pin on both the fourth and 13th holes.

Jenni Delaney was nearest on the 17th while Kiwi drove the green on the 15th and was nearest.

Justin Dubignon rounded out the nearest to pins when he was closest on the sixth.

In that week, Chicken Run was played across the front nine and was won by Josephine Blake (47) who smashed her handicap and had 26 pts.

Jasmine Manne (33) led the balls down the line with 20 pts finishing two pts ahead of Darren Piasente (24) who had 18 pts.

Chris Riddell (26) had 17 pts alongside Trent Price (12) as they took the remaining balls down the line.

On Trent's way to his 17 pts, he birdied the fourth to win the birdies award for the week.

On Tuesday of this week, Chris Buckland (+2) had an exceptional round of 65 off the stick which included seven birdies and 11 pars.

He ran away with the win with 41 pts.

Mick Connellan (21) finished on 40 pts ahead of Garry Buckland (16) with 39.

Larry Giddy (17) and Robert Fulton (18) shared in the remaining balls with 38 and 37 pts.

Larry was nearest to pin on the sixth, while Randy Reusch was closest on the 13th.

There were 21 players on Thursday with John Stone (20) coming out on top with 38 pts.

James Freeman was nearest to pin on the fourth and Elisa Nudelman got closest on the 17th.

Mick Connellan (20) won the first ball down the line with 37 pts, while Larry Giddy (16) along with Robert Fulton (18) took the remaining balls with 35 pts.

Throughout the week there were 26 players playing Chicken Run on the back nine.

In a three-way c/b, Bernie Esser (19) claimed the win with 20 pts ahead of playing partner, Chris Riddell, (24) and Vanessa Roberts (44).

Jasmine Manne (32) finished with 19 pts and Paddy Watkins (7) took the last ball with 18 pts.

In the past week, wonderful staff member Jack Cooper became a father.

Jack's fiancée Jess gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Alicia Louise Cooper. The family is doing really well, and the club wishes them all the love and happiness with their beautiful bundle of joy. Keep the fluids up.

The Caddy.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, November 12. Stableford: 39 players

A Grade: Mick Belvedere (19) 42 pts.

B Grade: Dave Enbom (21) 41 pts.

NTPs: first Dean Hillis, seventh Peter Van Agtmaal and 13th Ian Cash.

Thursday, November 14:

Stableford: 21 players.

Winner: Steve Duffield (12) 40 C/B.

NTPs: first Tim O'Neil, 10th Tim O'Neil and 13th John Payne.

Saturday, November 16:

Two-Man Ambrose Championships Net: 58 players.

Sponsor: Greg Wilson.

Net winners: Iain Riddell and Bryce Riddell 62.25 C/B.

Gross winners: Jacob Wrigley and Mat Wrigley 66 gross.

NTPs: first Chris McConnell, seventh

Chris McConnell, 10th Shem Hickey and 13th Peter Johnson.

Sunday, November 17:

Two-Man Ambrose Championships net: 58 players.

Sponsor: Greg Wilson.

Net winners: Jaarl Enbom and Zach Walker 60.25

Gross winners: Tim Fowles and Shane Sartori 67.

NTPs: first Blayke Spokes, seventh Bryce Riddell, 10th Rob Gallagher and 13th Ian Gibson.

Sunday, November 17:

Two-Man Ambrose Championships

Gross:

Sponsor: Greg Wilson.

Net winners: Jaarl Enbom and Zack Walker 60.25.

Gross winners: Tim Fowles and Shane Sartori 67.

Two-Man Ambrose Championships (two rounds):

Net winners: Tim Fowles and Shane Sartori 123.5.

Gross winners: Mat Wrigley and Jacob Wrigley 135 walkover.

Ladies

LAST Wednesday, there was quite a lot of rain, but, on the other hand, the golfers were very thankful the course was beautifully presented and in top condition.

The 2024 Monthly Medallists played off for the prestigious Star Medal and the club's congratulations are extended to Kim Enbom (33) who had a terrific round to win with a wonderful score of 64 net.

Kim participated in Beginners Day early in the year and has played regularly with some excellent results.

After this round, her handicap has reduced another four shots to 29 – top golf Kim.

Within the Star Medallist play-off competitors, Johanna van den Heiligenberg (11) had a good score of 75 net to be runner-up and also had a fantastic Eagle on the par four, fourth hole.

Lyn McIvor (20) won a BDTL 79 net on a c/b and Kim was NTP on the 13th green.

There was also a Stableford round for those women not in the Star Medallist play-off.

Heather Grist (24) won A Grade 29 pts and Deb Wrigley (29) was the B Grade winner 35 pts.

BDTL went to Viv Enbom (36) 35 pts, Lorraine Knox (41) 34 pts and Lyn Perks (31) 32 pts.

NTPs winners were first Trudi Mantell, 10th Heather and 13th Lyn.

Twilight golf started on Thursday with Denise and Ian Gibson winning with 20 pts on a c/b from Sandra and Laurie Webster.

NTP on the first was Gail Beer and Laurie.

The club had two teams compete in the South Gippsland Golf Women's Bowl last Friday at Woorayl.

It is pleased to report that sisters Kerri Besley, Julie Hillberg and Shelley Snooks played well to be runners-up after a c/b with the Woorayl team.

Congratulations, too, to Kerri who won A Grade with 36 pts.

On Saturday, Gail Beer (33) had a great round to win with 39 pts and Colette Pearl (38) also played well to be runner-up with 38 pts.

BDTL went to Julie Hillberg (22) 37 pts and Johanna van den Heiligenberg (11) 33 pts.

NTPs were seventh Gail, 10th Julie and Diarne Maskell 13th.

The club looks forward to members and visitors participating in the tournament this week, with a variety of events on November 22, 23 and 24.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, November 12: Stableford.

Tuesday's Stableford round had a field of 57 members/guests take to the course selecting either blue or yellow tees.

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High scores were the order of the day. A Grade winner: Winton Knop (12) with a score of 43 pts. R/up: Dean Kellett (7) with a score of 39 pts.

B Grade winner: Gordon Allan (19) with a score of 43 pts. R/up: Antony Roberts (30) with a score of 41 pts.

NTP fifth second shot: Dean Kellett. NTP 14th: Dean Kellett. NTP 16th: George Hendry.

Thursday, November 14: Invy Espy Stableford event.

Excellent sponsorship of this Thursday's Stableford round by the Invy Espy Hotel saw 90 members/guests take to the course teeing off either the blue or yellow markers.

The excellent course conditions saw a continuation of high scores.

A Grade winner: Rod MacKenzie (10) with a score of 39 pts. R/up: Alan Starkey (10) with a score of 37 pts on a c/b.

B Grade winner: Dave Brownnett (17) with the high score of the day of 42 pts. R/up: Ross McRobert (15) with a score of 39 pts.

C Grade winner: George Hendry (21) with a score of 39 pts on a c/b. R/up: Peter Stivic (19) with a score of 39 pts.

D Grade winner: Ian Watson (36) with a score of 39 pts. R/up: Fred Debono (26) with a score of 38 pts on a c/b.

NTP fifth second shot: Malcolm Ginn. NTP 14th: Stuart Harry. NTP 16th: Alan Starkey.

Saturday, November 16: Par.

Saturday was a keenly contested Par event with 105 members/guests enjoying an excellent course and the warmer spring weather conditions.

A Grade winner: Chad Clasby (5) with a score of +3. R/up: Thomas Williamson (14) with a score of +1 on a c/b.

B Grade winner: Josh De Groot (15) with a score of +4 on a c/b R/up: Nicholas Byrne (15) with a score of +4.

C Grade winner: Colin Moyle (23) with a score of +4. R/up: Cameron Ritchie (19) with a score of +2.

D Grade winner: Mandy Moyle (30) with the high score of the day of +5. R/up: Jacinta Fish (28) from the SGA golf club with a score of +4.

NTP fifth second shot: Craig Hams. NTP 14th: Ian Blencowe. NTP 16th: Bernard Skerys.

Ladies

ONE of Leongatha Golf Club's newer members Jo Miles sponsored a very well-supported Stableford event last week.

Jo also provided a lovely selection of Chandon wines and chocolates for the raffle.

Weather conditions were not pleasant but of the 39 starters, most finished their round. Despite the weather, there were some excellent scores recorded again this week.

A Grade was won by Di Williams with 37 pts and Colleen Touzel was r/up on 36.

The top score of the day was recorded by Lianne Adamson, winning B Grade with 39 pts.

The r/up in B Grade was Nan Meagher on 38 pts.

Lianne's score puts her among the current Top Gun Qualifiers to be played off next week.

Of the 19 finalists, there are currently seven women.

Down the line balls were won by Viv French, Jo McNaughton, Robin Smith, Neryl Hopcraft and Sue Bowler.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was won by Colleen Touzel, Fay Quilford second shot on the fifth and Sue Bowler on the 14th.

Karen Murchie won the nine-hole competition on a c/b from Pam Christensen with 17 pts.

MEENIYAN

TUESDAY was Whiskey Day with John Dumont having a win with 71 net. R-up was Ron Davison with 73 net. DTL balls went to Peter Riddle 74

net, Mike Steele 77 net and Brian Erving 78 net.

NTPs were eighth Will Bullock, 11th Henry Mueller, 14th Brian Dewar and the pro pin on the second was Brian Dewar.

Saturday was the annual Butch Kuhne Memorial Day – a Four-Person Ambrose sponsored generously by Panu Kuhne, who the club thanks for his generosity.

The winners were Brod Courtney, Ross Batten, Nick Shaw and Andrew Seccull with a score of 57.5

Runner-up was Mat Vanboven, Andrew Logan and Phil Hutcheson with 58.833.

DTL balls went to Panu Kuhne, Greg Welsford, Glen Marshman and Mick Caruana with 61.25, Peter Wilson, Peter Riddle, Ron Davison and Sibi Burggraaff with 61.625, and Neil Park, Jeff Buckland, Ethan Park and Lachlan Park with 61.75.

NTPs were second Shane Bright, eighth Mat Vanboven, 11th Andrew Logan 14th and Mat Vanboven.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, November 12: Stableford. A Grade: S. Woodall (11) 40 pts. B Grade: W. Reynolds, (20) 42 pts.

DTL: S. Hill-Smith, J. Woodall, 40, C. Jame and N. Rutledge 38 c/b.

NTP: fourth S. Bickerton, sixth R. Scurlock and 16th S. Duff.

Birdies: fourth S. Hill-Smith and G. Renwick.

Saturday, November 16: Stroke (round two Championship).

A Grade: N. Bickerton (6) 68 net. B Grade: N. Rutledge (13) 65 c/b. C Grade: N. Baker (24) 70 net.

DTL: W. Reynolds 65, D. Jerram 68, N. Bracecamp 69, G. Dawson, R. Felmingham and P. Draper 70 c/b.

NTP: fourth T. Bradshaw, sixth W. Reynolds, 13th E. Woodall and 16th D. Davis.

Birdies: sixth W. Reynolds, J. Woodall and C. Le Page, 13th Tim Traill and E. Woodall, and 16th D. Davis and J. Kus.

Championship Provisional Leaderboard:

A Grade: N. Bickerton 146, E. Woodall 148 and Tim Traill 149.

B Grade: J. Mc Farlane 173, G. Dawson 175 and G. Shandley 176.

C Grade: D. Taylor 194 N. Baker 203 and S. McKenzie 206.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND GOLF WOMEN'S BOWL

FORTY-TWO women from the district competed in the final South Gippsland event for 2024 on Friday.

It was hosted by Woorayl Golf Club, who presented the course in excellent condition, provided a sumptuous lunch and 'organised' the glorious weather.

As is often the way, the host club also provided the winning team.

Linda Forrester 28 pts, Lyn Delaney 36 pts and Sherril Winkler 34 pts had a combined score of 98 to win on a c/b.

The unlucky group from Korumburra were Kerrie Besley, Shelley Snooks and Julie Hillberg, all very closely related (sisters).

In the handicap divisions, the winners were A Grade Kerrie Besley (Korumburra) 36 pts, B Grade Pauline Lancaster (Woorayl) 38 pts while Lyn Delaney also from Woorayl was the winner of C Grade with 36 pts.

The nearest the pins were won by Heather Poletti (Meeniyana) on the 11th, with Jenny Cope also from Meeniyana on the 17th.

Down the line balls went to 35 pts Geraldine Sinclair (Foster), 34 pts Inge Giliam (Woorayl), Bec Thomas (Leongatha), Dot Christie (Meeniyana), Meryn Dear (Wonthaggi) and Lyn Leppin (Korumburra), 33 pts Jo McNaughton (Leongatha) and Shelley Snooks (Korumburra), and 32 pts Kim Enbom (Korumburra) and Marion Walker (Wonthaggi).

The South Gippsland Golf match committee would like to extend thanks to the women's captain Janet Thompson for her excellent organisation of the day and to the grounds staff for the wonderful presentation of their course.

Players will have to wait until February 7 before the next South Gippsland Golf Inc event at Foster, the Maree Anderson Opening Day.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: November 14, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Frank Huber 41. R/up: Ian McNish 39.

Ball sweep: Chris Wilkinson 38, Jonathan Wade 38, Colin Banks 37 and Martin Cox 36.

Results: November 14, SR. 34.5. Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.

Winner: John Davies 21.

Ball sweep: Kevin Bayley 21, Bob Cornelis 20 and Norm Burne 19.

Results: November 16, S.R 71. Competition: Stableford.

A Grade: Steve Brann 40.

B Grade: Paul Brusamarello 42.

C Grade: Jayden Burns 44.

Balls Down the Line to 38 pts on C/B: Peter Brewster 43, Ethan Dickson 43, Blake Cornelis 42, Hamish Burns 41, Frank Huber 40, Ben Martin 40, Ross Yann 39, Secondo Tiziani 39, Jim Jordan 39, Ian Baker 39, George MacDougall 39 and Max Ahearne 38.

Eagle: Ben Martin seventh.

NTPs: Bob Cornelis second, Peter Brewster fourth, Kevin Jamieson pro-pin eighth, Glenn Hewlett 13th and John Walsh money hole 17th.

Ladies

THE consistent driving rain certainly cut out field for the November Monthly Medal.

Like drowned rats leaping overboard, a quarter of the field called it a day after nine holes to seek somewhere dry and warm.

This left 13 dedicated girls to compete until the bitter end – it was cold – and the B Grade winner Karen Sheerin broke through for her maiden medal win with a lovely 107(40)67 net.

Catherine Bolding nearly cleaned up the rest of the prizes with 90(19)71 net to win A Grade, Scratch 90 and putting 29.

BDL went to M. Ryan 69, D. Brosnan 71, Wendy Cross 71 and Jan Beaumont 72 NTP.

On second was I. Walsh, fourth B. Sloan, eighth L. Brusamarello, 13th S. Lindsay and 17th W. Cross.

WOORAYL

Ladies

ON WEDNESDAY, the golfers gathered in wet conditions for the final round of the Club Championships.

The day was sponsored by the Rob-jant Family.

The event was Stroke.

Winners on the day were A Grade Elly Berryman 72 net, B Grade Linda Forrester 76 net and C Grade Bev Bridge 78 net. BDL went to Sharyn Rayson 74 net, Joan Smith 80 net and Anne Grist 82 net.

NTP on eighth was Sharyn Rayson, 11th Bev Bridge and 17th Sharyn Rayson.

Elly Berryman had a Birdie Gobbler on fourth, Anne Grist Gobbler on 11th, and Linda Forrester and Sharyn Rayson Gobblers on ninth.

The Club Championships were played over three weeks.

The A Grade winner, Club Champion, Senior Lady, and the Star medallist was won by Elly Berryman 71 net, 76 net and 72 net.

B Grade Champion and Dot Forrester 54 holes winner was Linda Forrester 72 net, 71 net and 76 net.

C Grade Champion was Jenny Riseley 81 net, 79 net and 91 net.



Jenny Riseley, Linda Forrester and Elly Berryman earned champion titles in the Club Championships at the Woorayl Golf Club.



Elly Berryman was the Club and A Grade Champion at the Woorayl Golf Club.



Linda Forrester, Bev Bridge and Elly Berryman were the winners in the final round of the Club Championships at Woorayl Golf Club.



A Grade winner Catherine Bolding with delighted B Grade and November Monthly Medal winner Karen Sheerin at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.



A Grade winner Kerrie Besley, B Grade winner Pauline Lancaster and C Grade winner Lyn Delaney at the South Gippsland Golf Women's Bowl held at the Woorayl Golf Club.

Mirboo North stadium funding still needed

MEMBER for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien continues to campaign for funding to replace Mirboo North's outdated basketball stadium, raising the matter again in Parliament and calling on the Minister for Education to provide the required financial support.

"The current stadium, which is dramatically out-of-date to the point of danger, is on the shared site of the Mirboo North primary and secondary schools and is owned by the Department of Education," Mr O'Brien said.

"I had the pleasure of the Minister for Community Sport coming to visit the stadium earlier in the year and she has expressed that she is happy to look at it for sport funding, but we actually need the Education Department to get involved."

Despite being located on the school grounds, the Mirboo North stadium is widely used by the community for local basketball, badminton, yoga and other activities, with the footy club also using the facility.

"I have been lobbying the Labor Government over the Mirboo North community's desire for a new basketball stadium for years now," Mr O'Brien said, highlighting the fact the facility doesn't meet current competition standards.

As reported in the Sentinel-Times, The Nationals committed \$2.5 million to replace the Mirboo North stadium had the Coalition succeeded in the November 2022 State election.

At that time, Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath recalled teaching at Mirboo North High School, occasionally filling in to run PE classes in the stadium.

"It was antiquated eight years ago," she said then.

The 1979 stadium's vinyl-covered concrete floor and insufficient runoff between the playing area and the walls are among the major issues leading to sustained calls for a rebuild. There is also no space for spectators at court level and a lack of room for gym equipment. Mr O'Brien said it is now up to the Minister for Education to throw his support behind the project and ensure it is funded.

Leongatha Small Bore

20M BENCH Pennant - Section D.
Round eight: Leongatha A 597.020 defeated Horsham B 594.016.

200.008: Christopher Sargant. 199.005: Kenneth Hart. 198.007: Bradley Hall. 197.009: Jack Sargant.

Ladder: Horsham B 24, Leongatha A 24, Camberwell A 20, Mildura A 16, Brunswick 12.

20m Bench Pennant - Section G
Round eight: Leongatha B 583.015 defeated Oakleigh C 576.012.

196.006: Peter Gallus. 194.003: Michael Ryan. 193.006: Robert Spratt.\ 190.000: Lucy Bradbury-Ryan.

Ladder: Frankston C 32, Leongatha B 24, Sale C 16, Oakleigh C 12, Mildura B 12

20m Bench Pennant - Section I.
Round eight: Kyneton 591.014 defeated Leongatha C 570.004.

192.001: Allan Ross.\ 189.002: William Ross. 189.001: Cameron Davidson.\ 188.005: Mathew Eldridge.

Ladder: Benalla B 28, Camberwell B 24, Kyneton 20, Leongatha C 16, Portland 8

The club shoots on Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the Leongatha Recreation Reserve. Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 5664 2358.

South Gippsland Bridge

NOVEMBER 17 at Wonthaggi RSL: Nationwide Event.

First: Greg Nicholson and Jean Barbour with a great 67.86 board average. Second: Alan Johnston and Faye Rowlands 63.10. Third: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 51.79. Fourth: Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles 48.81.

Congratulations to the club's committee and club members who contributed to running a most successful annual congress at Leongatha across the weekend of November 9 and 10 with 136 competitors from all corners of the state attending.

The club thanks the Inverloch Bendigo Bank for its much-appreciated sponsorship.

Nyora community helps Race Club find dense thief

WHAT started as a fun Saturday that was meant to be spent with her granddaughter, turned into an unexpected headache for Trish Dike, Secretary of the Nyora Raceway, and a costly day for the club.

They were heading to the track when Trish's granddaughter noticed the raceway club's Push Ute parked at the Nyora train station.

It should have been locked up at the club and they went to the track to investigate.

"They cut all our padlocks off of our gate. They cut the padlocks off of our containers. They stole all the keys to every piece of machinery that we had, like our generator shed, our commentary boxes, all of our water trucks, tractors, ute, fire ute, toilet block, pump shed," said Trish.

"They took all the keys. They took our equipment. They took a drill, a grinder, a reciprocating saw. They took our bolt cutters. They took all the diesel cans and petrol cans."

Trish went and spoke to those nearby, council workers and people at the cricket club. She put a post on Facebook and soon after found out who the culprit was and where he lived.

A Nyora resident had noticed the Push Ute parked in



The Nyora community helped to track down the thief who stole a highly identifiable vehicle and parked it in his own yard.

her neighbours yard the previous night and saw the same neighbour that morning loading the diesel and petrol cans in the back of the ute, before leaving at about 10.45am – aligning with the time others had seen the ute around town.

The club's ute has their logo on it as well as large sponsorship graphics and a big push bar on the front, so it is easily identifiable.

Another resident mentioned they had seen a black car doing doughnuts around the recreation reserve the day before, which was later seen parked at the same location as the stolen ute.

Trish gave all this information

to the police, who she spoke to again later on Saturday night.

"They said, yep, we've got the culprit, he was arrested. Because he dumped the car in Nyora, jumped in another car and was arrested at Leon-gatha, where they found him on the side of the road in the ditch," recounted Trish.

"In that car was all of our stuff, except for a set of keys." Unfortunately, one of the missing keys belonged to the ute.

"We can't move it; we can't open the doors. We can't unlock it," explained Trish.

"I got a flatbed truck to tow it from the train station back to

the race track, so we could lock it up at least, and have it safe, so we know he won't go back and get it."

Further concern arose when Trish was informed the offender was released on bail.

"He was out on bail with all of our keys," she said.

The theft follows a previous break-in that occurred last year where items of value were also stolen, which the club didn't get back and they suspect it may be the same person.

"He gets arrested. He gets let out. He gets arrested. He gets let out," said Trish, frustrated at the lack of justice.

"We've got no fallback. It's just coming out of our club (money). So, what we made on the weekend, goes on stuff like this. It cost us \$1800 in locks.

"It's just a pain in the butt because they steal all this stuff and then they don't get in trouble for it."

Trish extended her gratitude to the Nyora community.

"Without them and their help, we wouldn't have got as far as we did. They came forward and said they spotted a lot of stuff. In two hours, I had an answer of who it was and where to go."

Lindsay gets cooking ahead of AFL Draft

LEONGATHA and Inverloch footballer, Xavier Lindsay, is expected to go top 20 in the AFL Draft this Wednesday and Thursday, November 20 and 21.

Having shaken off a late-season knee injury, which hurt Gippsland Powers' chances of winning the Under 18 Coates Talent League competition but didn't stop him securing the Morrish Medal, like Dyson Heppell before him, and an all-Australian blazer, Lindsay has been courted by all 14 clubs.

But, speaking to the ABC in the lead-up to the draft, Lindsay revealed one of his biggest concerns as he considers the prospect of being remote from his parents, Kate and Mark's home cooking.

"Mum harps on about it, she tries to get me in the kitchen a little bit," he told the ABC.

"I can cook, it's just more

that I can't be bothered half the time."

Facing the real prospect of being selected by an interstate club, it's a skillset he's going to have to work on.

The rest of his game is very much the finished product having impressed league scouts all year, especially when dominating for Victoria Country in the national titles and while putting up an impressive body of work for the Power.

Lindsay won the Morrish Medal on 21 votes, three ahead of other draft prospects Cooper Hynes (Dandenong Stingrays), Jayden Nguyen (Calder Cannons), Jagga Smith (Oakleigh Chargers), Josh Smilie (Eastern Ranges) and Zak Johnson (Northern Knights).

Together with teammate at Gippsland, Alixzander Tauru, Lindsay is expected to go top 20.



Gippsland Power product and AFL Draft prospect this week, Xavier Lindsay, back at the Leongatha footy club before grand final day, with Power coach Rhett McLennan, brother Hayden who played well in the Reserves' triumph and recent draftee Wil Dawson who made his debut for North Melbourne during the year.

217th Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun delights participants

A STUNNING morning greeted the forty-five participants in the 217th run event at Mirboo North.

The Grand Ridge Rail Trail has to be one of the most beautiful and calming courses around.

I always enjoy this location whenever we venture over the hill to attend, the smell of the eucalypts, the birds chirping and just the overall peace this bush setting brings.

I hope the five first-timers to this parkrun location enjoyed their run/walk here.

Welcome Myles Smith, Mar-

by Katie Hamilton

tyn Bull, Alison Beaumont, Jutta Hau and Romano Studer.

Milestones are a wonderful individual achievement and deserve to be recognised for the effort of continuing to show up to be part of the fabulous parkrun community.

Congratulations to Myles Smith for his 25th parkrun and a massive congratulations to our run director for the day Julia Groves on her one-hundredth volunteer role, eighty-two of which have been at Grand Ridge

Rail Trail.

Without people like Julia this event wouldn't run so please if you'd like to volunteer, add your name to the upcoming roster.

These events only happen with volunteers so share the load and help out when you can.

There were seven personal bests, congratulations to Dominic Pinneri (21:10), Caleb Smith (22:28), Raymond Borg (23:15), Elspeth Kiddell (28:16), Paul Clark (28:17), Hilary Dorling (37:51), and Audrey Valentine (45:15).

These runners have now set the bar and can use these times to continue to push themselves each week.

Lastly, thank you to the ten wonderful volunteers today, Robert Gray, Julia Groves, Jutta Hau, Dave Knowles, Stacey Krausz, Greg Lawrence, Romano Studer, Glenn Wearne, Rongshang Zhang and Katie Hamilton.

Have a wonderful weekend and whether you attend a parkrun locally, or not next Saturday just know it's a great way to start the weekend.

Cricket clubs breaking barriers

GLEN Alvie Cricket Club has been a long-time advocate for social inclusion within the sporting community.

With a club culture centred on respect and representation, the “team without a town” was able to successfully join other clubs in entering a women’s team into the competition this season – an achievement that has been in the pipeline for quite some time.

Ahead of the UN’s 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Glen Alvie Cricket Club president David Hynes said he was proud of how far his club – and the league and grassroots sport as a whole – has come in providing equal opportunity.

“Our women’s team is something we’ve worked really hard to establish. Respect on and off the field is something we actively pursue and it’s never a token gesture – it’s something we value from the committee level down,” he said.

“We welcome anyone who wants to play. There is no sense of hierarchy. There are aspects that can be challenging and we are still learning, but it is an important part of our club.”

One strategy the club employs is combined training across genders and age groups, giving a sense of unity at all levels of the club.

“There’s no segregation. Everyone is welcome and is given the same opportunities. We’re all just out there to play the sport we love and win,” Hynes said.

“We recently ordered new training balls and Gaby (Hynes, Glen Alvie women’s captain/coach) asked where the women’s training balls were. That’s one of the areas where we are still learning. We realised we hadn’t ordered new training balls for the women’s team and made the decision that no one was getting their new training balls until everybody had them. We are focused on those conversations of respect and challenging ourselves to change. We are trying hard to provide a community service that is safe and inclusive for everyone.”

Hynes said the development of the women’s team was made possible through collaboration with the Bass Coast Breakers.

“It’s great to have the support of the Breakers, as well as seeing the mother/daughter combinations and our young female players getting out there. It’s great to watch how they all play the game. They are all fiercely competitive, but they play in the spirit that cricket is supposed to be played in,” Hynes said.

“The women’s team is not an add-on. It’s something we’ve been working towards for a long time and is now an integral part of our club.”

Hynes said the comfortable social environment started with offering ways for parents to be involved, which encouraged families to come along to training nights and game days.

The inclusion of the women’s team has had a positive impact on the young girls who have become part of the cricket community through this family involvement.

“You can’t be what you can’t see, and these young girls are now seeing our women’s team as role models. It’s a positive outcome and a real boost to morale across the club,” he said.

The nine-team women’s competition is played on Sundays.

The draw is available to view on PlayHQ.

Sharks women dominate Town

WOMEN’S CRICKET

THE Phillip Island Women’s cricket team played their round three match against Leongatha at Rhyll on Sunday. The weather was overcast, and rain threatened as Captain Bec lost the toss. Sienna opening the bowling with precision and Winnie with speed.

Grace claimed the first wicket, caught one handed by Rosanna behind the stumps. Bianca, Jess and Bec all bowled maidens, while Kate, Katie and Claudia demonstrated great accuracy and length, narrowly missing the stumps. Highlights included Sienna getting two wickets in a row, one bowled and one caught by Grace, a brilliant three wickets in total. Kate took a catch to give Winnie a well-earned wicket, and Grace clean bowled the opposition, giving her a second wicket. Leongatha finished their innings with 58 runs.

With rain threatening, the Islands opening pair, Sienna and Grace put on a quick 24 runs. Grace top scored for the Island with 18, including three 4s. Rosanna also slogged an impressive three 4s and together with Katie, the Island were 49 at the end of the eighth over.



Claudia bats with class during the match on Sunday

Claudia kept the runs coming, together with Bec sweeping an aggressive boundary. The Island 68 at the change. Bianca and Jess kept the 4s coming, with Bianca hitting the boundary at square leg and Jess two 4s straight down the ground. The Island reaching 94 runs. The final pair of the day, Kate and Winnie, ran quickly between the wickets and Winnie finished the innings with a brilliant boundary. The Island

finished their run chase at 131, remaining undefeated for the season.

Congratulations to top bowlers, Sienna 3/ 7 (3), Grace 2/6 (3) and Winnie 1/5 (3).

Congratulations to top scorers Grace (18), Rosanna (16) and Winnie (13).

The Island women play their next two games at 10 am and 2pm on Sunday, December 1 in a double header against Kilcunda-Bass at Bass.



Melissa Stirton Headlines Hairdressing, Michael Turton The Cape Tavern, and Alison Adams Revive Beauty and Spa with BCH staff.

Bass Coast Health’s Golf Ball Drop a success

THE ANNUAL Golf Ball Drop and Ambrose Golf Day at Wonthaggi Golf Club raised \$31,000 for Bass Coast Health on Sunday despite the wet weather.

With support from Headlines Hairdressing, The Cape Tavern and Revive Beauty and Spa the initial fundraising target of \$25,000 was well exceeded

enabling Bass Coast Health to purchase an advanced camera for the early detection of bladder and prostate tumours in men.

Players could buy a golf ball for \$50 from each of the three sponsoring businesses.

The golf balls were then dropped from a nine-metre high bucket and the first ball to go into the hole

won \$2500.

Eight extra holes contained prizes to the value of around \$250.

Co-sponsor Melissa Stirton of Headlines Hairdressing said it was a highly successful day with wide community support.

Special mention was made of the Wonthaggi Club and Wonthaggi Golf Club.



BCH Golf Ball Drop and Ambrose Golf Day volunteers Wendy and Chrissy



Karen Davis, Sharron Williams and Donna Brosnan enjoying the BCH Ball Drop and Ambrose Golf Day.

Pitch in for a picket for Mirboo North sporting clubs

WHILE having a white picket fence may never have been a dream for some, for the Mirboo sporting community it is, and they are driving a fundraising project to make it happen.

In a joint initiative between the Walter J Tuck Recreation Reserve, Mirboo North Cricket Club and the Mirboo North United Football Club the ‘Pitch in for a Picket’ aims to install a white picket fence around the bottom oval.

It’s been on the agenda for a while, as the previous fence has been in place since 1987 with no work having taken place since then and both the safety elements and aesthetics need an upgrade.

“It’s where the A grade cricketers play and with the soccer growing in Mirboo North, it’s a ground that sees a fair bit of action; and it’s like, let’s give it a bit of a facelift,” said Sarah Prime from the Mirboo North Cricket Club.

“The fence that’s around it, that’s had its day definitely.”

Steve Bickerton, Assistant Curator for the project added that a new fence will help contain the soccer balls and will prevent kids from having to chase balls that end up going towards the road.

The catalyst for the fundraiser came after the storm in February, where the club suffered financially after their wicket covers were ripped off and torn to shreds, the cowing off the mower was ripped apart and there was about \$10,000 worth of equipment damage sustained.

“We did get a grant from the shire, we’re still probably \$10,000 bucks out of pocket from where we needed to be,” Steve said.

Immediately after the storm, the recreation reserve was also used to accommodate emergency services trucks, impacting the cricket season.

“It took the steam out of those last four or five weeks of cricket, and we sort of limped across the line with that season, and then that was the end for us,” said Sarah.

So, the initiative also aims to inject renewed enthusiasm into the club and to continue to provide a safe and welcoming space for players, volunteers, spectators and the wider community.

Support can be provided by purchasing a picket, post, or panel. There are 128 panels available, with a range of options starting from \$50 and going up to \$2000.

Strzelecki Engineering, Merlewood Angus and Australian Seed and Turf are on board and have each purchased a \$2000 package, which provides two fence panels and a centre post, complete with a personalised engraved platinum plaque and many other sponsor benefits.

“All contributions, great and small are welcome, and the more successful the fundraising, the further we’ll get,” said Sarah.

The clubs will also be installing the fence themselves at a value of approximately \$30,000 donated in time and energy.

To purchase a picket, post or panel go to bit.ly/48SG2zq or use the QR code.



Sachin Sirirathnage plays a quick cameo, scoring six runs off five balls, including a boundary, before being bowled by Sam Liddle. Z23_4724



Captain Sam Liddle leads by example, delivering a crucial spell of 3.4 overs, taking two wickets for just 13 runs. Z24_4724

C GRADE DIVISION 1

OMK 8/82 d Kilcunda-Bass 8/80
Kilcunda-Bass 1st INNINGS: C Henderson 8*, B Paliwal 3, R Blackney 30, R Elava 20, K Anand 0, M Gold 0, T Gold 0, L Magnussen 0, S Leman 13
Bowling: R White 1/23, S Anthony Handley 1/5, J Greenwood 0/19, J Myers 2/14, O Fitzpatrick 1/9, M Greenwood 0/7, L Walker 3/3
OMK 1st INNINGS: Brad Hayes 5, J Myers 8*, R White 20, P Harper 1, J Greenwood 1, M Greenwood 0, O Fitzpatrick 35*, M Nicholas 6, C Hart 3, S Anthony Handley 0
Bowling: S Leman 4/13, R Elava 1/37, C Henderson 2/19, K Anand 0/9, L Magnussen 1/4

Korumburra 3/114 d Town 7/111
Town 1st INNINGS: N Hodges 41, R Edward's 9, D Wilson 6, J Cashin 2, T Cashin 9, A Aeschlimann 10, J Aeschlimann 15*, C Smith 11
Bowling: T Sorrell 1/13, D Scott 1/30, S Dole 2/8, H Jefferis 1/16, D Whelan 0/13, T Dole 1/17, M Foote 0/12
Korumburra 1st INNINGS: S Dole 31, J Dunn 23, R Gallagher 0, D Scott 24*, J Townley 17*
Bowling: C Dowling 0/18, D Wilson 0/21, C Smith 1/20, M Hogarth 1/21, J Aeschlimann 0/15, J Cashin 1/13

Club 0/91 d Phillip Island 90
Phillip Island 1st INNINGS – M Cleary 15, B Marshall 1, K Wilkinson-Ioines 4, T Hornsby 36, J Marshall 3, D Ivey 5, R Hughes 1, J Parry 0, T Senanayaka 2, P Cleary 10*, S Sirirathnage 6.
Bowling: A Babu 0/9, C Fraser 2/16, M Sharp 2/19, P Wishart 0/17, J Licis 2/13, S Liddle 2/13.
Club 1st INNINGS – W Speed 49*, J Licis 35*.
Bowling: T Senanayaka 0/19, S Sirirathnage 0/14, J Allan 0/15, T Hornsby 0/19, P Cleary 0/10, B Marshall 0/9

Nerrena - BYE

C GRADE DIVISION 2

Inverloch 0/110 d OMK 7/103
OMK 1st INNINGS: R Wyatt 7, S Matthews 6, M Walker 16, N Furness 1, M Whiteside 6, C McKenzie 31, Private Player 1, T Nicholas 13*, J Battersby 2*
Bowling: C O'Flynn 2/11, C Butler 0/14, S Hayes 3/27, J Mottram Carter 2/21, H Williams 0/17, W Stewart 0/4
Inverloch 1st INNINGS: D Harris 30*, W Stewart 65*
Bowling: T Nicholas 0/15, J Battersby 0/20, A Halliwell 0/30, R Wyatt 0/18, C McKenzie 0/10, M Whiteside 0/3, Private Player 0/11

MDU 3/76 d Koonwarra L/RSL 73
Koonwarra L/RSL 1st INNINGS: A Stanley 0, G Perry 14, J Leeden 7, T Collins 5, K Thorne 16, N Botha 0, R Collins 1, S Anderson 19, T Lund 1*, J Brocklebank 0, C Riseley 0
Bowling: C McCaughan 1/18, C Hooper 2/12, C Webb 1/10, H Cocksedge 2/10, J Allen 0/22, S Riley 1/0, G Cocksedge 3/0
MDU 1st INNINGS: C Hooper 29*, H Cocksedge 7, G Webster 10*, T McGrath 1, J Allen 0, C McCaughan 15*
Bowling: C Riseley 0/6, R Collins 0/23, T Lund 0/18, T Collins 2/17, J Brocklebank 0/11

Glen Alvie d Nyora
Glen Alvie won on forfeit.

Phillip Island - BYE

Cobras claim round one win

C GRADE, DIVISION 1

THE C1 season restarted on Saturday and Korumburra rose to the top early after a win over Leongatha Town.

Playing at the Poowong Recreation Reserve, Town won the toss and chose to bat.

Nigel Hodges made a strong start with 41 runs before he was dismissed LBW by Shane Dole.

Town wasn't able to have much more of an impact on the scoreboard, with Julian Aeschlimann and Callum Smith wrapping up the innings with 15 not out and 11 runs respectively.

Dole was Korumburra's best bowler, taking 2/8.

Wickets also fell to Thomas Sorrell, Darren Scott, Hudson Jefferis and Tyler Dole.

Town had made 7/111 at the end of 35 overs.

Korumburra's opening partnership of Dole and James Dunn made 31 and 23 runs respectively, setting the Cobras on the path to victory.

Scott and Jhai Townley pushed them over the line with 24 not out.

Korumburra claimed the points with a score of 3/114.

Club cruises past Island with perfect 0/91 chase

WONTHAGGI Club breezed by Phillip Island's score of 10/90.

Phillip Island chose to bat first at Wonthaggi's McMahon Reserve.

Michael Cleary opened with 15 runs and the Sharks' top score of the day turned out to be 36 runs from captain Tony Hornsby.

The Club bowlers were in form with Chris Fraser, Matt Sharp, Justin Licis and captain Sam Liddle sharing the rewards and taking two wickets each.

Club went in to bat and the opening partnership of William Speed and Licis was all that was needed.

Speed made 49 runs and Licis made 35 – both not out when the win was decided.

Club enjoyed a victory with a score of 0/91.



Peter Cleary remains unbeaten, contributing a solid 10* off 12 balls with a boundary. Z25_4724

Walker and Fitzpatrick shine as OMK edges out Kilcunda-Bass

A STRING of ducks from Kilcunda-Bass handed the win to OMK.

Kilcunda-Bass won the toss at Digger Park, choosing to bat.

Robert Blackney and Rupesh Elava were the only batsmen to make any real impression on the scoreboard, making 30 and 20 runs respectively.

OMK bowler Luke Walker was then responsible for three of four ducks.

Jordan Myers was also a multiple-wicket taker, claiming 2/14, including a duck.

The effort forced Kilcunda-Bass to try to defend 8/80.

OMK produced similar results as Kilcunda-Bass bowler Stephen Leman helped his team work through the batting order.

Leman took 4/13 and Chris Henderson took 2/19.

OMK's top score went to Owen Fitzpatrick, who retired not out with 35 runs.

Russ White contributed 20 runs to the score.

OMK did enough to pass Kilcunda-Bass' score with a final tally of 8/82 after 18 overs.

Nerrena had the bye.

C GRADE, DIVISION 2

MDU's dominant bowling display

KOONWARRA L/RSL was overpowered by MDU.

Playing at the Dumbalk Recreation Reserve, MDU won the toss and sent Koonwarra L/RSL in to set the target.

Significant contributions were made by Koonwarra L/RSL batters Gabrielle Perry, Kevin Thorne and Steven Anderson, who made 14, 16 and 19 runs respectively.

The rest were quickly dismissed by MDU's bowlers.

MDU's top bowler of the day was Glen Cocksedge, who took 3/0.

Cocksedge dismissed Thorne before he continued his run and took out Jai Brocklebank and Campbell Riseley for ducks to close the innings.

Craig Hooper and Harper Cocksedge were also multiple wicket takers for MDU.

Koonwarra L/RSL felt the pressure with a score of 10/73.

For MDU, opening batsman Craig Hooper retired with 29 not out.

Although this turned out to be the top score of the day, it was all that was needed as Gary Webster and Callum McCaughan won the game with 10 and 15 not out.

Tom Collins claimed the two fallen wickets for the innings.

MDU won with a score of 3/76.

Stingrays storm into new C2 season

INVERLOCH relaunched the C2 season with a decisive win over OMK.

The Stingrays hosted OMK at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve, where the Diggers won the toss and chose to bat first.

OMK made a slow start to the innings.

Mathew Walker made 16 runs before he was bowled by Shaun Hayes and Callum McKenzie later top-scored with 31 runs before he was caught by Callan O'Flynn off the bowling of Jay Mottram Carter.

Hayes was Inverloch's star bowler, taking 3/27.

O'Flynn and Mottram Carter took two wickets each.

OMK were sent out to defend 7/103.

However, passing OMK's score proved to be an easy feat for Inverloch.

The opening partnership of David Harris and captain Warren Stewart stepped up to bat and didn't leave until the job was done.

Harris made 30 runs and Stewart made 65, with both not out when the game was won.

Inverloch's winning tally was 0/110 after 28 overs.

Nyora had to forfeit its game against Glen Alvie.

Phillip Island had the bye.



Sharks' Andrew Leighton managed two runs off eight balls before a stumping by Brad Anderson. Z19_4724

Cobras successfully hold back MDU attack

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

KORUMBURRA faced its challenge head on and ensured MDU was six runs short of its score to come away with a win on Saturday.

The Cobras opened their innings well last week, but after losing a number of batsmen to ducks, they were left with a vulnerable score of 10/126.

With MDU stepping up to bat this week, the Korumburra bowlers were hungry to take out a few wickets.

Jayden Douglas and a fill-in bowler quickly dismissed MDU's first four batsmen.

Robert Henry was in form and looked to save MDU's innings.

He made 56 runs before he was caught by Douglas off the bowling of Owen Maskell.

Riley Prosser and Keiran Brown added 18 and 11 runs respectively, but MDU was unable to catch up.

MDU was bowled out just short of its target with a score 10/120.

Epifano's stunning 133 seals Island's victory

ALTHOUGH it had already beaten OMK's score in the first week, Phillip Island opted to continue its innings to accumulate the highest score possible on Saturday.

The Diggers were bowled out 10/122 and Phillip Island had made 2/130 at stumps last week.

Connor Epifano continued his run to amass a whopping 133 run-haul before he was caught by Brock Furness off the bowling of Kris Kerr.

David Womersley and Timothy Niven contributed 23 and 24 respectively to Phillip Island's score.

For OMK, the top bowler was Kerr, who claimed 3/7.

Wickets were also taken by Russ White, Adam Trotto and Ben Maguire.

Phillip Island claimed its win with a final score of 6/234.

Dobbie leads the charge

NERRENA was unable to catch Wonthaggi Club on



Glenn Boxall delivers a stellar performance, taking four wickets for just 19 runs in 11 overs, including three maidens, with an impressive economy rate of 1.72. Z18_4724

Saturday.

Club batted in the first week and set the target at 10/138.

Charlie Dougherty top-scored for Nerrena with 55 runs before his wicket fell to Bryce Evans.

However, this was the only significant performance from the Red Caps, with Ryan Clark contributing 11 runs and the second-highest run haul.

Heath Dobbie was Club's star bowler, taking 3/22.

Shaun Tessari and Evans claimed two each.

Club managed to bowl out Nerrena at 10/100 and claim the points.

Inverloch had the bye this round.

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

McRae's heroic century seals Town's success

DESPITE a valiant effort from Glen Alvie's bowlers, they could not stop a game-winning 100-run haul from Leongatha Town's Trent McRae.

Glen Alvie was up against it after Town bowler Levi Hickey stormed through its batting order the previous week, leaving the home side with a score of

10/144 to defend.

Glen Alvie looked in good form early as bowlers Lachlan McRae and Daniel Gilbert claimed the wickets of opening batsmen Mark Hardy and Steve Fixter before any real damage could be done to the scoreboard.

Lachlan McRae also dismissed Rory Gilliatte for a duck, but the dismissal of Fixter on 2/15 saw Trent McRae step up to bat.

Trent McRae steered Town back in the right direction, making 100 not out.

It was just what Town needed, though, as a contribution of 17 runs from Hickey was the only other score of significance.

Lachlan McRae, Gilbert and Luke Scholz took two wickets each, with captain Darcy Hale claiming a single.

Town won the game after 38 overs with a score of 8/147.

Nyora cruises to victory

NYORA successfully defended its comfortable score of 7/293 against the Imperials on Saturday.

The Imperials played steady, consistent innings and were unable to touch Nyora's tally.

Dallas McLennan top-scored

for the Imperials late in the innings with 24 runs, with Clint Honeysett contributing 22 runs.

Nyora's top bowlers were Michael Lynch and Lincoln Brock, who claimed 3/30 and 3/29 respectively.

The Imperials gave up the win to Nyora with a final score of 9/111.

Koonwarra L/RSL crushes Kilcunda-Bass

KOONWARRA L/RSL defended its score of 10/186 with ease after bowling out Kilcunda-Bass in the 38th over.

Kilcunda-Bass made a rocky start to the innings with its opening partnership dismissed for ducks.

Vijai Kumar Gopal went on to make 22 not out and Allan Bedford made 18 runs, but there was little more for Kilcunda-Bass to show for the innings.

Glenn Boxall took out most of Kilcunda-Bass' order, taking 4/19.

Three wickets were also claimed by Matthew Boswell.

Leaving Kilcunda-Bass at just 10/82, Koonwarra L/RSL had won the game.

Foster had the bye.

Korumburra City on the Rise

KORUMBURRA City Soccer Club is thriving, both on and off the pitch, as it looks to build on its impressive achievements in 2023 and 2024. The club is poised for greater success next year, with a growing membership, more teams, and an ongoing focus on its core value of respect, which drives everything from coaching to community engagement.

While the club celebrates its on-field achievements, it also prides itself on being a family-friendly, supportive, and inclusive environment, with players of all ages and abilities welcomed.

With strong participation from girls, plans are underway to field an under-15 girls team and City also aims to establish an under-17 mixed side and a senior women's team, providing more opportunities for players to compete.

In 2024, the momentum continued from a successful 2023, with membership surging from 83 to 130, which included doubling the number of Mini Roos, reflecting City's growing popularity.

The newly formed under-13 girls team, coached by Paul Goodwin, had a dream debut, winning both the league and the Grand Final in the inaugural season of its competition. The under-14s mixed team, coached by Tony Gardner, was league champion and Grand Final runner-up. The senior men's team, coached by Zachary Grant, again reached the semi-finals, while Hayden Smith claimed the Senior Men's League Golden Boot for scoring the most goals in the season.

Korumburra City is seeking players for all age groups for the upcoming season, whether experienced or just starting out. For more information or to express your interest in playing or coaching, please contact Gemma Newton at korumburracitysc.secretary@outlook.com

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

Korumburra 126 d MDU 120

MDU 1st INNINGS: T Zulkovskis 1, W Prosser 3, J Bright 0, D Field 7, R Henry 56, M Olden 5, R Prosser 18, D Zuidema 9, Fill-in 0, K Brown 11, L Webb 1*
Bowling: J Douglas 3/24, Fill-in 2/1, S McKinnon 0/32, O Maskell 1/13, N Belvedere 0/15, P Beadel 2/14, T M Allen 2/2

Phillip Island 6/264 d OMK 10/122

Phillip Island 1st INNINGS: C Epifano 133, S Angelo 9, D Womersley 23, T Niven 24, T Asurumuni 15, Z Hughes 0, H Arceo 5*
Bowling: Fill-in 0/48, R White 1/31, A Trotto 1/40, B Maguire 1/15, T McGeachin 0/20, J Hayes 0/19, M Whiteside 0/1, Fill-in 0/14, M Sawyers 0/22, K Kerr 3/7

Club 10/138 d Nerrena 10/100

Nerrena 1st INNINGS: J Kelly 0, B Trotman 1, E Berryman 4, C Dougherty 55, R Clark 11, T Harris 9, D Symmons 0, M Croatto 0, J Checkly 7, W Croatto 2, M Croatto 0*
Bowling: J Williamson 1/19, S Roche 1/14, S Tessari 2/29, L McRae 0/4, H Dobbie 3/22, B Evans 2/9

Inverloch - BYE

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

Koonwarra L/RSL 186 d K-Bass 82

Kilcunda-Bass 1st INNINGS: B Joseph 0, R Gardiner 0, J Hockett 12, J Matser 6, A Bedford 18, A Luckett 2, V Kumar Gopal 22*
R Duff 0, C Bettles 0, E Magnussen 9, J Papworth 4
Bowling: G Boxall 4/19, B Thomas 0/13, L Read 0/7, S Chadwick 1/16, M Boswell 3/14, A Piksons 1/5, B Heppell 1/3

Nyora 7/293 d Imperials 9/111

Imperials 1st INNINGS: K Gray 16, K Maskell 4, A Curnow 14, S Vagg 5, Fill-in 3, C Honeysett 22, A Meyer 0, D McLennan 24, N McLennan 3, J Jeffery 0*
Bowling: R White, 1/15, S Henry 2/27, M Lynch 3/30, L Brock 3/29, D Blackney 0/8

Town 8/147 d Glen Alvie 144

Town - 1st INNINGS: M Hardy 3, S Fixter 9, R Gilliatte 0, T McRae 100*, T Strybosch 7, L Hickey 17, J Lindsay 0, F Livingstone 0, K Gilliatte 0, D Goss 4*
Bowling: D Gilbert 2/51, L McRae 2/21, N Brown 0/7, D Hale 1/21, G Hynes 0/23, L Scholz 2/21

Foster - BYE



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A2: Matthew Grayson (Kilcunda-Bass) 80 ; Ben McRae (Glen Alvie) 5/59

B1: Connor Epifano (Phillip Island) 133 ; Kris Kerr (OMK) 3/7

B2: Trent McRae (Town) 100* ; Glenn Boxall (Koon L/RSL) 4/19

C1: William Speed (Club) 49* ; Stephen Leman (Kilcunda-Bass) 4/13

C2: Warren Stewart (Inverloch) 65* ; Glen Cocksedge (MDU) 3/0

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Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
A GRADE, Division 1			A GRADE, Division 2		
Phillip Island	48	2.248	Inverloch	48	1.975
Nerrena	36	1.416	Foster	36	1.531
Club	36	1.331	Nyora	36	1.239
Town	36	1.076	MDU	24	0.858
Imperials	36	0.962	Kilcunda-Bass	24	0.600
OMK	24	1.309	Glen Alvie	12	0.409
Koonwarra L/RSL	12	0.413			
Korumburra	12	0.388			
B GRADE, Division 1			B GRADE, Division 2		
Phillip Island	36	2.284	Koonwarra L/RSL	48	1.465
Nerrena	36	1.859	Nyora	30	1.437
Club	36	1.338	Town	30	0.870
OMK	30	1.162	Imperials	24	1.009
Inverloch	12	0.352	Glen Alvie	24	0.877
Korumburra	12	0.244	Foster	12	0.684
MDU	6	0.471	Kilcunda-Bass	12	0.591

LADDERS

RD 1

Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
C GRADE, Division 1			C GRADE, Division 2		
Korumburra	12	2.396	No ladder available		
OMK	12	1.025			
Club	12	0.000			
Kilcunda-Bass	0	0.975			
Town	0	0.417			
Nerrena	0	0.000			
Phillip Island	0	0.000			

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NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES
& UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

ROUND 6 (DAY 1) - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23

A GRADE, Division 1

Nerrena v Town	Leongatha Turf	Ashleigh Stride
Club v Phillip Island	Wonthaggi Turf	Glenn Plymin
K'burra v Imperials	Korumburra	Ian Salmon
OMK v Koon L/RSL	Outtrim	Brad Phillips

A Grade, Division 2

Inverloch v Foster	Inverloch Turf	Ken Scrimshaw
MDU v Glen Alvie	Meeniyan	Graham Wightman
Kilcunda-Bass v Nyora	Bass 1	Steve Williamson

B GRADE, Division 1

Club v Korumburra	McMahon	Geoff Parkinson
P-Island v Inverloch	Cowes	Geoff Wyatt
MDU v Outtrim	Dumbalk	Michael Ryan
Nerrena - BYE		

B GRADE, Division 2

Town v Nyora	Scorpion Park 1	TBA
Imperials v K-Bass	East Campus	Tyson Tootell
Foster v Glen Alvie	Foster GC	TBA
Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE		

ROUND 2 - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23

C GRADE, Division 1

Town v Club	Scorpion Park 2	TBA
K-Bass v Korumburra	Bass 2	John Schelling
Nerrena v OMK	Nerrena	TBA
Phillip Island - BYE		

C GRADE, Division 2

OMK v MDU	Digger Park	TBA
Nyora v Inverloch	Poowong	TBA
P-Island v Glen Alvie	Rhyll	TBA
Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE		

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Nerrena's Tim Wightman helped steady the ship with 15 off 50 balls after a flurry of wickets at the top of the order put the Redcaps on the backfoot at Nerrena on Saturday.

Imperials hold on to the win

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

BATTLING it out to the end, the Imperials won in their first innings against OMK.

A low-scoring first day of the two-day match saw OMK bowled out for 65 and the Imperials bowled out for 69.

OMK went back in to bat on Saturday and produced a better performance.

The opening partnership of Clayton Quaife and Xavier Lamers had begun its run before stumps the previous week.

Lamers made 13 runs before he was caught by Jack Ginnane off the bowling of Isaac Bolge, but Quaife went on to make 60 not out.

He managed this feat alongside Ethan Lamers, who stepped up after the dismissal of Xavier Lamers and top-scored with 87 runs.

After 45 overs, OMK declared with a score of 2/181, looking to hunt down a reverse outright win.

However, OMK only managed to dismiss three batsmen before time ran out.

Nick Eddy, Luke Rogers and Aydan Williams made 12, two and eight runs respectively, before their wickets fell to bowlers Xavier Lamers and Peter Dell.

Rowen McLennan top scored with 31 runs and was not out at stumps.

The Imperials finished the day with 3/60, claiming the first innings victory.



Phillip Island bowler Kurt Lane keeps the pressure on Nerrena in A Grade Division 1 at Newhaven as the Sharks maintained control for much of the day.

Club's dominant 376 too much for Cougars

KOONWARRA L/RSL put up a good fight, but it could not match Wonthaggi Club's commanding score of 10/376.

The Cougars were off to a shaky start when opening batsman William Cashin was bowled for a golden duck at the hands of Club captain Joel Brann.

However, the partnership of Mitchell and Kayden Scrimshaw saw the home side get back on track when they made 49 and 62 runs respectively.

Colin McPhee later top-scored with a handy 67 runs.

For Club, Fraser West was the star bowler, taking 3/36.

Mark McCall and Mitch Thomas were multiple wicket takers.

Koonwarra L/RSL was defeated with a score of 10/270.

Town seals the win with Wakishta's unbeaten 53

LEONGATHA Town was too strong for Korumburra.

Town headed into Saturday's innings having already made 1/58, chasing Korumburra's final tally of 10/196.

The partnership of Ron Abeysinghe and Dulaj Lakishitha Mendis Polwaththa Gallage continued its run, which saw them make 46 and 48 runs respectively.

Town's top score came from Buwaneka Wakishta, who made 53 not out.

Andy Millar had Korumburra's best bowling stats, taking 2/19.

Singles were claimed by vice-captain Steve Hamill, captain Tom Crocker and Mitch Young.

In the 54th over, Town was crowned the winner with a score of 5/216.

Island holds firm to defeat Nerrena

NERRENA fell short of its target against Phillip Island.

Phillip Island was tasked with defending 9/252 and proved to be successful thanks to the bowling prowess of Zac Brown, who claimed 4/50.

Jack Curtis opened well for Nerrena, putting 59 runs on the scoreboard.

Captain Thomas Cameron added another 22 runs and Tadgh Gannon kept the Red Caps in contention with 45 runs.

For Phillip Island, Heath Womersley also played a role in keeping the win out of Nerrena's reach by taking 3/31.

Singles were claimed by Max Royal, Jobe Williams and Kurt Lane.

Nerrena finished the day bowled out with a final score of 10/200.



Callum Asbury batting for Inverloch against Glen Alvie. Z22_4724

A GRADE DIVISION 1

Town 5/216 d Korumburra 196	
Town – 1st INNINGS	
Ron Abeysinghe c: A Damon b: A Millar	46
Jesse Giardina c: Z Barrett b: A Millar	24
DLMP Gallage c: A Millar b: S Hamill	48
Rhett Hume c: ? b: M Young	2
B Wakishta not out	53*
B De Saram c: Fill-in b: T Crocker	24
Extras (5w, 1nb, 5lb)	11
Total 5 / 216 (53.5 Overs)	
Bowling: S Hamill 20-5-60-1, Fill-in 11-2-57-0, A Millar 8-3-19-2 (2w, 1nb), T Crocker 4-0-16-1 (2w), J Richards 2-0-14-0, M Young 7-0-29-1 (1w), A Damon 1-0-6-0, J Jorgensen 0.5-0-10-0	

Club 376 d Koonwarra L/RSL 270	
Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS	
William Cashin b: J Brann	0
Mitchell Scrimshaw b: M McCall	49
Kayden Scrimshaw c: G Britt b: M McCall	62
Callum Buckland b: M Thomas	24
Colin McPhee c: J Sheerin b: F West.....	67
Isuru Darshana lbw: M Thomas	11
James Rushton c: J Sheerin b: F West	39
Jason Kennedy not out	5*
Harry Scrimshaw c: J Sheerin b: F West	0
Joshua Thomas retired out	0
Nick Arnup retired out	0
Extras (4w, 2nb, 5lb, 2b)	13
Total 10 / 270 (51.1 Overs)	
Bowling: J Brann 16-0-74-1 (2nb), F West 6.1-0-36-3, J Harvey 6-0-52-0, M McCall 17-0-87-2 (4w), M Thomas 6-1-14-2	

Imperials 69 & 3/60 d OMK 65 & d 2/181	
OMK – 2nd INNINGS	
Clayton Quaife not out	60*
Zavier Lamers c: J Ginnane b: I Bolge	13
Ethan Lamers run out: L Wright, J Ginnane	87
Jake Cochrane not out	3*
Extras (12w, 1lb, 5b)	18
Total 2/181 (45 overs)	
Bowling: L Wright 12-2-42-0, J Ginnane 14-1-70-0 (11w), T Sauvarin 1-0-1-0, I Bolge 6-3-4-1, A Williams 7-0-23-0 (1w), N Eddy 5-0-35-0	
Imperials – 2nd INNINGS	
Nick Eddy c: S Taylor b: Z Lamers	12
Luke Rogers c: C Quaife b: P Dell	2
Aydan Williams c: J Cochrane b: P Dell	8
Rowen McLennan not out	31*
Jack Ginnane not out	4*
Extras (1w, 1lb, 1b)	3
Total 3 / 60 (28 Overs)	
Bowling: Z Lamers 5-1-22-1, P Dell 8-3-11-2, R Williams 2-1-1-0, N Auddino 3-1-9-0, J Cochrane 4-3-5-0, E Lamers 3-2-4-0, K Brann 2-2-0-0, A Busana 1-0-6-0	

Phillip Island 9/252 d Nerrena 200	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
Jack Curtis c: B Johnston b: Z Brown	59
Loc Roberts c: K Beaumont b: M Royal	9
Thomas Cameron c: M Royal b: H Womersley	22
Mitchell Clark c: L Cleeland b: Z Brown	10
Darcy Berryman c: J Black b: J Williams	6
Timothy Wightman c: T Niven b: K Lane	16
Tadgh Gannon c: T Niven b: Z Brown	45
Kade Berryman st: J Black b: Z Brown	13
Jarrold Hoy c: J Black b: H Womersley	11
Archie Gannon b: H Womersley	0
Josh Trease not out	4*
Extras (3w, 1lb, 1b)	5
Total 10 / 200 (67.4 Overs)	
Bowling: M Royal 13-4-35-1, J Williams 9-3-21-1, T Niven 9-1-40-0, H Womersley 11-2-31-3 (3w), Z Brown 13.4-2-50-4, K Lane 12-5-21-1	

Sharks leave MDU shellshocked

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

MDU hit Kilcunda-Bass hard when it made an impressive total of 8/311, but Kilcunda-Bass came back swinging.

The epic performance from the Sharks started with opening batsman Cameron Davidson making 45 runs.

Batting fourth and fifth in the order, it was the combined effort of captain Matthew Grayson and Ash Larcombe that won Kilcunda-Bass the match.

Grayson made 80 runs before he was dismissed by a catch from Andrew Richardson off the bowling of Sembakuttige Chathura Laksan.

Laksan also dismissed Larcombe LBW, but Larcombe had already contributed 77 runs by that point.

Laksan tried to slow Kilcunda-Bass – claiming four of the five wickets taken on the day – but the Sharks were on a mission to take the points.

MDU's only other wicket-taker was Tharindu Nuwan.

Robert Wallace finished it off for Kilcunda-Bass with 38 not out.

Kilcunda-Bass won the game with a score of 5/316.

Foster claws past Nyora

NYORA relinquished a win to Foster on Saturday.

Foster opened its account the previous week after bowling out Nyora 10/134.

The Tigers had launched a strong campaign heading into this week, already making 2/74 and sitting dangerously close to Nyora's tally.

Andrew Pattie ensured the win went to Foster by making the top score of 53 runs.

Josh Toner and Ollie Rook contributed 41 and 40 runs respectively.

Nyora's Aaron Kaddatz pushed to keep his team in it by taking 5/62, but Foster was not to be outdone.



Ben McRae bowling for Glen Alvie against Inverloch. Z21_4724



Jack Butcher batting for Inverloch against Glen Alvie. Z20_4724

Jy Hull was also a multiple-wicket taker for Nyora. Foster won with a score of 10/208.

Stingrays outshine Glen Alvie

GLEN Alvie conceded defeat to Inverloch, unable to defend its total.

Glen Alvie had made 10/132, which turned out to be a gettable score for Inverloch.

The Stingrays launched an attack with the opening partnership of Riley Harris and Callum Asbury mak-

ing 40 and 71 runs respectively.

Glen Alvie's bowlers fought back with captain Ben McRae dismissing three batsmen for ducks and taking five wickets for the day.

Single wicket takers for Glen Alvie included Zack Scholz, Wayne Luke and Archie Luke.

However, Rhys Newman piled on another 29 runs and Ty Debono finished it off with 34 not out.

Inverloch was victorious with a score of 8/301.

What's ahead for the Goannas

By Gippsland Goannas

THE cricket match between Gippsland Goannas Over-60 team and the Yarra Valley Veterans did not go ahead at the weekend, as the YV Club could not bring a team to Gippsland. At the time of writing, I do not have a report on the Goannas Over-50 game against Sunbury, but they scored 4/207 from their 40 overs, and Sunbury were dismissed for 171.

The Goannas had one representative at the Over-60 National Championships which were held in Brisbane last week. Rob Taylor was selected in the Division 3 team, and made 12 not out in a win in the first game.

Unfortunately, he injured his knee and was unable to participate in the other three matches.

Ian Gibson and Ian Southall, in the Vic Blue team in Division 1, and Gordon Cowling, in the Vic Blue team in Division 2, have travelled to Dubbo this week to participate in the National Over-70 Championships.

The first game will be on Thursday, with further games on Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

I will summarise Goannas participation in National Championships after the conclusion of the Over-50 event in early December.

The next game for the Goannas Over-60 team will be on Sunday, November 24 against the South Gippsland Kookaburras at the Nambrok Rec Reserve, while the Over-50s are due to play an away game at East Ringwood on the same day.

The next Over-70 game will be a home game against the Endeavour Hills/Bay-side team on Tuesday, December 3.

A GRADE DIVISION 2

Kilcunda-Bass 5/316 d MDU 8/311	
Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS	
Cameron Davidson	
c: A Richardson b: SC Lakshan	45
Aaron Conron c: SC Lakshan b: T Nuwan	27
Jaydan Tregear c: M McGrath b: SC Lakshan	22
Matthew Grayson	
c: A Richardson b: SC Lakshan	80
Ash Larcombe lbw: SC Lakshan	77
Robert Wallace not out	38*
Todd Smith not out.....	16*
Extras (2w, 1nb, 1lb, 7b).....	11
Total 5 / 316 (73Overs)	
Bowling: M Cantwell 7-0-40-0 (2w), S Browne 11-1-45-0, SC Lakshan 29-6-87-4, T Nuwan 9-0-54-1 (1w), Z Bright 4-0-7-0, M McGrath 11-0-60-0, A Richardson 2-0-15-0	

Foster 208 d Nyora 134	
Foster – 1st INNINGS	
Mitchell Jones b: A Kaddatz	4
Josh Toner b: J Hull	41
Jake Best b: A Kaddatz	2
Ollie Rook b: J Hull	40
Tex Dyson c: H Dolphin b: A Kaddatz	0
Michael Cooke c: B Henderson b: A Kaddatz.....	18
Andrew Pattie c: J Henry b: M Rowe	53
Brad Coates c: B Henderson b: A Kaddatz	7
Mitchell Allott b: J Henry	18
Eddie Smith st: B Henderson b: H Dolphin.....	6
Max Johnston not out	3*
Extras (5w, 2nb, 1lb, 8b)	16
Total 10 / 208 (70.5 Overs)	
Bowling: A Kaddatz 23-6-62-5, A Simmons 10-1-39-0 (2w), J Hull 14-6-37-2 (1w, 2nb), J Henry 10-1-22-1 (1w), B Hayes 4-0-12-0, H Dolphin 7-2-6-1, M Rowe 2.5-0-21-1 (1w)	

Inverloch 8/201 d Glen Alvie 132	
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
Riley Harris c: M Dakin b: Z Scholz	40
Callum Asbury c: M Donohue b: W Luke.....	71
Jake Dennerley c: A Hamilton b: B McRae	0
Jack Butcher st: A Hamilton b: B McRae	10
Jacob Strickland st: A Hamilton b: B McRae.....	0
Rhys Newman c: M Donohue b: B McRae	29
Jesse Dugard c: A Luke b: B McRae	0
Ty Debono not out	34*
Harry Butcher b: A Luke	5
Cooper Newman not out.....	2*
Extras (3w, 4nb, 3b)	10
Total 8 / 201 (61 Overs)	
Bowling: M Dakin 14-0-59-0, R Sinclair 5-0-21-0 (3w), Z Scholz 6-0-21-1 (2nb), B McRae 23-6-59-5, W Luke 8-1-32-1 (1nb), A Luke 5-1-6-1 (1w, 1nb)	



No friend of the Phillip Island Cricket Club, 'Sammy the Seagull' annoys locals and visitors alike when he flies in for a closer look at play from his favourite vantage point at cover.



Howzat? LDCA umpire Ozzie Williams, still capable of a good-length delivery, gives Sammy the Seagull his marching orders at Newhaven on Saturday.

Pesky cricket fan has players in a flap

NEVER mind the late swing, reverse swing, leg breaks, off breaks or Yorkers you might get when you turn up at Newhaven on Phillip Island to play cricket.

And it's not the glare off the windscreens, the shadow on the pitch, the backdrop of nearby houses or cars raising dust as they inch their way towards the carpark that's going to distract your focus.

No there's a much more difficult problem to deal with than an opposition bowler hitting a good length or a batsman getting on top of the attack.

It's a pesky local with a penchant for the noble game who's raising the ire of batsmen, bowlers and umpires alike.

But as one bemused onlooker

pointed out on Saturday, while Nerrena was struggling to match Phillip Island's 252 total of the week before in A Grade Division 1: "This is his home. He lives here all week. The cricketers only turn up on Saturday."

And don't imagine it's some sort of fiendish plan by the locals to gain an advantage.

'Sammy the Seagull' doesn't play favourites.

If anything, he was even more annoying the week before, often taking up a position in the middle of the pitch while Phillip Island was batting or flying in at the last moment to get a better look.

"We were shooing him away all afternoon last week," said one Phillip Island team member, put on the defensive by accusations of bias.

"No way. He's not a Phillip Island supporter."

And when it came time for Nerrena to bat last Saturday, 'Sammy' was back again, flying into his favourite position at cover, then moving in with the bowler's arm.

Driven off by umpire Ozzie Williams, at the request of Nerrena batsmen Darcy Berryman or Tim Wightman, when they were setting up to face the next delivery, Sammy would retreat to long off momentarily only to take flight and land at mid-wicket, before waddling in closer to the batsman.

There's little doubt he was taking an interest in the play.

When the bowler was walking back to his mark, he'd daydream

for a while, gaze skywards, or swivel the unfused vertebrae in his neck round to see whether afternoon tea was ready back in the pavilion before turning back to catch the outcome of the next delivery.

And he wasn't at all put off by the shooing or threats from the batsmen or fielders, and when Ozzie Williams tossed the cap he was holding for the bowler in his direction, Sammy treated it as some sort of game.

"This is fun," he seemed to say as he flew easily into the space out at deep extra cover.

And who won the day?

Phillip Island's Zac Brown turned the game the Sharks' way when he came on to bowl, taking wickets in consecutive overs

to reduce Nerrena from a promising position of 2/96 to 4/101, the breakthrough coming with a sharp catch, diving forward, by Brodie Johnston at mid-wicket to dismiss Jack Curtis who was playing at almost a run-a-ball for his 59.

Brown's off-spin produced the wicket of Mitch Clark, out for 10 in the next over and he went on to take a match-winning 4/50 off 13.4 overs, well supported in the field.

'Sammy' played no obvious part in the key wickets of Curtis and Clark. Their dismissals appeared to be the result of poor shots but others might have suffered from the constant breaks in concentration as play was halted to move the persistent local on.



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