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## 7-point plan for Inverloch's summer

Erecting the flags ahead of the first volunteer patrol at Inverloch Surf Beach on Saturday were surf lifesaving club members Sam Dimopoulos and Lucy Tate in a sure sign that summer is here. But a coalition of local community groups fears problems are looming without immediate action at Inverloch.

# CRIME INVITE

POLICE arrested six people and recovered more than \$30,000 worth of stolen property over the past fortnight as part of an ongoing crackdown on crime across Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

The arrests follow a spate of break-ins and thefts from homes, businesses and cars in the local area in recent weeks.

But information gathered by police reveals that in 90 per cent of the cases the properties were left unlocked.

“We have seen far too many break-ins occur due to unlocked homes and vehicles. Securing your property is crucial and we urge everyone to make this a priority particularly as we head

into the busy summer months,” said Inspector Catherine Middleton, Bass Coast Local Area Commander.

“The emotional and financial toll for victims of a home burglary or car theft cannot be understated,” she said.

“This is why police will continue to be relentless in targeting criminal behaviour in our community and ensure those responsible are brought before the courts.”

Detectives from Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit, with support from South Gippsland uniform and Bass Coast Highway Patrol, executed several search warrants last week following an extensive investigation.

- On Tuesday, November 12,

police arrested a 15-year-old boy from South Gippsland, after he allegedly crashed a vehicle that was stolen during a home invasion earlier that day. He was charged with home invasion, three counts of burglary, two counts of aggravated burglary, three counts of theft of motor vehicle, reckless conduct, and exposing an emergency service worker to risk while driving. He was remanded to appear at a Children’s Court at a later date.

- On Wednesday, November 13, police executed multiple search warrants in the South Gippsland and Bass Coast region resulting in the arrest of five people including:
- A 14-year-old boy from South

Gippsland, following two alleged commercial burglaries and a home invasion. He was charged with home invasion, two counts of burglary, two counts of theft, four counts of theft of motor vehicles, and obtaining property by deception. He was remanded to appear at a Children’s Court at a later date.

- A 28-year-old South Gippsland man following alleged burglaries at a tobacco store in Foster and a school in Korumburra. He was charged with seven counts of burglary, theft of motor vehicle, and possess drug of dependence. He was bailed to appear at Korumburra Magistrates’ Court on April 17, 2025.

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# 7-point plan for Inverloch's summer

THERE may be differing views on how best to tackle the erosion problems at the Inverloch Surf Beach and the threat it poses to infrastructure, including the surf lifesaving club, roads and houses.

But ahead of a busy summer, common ground has been reached on safety.

Community groups, including the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club, the Inverloch Tourism Association and the South Gippsland Conservation Society, all members of an inter-agency working group which includes representatives of DEECA (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action) and the Bass Coast Shire Council, have put their names to a plan to improve beach safety.

"The extensive coastal erosion now affecting Inverloch Beach is receiving constant media attention," they say.

"We are aware that a \$3.2M funds package has been assigned by the Federal Government for DEECA to implement a Dune Renourishment program starting around Spring 2025.

"The immediate and concerning issue is safe beach access and use this summer starting in a few weeks. An Inter-Agency Working Group is already set up to take responsibility for beach management but the pressing matter of beach safety/operation this summer must be addressed.

"A community group comprising Inverloch Tourism Association (ITA), Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club and South Gippsland Conservation Society has developed an Outline Plan for safe beach operation throughout this summer and wish to see this implemented in time for the upcoming holidays."

"We appreciate that the Council alone is trying its best in reacting to sand erosion events such as last (previous) Sunday night. We as a community group are offering to help quickly implement a broad-scale plan that addresses our prime concern of public safety/safe beach," according to ITA President Glen Morris.



Members of an Inverloch beach erosion coalition, including Ed Thexton president of the South Gippsland Conservation Society, Glen Morris president of the Inverloch Tourism Association and Steve Duncan treasurer of the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club have backed a plan to make access to the beach safer this summer.

"And if ever this needed demonstrating then one only has to inspect the beach access point at the end of Wave Street. This access point is washed away leaving a five-metre drop from the access path to the beach below – a major hazard and risk to public safety related to sand dune collapse."

Mr Morris has since advised that work has been done to make several of the main access points safe however, he has stressed, that while access tracks on the town side of Ozone Street can be made safe, access points between Ozone and the surf club need to be closed and fenced off.

The community group proposal for safe use of Inverloch beach this summer involves a seven-point plan;

1. Close off all beach access tracks between Ozone Street and the surf lifesaving clubhouse by installing temporary barrier fencing across, five metres either side of the entrance pathway. (The existing small warning signs are not a sufficient barrier to public use of the tracks). In addition,

consider the installation of continuous barrier fencing along the base of the dune to prevent members of the public from attempting to climb the dunes.

2. Commence enhanced dune management work in these closed-off areas.

3. Establish a Community Bus system for beach users to be transported from vantage points in town and near the beach to/from the surf lifesaving club.

4. Install effective terminal protection works for the surf lifesaving club area by establishing suitable/effective protection works 20-25 metres on each side of the existing sandbag barrier which prevents further dune loss.

5. Re-establish effective protected beach access at the surf club for members of the public and for lifesavers and their equipment.

6. Implement a comprehensive ongoing communications plan to ensure visitors to the beach are aware of how to access the beach during the summer and respect these

guidelines.

7. Incorporate activities that encourage the community to embrace the restrictions on places of access.

The group has suggested that community groups and volunteers from the general community be invited to help install the temporary fencing and to act as 'Beach Ambassadors' over the summer. Community buses could be hired now from private contractors.

They believe the increased interaction with visitors and locals alike could have a beneficial effect.

What next?

Mr Morris said: "We are keen to work with Council and DEECA on this outline proposal before putting together a joint plan for the summer in time for the tourist season. We have opened up dialogue with Council and DEECA on our initiative and are encouraged by Council's willingness to meet and discuss our concerns and the plan. Hopefully, we can work constructively with them in the next few weeks."

## Open invite to crime, say police

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• A 22-year-old Korumburra woman was arrested in relation to a warrant for a number of alleged car thefts. She was charged with three counts of motor vehicle theft, possess drug of dependence, and drive whilst disqualified. She was bailed to appear at Korumburra Magistrates' Court on February 6, 2025.

• A 36-year-old woman and 47-year-old man from Nyora were arrested in relation to an outstanding warrant. They were both bailed to appear at Dandenong Magistrates' Court on February 21, 2025.

Police also recovered approximately \$30,000 of stolen items during the search warrants including: ten computers stolen from a school valued at \$15,000, three iPads valued at \$3000, cigarettes valued at \$6000, a defibrillator valued at \$2000, a guitar valued at \$2000, golf equipment valued at \$5000; and cannabis, stolen credit cards and number plates.

Anyone with any CCTV footage or information about criminal activity is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at [crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://crimestoppersvic.com.au)

## Traffic jam after police car rammed

POLICE have laid charges after an incident on Phillip Island, at about 12 noon last Friday, November 22 where a police car was extensively damaged after allegedly being crashed into on Phillip Island Road.

A police highway patrol unit was working in the Newhaven area when they detected an allegedly stolen vehicle speeding in an 80km/h zone.

The officers intercepted the vehicle in the carpark at Forrest Caves where the driver allegedly provided a false name before driving off, performing a U-turn and driving toward the police vehicle.

The police officers were forced to take evasive action, their patrol car was struck and extensively damaged. Police members were not injured. But there were significant delays, of up to an hour, on Phillip Island Road, with cars, trucks and buses backed up for kilometres in both directions, while the scene was cleared.

The offending vehicle, a white Landcruiser tray ute, towing a trailer with a four-wheel motorbike on board, ended up in a grass drain on the side of the road and the driver was arrested.

It has been reported that the vehicle may have been stolen from a Phillip Island farming property, where the offender has smashed through a shed to get away with the ute. He has allegedly driven to Bass, where he stole fuel before returning to Phillip Island before being detected by police.

The 27-year-old man, of no fixed address, has been charged with putting police at aggravated and intentional risk of injury by driving and other driving offences. He has been remanded to appear in Latrobe Magistrates' Court on February 21, 2025.

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TUE | Nov 26

Partly cloudy.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

14° 24°



WED | Nov 27

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Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: NW 15-20km/h

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THUR | Nov 28

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Wind AM: NW-SW 15-25km/h  
Wind PM: SE-SW 15-20km/h

15° 22°



FRI | Nov 29

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

15° 24°



SAT | Nov 30

Shower or two.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h

16° 22°



SUN | Dec 1

Possible shower.  
Wind AM: W-SW 15-20km/h  
Wind PM: W-SW 15-20km/h

14° 21°

IN BRIEF

Illegal dumping

WHETHER it be laziness or cost of waste disposal tying into cost-of-living pressure, it was found last week that Newhaven was a hidden dumping ground, with couches, concrete and a BBQ being illegally dumped behind the bushes near the Gippsland Veterinary Group Newhaven Clinic. The Bass Coast Shire provides numerous facilities for waste disposal, including the Cowes Recycling Bank, Grantville Transfer Station and Landfill, Inverloch Transfer Station, and Wonthaggi Transfer Station. Fees apply to dispose of all waste streams unless noted as free on the Bass Coast Shire website. So, instead of dumping goods on the streets, visit basscoast.vic.gov.au to find out what your nearest waste facility can accept.

Dennis Ryan elected President of VTA

THE Victorian Transport Association Executive Council elected Vice President and Ryan's of Leongatha founder Dennis Ryan to the role of President at their Annual General Meeting last Wednesday.

Mr Ryan has worked in the transport industry for over 50 years, with the third-generation family-owned and operated Ryan's of Leongatha well-known and regarded in the broader Victorian and national freight and logistics industry.

Comment invited on Parr Street development

A SUBDIVISION of up to 171 lots, carried out in stages, is part of the Planning Permit application for land at 108 and 110 Parr Street, Leongatha, currently agricultural land and the site of the former Lucinda Estate winery, with community members invited to comment on the proposal by December 13. Removal of native vegetation, creation of some easements, and removal of others are also proposed.

In addition to the Planning

Permit application, there is a Planning Scheme Amendment proposed to rezone the land from Farming Zone to General Residential Zone Schedule 1.

That proposed Planning Scheme Amendment also includes removing both the Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 2 (Special Water Supply Catchment Areas) and Erosion Management Overlay Schedule 1 from the land.

It would also amend the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay on the land to accurately reflect the most up-to-date flood modelling on the site.

Visit yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au for further information on the proposal and to make a submission.

Heading away, closure of Great Alpine Road

THE Great Alpine Road is currently closed in both directions between Harrietville and Hotham Heights due to significant road damage caused by a collapsed former mine that runs under the road. Old Coach Road is closed to the general public to ensure the safe passage of emergency agency personnel. Members of the public are encouraged to stay up to date and plan alternative routes using traffic.transport.vic.gov.au.

Vandals strike Korumburra art

NOT even works of art are off limits for vandals, with Korumburra murals impacted by graffiti. The destructive efforts have been directed at Melanie Caple's mural outside the town's subway, and the 'girls own space' works within the underpass. Sentinel-Times will feature a more detailed report in next week's edition.

Persistence pays off for Beach 1 access ramp

PARKS Victoria works on the access ramp to Venus Bay's Beach 1, which were recently completed, have been welcomed by resident Keith

Tindall who has campaigned vigorously for improvements.

"They've spent time levelling the whole ramp and they've put in hand railing, so Parks Victoria have done the best job they could," he said, noting the ramp is "much more accessible now to everyone including life savers".

While originally hoping the ramp surface could be concreted, Keith said he has read that is not practical and is content with what has been done.

"It's a proper ramp and it doesn't have all the undulations that the old ramp had," he stressed.

During his campaign for improvements, Keith outlined his concern about the ramp, describing it as extremely daunting for the aged, pregnant women and people with disabilities.

The Parks Victoria team resurfaced the ramp with rock composite to make it more stable and the ramp now has a better curve allowing for drainage.

The existing fence line was repaired on either side of the path, with a top railing that while not officially classified as a handrail can be used as a stabiliser for those walking on the track.

Gippsland winery and young achiever wins top awards

HARMAN Wines has taken home gold in the Victorian Tourism Awards, in the Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries category held on Thursday night at the 2024 Victorian Tourism Awards Gala Ceremony.

"We are so thrilled and beyond proud of our business and what we have created over the years," Nicole Harman said.

"We look forward to celebrating this win with our children Jenna and James and our amazing staff who we love dearly, and thank our customers and those who have supported us in helping make Harman Wines the popular must-visit tourism destination it is today," David Harman added.

Phillip Island and Bass Coast Visitor Information Centre

Network landed bronze in the Visitor Information Services category, whilst Young Tourism Network Committee volunteer and Bass Coast resident Lucy Dewhurst won the Associate Professor Dr Joanne Pyke Young Achiever's Award.

Missing woman at Foster

POLICE are seeking community help with a missing 60-year-old woman, last seen catching a VLine bus to Melbourne from Main Street, Foster on November 17 around 11.10am. They say Mary was last seen wearing a black and white dress with a black jumper.

Police and family are concerned for Mary's welfare due to a medical condition. They believe Mary may be in the Ballarat and Melbourne areas.

Anyone with information on Mary's whereabouts is urged to contact Ballarat Police Station on 5336 6000.

Wonthaggi driver blows 0.169

POLICE have impounded a vehicle and charged the driver with exceeding the alcohol limit by more than three times in Wonthaggi last Saturday night.

Officers from the Wonthaggi Police Station were out patrolling when at 7.37pm they intercepted a car in Billson Street driven by a 41-year-old male from Kilcunda.

It is alleged that the driver returned a preliminary breath test that was positive for alcohol and that the driver returned a breath test at the police station which was 0.169.

Reporting on Bass Coast Eyewatch, police said that while 0.169 is already way above the limit, the particular driver in question should have been 0.000 as a condition of his licence. The vehicle was impounded for 30 days at a further cost of \$1290.

The driver's licence of the male was immediately suspended and he will be required to appear at the Korumburra Magistrates' Court at a later date.

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# Council supports call for ‘urgent’ report

THE environmental and financial cost of not protecting Inverloch from coastal erosion “is far greater than the cost of protecting it” and that cost extends to the mental health of residents in the firing line.

That’s the view of new Bass Coast Shire Councillor Meg Edwards who took the opportunity of her first council meeting last Wednesday to raise a matter of Urgent Business relating to the “immediate protection of key assets at Inverloch in response to coastal erosion”.

Cr Edwards moved the following motion, seconded by Cr Ron Bauer:

That officers prepare a report to be presented to the December 2024 Council meeting addressing the following matters:

- Options other than sand renourishment for medium-term solutions (three-four years) including type of mitigation (i.e. extending the length of the geotextile sand-bags), time to implement and indicative costings;
- Ensure safe access to the beach is maintained;
- Ensure safety measures are put in place whilst works are undertaken to ensure the safety of those enjoying the Inverloch Surf Beach.

Cr Edwards spoke to her motion:

“During the campaign period recently, I committed to our community that if elected I would advocate for protecting Inverloch and our broader region. I will not fail our community. Over the last week, there has been significant further erosion to the



**New Bass Coast Councillor Meg Edwards moved an urgent motion at her first council meeting last Wednesday, calling for a report to the December meeting about the options, other than sand renourishment, for addressing Inverloch’s erosion problems.**

Inverloch foreshore, negating all the sand replenishment works that were carried out in September 2024.”

Cr Edwards expressed concern that public tracks to the beach had been washed away, that access for surf club patrollers and their equipment had to be maintained and the beachgoers kept safe while longer-term plans were being implemented.

“Why is this important? Because everybody is impacted. The environmental and financial cost of not protecting Inverloch is far greater than the cost of protecting it.

Every person in Inverloch, and more broadly, all of Bass Coast, will be adversely impacted if no action is taken to protect it.

“It is not just the surf club or the houses in the nearby vicinity, if water breaks through, it goes to the lowest point, and that would extend far beyond the area close to the beach.

“People work hard for their homes, have built where permits have been granted by council, and therefore Council has an obligation to do whatever possible to protect both public and private assets.”

Cr Edwards claimed the threat to property was already having a severe impact on mental health.

“The sewerage system will be compromised and with the RACV cut off from Inverloch and less tourists in general, every business in Inverloch, many of which are still trying to recover from the lockdown years and now hit with cost-of-living and reduced spending, will be further impacted in trade.”

Several councillors made comment and asked questions but ultimately voted to support Cr Edwards’ motion.

Cr Ron Bauer asked if officers would have time to produce a meaningful report by next month’s council meeting and he received a favourable response from the shire’s General Manager Community and Culture Jodi Kennedy who said council officers were members of several of the stakeholder committees and were already in possession of much of the information needed.

Cr Tim O’Brien noted that similar feelings of anguish and fear were being experienced by affected residents at Silverleaves on Phillip Island.

Cr Brett Tessari wanted it clarified that the motion didn’t commit council to funding any additional programs or would stop any of the works presently underway.

“These works won’t stop. We’ll be able to pull together some of the research work that’s already been done. There is a lot of information that we can bring to that report,” Ms Kennedy said.

## Picture of unity at Bass Coast Shire mayoral vote

THE new Bass Coast Shire Council has presented a perfectly united face to the community at its first meeting last Wednesday, with a single nomination for both its new mayor and deputy mayor.

Elected unopposed for her first term as mayor is Cr Rochelle Halstead, who was passed over at the last moment by the previous regime when they elected former councillor Clare Le Serve as the final mayor of their reign.

Former mayor Cr Brett Tessari, expected to be a candidate for the top job has instead been elected deputy mayor already showing commendable support for Cr Halstead in her first meeting in the chair.

Here’s what Cr Halstead had to say on receiving the unanimous support of the new council:

“Twenty years ago, I had to walk away from a role that I loved, and so today feels like full circle for me, but this time, I come from a different perspective, with so much more life experience and professional development behind me,” said Cr Halstead.

“I’m grateful to councillors in this room today who have



**New Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead and Deputy Mayor Cr Brett Tessari were elected unopposed for a one-year term last week.**

had limited opportunity to build a strong working relationship with me, but have, through their support today, shown great trust in my ability to represent them and the Bass Coast Shire.

“Our community have chosen well with this group. We will all bring a professional approach to the challenges Bass Coast faces and a

willingness to tackle those challenges together.

“So, I thank you councillors. One does not get to such a privileged position without the support of so many. Thank you to my community, who not only gave me the opportunity to represent them but encouraged me to seek the position of mayor. You know who you are, and here

we are. We’re here.

“Thank you to my family and my amazingly supportive husband, Tony, who recognised my love for community and has been my biggest cheerleader. Thank you to the executive leadership team and to the broader Bass Coast Council staff, who do an amazing job under significant scrutiny, and are always willing to offer assistance when needed, for councillors and in the role of mayor.

“From what I’ve witnessed, I look forward to working with this wonderfully united team of councillors, and it certainly has been united over the last week or so that we’ve been together, and I’m really looking forward to working with you.

“So, thank you for your trust in me and I will do my very, very best not to let you down. Thank you.”

There had been some concern that a contest for mayor might have fostered the sort of split that was evident in the last council but this new group certainly appears to be working as a team with six of them turning out last Sunday at a Western Port Woodlands family day at Grantville.

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## Mayor's Message



Cr Rochelle Halstead



I AM deeply honored to have been elected Mayor of Bass Coast Shire Council at our first meeting of this new Council term. I sincerely thank my fellow Councillors for their vote of confidence, trust and support. The role of Mayor is not about one person, it is about the strength of a united team, working together to achieve the best outcomes for our community and the Bass Coast.

The value of local councils is significant in terms of the assets we manage, the services we provide, and the role we play in the community. When communities vote, they entrust the council with significant powers to make the best decisions for the issues facing us today and the opportunities of the future. While we come to the role of councillor focused on our ward communities, now as Council we will focus our attention on what is the best outcome for Bass Coast Shire.

An important part of our early work is the training and briefings from the organisation; the diverse issues, governance standards, our individual and collective roles and responsibilities and understanding the current financial position and project commitments. We've been impressed by the quality of information and briefings officers have provided to date. These briefings will continue into the early new year and provide us with a shared understanding of our work ahead.

As a Council we are committed to listening to, and delivering on the needs of all residents, local business and our visitors. While we each bring different perspectives to the conversation, we share a commitment. To make Bass Coast an even better place.

There are challenges ahead of us – our operating fiscal environment, coastal erosion at Inverloch and Silverleaves, our priorities for community assets and infrastructure. These are complex issues, requiring collaboration with Government departments and other partners. As Mayor, I can assure you that Council's commitment will be on working towards solutions and securing results on the ground for our community.

I promise to bring enthusiasm, commitment and a drive to deliver results. Your voice matters to me, and I'm here to ensure that all corners of our community are represented. I will advocate to secure the facilities and opportunities we need for the future. The goal for this Council is to leave our community in an even better place for the generations to come.

This weekly Mayor's Message will be a place for me to share our priorities, plans and actions as well as celebrate successes and community achievements. Council's website, the Engage Bass Coast website, Facebook, and our community newsletter Coastell are all important sources of information and where you will find out about opportunities for you to get involved in shaping your community.

In my first days as Mayor, I was thrilled to hear that a recent submission to the Victorian Women's Public Art Program has been shortlisted by the State Government. This Art Program will celebrate the contributions of women across Victoria, and our submission highlights the inspiring achievements of the Wonthaggi Miners Women's Auxiliary. This courageous group of women played a vital role in supporting their community and advocating for essential services during challenging times. I encourage everyone to cast their vote and help bring this important story to life, six projects will be chosen out of 13 finalists. Voting is open now and closes on December 8, 2024. You can vote at: [engage.vic.gov.au/womens-public-art-program](https://engage.vic.gov.au/womens-public-art-program).

The festive season is also bringing joy to Bass Coast, with decorations arriving in our towns. I strongly encourage everyone to support local as you shop, these businesses help keep our community vibrant and strong.

As we embark on this new term, I look forward to working with our Councillors, Council Officers and most importantly, you, the community. Together, as one team, we can achieve extraordinary things for Bass Coast.

# Question: Is Berninneit fit for purpose?

AHEAD of its first birthday celebrations recently, Berninneit in Cowes, took out one of the main gongs at the 2024 National Architecture Awards, held at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The judges spoke about precise implementation and uplifting natural light in a building which "speaks to the regional geology and coastal topography".

Officially, the building is beautiful. Most agree.

But is it fit for purpose? Apparently not, if the questions put to last week's Bass Coast Shire Council are anything to go by.

Diane McAskill wanted to know why local not-for profit-groups, including arts and sporting clubs, are not using Berninneit, the latest example being the Phillip Island Football Netball Club's annual debutant ball on Saturday night, not held at Berninneit, but off the island at the Stan Watt Recreation Centre in San Remo.

"With recent media concerns as to local NFP (not for profit) and community groups not using Berninneit for events due to costs and licences, are councillors aware that in addition to this, Bass Coast Shire Council seek a proportion percentage of merchandise sold from these NFP organisations at their event?"

The response from the shire's administration addressed the issue of fees, indicating these may be reviewed by the new council.

"The fees and charges are consistent with industry practice and are set annually. All hirers are made aware of the terms and conditions at the time of booking. The new Council will consider fees and charges as part of the development of the 2025/26 Budget."

The National Architecture Awards judges went beyond the design and implementation of the project to comment on its success in "accommodating community needs" but local community groups appear to be voting otherwise.

The judges do, however, offer a suggestion of sorts.

"The main plaza can be a gathering place for larger public events, while quieter landscaped edges make for a more intermittent experience."

The dictionary defines "plaza" as "a public square, marketplace, or similar open space... lively in the evenings when the pavement cafes are full."



The annual Phillip Island Football Netball Club deb ball was held at the San Remo Recreation Centre. Among those enjoying the night were Ruby Anderson, Claire Murphy and Kiani Ware.

### What about Passivhaus?

Discussions about the success or otherwise of Berninneit have been, and continue to be dogged by its failure to achieve Passivhaus accreditation, reportedly costing the council an additional \$2 million-plus in construction costs.

Philip Davy posed a question to the new council at its first meeting last week asking if the shire could expect a refund from the builders and architects if it was unable to achieve Passivhaus standards.

Question: "Was the Cowes Cultural Centre construction contract subject to a penalty payment clause if the centre was not to gain Passivhaus certification, if not, why not? Council paid an exorbitant amount for the construction of the Cowes Cultural Centre including for it to be classified as a Passivhaus establishment. It is over 12 months since it was opened but is still without Passivhaus Certification. What is the proposed date to achieve Passivhaus Certification?"

Response: "Council entered into a design and construction contract with McCorkell for Berninneit. This contract included the requirement for the building to be Passivhaus certified. As with all construction contracts, a defect liability period applies. Council is actively working with the builder to address outstanding defects and ensure compliance, including Passivhaus certification."

There were two other questions of a similar vein.

• Ross Bencraft: "Berninneit has just celebrated the first anniversary of its opening, but still has not achieved Passivhaus certification as it was supposed to upon completion. What costs did the inclusion of specialised planning and construction

necessary for the building to achieve Passivhaus, add to overall cost of the building? What does BCSC consider to be the acceptable and finite deadline for Berninneit to achieve Passivhaus certification, and will the builders be expected to refund all extra costs associated with specialised Passivhaus planning and construction should that deadline fail to be met?"

• Amanda Noske: "Can council please provide all of the exact dates since the opening of Berninneit, that the responsible builders or its representatives have physically visited the building to rectify the causes of the building failing to achieve Passivhaus certification? Can council please provide specific details of any and all physical work/alterations made to Berninneit since its opening, in order to rectify the causes of its failure to achieve Passivhaus certification."

But instead of addressing the points made in each of the three questions, including the specific query from Ross Bencraft about the additional cost to pursue Passivhaus, the shire's administration rolled out the same response to all three questions.

Avid council watcher Graham Jolly says it's not good enough from the new council.

"It's disrespectful. Those community members have gone to the trouble of getting their questions in according to the council's requirements. The least the council can do is answer their questions," Mr Jolly said.

"It's simply not good enough to be putting out a pro-forma answer to questions seeking information that should be out in the public domain."

Another resident queried why some council meetings weren't held at Berninneit.

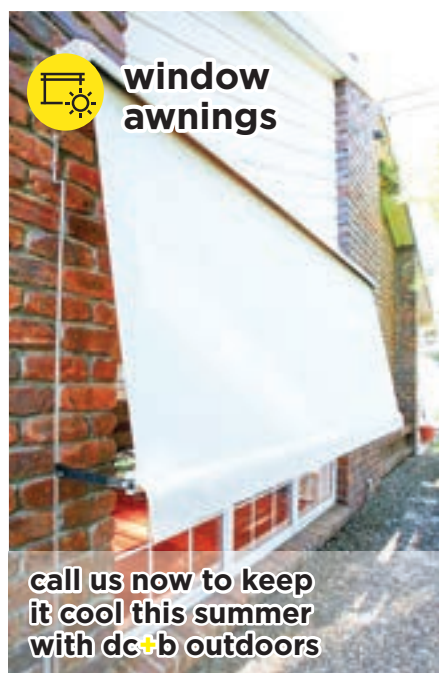
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# Bass Coast Health accepts Premier's title

BASS Coast Health was thrilled to be named the Premier's Medium Health Service of the Year at the Victorian Public Healthcare Awards in Melbourne on November 19.

Acting Bass Coast Health (BCH) CEO Shaun Brooks said the award was a fabulous achievement for the health service and the community, and a credit to BCH staff and volunteers for their tireless commitment to providing first-class public healthcare.

"The judges noted that while we provide quality care to our community, what set us apart was our strong community partnerships – our desire to involve our community in our activities and to work with them to ensure we're providing the services they need where possible and bring them along the journey to achieving our service growth aspirations," he said.

"Our partnerships are vital, and there is no doubt we could not have achieved what we have if we didn't enjoy the exceptional collaboration and support that we do."

BCH's strong organisational purpose and commitment to stay the course during a high demand and high growth period was also a key feature for how the award was judged.

The award acknowledged:

- How BCH strengthened the capacity of individuals, families and communities through effective prevention and health promotion.



At the Victorian Public Healthcare Awards presentation evening were, Bass Coast Health board chair Ian Thompson, Bass Coast Health Executive Director of Quality, Health Information, Technology and Support Services, Emilia Pezzi, Safer Care Victoria CEO Louise McKinlay, Department of Health secretary Professor Euan Wallace, Bass Coast Health Executive Director of People and Culture, and Acute Clinical Services, Christine Henderson, and Bass Coast Health acting CEO Shaun Brooks.

- How safety and quality of care shone through as BCH's highest priority and how excellent care was recognised via a series of external accreditation reviews undertaken during the last 12-18 months.
- Over the last year, BCH's staff demonstrated their versatility in response to the major storms, outages and multiple infrastructure and system upgrades.
- That BCH improved the work environment, grew its staff and maintained the culture

where the We Care values guide it to optimise wellbeing of consumers and staff, deliver equitable care, lead with compassion, be accountable for what it does, respect each other's differences, and aim for excellence.

"I also wish to thank staff and volunteers for the skills, passion and energy they bring to BCH, and not only caring for our patients, but also each other," Mr Brooks said.

BCH was named as one of the three finalists in the Medium Health Service of the Year cat-

egory, alongside Bairnsdale Regional Health Service and Echuca Regional Health.

BCH was also a finalist in the category of 'Partnering in Healthcare', recognising its clinical collaborative partnership with Alfred Health.

"Bass Coast Health is so deserving of this recognition as it reflects the dedication, care and professionalism of our entire healthcare team who work tirelessly to provide high quality of care and support to our community," Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said.

## No funding for fire stations

MINISTER for Emergency Services, Jaclyn Symes has confirmed that no funding has been allocated for the replacement of fire stations in Mirboo North or Foster.

The Minister was speaking in response to questions raised in Parliament by The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien.

"I have been working with these communities for years to try and secure the funding needed to get these projects underway, so it is extremely disappointing to hear that the funding is still not there," Mr O'Brien said.

"Both towns are in desperate need of replacement fire stations with the current ones completely outdated and no longer fit for purpose."

"A lease arrangement has finally been signed off on for Foster CFA to build on a new site but without the necessary funding the project will now sit at a standstill."

Alarming, Mirboo North CFA was told it would be receiving capital funding from the CFA in 2022 only to have those funds later withdrawn.

"I celebrated with the team at Mirboo North CFA when the news came down that it was finally receiving the much-needed funds to get the replacement station built, only to see that promise dry up."

"We have been told that the land purchased for the replacement fire station at Mirboo North is no longer suitable to community needs and that the CFA is searching for a more suitable location."

Mr O'Brien said it is becoming a worrying trend that our local CFAs are being fed empty promises and lip service by the State Government.

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# Consultation delayed on wind farm sites

ESTABLISHING Renewable Energy Zones, which are the areas in the state that not only have abundant renewable energy resources, such as wind and sun, but are also appropriate for development from a land use and environmental perspective, is a crucial first step in the State Government's rollout of renewable energy generation.

So, when the organisation charged with the job of co-ordinating the planning and development of these Renewable Energy Zones (REZs), VicGrid, delays the consultation process supposed to help identify these REZs by up to two months, when the time for energy generation transition is already incredibly tight, you've got to doubt the importance being placed on consultation.

It's likely though, that the process of identifying the most efficient locations for turbines, solar panels and high-voltage lines is continuing at a pace behind the scenes while only the public consultation is being delayed.

According to the latest information on the government's Engage Vic Website 'Developing the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan', the final engagement report supposed to help identify the Renewable Energy Zones, was supposed to be published by October 31, 2024.

However, it will not be out until December.

Here is a statement from the spokesperson for VicGrid in response to a question about the no-show from the Sentinel-Times: "On 22 July we released the draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines explaining how we will develop the plan, seeking community and industry feedback.

"The guidelines included a Renewable Energy Zone study area map, showing parts of Victoria we are investigating further as we work to identify potential future renewable energy zones.



The draft Victorian Transmission Plan study area map, including (dark blue areas) Tier 1 sites near Korumburra, between Foster and Fish Creek, at Walkerville and in the Bass Hills which are regarded as having a "combination of high opportunities and low constraints for wind and solar". These areas might soon be designated as 'Renewable Energy Zones', those most likely to host turbines, solar panels or transmission infrastructure.

"VicGrid carried out extensive public consultation on the study area from July 22 to September 30, 2024. We received more than 930 study area feedback responses, more than 380 guiding principles feedback forms and more than 170 submissions.

"We thank everyone who gave their time and contributed to the consultation process. The number of responses and granularity of local information exceeded expectations. This means we require more time to carefully review the feedback and analyse the information received to make sure we get this right, minimise impacts, and maximise benefits for landholders, communities, and the environment.

"The 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 now be published in December."

According to the 2024 Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines, all considerations will be taken into account when selecting the best locations for the turbines, solar panels, batteries and transmission lines needed to replace electricity generation by coal.

But with so much at stake including attracting renewable energy investors and the future cost of power for business and households, it's likely to be "best-practice energy market modelling" and least-cost outcomes that are going to have the biggest say on where this infrastructure will be located, not food and fibre production, heritage, and livelihoods, or even ecosystems and biodiversity.

The Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines and an interim engagement report, summarising what VicGrid heard and how they say it shaped the guidelines, are both available on the Engage Victoria website: [engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan](https://engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan).



Brendan Garlepp and Carrienne Peatey display rubbish collected on Cutlers Beach during a morning walk. A02\_4824

## Cutlers Beach mess reflects lazy society

CONCERNED Pioneer Bay locals Carrienne Peatey and Brendan Garlepp visited the Sentinel-Times Wonthaggi office after a Monday morning walk at nearby Cutlers Beach, bringing a container of rubbish they had gathered.

They are saddened at the thought of sea creatures and birds consuming plastic, potentially mistaking it as jellyfish or accidentally ingesting smaller pieces.

"There's a ton of rubbish in there," Brendan said of the sea, with the pair's haul including plastic bottles and bottle tops.

Being members of Rhyll Fishing Club, Brendan and Carrienne often collect rubbish from the water when out in their boat but are now planning to pick up more from local beaches, taking a bag for the purpose.

Brendan said that while you don't notice the rubbish as much in the water, the problem is very apparent on beaches

and has got considerably worse than it once was.

He gave Punchbowl, near San Remo, as an example.

"You can pick up a giant bag of empty plastic bottles and other rubbish," Brendan said.

While he and Carrienne are happy to do their bit and accept that some rubbish ending up in the sea is unavoidable, such as things breaking off snagged fishing lines, Brendan stressed there is an opportunity to prevent much of the waste.

"A lot of it, like plastic bottles, you can do something about that," he said.

It's unclear how much of the rubbish originates locally, with much of it undoubtedly washed into the sea through drains and waterways.

Their bag isn't the only rubbish collected of late with a beachgoer entangled in abandoned fishing line in the water at Cleeland Bight Beach last Saturday.



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**Bass Coast Shire Council election**

*Declaration of results*



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EDWARDS, Meg (2nd elected)  
MORGAN, Mat (3rd elected)

**Island Ward**

BAUER, Ron (1st elected)  
BELL, Tracey (2nd elected)  
O'BRIEN, Tim (3rd elected)

**Western Port Ward**

HALSTEAD, Rochelle (1st elected)  
TEMBY, Jon (2nd elected)  
THOMPSON, Jan (3rd elected)


Further details about the results are available at [vec.vic.gov.au](https://vec.vic.gov.au)

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# We can win this, says Monash independent Deb Leonard

MONASH independent Deb Leonard told a packed room of teal t-shirted supporters at Newhaven on Sunday that expert analysis of voting trends indicated she could win the seat at the next Federal election, as little as 15 weeks away.

Ms Leonard, who secured almost 11 per cent of the vote at the May 21, 2022 election, behind the eventual winner, Russell Broadbent of the Liberal Party on 37.79 per cent, and the ALPs Jessica O'Donnell with 25.60 per cent of the vote, said conditions had changed.

"It needs people support like what we are seeing here today to make it happen, but the analysis tells us that Monash is the most winnable seat in Australia for an independent," Ms Leonard said. "The Liberal Party has preselected a relatively unknown candidate, we don't know if Russell Broadbent intends to run or not as an independent but there are indications that Labor voters have become disillusioned with what their party is offering."

"There could be an election in March next year, which is only 15 weeks away, and with your help we could win Monash," she said.

Ms Leonard said modelling of the election result indicated that the independents, who presently hold 12 seats in the 151-seat Australian Parliament, could hold the balance of power after what is expected to be a close election.

"We would be in a position



Monash independent Deb Leonard officially launched her election campaign for the seat of Monash on Sunday.

to press for what we need in a minority government situation; affordable housing, cheaper-cleaner energy, access to better education and health care."

Specifically, Ms Leonard has a properly resourced TAFE College in Wonthaggi in her sights, an aquatic centre for Phillip Island, a new hospital for Warragul, more funding for Monash roads and a better response to the environment.

"I want my kids to be able to afford a home of their own in this region. I want them to have the same job opportunities that kids in the city have, and I want them to be able to enjoy this beautiful place where we live."

"Our electorate of Monash deserves more, and our children deserve more."

"We've got plenty of inspirational people who come from this area, people like Amanda Drennan, Beau Vernon, who

won a medal at the recent Paralympic Games, and of course, the Hemsworths."

"But there are also people living in their cars right here on Phillip Island."

"We want our electorate to prosper. There's a perfectly good TAFE college here in Wonthaggi that's sitting idle with our kids going elsewhere to get the training and education they need. I will fight for a fully functional TAFE in Wonthaggi."

"Torquay got \$20 million for a swimming pool but we have been waiting decades for a pool. "And many of the roads in Monash aren't fit for purpose."

Ms Leonard spoke about the major parties trying to rig the system with changes to campaign funding, but a grassroots movement, like the one initiated by Voices for Gippsland could still succeed, she said.

Among those to speak in

support of Ms Leonard were Fiona Kennedy, President of Voices for Monash and former Melbourne City Councill, and executive director of the Brotherhood of St Lawrence, Nic Frances Gilley MBE.

ABC election expert, Antony Green doesn't believe there will be a Federal Election until mid-May, either May 17 or 24, due to the Western Australian election scheduled for March 8 and Easter school holidays.

## Leonard backed by Climate 200

FOLLOWING comments in 'Letters to the Editor' this week, in response to changes to electoral laws, with caps on donations and campaign spending, the Sentinel-Times asked Monash independent Deb Leonard if there was any connection between her campaign, Climate 200, its founder Simon Holmes à Court or the 'Teals' movement.

Ms Leonard said Climate 200 had identified Monash as a winnable seat for a "community independent" and that her campaign had so far received \$21,340 from the organisation, funding strategy advice, graphic design and a campaign video.

"The teal colour is synonymous with independents that focus on community representation and integrity in politics," she said.

Ms Leonard said she has no formal association with other Teal independents.

## Councillors involved with variety of organisations

SOUTH Gippsland Shire councillors old and new have been appointed to a wide variety of internal and external committees and boards to provide leadership, advocacy, and active engagement with the community, formalised at the November 20 council meeting.

Such involvement also helps councillors access relevant strategic advice and information that can inform council.

Deputy Mayor Sarah Gilligan continues her passionate advocacy on environmental issues and mitigating the impacts of climate change on the shire's coastal towns as council's representative on the Australian Coastal Councils Association. She is joined on council's Audit and Risk Committee by new councillor Steve Finlay, as well as accompanying Mayor John Schelling and Cr Clare Williams on the CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee.

Mayor Schelling will now represent council at South East Australian Transport Strategy (SEATS) meetings, taking over that role from Cr Scott Rae, with Cr Schelling also set to be a part of the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) and council's Australia Day Awards Committee on which he is accompanied by Cr Gilligan.

New councillor Bron Beach will represent council on its Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee, and Arts Advisory Committee, bringing her expertise as president of Leongatha Lyric Theatre to the latter role.

In addition to his Audit and Risk Committee responsibilities, Cr Finlay has been appointed to the Myli Libraries Board.

Another new councillor, Brad Snell joins the South Gippsland Youth Council and the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee.

Cr Nathan Hersey continues as council's representative on the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and One Gippsland, while Cr Rae is council's representative with Rural Councils Victoria.

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# South Gippsland Shire Council News

## Walk Against Family Violence

Help us send a message that South Gippsland says NO to family violence. Walk with us next Wednesday 4 December from 12.30pm at Memorial Hall, Leongatha. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wear a splash of orange on the day as a symbol of a bright and optimistic future free from violence against women and children.

This event is part of a suite of activities across Gippsland

that aim to raise awareness of gender equity and family violence prevention.

You can also join us before or after the walk at our BigRespect Photo Pop-up.

For more information on the 16 Days of Activism campaign, please visit:

[www.safeandequal.org.au/16-days-of-activism](http://www.safeandequal.org.au/16-days-of-activism)

[www.16daysgippsland.com.au](http://www.16daysgippsland.com.au)

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL  
New Mayor and Deputy Mayor for South Gippsland



South Gippsland Shire Council is thrilled to announce the election of our new Mayor, John Schelling, and Deputy Mayor, Sarah Gilligan.

The pair bring diverse experiences and perspectives to their new roles, and we look forward to seeing them work side by side over the next 12 months.

Pictured (L to R): Kerryn Ellis (CEO South Gippsland Shire Council), Mayor John Schelling, Deputy Mayor Sarah Gilligan.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 27 November 2.00pm (Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council’s website at:  
[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates)

To watch the ‘open’ part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:  
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### REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

**RFT/410 – North Poowong Road Gravel to Seal**

**RFT/432 – Korumburra Rail Precinct – Stage 3**

Tenders close 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 3 December 2024.

**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.

Documentation is available from Council’s e-Tendering Portal  
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# Leadership positions locked in for South Gippsland Shire Council

NEW South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor John Schelling will be supported by Deputy Mayor Sarah Gilligan, the pair excited about the opportunities and challenges ahead and confident they will work well together despite their often differing world views.

Cr Schelling decided the time was right to throw his hat in the ring, the guidance provided by experienced councillor Mohya Davies, who served as mayor during the first year of John's initial term as a councillor, inspiring him to do so.

As he prepared to settle in the mayor's chair, he thanked his fellow councillors for their support.

"It's something I said a couple of years ago I'd never do but felt the time was right to have a crack at it before I get too old and feeble to carry out the role," he told those in the impressively full gallery and watching online, drawing laughter.

Cr Schelling explained to the Sentinel-Times that he has always had a knack for knowing when it is time to put his hand up for leadership roles, having been president and secretary of various organisations.

He looks forward to being part of the current councillor group and building on the achievements of the last, and showed emotion when thanking his family members for their support.

Cr Schelling also thanked his employer for enabling him to take on the role of mayor for 12 months.

While he identified rate capping and cost-shifting as challenges, he highlighted the "huge amount of industry coming our way" due to future renewable energy projects as a positive, noting council needs



South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerry Ellis with new Mayor John Schelling and Deputy Mayor Sarah Gilligan. A03\_4824

to prepare for that by working with government agencies and the local community to capitalise on opportunities.

"I look forward to a strong and united South Gippsland Shire," Cr Schelling declared, confident in the councillor group's ability to work productively for the community.

While he was elected unopposed, there was good-natured competition for the deputy mayor position, with Cr Gilligan and Cr Scott Rae both nominated and having to outline their cases for election.

Cr Gilligan prevailed narrowly, with five votes to four, having declared that "If elected, I look forward to being part of

a leadership team that bucks current trends of division and partisan politics."

"Despite our different world views, John and I both know at the core, a high-functioning council is a fragile thing that needs to be handled with respect and care."

Cr Gilligan added that she and Cr Schelling have developed a solid working relationship over the past three years, resolving their differences quickly and respectfully, stressing they agree difference of opinion is healthy and mudslinging is not.

She noted the team of mayor and deputy mayor set the tone in achieving a high-functioning

council, and like Cr Schelling expressed her appreciation of family support, also becoming emotional.

Afterwards, Cr Schelling expressed confidence in his working relationship with Cr Gilligan and noted they have much in common, including the importance they place on the need to safeguard South Gippsland Shire's agricultural land.

The new councillor group will be in the spotlight on Wednesday, November 27 with Cr Schelling hoping there is another healthy turnout in the public gallery when the council meeting gets underway at 2pm.

## Mayor's Message



Cr John Schelling

HELLO South Gippsland. I am excited to be writing my first Message as Mayor and look forward to chatting to you all regularly through this column.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Councillor Sarah Gilligan on her election as Deputy Mayor. I'm looking forward to working closely with her over the next year.

I feel incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to serve the South Gippsland community as Mayor. This could not have happened without my:

- Fellow Councillors – for voting for me and showing their support for my leadership.
- Family – they have supported me to take on many roles in the community, as well as being a Councillor for the past three years, and now being Mayor.
- Workplace – for allowing some flexibility to my work schedule so I can give this role my best.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last three years as a Councillor. I believe we restored our community's faith in local democracy and good decision making. We worked well together by using our differences to share the other side to the coin. We engaged with our community more and really positively. We were present Councillors who want the best for our region.

I have no doubt that this new Councillor group will be able to continue on from the great work of the previous Council. All of us look forward to working together and representing our community, who have put faith in us to do so.

A strong and united South Gippsland is extremely important. There is a lot of opportunity coming our way, and we need to be prepared. We need to be ready to make strong decisions to set our region up for success.

I look forward to leading through what's to come in the next 12 months and working with the Councillors, community and Council staff to achieve our goals.

### Green Waste Amnesty

Council's Green Waste Amnesty is still happening, meaning you can get your property ready for the upcoming fire danger period.

The Amnesty runs until December 31 and allows you to dispose of most green waste for free at a South Gippsland Transfer Station.

A list of excluded species and Transfer Station times can be found on Council's website: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/greenwasteamnesty](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/greenwasteamnesty)

### Congratulations Xavier!

I'd like to extend my congratulations to Xavier Lindsay, a Leongatha Parrot footballer who was selected at pick 11 in the AFL Draft. All the best on your time at Melbourne and we can't wait to see what you do.

## Mayor Schelling right man for the job, they say

NEW South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Cr John Schelling, will be the first to share a laugh with his constituents over his first job in the new role.

The first media release issued by the shire's administration has Mayor Schelling welcoming the opening of a new "accessible public toilet" block at Bena.

"It is fantastic to see this new facility open to our community and visitors. The new,

centrally-located toilet will provide a convenient rest stop for users of the Great Southern Rail Trail and the Bena community," said Mayor Schelling this week.

"I'd like to thank the previous Strzelecki Ward Councillors for their advocacy for this project," he said.

The new facility is centrally located in the town to benefit users of McGrath Park, commuters, cyclists and pedestrians (particularly those who use the

Great Southern Rail Trail). It was prefabricated off-site to ensure minimal disruption to users of the area.

Key features of the new facility include:

- Solar-powered lighting for safety.
- Rainwater tank for hand washing.
- Collection well system to prioritise efficient waste disposal and maintain hygiene standards.

Throughout the design and construction of the facility, careful attention was paid to the local environment to ensure it did not disrupt the surrounding area.

New line marking in the car park will be occurring shortly.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times this week, Cr Schelling had a laugh but also acknowledged it was important that local councils delivered on community necessities as a first-order responsibility.

## Korumburra seniors bring fight for home to council chambers

MEMBERS of the Korumburra Senior Citizens wasted no time in being seen by the new South Gippsland Shire councillor group, joining family members of those in line for the roles of mayor and deputy mayor, council meeting regulars and others in the public gallery on Wednesday afternoon.

The group of seniors, including club president Janne Grenon is continuing the fight to move back into the Senior Citizens' Centre.

Janne remains adamant the Radovick Street site, long occupied by the Senior Citizens Club, is not council's to sell.

By Andrew Paloczi

The group's resolve has firmed following the discovery of a 1961 Korumburra Times article the seniors argue proves their ownership of the land, the Sentinel-Times having reported that matter in the November 19 edition.

"It was definitely donated," Janne declared, arguing the article makes it obvious the Korumburra Shire council gave the land to the senior citizens.

As reported previously, South Gippsland Shire Council is adamant it owns the land and has done so since council amalgamation occurred in Victoria in

the 1990s.

Angie Bowen, a fierce advocate and member of the senior's group recently posted photos on Facebook of the Senior Citizens Centre, showing damage and mess.

She told the Sentinel-Times the building had been broken into and the matter has been reported to police, with Angie also drawing it to the attention of councillors.

With the November 20 council meeting largely about determining the councillor leadership positions, the seniors are likely to return for next week's council meeting, having

submitted questions to be addressed then.

Those questions include a request by the secretary of Korumburra Senior Citizens Club, Kris Crichton, for South Gippsland Shire Council to provide copies of the Shire of Korumburra minutes in relation to what it specified was to happen with the land on which it allowed the Senior Citizens Centre to be built.

He argues the Korumburra Times article proves the land was donated to the Senior Citizens Club and the current council needs to prove otherwise.





Sarah and Mez are some of the friendly faces from the South Gippsland Community Safety Team. Don't be fooled by impersonators knocking on your door this Summer.

## Council impersonator knocking on doors

RECENTLY a quick-thinking resident of Daisy Bank Estate in Korumburra alerted others to the suspicious behaviour of a man claiming to be from the South Gippsland Shire Council.

A male in his thirties knocked on Kylee Pattinsons' front door saying he was from the South Gippsland Shire Council, which her husband answered.

The man presented what appeared to be a fake identification badge with an imitation logo and requested access to their property.

Alarm bells went off for Kylee's husband, as it was the weekend and they knew that council staff wouldn't usually come to their home without pre-arranging via letter and phone call.

"The person left the property, heading towards Romano Way, getting into an older model white ute, with a driver waiting for him," Kylee stated, recounting her husband's experience. "It makes me concerned for vulnerable people who may believe the stranger is from council, and let them in."

The South Gippsland Shire Council confirmed they had been notified of such reports and confirmed the visits in question were not undertaken or authorised by Council.

Council also stated that: There are occasional times when Council Officers may knock on doors (this could range from responding to an animal matter or an urgent infrastructure issue) however identification will always be provided and requests for additional identity verification would be supported.

# Offshore wind turbines made habitat friendly

ONE OF South Gippsland's major offshore wind turbine consortiums has reshaped its project plan to make its operations more whale, bird, fish and seabed habitat-friendly.

If built to full capacity Star of the South has the potential to generate enough electricity to power 1.2 million homes, inject around \$3 billion into the Gippsland economy and create up to 200 long-term local jobs over thirty years.

Star of the South CEO Charles Rattray said the updated project model had been shaped by detailed marine environment data collected over the past three years.

Australia's leading offshore wind project Star of the South released its latest update following five years of feasibility studies and consultation.

Star of the South secured a Commonwealth Feasibility Licence in May this year which confirmed the project's location three kilometres further offshore than originally planned ten kilometres off the coast.

Mr Rattray said the project's development is being guided by science, technology and local knowledge.

"We've learned a lot since we first set out to explore the potential for offshore wind in Gippsland five years ago", Mr Rattray said.

"We've collected vast amounts of scientific data and listened to local advice to help develop a project that can contribute to Victoria's energy security, the environment and local communities.

"There's also new technology, new government requirements, and a fast-evolving energy landscape to adapt to as we plan for Star of the South."

Key project design updates include a reduction in the



Veja Mate offshore wind farm under construction in the German North Sea.

maximum number of proposed turbines from 200 to 150, reflecting advancements in turbine technology.

Turbines will be positioned to avoid high-profile reefs and protect marine habitats.

The gap between the ocean surface and the tip of the turbine blades has increased from 25 to 35 metres, based on bird flight height data to provide a safe zone for seabirds to fly and forage.

Star of the South is exploring cutting-edge technologies to reduce underwater construction noise ensuring the right measures are in place to protect whales.

A 'no trench' construction method will be used when cables come onshore to protect the beach and dunes above.

Work is also underway to bring the project's underground transmission route in line with VicGrid requirements.

"Using this scientific data we can make evidence-based

decisions about how to best design, construct and operate the project in a way that is sensitive to the local environment," said Mr Rattray.

Star of the South is being assessed through Australia's most stringent environmental laws with multiple approvals required from Federal and State governments before it can proceed to construction.

Mr Rattray encouraged the community to stay involved and share ideas and feedback.

"With Yallourn-W closing in 2028 there's a real need to bring new energy into the grid and create ongoing jobs and economic opportunities for Gippsland as soon as possible," Mr Rattray said.

"We're here to listen and work together.

"If you have ideas that can help make Star of the South a better project or if there's something on your mind, please share it with us, our door is always open."

The latest updates from Star

of the South come as Southernly Ten, the specialist offshore wind developer behind Star of the South, launched the Offshore Wind Net Positive Challenge in partnership with Ocean Impact.

Mr Rattray said the challenge aims to help Australia's emerging offshore wind industry have a positive impact on the ocean, biodiversity and climate.

"Offshore wind projects will provide a reliable climate and energy solution and the challenge we're putting out there is what can we do better?"

"We're looking forward to uncovering new innovations to support the offshore wind industry in Australia and globally to leave a positive legacy for nature and the climate."

For more information about Star of the South visit [starofthesouth.com.au](http://starofthesouth.com.au) or contact 1800 340 340.

To find out more about the Offshore Wind Net-Positive Challenge go to [ocean-impact.org/oswchallenge](http://ocean-impact.org/oswchallenge).

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Robert Barron

**South Gippsland Shire Council  
election**  
Declaration of results

The following candidates were elected to South Gippsland Shire Council at the general election held in October 2024:

**Coastal-Promontory Ward**

RAE, Scott (1st elected)  
GILLIGAN, Sarah (2nd elected)  
FINLAY, Steve (3rd elected)

**Strzelecki Ward**

HERSEY, Nathan (1st elected)  
BEACH, Bron (2nd elected)  
KENNEDY, John (3rd elected)

**Tarwin Valley Ward**

SCHELLING, John (1st elected)  
WILLIAMS, Clare (2nd elected)  
SNELL, Brad (3rd elected)

Further details about the results are available at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

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# The jewel of South Gippsland

HUGH Hendry, a well-known local identity, was presented with a 60-year service jewel at the combined September meeting of the Duke of Connaught and Outtrim Masonic Lodges. The presentation was carried out by Past Grand Master Richard Elkington in the presence of a large gathering of Freemasons from South Gippsland and Latrobe Valley, family and friends.

Richard gave a brief history of Hugh's masonic involvement.

Hugh joined Korumburra Masonic Lodge in June 1964 at the age of 37, later transferring to Outtrim Lodge when Korumburra closed.

After joining Korumburra, Hugh became interested in other masonic orders and over a period of 20 years joined 11 different masonic lodges and orders with the privilege of serving as 'Master' on 13 occasions. He has Grand rank in many of the orders and until recently held office in most.

Hugh then gave an amazing insight into his life as a boy, living through the Great Depression in the early 1930s through to adulthood.

During the polio epidemic of the early 1930s, which led to the closure of Australian schools for nearly a year, young Hugh and his elder brother Gordon spent much of their time at the Newmarket Saleyards. Their father, George, worked as a driver and the boys would help the buyers move the mobs of fat lambs and sheep from the saleyards to the abattoirs



Richard Elkington presented Hugh Hendry with his 60-year jewel before family, friends, and Freemasons.

nearby. One penny for a small mob and three pennies for a big mob – one cent or three cents per mob.

That was Hugh's first paid job.

His next job was on a baker's cart on Saturday mornings from 6.30am to 3.00pm in the afternoons for two shillings and six pence per shift (25 cents). The paperboy route after school followed earning the young gent five shillings per week (50 cents). An additional morning round ensued for another five shillings per week. Half of Hugh's income was paid to his mother as board each week.

At the age of 14 Hugh left school to join the Postmaster Generals Dep. (PMG) delivering Telegrams and collecting mail. After six months he moved to Dollar and worked on a dairy farm for 10 shillings (\$1) per week and keep

for 12 months. It was then back to Melbourne where he worked at a printing works as a developer until, at 18 years of age, Hugh joined the RAAF, training as a cook.

After the war, Hugh became a butcher and completed an apprenticeship in Church Street Middle Brighton, before moving to Bordertown in South Australia, as a butcher for a couple of years.

Back in Melbourne for a while, Hugh moved to Heyfield for a couple of years, eventually purchasing the butcher shop in Bena in South Gippsland.

At this time Bena was a small community. Korumburra, population of 3500, and Leongatha, population of 2500, were the main towns in the area.

Hugh became involved in his local community joining the Bena school committee, serving as Secretary for many

years, alongside the Bena Football Club, as assistant coach for the thirds. At this time about 80 boys trained with the club.

Hugh followed this with a role on the Korumburra Swimming Pool fundraising committee and was concurrently involved in the Korumburra Rodeo Committee.

Additionally, he served on the Karmai Hostel for the aged Committee of Management for 13 years, and was a member of the Central and South Gippsland tourism committee, for 20 years, serving as President and Treasurer.

Hugh was also a member of the Korumburra and District Development League, which led to him being nominated, and elected as a Councillor on the Shire of Korumburra, for nine years.

Hugh soon became the mouthpiece for many local organisations and residents.

The Shire of Korumburra Historical Society, together with the Korumburra Apex club and Korumburra JC's club, were perusing individual projects around this time. These three projects were brought together to become the beginning of what today is Coal Creek Historical Park. This led Hugh to a 45-year involvement in this iconic project, from concept through to mouthpiece, manager and following retirement, volunteer.

Following a lifetime of service to the community, he is still involved in his community through Freemasonry and the RSL.

## Fuel spill at Leongatha BP efficiently contained

LEONGATHA Fire Brigade, Evans Petroleum staff and police worked closely together after a petrol spill at the town's Bair Street BP service station on Thursday, the incident dealt with swiftly and efficiently and fuel contained, so it couldn't leak into drains.

The spill, estimated at up to 20 litres, was caused by a hole in a Hyundai car's fuel system.

Paged at 12.35pm, the Fire Brigade sent one truck and a crew of five on the short journey from the next-door fire station.

Brigade captain Peter Quill praised the response of the service station operators.

"We need to congratulate Evans Petroleum on having good emergency management procedures in place that were followed," he said, elaborating that operations were shut down quickly, the brigade was promptly called to deal with the spill and people were moved to a designated area.

The brigade used a special type of putty in an effort to stop the leak, and while that failed, cable ties were successfully used to crimp the leaking hose in the car's fuel system.

An absorbent substance was applied to the spill, soaking up the liquid and minimising escaping vapours, the vapours being the most dangerous aspect of such a spill.

The business was closed for about an hour.

Evans Petroleum managing director Stuart Evans expressed his appreciation to the staff for promptly shutting the fuel pumps down and using the spill kit and to the Fire Brigade and police for their assistance.

He explained that the service station has a SPEL tank that contains hydrocarbons to help prevent fuel spills from escaping into stormwater drains.

Stuart said such fuel system leaks are not common but happen from time to time.

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# Gippslanders praise affordable healthcare

GIPPSLANDERS are recognising the value of affordable community healthcare, according to new research from Latrobe Community Health Service.

In a recent survey, 92 per cent of Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) clients from Gippsland said they strongly agree or agree that LCHS provides affordable services.

These results follow data published this week by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) that show more people are delaying or not seeing health professionals due to cost, than they were in the previous year.

ABS also found that people living in outer regional, remote or very remote areas were more likely to delay or not see a GP when needed than those living in major cities (30.8 per cent compared to 28.6 per cent).

“Gippslanders – like many Victorians – are experiencing a cost-of-living crisis and are making tough choices between seeking healthcare they need to stay well, and putting food on the table,” LCHS CEO Paul Ostrowski said.

“With cost becoming a barrier to healthcare for more people, we’re really proud that Gippslanders

recognise that LCHS provides affordable and accessible services to keep them well.”

The LCHS client survey results also found:

- 90 per cent of Gippsland clients either strongly agreed or agreed that receiving support from LCHS helps to keep them healthy and well.
- 87 per cent of Gippsland clients strongly agreed or agreed that LCHS makes it easier to access the supports and services they need.
- 74 per cent of Gippsland clients strongly agreed or agreed that the help they get from LCHS has meant they don’t need to go to hospital as often.

Last month, LCHS joined Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas and other registered community health services in Victoria at Parliament House to advocate the role of community health in the broader Victorian sector.

“We know it’s a government priority to find ways to relieve the sustained pressure on Victorian hospitals,” Mr Ostrowski said.

“These recent survey results show how highly the Gippsland community regard the affordable, integrated, and holistic care we provide that keeps people out of hospital.”

# Support packages help people stay at home

AUDREY Hall admits she can no longer chase cattle, but at 88 she’s still in her happy place at home on her Leongatha North farm.

Audrey has been able to continue living at home 10 kilometres north of Leongatha thanks to family support and Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) home care support packages.

The Hall family has had a long association with GSHS, with her late husband Malcolm also receiving home care support for many years.

“It has been a long association, and it was more extensive for my husband,” Audrey said.

Before his death two years ago, Malcolm had battled a long illness and Audrey was his full-time carer.

“Without the support of the hospital, I couldn’t have managed,” she said.

“They were providing people to attend to his medical needs and we also had District Nursing and they provided meals from a number of sources and cleaning around the house.

“His medical condition was extensive and it was a 24-hour-a-day situation. It was also very helpful for me to have the support coming in.”



**Audrey Hall, 88, thrives on her farm, thanks to family and Gippsland Southern Health Service support.**

Thanks to this support, Malcolm was able to live at home until the final few months of his life.

Now Audrey is directly receiving support from the GSHS home care packages, including assistance with showering, dressing and cleaning.

This support is helping her to stay on the family beef farm.

“I’m in my late 80s and live on the farm and still drive,” she said.

“I can’t chase cattle like I used to but there’s not a lot I can’t do.”

She has now leased the land to her daughter and her family but continues to live on the farm.

“I absolutely love it,” she said.

“Many people have said are you going to see and come into the town but I always say no. I like the isolation but having said that I have people coming every few days so it’s a perfect life for me.”

Audrey keeps busy and fit by working in the garden.

“That’s my happy place,” she said.

“I’m very active and love

being outside.”

Her son Russell spends part of the time with Audrey and helps to coordinate the hospital visiting care, and Audrey says she wouldn’t cope without it.

“I really appreciate the service. Without the help from Gippsland Southern Health, I wouldn’t be able to do what I do.”

Audrey is one of 100 South Gippsland residents enjoying the benefits of living at home thanks to care packages provided by Gippsland Southern Health Service.

GSHS has been providing packages to the local area since 2017.

Home care package coordinator Jo Trewin said GSHS’s current services include homecare, personal care, respite, shopping and transport to appointments across South Gippsland for the 100 clients.

GSHS also uses a number of local contractors for services such as gardening, homecare, and minor home maintenance.

The GSHS home care package team consists of four case managers and one coordinator along with a community access team which coordinate services for both home care packages and NDIS clients.



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# Crucial records help in search for fallen diggers

By Andrew Palocz

BURIAL records in the military collection of WWI veteran Lt Col Alexander Paterson DSO MC, recently handed to Korumburra RSL, may help locate soldiers of the 39th Battalion whose graves are unknown. Korumburra RSLs Tony Moon and other members of 'Fallen Diggers' are already working towards that goal. Information from three books of burial records is being scanned so that Fallen Diggers will have a lasting record, while the books will remain part of the extensive Paterson collection. It took only minutes to find the records of three soldiers who those at Fallen Diggers were aware of but whose initial burial places were unknown. "What those books gave us was a starting point for the search, so they gave us a grid reference where they were buried, so it's critical information," Tony said. "We'll go through those records line by line, soldier by soldier and match them against information that we've got access to." Tony noted it is rare to find such burial records, making the trio of books covering the 1916-1918 period a stunning find. A photograph of a lost cemetery was also discovered in



Dennis Frank of Fallen Diggers and others in the team will use burial records recently handed to the Korumburra RSL to help identify where soldiers without a known grave are buried. A07\_4724

the Paterson collection. "We've been looking for a cemetery in Northern France that hasn't been recorded anywhere in any great depth, but all of a sudden we now have a photograph of it," Tony said, explaining the name of the cemetery can't yet be revealed. It is believed at least a dozen

Diggers are still buried in that cemetery. Tony explained that the remains of many fallen veterans were recovered by the Australian War Graves Registration Unit and other British Commonwealth units in France and Belgium. "Where they could find

known field burials, they dug them up and centralised into what became the Commonwealth War Graves, so it went from thousands of smaller cemeteries to hundreds of larger cemeteries," he said. However, not everyone was exhumed from their field graves, with the small cemetery of which a photo has now come to light, believed to have been among the sites missed. Tony expects the burial co-ordinates to be accurate, with the burials generally conducted by the unit chaplain, whose role included recording the grid references of graves. That was done with the use of a map and compass. Most of those whose original place of burial is detailed in the Paterson burial records will have been reinterred in Commonwealth War Graves in the years immediately following WWI. "But every now and then you'll find a name that hasn't got a known grave," Tony said. Sentinel-Times looks forward to sharing what comes to light for Fallen Diggers as a result of the recently revealed burial records. It also remains to be determined where Lt Col Alexander Paterson's extensive collection will be housed, following an article featured in the November 19 edition of this newspaper.

## \$180k to tackle erosion

SUMMERLAND Beach will undergo sand nourishment works to combat the effects of erosion and climate change on the sand dunes. Phillip Island Nature Parks has stepped out a coastal process study for the beach, detailing short-, medium- and long-term initiatives to help build the resilience and sustainability of the coastline. The study, funded by a \$180,000 grant from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), details changeable pathways for the monitoring and management of the beach, including back-passing sand from the eastern side of Summerland Beach to the viewing stands and revegetation of the dunes. Nature Parks is undertaking beach nourishment, which involves adding large quantities of sand to counter erosion due to the impact of rising sea levels and storms on sandy beaches. Penguin scientist Professor Andre Chiaradia said the Nature Parks had also partnered with the DEECA Victorian Coastal Monitoring Program to conduct regular drone flights to monitor coastal erosion at the beach.

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# Leongatha Salvos Bags of Hope for Christmas

THIS year, Leongatha Salvos' aim to fill 100 Bags of Hope to provide food hampers for local families who could use a little extra support this Christmas. They are calling on everyone who's able to join them in this effort - schools, businesses, community groups, families, and individuals alike. "The community is incredibly generous at Christmas and we're looking for ways to be a bit strategic about that, to make sure that we're meeting the needs that the people actually have. So, the bags of hope is a way that the community can partner with us, or we can partner with the community to meet those needs," said Amanda Hart, Corps Officer, South

Coast Gippsland Salvos. Bags of Hope can be filled with items such as mince pies, Christmas pudding, long-life custard or cream, black tea and coffee, sugar, long-life milk, rice, tinned fish, instant noodles, cereal, jam and peanut butter. To make a family's Christmas extra special, other things can be added such as bonbons, or decorations, and Christmas treats like chocolates, lollies and biscuits. "We're just continuing to see more need with the higher cost of living, or with the cost of living increasing," said Amanda. "Each week we're seeing people who have never come in for help before. We see more and more people coming in and needing to

actually seek assistance when they never have before. "Whatever anyone can give at Christmas is a massive help to assist in fulfilling the need and goes towards helping people have a better Christmas than they would have otherwise." The Salvos will be distributing the Bags of Hope and other assistance as well as toys, for Christmas this year, and people can register to receive that assistance now. Simply go into the Salvos centre in Leongatha in Long Street on a Tuesday or Friday to register. Christmas Day Lunch will also be provided at the Salvos at midday (on Christmas day), with a roast and all the trimmings provided for free.



Amanda Hart, Corps Officer, South Coast Gippsland Salvos is calling on everyone to join them in their effort of providing Bags of Hope to families this Christmas. ob01\_4723

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# CONVERSATIONwith Claire

## Support local this Christmas

By author Claire Chitty

AS CHRISTMAS advertising goes into overdrive, think small business and sustainability. Are you feeling the influence of consumerism in the lead-up to Christmas? It's hard to ignore. From October, you'll start to notice major retail stores subtly add the distinctive green and red decorations to their decor, as mince pies and plum puddings appear in the bakery section. A month later, carols filter through public announcement systems as streets become festooned with garlands.

As if that's not enough, then we're bombarded with Black Friday sales, often prefaced with the word, 'only'; ('Only \$699,' Only \$1599').

I, for one, am not fooled by this strategy, nor by the mark-ups on grocery items that are rampant at this time of year. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the celebrations and houses ablaze with colourful lights and inflatable figures. I simply avoid the pressure to spend and conform to a culture that's lost the true meaning of Christmas.

Let's backtrack to centuries ago when the tradition of giving is thought to originate in ancient Rome when three wise men offered gold, frankincense and myrrh to baby Jesus. This later evolved into gestures of gratitude and respect, where talismans and charms were gifted as protection and luck. These days, presents have no bounds and expectations can be ridiculously high.

Finding the 'right' present can be incredibly stressful and then there's the dilemma of how much should a present cost. Can you afford it? Do you splurge with the temptation of 'after pay' facilities? Do you go into debt on the credit card? And will the gift be useful or graciously received by the recipient?

Other factors to consider in a sustainable world; what do you do with unwanted gifts? Do you regift, donate to an Opportunity shop, or horrors of horrors, does it end up in landfill?

We need to think practically. As a family on a limited budget, we came to the decision, that rather than 'stuff,' we would have 'experiences.' Not only do we get to spend quality

time together creating beautiful fun memories, but we also keep clutter to a minimum.

I'm also a firm believer in shopping local and supporting small businesses. Rather than contributing to corporation profits, check out the Gippsland and Bass Coast Markets on Facebook for dates and locations. Markets are the perfect place to purchase hand-crafted gifts, natural body lotions and cleaning products, fragrant soaps, greeting cards for every occasion, intricately created jewellery, art, clothing, woodwork; the list is extensive. And maybe there are dog treats that resemble cupcakes, fruit trees, roses, natives and colourful flowering plants, alongside recycled planter boxes. There are no mass-produced plastic items, but there is something for everyone; young, old, retirees and hipsters.

At Farmers Markets, you'll find preserves, sweet strawberries, organic vegetables, fresh homemade cheeses and jams, honey, free-range eggs, olives soaked in oil and crusty bread to create scrumptious Christmas hampers. While you're browsing, spare a thought for stallholders who have good and bad days, partly dependent upon the weather, and the crowd. They may have driven a considerable distance at the crack of dawn, and have invested their time and money, often with little financial gain. Paying a little extra helps keep these businesses operational, whilst contributing to community connections.

Gift vouchers are a wonderful idea, allowing the recipient to select items to suit their tastes. Choose from organic produce at Goshen Country or Maccas Farm, cheese from Bassine, wine at local wineries, a plant from a boutique nursery or a wellness pampering session.

My philosophy is, 'Christmas should be every day of the year (peace, goodwill and friendship) without gifts'. So, whether it's a Kris Kringle or an appreciation gesture, it's not about the presents under the tree, it's the gift of presence, and a return to the true meaning of Christmas; spending quality time with family and friends.

# Rose Lodge Opportunity Shop prepares for grand re-opening

ALL STOCK had to be sold and now it has to be restocked for the grand re-opening of the all-new Rose Lodge Opportunity Shop in McBride Avenue Wonthaggi.

Gone are the old display windows and in their place are bold new fully carpeted floors with a wheelchair-friendly entrance and automatic sliding glass doors.

"It's an all-new look for the front and interior of the shop," said Shane Jenkins, Chief Executive Officer, Rose Lodge Community Aged Care.

The Rose Lodge Op Shop has been in business for over sixty years.

Volunteers could hardly contain their excitement when given their first look at the newly fitted-out retail premises ahead of the re-opening on Monday, December 2.

"It's beautiful." "Big changes." "Lovely new front." The volunteers were generous in their praise for the hardworking tradesmen.

Donated goods have been held



Rose Lodge CEO Shane Jenkins with Op Shop volunteers and committee. B14\_4824

in storage ready to re-stock the store for Christmas.

"We're expecting many loyal customers to come back for a look at the new shop," said President Dianne Willshire.

"We'll be stocked and ready to go," added Sue Hooper.

"Plenty of hanging space and display areas," said Treasurer Lyn Martell.

It's a busy time ahead for the 43 volunteers with re-stocking commencing this week.

## Christmas at the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Workshop

THE festive season is almost upon us and the Annual Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Christmas Shop will return for the 22nd consecutive year. Once again it will be held at the Woodies workshops at 239 White Road, behind Bass Coast Adult Learning and adjacent to U3A and South Coast FM radio studios.

This year, the Christmas Shop will be open every day for three weeks from Monday, December 2 until Tuesday, December 24. Opening times are: Mondays to Thursdays 10am to 4pm; Fridays 10am to 5pm; Saturdays and Sundays 10am to 1pm. Look out for road signs.

On display and for sale, will be a huge range of quality locally crafted timber products. There will be beautiful turned bowls, platters, vases, wall displays, containers and pens, wall and mantle clocks, kitchenalia, chopping boards, small furniture, artistic display items and so much more. Children's toys feature rocking horses, pull-alongs, scale models and a variety of wheeled toys, or choose a toy kit to enjoy assembling and decorating with your kids at home. If it's made of timber, it's likely available at the Woodies Annual Christmas Shop.

This year the shop will open with over 600 items, everything made by Woodies members and all at very reasonable prices. Get



A selection of items created by Woodies members during the year.

in early for a great choice. If you're looking for that really unique and special Christmas gift, what could be better than something locally made from beautiful, resilient, natural timber?

If you would just like to call in and browse, you will be made very welcome. Have a talk to the Woodies on duty about how they create some of their fabulous works – they love a chat. Or ask how to become a Woodies member yourself. There are 106 members now, both ladies and men. You can learn how to create your very own wonderful products from timber. No prior experience is necessarily needed, as all

Woodies workshop sessions are supervised and guided by experienced and skilled woodworkers.

The Woodies offers a broad range of woodcraft activities in three spacious, well-equipped workshops. Skill areas include woodturning, toy-making, joinery, pyrography, scroll-sawing, carving and new skills including Kumiko Japanese woodcrafts.

If you're interested in joining the Woodies, or would just like to find out more, email the Secretary at – woodiessec@gmail.com, visit the Woodies on the web at – wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or look us up on Facebook and Instagram.

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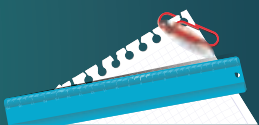


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## Wonthaggi Primary's Long Walk

THE Wonthaggi Primary School community recently recognised the 20th anniversary of Michael Long's Long Walk to Canberra with their own Long Walk event at school.

Staff and students walked on Country to recognise Michael Long's efforts and to build a connection with our First Nations community.

Boon Wurrung Elder Auntie Fay Muir also visited Wonthaggi Primary School during the week to support staff and students on their First Nations' learning journey. Auntie Fay held workshop sessions with students, where through conversation she answered questions and told stories of First Nations peoples' perspectives.

Auntie Fay has been a regular visitor at Wonthaggi Primary School for the last few years, working with the school community to support their embedding of First Nations' perspectives within everyday learning.

Photos: Luke Parker



# Crossing with extra care at St Joseph's Wonthaggi

AFTER 27 years as the much-loved school crossing supervisor for St Joseph's Primary School in Wonthaggi Sophia Pothof is about to hang out her last set of 'Children Crossing' flags.

A special presentation has been organised for the final school assembly next month.

"I'll miss the kids," said Sophia.

The kids at St Joseph's will miss Sophia as well.

Living just 100 metres from St Joseph's Sophia Pothof has hardly missed a day at the crossing, that is apart from the week she took a well-earned rest to attend her niece's grandson's first birthday.

"It was a special birthday," said Sophia.

"I have hardly had a sick day in all that time even during COVID when I helped out with the school crossing at Inverloch."

Sophia recalls some of today's parents waiting across the road using the crossing more than 20 years ago as youngsters.

"I can still remember many of their names," said Sophia.

"In those days boys would arrive at school as early as eight o'clock."



Retiring School Crossing Supervisor Sophia Pothof with St Joseph's Wonthaggi Grade 3/4 teacher Kate Morison. B08\_4824

"It's much different now with locked school fences."

When asked if there were any notorious latecomers.

"Just one," smiled Sophia.

"He rides to school on a single wheel with one wheel held up which can make him late."

St Joseph's School Princi-

pal Joanne Coldebella said the school was extremely grateful to Sophia for doing her job so diligently and reliably for the last 27 years.

"Sophia always has student safety as her top priority and has been a friendly and welcoming face as the students enter or exit the

school.

"We really appreciate all you do Sophia, thank you."

VicRoads and Bass Coast Shire share responsibility for school crossings.

Training, flags, uniforms, and equipment all come with the job.

Children's crossings are operational when 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed by a school crossing supervisor or when flashing lights are operating.

When flags or flashing lights are displayed drivers must not proceed through the crossing if children or adults are still on the crossing or about to start crossing.

"It's the best way for children to learn to be safe on the roads," said St Joseph's Grade 3/4 teacher Kate Morison.

"It's a big responsibility."

Bass Coast currently has twelve school crossings with a dedicated and hardworking team of eighteen school crossing supervisors servicing ten schools.

VicRoads advises motorists to slow down around schools to keep children safe and always look out for pedestrians and school crossing supervisors to make sure the crossing is completely vacated before driving through.



Nixon utilises the musical instruments on offer, between showing mum his artwork. C19\_4824



Emma shows off her crazy hair self-portrait. C18\_4824

## Puppets, faces, music and more at Wonthaggi North

THERE was a spectacular array of art on show last Tuesday evening at Wonthaggi North Primary School as students showed off this year's work.

The show, coordinated by art and drama teacher Kerry McGennissen was officially opened by Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale.

"Paintings, drawings, sculptures – colour, life, movement, bringing in what they feel, see experience... it's about letting your imagination run like the wind..." Ms Crugnale said during her opening speech.

"This stunning, glorious, wonderful exhibition is about the work through the eyes of all the Wonthaggi North

Primary School students...

"To the artists – your creativity is amazing!"

Quoting author Maya Angelou, Ms Crugnale went on to say, "You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have."

The exhibition featured Indigenous inspired artworks across all year levels including line turtles, water creatures, land and air animals, and 'Bunjil the Eagle'; self portraits which varied from 'All About Me', to 'Crazy Hair' and 'Pop Art'; to puppets created for drama, including 'The Ugly Duckling' Milk Carton Hand Puppets, 'Chinese Dragon' Sock Puppets, 'Super Human' Paper Mache Hand Puppets

and 'Designers, Creators and Inventors' Hand and Rod Puppets.

With musical instruments also out, Nixon jammed, whilst Angel played a beautiful rendition of Pachelbel's Canon on the keyboard.

"It's a celebration of our visual arts and drama," explained Ms McGennissen, affectionately known as Miss Mac.

"In term two, we did self-portraits. Lots of different techniques (across the year levels), grade five and six did pop art, students traced themselves on acetate – it's really cool. The three fours did crazy hair – lots of good elements.

"Then they created puppets using lots of recycled

materials in term three (for drama). Kids really like creating, so we made puppets and put on a little performance.

"It's a lot to fit in but it's lots of fun and mess!"

According to Miss Mac there are a lot of big wins for her personally, as she sees the students learn and develop, particularly those who may not favour art subjects.

"Encouraging them to explore and find something they like is rewarding."

The exhibition ran over two days and was a culmination of hard work by staff, students, local businesses and the Parents and Friends Association, who provided a BBQ fundraiser.





Assisting the patient off the beach. Ns23\_4824

# Ready to save lives this summer

IT WAS all hands on deck as first responders gathered at Venus Bay to perfect their response to drowning emergencies.

Staff and volunteers from Ambulance Victoria (AV), Life Saving Victoria and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) gathered on Sunday, November 24 at the Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club for a critical training exercise where they would rescue two drowning patients from the water.

And to make the response even more realistic, CERT members were unaware of what they would be responding to, explained Rebecca Quarrier AV team manager (acting), Mirboo North and Venus Bay CERT.

She highlighted the joint training session was a chance for members to refresh and fine-tune their skills before the busy summer period.

And given the tragic drownings that occurred earlier this year across Bass Coast, the

importance of the exercise can't be understated.

Responders practised rescuing patient one (an adult man) who was 'near drowning' and patient two (manikin), which was a young child who was 'drowning'.

With careful guidance from instructors, responders went through all the motions involved in extricating and resuscitating patients.

Ultimately, the exercise proved to be a success, but it is hoped they won't have to put the training into practice this summer.

The Bass Coast and South Gippsland coastline host some of the most dangerous beaches with a 2017 report highlighting Bass Coast as a beach drowning blackspot.

Bass Coast Shire had also ranked the second highest Local Government Area in Victoria for fatal drowning events.

Earlier this year, there had been strong calls for better signage across dangerous beaches in Bass Coast.



Responders practised working together on a patient. Ns24\_4824



Garbi and Rosina are looking for professionals who work in the field of youth crime and others who've been through the youth justice system to discuss their experiences for their next podcast episode.

## People wanted to discuss youth crime in an upcoming podcast

DELVING into the world of discussing difficult issues through podcasting are two Gippsland disability specialists who are seeking people to join them on their next topic examining youth crime.

Rosina and Garbi from R&G specialist support services are looking for people who would be willing to share their experiences of overcoming youth adversity, and professionals who work in the field of youth crime.

The podcast reaches an engaged audience of policymakers, educators, social workers, domestic violence workers, people with disabilities and youth advocates.

While previous episodes have focused on domestic violence, controlling behaviours and unmet needs, the catalyst came for the current topic when one of their disability clients was harassed on a train.

"They shoved their bike into the back of their legs. It wasn't very nice and there were obscenities," explained Rosina who has a background in child services and is a Registered nurse with credentials in counselling, behavioural science and trauma abuse.

"And that's really horrible if you can't even be safe. I guess for you and I, it's one thing, for someone that's got a disability to try and travel and to try and put themselves out there, and then be abused like that on a train.

"That brought us to thinking, well what's going on out there?"

Rosina and her business partner Garbi want to generate a discussion that focuses on understanding the root causes of youth crime, effective prevention strategies, rehabilitation approaches, and the role of community support.

"There is a lot of youth crime in our society and we are thinking what should we do about this crime? What's happening in society? Is it the discipline?"

"They go to court and the police do everything they possibly can and it's just like a slap on the wrist, and back out you go. How do we address it? How do we do it?" asked Rosina.

Professionals working in the space who are happy to chat about the issue are invited to contact Rosina.

The pair are also keen to chat with someone who has gone through the youth justice system and come out the other side, to provide hope for youth who can relate to the experience.

"I think we really need to see those stories, the happy ones, that are, hey, mate, you might be feeling down right now, but you know what? There's a corner and you can turn it."

For anyone interested in being a part of the youth crime podcast contact Rosina on 0429 909 139 or 5611 3944 or email [rosina@randgspecialistsupport.com.au](mailto:rosina@randgspecialistsupport.com.au).

# Walking to find a cure for brain cancer

FRIENDS, family and supporters of Shiona Berry, Glen Alvie mother of three and wife of dairy farmer Caleb Berry, have raised over \$100,000 for brain cancer research participating in the Point To Pinnacle recreational walk in Hobart.

Starting in the carpark of the Wrest-Point Casino walkers climbed 1200 metres to finish at the pinnacle of Mount Wellington.

Diagnosed with a highly aggressive glioblastoma brain tumour in 2022, Shiona Berry raised a significant amount of money for brain cancer research before losing her battle with the disease in January this year.

Shiona's husband Caleb and daughters Ella, Freya and Olivia are now continuing Shiona's legacy through the fundraising initiative 'In Shiona's Shoes'.

During her treatment, Shiona became aware of just how many people are affected by glioblastoma and made a personal commitment to raise awareness of the impact of brain cancer on the wider community, especially children.

Glioblastoma, also known as Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM) is a highly malignant, grade IV brain tumour



In Shiona's Shoes fundraising team for the 'Point To Pinnacle' walk.

originating in the brain rather than forming elsewhere in the body and then spreading to the brain.

"It's pretty much a death sentence," said Caleb Berry.

The Point To Pinnacle Walk is a major fundraiser for the Beanies 4 Brain Cancer Foundation and this year raised a total of \$670,000 for brain cancer research.

The Berry family runs Glen Alvie Dairies milking 700 cows a day.

"We ensure everyone gets a break every five days," said Caleb. "Family life is important."

Caleb and Shiona studied Agricultural Science at Dookie College before working as share farmers and then purchasing their own dairy farm.

The Beanies 4 Brain Cancer

Foundation helps fund the Brain Cancer Centre established in partnership with the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research with support from the Victorian Government to bring together the brightest minds to end brain cancer as a terminal illness.

"There's not enough funding for brain cancer research," said Caleb.

"It's not like other cancers.

"Until the last year or two, nothing had changed."

Knowing no amount of research could help her and given 12 months to live Shiona strongly believed if she could affect the lives of kids in the future that would be something.

"We want to see a day where no family has to lose someone they love to brain cancer and

I truly believe that together we can achieve that," wrote Shiona.

Shiona wanted to ensure every Australian diagnosed with brain cancer had access to the best treatments and was given real hope for a positive outcome.

"It's been hard to deal with," said Caleb.

"Brain cancer is one of the biggest killers of kids.

"They're told to go home and make memories."

There is currently no cure for Glioblastoma Multiforme.

Survival rates have not changed in thirty years with eighty per cent of patients diagnosed with brain cancer not surviving past five years.

Brain cancer kills more people under the age of 40 than any other cancer and more children in Australia than any other disease.

One Australian is diagnosed with brain cancer every five hours.

Shiona and Caleb's three teenage daughters keep their dad busy.

"Our eldest daughter has just completed her VCE exams," said Caleb.

'In Shiona's Shoes' Point To Pinnacle fundraising can be found at [pointtopinnacle2024.grassrootz.com/cb4bc/in-shiona-s-shoes](http://pointtopinnacle2024.grassrootz.com/cb4bc/in-shiona-s-shoes)



## Sentinel-Times

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### What's the plan for beach safety?

THE start of volunteer surf life-saving patrols on our beaches at the weekend, and temperatures above the 35-degree mark on Saturday were a sure sign that summer is already here.

And, after the disastrous experiences of last summer, when there were six drownings between Kilcunda and Smiths Beach, you'd hope the authorities have their messaging clear and are already rolling out their warnings, signs and education programs.

But it's a campaign to keep everyone safe this summer which we can all participate in, and pleasing then to overhear staff members at the Visitor Information Centre at Newhaven during the week issuing a clear warning about hazards that exist at our surf beaches, to go into the water only at patrolled beaches and only between the flags, or better still, head to the Cowes side of Phillip Island for the safest family swimming.

At Inverloch this summer, there are some additional hazards, including the cliff drops where beach access tracks have been dangerously undermined, especially between Ozone Street and the surf lifesaving clubhouse.

As well as closing these access points, the community is calling on the council and other authorities to provide signs and other awareness programs so that visitors and locals alike know what's going on.

They've also called on the council to approach the government about providing a community bus service so that people can 'park and ride' or in other ways seek to take the pressure off Surf Parade.

The other pressing issue we have to turn our minds to is what to do about the beach erosion problem at Inverloch Surf Beach after another round of serious damage a week and a half ago.

Plans for the replacement of sand, along the lines we have already seen, is simply not going to work and some 'hard engineering' solutions need to be trialled, if not rock walls, then wet-sand fencing and other methods for taking the power out of wave action during storm surges.

Because the reality is, the authorities will not stand by and watch the surf club building or Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road tumble into the sea during the next storm or king tide without some engineering response being taken.

So, do it now!

The other response the community is calling for is better communication. Tell us what action is planned and when.

To date, the Cape to Cape Resilience Plan process has failed to bring forth any sort of plan of action. If revegetation and sand renourishment is the plan – what plants, where and when? After more than four years, and with access to all the coastal research and management, why don't we have a plan?

And which 'hard engineering' options have been trialled and researched under the unique Inverloch conditions?

The time for action is now. Not as an emergency response when infrastructure is directly impacted.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

### Same old same old

A NEW CEO but more of the same old, same old.

There were six different and specific questions asked regarding Cowes Cultural Centre Passivhaus accreditation during Bass Coast Council Question Time. All six questions were lumped together and answered with a single, unspecific and generic response, which failed to adequately address a single one of the public questions in any meaningful way.

CEO Box's responses were a failure and unwilling to provide information regarding costs, on-going works, expected or acceptable timeline expectations and financial considerations. If you find this difficult to believe watch it for yourself on Youtube... Bass Coast Council Meeting 20 November 2024, time 26.32m-29.00m.

Mr Box joined Bass Coast Shire Council in 2020 and prior to his appointment as CEO his areas of responsibility included Communications, Advocacy and Engagement, Economic Development, Customer and Visitor Experience.

Despite Mr Box's public promises upon assuming the role of CEO, his current communication and engagement is far from satisfactory and sadly follows closely in the obfuscated standard set by the previous CEO.

Whilst Berninnet continues to win awards in the 12 months since opening, it remains a failure as far as living up to contractual specifications. I hope none of the awards were based on criteria which included the non-existent Passivhaus certification. We, the ratepayers who paid for Berninnet, deserve honest, open and factually specific answers to our questions. By not addressing specific public questions factually and directly, it appears Council is hoping ratepayers will tire of asking questions. Or will Council come out and say we are not answering anymore questions on this subject as they have done so previously to avoid scrutiny. Stay tuned.

**Philip Davy, Surf Beach**

### Time to fix our roads and not the loop

UNDER the pretence of 'saving the wildlife' VicRoads's has reduced the speed limit on my local road from 100km/h to 80km/h.

The real reason is that the condition of the road is absolutely appalling. There is

not a 100-metre stretch that has not been repaired, is not potholed or is dangerously bumpy as hell. And this is just the eight kilometre stretch from Cape Paterson to Wonthaggi.

I'm sure everyone who reads this paper will agree. We are in desperate need of help in rural Victoria and the state government is doing nothing about it. I'm all for future proofing and building infrastructure i.e. the new city train loop but not at the blind expense of the rural infrastructure that sustains life outside the city.

**Frank Flynn, Cape Paterson**

### Not the place for religious dialogue

*Re Faith Factor (Sentinel-Times, November 19).*

ARTICLES of this nature are not for the local papers. Religion is a very sensitive subject and there are a lot of reasons that people have disconnected from the church. Catholic priests have a lot to answer for and even today I am hearing stories of men and women in catholic institutional care that have been so abused by who they trusted most – the care of the catholic church – but were abused in horrendous ways. What is the church doing about that – absolutely nothing.

I grew up as a catholic because I did not have a choice. I studied with abusive nuns and priests that I had to dodge all the time and had no one to tell my story because in the language of the people at the time "they did not do things like that."

The damage that they have done can never be reversed irrespective of what compensation is being made. "Hell is full of catholic priests," is the words I have read in a lot of books that talk about stories of abuse.

So, if I could say anything to [the author] it's yes, I did go to church for a lot of my life. Today I do not see the need to go to a church to live as a conscious living being. Do not preach to the public, when you have not set the good example. God is everywhere, in everyone and in every living being and all we must do is experience it and the church is not the place to do that.

The church has always been about telling people what to do and as she says about rules. We are born with the spiritual intelligence and for her information she may need this faith to support her but there are a lot of us that have woken up to what the church stands for. I have not

lost my faith, hope, gratitude, compassion, and empathy and that did not come from my catholic background. Today I am not religious and proud to say so. I am very spiritual and a better human being because my spirit is not with the church.

To [the author] I would say – answer the question that most people are asking "where was God when I needed him most?" I would say to them that they are reaching out for him in the wrong place and that is the church. Get connected with yourself and he is within you, and we have the power to change evil into good and that does not happen sitting in a church.

**Dilene Hinton, Inverloch**

### Transparency matters

ADDRESSING recent claims made by Teal candidates, which have been echoed by some in the media. While they present themselves as 'independents' backed by the community, it is important to note that there are plenty of media reports and statements made in Parliament that they are actually affiliated with a de facto political party supported by billionaire climate change advocates.

This includes direct funding from the billionaire (and other affluent individuals) funded Climate 200 political action group.

In contrast, candidates from the Labor, Liberal, and National Parties are open about who they represent and there is disclosure of how they are funded. Regardless of one's agreement or disagreement with their policies, at least they are upfront about their affiliations.

The Teal movement, on the other hand, tends to obscure its connections while masquerading as independent.

Supporting candidates backed by non-transparent political action groups, which have no substantial policies other than climate change and selective social issues, and that are substantially funded by faceless rich businessmen, poses a significant risk to our democracy.

At a minimum, Teal candidates need to be carefully questioned and fully disclose their funding from political action groups and what political undertakings they have given to these groups.

**Julian Glynn, Cowes**

*Editor's note: Mr Glynn was the former treasurer of the Victorian branch of the Liberal Party.*



# Soles of grief and hope as Senators and MPs listen #2500toomany

IT WAS an emotional day last Tuesday, November 19, as 2500 shoes were placed on the lawns of Parliament House in Canberra for International Men's Day. Each shoe representing a male life lost to suicide.

Two of those shoes belonged to one family, whose story we discussed in last week's edition. That of Daniel (21 years old) and his cousin Will (17 years old).

Joined by her family, Donna Kerr, and Daniel's best mate Noah Tebbutt, Donna stood up in front of the crowd, and politicians, and spoke from a mother's point of view.

"I'm honoured that I was asked to speak by Paul (from Zero Suicide Awareness Program Victoria)," Donna said after the event.

"It was a massive day."

Donna and Paul were joined by TikTok Gary, Glen Fisher – The Legup Project, Corey Worthington, Buddy Oldman – Masters Boxer, and family and friends of men and boys who have taken their life by suicide.

One Nation Senator Pauline Hanson, The Shadow Member for Health Senator Anne Ruston, Senator Malcolm Roberts, Mark Parton MLA and Terry Young MP also met with those attending with Senator Hanson and Senator Ruston speaking at the event.

"It breaks my heart again to see so many boots on the lawn here," Ms Hanson said.

"There are many issues... We can change it.



**Member for Monash Russell Broadbent met with Donna Kerr and Noah Tebbutt on the lawns of Parliament House last Tuesday on International Men's Day.**

"It's a shame we don't have more Australian's here today. I will state your message loud and clear again on the floor of Parliament, I will keep fighting for your issue, for men and women... their lives being destroyed.

"I want to change that."

Senator Ruston acknowledged a pile of boots to her right, that represented the lives directly saved by suicide awareness campaigns by those in attendance.

"On a really positive note, can I congratulate you on this... you've saved those lives by what you've done," Senator Ruston said.

"On behalf of the Coalition and Peter Dutton, can I say that if there is one person who sits in that place who under-

stands better than anyone else the story that you are trying to tell Australia it is Peter Dutton.

"Having been a frontline policeman responding to domestic violence... he understands all too well the situational challenges that face people and how completely crippling those situational challenges can be on people.

"We hear so much about mental health, and of course it is something we need to be dealing with, but we also need to understand that sometimes it's the circumstances that you find yourself in... that often leads to what we are seeing here today. I want you to know we are listening."

Local Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent took time to speak with Don-

na during the day, hearing loud and clear Donna's story and what she is achieving with Daniel's Wings of Pride.

Overall those in attendance on Tuesday were calling for a dedicated Minister for Men's Health and Welfare.

"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 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."

Senator Hanson raised multiple questions on November 20 on the Senate floor relating to gender equality and in particular men's mental health services following the November 19 shoe display.

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](http://beyondblue.org.au).
- Lifeline on 13 11 14 or [lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au).
- MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978 or [mensline.org.au](http://mensline.org.au).
- Kids' Helpline on 1800 551 800 or [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au).



**John Simmons gave a presentation on how residents can be best prepared for the upcoming season. Ns17\_4824**

## Time is now to prepare

BE PREPARED for the fire season, that's the message of the Wonthaggi Fire Brigade.

On Saturday, November 23, Wonthaggi Fire Brigade's community safety coordinator John Simmons gave a presentation at the Wonthaggi Library on what residents should be prepared for with the fire season expected to start earlier this year.

The fire danger period will commence from Monday, December 9 for Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires and residents should ensure their properties are ready.

"If you know what's happening and you've got an awareness of what's going on that puts you in a much better position than just suddenly finding yourself in an emergency situation that you didn't expect," John said.

"The more you plan and the more you prepare, the better prepared you are, both physically and psychologically to deal with a fire.

"We are in one of the most fire-prone areas in the world (Victoria) alongside places like California, Greece and Spain.

"And you may not have noticed, but we've had a very dry winter and a pretty dry spring.

"At the moment, we're tracking at about two-thirds our annual rainfall for the year, so that's a significant drop in rain."

John highlighted the importance of understanding our weather patterns such as El Nino and La Nino.

"At the moment, we're in a La Nina watch, which means that we're pretty average. It may drop into La Nina, but may not. What that means is that we're going to see a very average summer, a typical Victorian hot summer.

"We will get hot dry windy days and elevated fire danger."

John highlighted that when the fire period is declared, residents will need a permit to undertake a burn-off, so the time is now if residents need to burn off still.

He also noted the various sources for information during an emergency such as VicEmergency as well as emergency radio broadcasters such as ABC and Sky News.

## Stirring sounds fill Leongatha Memorial Hall on Sunday

WHILE younger generations were thinly represented, that was their loss as a large audience savoured the sounds of 'Choirs in Unison' at Leongatha's Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon.

'South Gippsland Singers', and 'Bass Coast Chorale' performed a couple of sets together with the 'Australian Welsh Male Choir' delivering two sets of its own, and the trio of choirs pitching in for the final three songs of the popular performance.

Introducing the concert, Jim Pickersgill joked that it was easy preparing a performance with three choirs from different places, but any challenge in doing so wasn't apparent to those in attendance.

Jim said the magic of song



**The Australian Welsh Male Choir is acknowledged by its musical director Tom Buchanan OAM and the audience. A10\_4824**

would evoke emotions and offer an escape from the turmoil in various parts of the world, proving correct on both counts.

The two local choirs provided a diverse range of numbers from 'Bohemian

Rhapsody' to 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy'.

The Australian Welsh Male Choir delivered songs in the native language of Wales, such as 'O Gymru', and 'Calon Lân', the latter described by the group's musical director

Tom Buchanan OAM as the country's "unofficial national anthem".

While not Welsh, 'The Fields of Athenry' hit the spot, the only things missing being the chance to sing along and a pint of Guinness.

## Christ Church marks 125 years with tree planting

CHRIST CHURCH, Foster celebrated its 125th anniversary on Sunday, November 24 with the planting of a prayer tree beside the rectory.

The wet day did not dampen the spirits of those attending the celebrations led by Reverend Canon Dr Fran Grimes, who also conducted the church service prior to the planting.

The olive tree was placed beside a beautifully crafted cypress seat made and donated by the Foster Men's Shed.

The original Church of England (Anglican) church was built in Foster's Church Hill

Road, next to the Catholic and Methodist churches.

But just a few years later a raging bushfire destroyed the Church of England and Methodist Church and both were rebuilt on their present sites in Station Road.

The congregation on Sunday included former Christ Church minister Reverend John Davies and wife, Pam, who retired to Wonthaggi, with another past minister Reverend Ken Rogers and wife, Susan also returning for the day.

A delicious lunch was enjoyed in Christ Church's adjoining hall.



**Reverend Fran Grimes at Christ Church's olive tree planting on Sunday, with Helen Fulton, Tarni Moss and son Jameson.**



## \$101K for Rose Lodge thanks to hardworking volunteers

ROSE Lodge Opportunity Shop presented Rose Lodge with a cheque for \$101,000 at the Rose Lodge AGM on November 15. From left, Dianne Willshire (Op Shop President), John Duscher (Rose Lodge Board President), Lyn Martell (Op Shop Treasurer) and Rachel Anthony (Rose Lodge Board Director).

Mr Duscher thanked the Opportunity Shop for their continued support which assists the residents of Rose Lodge.



### Mirboo North Market ends year on a high

THE MIRBOO North Market has broken all previous records with a subscription of 132 stalls for their final market event of 2024.

The overwhelming response to the call for stalls has resulted in a completely new layout having been designed for the upcoming market.

A collaboration between the market, South Gippsland Shire Council, Forest Fire Management Victoria and the Mirboo North and surrounding CFA brigades has led to a fire season Information hub at the final event.

Attendees can meet and discuss all aspects of public land fire management as well as access resources to enable them to understand and establish their own personal fire emergency plan for the coming fire season.

There will be a huge range of merchandise on offer ranging from food stalls, preserves, paper gifts, garden art, metal art, fresh fruit and veggies, clothing, 3D printing, collectible DVDs, artisan bread, cheese, fresh meats, smallgoods, traditional blacksmith, distilleries, breweries, ciders, hats, bags, and much more.

The huge number of stalls provides shoppers with an excellent early Christmas shopping opportunity while being entertained as they shop by three music acts comprising the ever-popular Eric Collier, consummate musician Gavin Chatelier and the wandering song minstrels of Jane Coker and the Grand Ridge 245 Mirboo North Community Choir.

The Market offers shoppers serious rewards with the original and best Market Money lottery – shoppers receive a ticket per purchase and go into the draw to win \$150 of Money Market tokens, to be spent at the next Market.

The Mirboo North Market will be held on Saturday, November 30 in Baromi Park, Mirboo North, from 8.30am to 1 pm. There will be no Market in December.

### Kiln opening and Christmas showcase

EXPLORE the artistry of Robert Barron's wood-fired stoneware at one of Australia's largest wood-fired kilns, measuring 14 metres long and fired annually over four days. Visitors can tour the workshop and kiln, witnessing pottery in various stages of production during the special Kiln Opening and Christmas Exhibition running over two weekends, November 30 – December 1, and December 7 – 8, from 10am to 5pm.

Handcrafted items include jugs, mugs, bowls, and larger pieces like platters and planters, along with water features and herb pots.

A perfect opportunity to find unique gifts ahead of Christmas and experience the beauty of traditional pottery-making.

The pottery will also be open all weekend through to Christmas from 10.30am to 5pm.

See ad on page 12 for more information or pop along to 60 Kardella – Fairbank Road, Kardella.

## Festive fun ensured at Woorayl Lodge Fete

THE WOORAYL Lodge Fete is always filled with the joy of Christmas, offering the chance to stock up on presents and decorations and enjoy tasty treats, with a next-door garage sale added to this year's event on Saturday, November 30.

While there is always bric-a-brac available at the Fete, the range will be substantially boosted with the extra space the new arrangement affords, having been confined to the Lodge driveway previously.

Residents have been busy creating craft items throughout the year to sell on the day, and members of the Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary will run a separate stall featuring their knitted goods.

New Tupperware will be available as will outdoor candy cane decorations created by the Lodge's maintenance team.

The local Lions Club will take charge of the sausage sizzle and hot chips, while the Auxiliary's scrumptious Devonshire Teas, served in the Nelson Lounge, offer the chance to rest, relax and chat.

Pick-a-box, raffles and a prize wheel add to the day's entertainment, with Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath donating an afternoon tea for four people at Parliament House in Melbourne including a tour, as one



Woorayl Lodge residents Peg Williams, Faye Lyons and Willy Zuidema, and staff members Jaye Hopkins, Karen Scott and Christine Beck, look forward to the Lodge's Fete on Saturday November 30. A01\_4824

of the prizes. Liberal candidate for Monash in the next Federal election, Mary Aldred, has donated a substantial hamper of Gippsland produce. There'll also be a chance to win Christmas hams and other hampers.

The Gatha Rock dancers will be displaying their Rock 'n Roll moves and there'll be a guitar performance.

Lifestyle coordinator Christine Beck has been busy with residents as they create craft and knitted items and is excited about the upcoming Fete, her

first since joining the Lodge.

Resident Peg Williams has been making Christmas decorations, Faye Lyons has been creating festive wreaths, while producing sun catchers has been a project for Willy Zuidema.

President of the Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary, Kaye Warren, expressed her appreciation to all who have contributed to preparing for the Fete and everyone who'll help on the day.

"Many auxiliary members and staff have volunteered to make this Fete a huge success," she

said, noting the fact staff are happy to be part of running the event on their day off shows their commitment to Woorayl Lodge.

Kaye also thanked community members for their support, whether through supplying food items, plants or bric-a-brac to sell, or helping in other ways, and has her fingers crossed for fine weather.

The Woorayl Lodge Fete runs from 8.30am until 1pm and funds raised will go directly to the Lodge, benefiting residents.

## Wonthaggi CWA help to break social isolation this Christmas

GET into the holiday spirit and join the Wonthaggi Owl CWA for a special one-day-only Christmas stall filled with joy, treats, and handmade treasures. Members will be set up outside of Kmart at the Wonthaggi Plaza on Thursday, November 30 from 9am until 1pm.

There will be cakes, slices, biscuits, and festive treats – freshly baked with love by CWA members, perfect for holiday gatherings or gifting.

The women will be selling handcrafted Christmas decorations – beautifully crocheted and made to bring warmth and magic to your holiday season. Unique crafts – one-of-a-kind, lovingly created items to add charm to your home or surprise someone special.

Branch manager Heidi Vanzet from the CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women said every purchase helps us support local women, youth, and our community. "Your generosity makes a real difference!"

"Come early and stock up on



Anthea Harris, Carol Maygar and Heidi Vanzet of the CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women.

holiday treats and handcrafted gifts – these special goodies won't last long! Let's make your Christmas a little sweeter and a lot brighter," said Heidi.

One day only – don't miss out

on the festive fun!

On top of the planning of the Christmas stall, the women of Wonthaggi Owl CWA are planning to put together 50 back-to-school packs for YES Youth

Hub in December/January.

"We're continuing our work with YES Youth Hub, the library pantry, and Close Knit at the Wonthaggi Library," Heidi said.

The CWA hold regular social catchups and have seen great success with over 20 women signed up for the email list, and regularly attending each gathering.

The catchups are held twice a month, from 12pm to 4pm – one at the Wonthaggi Library on the second Wednesday of the month and the second at the Coal Mine Café on the last Saturday of each month.

These events are open to any woman who are looking to join for a cuppa and a chat, helping to break the social isolation that can come from living in the country.

"The Coal Mine Café provides free cuppas and cake to everyone who attends, and we provide refreshments at the library. We're committed to ensuring that the cost of living doesn't become a barrier to making new friends and connections."

## Christmas is coming early in Loch

A VERY successful inaugural Christmas event launched in Loch last year, has led to the town organising an even bigger and better Christmas event this year.

On Friday, December 6, from 5pm – 8pm, Victoria Street will be closed in Loch Village so visitors can wander safely up and down the road enjoying all the specialty stalls have to offer, with the number of stall holders increasing by 32 this year.

There will be Christmas gifts and local food and wine on offer and all the regular Loch traders will also be open.

Live music will be heard with the Loch Primary School choir

singing Christmas Carols on the big stage and there will be a few buskers to entertain attendees as well.

Father Christmas will, of course, be coming to visit on Loch CFA's brand-new fire engine.

"We ran it as a bit of a test last year as a result of a suggestion of one of the store owners and it was a terrific success and we learned a lot from it. So, we've done it almost exactly again this year," said Ron Barnacle, President of the Loch Community Development Association (LCDA). "We've just made it bigger and better."



Christmas in Loch will bigger and better this year, with over 30 stall holders and all traders open for the evening on Friday, December 6. Photo: Karli Duckett.



## A magical hour of dance

THE Lisa Pellin Dancers have been offering quality training in South Gippsland for over 30 years. Whether your child chooses to dance for fun, fitness or career aspirations Lisa Pellin Dancers has a class for you.

We have classes available in all dance styles: Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Acrobatics, Music Theatre Drama and Vocals from beginner to advanced.

2024 has been another fantastic year at LPD with our April production of 'The Little Mermaid' featuring our Music Theatre Students and the August Mid-Year Showcase for the entire school three to 18 years. Our students are now just putting the finishing touches on the End of Year Display.

Our students have also been lucky to be doing classes with past students and current

industry professionals Chloe Adkins, Claudia Bolam, Daniel Cosgrove, Jackson Patterson and Xavier Pellin who are sharing their knowledge and expertise with the next aspiring generation.

Prepare to be whisked into a world of enchantment on Friday, December 6, and Saturday, December 7, with our delightful Princess Dance classes! Perfect for little royals aged four to six, these magical sessions invite attendees to dress as their favourite Disney princess and twirl through an hour of whimsical dance and wonder.

We are so proud of the amazing classes and performance opportunities on offer at LPD and can't wait to share them with you. Follow us on Facebook.

Come and join Elsa's dance class as we inspire the next generation.



**Diving under the sea** Lisa Pellin Dancers brought *The Little Mermaid's* enchanting tale to life in 2024, showcasing the incredible talents of their Music Theatre students. Whether for fun, fitness or the future, pop along and see what is on offer.



## Pumpkin Pie

By Meg Viney

THIS is a not too sweet pumpkin pie because Americans do tend to add a lot of sugar to their desserts.

### Ingredients

- 300g pumpkin
- 60g brown sugar
- 60ml treacle, or even golden syrup – treacle just has a slightly darker flavour
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ½ cup milk
- 2 tbsp butter, melted
- Salt, pinch
- Cinnamon, pinch
- Ground ginger, pinch
- Nutmeg, pinch
- ½ lemon peel, grated
- Shortcrust pastry

### Method

Bake pumpkin on a low heat with some butter covered until it is tender then measure to make one cup of pulp.

Blend brown sugar, treacle, milk, butter, salt, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and lemon peel in a food processor and pour it into a pastry crust or into a biscuit crust – like you would make for a cheesecake

I recommend that you make your own shortcrust pastry, which is ridiculously easy with recipes provided in past editions.

Cook on 190° for 30 to 40 minutes watching until it is a little puffy and set in the middle then serve with cream and ice cream.

• Photo: Prchi Palwe, Unsplash

## Christmas in the Boo is back for its sixth year

CHRISTMAS in the Boo is back for its sixth year and bringing the village alive with creative makers, delicious food vans, free kids activities, wreath making and live music, and fun for the whole family.

The Family Fun Zone near the playground is where the magic happens, with free children's activities including face painting, mini golf, lawn games, and a petting zoo starting between 5pm and 5.30pm.

DJ Stivva will again be bringing the disco and his magical snow machine, where the kids can dance and play in the snow from 5pm-7pm.

"The kids activities will be free, to try and help people because the cost of living is pretty expensive at the moment, so people can bring their families," said Stacey Harriage from Mirboo Country Development Inc, who expects about 5000 people to attend this year's event.

Groove Cartel will be on stage bringing all the best tunes for the young at heart from 7pm.

Wacky Wombat Entertainment will be roaming through the event, bringing loads of fun for all ages and brightening up the



**Kids can dance and play in the snow with DJ Stivva and his magical snow machine from 5-7pm at Christmas in the Boo.** Photo: Christina Stoertebecker.

crowd with their unique flair and extra dose of Christmas cheer.

The best local makers and creators have been hand-picked for the event and will have a variety of unique, high-quality products and gifts on offer.

"There'll be lots of food, lots of market stalls, most of them are local stalls, so people can support local businesses while doing their Christmas shopping as well," said Stacey.

There will be a free Christmas Wreath Workshop running which is funded by the Community Bank Mirboo North & District as part of the recovery fund.

It will provide a fun-filled, creative event, where people can learn to craft a wreath from seasonal blooms and greenery under the expert guidance of instructor Michelle Rose.

Fox & Pearl Photography will

be available once again offering stunning Christmas photos uniquely styled against a boho backdrop. They will be located in the Old Grain Store, on the edge of Baromi Park at 55 Ridgway, Mirboo North with two packages available starting from \$30.

BYO chairs and picnic rugs to Christmas in The Boo, held on Friday, December 6 from 5pm at Baromi Park, Mirboo North.

## PRINCESS DANCE CLASS

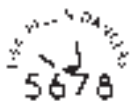
*Dress as your favourite Princess!*

**\$20**  
per session

1 hour of fun with Elsa & friends  
Suitable for ages 4-6

**Friday, December 6 | 4.30-5.30pm**  
Inverloch studio 74 Cashin Street

**Saturday December 7 | 10-11am**  
Leongatha studio 18 Watson Road



Pre Bookings essential at  
[lisapellin5678@gmail.com](mailto:lisapellin5678@gmail.com)



WONTHAGGI



**WEDNESDAY 1pm - 3pm**  
**THURSDAY 8pm - 10pm**

**Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 75 Graham Street**  
Come and join in the laughs at South Coast FM Bingo

★ RAFFLES ★ DOOR PRIZES ★





Ally of Space Glass had lots of incredible creations to show off at the Inverloch Farmers Market on Sunday, November 24.



Enjoying the music by AJ Leonard and Jenny Rowlands at the Save Western Port Woodlands family day on Sunday were PICS president Greg Johnson, vice president Terry Nott and Brigitte Nott.



Among those at the Save Western Port Woodlands family day at Grantville on Sunday were Jenny and Kerry Dale and Max and Sandy.



Grade 1/2 teacher Sarah McAdam and Caroline Blakely (Teaching and Learning). C10\_4824



Julianne of Olive Twist has much more than just olive oil! Be sure to check out their yurt hut accommodation.



Barbara of Original Spirit Co highlighted their famous GinFusion creations.



Kim of Mate's Gin distillery showcased their top shelf gin selection.



Lisa of Charlie and I Botanical Formulations had a range of handcrafted skin care products.



Lorraine and Shirley of Kricklewood Soaps enjoyed the day despite the rain.

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Save Western Port Woodlands family day, Inverloch Farmers Market and Wonthaggi North Primary School Art Show.



Showing their support for the Western Port Woodlands were Bass Coast councillors Jon Temby, Tracie Bell with son Gabriel, Ron Bauer, Jan Thompson, Tim O'Brien and Rochelle Halstead with former councillor Phil Wright.



Emily and Marcus enjoyed the artwork on display. C11\_4824



Volunteers behind the Art Show BBQ, parent Vanessa and teachers aide and Parents and Friends Association's Lenore. C12\_4824



Linita proudly displays her puppet 'Einstein' with Shannon Semmens. C13\_4824



Lily and Savannah jump behind the puppet show. C15\_4824



Hanna and Grego of the Invy Baker were sold out for the day.



Lions Club of Inverloch and District members Dianna, Max, Lisa and Dawn were busy serving the snags.

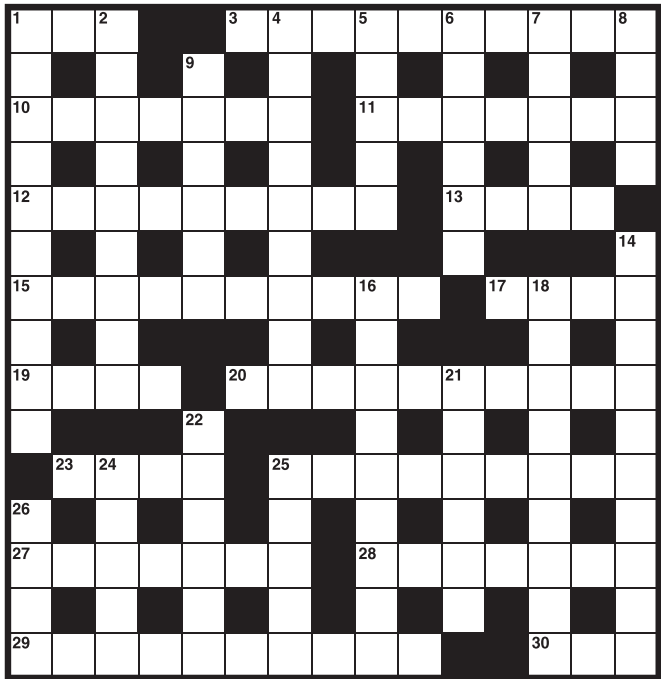


Paul of Phillip Island Meadery had an amazing range of honey meads with various flavours to suit all palates.



CROSSWORD

No. 256



- ACROSS
- 1 Dine (3)

3 Increase in value (10)

10 On the way (2,5)

11 Make clear (7)

12 The study of speech sounds (9)
- 13 Head cook (4)

15 Greatly impressed by fame (10)

17 Sunrise (4)

19 Stead (4)

20 Professed (10)

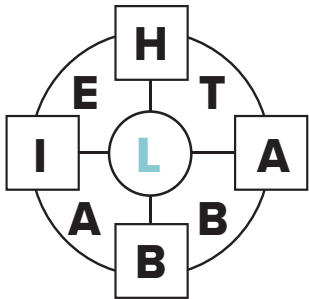
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9-LETTER

No. 256

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural nouns ending in 's'.

- Today's Aim:
- 15 words: **Good**
- 23 words: **Very good**
- 31 words: **Excellent**



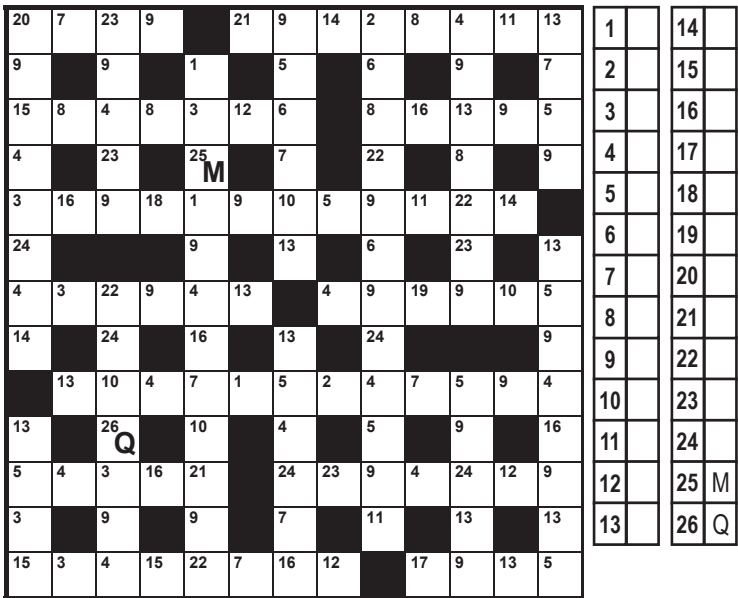
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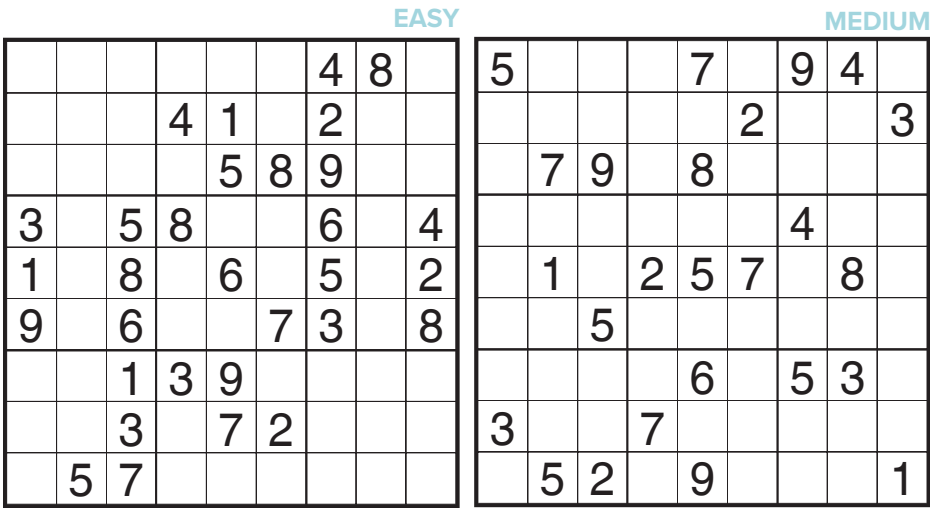
Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



SUDOKU

No. 255

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



QUICK QUIZ

1. Name the five stereotypes in the 1985 teen classic *The Breakfast Club*.

2. In which city is the Cenotaph war memorial located?

3. True or false: a cat almost became a senator in ancient Rome?

4. Which animated film is set in the fictional town of Blithe Hollow?

5. In the first instalment of the Curious George children's book series, who is George's companion?
6. Who painted *Girl Before a Mirror* and *The Weeping Woman*?

7. Which reality series did singer Kesha (pictured) appear in before she rose to fame?

8. Which British prime minister had the shortest tenure in the UK's history?

9. Which famous explorer is credited with discovering 'The New World'?

10. What is the direct English translation of the Latin phrase *magna carta*?

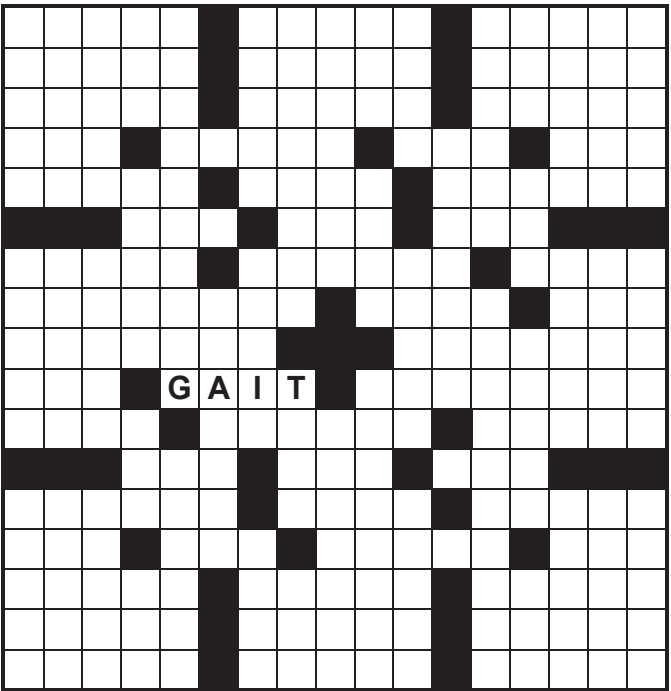


ANSWERS: 1. The brain, the princess, the athlete, the criminal, the basket case 2. London, England 3. False (it was a horse) 4. *ParaNorman* 5. The man in the yellow hat 6. Pablo Picasso 7. *The Simple Life* 8. Liz Truss 9. *Christopherson* 10. Great charter

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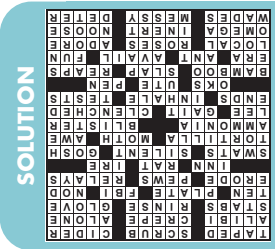
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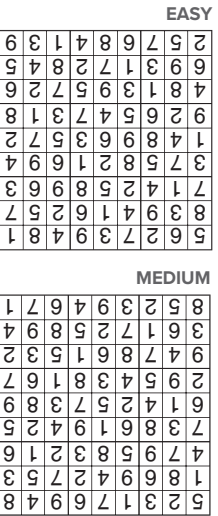
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SECRET MESSAGE: Blasting off at the speed of light



## Fee-Free TAFE to address construction skills shortages

THE Albanese and Allan Labor Governments have announced the introduction of over 5000 new Fee-Free TAFE places in construction and housing sector courses, aiming to combat critical skills shortages in the industry.

The initiative, backed by \$22.2 million in federal funding, will offer 5200 new Fee-Free TAFE places in Victoria from January 2025, including up to 1300 pre-apprenticeship positions.

Since its inception, Fee-Free TAFE has seen over 508,000 Australians enrol, including 91,200 Victorians, with 11,400 pursuing construction courses. The expansion seeks to provide financial relief to students while addressing the nation's housing supply challenges.

Victorian Minister for Skills and TAFE Gayle Tierney highlighted the success of the program, stating, "Free TAFE has opened doors to new training and career pathways for nearly 190,000 Victorians since 2019, including 33,300 students in construction courses – saving aspiring tradies over \$71 million in tuition fees and preparing them for jobs in the high-demand construction industry."

Minister for Housing Harriet Shing noted the alignment of the program with the state's housing goals.

"By expanding Free TAFE construction courses, we're giving more Victorians a chance to build rewarding careers while helping deliver on our ambitious housing agenda - helping more Victorians into safe, secure and modern homes," said Ms Shing.

While Chisholm TAFE in Wonthaggi does not currently offer face-to-face courses locally, students can explore their options at TAFE Gippsland, which provides a range of offerings tailored to the local workforce needs.

## MBV welcomes crackdown on dodgy builders

MASTER Builders Victoria has welcomed the recent announcement by the Victorian Building Authority that it has unregistered and unlicensed practitioners in its sights as it moves to crack down on Victoria's dodgy builders.

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) has issued a warning to Victorian consumers about the dangers of engaging unregistered or unlicensed workers and launched a new online link where consumers can provide a tip-off about potentially dodgy practitioners.

Master Builders Victoria (MBV) CEO Michaela Lihou said her organisation welcomes the VBA's renewed focus on unregistered or unlicensed workers in a bid to protect consumers from uninsured and unqualified operators, and the potential safety and financial dangers they bring with them.

"There's too many of them out there putting both consumers and the reputation of our industry at risk and we're urging the VBA to use all powers at its disposal to stamp out these clearly illegal practices," she said.

"Our members have worked hard to earn their registration and our industry and consumers both deserve to be protected from the efforts of dodgy builders who seem to think they can get away with doing the wrong thing."

The VBA said it has visited



VBA intensifies crackdown on dodgy builders, inspecting over 1100 sites to protect Victorian consumers. Photo: Henry & Co. Unsplash.

more than 1100 building sites since October and has committed to continuing its state-wide inspection blitz, with unregistered operators potentially facing fines of up to \$99,000 for an individual and almost half a million dollars for a company.

However, Ms Lihou said the key to strengthening the Victorian building industry is to tackle its current challenges from both ends.

"We definitely need the government to send a strong message to illegal operators that there are significant consequences for bad practices, but at the same time, we're urging the government to better support the good guys of the industry who are committed to doing the right thing," she said.

"For some time now, we've been advocating for a range of reforms to unlock construction in Victoria in the face of unprecedented housing demand and better support the industry to get on with building better buildings."

"The VBA's crackdown is a great first step. We now hope we can work collaboratively with the government and our key industry stakeholders to push forward with creating solutions to issues such as residential contracts reforms to alleviate builder solvency challenges and securing a desperately needed pipeline of skilled trades."

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## Strzelecki Koalas and wildlife corridors

THE Coronet Bay Community Association is excited to welcome Kelly Smith from the Western Port Biosphere Network as the guest speaker at their upcoming General Meeting. The meeting will take place on Saturday, December 7, at 10am in the Coronet Bay Hall.

Kelly Smith, an ecologist and scientist, has recently made a significant discovery: evidence of the Strzelecki Koala in the nearby Western Port Woodlands.

Victoria's koala population faced near extinction in the late 1800s. A small group was relocated to French Island to assist in repopulation efforts. While successful in boosting numbers, this population experienced inbreeding, resulting in decreased genetic diversity.

The rediscovery of the Strzelecki Koala is particularly significant, as these koalas are from the original genetic pool. This population has survived from a population in the Strzelecki Forest near Yarram.

Kelly will share insights into the Koala Corridor project along the Mornington Peninsula. This initiative involves private landholders who have agreed to revegetate portions of their land with indigenous species, including manna gums. To date, over 85,000 trees and plants have been established to support the koala population.

The next phase aims to extend this biolink from Tyabb, around Western Port, and into the Bass area toward Phillip Island. Landholders in these regions are encouraged to participate, with plantings already underway with Corinella landholders.

As Kelly explains, these corridors enable the koalas to move about with shelter for protection and to increase their chance to mix with other koala populations across the region to strengthen their genetic diversity.

It promised to be an interesting and informative talk with all welcome.

## Christmas centrepieces born from the storm

MIRBOO North local Dominique has found a unique way to reuse small pieces of leftover timber from the storm in February to make some money for a local community organisation.

During the storm, Dominique and her husband both helped out with the clean-up, even setting up a free tea and coffee stand outside the RSL for volunteers and locals to stop by and take a break.

Over the weeks of helping out, they accumulated lots of small bits of timber that Dominique has decided to turn into Christmas decorations to sell, with all proceeds going to a local organisation.

The timber has been lacquered and Dominique has added delightful and imaginative decorations atop the bases to create cheerful Christmas table centrepieces.

Some have wine glasses filled with baubles or lights, others have a chair for Santa or snow and reindeer, while others have been perfectly carved to create rustic candle holders.

All the pieces are unique and also make great conversation starters.

Inspiring her colleagues, together they have created a variety of Christmas wreaths and individually crafted other Christmas items to sell as well.

They will be holding a stall with all items available at the Mirboo North market on Saturday, November 30.

# Work to reduce bushfire risk to be undertaken in Mirboo North

FROM late November, DEECA will be working in Mirboo North to reduce bushfire risk in nine storm-affected sites and make sure firefighters can access areas they need over the bushfire season.

Windthrown debris across a 768-hectare area has been assessed across Mirboo North and Boolarra, of which, a 288-hectare of forest met the criteria for bushfire risk intervention works to be undertaken.

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) have collaborated with the University of Melbourne to research how to appropriately respond to the risk.

The local CFA, Mirboo North & District Community Foundation, Friends of Baths Road Reserve, Preserve our Forests, Mirboo North Landcare, South Gippsland Shire Council and a local ecologist have also been involved in discussions about the intervention works.

"These types of windthrow events are definitely increasing in frequency and severity; and whether that's a result of climate change, who knows? But it's a really complex space to work in when you've had such an impact in such a small area; it's a really a heavily localized impact that's quite severe, really," explained Andy Gillham Senior Land and Fire Operations Officer from Forest Fire Management, Victoria (FFM-Vic) who said their main focus now is firefighter safety and reducing bushfire risk.

"You're balancing that with the needs of the community, balancing that with the need to protect biodiversity, balancing that to meet the cultural needs of our Indigenous communities. It's a really complex space and one that really needs open and frank discussion with those groups."

Nine sites have been identified for mechanical treatment



**Low-impact bushfire risk intervention work will take place across nine sites in Mirboo North and Boolarra to make sure firefighters are safe and can access areas they might need this bushfire season.**

including Baths Road Reserve, areas around Barktown Road, Thorpdale Road and Hoods Hill Road.

The criteria used to determine if intervention was needed included forest fuel type, proximity to assets, the ability of a fire to establish in the landscape, firefighter safety and suppression effectiveness.

Biodiversity surveys have been undertaken in the specified areas by an independent contractor to determine the most suitable treatment options.

"Their job was to look at flora and fauna, focusing on what we know is there, but also their job is to look for new things that we might not have seen or have been previously recorded," explained Mr Gillham.

"The intervention works are

removing and treating coarse woody debris, most of this is on the ground. There are tree branches hanging in trees still, trees are leaning on other trees and they'll be treated because we need to make the area safe for firefighters.

"There won't be any targeting of standing trees. So, most of the impacts will be at the ground level or just above the ground. And there are significant species in there, like the burrowing crayfish. We'll be looking at those reports and making sure we put mitigations in place to protect them."

There are buffer areas where works might be excluded or modified to protect a particular value, such as a waterway, a threatened plant or habitat for a threatened animal; and

where appropriate fallen trees will be left for wildlife habitat and trees with hollows will be retained where possible.

There may be partial closures of reserves when the work takes place and onsite work will generally consist of a single excavator and one or two trucks, which will operate within the Shire's noise time restrictions.

Any debris removed will be made available to the community from firewood collection areas and other residual material that can't be made available for community use may be heaped into piles and burnt at a later date.

There are no works scheduled from Saturday, December 21, 2024, until Monday, January 6, 2025.

## Susan Hall shines as Herman Pikel steals the show



**Winner of the Best In Show, Susan Hall receives her award from judge and renowned artist Herman Pikel.**

THE inaugural Landcare Art Prize showcased the best of the best in art in many forms as a major fundraiser for the Bass Coast Network Public Fund.

Bass Coast Landcare Network Public Fund plan to use the funds raised by the art show in programs that will educate young people, encourage responsible care for our environment, and planting programs to mitigate the effects of climate change.

The opening night saw a record crowd fill the Kernot Community Hall to hear the judge Herman Pikel, who battled holiday traffic to come from Melbourne for the event, make his selection from almost 250 paintings, sculptures and photographs entered by artists from around the state.

And the winners were: Best in Show – Susan Hall, Best Landscape Warren Thompson Award – Leigh Rust, Best Oil/Acrylic – Greer Arnott, Best Watercolour – Maureen Loughran, Best Pastel – Julie Lundgren Coulter, Best Other Medium – Ellen Doherty, Photography award – Penny Chadwick, and the students awards went to Maya Ribeiro-McKinnon for Secondary

and Greta Bateman for work by a Primary student.

The Landcare Network Public Fund would like to thank the following financial sponsors who made the event possible: Bass Valley Lions, Alex Scott and Staff, Bass Valley Landcare, Glenville Nominees, 5th Dimensional Global, San Remo and District Bendigo Community Bank, Jordan Crugnale MP, Renee Heath MP, Melina Bath MP, the Thompson Family, Wonthaggi Medical Group, Helen and Peter Norman, Healthguard First Aid Training, Anne Heath Mennell, Yan Tan Tethra, Grantville Pharmacy, Van Steensel Timbers, John Carney, Glendora Tractors, 3 Creeks Landcare, Argyle Farm, Phillip Island Landcare, Icarus Skin Cancer Clinic, Bass Coast Caravan Storage, and David and Maree Trigg.

We would also like to thank Bass Coast Council for providing the Quick Response Grant without which we could not have got the art show up and running, and we appreciate the following for providing the raffle prizes: Silverwater Resort, Peninsula Hot Springs, J&A Automotive, and Healthguard First Aid Training.





Internationally renowned ukelele player and multi-instrumentalist AJ Leonard and cellist Jenny Rowlings were the featured artists at a family day for the supporters of the Save Western Port Woodlands Group last Saturday.

Why an activist’s work is never done

THERE was a sense of celebration in the air at a family day at the Grantville Hall last Sunday, after a big year for the ‘Save Western Port Woodlands’ group, in which they officially convinced the State Government that there were better places than the fragile hills above Grantville to extract sand for the Melbourne construction sector.

However, while there’s more good news coming in that regard, potentially involving the preservation of the environmental significance of the old Holden Proving Ground, you’re only as good as your next campaign where activism is concerned.

And there’s a serious problem looming for residents of the Adams Estate, fronting Stanley Road, Grantville, and others impacted by the movement of gravel trucks from the local area, after extractive industry company Hanson Construction Materials submitted an application

“to facilitate upgrades to Stanley and McGrady Road for heavy traffic”.

The planning permit, calls for the removal of 1.7ha of native vegetation to allow for road widening and drainage works, involving the removal of 36 large trees, four patches of vegetation and three small scattered trees.

Those wishing to make submissions were expected to do so by November 22, 2024, although in the latest communicate from the shire, “the responsible authority will not decide on the application before Monday, December 2, 2024.”

To be fair, the project has been in the works since 2019 with Hanson negotiating with the Bass Coast Shire Council seeking to mitigate the impact for Adams Estate residents by adding footpaths, kerb and channelling, lighting and intersection improvements while reducing the loss of trees via a sympathetic road and

drainage design.

Hanson has also offered to introduce operational measures to reduce the noise being created by the trucks, as well as providing noise barriers for residents.

Speaking at the Western Port Woodlands family day last Sunday, new Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead said she was well aware the application had gone to council, and she remained sympathetic to local concerns, not only the direct impact on nearby residents but also the impact of truck movements to and from the quarries in the area.

The application has been made to facilitate works at an existing extractive industry site. The extractive industry site has existing approvals, and this latest application is not an opportunity to revisit those approvals. Consideration is limited to the proposed vegetation removal, according to the shire.

Opportunities for young people and dairy farmers

WITH a critical shortage of employees stalling growth in the Australian dairy industry, a program that helps to educate young people about the industry is opening up opportunities for young people and for farmers.

Cows Create Careers is a collaboration between schools and dairy farmers that helps educate students about the industry and Leongatha students recently finished this year’s program.

Local dairy farmer, Brendan Vagg, has been involved in the program for the past two years, helping to provide resources, real-life experience and support to students interested in entering the industry.

Each year he has lent two of his dairy calves to the 15- to 17-year-old students at the South Gippsland Specialist School (SGSS) for three weeks so they can learn how to raise, feed and take care of the young animals.

Following this the calves go back to Brendan’s farm and he later welcomes the students onsite so they can see how the calves are doing and find out how they fit into the bigger scheme of dairy farming.

The students build both technical and transferable skills through raising a calf, undertaking research and projects aligned to the curriculum whilst being introduced to industry advocates, such as Brendan, who explain the variety of career opportunities available in the dairy industry.

“We do definitely have students, especially our seniors, that have grown up on farms, that are really interested in the industry. So, they’re quite knowledgeable, and they’ve been teaching the other students,” explained SGSS Teacher Rebecca Davies.

“But, we do have the odd students that will want to gain further insight to the industry, they might extend on their skills, or they might want to explore it further,” explained Ms Davies who sung the praises of dairy farmer advocate, Brendan.

“He’s been fantastic to work with. He’s been incredible, great with the students,” she said.

“It gives the students more exposure to the industry, exposure to new opportunities.”

In an industry where it is increasingly difficult to find workers and even harder to find those with the skills required to manage and work within larger, more complex operations, these programs are helping to pave the way for both farmers and students interested in a career in agriculture.

During the program, the students also built a 3D model of a farmhouse and cattle station, held an online presentation and engaged with other schools and students for an interactive day of games and activities revolving around the dairy industry.

The students also filmed a 60-second video on Brendan’s farm demonstrating what they had learnt which will go into a Cows Create Careers competition.

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Lardner Park Calf Market Report  
Monday, November 18, 2024

Jersey & Jersey x .....\$15 to \$49  
Friesian Bulls .....\$35 to \$70  
Friesian Heifers .....\$37 to \$49  
Beef Bulls .....\$70 to \$160  
Beef Heifers .....\$50 to \$130  
Number of Calves: **120**  
Number purchased to rear: **19**

**Lardner Park Store Calf Report**  
Beef Bulls .....\$150 to \$590  
Beef Heifers .....\$120 to \$400  
Number of Calves: **57**  
Number purchased to rear: **55**



Dan Cameron of SEJ sells heifers during Thursday's Store Sale. A05\_4824

Cattle market a little softer

VICTORIA'S largely dry conditions saw steer prices down a little at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale but there was little change for heifers.

"The steers, in places, might have been \$50 to \$70 back and well-bred steers much the same, a touch softer," Dan Cameron of SEJ said.

That was compared to the November 14 Store Sale and the one prior at which SEJ last sold.

Dan was philosophical about the price situation.

"That's a sign of the times; we're the only area in Victoria that's got some feed," he said, adding that this side of Lang Lang and Nyora is still pretty good.

"We had a very good run of heifers and they sold pretty well, up around and over \$3 per kilo, the well-bred ones," Dan noted.

Nerrena's Tom O'Halloran, accompanied by his children Henry and Millie, was chasing heavy crossbred steers, having bought some the previous week and keen to add more.

He feels prices are fair at the moment.

"There's definitely justification in what the heavy cattle are making in cents per kilo," Tom said.

Mirboo's Sharon Irvin and Wayne Price of Wooreen were at the saleyards to see how prices were going, with Sharon adding that the cafeteria's coffee and fruit salad are the real reason for the visit.

While more rain is hoped for locally to keep prices ticking along at a decent level, Thursday's conditions were sunny and hot, with the mercury rising higher over the following couple of days as summer approaches.



Mirboo's Sharon Irvin and Wayne Price check out Thursday's prices at the Leongatha Saleyards.



Nerrena's Tom O'Halloran enjoys the company of his children Millie and Henry at Thursday's Store Sale, hoping to buy some heavy crossbred steers. A06\_4824

MARKET REPORT

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Store prices ease

By SGSAA

AGENTS presented another good quality yarding of 3200 cattle at last Thursday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

Prices generally eased 20 – 30 cents across the board with feedlot competition again limited and a couple of buyers not in attendance with most competition coming from local graziers.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024

Steers			
Street Farms, 6 Angus	655kg	\$3.49	\$2290
B & L Neumann, 11 Angus	609kg	\$3.58	\$2170
A & R Cook, 5 Angus	606kg	\$3.46	\$2100
B & L Neumann, 17 Angus	601kg	\$3.55	\$2140
J & K Macaulay, 8 Angus	586kg	\$3.36	\$1970
J & K Macaulay, 10 BB	586kg	\$3.17	\$1860
TI Bunn, 10 Angus	580kg	\$3.25	\$1890
J & K Macaulay, 12 Hereford	555kg	\$2.68	\$1490
PA Shaw, 16 BB	549kg	\$3.09	\$1700
Hollywood Pastoral, 18 Angus	539kg	\$3.42	\$1850
J Mosley, 19 Angus	514kg	\$3.65	\$1880
TI Bunn, 10 Angus	502kg	\$2.96	\$1490
B & F Burnell, 17 Angus	498kg	\$3.41	\$1700
Bm Costello, 24 Angus	496kg	\$3.56	\$1770
J Mosley, 19 Angus	494kg	\$3.75	\$1860
Blackwood Grazing, 20 Angus	488kg	\$3.90	\$1780
P & L Whiteside, 12 Hereford	485kg	\$3.31	\$1610
Blackwood Grazing, 21 Angus	469kg	\$3.94	\$1850
Blackwood Grazing, 18 Angus	465kg	\$3.97	\$1850
J & J Alcock, 19 Hereford	453kg	\$3.50	\$1590
T & L Morrison, 13 Angus	450kg	\$3.32	\$1500
Blackwood Grazing, 23 Angus	449kg	\$3.89	\$1780
DC Bates, 15 Angus	449kg	\$3.51	\$1580
Blackwood Grazing, 20 Angus	441kg	\$3.73	\$1650
Burfield Partners, 22 Angus	434kg	\$3.29	\$1430
Dc Bates, 15 Angus	433kg	\$3.30	\$1430
A & A Missen, 20 Angus	431kg	\$3.36	\$1460
J & J Alcock, 14 Hereford	428kg	\$3.26	\$1400
Blackwood Grazing, 18 Angus	423kg	\$3.33	\$1410
S & C Clapp, 18 Angus	421kg	\$2.99	\$1240
G & J Turner, 14 Angus	420kg	\$3.35	\$1410
DC Bates, 20 Angus	415kg	\$3.34	\$1390
DC Bates, 20 Angus	412kg	\$3.37	\$1390
J & J Alcock, 20 Hereford	410kg	\$3.45	\$1420
Joshma Park, 19 Angus	409kg	\$3.39	\$1390
T & L Morrison, 12 Angus	403kg	\$3.29	\$1330
Blackwood Grazing, 15 Angus	397kg	\$3.31	\$1320
Dc Bates, 22 Angus	389kg	\$3.27	\$1260
Joroka P/L, 19 Red Angus	388kg	\$3.29	\$1280
Ponderosa Hfd, 18 Hereford	367kg	\$3.83	\$1410
Marlo Downs, 14 Angus	341kg	\$3.60	\$1230
Miralai P/Ship, 25 Hereford	307kg	\$3.19	\$980

Heifers			
R Cluning, 8 Angus	594kg	\$3.03	\$1800
RE Kuch, 8 Angus	481kg	\$2.90	\$1400
Burfield Partners, 18 Angus	436kg	\$2.96	\$1300
RE Kuch, 12 Angus	433kg	\$2.97	\$1290
G & S Egan, 10 Angus	420kg	\$2.90	\$1220
P & A Van Kuyk, 14 Angus	415kg	\$3.03	\$1260
Fleming Holdings, 13 Angus	388kg	\$2.83	\$1100
D & J Muldoon, 17 Angus	384kg	\$3.43	\$1330
Black Magic, 17 Angus	380kg	\$3.12	\$1190
Joroka P/L, 15 Red Angus	369kg	\$2.89	\$1070
Narrang P/L, 16 Angus	368kg	\$2.85	\$1050
SP Dunlop, 15 Angus	360kg	\$2.82	\$1020
DC Bates, 26 Angus	353kg	\$2.92	\$1030
Briarsview, 9 Angus	344kg	\$2.72	\$940
Angels Run, 9 Angus	335kg	\$2.77	\$930
P Norman, 11 Angus	317kg	\$2.84	\$900
RA Jones, 16 Angus	268kg	\$2.53	\$680
R Cluning, 8 Sp	466kg	\$2.89	\$1350
C Baird, 9 Sp	336kg	\$2.13	\$720

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# Boost to data delivers for farmers

A TOTAL of 18.2 million dairy cow records are now contributing to genetic improvement in Australia's industry.

And thanks to a new DataGene initiative called DataConnect – there will be even larger volumes of historical and daily data as well as fresh information – to improve the breeding objectives of dairy farmers in future years.

Reporting a six per cent annual increase in the number of cows in Australia's Central Data Repository (CDR) was a highlight of DataGene's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Melbourne, Victoria on Thursday.

In addition, close to a million further records for health and fertility were added thanks to farmers with a passion for connecting their data. The number of records is expected to grow exponentially in the coming years as more data flows in from on-farm software including in-line meters.

DataGene Chief Executive Officer Matt Shaffer told members there are many projects underway that are contributing to improvements in genetic gain at the farm gate.



**Gippsland beef producer and agribusiness banker Josie Zilm and Queensland dairy farmer and nutrition consultant Dr David Barber have been welcomed to the DataGene board, as Gippsland dairy and beef producer, Tim Jelbart is elected to the role of Chair.**

"DataGene's value is in its data, that's how we deliver to the industry," he said.

"The quality and quantity of our data enables, for example, the development of better and new Australian Breeding Values, so it's vital we expand data sources beyond information from herd test centres with projects such as DataConnect."

DataConnect is a multi-year project that explores ways the industry can work, pre-competitively and collaboratively, to tackle the challenges farmers experience when exchanging and integrating data.

DataGene has been working with a variety of milk equip-

ment manufacturers, on-farm software providers and farmers to identify the best mechanisms to connect their data to the CDR and provide customised solutions as needed.

Proof-of-concept data connections were made last year and this year DataGene has continued to add connections from various businesses and farms.

"A significant amount of work has been completed to automate connections and work through the variety of challenges encountered when merging various data sets," Dr Shaffer said.

"In parallel, DataGene continues to progress its work with

the International Dairy Data Exchange Network (iDDEN) which is building better pipelines with overseas equipment manufacturers."

This comes as DataGene reported a 10-year trend – 2013-2023 – rate of genetic gain for Holstein Balanced Performance Index (BPI) of \$29.18/cow/year, with this rising to \$31.24/cow/year more recently. The 10-year trend of Jersey genetic gain is \$16.59/cow/year.

DataGene also welcomed two new directors to its Board, Queensland dairy farmer and nutrition consultant Dr David Barber and Gippsland beef producer and agribusiness banker Josie Zilm.

The two new directors are replacing retiring directors, outgoing Chair Graeme Gillian and Western Victorian farmer Daniel Meade. Graeme has served on the Board of DataGene since its inception in 2017 and has dedicated 50 years to the Australian dairy industry.

Gippsland dairy and beef producer – Jelbart Dairy General Manager and Director – Tim Jelbart was elected to the role of DataGene Chair following the AGM.

## Growth in Food Safety Standards

NEW Food Safety Standards for growers of berries, leafy green vegetables and melons will come into effect from February 12, 2025.

Agriculture Victoria Horticulture Standards Engagement Officer, Emily Scott said the standards will assist in lifting food safety standards across the industry.

"We are working closely with industry bodies and growers to support businesses implementing the new standards with a timely awareness and engagement campaign. Current food safety arrangements are recognised where possible, and our online system assists in documenting and verifying requirements," said Miss Scott.

"The Standards apply to businesses of any size that grow or complete primary or 'early-stage' processing such as washing, trimming, sorting, sanitising or storing of berries, leafy vegetables or melons.

"It is worth noting that many businesses are already meeting the requirements in the standards, through their participation in industry food safety schemes.

"If you grow leafy greens, melons or berries in Victoria, I encourage you to visit the Agriculture Victoria website to learn more about the implementation of the Standards across Victoria, and to sign up for the Food Safety Standards e-news and keep up to date with upcoming events."

Agriculture Victoria is holding a webinar on Tuesday, December 10 for berry, leafy vegetable and melon producers to learn more about the new Standards.

# VLE LEONGATHA STORE SALE 3500 CATTLE 3500

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024 - Starting at 9am

PLEASE NOTE: 4PM WEDNESDAY CURFEW APPLIES

### GROWN STEERS

**A/c Rowville, Moorooduc (ES&B)**  
120 Angus steers, 16 mths, Hazeldean blood  
**A/c Kumbada Black, Traralgon South (ES&B)**  
70 Angus and Angus x Hereford steers, 20-22 mths, Table Top blood  
**A/c Aeolus Nominees, Flinders (ES&B)**  
66 Angus steers, 18 mths, One Mark, Western District bred  
**A/c Tullamore Pastoral (ES&B)**  
34 steers, 24 mths  
**A/c H&R Need, Hazel Park (ELDERS)**  
25 Angus/Herefords steers, 15-16 mths, East Gippsland bred, GF, ABF  
**A/c IC & RA Ripper (ALEX SCOTT)**  
19 Angus & Angus x Hereford steers, 16 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred  
**A/c YQ Australia, Venus Bay (ALEX SCOTT)**  
18 Angus steers, 20 mths, VB, GF & ABF  
**A/c J McGrath, Flinders (ES&B)**  
14 Angus steers, 16-18 mths  
**A/c I & J Scholes, Merricks (ES&B)**  
12 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, One Mark  
**A/c Thom & Gilbert, Lang Lang (ALEX SCOTT)**  
12 Angus steers, 18 mths, East Gippsland bred  
**A/c Gibson Farm (ELDERS)**  
18 Angus steers, 18 mths, East Gippsland bred, GF & ABF, very quiet  
11 Angus/Hereford X steers, 18 mths, East Gippsland bred, GF & ABF, very quiet  
**A/c Sallabury Pty. Ltd (ALEX SCOTT)**  
8 Angus steers, 18 mths  
8 Angus steers, 14 mths  
Te Mania blood  
**A/c J&M Spencer (ELDERS)**  
12 Angus steers, 15 mths, Leawood blood  
**A/c Sandy & Crockett, The Gurdies (ALEX SCOTT)**  
12 Angus steers, 14-15 mths, 2 x 5 in 1, By purebred Angus bulls, VB

**A/c A & J Miles (ALEX SCOTT)**  
9 Angus steers, 18 mths, AI bred, VB, GF and ABF  
**A/c V & D Vickers, Mirboo North (ALEX SCOTT)**  
8 Hereford steers, 18 mths, GF & ABF

### GROWN HEIFERS

**A/c A & J Miles (ALEX SCOTT)**  
8 Angus heifers, 18 mths, AI bred VB, GF and ABF

### WEANERS

**A/c T, C & M Hulls, 'Narra Tingha' Leongatha (ELDERS)**  
250 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, Sparta blood, VB, GF, ABF, weaned 3 mths & NE Accred (Annual Draft)  
**A/c Kumbada Black, Traralgon South (ES&B)**  
100 Angus Steer weaners, 7-9 mths, Ballanee & Hazeldean blood, yard weaned, VB  
100 Heifers, 7-9 mths, Ballanee & Hazeldean blood, Yard weaned, VB  
**A/c Kumbada Pastoral, Jindivick (ES&B)**  
100 Angus weaner calves, 9-11 mths, Ballanee blood, yard weaned, VB  
100 Angus Heifer weaners, 9-11 mths, Ballanee blood, yard weaned, VB  
**A/c Belgrano, Glen Alvie (ELDERS)**  
150 Angus mix sex weaners, weaned 3 weeks, Banquet & Fernleigh blood  
**A/c Clondrisse Pastoral Pastoral Co, Flinders (ES&B)**  
120 Angus x Angus/Hereford x, 10-11 mths, yard weaned, Table Top bloodlines, Piliguard, Multimin, Ivomec drench, very quiet, VB  
**A/c Brae-Heid, Barwon Downs (ES&B)**  
100 Angus mix sex weaners, 10-11 mths, Ballanee blood, yard weaned, VB  
**A/c Three Ridges, Crossover (ES&B)**  
80 Angus mixed sex weaners, 12-13 mths, Holmwood Angus blood, yard weaned, VB  
**A/c P&J Sibly, Archie's Creek (ELDERS)**  
30 Angus weaners, 12 mths, Fernleigh blood, weaned  
40 Angus mix sex weaners, 8 mths, Fernleigh blood

**A/c Province Ridge, Hazelwood North (ELDERS)**  
67 Angus mix sex weaners, 10 mths, VB, weaned, GF & ABF  
**A/c Sandy Creek, Munro (ELDERS)**  
55 mixed sex Angus weaners march/April drop Bowman Angus blood VB, GF, ABF  
**A/c S & M Boadle, Somers (ES&B)**  
40 Angus ateers, 14 mths  
**A/c J & R Faithfull, Darnum (ES&B)**  
40 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10 mths, Table Top blood, yard weaned, VB  
**A/c I & D Ricardo, Dumbalk North (ALEX SCOTT)**  
40 Angus mixed sex calves, 12-14 mths by Cheltenham Park Angus bull, weaned, GF, ABF  
**A/c Somers Electrica, Binginwarri (ELDERS)**  
30 mixed sex Angus & Angus/Hereford weaners 9-10 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF, ABF  
**A/c DR G Cato, Barnarring (ES&B)**  
24 Angus/Hereford x mix sex weaners, VB  
**A/c Leighwood Farms, Woodside (ELDERS)**  
24 Speckle mix sex calves, 8 mths  
**A/c G&J Tuckett, Woodside (ELDERS)**  
20 Angus heifers, 12 mths, VB, GF & ABF, Landfall blood  
**A/c N Hodge (ELDERS)**  
20 Hereford mix sex w eaners  
**A/c M Doom, Dalmore (ELDERS)**  
18 Angus mix sexes, 12 mths  
**A/c Kareen, French Island (ES&B)**  
18 Angus mix sex weaners  
**A/c GG Bates (ELDERS)**  
18 Angus heifers, 14 mths, By AI Bull  
**A/c H Fisher (ALEX SCOTT)**  
11 Angus steers by A.I Reebok & Wattlewood Angus Bull, 2 x 5in1, drenched 17th September. 10-11 mths, weaned, very quiet  
6 Angus Heifers by Wattlewood Angus Bull, 2 x 5in1, drenched 17th September, 10-11 mths, weaned, very quiet  
**A/c L & J Murphy, Berrys Creek (ELDERS)**  
16 Red Angus steers, 14 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred

**A/c Walker Family Trust, Glen Alvie (ELDERS)**  
15 Angus steers, 14 mths, Tomahawk blood, GF & ABF  
**A/c "Leeseel Park", Dromana (ES&B)**  
14 Angus mix sex weaners, VB  
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14 Angus heifers, 9 mths  
Te Mania blood  
**A/c J Tomlins, French Island (ES&B)**  
14 Angus mix sex weaners  
**A/c M Spark, French Island (ES&B)**  
12 Angus mix sex weaners  
**A/c Sabeli Park, Yallourn North (ELDERS)**  
12 Angus & Angus/Shorthorn heifers, 10-11 mths, VB, weaned, GF, ABF, NE Accred  
**A/c "Jettyview", Lang Lang (ALEX SCOTT)**  
12 Angus steers, 8-9 mths, By stud "Wattlewood", Angus bulls  
**A/c T & K Barwick, Lang Lang (ALEX SCOTT)**  
10 Angus steers, 9-10 mths, VB, 2 x 5 in 1, weaned, By Banquet blood bulls

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**A/c T Thompson, Boolarra South (ELDERS)**  
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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.

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## ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

### LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

THE popular Jen Chitty is running a special Christmas Calligraphy Session from 12pm-4pm focusing on French Ronde script where you will create lovely, personalised cards to give to special people this Christmas. At just \$15 bring along your friends for a pleasant and relaxing Saturday afternoon while creating your own unique cards to share with family and friends.

Our Christmas Lunch has been rescheduled to 12.30pm Friday, December 13 so please feel welcome to come along and meet our friendly staff and volunteers and all of our regulars as we celebrate Christmas together with our Leongatha Community House family. All are most welcome. Please call to book for catering purposes.

The Friendship Group is meeting for the final time this

year on Saturday, December 7 at 10.30am so join us for fun, laughter and support. All are welcome as we build connections and create lasting friendships in our community.

We are still keen to hear from anyone who may have skills to share or ideas for programs and activities in 2025. Please call in and talk to our friendly staff.

There is still time to check out our groups that may

interest you before the end of the year. You may be thinking about joining in or coming along next year so feel free to try out our activities over the next few weeks. You are always welcome at Leongatha Community House.



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### MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

MILPARA Community House celebrated Recycling Week with a number of special activities. Our Fix-It Café team enjoyed a cupper and getting their hands busy repairing items. They are planning on running similar events in 2025. Put aside any broken items in need of repair, such as leather work, darning, sewing and tech, and keep an eye out for the next Fix-it Café dates in our 2025 program.

Our Clothes Swap Day was

also a success with over 30 people coming through. It seemed that all participants left with a smile on their face and new outfits. We received over 50 kilograms of clothes that we helped keep out of landfill, and would like to thank the assistance of the following people who received clothing left at the end of the day. Anne – Hillside Op Shop, Margaret – Mine St Op Shop, Moira – Talking Pieces in Loch.

Following his helpful "Introduction to MyGov" held last week, Devansh from NBN will be offering a free information session "Introduction to the NBN" at 11.30am on Wednesday. Where he will explain how you can get the best service and improve your home NBN and internet experience. Call us now to book your spot.

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

Call into our office at the Korumburra Community Hub to find out more, or check out our website and follow our Facebook.

We are always looking ahead to new class ideas and welcome your input to our 2025 program.



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### BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

WHEN working in a small community organisation, sometimes you have to be flexible or, dare we say it, multitasked. Last week, when a couple of tutors were unwell, trainer and administrator Bill filled in.

In the adult maths and English class, they talked about gravity, the solar system, the speed of light, the language or trauma, and why the frets on a guitar get closer together as you move up the neck.

Then in the Capacity

Building cooking class, in the spirit of multiculturalism and US Thanksgiving, they made sweet potato pie. Bill normally teaches computers.

Knowing a topic and teaching a topic are very different skills. Someone can be an expert in their field but not be able to pass on that knowledge. BCAL is blessed to have a small but dedicated group of trainers with a wide range of knowledge and interests. What's more, they understand that not every session

is going to be strictly on topic and learners are welcome to discuss what's on their minds.

#### WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

There is one week of turning sessions left before the workshop transforms into the Woodies' annual Christmas gift shop. The shop will open Monday, December 2 and remain open until Christmas Eve. As usual, there will be an eclectic range of items, large and small,

to suit any taste or budget. But the best thing is being able to find a truly unique gift which is locally made from locally sourced wood and supports a community group. If you have family and friends from out of town, why not find them something genuinely representative of the area?



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DO YOU wish to dine out for lunch on a Wednesday? Then look no further than our weekly communal lunch here at Mitchell House on Murray Street. Each Wednesday, during school term time, our talented chef Emma and her team prepare delicious vegetarian meals from fresh and healthy seasonal produce. It's fresh from our kitchen to your table. Join us from 12.30pm but don't forget to book in ahead of the day, by phone or email. For those in need we have frozen meals and bread available.

Simply call in and speak to our friendly staff and volunteers at the front counter who will be happy to assist you.

People are doing it tough and sometimes need a bit of a helping hand. So, we also have our Community Pantry on the go. Our Free Food Shelf is kindly supported by our local supermarkets, garden groups and generous individuals.

You may be looking for something to help you weather the increasing pressures that form as we go into the festive season and end of year celebrations. Are you aware

of the power of meditation and mindfulness? They can do wonderful things for your health. Belief is an important component to optimise the beneficial results. If you do, then that's great. If you are wondering and perhaps hesitant, then take yourself by the hand and come on in and give it a try. There are many who would testify to their efficacy. There is Yoga with Linda on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11.45am. Linda has extensive training in yoga as well as relaxation and meditation.

Then there is Maree on

Thursdays 2pm to 3.15pm providing seated yoga, suitable for all abilities. You can stand using the chair for support or remain seated. Improve your flexibility, movement, concentration and strength. You are most welcome to come along and give these classes a try to determine if the practices will be of benefit to you.



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### YES YOUTH HUB

IT'S been busy at the YES Youth Hub this week! With programs hosted, organised, and finalised for not just Term 4 but also the Summer School Holiday Program, the team has been burning the candle at both ends to ensure we're hitting the mark for young people in our community. Please keep an eye on our socials via FB and Insta for more information on upcoming programs and events for young people.

In partnership with the Y,

FReeZA, GippSport and Bass Coast Shire Council, the YES Youth Hub was proud to support the final BreakOut event of 2024, with an exhilarating trip to Bass Coast Paintball! With 25 young people duelling it out on the paintball 'battle' field, fun was had by all; and some very messy, slightly exhausted and super happy young people were thrilled to jump in the car and head home after that event! We extend our thanks to the legends from Bass Coast Paintball.

Monday Meals has seen some hungry stomachs satisfied with delicious soup and spring rolls on offer to everyone's delight, and saw some enthusiastic young people assist with rolling the spring rolls and adding final touches to the soup. With students getting to the end of the school year, and energy levels running low, the YES Youth Hub has been a little more subdued that usual lately – but that doesn't mean we're not continuing to deliver fun activities and

opportunities! Whether you're interested in gaming, board games, cooking and baking, karaoke and dance, art and crafts, and whether you're an extrovert or an introvert, we can guarantee that you'll find another awesome young person to connect with.



76 Watt Street, Wonthaggi PH: 0477 224 430 @YESYouthHub







Junior Males (U18) Winner Lachie Eastwood. Photo: Andrew Lindsey @bunpix.

# Hot comp for PIBC's Agg 2

PHILLIP Island Boardrider Club's (PIBC) surfing talent and community spirit were on full display on Saturday, November 23, as PIBC hosted its Aggregate 2 competition at Cape Woolamai Surf Beach in hot conditions.

Headed up by Club Captain Ash Easton and Head Judge Adrian Sorati, Sorati led the charge with meticulous oversight and valuable judging tips shared with participants ahead of the event.

The competition showcased the diverse talent within PIBC, from rising young surfers to seasoned veterans. Cape Woola-

mai's stunning waves provided the perfect backdrop for a day of thrilling heats and lively beach-side camaraderie.

PIBC extends its gratitude to all participants, judges, and volunteers who made Aggregate 2 a success, including photographers Peter Fogarty and Craig Anderson.

As well as to sponsors San Remo Butchers for the raffle meat tray, Quiksilver, Island Surfboards and Archi Sign Makers for the presso prizes.

- Results**
- Cadet Females (U16): 1st

- Scarlett Rennie, 2nd Savannah Bennett and 3rd Phoenix Stedman.
- Cadet Males (U16): 1st Arch Rayner, 2nd Dusty James Rayner and 3rd Lennox Archibald.
- Junior Females (U18): 1st Abbey Clarke and 2nd Jade Hilford.
- Junior Males (U18): 1st Lachie Eastwood, 2nd Jarrah Cicero and 3rd Toby Davies.
- Senior Men's (28-45): 1st Ash Easton, 2nd Dan Laing and 3rd Tim Anagnostou.
- Senior Women's (35+): 1st Dannielle Baylis, 2nd Zoe Ad-

- ams and 3rd Natalie Van Der Heyden.
  - Masters (45-60): 1st Adrian Maier, 2nd Peter Stephen and 3rd James Steiner.
  - Legends (60+): 1st Brian Tancheff, 2nd Mal Gregson and 3rd Dean Langford.
  - Open Women: 1st Sarah Seuren, 2nd Scarlett Rennie and 3rd Sonia Seuren.
  - Open Men: 1st Carl Wright, 2nd Harry De Roth and 3rd Dylan Thomas James.
- Awards**
- Best Turn: Eddie Maier
  - Best Tube: Tyler Duell

## Yellow stands victorious in table tennis grand final

WHEN philosopher Albert Camus said life is absurd, the cosmos will never provide the meaning of life so stop asking that and ask this, what path do I need to follow to find my own value, physicality, happiness, thought, buzz and camaraderie? Yes, table tennis.

First team to six wins, wins it all. The two captains, Yellow's Brad and Green's Sven set the grand final off in game one in frantic fashion like bobbing horses racing for the line.

Brad's bob got the lucky bob to win by a button nose, capturing the last two sets 16 to 14 and 12 to 10.

Game two saw Luke prevail in three tight sets against Michael for a solid 2 nil start for Team Yellow.

When Green's Andy was two sets down versus Fred in game three, Yellow was doing a sound check on the victory song. However, Andy hung tough, making a stirring comeback to get Green on the board.

Yellow won the next three out of four to take a commanding five to two-lead, so sound checks resumed, and discount bubbly was ordered.

However, Green's Sven and Michael combined to win the next two to put the grand final back on a knife's edge – hold the celebrations.

In preparation for game 10 between Brad and Green's Andy, Luke gave a rousing talk about his new flavoured pistachio gelato, which carried his Team Yellow triumphantly over the line in a seesawing duel.

Yellow defeated Green 6 to 4.

Finally, the fat lady found full voice, aided by popping corks and sage postie advice, do what you must today, because tomorrow you never know.

## Beautiful weather for a run

WHAT a fantastic morning for Event #218 at the Grand Ridge Rail Trail Parkrun on Saturday!

We had 33 participants join us on this absolutely beautiful day.

The warmth in the air added to the positive energy of the event, with plenty of smiles all around.

A big shoutout to the four junior runners who pushed through the conditions to achieve personal bests, an impressive effort and a testament to their determination.

Well done, legends!

We also welcomed three first-time park runners to the trail.

It's always a joy to see new faces discovering the magic of parkrun.

We hope you enjoyed the experience and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Thank you to all participants, volunteers, and supporters for making this event such a success.

Here's to more great mornings on the trail.

# Honouring the sporting alumni of Bass Coast College

BASS COAST College is about to unveil its long-awaited sporting Alumni Honour Wall celebrating the achievements of its first sporting inductees.

Significant work on the project was undertaken by the late Dennis Vague and Bass Coast College will acknowledge Dennis' vital role in the project and his forty-year association with the school when the wall is revealed at the College's McKenzie Street gymnasium on

December 11.

Guest speakers on the day will include former Victorian Cricket Captain, Darren Berry, and Dennis' son, and current Melbourne Cricket Club Coach Ben Vague.

Several of the first inductees will also be in attendance.

The sporting alumni comprise ex-students from Wonthaggi Technical School, Wonthaggi High School, Wonthaggi Secondary College, and Bass

Coast College who have gone on to compete at the highest level of their respective sport.

Dennis Vague was synonymous with Bass Coast College and is sorely missed.

The Alumni Honour Wall event will give the College an opportunity to celebrate its students and reflect on Dennis' significant contribution to the College, his renowned establishment of positive relationships with students and staff,

and his love of community and sport.

Members of the Bass Coast Community both past and present are welcome to attend but please register by contacting the College by emailing [alumni@basscoast.vic.edu.au](mailto:alumni@basscoast.vic.edu.au) or calling on 5611 4000.

The event will take place at the College's Wonthaggi Campus McKenzie Street Gymnasium at 11am on December 11, 2024.

# SGB represented far and wide as swimmers take to the pool

IT WAS a busy weekend for SGB swimmers chasing times for the upcoming State Championships.

Friday night found some of them distance swimming, with many of the swimmers attending meets with just one race – the 400m, 800m or 1500m at locations including MSAC and Warragul.

For several of them, it was their first time at the longer distance.

There were some impressive

times swum by many SGB representatives, including some big PBs.

Saturday then saw a small group of 13 swimmers and coach Caiden attend GSI 7 hosted by Sale Swimming Club.

Hot, humid and windy conditions made for a warm outdoor meet, but the swimmers gave it their best in the trying conditions, and it was with relief they dived in for each race, escaping the heat.

Several other swimmers raced

at events across Melbourne trying to get the times they wanted.

Also in Melbourne, two junior squad swimmers completed a triathlon on Sunday, an amazing achievement by Ryan and Matthew.

The club encourages swimmers to compete in other events such as this and the upcoming Bass Coast Series.

**RIGHT: Molly enjoys the cool down as she races at Sale on a hot day.**



### 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 26	WEDNESDAY November 27	THURSDAY November 28	FRIDAY November 29	SATURDAY November 30	SUNDAY December 1	MONDAY December 2
▼ 1.16am 0.64m	▼ 2.07am 0.75m	▼ 3.10am 0.84m	▼ 4.27am 0.89m	▲ 12.21am 1.40m	▲ 1.08am 1.49m	▲ 1.49am 1.57m
▲ 8.19am 1.35m	▲ 9.04am 1.30m	▲ 9.51am 1.26m	▲ 10.41am 1.24m	▼ 5.46am 0.90m	▼ 6.45am 0.87m	▼ 7.30am 0.83m
▼ 2.04pm 0.62m	▼ 3.04pm 0.60m	▼ 4.07pm 0.56m	▼ 5.07pm 0.50m	▲ 11.31am 1.25m	▲ 12.22pm 1.27m	▲ 1.10pm 1.30m
▲ 9.09pm 1.20m	▲ 10.20pm 1.23m	▲ 11.25pm 1.30m		▼ 5.58pm 0.43m	▼ 6.43pm 0.37m	▼ 7.24pm 0.31m

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND  
BRIDGE CLUB

NOVEMBER 19 at Wonthaggi RSL:  
First: Alan Johnston and Lois Dw-  
yer 56.94. Second: Carol Sowden  
and Mary Brewis 53.70. Third: Phil-  
lip and Nev Chapman 52.31. Fourth:  
Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles  
52.31. Fifth: Debbie Anglim and De-  
nise Allitt 51.85.

November 23 at Inverloch Angling  
Club:

North/South pairs:  
First: Debbie Anglim and Grant  
Austen – a new player playing in only  
his second competitive bridge game –  
very well done Grant and Debbie, of  
course, 55.71. Second: Alan Johnston  
and Clive Hope 53.75. Third: Carol  
Sowden and John Currier 55.00.

East/West pairs:  
First: Maureen Stiles and Penny  
Loughran 60.00. Second: Moya Crow-  
ley and Mike Dooley 58.50. Third:  
Phillip and Nev Chapman 53.75.

RIVERSIDE TENNIS  
ASSOCIATION

ROUND 7:  
Section 1/2 Doubles  
Warragul Blue 7-47 def Trafalgar  
2-34; Warragul White 5-43 def Moe  
4-38; Hallora 8-51 def Drouin Gold  
1-24; Poowong 1-20 def by Neerim  
District 8-52. Drouin Maroon – Bye.  
Ladder: Drouin Maroon 60, Moe  
51.5, Warragul White 47.5, Hallora  
44.5, Neerim District 37.5, Warragul  
Blue 35.5, Drouin Gold 32, Trafalgar  
20.5, Poowong 17.5.

Section 1 Singles  
Drouin Gold 1-3-27 def by Drouin  
Maroon 2-4-32; Drouin White 0-1-  
16 def by Trafalgar 3-6-34; Moe  
Blue 2-4-26 def Moe Red 1-3-22. Moe  
White – Bye.

Ladder: Moe White 27.5, Moe Blue  
26.5, Moe Red 20, Drouin Gold 17,  
Trafalgar 12.5, Drouin Maroon 9.5,  
Drouin White 9.5

Section 2 Singles  
Neerim District 1-24 def by Drouin  
Gold 5-48; Warragul 5-46 def Moe  
1-22; Drouin Maroon 0-0 (Forfeit) def  
by Trafalgar 6-48.

Ladder: Trafalgar 42, Warragul  
36.5, Drouin Gold 29.5, Neerim Dis-  
trict 29, Drouin Maroon 21, Moe 10

ALLAMBEE MIRBOO  
AND DISTRICT TENNIS

ALL matches were completed de-  
spite the heat in Round 7 of Allambree  
Mirboo and District Tennis.

Koonwarra and Leongatha had the  
match of the round with Koonwarra  
winning by just three games, great to  
see the Leongatha side captained by  
Pocko bringing in young players.

Inverloch won by seven games against  
Korumburra, Korumburra doing well to  
win the ladies' sets and a mixed set off  
the top team.

Westernport White won the Western-  
port Derby by 15 games.

Outtrim were winners against Leon-  
gatha.

Well done to Archer Hughes winning  
a set in his first senior game for Le-  
ongatha and Ben Watson gaining ex-  
perience with each game he plays for  
Leongatha.

In Section 2 Korumburra won well  
over Baromi, but Korumburra didn't  
have it all their way with two tiebreak-  
ers going the way of Baromi.

Section 1 Results  
Westernport White 6.42 def Western-  
port Red 2.27; Inverloch 5.35 def Ko-  
rumburra 3.28; Koonwarra 4.34 def  
Leongatha 4.31

Ladder: Inverloch 56, Westernport  
White 39, Koonwarra 38, Leongatha 33,  
Korumburra 30, Westernport Red 12

Section 2 Results  
Outtrim 6.62 def Leongatha 3.42;  
Korumburra 5.64 def Baromi 4.46

Ladder: Outtrim 44.5, Korumburra  
40.5, Leongatha 36.5, Baromi 32.5

Wonthaggi represented across  
two croquet tournaments

WONTHAGGI players were out  
and about again on the weekend of  
November 16 and 17.

Six players competed in the  
Korumburra Doubles Tournam-  
ent, whilst two headed north to  
Shepparton.

At Korumburra, Marj Prender-  
gast and Neil Warburton, and  
Mike and Jo Butterfield con-  
tested Section 1 with the former  
pair winning two games and the  
Butterfields winning five  
games, but being pipped into  
third place winning on a hoops  
countback.

The winners +11 hoops, run-  
ner-up +9 hoops and Mike and  
Jo +8 hoops – well played and  
just a little unlucky.

Kathy Ross teamed up with  
Terry Nash from Korumburra in  
Section 2 with Sue Priller team-  
ing up with Helen Biffin from  
Drouin.

Sue and Helen managed to  
win three games with Kathy and  
Terry winning four games and



Wonthaggi Croquet Club's team competing in the Korumburra Doubles Tournament in-  
cluded Neil Warburton. Mike Butterfield, Kathy Ross, Sue Priller, Jo Butterfield and Marj  
Prendergast. Photo: Sue Cartwright.

finishing runners-up in that Sec-  
tion.

Sue Cartwright from Wonthag-  
gi went along to assist the tour-  
nament manager with the scor-  
ing and also do some 'amateur'  
refereeing.

Saturday was very hot with  
Sunday a little cooler, but light-  
ning stopped play.

Croquet continues in the rain,

but lightning becomes a safety  
issue, and everyone skeddaddles  
off the court.

Tom Lacey and Sue Baker trav-  
elled to Shepparton to compete  
in the GV Fruit Bowl Double.

This tournament celebrated  
Shepparton's 100th anniver-  
sary.

Tom and Sue competed in  
Block 2 and won four out of

their eight matches.

Hot and sunny conditions pre-  
vailed on Saturday with Sunday  
play delayed due to severe thun-  
derstorm activity.

Members were on hand at  
6.30am cleaning up the debris  
blown onto the courts.

Despite the inclement weath-  
er, this was a very well-run tour-  
nament.

Korumburra Croquet Club doubles tournament

By Val Wilson

THE KORUMBURRA Cro-  
quet Club doubles tournament  
sponsored by Elders was held  
in over the weekend of Novem-  
ber 16 and 17.

A very warm day on Saturday  
was followed by cooler condi-  
tions on Sunday requiring wet  
weather gear.

Twenty-eight Korumburra  
players competed in two sec-  
tions with Robin McKinnon of  
Leongatha and Ray Biffin win-  
ning Section 1.

Runners-up were Stephen  
Beitz from Leongatha and Mary  
Tabrah from Sale.

Section 2 winners were Craig  
Piller of Drouin and Val Wilson  
of Korumburra.

Runners-up were Terry Nash  
from Korumburra and Kathy  
Ross of Wonthaggi.



Stephen Beitz, Mary Tabrah, Robin McKinnon and Terry Nash with Damien Minogue from  
Elders and Ray Biffin, Val Wilson, Craig Piller and Kathy Ross.

Xavier Lindsay's AFL career up and running with Demons

From page 48

"That's how I found out  
about the Morrish Medal.  
Rhett and Melinda came over  
to tell me the news."

Rated as a "classy speed-  
ster" by Melbourne and a "me-  
terage machine" after ranking  
second at the National Cham-  
pionships for metres gained,  
he has been welcomed with  
open arms by his new club,  
as a smooth midfielder and  
versatile prospect, with "neat  
ball-use and a penetrating  
kick giving him the ability to  
play across all areas of the  
ground".

It is expected that Lindsay  
may start out at half back  
from where he could progress  
into the midfield as the oppor-  
tunities arise.

"I played halfback/wing at  
the AFL Academy so no prob-  
lem," he said.

As well as Alix Tauru, whom  
he rates highly as a talented  
defender on the rise, Xavier  
was also pleased to see former  
Power teammate Jasper Alger  
get his chance, a pacey for-  
ward with innate goal sense,  
as pick 58 overall by the



All smiles and plenty of Melbourne Demons' support after Inverloch's Xavier Lindsay was  
taken as pick 11 by Melbourne in the AFL National Draft last week. Enjoying the occasion at  
Marvel Stadium were the whole Lindsay family; Julia, Mark, Xavier, Kate and Hayden.

Tigers.

And, as for media commen-  
tary that he's not much of a  
cook, Xavier's father Mark  
came to the rescue.

"Funnily enough, Xave's al-  
ready made a few of the reci-  
pes out of Christian Petracca's  
book and did a pretty good

job with his Lasagne Soup re-  
cently so no, he's actually al-  
right around the kitchen."

It's back to Melbourne now  
for a training block before  
Christmas, after the weekend  
in Inverloch for Mark's birth-  
day and some family time with  
mother Kate, older brother

Hayden, sister Julia, extended  
family and friends.

He'll get time off again at  
Christmas before it starts in  
earnest in January but if he  
needs a kick of the footy in the  
meantime, West Coast Eagles'  
2023 draft pick, Archer Reid,  
lives just around the corner.





Olivia Curtain jumped mare Yalambis Luciana to a top 16 placing in Children's Championship at the 2024 Australian Jumping Championships held at Willinga Park.



Ngahiwi Lady Blu and Olivia landed third on the podium after a challenging six days of competition.

# Olivia jumps to glory in Australian Championships

THE Australian Showjumping Championships, the pinnacle event of the nation's equestrian calendar, took place this year at the stunning Willinga Park, located on the New South Wales coast near Batemans Bay. Spanning six days of intense competition, the event brought together the best showjumping talent from across the country.

Thirteen-year-old Olivia Curtain from Phillip Island, a rising star in Australian showjumping, entered the competition with two of her mares, both of whom contested the Children's Championship for riders aged 14 and under. This highly competitive event spans three challenging days, with each day seeing increased course heights to 1.15 metres and varying

competition formats. The pressure to maintain consistency and composure over these demanding days is immense.

Over 50 top competitors from all over Australia vied for a spot in the final, with the last day reserved for the top 16 riders based on their performances throughout the week. Olivia secured a place for both of her mares in the final, with her eight-year-old Warmblood, Yalambi's Luciana, qualifying in 14th place, and her 11-year-old Warmblood, Ngahiwi Lady Blu, securing an impressive fourth place.

The format of the final required competitors to carry forward any faults from the previous days. The top two riders started the final with zero faults, while those in third and

fourth positions carried four and five faults, respectively, with the remaining competitors starting with higher fault counts. The pressure was on, as riders needed to navigate the final course without adding additional faults and within the allocated time.

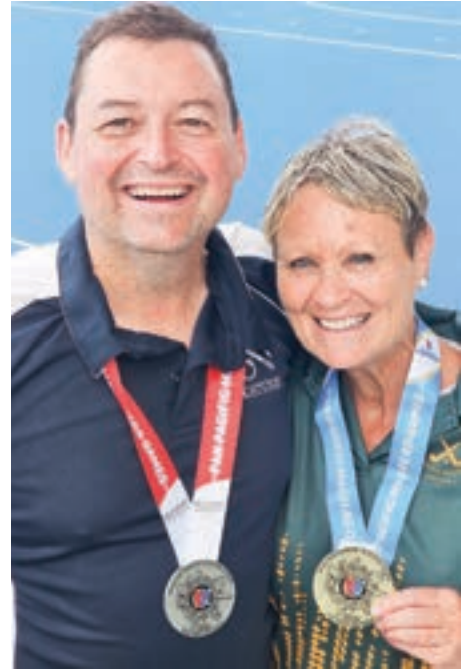
Olivia and Ngahiwi Lady Blu rose to the occasion, securing a podium finish with a remarkable third place. This achievement was particularly sweet for Olivia, who had only formed a partnership with Ngahiwi Lady Blu in April of this year. In just eight months, the pair had already claimed several major titles and now stood among the nation's elite in third place at the Australian Championships.

Olivia expressed her gratitude for the support that has

been key to her success, including her family, friends, and coaching team. She also extended thanks to her personal sponsors – Prydes Easifeed, Equissage, Melbourne Brick, and Geohex – as well as Lever Equestrian and long-time mentors Phil and Frida for their invaluable guidance.

Now, after a demanding competition season, Olivia and her horses are enjoying a well-earned break before the 2025 season kicks off in January at Boneo Park. From there, she plans to take on more prestigious events across Australia and potentially overseas.

With her talent, dedication, and solid support network, Olivia is certainly one to watch in the coming years of competitive show jumping.



Braden and Rhonda Betley brought home a silver and gold medal respectively after playing hockey in the Pan Pacific Games on the Gold Coast.

## Local hockey champs bring home medals

RHONDA and Braden Betley of About Bass Coast Hearing enjoyed 10 fantastic days of hockey at the Pan Pacific Games on the Gold Coast.

The tournament was played in very warm conditions and great spirit.

Braden, playing for Nightsticks – a team made up mostly of police, fire and ambulance workers – played five games for four wins and a draw.

In a really tough grand final, the Nightsticks unfortunately ran out of legs and fit players.

The result was two to one loss and a silver medal.

Rhonda, playing for Albury Border Masters, played and won all six games in six days.

In hot weather, the team fought hard to win four to one in the grand final and win the gold medal.

The magnificent team effort to play seven games in seven consecutive days for seven wins is a record that may never be broken.

## Add Fish Creek's cookbook to your Christmas wish list

JUST in time for Christmas, a new book with a distinctly local flavour will go on sale in early December.

Recipes for Recovery is an initiative of the Fish Creek Football Netball Club and a fundraiser for the rebuilding effort after an arson attack destroyed its clubrooms in November last year.

Funded in part by a Gardiner Dairy Foundation grant, the book is a 112-page full-colour compilation of favourite recipes from the families that have built the club over generations and others who have called Fish Creek home in more recent times.

From soups, starters and salads, through to main meals, desserts, baked treats, jams and preserves, there is something to appeal to all taste buds.

Coordinators Anna Stefani and Sharon Wright said the idea for the recipe book came about soon after the fire.

"We were catering for an event, and we were all still reeling from the loss of over a century of club photos, memorabilia, honour boards and trophies," Anna said.

"Someone mentioned that we should start recording all the recipes our families had made for club functions over



Sarah Gradie and Conny Lenneberg from Gardiner Dairy Foundation and Sharon Wright (centre) representing the Fish Creek Football Netball Club at the grant presentation event.

the years before they too were lost, and that's where it all started.

"We had quite a few recipes contributed to by multiple people, which speaks to the generosity of people who shared family favourites beyond their own kitchens," she said.

A striking front cover has been created courtesy of an iconic image of the town, generously donated by Andrew and Domenica from Wallace and Wallace Sculpture and Photography in Fish Creek.

The book will be available for sale in some Fish Creek businesses, or directly from the

club for \$35 each plus postage (if required).

To reserve your copy, please email [recipesfcfnc@gmail.com](mailto:recipesfcfnc@gmail.com).

In other news, the rebuild sub-committee continues to work towards developing a new facility that will service not only the club but the wider community.

Committee member Megan Vuillermin said support for the project from other organisations in and around Fish Creek was encouraging and motivated the group to keep working through the various steps.

"A project of this scale requires consideration of so

many factors, and in order to tick off every obligation there are many meetings with council officers, surveyors, draftspeople, state government departments and sporting bodies," Megan said.

"We are also continuing to seek more funding by lobbying government and applying for grants, but we know when we break ground on the new building all the hard work and effort will be worth it."

Separate from the rebuild program the club has several major events coming up including the annual camp draft, which will be staged at Yanakie on December 7-8 and a car show on February 23, 2025.

The camp draft has been a major fundraiser for the club for many years with competitors from near and far providing plenty of action for spectators, and with food and drinks available for sale, will be a great day out.

New to the event calendar is the car show, which is being run in conjunction with the Gippsland Historical Automobile Club at Terrill Park, with Community Branch Foster and Toora Bendigo Bank as the major sponsors.

To keep up to date with all club news, visit Facebook/Fish Creek Kangaroos.

## Woolamai Racing season on track

THE PICNIC racing season at the leafy Woolamai racecourse kicks off on Saturday, November 30.

The club is looking forward to hosting its usual six meetings over the summer period with two Saturday meetings on December 21 and 28.

Woolamai and District Racing Club committee member Peter McCluskey noted group bookings are looking very healthy and encourages people to get together at the track for their Christmas celebrations.

He highlighted that there is plenty of shade and tables for groups, as well as space for them to set up their own picnic spots, and there's lots of on-course action to enjoy.

There has been an upgrade, with the old toilet block that sat at right angles to the straight having been demolished and replaced with a modern facility that is set back further offering more space for patrons.

The usual six-race card is planned for most meetings, starting around 1pm with gates opening at 11am.

Bookings can be made via the club website: [woolamairaces.com.au](http://woolamairaces.com.au) or simply roll up on the day to the course, which is four kilometres east from the signposted Bass turnoff on the Bass Highway.

"The home straight looks in prime condition with grass at a very consistent racing length thanks to our hard-working track manager Macca Mathieson who mixes the job in with a variety of farming responsibilities around the district," McCluskey added.





Rhonda Rattenbury, Pat Novak, Gordon Peters and Sue Rose won Friday's Breakaway Bowls challenge.



Inverloch Bowling Club's monthly triples winners were Martin Hannaford, Doug Archer and John Duscher.



Jack Miller, Graeme Dunlop, Joan McStravick and Terry Orford were the Thursday social bowls winners at the Inverloch Bowling Club.



The best one-game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Mark Hanrahan (S), Raff Merante (3) and Tony Morris (L).



The South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners were Tony Heppleston (S) and Peter Thorley (L). Absent: Stephen Muhi (3).



Lia Smith, John Postlethwaite and Maggie Scapin recorded an amazing score to win Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls' Friday competition.



The Monday winners at Breakaway Bowls were Margaret Morgan and John Stewart with +11.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Sue Parker and Steve Brunyan.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

WHAT a great way to spend a Monday – mixing with good friends and enjoying a great game of bowls.

The winners were Margaret Morgan and John Stewart with +11 – well done it certainly, was a hard-fought match.

Friday was a great day with lots of fun and laughter.

The winners were Rhonda Rattenbury, Pat Novak, Gordon Peters and Sue Rose with +22.

Well done to all bowlers.

See you next Monday at 1pm at the Cape Paterson Community Centre.

INVERLOCH

THE major men's and ladies' singles Club Championship finals will now be held on Friday, November 29, at 9.30am.

The ladies' final is between Joy Brown and Lorraine Dowson, with the men's final to be battled out between Martin Hannaford and Graham Turton.

Wednesday saw 26 teams of triples compete over a four-game monthly triples event.

The first two games were of 12 ends each.

Games three and four were of 10 ends.

The winners with four wins, 69 points and 33 shots up were the team of Doug Archer, John Duscher and Martin Hannaford. Runners-up were the team of John Newcombe, Peter Forrest and Graeme Cornell.

They finished with four wins, 69 points and 28 shots.

Best first game with 15 shots up and a percentage of 82 per cent went to the team of James Lye, Allan Jordan and Rob Westbrook.

Best second game went to the team led by Griffo.

The best third game with 10 shots up and 77 per cent was won by Michael Cosgrove, John Hallas and Jenny Haydon.

Best fourth game with 14 shots up and 88 per cent went to Syn-den, Jaye and Lyn.

The next monthly triples at Inverloch will take place on December 18.

Thursday's social bowls saw 20 bowlers attend the day's activities.

Two games of 10 ends were played. Only one team won both games.

The winners were the team of Terry Orford, Graeme Dunlop, Joan McStravick and Jack Miller.

It was another great night for the Community Corporate Bowlers with the sun finally shining.

Players were keen to get out on the greens with conditions being so good.

Winners on the night were Bowls Deep with a score of +14 closely followed by runners-up Chokers on +13.

Thanks go to Hawkesbury Breweries for supplying the raf-le prizes on the night with five lucky winners sharing in the prizes.

The Big M Man continues to elude so he now jackpots to \$300 for next week.

KORUMBURRA

IT WAS another week of vary-ing results in the pennant arena.

In midweek, Division 1 hosted Tarwin Lower and had a good win.

Jenny McVeigh won 21 shots to 13, Katrina Evans won 24 shots to 22 and Jo Lomagno won 19 shots to 14 – well done all.

Division 2 travelled to San Remo and the results were the reverse of Division 1.

Judith Nicholl lost 14 shots to 22, Jim Garnham lost 13 shots to 29 and Lena Harfield lost nine shots to 23.

Saturday Pennant saw Division 1 travel to Leongatha and come out victors.

Robin Provan won 23 shots to 21, Kevin Beecroft lost 14 shots to 26 and Charlie Edgerton won 26 shots to eight.

Division 3 hosted Foster with the only bright light Les Davis who won 23 shots to 20.

Phil Ashton lost 15 shots to 22 and Ross Lomagno lost 17 shots to 24.

Division 4 travelled to Tarwin Lower and came away with a loss.

Jim Garnham lost 15 shots to 24, Rob Sund won 21 shots to 13 and Alan Cherrett went down 17 shots to 29.

On Wednesday, the club held a very successful coffee morning with guest speaker Belinda Nicholls from Milpara Community House, who gave a very informa-tive talk on the role of Milpara.

LEONGATHA

LEONGATHA, at this point in time, is not featuring too well in the pennant competition and Di- vision 2 and Division 4 will have to shake a leg, otherwise relega- tion is a possibility at the end of the season.

Current ladder positions are as follows:

Midweek Pennant Division 2 are in first place; Weekend Pen- nant Division 1 are in fourth place; Weekend Pennant Division 2 are in eighth position; Midweek Pennant Division 4 is ranked in eighth spot on the ladder.

This round, Leongatha made Fish Creek Bowls Club its place for battle and they did by win- ning 65/55 shots and 16 points in the five Midweek Pennant competition game.

Individual rink scores were as follows:

Bronwyn Williams skip Fish Creek was defeated by Rosa

James skip Leongatha 17/21 shots.

Robert Poletti skip Fish Creek was defeated by Dot Shandley skip Leongatha 19/23 shots.

Wendy Watkins skip Fish Creek was defeated by Vito Serafino 19/21 shots.

Leongatha's Division 1 side welcomed Korumburra's Divi- sion 1 side to the Leongatha club and suffered a defeat overall of 55/68 shots.

The selectors review of this game will focus on strengthening the composition of the rink that was soundly beaten. Individual rink scores were as follows:

Jenny Miller skip Leongatha was defeated by Robin Provan skip Korumburra 21/23 shots.

John Hall skip Leongatha de- feated Kevin Beecroft skip Ko- rumburra 26/19 shots.

Anthony Collier skip Leon- gatha was defeated by Charlie Edgerton skip Korumburra 8/26 shots.

Leongatha's Division 2 side en- tertained a Philip Island Bowls Club representation and recorded a victory that was required to im- prove its position on the ladder.

The final overall score was 58/44 shots and the individual rink scores were as follows:

Ray McGannon skip Leongatha defeated Stuart Cunningham skip Philip Island 21/17 shots.

Ron Symons skip Leongatha appreciated the improvement in form of his rink defeating Scott Miller skip Philip Island 20/10 shots.

Les Wilson skip Leongatha had a drawn game against Mark Hone skip Philip Island 17/17 shots.

Port Welshpool Bowling Club was the venue for the Leongatha Division 4 side to visit on Satur- day.

The home side recorded a win on all three rinks with a final overall score of 68/46 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows:

Errol Gregory skip Port Welsh- pool defeated Alan Moxey skip Leongatha 26/16 shots.

John Roberts skip Port Welsh- pool defeated Lynne McIntyre skip Leongatha 27/15 shots.

Stephen Young skip Port Welshpool defeated Rosa James skip Leongatha 16/15 shots.

The good weather brought members out of their abode last Wednesday to play social bowls, which was enjoyed by all who participated.

This was in contrast to the con- ditions on Saturday, which were not agreeable to some bowlers.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

ANOTHER week, another fun- filled day as 46 bowlers were welcomed by Trevor to Loch and District Bowls Club.

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John and Pauline signed everyone in as Peter prepared the teams.

The rink looked in excellent condition and the temperature slowly increased as the morning went by.

Once the teams were called and they began the weekly battle, it was evident that the weather was heading towards what can only be described as an extremely warm day.

This did not detract from the fun and laughter around the rinks.

Didn't see any wrong bias shots, but the Royal Children's Hospital tin fills up quite speedily.

There was some excellent bowling from all quarters, with a few wild shots from time to time.

The green was in excellent condition and Trevor was kept busy looking after everyone's thirst – this is very much appreciated by the members.

A fair amount of friendly banter as well as a lot of laughter could be heard across the green which makes the day so much fun for all.

It was fantastic to see such happy bowlers on such a great day.

It seems a pity that everyone can't win the day, but, as always, there can only be one winning team.

That team on a score of 36 was Tony Heppleston (S), Peter Thorley (L) and Stephen Muhi (3).

Also on 36 points, but just being pipped at the post on a count back, were Trevor Loughridge (3), Cheryl Floyd (L), Vern Elliott (S) and Ron Hughes (2).

Best one-game winners on a score of 19 were Mark Hanrahan (S), Raff Merante (3) and Tony Morris (L).

A big thank you to Peter, Pauline and John who brings everyone together each week to have so much fun.

Also, a big thank you to those volunteers who help prepare and clean up both before and after the day's fun.

These include Trevor, John, David and Laurie.

Next week, the club will be meeting at Lang Lang to once again fight it out for team of the week.

It's always a great day with Marianne and Colin eager to help the bowlers enjoy their day.

Please be on site by 10am to allow Peter time to prepare the teams.

Meanwhile, the club wishes all players great days on Saturday and Tuesday with their pennant teams.

Until next week, have fun and stay safe.

**WONTHAGGI**

IT WAS another good week at the club.

Tuesday saw Division 1 venture down the road to Inverloch.

Wonthaggi was looking to keep their unbeaten start to the season going.

All rinks played well to record a good win.

The final scores Wonthaggi 71 Inverloch 42.

Division 2 played host to Inverloch at Wonthaggi, looking for a win after a loss last week.

In a tight match all day, Wonthaggi was able to get the points.

The final scores Wonthaggi 63 Inverloch 61.

Division 3 played host to Meeniyan at Wonthaggi.

With both teams in the top four, it was always going to be close and at the end of the day –

Wonthaggi just fell short.

The final scores Wonthaggi 51 Meeniyan 64.

Tuesday night's Barefoot Bowls saw a very good number of bowlers take to the greens on a fine warm night.

There were lots of fun and happy people – that's what it is all about.

Wednesday saw 18 bowlers grace the greens on a fine mild day, with bowlers away and Triples at another nearby club.

Three bowl Triples were the order of the day.

The winners were Steve Brunyan, Sue Parker and Rod Vaughan with a score of two wins and 30 points.

Thursday was also a fine morning, saw a good number of bowlers enjoy a game of social bowls.

Saturday saw a hot day with Division 1 playing host to Corinella at Wonthaggi.

With a strong team on the park, all teams played well to record a strong win.

The final scores Wonthaggi 72 Corinella 47.

Division 2 went to Loch to do battle against a team looking for a win.

On a hot day, all rinks played well to record a solid win.

The final scores Wonthaggi 74 Loch 48.

Division 4 played host to Foster at Wonthaggi and were looking to keep their season going forward in a winning way.

Once again, all rinks played well to record a solid victory.

The final scores Wonthaggi 77 Foster 41.

Division 5 also at home, played host to Phillip Island at Wonthaggi.

Once again looking to keep their place on top of the ladder, all rinks played well to record a hard-fought victory.

The final scores Wonthaggi 65 Phillip Island 53.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Pennant and Tuesday night is Bare Foot Bowls.

Doors open at 4pm and start time is 6pm.

Wednesday is social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday is coaching at 10am, and Saturday is Pennant.

The Christmas Lunch list is going very well so make sure you put your name or names on the list.

Friday night is still going very well with the weather being a huge bonus.

John and Lorraine were happy meat tray winners.

Have a good week and good bowling.

**WONTHAGGI INDOOR**

THIS week, with the weather being so warm, it was lovely to be able to bowl in air-conditioned comfort.

The club had 48 members compete for the week.

Tuesday saw a very even finish with two teams unable to be separated even on a countback.

Both teams won two games and had a plus 13 and the same amount of ends won.

They consisted of Fred Demenech, Stephen Kenny and Jim Wilson, and Robert McLaren and Helen and John Rook. Congratulations to both teams.

Friday's winners with an amazing plus 22 were Lia Smith, Maggie Scapin and John Postlethwaite.

Runners-up with a plus two were Jeannie Slocombe, Fred Demenech and Jim Wilson.



**Winners of the Shirley Johnson Memorial Trophy at the Korumburra Golf Club were Lorraine Knox and Trudi Mantell, who are pictured with sponsor Carol Johnson, and runners-up Shelley Snooks and Merrissa Cosson.**



**Shayne Harland was the net 27-hole winner at the Korumburra Golf Club.**



**Jye Kruyer won the gross 27-hole event at the Korumburra Golf Club.**



**Winners of the Scratch and Net events on Saturday in Korumburra's tournament, holding their vouchers from Evans Petroleum, are Gail Beer, Merrissa Cosson and Aliesha Wrigley.**



**Steve Duffield was the A Grade gross and net 18-hole winner at the Korumburra Golf Club.**

**KORUMBURRA**

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.

Tuesday, November 19:

Stableford: 38 Players.

A Grade: Ian Cash (12) 39 C/B points.

B Grade: Murray Webb (25) 39 points.

NTPs: first Pete Wallace, seventh Blayke Spokes, 10th Greg Wilson and 13th Peter Van Agtmaal.

Thursday, November 21: Stableford: 15 players.

Winner: Jaarl Enbom (13) 37 points.

NTPs: seventh Wayne Knights and 10th Jaarl Enbom.

Friday, November 22: Annual Tournament Day 1 –Ricky Johnson Memorial 4BBB: 37 players.

Sponsor: Ricky Johnson Prize Committee.

Winners: Shane Sartori and Tim Fowles 46 points.

NTPs: first Tim Fowles, seventh Wayne Knights, 10th Steve Rose and 13th Gary Sosenko.

Saturday, November 23:

Annual Tournament Day 2:

Sponsors: Drummond Golf, Tim Fowles and Evan's Petroleum.

18-hole Gross: 25 players.

A Grade: Steve Duffield 81.

B Grade: Ian Morris 87 C/B.

18-hole net: 25 players.

A Grade: Steve Duffield 70 net.

B Grade: Ross Crawford 66 net.

27-hole Stroke: 25 players.

A Grade: Jye Kruyer wins four-hole playoff with Mat Wrigley and Michael Thomas 115 tied.

B Grade: Roy Fleming 126.

27-hole net: 25 players.

A Grade: Shayne Harland 111 C/B net.

B Grade: Jason King 109 net.

NTPs: first Steve Duffield, seventh Donald Van Rooye, 10th Kodie Spokes and 13th Steve Duffield.

Sunday, November 24: Annual Tournament Day 3 – four-person Mixed Ambrose: 40 players.

Sponsor: D'Jinta D'Jinta Wines and Elders.

Winners: Merrissa Cosson, Peter Cosson, Blake Cosson and Ben Chia 55.75 C/B over Johanna van den Heiligenberg, Greg Jones, Collette Pearl and Brian Clasby

NTPs: first (men) Brian Clasby, seventh (men) David Sorrell and (women) Merrissa Cosson, 10th (men) Steffan Scutti and (women) Aliesha Wrigley, and 13th (men) Greg Wilson and (women) Merrissa Cosson.

**Ladies**

THERE was ideal weather for the three-person drop-out Ambrose event on Wednesday.

The winners, Karen Sorrell, Shelley Snooks and Kerri Besley, finished with 66 net and runners up were Johanna van den Heiligenberg, Heather Grist and Lee Clements, 71.167.

NTPs went to first Kerri, 10th Trudi Mantell and 13th Shelley.

Thursday evening was perfect weather for the Twilight golfers.

Sandra and Laurie Webster won with 24 points and Viv and David Enbom were runners-up, 23 points.

Allan Perks was NTP on the 13th green.

Starting the three-day tournament off on Friday was the Shirley Johnson Memorial 4Ball Stableford event and it was lovely to have visitors from neighbouring clubs plus the members support and enjoy the day.

The club extends a huge thank you to the Johnson family who

generously sponsor this special day and provide such beautiful trophies.

Much appreciation too, to all those involved in the organisation, meal preparation, raffle prizes, numerous tasks behind the scenes and ensuring the course was in superb condition.

Congratulations to the winners of the Shirley Johnson Memorial Trophy, Lorraine Knox and Trudi Mantell who finished with a terrific 44 points.

The runners up were Merrissa Cosson and Shelley Snooks, 41 points, just pipping Lyn Perks and Kath Welsh on a c/b.

Other BDTL went to Irene Holm/Susan Straw from Meeniyan and Karen Sorrell/Kim Enbom, both pairs with 40 points, then Johanna van den Heiligenberg/Kerri Besley and Barb Twite/Sherrin Solly, with 39 points.

Lynne Schwennesen won the straightest drive and NTP winners went to Merrissa first, Lyn 10th and Susan 13th.

There was hotter weather for the Stroke event on Saturday.

The club and participants greatly appreciate the generous sponsorship from Evans Petroleum, providing vouchers for the winners and the Korumburra Golf Club sponsored the runner-ups.

Winner of the Scratch event in A Grade was Merrissa Cosson with 83 and runner up was Shelley Snooks, 94 on a c/b.

The B Grade winner was Gail Beer 103 with Trudy Olden runner up 109.

The A Grade net event was won by Aliesha Wrigley (23) 71 net and Merrissa (10) was runner up, 73 net.

B Grade's winner was Gail Beer (33), 70 net and runner up was Diarne Maskell (36), 76 net.

The only NTP was by Merrissa on the 13th green, kindly sponsored by the Austral Hotel.

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The four-person Mixed Ambrose gross winners at the Korumburra Golf Club were Merrissa Cosson, Peter Cosson, Blake Cosson and Ben Chia.



Shane Satori and Tim Fowles were the Ricky Johnson 4BBB Net winners at the Korumburra Golf Club.



Winners of Leongatha Golf Club's Stableford event Lynda Bassett, Glenyce McRobert, Ashleigh Hutton and Joc Howson with sponsors Ali and Phill from the Burra Brewing Co.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's Kaylene Hodgetts, Catherine Bolding, Dawn Judkins (with winning trophy) and Chris Hamilton shared success at the club's annual Challenge Day with Centenary Park Golf Club.



Runners up of Woorayl Golf Club's Perrett Family Foursomes Board Event Linda Forrester and Sherrill Winkler with winners Pauline Lancaster and Elly Berryman.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, November 19: Stableford.

Tuesday's Stableford round had a field of 61 members/guests take to the course selecting either blue or yellow tees. Excellent course conditions again encouraged high scoring.

A Grade winner: Ken Smirk (15) with a score of 38 points on a countback.

A Grade runner-up: Norman Hughes (14) with a score of 38 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Donald Smith (20) with the high score of the day of 43 points.

B Grade runner-up: John Housey (17) with a score of 37 points.

C Grade winner: Matthew Pearce (26) with a score of 41 points.

C Grade runner-up: Bernard Skerys (21) with a score of 40 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Barry Stevens. NTP 14th: Jeremy de Silva. NTP 16th: Alan Starkey.

Thursday, November 21: Stableford.

Thursday's Stableford round saw 84 members/guests take to the course teeing off either the blue or yellow markers, with a shotgun start at 9am.

A Grade winner: Craig Hams (11) with the high score of the day of 39 points.

A Grade runner-up: Albert Hayes (10) with a score of 37 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Peter Walsh (16) with a score of 37 points.

B Grade runner-up: Ross McRobert (14) with a score of 36 points.

C Grade winner: Malcolm Legge (17) with a score of 37 points.

C Grade runner-up: Dylan Clark (20) with a score of 36 points.

D Grade winner: Rene Zeller (25) with a score of 38 points.

D Grade runner up: Phil Strike (25) with a score of 37 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Phil Strike at .38m. NTP 14th: Roy Kleverkamp at 3.08m. NTP 16th: Colin Bear at 2.04m.

Saturday, November 23: Movember Black Tee Gentsomes Open Day Event.

Saturday was a keenly contested Movember Gentsomes Stableford Event with 104 members/guests off the black tees and taking to the course in the warmest of spring conditions.

Overall winners:

1. Nanette Meagher, Jenny Teasdale, Craig Teasdale and Miles Wrigley with a score of 108 points.

2. Bryan Roylance, Nick Shaw, Darren Read and Louis Read with a score of 107.

NTP fifth second shot: William Fuller at .96m. NTP 14th: Patrick Michael at .80m. NTP 16th: Michael Boer at 2.45m.

Ladies

THERE was great weather and great scores for the Burra Brewing Co. sponsored Stableford event.

Winners and runners-up all received a Burra Brewing pizza voucher or meal voucher.

Joc Howson (29) was the A Grade winner with 37 points, defeating Ashleigh Hutton (17) on a count back.

Lynda Bassett had 42 points

to win B Grade while Glenyce McRobert was a runner-up with 39 points.

Down-the-line balls (ranged from 37-33) were won by Pat Pease, Nan Meagher, Trish Owen, Robin Smith, Karen de Groot, Karen Bear, Delia Perry and Jenny Teasdale.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was won by Bev Reinhard and Delia Perry on the 14th.

Sharon Horne won the nine-hole competition from five other competitors with 17 points.

MEENIYAN

TUESDAY'S winner was Lloyd Hemphil with 39 points.

Runner-up was Will Bullock 35 points.

DTL went to Brian Dewar 32 points, Peter Riddle 31 points and Ron Davison 30 points.

NTPs were second Ron Davison, eighth Lloyd Hemphil and the pro pin went to Will Bullock.

Saturday was singles par with Phil Hutcheson coming out on top with +6 on a count back from Peter Wilson +6.

DTL went to Sibi Burggraaf +4, Daryl Gregg, Brod Courtney, Mat Vanboven all square, and Neil Park, Andrew Logan and Lloyd Hemphill all on -1.

NTPs were second Ron Davison 11th Brad Wright, 14th Andrew Logan and the pro pin on the eighth went to Phil Hutcheson.

Birdies on the second went to Ron Davison and Craig Buckland and Andrew Logan on the 14th.

Next Saturday is the Captains and Presidents' Day single Stableford men's and ladies – free for all members.

Next Sunday, December 1, is the South Gippsland Men's and Mixed 4BBB Championship held at Meeniyan.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, November 19: Stableford.

A Grade: M. Payne (12) 43 points.

B Grade: N. Baker (24) 38 points c/b.

DTL: S. Woodall 42, S. Duff 41, L. Visser 40, T. Whitelaw and T. Bradshaw 38 c/b.

NTP: fourth L. Visser, sixth J. McFarlane, 13th C. Bourne and 16th J. Kus.

Birdies: fourth L. Visser and D. Taylor, and sixth J. McFarlane.

Saturday, November 23: Stroke (round three Championship).

A Grade: Tim Traill (4) 70 net.

B Grade: J. Kidd (16) 71 net.

DTL: R. Matthews, S. McInnes, T. Baker and P. Woodall 72 c/b.

NTP: fourth M. Payne, sixth E. Woodall, 13th J. Robbins and 16th D. Woodall.

Birdies: fourth M. Payne and Tom Traill.

Championship: A Scratch Tim Traill 223 and runner up E. Woodall 224.

A HCP: E. Woodall 212 and runner-up N. Bickerton 213.

B Scratch playoff: J. Kidd vs. G. Shandley 264.

B HCP: J. Kidd 213 and runner-up N. Bracecamp 217.

C Scratch: N. Baker 286 and runner-up D. Taylor 299.

C HCP: N. Baker 214 and runner-up D. Taylor 215.

Vets Scratch: Division 1

S McInnes 158.

Scratch: Division 2 J. Kidd 178.

Vets HCP: N. Baker 139.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: November 21, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Philip McCrimmon 38.

Runner up: Frank Huber 38.

BDTL to 35: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 36, Chris Wilkinson 36 and Ian Murrells 35.

Results: November 21, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Winner: Ian Murrells 23.

BDTL to 19: Ken Cuman 21, Andrew Hooton-Shandley 20 and Kevin Bayley 19.

Results: November 23, S.R. 71.

Competition: Par.

A Grade: Brodie Mabilia +2

B Grade: Messy Chand +7.

C Grade: Ken Cuman +7.

BDTL to +2.

Ball sweep: Andrew Cox +6, Frank Huber +4, Blake Cornelis +4, Steven Nichol +4, Glenn Hewlett +3, Ross Yann +3, John Geyer +3, Graeme Crawford +2, Bruce Betts +2 and Norm Burne +2.

NTPs: Robert Geyer second, Messy Chand fourth, Messy Chand pro pin eighth, Geoff Huther 13th and Blake Cornelis money hole 17th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the annual Challenge Day with ladies from Centenary Park Golf Club in Frankston travelling to Wonthaggi.

Unfortunately for the visitors, Wonthaggi's lady members decided to blitz the course with some amazing scores.

BDL ended at 36 points.

A Grade's winner was Catherine Bolding (19) 37 points, and B Grade and round of the day went to Kaylene Hodgetts (25) 45 points – she is now off 21.

C Grade went to Chris Hamilton (32) 40 points.

NTP on second was Layla Robertson and eighth Jane Cook (CP).

BDL went to Lisa Brusamarello 42, Irene Walsh 39, Karen Sheerin 39, Robyn Wilkinson 39, Simone Lindsay 38, Kathy Dunscombe 37, Andrea Grenville 37, Sharon Patullo 37 and Maree Renowden 36 (CP).

WOORAYL

Ladies

IT was the first round of the Perrett Family Foursomes Board Event, sponsored by Kevin Gardiner Kitchens.

The event was Stroke Pairs.

The club had 12 players – six teams.

The weather was beautiful, and the course was magnificent.

Winners were Pauline Lancaster and her partner Elly Berryman 71 net.

Runners up were Linda Forrester and her partner Sherrill Winkler 75 net on a count back.

BDL went to Sharyn Rayson and Tricia Berryman 75 net, and Inge Giliam and Anne Grist 79.5 net.



# Poowong Basketball Grand Finals



**Womens Big Ballers 57 def RHOP 3** – Back row: Nicole Gleeson, Hannah Staben, Nicola Fort, Mackenzie Fort, Livinia Mandemaker, Brooke Olsen, Anika Andrews, Tiarna Blackwood and Emma Henshall. Front row: Emily Thomas, Brodie Miller, Sarah Brighton, Katelyn Hoffman, Sara Mills and Coreen Mechlielsen.



**Mens Jetts Team 70 def Raptors 35** – Back row: Jett Blackwood, Zac Gray, Tyran Lord, Gav Monson, Tommy Burgess and Matthew Roberts. Front row: Max Williames, Tyler Kirkbride, Bailey Nettle, Kohen Mandemaker, Rory Nettle, Patrick Dorian and Jackson Williames.



**U13 Girls Pink 32 def Light Blue 15** – Back row: Coach Jane Adams, Ella Anastasi, Addison Fraser, Phoebe Moriarty, Layla McDonald, Ruby Brighton, Amy Child and Coach Kristy Moriarty. Front row: Evie Garai, Isabel Barraclough, Jade Comer, Grace Simmons, Willow McDonald and Matilda Hoffman.



**U16 Boys Red 62 def Green 37** – Back row: Coach Daniel Achterdenbosch, Nathan Bohenzky, Tristan Dowel, Lachie Moriarty, John Parmeter, Brock Warren, Locklan McIntosh and Coach Kristy Moriarty. Front row: Oaklin Brown, Harvey Lewis, Jason Stewart, Taylen Stephens, Blake Sherar and Brodie Drury.



**U13 Boys Blue 22 def Grey 21** – Back row: Coach Melissa Macqueen, William Gleeson, Hudson Warren, Jack McIntosh, Mason Anthony, Jett Beaumont, Izaach Hansch and Coach Brad McIntosh. Front row: James Rees, Fraser Guy, Noah Finocchiario, Levi Bowey, Archie Tumino, Lachie Macqueen and Elijah Chirgwin.



**Noah Peacock Award for Grand Final MVP** – Zac Gray pictured with Michelle Peacock.



**Jim Hay Memorial Award** – Susie Williames for all her hard work and dedication to the basketball association.



**Grand Final MVP Nicola Fort.**



**Grand Final MVP Willow McDonald.**



**Grand Final MVP Mason Anthony.**



**Grand Final MVP Nathan Bohenzky.**



C GRADE DIVISION 1

**Club 4/88 d Town 87**  
**Town 1st INNINGS:** S Vs 27, Tim Cashin 0, R Edwards 11, J Aeschlimann 6, PJ Kallookkaran 0, C Smith 9, J Cashin 0, A Aeschlimann 5, Fill-in 11, M Hogarth 6\*, C Dowling 5  
Bowling: S Liddle 2/18, A Babu 0/21, M Sharp 2/20, C Fraser 3/6, B Ton 2/12, M Davey 0/2, P Wishart 0/4  
**Club 1st INNINGS:** W Speed 0, J Caddy 27, M Chisholm 17, C Prosser 9, M Davey 19\*, A Quilty 11\*  
Bowling: Fill-in 2/16, C Dowling 0/7, M Hogarth 0/15 P J Kallookkaran 0/12, S Vs 2/29, J Aeschlimann 0/4, T Cashin 0/1, C Smith 0/1

**K-Bass 7/110 d Korumburra 9/94**  
**Kilcunda-Bass 1st INNINGS** – J Hockett 29, B Paliwal 0, V Kumar Gopal 30, C Henderson 13, C Bettles 0, S Leman 16, Kamal Anand 0, H Bettles 4, J Hockett 1\*, J Henderson 1\*  
Bowling: B Riddell 0/10, G Edwards 1/21, G Barrett 0/18, H Jefferis0/13, L Dole 1/26, M Foote 4/11, R Butler 1/3, L Gallagher 0/8  
**Korumburra 1st INNINGS** – G Barrett 2, G Edwards 25, T Morrison 3, R Gallagher 0, J Townley 3, L Dole 6, B Riddell 2, R Butler 14, P Edwards 16, M Foote 9\*, L Gallagher 5\*  
Bowling: S Leman 3/8, H Bettles 2/12, Fill-in 2/19, B Paliwal 0/19, V Kumar Gopal 1/15, C Bettles 0/13, K Anand 1/7

**OMK 5/209 d Nerrena 7/178**  
**OMK - 1st INNINGS:** R Quaife 81, R White 16, B Hayes 14, S Anthony Handley 36, M Walker 5, J Greenwood 36\*, N Furness 5\*  
Bowling: E Berryman 0/39, C Dougherty 0/37, B Stein 1/30, C Baudinette 1/37, G Murphy 2/29, C Marinou 1/29  
**Nerrena - 1st INNINGS:** B Gannon 74, G Murphy 9, C Marinou 7\*, E Berryman 20, C Baudinette 26, B Stein 1\*, C Williams 4, M Croatto 6, C Dougherty 2  
Bowling: R White 3/18, S Anthony Handley 1/23, J Greenwood 0/27, C McKenzie 0/20, R Quaife 0/16, J Myors 1/36, C Quaife 2/24

Phillip Island – BYE

C GRADE DIVISION 2

**OMK 4/162 d MDU 8/110**  
**OMK 1st INNINGS:** T Eustace 78, R Wyatt 2, M Wightman 4, T Nicholas 53, M Greenwood 2, R Eustace 0\*, L Maskell 0\*  
Bowling: C Webb 1/9, J Allen 0/24, G Casey 1/32, Fill-in 1/20, D Thomas 0/10, G Cocksedge 0/35, Fill-in 0/31  
**MDU 1st INNINGS:** T Bright 0, D Thomas 49, J Allen 2, G Cocksedge 4, Fill-in 20, Fill-in 0, G Casey 1, Fill-in 0, C Webb 2\*, T McGrath 4\*  
Bowling: M Whiteside 2/24, J Battersby 0/23, T Nicholas 2/14, R Eustace 0/11, Private Player 0/8, L Maskell 0/17, T Eustace 3/5, M Greenwood 0/2, M Wightman 1/5

**Inverloch 1/175 d Nyora 5/173**  
**Nyora 1st INNINGS:** Fill-in 14, K Maclure 33, A White 78\*, T Cavanagh 2, T White 4, J MacDonald 21, W Dourley 4\*  
Bowling: C Butler 2/32, I Richardson 0/26, JJ Bowring 1/33, J Smith 1/17, J Brown 0/19, W Stewart 0/13, K Atyeo-Peters 0/15, J Foote 0/11  
**Inverloch 1st INNINGS:** D Harris 71, W Stewart 86\*, J Smith 2\*  
Bowling: K Maclure 0/18, T Dowel 0/46, Fill-in 0/27, T Cavanagh 0/16, W Dourley 0/30, J MacDonald 0/14, J Lynch 1/20

**P-Island 1/183 d Glen Alvie 10/96**  
**Phillip Island 1st INNINGS:** S Niven 32, P Francis 10, D Fusinato 23, M Cleary 48, S Di Falco 18, S Sirirathnage 19, J Parry 3, S McMillan 4\*, J Marshall 1\*  
Bowling: N Luff 0/16, J Hynes 0/17, W Simmons 2/51, C Stewart 1/15, D Hynes 0/17, C Andersen 2/31, C Chandler 0/15, Fill-in 2/10  
**Glen Alvie 1st INNINGS:** D Hynes 15, C Chandler 0, C Stewart 13, D McGuirk 2, O Luff 3, I Thorn 38, W Simmons 5, Fill-in 0, C Andersen 8\*, J Hynes 3, N Luff 0  
Bowling: S Sirirathnage 1/13, S McMillian 3/22, J Marshall 1/27, P Francis 1/11, J Parry 0/17, S Di Falco 2/2, D Fusinato 1/1

Koonwarra L/RSL – BYE



Tom Eustace makes his shot. Ns15\_4824

# Club overpower Town

C GRADE, DIVISION 1

WONTHAGGI Club gave a dominant performance over Leongatha Town.  
Town batsman Sakthy Vs put 27 runs on the board before he was bowled by Matt Sharp.  
Chris Fraser was Club's standout bowler, taking 3/6.  
However, in a team effort, captain Sam Liddle, Sharp and Blake Ton had Town bowled out early by taking two wickets each. Town was left to defend 10/87.

Club stumbled early when it lost William Speed for a duck, but Jed Caddy was able to match Town's top score of 27 runs.  
With Matrix Chisholm and Mitchell Davey contributing 17 and 19 runs respectively, Club was able to take home a victory.  
Vs and Nelvin Shepard for Town were able to take two wickets each.  
Club won with a score of 4/88 in the 18th over.

OMK triumph over Nerrena

A COMPETITIVE match was played out between OMK and Nerrena on Saturday.  
Robert Quaife made a dominant start for OMK, making 81 runs before he was caught by Christos Marinou off the bowling of Cameron Baudinette.  
Batting fourth in the order, Scott Anthony Handley made 36 runs, which was later matched by Justin Greenwood with 36 not out.

Gerard Murphy was Nerrena's best bowler on the day, taking 2/29.  
OMK set the pace with a score of 5/209.  
Brian Gannon ensured Nerrena had a similar start to OMK, making 74 runs before he was dismissed by Handley.  
Eamon Berryman and Baudinette contributed 20 and 26 runs respectively.  
Unfortunately, the bowling prowess of OMK's Russ White and Cooper Quaife limited many more opportunities for Nerrena to hit the scoreboard.  
Nerrena pulled up short with 7/178.

Kilcunda-Bass holds strong

ALTHOUGH hindered by a few golden ducks, Kilcunda-

Bass was able to stand its ground and take the points from Korumburra.  
Choosing to bat first, Kilcunda-Bass quickly lost Bhavya Paliwal for a golden duck, but the partnership of Joel Hockett and Vijai Kumar Gopal managed to make 29 and 30 runs respectively.

Korumburra Matt Foote slowed things down for Kilcunda-Bass, taking 4/11, including the dismissal of Cruz Bettles for a golden duck.  
Kilcunda-Bass ended its allotted overs with a score of 7/110, but proved it was up to the challenge of defending its victory.  
Edwards made an early 25 runs for Korumburra, which turned out to be the top score of the day.  
Stephen Leman controlled Korumburra's batting order by taking 3/8 within the first half of the innings.  
Korumburra fell short of its goal, making 9/94 by the time its 35 overs had played out.

Phillip Island had the bye.

C GRADE, DIVSION 2

Inverloch outshines Nyora

NYORA looked to be sitting comfortably after an impressive innings, but Inverloch swanned in to spoil its efforts.  
The partnership of Keith Maclure and captain Adam White worked well together, making 33 and 78 not out respectively.  
Inverloch bowler Cameron Butler took 2/32.  
With only five out and a decent score of 5/173 at the end of its 35 overs, Nyora was in a good position.  
However, the efforts of Inverloch's opening partnership of David Harris and Warren Stewart ensured the victory went to the Stingrays.  
Harris made 71 runs before he was caught by White off the bowling of Jessica Lynch.  
It was the only wicket Nyora would claim from Inverloch.  
Stewart made 86 not out and Smith started his campaign with two not out.  
Inverloch had a winning score of 1/175.

Niven and Cleary lead the charge

PHILLIP Island proved to be much too strong for Glen Alvie.  
The Sharks went into bat first with Steven Niven starting well with 32 runs.  
Batting third and fourth in the order, Drew Fusinato and Michael Cleary added 23 and 48 runs respectively.  
Despite the bowling efforts of Glen Alvie, which saw William Simmons, Charlie Andersen and a fill-in claim two wickets each, Phillip Island's run was enough to secure the day.  
Phillip Island finished its overs with a score of 7/183.  
Despite a top score of 38 from captain Ian Thorn, Glen Alvie was unable to come close to Phillip Island's score.  
David Hynes and Cooper Stewart added 15 and 13 runs early, but low scores for the rest of the innings was Glen Alvie's downfall.  
Sonny McMillan took the most wickets for Phillip Island, claiming 3/22.  
Glen Alvie was bowled out with a score of 10/96.

Thomas fights hard for MDU

A HIGH-SCORING performance resulted in a win for OMK over MDU.  
Tom Eustace opened the batting for MDU and made 78 runs before he retired not out.  
Ryan Wyatt and Mark Wightman were quickly dismissed as their wickets fell to Cooper Webb and Glenn Casey, but Toby Nicholas stepped up to make 53 not out and ensure the Diggers would win the day.  
OMK set the target at 3/162 for MDU. MDU opening batsman Tim Mbridu was dismissed for a duck, but Dale Thomas ensured runs hit the scoreboard by making 49.  
Another 20 runs were contributed by a fill-in, but there was little more significant scoring opportunities.  
Eustace claimed the most wickets for OMK, taking 3/5 and dismissed two OMK batsmen for ducks.  
MDU played out its 35 overs but fell short with a score of 8/110.

Koonwarra L/RSL had the bye this round.

# Goannas bowl out Sunbury

VETERANS CRICKET

THE GIPPSLAND Goanna's Over-50 cricket team made the trip down the highway to Sunbury on Sunday after completing a considerable amount of ringing around to ensure a full team was available.  
The ring-around saw the inclusion of new players Darian Millington and David Tyrrell.  
The weather forecast was initially gloomy and sure enough on arrival there was a change in wind and a sudden decrease in temperature, but from that moment on the weather gods were in our favour and a great day ensued.  
Agreement was reached between the Sunbury skipper and the Goanna's stand-in skipper Anthony Bloomfield to send the Goanna's in first to the crease.  
Bloomfield and Geoff Wells kicked off the innings, but Bloomfield gave the team absolutely nothing departing after a poor pull-shot in the second over.  
Brad McDonald joined Wells and took the score to 46 when McDonald was well caught at slip for a solid 21.  
Wells was then joined by debutant Darian Millington and the two proceeded to play in an aggressive manner before Wells fell to an LBW for a well-compiled 47 with the score on 84.  
Pat Spiteri strode to the crease and hit the ball sweetly right from his first ball.  
Millington was next to depart for 37 after putting together a quick fire 32-run partnership with Spiteri that saw some exceptional running between wickets.  
Steve Rogers joining Spiteri at the crease the two scored with ease putting together a fantastic partnership which was only ended when Spiteri retired on 50.  
Rodney Jones came to the crease with just six balls remaining in the innings and ensured that he had a red ink at the end of the innings.  
The final tally was a very competitive 4/207 with Rogers remaining 40 not out at the close of play.  
In reply, Sunbury never really got into the game after some exceptional bowling from another debutant Dave Tyrrell who finished with the fantastic figures of 4/20 from his seven overs.  
In the end, Sunbury were bowled out in the 39th over with the score at 171 leaving the home side 36 runs short in their chase.  
All the bowlers shared in the wickets with Rogers, Jones, Murray Moore, Graham Ingle, Spiteri and Bloomfield each chipping in with a wicket.  
There was some good catching by the Gippsland team.  
Wells finished the day with a catch and a stumping while keeping wickets, although at times throughout the innings it did appear this may have been his first rodeo behind the stumps and some were heard to ask if he was keeping with a pair of symbols instead of wicket keeping gloves.  
A massive thank you to Murray Moore for coming into the side from the over 60's and his partner Diedre for scoring throughout the day.  
The Goanna's next travel to East Ringwood on Sunday 24/11 to take on the star-studded East Ringwood outfit that contains no less than five Victorian 1st XI players from the successful recent national campaign.  
Unfortunately, the weather forced both Goannas games to be cancelled on Sunday.





Ryan White loads up. Ns12\_4824



Nyora's Lincoln Brock showcased his bowling technique. Ns09\_4824

# Sharks look to descend on the Stingrays

## B GRADE, DIVISION 1

TOP team Phillip Island is threatening Inverloch's score in the two-day B1 match. Playing at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve, Inverloch won the toss and went into bat.

Captain Brett Debono started well with 29 runs, but a slew of ducks and few runs put Inverloch on the backfoot. Dean Cashin and Shaun Hayes made an attempt to save the innings by contributing 18 and 23 runs respectively towards the end.

Phillip Island's Tarryn Allan wiped out the bottom half of the batting order by taking 5/41.

George McCausland took care of the top of the batting order with 4/14.

In the 49th over, Inverloch was bowled out 10/98.

Phillip Island opened its innings, sending in opening partnership Max Arceo and Tharidu Asurumuni.

Arceo made 17 runs and Asurumuni made 25 runs.

Inverloch bowlers Dean Cashin and John Richardson claimed two wickets each, dismissing Arceo and David Womersley, and Asurumuni and Thomas Blackwell respectively.

Kai Wilkinson-Iones and McCausland will continue the innings this weekend.

Phillip Island reached 4/63 at stumps.

### Club eyes victory

KORUMBURRA made 10/179, but Wonthaggi Club is approaching.

Choosing to bat first, Korumburra managed to get some handy early runs on the board with Trevor Allen making 79.

However, the remainder of the innings was fairly quiet by comparison, with Philip Richards delivering the second-best score of 16 runs.

Club captain Sean Roche subdued Korumburra by taking 4/61.

Shaun Tessari and Bryce Evans claimed two wickets each.

Club started its innings but quickly lost Roche for a duck at the hands of Shane Dole.

Dole also dismissed Heath Dobbie for a duck.

Jai Williamson and Tessari



Brock gears up to unleash a powerful delivery. Ns10\_4824

were not out at stumps, making 46 and 14 runs respectively.

Club will continue its innings this Saturday with a score of 2/63.

### MDU bowls out OMK for 141

OMK elected to bat first but will need to work hard to defend its score of 9/141 against MDU.

OMK had a steady start to the innings, with the top scores coming from Mitchell Nicholas and David Jeffries late in the day.

Nicholas made 34 runs and Jeffries was 26 not out.

MDU bowlers Andrew Richardson and Stephen Riley picked off OMK's batting order, claiming 3/9 and 3/37 respectively.

Singles were taken by Calum McCaughan and Daniel Field.

MDU opened its account with captain Wayne Prosser making 25 runs.

Craig Hooper had made 36 not out at stumps.

OMK bowler Ben Maguire

claimed two wickets, while singles were taken by Harvey Sorensen, Daniel Wylie and Jeffries.

MDU will vie to pass OMK's score, currently sitting on 5/99.

### Nerrena had the bye.

## B GRADE, DIVISION 2

### Imperials set to answer Kilcunda-Bass' effort

JUST short of a ton, Kilcunda-Bass batsman Bradley Elmore-Jeffries hopes to lead his team to a win over the Imperials with a 97-run haul.

Kilcunda-Bass finished its innings with 10/216, awaiting a response from the Imperials this Saturday.

Elmore-Jeffries opened the batting at Leongatha's East Campus with Brett Joseph, who made 17 runs.

Once Joseph was dismissed, Daniel Ferguson stepped in to contribute 28 runs.

Another 22 runs was later added by Andrew Leighton.

James Jeffery was the top bowler for the Imperials,

taking 3/41.

Noah McLennan and Andrew Meyer claimed two each.

The Imperials did not have time to open its account.

### Town in the game as Nyora eyes win

NYORA has the momentum to chase down Leongatha Town's score of 10/139.

Playing at Scorpion Park, Town won the toss and chose to bat.

Trent McRae and Travis Strybosch contributed 25 and 21 runs respectively.

However, it was Max Carter – batting fourth in the order – who kept Town in the game, making 37 not out.

Nyora bowler Ryan White did not hold back, taking out the first three batsmen in Town's order, and the last two to close the innings.

White ultimately took 5/31, including the dismissal of Paul Carter for a golden duck.

Jaylen Waixel claimed two wickets.

With Town bowled out, Nyora opened its innings.

Opening batsman Daniel Esler was formidable, making 50 not out.

Trent McRae bowled Jordan Knox and captain Lochie Row for ducks, and another two wickets were claimed by captain Levi Hickey.

With 4/89, Nyora will be looking to topple Town this Saturday.

### Gay keeps Foster in contention

GLEN Alvie chose to bat first at the Foster Golf Club on Saturday.

The away side played a consistent innings with Glenn Moore getting the ball rolling with 24 runs.

Ned and Andrew Brown added 22 and 21 runs respectively.

Daniel Gilbert top scored late in the innings with 29 not out.

Foster's star bowler was Jack Gay, who took 3/48.

Brett Gay was the only other multiple-wicket taker.

With a target of 6/141, Foster is set to bat on Saturday.

### Koonwarra L/RSL had the bye.

## B GRADE

## DIVISION 1

### Club 2/63 v Korumburra 10/179

Korumburra 1st INNINGS: T Allen 79, C Turton 4, Z Barrett 0, S Dole 10, N Belvedere 14, P Richards 16, T Dole 13, J Jorgensen 10, J Douglas 9, O Maskell 0\*, S McKinnon 0  
Bowling: J Williamson 1/30, S Roche 4/61, S Tessari 2/11, H Dobbie 0/7, B Evans 2/48, L McRae 1/15, A Dynes 0/1  
Club 1st INNINGS: S Roche 0, J Williamson 46\*, H Dobbie 0, S Tessari 14\*  
Bowling: S Dole 2/18, J Jorgensen 0/10, J Douglas 0/35

### Phillip Island 4/63 v Inverloch 10/98

Inverloch 1st INNINGS: B Debono 29, H Butcher 0, L Cole 0, G Eddy 4, A Terlich 0, J Rowe 1, J Richardson 15, J Mottram Carter 1, D Cashin 18, S Hayes 23, C O'Flynn 2\*  
Bowling: G McCausland 4/14, H Arceo 0/23, T Allan 5/41, D Womersley 0/19  
Phillip Island 1st INNINGS – M Arceo 17, T Asurumuni 25, T Blackwell 3, D Womersley 10, K Wilkinson-Iones 4\*, G McCausland 0\*  
Bowling: C O'Flynn 0/9, L Cole 0/25, J Richardson 2/25, D Cashin 2/1

### MDU 5/99 v OMK 9/141

OMK 1st INNINGS: K Kerr 12, M Sawyers 20, N Wylie 13, B Maguire 23, A Sorensen 4, M Nicholas 34, H Sorensen 0, D Jeffries 26\*, P Harper 1, Daniel Wylie 0  
Bowling: A Richardson 3/9, D Zuideman 0/26, C McCaughan 1/25, D Field 1/27, S Riley 3/37, L Webb 0/16  
MDU 1st INNINGS: G Webster 2, W Prosser 25, M Le Page 4, C McCaughan 18, C Hooper 36\*, D Field 7  
Bowling: H Sorensen 1/13, B Maguire 2/24, N Wylie 0/20, K Kerr 0/19, D Wylie 1/7, M Sawyers 0/6, D Jeffries 1/6

### Nerrena – BYE

## B GRADE

## DIVISION 2

### Town 10/139 v Nyora 4/89

Town 1st INNINGS: Mark Hardy 8, L Hickey 11, T McRae 25, M Carter 37\*, T Strybosch 21, R Gilliatte 9, F Livingstone 9, D Goss 1, K Gilliatte 0, D Wilson 4, P Carter 0  
Bowling: R White 5/31, L Brock 1/33, T Bernaldo 1/24, D Blackney 0/31, T Perkins 1/6  
Fill in 0/0, J Waixel 2/6  
Nyora 1st INNINGS – D Esler 50\*, Jordan Knox 0, D Blackney 5, Fill-in 5, L Row 0 Fill-in 19\*  
Bowling: L Hickey 2/31, T McRae 2/22, T Strybosch 0/10, F Livingstone 0/22

### Imperials v Kilcunda-Bass 10/216

Kilcunda Bass 1st INNINGS: B Joseph 17, B Elmore-Jeffries 97, D Ferguson 28, Z Crow 15, R Gardiner 2, A Bedford 4, A Leighton 22, J Matser 11, R Duff 1, E Magnussen 6, J Papworth 0\*  
Bowling: C Bruce 1/43, J Jeffery 3/41, C Rickard 0/57, K Maskell 0/29, N McLennan 2/31, A Meyer 2/14

### Foster v Glen Alvie 6/141

Glen Alvie 1st INNINGS: G Moore 24, J Tiziani 11, N Brown 22, A Brown 21, R Spiteri-Stevens 3, T Bals 0, L Scholz 4, D Gilbert 29\*, T Bolding 0\*  
Bowling: N Henry 0/31, G Singh 0/13, J Gay 3/48, R Jorgensen 1/19, B Gay 2/17

### Koonwarra L/RSL – BYE





Loc Roberts looks to score some runs. Ns03\_4824

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS		
ROUND 6 (DAY 2) - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30		
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	Meeniyana	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	Shane Moore
Imperials v K-Bass	East Campus	Tyson Tootell
Foster v Glen Alvie	Foster GC	Neil Grabham
Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE		
ROUND 3 - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30		
C GRADE, Division 1		
Korumburra v Nerrena	Poowong	Les White
Club v Kilcunda Bass	Wonthaggi SC	Michael Thomas
Phillip Island v Town	Rhyll	TBA
OMK - BYE		
C GRADE, Division 2		
Inverloch v P-Island	Inverloch Rec	Paul Gardiner
Nyora v MDU	Nyora	TBA
Koon L/RSL v OMK	Koonwarra	TBA
Glen Alive - BYE		

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LADDERS			RD 2		
Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
C GRADE, Division 1			C GRADE, Division 2		
Club	24	5.056	No ladder available		
OMK	24	1.301			
Kilcunda-Bass	12	1.223			
Korumburra	12	1.098			
Nerrena	0	0.608			
Town	0	0.403			
Phillip Island	0	0.000			

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# Strong start for the Red Caps

## A GRADE, DIVISION 1

NERRENA demonstrated its dominance over Leongatha Town on Saturday. Town has its work cut out for it this weekend as it will attempt to beat Nerrena's score of 3/326. Playing at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve, Nerrena won the toss and made the excellent decision of batting first to set the standard for the match. Jack Curtis was sent in to bat first with Loc Roberts. Curtis made an impressive 113 runs before he retired not out. Roberts was dismissed for 13 runs when he was bowled by Ethan Smith. This saw Thomas Cameron step in, resulting in an effort just shy of a ton with 97 runs.

Mitchell Clark kept the momentum going with 51 runs, and Timothy Wightman and Jarrod Hoy closed the innings with 20 not out and six not out respectively. Only three wickets were claimed, taken by Town captain Rhett Hume, Smith and Dulaj Lakshitha Mendis Polwaththa Gallage. Town's innings will be played on Saturday.

## Explosive 125 propels OMK to commanding lead

A WHOPPING 125-run haul from Ethan Lamers has OMK sitting fairly comfortably after its first innings against Koonwarra L/RSL. Clayton Quaife and Xavier Lamers opened the batting for OMK, but Koonwarra L/RSL's Blake Smith was quick to bowl out Quaife for two runs. Ethan Lamers stepped in and seemed unbeatable until he was caught by Harry Scrimshaw off the bowling of James Rush-ton. Following the dismissal of Xavier Lamers, Jake Cochrane added 59 runs. Koonwarra L/RSL bowlers Jason Kennedy and Joshua Thomas battled hard to slow OMK's run towards the end of the innings. Kennedy claimed 4/50 and Thomas took 2/31, keeping run tallies low. Rushton also claimed two wickets for the day. Koonwarra L/RSL will



Nerrena's Loc Roberts kept his composure. Ns02\_4824



Leongatha Town's Lachlan Gill sends down an accurate delivery. Ns01\_4824

bat this weekend with the target set on 10/265. **Brown dazzles as Island restrains Wonthaggi** TOP of the table Phillip Island held Wonthaggi Club to 10/173. Club won the toss at its home ground and chose to bat. Batting fourth in the order, Stewart Beaumont top-scored with 44 runs. Gavin Britt and Lochlan McLean later added 25 and 24 runs respectively. Phillip Island bowler Zac Brown made the innings difficult for Club. Brown claimed 4/48 and ended the innings by bowling out Jack Sheerin

for a golden duck. Three wickets were also claimed by Max Royal. Phillip Island opened its account and played six overs. A catch from Beaumont off the bowling of Mitch Thomas dismissed Connor Epifano for eight runs. Lachlan Cleeland and Timothy Niven are set to continue batting this weekend, with Phillip Island's score sitting on 1/14. **Captain Spicer's triple-duck blitz** KORUMBURRA has its sights set on the Imperials' score of 10/177. The Imperials chose to

bat first, and Luke Rogers made eight runs before Harry McNeil claimed his wicket. Batting third, Timothy Sauvarin went on to top score with 70 runs before he was dismissed LBW by Steve Hamil. Captain Jack Ginanne added 44 runs before he was also dismissed by McNeil. The Imperials' run slowed by the end of the innings as Korumburra captain Ben Spicer claimed three ducks. Spicer was Korumburra's top bowler, taking 4/62, followed by McNeil with 3/52. The Imperials will be determined to defend their score on Saturday.





Inverloch's Rhys Newman watches the ball closely. Ns05\_4824

A GRADE	DIVISION 1
<b>Nerrena 3/326 v Town</b>	
<b>Nerrena – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Jack Curtis retired not out .....	113
Loc Roberts b: E Smith .....	13
Thomas Cameron b: DLMP Gallage .....	97
Mitchell Clark c: B De Saram b: R Hume .....	51
Timothy Wightman not out .....	20*
Jarrold Hoy not out .....	6*
Extras (6w, 3nb, 8lb, 9b) .....	26
<b>Total 3 / 326 (75 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: R Hume 12-1-50-1 (1w, 1nb), L Gill 8-1-33-0 (2w, 2nb), B Wakishta 7-1-31-0, R Abeyasinghe 13-3-41-0 (3w), E Smith 11-1-44-1, DLMP Gallage 12-2-42-1, S Clark 11-1-62-0, P Jayasinghe 1-0-6-0	
<b>Club 173 v Phillip Island</b>	
<b>Club – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Mitch Thomas st: L Cleeland b: Z Brown .....	23
David Britt lbw: M Royal.....	1
Harry West lbw: J Williams .....	4
Stewart Beaumont b: K Lane.....	44
Ryan Thomas c: J Williams b: Z Brown .....	10
Joel Brann c: L Cleeland b: M Royal.....	13
Gavin Britt c: T Niven b: T Niven .....	25
Lochlan Mclean c: Z Brown b: M Royal .....	24
Fraser West not out .....	18*
Mark McCall b: Z Brown .....	4
Jack Sheerin b: Zac Brown.....	0
Extras (4nb, 2lb, 1b) .....	7
<b>Total 10 / 173 (69 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: M Royal 14-3-38-3, J Williams 10-2-19-1, T Niven 4-1-10-0 (1nb), T Niven 10-3-20-1, Z Brown 17-1-48-4 (3nb), K Lane 11-4-25-1, H Womersley 3-1-10-0	
<b>Imperials 177 v Korumburra</b>	
<b>Imperials – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Luke Rogers c: A Damon b: H McNeil .....	8
Nick Eddy b: H McNeil .....	21
Timothy Sauvarin lbw: S Hamill .....	70
Aydan Williams b: A Millar .....	4
Jack Ginnane b: H McNeil .....	44
Campbell Reid c: J Richards b: B Spicer .....	11
Rowen McLennan lbw: B Spicer .....	0
Klayton McGrath c: R Rangana b: A Millar .....	11
Lachie Wright lbw: B Spicer .....	0
Gary Sauvarin lbw: B Spicer.....	0
Isaac Bolge not out .....	0*
Extras (4w, 3lb, 1b) .....	8
<b>Total 10 / 177 (65.3 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: S Hamill 11-4-19-1, H McNeil 13-3-52-3, A Millar 7-1-18-2 (3w), B Spicer 25.3-5-62-4, Fill-in 9-1-22-0 (1w)	
<b>OMK 265 v Koonwarra L/RSL</b>	
<b>OMK – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Clayton Quaife b: B Smith .....	2
Zavier Lamers b: M Scrimshaw .....	19
Ethan Lamers c: H Scrimshaw b: J Rushton .....	125
Jake Cochrane lbw: J Kennedy .....	59
Koby Brann c: J Thomas b: J Kennedy .....	7
Noel Creed b: J Rushton.....	4
Ryan Williams c: H Scrimshaw b: J Kennedy .....	0
Adam Busana lbw: J Kennedy .....	5
Trevor McGeachin not out .....	13*
Peter Dell b: J Thomas .....	8
Nicholas Auddino c: ? b: J Thomas .....	0
Extras (4w, 7nb, 2lb, 10b).....	23
<b>Total 10 / 265 (71 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: J Thomas 14-2-31-2 (3w, 3nb), B Smith 5-1-10-1 (1w), J Kennedy 15-3-50-4, I Darshana 12-0-61-0 (3nb), M Scrimshaw 7-0-33-1, J Rushton 18-2-68-2 (1nb)	

## Hale’s heroic 70 run haul for Glen Alvie

### A GRADE, DIVISON 2

A STRONG innings for Glen Alvie will challenge MDU this weekend.

Glen Alvie travelled to the Meeniyan Recreation Reserve, where the home side won the toss and sent its visitors into bat first.

The opening partnership of Matthew Donohue and Archie Moore paired well to produce 50 and 23 runs respectively.

Darcy Hale later top-scored with a handy 70-run haul before he was bowled by Sam Bright.

However, MDU kept itself well in the game with some skilful bowling from vice-captain Mitch McGrath.

McGrath took 4/41, with single wickets taken by Mark Cantwell, Bright, Jake Palmer, Scott Browne and Zak Bright.

Glen Alvie was bowled out 10/195 after 62 overs.

Tyrone Zukovskis and McGrath opened the batting for MDU and made six and 22 not out respectively, ready to pick up where they left off on Saturday.

**Foster’s bowling brilliance restricts Inverloch**

A SOLID bowling effort from Foster rattled Inverloch in the battle of the top teams on Saturday.

Five Foster bowlers claimed two wickets each – including Jake Best, Ollie Rook, Josh Toner.

This resulted in a relatively low score from the Inverloch batsmen.

Jack Butcher kept the Stingrays in the hunt with 27 runs.

However, it was captain David Newman who brought Inverloch’s score into a competitive range when he ended the innings with 59 runs.

Inverloch made a total of 10/179.

Foster launched into its innings with Toner making 14 runs.

Wickets were taken by Inverloch bowlers Lewis Rankin and Callum Asbury.



Josh Toner bowls another down the pitch. Ns08\_4824



Jack Butcher hangs up the bat after being caught out. Ns06\_4824

Mitchell Allott and Best were not out at the end of the innings, with Foster sitting on 2/24.

**Nyora in the driver’s seat**

KILCUNDA-BASS will be digging deep to hold on to a win against third-placed Nyora this weekend.

The Sharks won the toss and chose to bat, with Cameron Davidson and Aaron Conron as the opening partnership.

Davidson was dismissed for a duck off the bowling of Aaron Kaddatz, but Conron went on to make 32 runs.

The top score came from captain Matthew Grayson with

38 runs.

Shaun Lucas contributed 21 not out.

Nyora bowler Mitch Rowe ensured opportunities to hit the scoreboard were scarce heading into the end of the innings, taking 4/52.

Three wickets were taken by Kaddatz, followed by Aaron Thompson with two wickets.

Kilcunda-Bass ended its innings bowled out 10/145.

Nyora played six overs, which saw Colin Knox bowled out for four runs by Davidson.

Henry Dolphin and Rowe will continue their run on Saturday.

Nyora’s current score is 1/14.

A GRADE	DIVISION 2
<b>Inverloch 179 v Foster 2/24</b>	
<b>Inverloch – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Riley Harris b: O Rook .....	18
Callum Asbury c: ? b: J Best .....	6
Jake Dennerley lbw: J Best .....	0
Jack Butcher	
c: Private player b: J Toner .....	27
Jacob Strickland c: M Jones b: J Toner ...	9
Rhys Newman	
c: M Jones b: Private player .....	11
Jesse Dugard lbw: Fill-in .....	11
Ty Debono b: Private player .....	14
Cooper Newman not out .....	14*
Lewis Rankin c: ? b: Fill-in .....	4
David Newman c: ? b: Ollie Rook .....	59
Extras (2w, 2nb, 2b).....	6
<b>Total 10 / 179 (59 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: Private player 10-2-36-2, J Best 9-3-26-2 (2w, 1nb), O Rook 16-7-37-2, J Toner 17-3-50-2, Fill-in 3-0-12-2 (1nb), L Moon 1-0-1-0, E Smith 3-0-15-0	
<b>Foster – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Mitchell Jones lbw: C Asbury .....	7
Josh Toner c: J Strickland b: L Rankin ..	14
Mitchell Allott not out .....	0*
Jake Best not out .....	2*
Extras (1nb).....	1
<b>Total 2 / 24 (16 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: L Rankin 8-3-18-1 (1nb), C Asbury 6-3-5-1, C Newman 2-1-1-0	

<b>Glen Alvie 195 v MDU 0/33</b>	
<b>Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Matthew Donohue	
c: SC Lakshan b: M McGrath .....	50
Archie Moore c: J Bright b: Z Bright .....	23
Matthew Dakin	
c: SC Lakshan b: M McGrath .....	0
Ben McRae	
c: M Cantwell b: M McGrath .....	1
Darsh Patel c: S Browne b: M McGrath ...	0
Darcy Hale b: S Bright .....	70
Zack Scholz run out: M McGrath .....	19
Wayne Luke c: T Nuwan b: S Browne .....	1
Jack Brown c: SC Lakshan b: J Palmer ..	11
Archie Donohue not out .....	5*
Archie Luke lbw: M Cantwell .....	0
Extras (4w, 3nb, 1lb, 7b) .....	15
<b>Total 10 / 195 (62 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: M Cantwell 8-3-14-1 (1w), S Bright 11-4-38-1 (1nb), J Palmer 8-2-23-1 (1w), S Browne 10-2-23-1 (1w), Z Bright 4-1-11-1 (1w), M McGrath 12-3-41-4, T Nuwan 3-0-9-0 (2nb), SC Lakshan 6-0-28-0	
<b>MDU – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Tyrone Zukovskis not out .....	6*
Mitch McGrath not out .....	22*
Extras (2w, 1nb, 2lb) .....	5
<b>Total 0 / 33 (13 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: M Dakin 5-4-4-0, Z Scholz 2-0-16-0 (2w, 1nb), W Luke 3-1-4-0, B McRae 2-0-6-0, A Luke 1-0-1-0	

<b>Kilcunda-Bass 145 v Nyora 1/14</b>	
<b>Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Cameron Davidson c: ? b: A Kaddatz .....	0
Aaron Conron b: A Kaddatz .....	32
Jaydan Tregear c: ? b: A Simmons .....	7
Matthew Grayson lbw: M Rowe .....	38
Ash Larcombe c: ? b: A Kaddatz .....	0
Robert Wallace lbw: M Rowe .....	15
Todd Smith c&b: A Thompson .....	10
Shaun Lucas not out .....	21*
Ben Rookes lbw: M Rowe.....	9
Harrison Berry b: A Thompson .....	1
Ryan Brown lbw: M Rowe .....	1
Extras (3w, 4lb, 4b) .....	11
<b>Total 10 / 145 (68.2 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: A Kaddatz 17-4-42-3, A Simmons 9-2-17-1, A Thompson 20-7-26-2 (1w), M Rowe 22.2-5-52-4 (2w)	
<b>Nyora – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Henry Dolphin not out .....	8*
Colin Knox b: C Davidson .....	4
Mitch Rowe not out .....	0*
Extras (2w) .....	2
<b>Total 1 / 14 (6 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: H Berry 2-0-6-0, T Smith 2-0-5-0 (1w), R Brown 1-0-3-0 (1w), C Davidson 1-1-0-1	

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# Lindsay's AFL career up and running

**Selected at pick 11 by the Melbourne Demons in the AFL National Draft last Wednesday, Gippsland Power captain and former Inverloch-Kongwak and Leongatha player Xavier Lindsay enjoys a bit of downtime at home over the weekend with the family's dog Rosie.**



XAVIER Lindsay's AFL journey is already firmly on track after a training run with his new team at the club's main practice venue, Gosch's Paddock last Friday, and a home to go to, when he gets back to Melbourne this week, billeted out with premier-ship player Jake Lever.

It's been a whirlwind couple of days since the Inverloch and Leongatha player was taken at pick number 11 in the AFL National Draft by the Melbourne Demons.

And if he needed some encouragement and sage advice for the year, and hopefully a career ahead in footy, he got it from former Essendon captain Dyson Heppell, one of the many to make contact since draft night

last Wednesday, November 20.

"Yeah, the phone pretty much blew up. We had a great night. All the family was there, and we were right in front of Alix (Tauru) and his family when he was called out."

That was a sliding door moment for Xavier, a lifelong Saints' supporter, when his Gippsland Power teammate was taken just before him, at pick 10 by St Kilda.

And Richmond was poised to take the highly regarded Morrish Medal winner too, at pick 12, if he'd slipped past Melbourne, which could easily have happened, such was the quality of this year's draft.

"Yeah, they said I missed them by one place but rapt to get the

chance at Melbourne for sure.

"I ran laps with Charlie Spargo (returning from a mid-season Achilles injury) on Friday. Still doing my rehab but eye-opening to see how they go about it. They got around me though. Trac, Jack Viney, all the players.

"I've fully recovered from the injury and just getting back to 100 per cent fitness now. I'd say I'll join in fully after Christmas.

"There's a training camp up at Bright after we get back, so really looking forward to that."

However, after years in the Gippsland Power system, the football training environment comes as very much second nature for the Gippsland AFL Academy player, coming through

the ranks as an Inverloch junior before joining Leongatha in recent years.

Xavier copped a PCL injury on August 24, in the last game of the regular season against Dandenong Stingrays, but after fears it might be a more serious knee injury, confirmation of a PCL was almost a relief, notwithstanding the fact that he missed the finals with both Gippsland and Leongatha.

Already with an impressive body of work behind him, he emerged a month or so later as the Coates Talent League best and fairest player in a very strong Under 18 year.

"I played five or six games for Leongatha the year before when

I didn't make the Vic Country side, but there wasn't any spare time this year.

"No, never won a flag at Inverloch either," he said.

But Xavier was full of praise for the professionalism and the support he received at both clubs.

"I wouldn't be where I am without them for sure."

Xavier also paid tribute to a long list of coaches, including but not limited to Rhett McLennan, Al Scott, Shane Bertacco, Steve Fisher, Dave Newman, Chris Terlich, Paul Brosnan, Ben Willis, Tom Marriott, Sammy Forrester, and Trent McMicking. Rhett McLennan in particular, has been a great mentor.

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