



CROP WOES

Goshen Country's Emma and Mikey are counting the cost of pests as unseasonable conditions have resulted in full crop losses. C65_4922

- Weather wreaking havoc on local farmers

TERRIBLE weather conditions this year are having a disastrous impact on produce farmers which is being acutely felt in Bass Coast.

"We're lucky to have six greenhouses," Goshen Country owners, Emma and Mikey Burness explain.

"Many farmer friends are having a challenging season in this area – mostly outdoor production, crops have been damaged by hail, storms or the rain," they said.

"If we had to rely on outdoor growing this year it would be dire. Usually, we have the ground prepared in mid-October and I'd say we still need one more week before we can prepare that outdoor paddock.

"Small scale farming, it is tough to make money because you lose crops all the time. If you haven't had a chance to set up your summer crops and have them

ready for harvest ahead of Christmas that is your money-making time.

"You cannot make money for six months of the year in this spot – it's too cold, things slow down.

"But greenhouses are not without problems."

Heartbreaking posts across social media show how tough the struggle is for farmers in Gippsland, whether from excessive water and flooding to cooler temperatures mixed with hot humid scattered days to pests.

And whilst Mikey and Emma are not alone, this is their story.

The duo's venture started back in 2015, when Mikey's parents purchased the property in Cape Paterson to one day retire at.

"There was a plum orchard down the back of the property that yielded such

beautiful fruit and the previous owners used to put apples and plums on the side of the road," Emma said.

"We thought we might as well continue when we had excess because people were familiar with it, they had been doing every summer for twenty years or so – it was side hustle."

With Mikey working as a chef at the time and Emma a stay-at-home mum raising two daughters, the pair decided to add more garden beds.

"It grew really organically – purely Cape locals and couple of people that would pop in."

Fast-forward seven years and the pair have transformed a portion of the land into a small-scale vegetable farm, a hop, skip and jump from Cape Paterson's spectacular coastline with six greenhouses.

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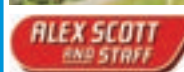
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Hours were spent reading and learning; it was trial and error at the start, and whilst virgin soil and a hot summer certainly contributed to a successful confidence boost.

But a few hiccups along the way have kept the pair grounded and able to cope with whatever the farm throws their way.

"Every summer since has been cold. After our wonderful summer we planted our autumn crops and it started raining and we lost everything.

"We realised our clay soil was not great for growing at least six months of the year, so we added a greenhouse. We've been lucky enough to get two different grants for two of the greenhouses that has really helped build the business because they are expensive.

"We have been growing for four years with everything going back into the farm. This will be the first summer we're going to see the rewards of all the hard work, financing and labour that's gone in.

"But greenhouses are not without their problems and we're encountering a lot of problems that are directly related to growing in greenhouses organically."

Whilst a part of small- and large-scale farming, crop loss due to pests and diseases is part of the game.

"The first couple of losses you get a bit emotional, but it's hap-



Within a week aphids destroyed the capsicum crop. C66_4922

pened so many times we seem able to quickly plant something else and move forwards.

"The main problem with greenhouse cultivation is the bad (pests) find their way in and the good ones often don't – you have to introduce them; and this year was particularly bad for aphids."

Enthusiastic and always smiling you'd be mistaken for thinking this year's summer crops were a roaring success...

"Because of all the wet and hot humid days we had about a month ago (aphids) exploded and within a week they wiped out the whole capsicum crop –

it was unmanageable.

"We got (good) bugs in but there was just too many they got overwhelmed.

"This year was a learning experience."

The good bugs Emma and Mikey have introduced into their greenhouses include lady beetles and parasitic wasps, amongst hoverflies and lacewings that came in by themselves.

"We've just discovered thrips are a problem – they eat the root of the plants and seedlings. We've discovered rove beetles and they tunnel under the ground and eat them.

"And one other (pest) we've

never seen before is cabbage flies. We've pretty much lost all our red cabbages – they would have been ready for Christmas – we've lost about 200 cabbages.

"We cannot afford to do a lot of the testing that the large-scale farms can do, we rely on sticking to our plan, crop rotation and managing the pests organically."

Dynamic, resilient and hopeful as most farmers are, the duo are looking forward to the delicious produce that is coming through as the weather warms.

"I have a love/hate relationship with tomatoes," Mikey laughs.

"They're hard to manage. I admire anything that is perfectly grown – like pak choi when you go to pick it in the morning it's beautiful and crisp. When basil is freshly picked, and the leaves are firm.

"I love never going to the supermarket and cooking fresh, organic produce."

For Emma, the flavour bombs that are tomatoes are her favourite.

"The days are long, the body is worn, but we really do enjoy this. Living here you never get away from it, but we are heading into our fifth year of offering affordable, good quality organic produce."

As for their daughters, keep your eyes peeled on their side hustle which will see bunches of zinnia flowers available in the future.

Incredible year for local refugee organisation

SOUTH Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees (SGRAR) has helped raise thousands of dollars towards various causes among other feats this year.

In a recent newsletter, the organisation highlighted their works over 2022.

This has included:

- Monthly rallies where they distributed fliers and spoke to people about the Afghan situation and about refugees in Australia in general, and sold raffle tickets as well as flowers kindly donated to raise funds
- Stalls at Kongwak Market to raise funds for an Afghan family, another Afghan refugee family, as well as to inform the public about the dire situation in Afghanistan and Australia's poor record in taking its share of asylum seekers and refugees
- Celebrations of Refugee Week where SGRAR members hosted Afghan refugees to lunch at the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood House, and screened 'Flee' a documentary about the life of an Afghan refugee to an audience at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre

SGRAR donations

Since July 2021 until September 2022, SGRAR donated:

- \$2000 to Refugee Council of Australia to 'Operation not Forgotten' for the purpose of resettling refugees from PNG and Nauru in Canada
- \$2500 to Z (name withdrawn for security) for the purpose of helping to buy food, pay rent, buy fuel for his family in Afghanistan
- \$2000 to another Afghan refugee here, whose family escaped to Pakistan some years ago
- \$6000 to Z over nine months for upkeep of his family of five in Afghanistan, buying passports, visas, travel to Pakistan, renting and furnishing a home in Pakistan and living support there
- \$300 to UICEF urgent Afghan children and family support.

All together a total of \$12,800.

Contact sgrar07@gmail.com for more information.

Schoolies on best behaviour

IT MAY have been all hands-on deck over the schoolies period with Red Frogs, DanceWize and Victoria Police working together on Phillip Island but no significant events made for an enjoyable Schoolies for all.

"It couldn't have been a better nine nights for us," Acting Senior Sergeant Scott Morison said.

"On Friday outside influences created tension amongst the crowd but with plenty of resources we were able to manoeuvre and neutralise any impending problems."

With 20 feet specifically on the ground on Thursday and Friday, including the Public Order Response Team and uniform members from across Eastern

Region, police are proud of how school leavers behaved during the main schoolies period.


"A majority of kids were really good and polite. We still had those who indulged in alcohol, but it was good seeing friends taking care of them and getting them up to Red Frogs; getting them the help they needed.

"We caught a couple of drink drivers over the week, but only one was a schoolie with the other (two adults) on Saturday evening.

"It was better than last year, there was a couple of arrests but overall, a good bunch of kids who made it really enjoyable, and by 1pm on Saturday night the streets were empty."



Schoolies celebrations went off without too many hitches on Phillip Island with few reported incidents and overall police happy with the behaviour of school leavers.



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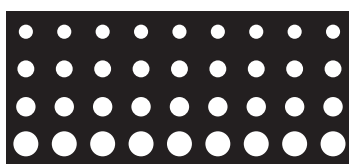
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6 Day Weather Forecast

SOUTH
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TUE | Dec 6

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

11° **19°**



WED | Dec 7

Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: SW 20-30km/h

9° **18°**



THUR | Dec 8

Possible shower.
Wind AM: SW 20-30km/h
Wind PM: SW 20-30km/h

10° **16°**



FRI | Dec 9

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

9° **18°**



SAT | Dec 10

Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: SE 15-20km/h
Wind SE 15-20km/h

9° **23°**



SUN | Dec 11

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

12° **27°**

IN BRIEF

No more Monkeying around

NOVEMBER 29, Wonthaggi Police responded to numerous calls to 000 about so called 'monkey bikes' being ridden dangerously around local school grounds. With the help of several members of the public, Police managed to locate one of the bikes before the engine had even cooled down and subsequently impounded the extremely unroadworthy bike.

The rider will have to explain their actions to a magistrate and as for the bike, it's probably not worth the hefty fee to get it out of impound! Wonthaggi Police encourages everyone to have a safe and enjoyable festive season.

Young girl approached by man in Yarram

POLICE continue to investigate circumstances where a male in his 50s/60s wearing high-vis clothing approached a 12-year-old girl in Yarram on November 30 at 8.45am, as she walked to school. It's understood the male asked the girl to look at some puppies but made no attempt to grab the child with no vehicle involved. The girl safely removed herself from the situation and advised teachers. Yarram Police are urging any witnesses to contact Yarram Police Station on 5182 5033. The event also serves as a timely reminder for parents to sit down with their children and discuss stranger danger and their safety.

The scam scamming the scammers

SCAMS are targeting individuals from all angles – from phishing to manipulation to traditional scams. In Gippsland, tens of thousands of dollars have been

scammed in recent weeks and local police are warning individuals.

If someone engages with you, they are likely a scam. Do not give anyone access to your computer or telephone remotely, ensure your anti-virus is up to date and do not indulge anyone. For more information including how to report scams if you have been targeted visit police.vic.gov.au/fraud-and-scams. Remember if you don't initiate the call (they phone you) or you have an odd feeling hang up, and do not leave your bank account details logged in – always log off sites and shut your computer down.

COVID cases going up

THERE were 26,971 COVID-19 cases reported in Victoria last week, an increase of 21.4 per cent on the previous week. The average daily number of new cases this week was 3853, up from 3183. The seven-day rolling average of patients with COVID in Victorian hospitals is 550. There were 625 COVID patients in Victorian hospitals, with 28 COVID patients in intensive care including 4 cleared cases. There are 8 COVID patients on a ventilator. The seven-day rolling average of patients in intensive care in Victorian hospitals is 21. In the past three months, 3468 COVID patients were hospitalised in Victoria. 40.8 per cent of those patients had not received their third vaccine dose. 1018 (29.4 per cent) were unvaccinated, 30 had received one dose, 367 had two doses, 786 had received three doses and 1,267 had received four doses. Of Victorians aged 50 to 64 years, 79.9 per cent have had their third dose and

30.5 per cent have had their recommended fourth dose. Of those aged over 65, 90.8 per cent have had their third dose and 67.5 per cent have had their fourth dose. 70.4 per cent of people aged 16 and over in Victoria have had three doses of COVID vaccine.

A total of 54 COVID-related deaths were reported to the Department in the past week. In the past three months, there have been 596 COVID-related deaths in Victoria. Of those deaths, 39.3 per cent were unvaccinated and 45.8 per cent had not received their third COVID vaccine dose.

The total number of COVID-related deaths in Victoria since the pandemic began is 6052.

How can shire improve Erewhon Point

BASS Coast Shire is undertaking consultation to collate feedback on how they can improve access at Erewhon Point, Cowes. From Lovers Walk to the Jetty Triangle, this precinct attracts local residents and visitors year-round. But the shire highlighted the area has steep sections, stairs, plus narrow and disconnected pathways which make this spot inaccessible for many members of the community. Members of Council's Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee examined the area in-person onsite, and now seek feedback on the challenges of the current pathway network from all users. The community engagement process is open until February 6, 2023, to collect feedback on pathway access, connections and safety concerns from various stakeholder groups, community members, visitors and organisations.

Community feedback will support the development of a three-stage Action Plan to address the high, medium and low priorities identified by our community, as part of this process.

To contribute to the consultation please go to: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/erehwon

Guide Park enters final stages

WONTHAGGI'S new \$1.77M Guide Park is expected to be finished before Christmas hopefully just in time for the holiday period.

Construction had begun in April and has seen a total revitalisation of the playspace. The project has included the construction of a mine themed slide tower, flying foxes, a trampoline, carousel, gentle exercise and nature based play areas, as well as a drinking fountain, bike racks, pathways, fencing and an accessible barbecue and landscaping works including garden beds, mature trees and irrigation works. There has also been changes to the internal road configuration to create more parking and improved vehicle access.

Community access to the park and toilets was closed off during late October as works to the entrance of the entrance and carpark began. According to the shire, works to still be completed include:

- Kerb and channels and road works
- Sand pit and gravel paths
- Rubber/rock placement
- Accessible tables
- Tower fit outs
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Company fined \$300,000 after garbage truck death

A WASTE disposal company has been convicted and fined a total of \$300,000 after a worker was fatally crushed by a garbage truck in 2019.

Country Cart Pty Ltd was sentenced in the Latrobe Valley County Court on Monday, after earlier pleading guilty to two charges under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

The company was convicted and fined \$250,000 for failing to provide or maintain safe plant and \$50,000 for failing to provide or maintain safe systems of work.

The court heard that in April 2019, the garbage truck driver was collecting bins when he arrived at a property in Leongatha South and got out of the cabin to open a front gate.

Despite engaging the parking brake, the garbage truck rolled forward and crushed him against the gate.

Following the incident, a VicRoads inspection found the garbage truck to be unroadworthy due to several major defects, including a faulty parking brake, and being overdue for all required services.

The court found Country Cart failed to maintain the parking brake in a condition that would hold the truck stationary in all circumstances.

It was also reasonably practicable for the company to have provided and maintained a system of work, to ensure the truck was kept in a roadworthy condition without defects.

WorkSafe Acting Executive Director of Health and Safety Kelly Harris said the tragic death highlighted the terrible human cost of failing to follow the most basic of workplace safety procedures.

\$6M upgrade for Korumburra sewer system

SOUTH Gippsland Water (SGW) has commenced a \$6 million upgrade of Korumburra's sewer system.

SGW stated as Korumburra is experiencing significant growth, "We have designed this upgrade to accommodate this growth and improve the system's capability in significant wet weather events."

The project involves the compulsory acquisition of land at two locations to create 'an easement for water supply and sewerage purposes over that part of land'.

SGW will be acquiring rights to a 5-metre-wide easement along the 900m length, inside the fence line of the two farming properties along Bena Road.

The pipe will largely be buried in this easement, other than where it crosses the creeks.

Managing director Robert Murphy said the first stage of the project had already commenced.

"We're installing 900 metres of new pipe at the western end of Bena Road, down to the inlet works at our treatment plant," he said.

"This involves a 20-metre temporary construction corridor to allow our contractors to complete the work without interrupting the public.

"You may notice increased truck movement around Bena Road over the coming months. We expect that the work will be finished by April next year, depending on the weather."

For more information on how South Gippsland Water is helping to build resilient communities visit www.sgwwater.com.au



Bass incumbent Jordan Crugnale looks set to join Hastings neighbour and Strictly Ballroom star Paul Mercurio as a Member of the 60th Victorian Parliament but her Pakenham colleague, Emma Vulin, is in a more precarious position, trailing the Liberals' David Farrelly by 93 votes.

Ballot blunder mars Bass poll

- Jordan Crugnale leads count by 184 votes

THE contest for the seat of Bass is going right down to the wire.

It will be one of the last, if not the last result to be declared in Victoria after the November 26 State Election, such is the closeness of the count.

Only in Pakenham, where the Liberals' David Farrelly leads Labor's Emma Vulin by 93 votes, is the contest tighter.

The two neighbouring seats account for half of the electorates still "too close to call" with Labor ahead in the city seats of Preston and Northcote.

Whatever the outcome, it ensures these seats will continue to attract government attention.

If Labor wins Bass, Preston and Northcote, they will repeat the 'Danslide' of 2018 and take 55 districts in the 88-seat parliament.

At lunchtime on Monday this week, Labor incumbent, Jordan Crugnale, was leading the count in Bass by just 184 votes, allocated 20,801 on a two-candidate preferred basis, against the Liberals' Aaron Brown's 20,617.

Crucially, 88.7% of the total enrolment of 49,984, has now been counted, with as few as 1200 votes still to be added, using the 2018 election turnout of 91.06% as a guide.

Despite the see-saw nature of the count to date, Mr Brown has been gaining slightly on Mrs Crugnale but not enough, unless he unexpectedly receives a swag of absentees in his favour, to take the lead.

However, should the result be decided on a handful of votes, it will bring into sharp focus claims that hundreds of voters in Bass may have missed out on voting after several polling places, including Corinella, Newhaven, Bass and Koo Wee Rup ran out of ballot papers.

One of the candidates in Bass, Brett Tessari, also a

Bass Coast Shire Councillor, has roundly criticised the VEC for the oversight.

"That'd be like Grand Final Day, your biggest day, and you turn up without the footy jumpers," said Mr Tessari last week.

"Like seriously, you've got one day to get it right. I can't believe this has happened to be honest."

The VEC only needed to follow the turnout at Corinella for the Federal election in May this year, for example, to know how many ballot papers to provide.

A total of 850 people voted at the Corinella Hall in the Federal election on Saturday, May 21, but the VEC ran out of ballots after fewer than 600 people had voted there on November 26 in the state election.

Ultimately, only 611 people were able to vote at Corinella.

The VEC has vehemently rejected claims voters were "turned away".

"We would again repeat that all voters were provided with the opportunity to vote – either by waiting for additional ballot packs, being invited to return at a later time, or being invited to vote at another voting centre," the VEC told the Sentinel-Times.

"In some locations, voters were provided with blank ballots, with candidates' names handwritten on the ballot by election officials."

Scrutineers for the parties say dozens of these handwritten ballots have been included in the count.

But the VEC couldn't categorically say that all those who arrived at these locations and were unable to vote, left their names.

"It is not possible to state this categorically if an elector chose to leave the queue without leaving their name with the election officials or waiting for additional ballot papers to arrive, it would not have been possible for our election officials to record this."

While they say they won't know how many simply left the queue, without leaving their names, when ballot papers ran out, they will be able to work out the number who left their name and didn't vote.

"In the fullness of time we will be able to provide the exact number of voters who did not wish to wait for replacement ballots to arrive and instead provided their details to election staff to ensure they would not be fined, but as mentioned, this figure is very small."

The VEC has also rejected the idea that they should have used the Federal election turnout as a guide, claiming a record number of early voters may have reduced the numbers at the booths.

"For Bass District, there were 22,590 early votes and 6442 postal votes issued, which is 58% of the total enrolment for Bass District (49,984 electors). Therefore only 42% of the electorate were yet to vote on election day."

Whatever the case, they got it wrong at Corinella, resulting in dozens apparently finding their way to the Bass Hall to vote where the State turnout of 405 voters outstripped the number who voted there at the Federal election (335), against comparatively lower numbers at other booths, more so depending on relative distances to Early Voting Centres.

Vote counting, rechecking, a distribution of preferences and possible full recounts will go on this week, potentially continuing until Friday, December 9 before a result is known.

Technically, at least, checking and recounts can drag on until Friday, December 16 with the final day for the return of the Writs not until Saturday, December 17 (although it can be earlier if results in all electorates are finalised).



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Cr Michael Whelan

AFTER a slow start in Australia, the fast growing popularity of electric vehicles in Australia is undoubtedly good news for the environment.

The big challenge now for regions is to ensure that locals with EVs, and particularly tourists wanting to visit our beautiful coast and country, can charge when they need to.

To fast-forward this transition to EV cars, Bass Coast Shire Council is collaborating with East Gippsland, South Gippsland and Wellington Shire Councils to procure the supply, installation, and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations which will provide a consistent EV fast-charging network across Gippsland.

As part of this project, Bass Coast is installing 50kW EV fast-charging stations at four public sites. These are:

- Wonthaggi Centennial Centre and Art Space Gallery
- Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre.
- Grantville Transaction Centre.
- Inverloch Community Hub.

These charging stations are co-funded by a grant from the Victorian Government, under the Destination Charging Across Victoria program. This program will make EV fast-charging technology readily available at destination locations, including recreational community destinations and high-use locations. It will also create project supply chain and local job with specific skills.

Bass Coast is also installing 22kW chargers at its Wonthaggi Civic Centre and Wonthaggi Depot sites, that will provide the essential infrastructure needed to accelerate council's transition to EVs.

Transitioning to EVs will reduce operating costs and emissions and improve the visibility of EVs in our community. In addition, over the longer term, the turn-over of fleets will also provide a flow-on to the second-hand EV market, in turn making EVs more affordable. These council fleet chargers are co-funded by the Victorian Government under its EV Charging for Council Fleets (EVCCF) program.

It's a good start, we're on the right road to our sustainable future.

No Gold Coast at Inverloch foreshore, they say

SOUTH Gippsland Conservation Society (SGCS) is strongly campaigning against a council approved \$4.6m development at 2-4 The Esplanade, Inverloch.

The application, which was approved at the shire's June meeting this year, is seeking to develop a four-storey mixed use building, which comprises two retail premises at ground floor level and 42 serviced apartments (a mixture of studio, one and two bedroom units) above and a bar at roof top level.

The plans, prepared by Cornetta Partners Architects, were amended to replace the proposed rooftop bar with a café.

Key features of the proposal included:

- Construction of a four storey mixed use building comprising 42 apartments and three commercial tenancies.
- The building will have a maximum height of 14.2 metres at the northern and western elevations (15.45 metres when the lift over-run is included).
- A ground level car park



South Gippsland Conservation Society is set for a five-day VCAT hearing in January 2023 where they will be objecting against a \$4.6M development at 2-4 The Esplanade, Inverloch.

providing 48 car parking spaces with vehicle access from The Esplanade.

- Provision for two commercial tenancies with a floor area of 354.48 square metres at street level with undercover space in front of these tenancies to allow for activities and/or outdoor dining opportunities to 'spill' onto the street and park land.

At the time of approval, the

shire considered it to be 'an acceptable outcome for the site, subject to conditional changes'.

There had been 30 objections, however, there are now more than 60.

Speaking at the shire's June meeting, Cr Les Larke was unsupportive and voted against the recommendation, while Cr Brett Tessari had said the application was always 'going to

divide the community' but was ultimately "comfortable" with it.

SGCS has since launched a petition seeking 500 signatures against the application, stating the hotel would 'totally dominate the foreshore and block our views of the parkland and the Inlet'.

SGCS has objected to VCAT and will be presenting their case during a 5-day hearing starting January 30, 2023.

"The foreshore is our "happy place". It connects us to the Inlet and the ocean and for many it is the reason we live here or visit," SGCS' petition states.

"The fact that the site is being redeveloped is not contentious. The land is privately owned and has never been a part of the foreshore reserve. What is contentious is our Council's disregard for Inverloch's "coastal village feel" and the manipulation of the relevant planning criteria to allow the construction of such a building immediately adjacent to The Glade and Rainbow Park!"

Community-based projects receive vital boost

BASS Coast Shire's latest Community Grants recipients have been announced with \$137,000 in funding from the 2022 program.

The program provides funding to support not-for-profit organisations based in Bass Coast to deliver projects that benefit our community.

Successful applicants for Community Grants 2022 Round Two include:

- Phillip Island Scouts - \$4,900 for a Paddle Project Trailer
- South Gippsland Conservation Society - \$10,000 to extend their existing shed on Thompson Reserve, after collaborating with the community and fellow users.
- Wonthaggi Miners' Friendly Society's Dispensary - \$5000 to create a mural on their building to commemorate their centenary, set to be an incredible asset to Wonthaggi.
- Phillip Island Boardriders' Club - \$10,000 for Flooring Renewal works
- Phillip Island Land Alliance - \$4,746 to engage Bunurong Land Council in Cultural Awareness Workshops to assist in identifying cultural items or landmarks when planting.



Bass Coast Shire's deputy mayor, Rochelle Halstead and Cr Clare Le Serve (front) with council's latest Community Grants recipients.

"It's fantastic to see such a breadth of our community stepping forwards for the Community Grants Program," said Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan.

"I'm particularly excited for our new Climate Change Action Community Grants, which will fund solutions to the climate emergency at a local level - doing our bit in Bass Coast to help tackle the biggest issue of our time. I invite non-profit groups to start planning for the 2023 awards now, as we look forward to funding your incredible ideas for the future of our planet - acting locally,

thinking globally."

Applicants seeking Council Community Grants must identify how their project aligns with the Council Plan 2021-2025.

Key objectives from the Plan include: Protecting our Natural Environment; Healthy Community; Our Places; Growing our Economy; Sustainable Development; and Leading for our Community. For groups seeking funding for climate action, applicants must ensure their work will contribute to the climate emergency response and the Climate Change Action Plan

2020-2030.

Council has allocated \$254,000 to the 2022/23 Community Grants funding stream, with applications now open for Community Grants 2023 Round 1, closing on March 3, 2023. Applicants are encouraged to read the Community Grant Guidelines and contact Council's Community Grants Officer before starting an application.

Also opening is the Quick Response Grants, assessed monthly, providing up to \$1000.

For a full list of recipients visit the shire's website.

Council Update



Council Meeting - 14 December

Council's next meeting will be held at 1.00pm, Wednesday, 14 December 2022 in the Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi. In the interest of community health and safety, the Council Chamber will open to the public by RSVP only. Please RSVP at c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au The meeting will also be livestreamed. Join here: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings

The agenda is released on Council's website on Friday, 9 December 2022 www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/meetings. There is an opportunity in the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question please submit your questions in writing no later than 1.00pm Monday, 12 December, 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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A sign of our pride in Wonthaggi's history

THE feedback Alex Scott and Staff have received after their historic mural went up in the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club carpark, featuring coal mining pit ponies, has been universally enthusiastic, even emotional.

Dan Huther, the manager of Alex Scott's office in Wonthaggi, said he believed it was an indication of the pride that second and third generation residents, in particular, were feeling about the town's mining history.

"It's pretty incredible what the miners did in Wonthaggi, to get coal off to Melbourne for the railways within two weeks of setting up here, living in a tent town in 1909.

"That's how the town started, and a lot of young people are interested in the coal mining heritage."

In fact, with the strike in the Newcastle Coal Mines of November 1909, Victoria's steam train network would have been brought to its knees if Wonthaggi's miners hadn't answered the call.

"We had a local resident come in the other day to congratulate us on the mural, saying a neighbour of hers had someone injured in a mine explosion.

"She particularly loved the pit ponies," he said.

"The guys at Cargills Sports got it going with their miner's picnic theme and steam train,



The hard-working pit ponies are still a part of the heart of Wonthaggi and Alex Scott's role in providing some of these noble beasts for the mines is a treasured piece of the Alex Scott story.

and there have been a few others. This has been a natural progression.

"Locals are taking more interest in the town's mining history, and it gives new arrivals in the town and visitors an idea about where we came from."

As a note of their own pride in the Wonthaggi story, Alex Scott and Staff have marked their firm's connection with the mines, as a supplier of pit ponies, in the mural, which includes the figure of old Alex Scott, the founder of the firm and long-standing managing director, his nephew Bruce Gibson, who died a few years ago.

That's Bruce Gibson on the left, a remarkably good likeness, and Alex Scott himself, standing next to the horse. It's company folklore that Mr Scott bought some of the ponies on behalf of the mines himself.

And the ponies are the obvious feature of the extensive mural, lovingly rendered by two of the state's best muralists, Brigitte Dawson and Melissa Turner of Melbourne's Murals, clearly with a special gift for capturing the character and beauty of horses.

"Everyone is just delighted with the finished product and we do intend to have a bit of a

launch for it, over at the Workmen's Club," said Mr Huther.

"We've also had a time-lapse video made, watching the progress of the painting over a month which should make interesting viewing.

"There's a number of features in the painting that people will recognise and once the shire has finished the street crossing, I think it will really help boost that part of the main street."

Mr Huther paid tribute to all those involved in the project and thanked the Bass Coast Shire Council for its cooperation.

Charging ahead on electric vehicles

BASS Coast and South Gippsland Shires have received funding to install numerous 'fast charging' electric vehicle (EV) stations.

The initiative is part of a Gippsland-wide collaboration between Bass Coast, South Gippsland, East Gippsland and Wellington Shires.

In Bass Coast, council is installing 50kW EV fast-charging stations at four public sites at:

- Wonthaggi Arts Space.
- Newhaven Visitor Centre.
- Grantville Transaction Centre.
- Inverloch Community Hub.

The State Government had provided funding of \$290K, with the project estimated to be completed by early June 2023.

While in South Gippsland, council received \$120K to install chargers at Leonagatha, Korumburra and Foster.

The project is also expected to be completed by June 2023.

Bass Coast is also installing 22kW chargers at its Wonthaggi Civic Centre and Wonthaggi Depot sites.

Road sealing underway

BASS Coast Shire's Annual Urban and Rural Road Spray Sealing is underway which is expected to be finished early this month.

The program commenced on November 21, and was expected to take up to 3 weeks to complete, affecting road networks across the shire.

This project is fully funded by Council at \$730,000 which includes all recent preparation works such as kerb, channel and pit renewal, as well as asphalt block patching, as required for the nominated streets.

Council contractors will advise each property affected via letter drop, generally within 2 days' notice of activity.



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Blessing or a curse?

THE organiser of the 'Blessing of the Bikes' event at Phillip Island, in the wet week leading up to the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix weekend, Allan Turner, is blaming the Bass Coast Shire Council for the departure of his event.

And he's delivered a backhander on the way out to the traders of San Remo for not agreeing to close off their main street next year.

So, the 'Festival of Motorsport', designed to raise money and awareness for the Turner family's 'Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation' and its worthy campaign for organ donor registration, is off to Geelong, never to return to Phillip Island.

Mr Turner blames the council and the San Remo traders but surely the wintry blast which gripped Victoria in October, and the scheduling of the event, a week before the MotoGP, were key factors.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times in the past week, Mr Turner rates the difficulties in dealing with the Bass Coast Shire Council as the main reason why the event has gone.

"They're hard to deal with. The number of hurdles they had for us, one after the other.

"I appreciate they've got a rule book that you've got to work through but the amount of forms we had to fill out would have been twice as much as any other council," said Mr Turner

"As well as the event went on Sunday (October 9) in Cowes, and I've got to say 97 per cent of the Cowes traders were supportive of us closing off the street for the day, it wasn't where we wanted to hold it.

"We had it all set up at the Cowes footy ground, and if the weather had been with us, we had food trucks organised, a big stage, all sorts of entertainment and plenty of room for the bikes.

"It would have been great."

He also acknowledged that he'd received feedback from riders that many didn't want to visit Phillip Island two weekends in-a-row, with the MotoGP on the following Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"We would have loved to go back to San Remo, but the traders didn't want it in the main street. The council offered us another location in San Remo which wasn't suitable.

"We had a debriefing with them by Zoom and told them if that's what they were offering we'd have to take it somewhere else.

"But they didn't say anything. They didn't try to keep the event.

"It makes you wonder if they were happy for us to leave."

The council declined to play the blame game, when asked for a comment from the Sentinel-Times: "Bass Coast has discussed the Festival of Motorsport directly with the event organiser. Bass Coast won't be providing further comment."

Right place at the right time sees lives saved



Senior Constable Natasha Collison was presented with a silver medal for her extraordinary bravery which included entering a burning vehicle twice to rescue the occupants.



Scott McDonald was humbled upon being awarded a bronze medal for his involvement in the Newhaven car crash.



Eli Davies of Hazelwood South also received a bronze medal for his extraordinary role in assisting during the fiery crash.



Senior Constable Ryan Bateman receiving his Certificate of Merit from Governor of Victoria the Hon Linda Dessau AC, for his role in helping save the lives of two people during a car crash at Newhaven early this year.

LOCAL heroes who rescued the occupants of a burning vehicle in Newhaven and a man who saved two men from drowning at Wilsons Prom were all recognised for their courageous efforts.

The five heroes were awarded at the Royal Humane Society of Australasia Annual Bravery Awards presentation at Government House recently.

For their involvement at the fiery crash in Newhaven on January 23 this year, police officer Natasha Collison received a silver medal, Eli Davies (Hazelwood South) and Scott McDonald (Newhaven) both received bronze medals, and police officer Ryan Bateman accepting a Certificate of Merit.

Fateful encounter

The incident occurred at 4.40am when the driver lost control of their vehicle after failing to negotiate a roundabout.

The vehicle was observed by Senior Constable Collison and First Constable Bateman travelling at speed approaching the roundabout.

After losing sight of the vehicle, a loud bang was heard.

SC Collison and F/C Bateman made their way towards the intersection locating the vehicle wedged in a tree, partially on its side and smoke billowing from under the bonnet.

SC Collison determined that the occupants of the car were in immediate danger and mounted the driver's side of the vehicle, in order to assess the injuries and status of the occupants.

SC Collison managed to open the door and identified two occupants who were both unconscious.

She noticed that the car had caught fire and observed flames starting to enter the driver's side foot well.

Mr Davies and Mr McDonald then arrived on the scene and rendered assistance to SC Collison.

SC Collison was unable to extricate the driver as the seat belt was still secured, and she then dropped down inside the vehicle and released the driver's seat belt.

Mr McDonald held the door open, and Mr Davies assisted to remove the driver from the vehicle.

F/C Bateman and Mr McDonald moved the driver to a safe distance from the vehicle.

SC Collison then moved to the passenger side of the vehicle and attempted to open the door.

The position of the unconscious passenger made it difficult to open the door, so Mr Davies stepped in and forced it open.

At this point the flames were now spreading up from the bonnet, over the windscreen and spreading further inside the passenger area.

SC Collison again entered the burning vehicle and released the passenger's seat belt.

The passenger was then dragged from the vehicle by SC Collison and Mr Davies and McDonald.

Speaking of his recognition, Mr McDonald simply stated he did what most people would have done.

He said in hindsight, the girls were lucky as their car had crashed right near his property.

"If they had of been further up the road, it definitely could have turned out differently," he said.

"It happened outside my bedroom window, I heard a couple of bangs and then it hit the tree.

"That's what woke me up, I jumped out of bed and thought that's not normal.

"It wasn't a pleasant thing to wake up to, it was pretty scary actually."

Mr McDonald discovered the scene just as police also arrived.

"Instinct kicked in and we ran up to the car and realised there was two young girls trapped in the car, and we just did what we had to do to get them out," he said.

Looking back on the incident, Mr McDonald reflected that he was glad to have played a part in helping save the girls lives.

Beach rescue

Bertrand Vaissiere of Heidelberg Heights also received a Certificate of Merit, for the rescue of two men who were drowning at Squeaky Beach in Wilsons Prom, November 18, 2020.

Two men entered the water and were hit by a large wave that knocked them off their feet and due to the slight undertow, they were carried further out to sea where they could not stand up.

Mr Vaissiere observed this from the beach and could see the two men struggling to stay afloat.

He then entered the water and rescued one of the men and brought him to shore, before re-entering the water and swam past the breakers and located the other man, who was by now unconscious.

Under extremely difficult conditions, Mr Vaissiere also managed to bring him to shore.

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‘Behind the Lens’ launches at Wonthaggi Library

IT WAS a proud day on Saturday as Kate Harmon launched her first photography book entitled, Behind the Lens.

A collection of photographs from across Bass Coast and South Gippsland, Kate found her niche and has honed her skills over the past couple of years under the watchful eye of Bass Coast Adult Learning tutor, Geoff Ellis.

“It’s been an unbelievable year,” Kate explained.

“Moving from Queensland to Victoria and meeting Geoff, I started a new adventure and here I am launching my first photography book.”

“I feel like shouting – if they could see me now!”

Kate’s journey hasn’t always been a smooth ride, but she found her place upon returning to Victoria in April 2015.

Fast forward and Bass Coast Council’s grant made one of Kate’s dreams a reality, providing a grant for her to create and launch her photography book on none other than International Day of People with Disability.

“Wonthaggi was a turning point for me, for the first time in my life I left like I belonged, fitted in...

“Then being with NDIS was a big step for me, acknowledging and accepting my disability, and being supported to enhance my life, build on challenges and focusing on my abilities,

“NDIS got me to BCAL, a cherry on the cake.”

Supported by terrific programs and people, Kate was encouraged to follow her dream.

“Geoff, he has been beside me at every step almost any hour, his mentorship and endless encouragement got me here; the library for hosting this event; and my mum for moving us to Wonthaggi and brainwashing me with ‘Kate do not be defined by other people, you be the person you want to be’.”



Photographer, Kate Harmon proudly launched her first photography book on Saturday at Wonthaggi Library to a large crowd. C58_4922

And photography is only one of Kate’s many talents which also includes art of varying designs and inspiration. C59_4922



Seabourn cruises departed from Vancouver Canada 65 days ago before passing Port Arthur and arriving at Rhyll on Wednesday morning. Z06_4922

Seabourn anchors in Rhyll

FOLLOWING 65 days at sea, embarking in Vancouver, Canada, the Seabourn cruise ship anchored in Rhyll, Phillip Island with passengers tendered to Rhyll jetty and warmly welcomed by locals.

The Seabourn arrived at 8am on Thursday, December 1 with 196 passengers and 373 crew on board. Crew members Donald, Jayvee and Joseph from the Philippines said they travelled from Port Arthur in Tasmania before arriving in Rhyll.

General manager of Destination Phillip Island, Kim Storey welcomed the passengers at the Rhyll jetty where they boarded a coach to the Koala Park in Newhaven before enjoying the Penguin Parade in the evening.

“Passengers will stay on Phillip Island for the day and the Seaborne Odyssey will leave the island at 11pm to sail overnight to Sydney; new passengers will then board, before the cruise arrives back to Phillip Island on December 7,” said Kim.

Here are some of the arrival dates:

- January 3, 2023 at 8.10am
- * February 4, 2023 at 9.11am
- * March 9, 2023 at 9.17am
- * December 10, 2023.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Drop-In Sessions for Community Grants

Our next round of Community Grants open on 1 January (closes 31 March) and our Community Strengthening team are hitting the road to provide advice on how to prepare an application. They can also answer your grant questions and discuss eligibility.

Drop in sessions will be held from December to March between 10.00am and 3.00pm at the following locations:

Monday 12 December
Leongatha Community House

Wednesday 14 December
Mirboo North Grainstore

Monday 9 January
Sandy Point Community Centre

Wednesday 11 January
Venus Bay Community Centre

Monday 23 January
Meeniyan Hall

Wednesday 25 January
Nyora Public Hall

Monday 6 February
Korumburra - Milpara House

Wednesday 8 February
Poowong Uniting Church

Monday 20 February
Toora Hall

Wednesday 22 February
Manna Gum Community House

There's no need to book, just drop in.
For more details phone Sophie Bolding
on 5662 9200.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL Community RAT Program



Free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are now available for priority and high-risk community members to collect at the following locations:

South Gippsland Shire Council Reception – 9 Smith St, Leongatha
Foster Library – 9 Main St, Foster
Poowong Library – 18 Ranceby Rd, Poowong
Mirboo North Library – 2 Brennan St, Mirboo North
Korumburra Library – 165 Commercial St, Korumburra
Leongatha Library – 2 Smith St, Leongatha

For more information:

https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/Community_RAT_Program

COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

**Wednesday 14 December,
2.00pm**

Dates are also listed on
Council's website at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates

If you cannot attend the 'open' component of the Council Meeting in person, you can access a live stream through Council's website:

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Council conduct its Meetings

according to COVID Safe Plan requirements.

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

RFT/344 – Simons Lane, Road Reconstruction.

Closes Tuesday 13 December.

RFT/346 – Mirboo North Swimming Pool Carpark Extension.

Closes Tuesday 13 December.

RFT/348 – Sealed Roads Rehab.

Closes Thursday 15 December.

RFT/343 – Retaining Wall Construction; Mirboo North Transfer Station

All tenders close at 2.00pm.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal:

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Tarwin Valley Ward councillors met members of Mirboo Country Development Incorporated (MCDI) during a busy community day. Back Row: Cr Adrian Darakai, with MCDI vice chair Ruth Rogan. Front Row: Cr John Schelling, Marg Lynn and Joy Koh (both of MCDI) and deputy mayor Clare Williams.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



COUNCILLORS have taken the opportunity to utilise their fifth week of the month to get out into the community.

The Tarwin Valley Ward Councillors – Deputy Mayor Clare Williams, Cr Darakai and Cr Schelling engaged in a massive day of community meetings, meeting with 11 groups in the community to discuss the successes of the last 12 months, and the challenges and opportunities of the next year.

Opportunities like this are extremely important for Councillors and help us to stay in touch with community needs and expectations. I congratulate the Tarwin Valley Ward Councillors and we look forward to continuing these community meetings in future.

On Thursday, Deputy Mayor Williams, Councillor Rae, Councillor Schelling and Councillor Davies attended a community meeting in Port Welshpool. The community of Port Welshpool were happy to hear about investment coming from Better Boating Victoria to build a new pontoon that will make access more inclusive. There was also discussion about the newly reconstructed car parking facility, which has made parking easier for locals and visitors.

Applications for the 2023 Community Leadership Program are now open. Established in 2020, the program encourages and supports members of the South Gippsland community to enhance their leadership capacity. It is delivered over nine sessions starting in March next year and will span six months.

Sessions will be held around the Shire and either outside business hours or on weekends but not during school holidays.

Investing in leadership skills is essential. Those who participate in programs like these help improve the fabric of our already strong community. If you would like to build your leadership skills, I strongly encourage you to apply. I would like to particularly encourage younger people in our community to get involved as the next generation of leaders, employees, employers and volunteers in our region.

Applications are open until 30 December. To apply or find out more, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/leadership

If you haven't already done so, please consider dropping your unwrapped gifts or non-perishable food items under the Christmas tree in Council's reception. The Christmas Food and Gift Drive will cease accepting donations at midday Wednesday 7 December. Councillors collectively donated food and gifts and we encourage those in our community who have the means to be generous. It is terrific to see the amount of donations already received.

Now is a great time to take advantage of Council's Green Waste Amnesty. A wet season has seen great growth, which can mean more fuel build up in the lead up to fire season. Up until 31 December, you can drop of your green waste to any of Council's transfer stations free of charge. To find out what species are not accepted as part of this amnesty, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/greenwasteamnesty

A special reminder that the Carols at the Creek event will be held on Friday 16 December from 6.00pm. Join us at Coal Creek to enjoy the music and see Santa. It will be a fantastic event, so bring your picnic rug or chair and all the food and drink your heart desires (or buy some from the 2nd Korumburra Scouts) and enjoy celebrating with us. Bookings are essential, so book by calling Coal Creek or visiting www.eventbrite.com.au/e/464079593557

Our Shire is certainly a vibrant and exciting place to be this time of year and many of us are already heading to celebrations and events. Please remember to drive safe and with care as you are out and about on our roads – the safety of your family and that of others is without exception of the highest importance.

Plenty of issues on councillors to do list

TARWIN Valley councillors, John Schelling, Clare Williams (deputy mayor) and Adrian Darakai hit the road on Wednesday for a community day.

Their day kicked off at Leongatha Community Centre.

They visited community halls in Mount Eccles, Darlimurla and Nerrena hearing about local issues, which included roads.

At Darlimurla Hall, councillors heard about the desire to secure a grant to install air conditioning, providing guidance on applying.

At Mount Eccles Hall, stumping issues were discussed.

Mirboo Country Development Incorporated (MCDI) members showed the visiting

councillors an area that has the potential to provide overflow parking for busy times in town, such as market days and during other events.

"We were talking to them about a non-gazetted road that runs between the back of the shops on Ridgway and the park, including the kindergarten and the old railway station," MCDI vice chair Ruth Rogan said.

She explained that the aim is to have the road gazetted and used for parking, something that is proposed in the Baromi Park Masterplan.

The MCDI members were keen to chat with councillors about what the next steps might be.

Ruth said it may be that the project will have to wait until

the streetscape is upgraded, suggesting that is in the cards in the next couple of years.

"However, we wanted to get moving on the approvals that might be needed from Vic Roads, and from DEWLP the current owner of that land," Ruth said.

While people already park in the area concerned, it needs to be properly surfaced and marked to realise its potential, she explained.

Ruth expressed her appreciation of the councillors' visit and the opportunity to show councillors around and talk about issues for the town.

"It's important and I have found the councillors to be really engaging," she said.

The trio of councillors also visited the Mirboo North & Dis-

trict Historical Society, learning about the important work its members do in preserving the town's history and the organised approach they take.

Local identity Joe Piper also met the councillors to chat about Mirboo North Recreation Reserve.

Mardan Tennis Club was another organisation visited on their community tour.

Cr Schelling outlined the importance of the day.

"It's just a general catch up and a chance to build relationships with the small rural communities," he said.

Councillors wrapped up their busy day with an evening visit to the Fish Creek Community Development Group, going over matters such as the town's sewage issues.

March finish date for South Gippsland Shire office

REFURBISHMENT of South Gippsland Shire Council's Smith Street Leongatha offices continues, with much of the Stage 1 work complete.

Work so far has been mainly focused on the basement and the section of the ground floor at the Smith Street, or west end of the building.

Accessibility improvements have been made with the installation of internal ramping, and provision of

accessible staff amenities complete, and replacement of the lift in progress.

Energy efficiency improvements have included the installation of new wall insulation and double glazed windows and replacement of lighting with LEDs, while upgrading of air conditioning systems is continuing.

Reconfiguration of seating arrangements on the ground level, west end, are complete, with the reconfigured office space intended to im-

prove accessibility and functionality.

Works on the Smith Street end of the building also include new kitchen facilities.

Further plumbing, electrical and security system improvements are in progress with the focus moving to the Memorial Hall or east end section of the ground floor in Stage 2.

That stage is expected to be completed by March 2023.

The design process is underway for the replacement

of external cladding, which may not be undertaken until after Stage 2 is finished.

Stage 2 will involve ground floor and first floor works at the Memorial Hall end of the building and also new staff amenities on the upper level.

While works under the Stage 1 contract began in August, the refurbishment project started prior to that, beginning with demolition and removal to prepare the area for works to be completed.

Local Government Municipal Monitor Prue Digby departs

SOUTH Gippsland Shire councillors last month completed their time under the watchful eye and guidance of municipal monitor Prue Digby.

She has submitted a report which will be made public after the new Minister for Local Government has been confirmed, and has had the opportunity to consider its contents.

Ms Digby brought extensive experience in state and local government to

her role, including having worked as a municipal monitor to Frankston City Council.

She is a former Building Authority chief executive.

Ms Digby was put in place for a 12-month term to oversee the council and ensure good governance, following South Gippsland's return to democracy at a local level after a period of administration.

The functions of a municipal monitor are outlined in

the Local Government Act 2020 and are to:

- monitor council governance processes and practices
- advise the council about governance improvements it should make
- report to the Minister for Local Government on any steps taken by the council to improve its governance and the effectiveness of those steps or actions.
- make recommendations to the Minister at the

Minister's request in relation to the exercise of any power under this Act or any other Act relating to governance matters in respect of the council

- investigate a matter referred to the municipal monitor by the Minister under section 225 and provide a report to the Minister
- monitor and report to the Minister on any other matters determined by the Minister



Steve Kovacs and Stephen Reader of Orange Beacon with Amanda Hart, captain at Salvation Army Leongatha.

Security and safety for the most vulnerable

ORANGE Beacon is a business dedicated to offering security and safety solutions to Family Violence organisations and victim survivors only. This way it can be completely focused on the needs of these organisations and their clients. Operating in South Gippsland, Bass Coast and the Mornington Peninsula, the services offers: safety/risk assessments, security installations, consultation, technical surveillance counter-measures, supply of safety devices such as SOS pendants and watches and more.

Although they work on a day to day basis with family violence organisations, clients who have experienced family violence have also approached Orange Beacon directly. In this instance, they provide guidance on how to quickly access the relevant family violence support services. They are continuously educating themselves about the sector and the needs of people experiencing family violence. This includes attendance at seminars and specialist family violence training.

Orange Beacon aspires to be more than a company offering safety and security solutions. They will be involved in events to advocate for the prevention of family violence including 16 days of activism, an event which calls for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. Orange Beacon was originally created by Steve Reader and Steve Kovacs, who are experienced security technicians with combined experience of over 55 years.

In their experience, over the past few years it has become common for victim survivors to contact them directly as they were experiencing significant delays in getting help elsewhere. Unfortunately, due to the continuing increase in family violence these delays are still an ongoing major issue.



Tony Corr, Gea Lovell, Frank Moore, and Michael Brewin with the new round window to represent the round window that was in the principal's office in Old Boys Home Road.

Newhaven proud to showcase brand new Arts Wing

THE Newhaven College Performing Arts Wing is the best of its kind in the region and on Wednesday, November 30, governors, past principals, and board of directors were invited to tour the stage one development.

Newhaven College principal Tony Corr said the evening was not an official opening of the performing arts wing, rather a welcoming for those special guests who have made an immense contribution to the college.

"The evening was a chance for us to say thank you and to showcase our new facility that we ensure will not only be a great addition to Newhaven College but also to our community," said Tony.

In the rehearsal studio, the senior vocal ensemble, conducted by Kerry Lockhart and accompanied by Pam Christie, performed Christmas Together by Timothy Parker, Carol of the Bells by Mykola Leontovych and Don't Stop Me Now by Freddie Mercury. In the Black Box Theatre, Nissa Campbell Walker performed a passionate monologue, playing character 'Sam' from the play 'Red Tee' by Lindsay Price.

Four of the five past and present principals were in attendance, including Tony Corr who hosted the evening, 2011-2020 principal Gea Lovell, 1998-2011 principal Michael Brewin and founding principal of Newhaven College from 1980 - 1989, Mr Frank Moore.

Throughout the evening chairperson of the board of directors, Mr David Jobe spoke on the history of the college, stating that it is a college tradition to celebrate each of our past principals with a hand drawn portrait to commemorate their unique and important contribution.

"It is an honour to unveil Gea Lovell's portrait by local artist Sharee Taylor. In times of tragedy or crisis, Gea was the calm presence that our community looked to for guidance and reassurance," said David.

An official opening of the Newhaven College performing arts wing will take place in 2023.

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Working with Family Violence organisations

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Shire must communicate directly, residents say

THE overall community feedback to the Communications Strategy for 2023-2026 was for the Bass Coast Shire Council to connect more personally with their residents.

The communications team visited the towns of Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Grantville, Corinella, and Cowes over Wednesday and Thursday last week to speak directly with residents and find out what issues are affecting them directly and ask how the shire can better connect with the community.

Communications officer Fybian said the themes and common requests from locals are the way in which they receive their news, many stating that councillors need to bring back their direct communication with residents instead of email replies from internal departments.

“We have also had strong response

to bring back community engagement sessions and to balance out our communication between media platforms – including newspapers, online and mailouts – many asking to have the choice of receiving monthly newsletters posted out to their homes – this way the elder generation can keep up to date with projects,” said Fybian.

“These sessions have given us a good insight into the different demographics, showing us how we can keep each demographic informed and how we can better communicate on projects for feedback to ensure everyone is having their say.”

The communications and customer service team are inviting the community to get in touch with the Shire, and give feedback on the 2023-2026 communication strategy that is open until January 6.



The Bass Coast Shire Council communication and customer services officers visited the towns of Cowes, Corinella, Grantville, Wonthaggi, and Inverloch last week to discuss town issues with the residents. Z20_4922

How do you think the Bass Coast Shire Council can improve their communications?



John Trigt
I've requested that the Bass Coast Shire start back the monthly community engagement sessions. They were stopped during the pandemic, but I think it's time for community connection and these sessions allowed the locals to have a voice and if the shire won't start them back up – then why not?



John Pritchard
I raised the issue of infrastructure with the communications team, asking them to listen to the community when we say there is not enough infrastructure on our island to continue with development. Councillors are approving projects without taking on community feedback.



Lynne Pritchard
I raised the issue of parking in Cowes. Developments are being approved and more and more carparks are being allocated for new infrastructure but what about the street parking in peak season? They seem to be changing the character of our town, the reason why tourists visit in the first place. We are giving feedback on projects but not being listened to.





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First services to open in the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion

EXCITEMENT levels are high among the team at Bass Coast Health as the first services in the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion (WHE) are about to open.

The Emergency Department (ED) and Short Stay Unit, Radiology and Main Reception will open in the WHE on Friday, December 9. "This is the moment that our staff, as well as the community, have been waiting for," BCH CEO Jan Child said.

"After years of planning and watching construction progress, we are finally at that moment where we can rollout services in the \$115m expanded hospital. We can't wait to throw the doors open to the public as we know they are as excited about their new hospital as we are!"

The ED and Short Stay Unit will open from 10am. Until that time, the ED and Short Stay Unit will operate from the current location in Armitage House, accessible via Baillieu Street West.

People wishing to access the ED in the WHE, will be able to do so by entering the hospital from Graham Street and parking in the main carpark.

They can follow the signs to the ED – look for the big red 'Emergency' sign – and enter via the dedicated entry and present to ED reception to receive treatment.

The Short Stay Unit is part of the ED and is where they care for patients requiring

an overnight stay for observation, or to receive treatment such as physiotherapy the next day.

Main reception for the expanded and existing hospital will operate from the WHE from 7am on Friday, December 9.

Patients and visitors can park in the front park and enter the door marked 'Main Entry'.

"From 7am on December 9, the new Main Entry will be the public's entry point into the hospital for Radiology, Pathology, the Acute Ward, Surgery and Maternity," Ms Child said.

"Our staff and volunteers will help you to find your way and there will be ample signs."

Allied Health services, including Dental, will still be accessible via the Ambulatory Care entry in the current hospital.

The current main entrance will be closed to the public from 7am on Friday, December 9, and renovated in January to provide for another corridor linking the expanded and current hospitals.

The Emergency Department is located on the ground level of the WHE and includes general cubicles, resuscitation cubicles, a plaster room and a procedure room.

The Acute Ward will move into the expanded hospital early January and theatre will relocate late January/early February.



The entrance to Wonthaggi Hospital will shift to the new main hospital from this Friday 9 December. The existing entrance will be closed.



Bass Coast Health staff, from left, Health Service Coordinator Cath Jones, Acting Nurse Unit Manager Cat Bunn and Associate Nurse Unit Manager Yvonne Phillips in the Emergency Department in the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion.



We're moving Emergency, Radiology and Main Entry/Reception into the new Wonthaggi Hospital!

Friday 9 December	Wednesday 14 December
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Gippsland awards for Leongatha and Wonthaggi

THE 30th Gippsland Associated Theatre Awards were held over the weekend at Moe Town Hall celebrating productions presented over the past three years.

Both Wonthaggi Theatrical Group and Leongatha Lyric came away with several awards including:

Leongatha Lyric Theatre

For Kinky Boots: Jonah Van Stekelenburg Most Outstanding Lead Male, and The Angels Most Outstanding Small Ensemble.

For Ladies in Black: Cecily de Gooyer Most Outstanding Youth

Performance, Sue Thompson for Most Outstanding Hair & Makeup Design and Brian Ahern Most Outstanding Costume Design.

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group

For their 2022 Production of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert: Louise Adkins Most Outstanding Set Design, Jackson Beesey Most Outstanding Cameo, Skipping Ensemble Most Outstanding Large Ensemble, Emily Laughlin Most Outstanding Choreography and all cast, crew and band for 'Production of the year!'

Congratulations also to Ryan Marshall received two Music Theatre Guild of Victoria nominations for his portrayal of Felicia in Priscilla.

LEFT: Members of the cast and crew of Leongatha Lyric Theatre's Ladies in Black, Cecily de Gooyer (Most Outstanding Youth Performance) and Sue Thompson (Most Outstanding Hair & Makeup Design) are congratulated on their Gippsland Associated Theatre Awards by director Bernadette Granger.

My side 'smashed' says Broadbent MP

MONASH MP Russell Broadbent has provided a candid assessment of how the Liberal Party went in the State Election in his closing remarks to Federal Parliament, before the Christmas break.

Describing the result, where Labor looks like holding on to its 55 seats in the 88-seat State Parliament, Mr Broadbent said the Liberal Party had been "smashed".

"My side of politics was smashed. That's the only way I can put it. They weren't beaten, they were smashed. We've got a lot of work to do as a party to earn the trust of the Australian people," he said while underscoring the need for a good Opposition.

"One of the most important things you can have in a democracy—and I'll come back to the Victorian election—is a strong opposition that is prepared to put its case and question the government on every step that they take... my disappointment in Victoria is that the opposition parties have been smashed to the point where the government has a very strong mandate to go ahead and do whatever it wants to do, because we now have a diminished opposition—although the National Party did very well."

Mr Broadbent indicated he thought Aaron Brown might still win Bass but that Jordan Crugnale "has been an excellent local member down in that area"



The rock wall protecting Cape Paterson Inverloch Road from falling into the sea has been a success, with vegetation stabilising the top of the wall.

Still waiting at Inverloch

THE Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning is expected to release the full suite of Stage 1 Reports as part of the Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project soon.

Supposed to be released in mid-August, the full suite of reports were held back from release due to the State election.

However, with the 'Caretaker Period' now officially over, the department and its local Inverloch Regional and Strategic Partnership (RaSP) can go ahead and finally release the reports.

The release of the reports will enable planning for remedial work, on Inverloch's erosion problems to get underway.

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The late Denis Stanes being awarded his Life Membership of the Wonthaggi Bowls Club by President Trevor Teer last year.

What greater tribute than making the world a better place

HAILED at his funeral, in his beloved St Joseph's Catholic Church in Wonthaggi last Monday, November 28, as one of the town's greatest-ever volunteers, Denis Stanes will long be remembered principally for sports administration in the district.

Although, as his daughter Katrina said, during an eloquent eulogy at the start of the well-attended service, many people in the church would have been first introduced to Denis as a principled sergeant with the Korumburra Police Traffic Operations Group, later Bass Coast Traffic Management Unit.

All the more galling then, according to Katrina, that one of Denis' abiding memories was a road trip to Darwin with his brother Bernard where he "revelled" in the no-speed-limit conditions of the Northern Territory's roads.

He spent 32 years in the police force handing out tickets for exactly that sort of behaviour.

Denis Matthew Stanes was born at Chelsea on Friday, July 5, 1946, the third child of seven to Fred and Esther Stanes of Parkdale.

After attending St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and St Bede's College in Mentone, he worked in retail, then completed a printing apprenticeship before joining the police force in May 1971, along the way being introduced to golf.

He was a handy athlete in his school days, a skill that was to serve him well in his future career.

It was while working in Melbourne that he met and married Lorraine Simpson, at St Joseph's Korumburra, on January 22, 1972; the couple celebrating their 50th anniversary earlier this year.

Denis Stanes [16885] started his time in the police force on foot patrol in Russell Street in September 1971, was transferred to Wonthaggi in 1981 and moved back to Cheltenham and then Korumburra for promotion.

It was on arrival in Wonthaggi in 1981 that the couple commenced their dedicated work as volunteers for the organisations they were involved in, including

at the St Josephs Parish where he called bingo for 32 years, among other roles. He was elected captain of the Wonthaggi Golf Club in 1991, and for 25 years, was the secretary of the South Gippsland District Golf Association, where he often played a lone hand organising the annual pennant competition, country week, and regional junior events, to which he was very dedicated. He earned a life membership of the SGDGA.

He enjoyed success in the state father and son golfing event with son Matthew.

After retiring from the police force in 2003, he started a successful blinds business and continued his community work, for which he was awarded an Australia Day award, by the Wonthaggi Rotary Club, in 2014, principally for services to sport.

In recent times, he extended his sports fanaticism to bowls, serving as the Wonthaggi Bowls Club treasurer for 10 years, playing a key role in the switch by Wonthaggi to synthetic greens, and once again, earning life membership in 2021.

Travel, including riding a Harley Davison motorbike on America's famous Route 66; sports, including following South Melbourne then the Sydney Swans to several premiership wins, and his family, especially after the arrival of grandchildren McKenzie, Georgia and Ava; were his other main interests.

A great communicator, who kept up contact with his work colleagues and friends, whose care for others was exemplified by his commitment, with wife Lorraine, to caring for his mother Esther for 7 years in Armitage House and his volunteer work for the community... his efforts were widely known.

Summing up, daughter Katrina said Denis was committed to making the world a better place.

Denis Matthew Stanes leaves his wife of 50 years Lorraine, children Matthew, Julie and Katrina; grandchildren McKenzie, Georgia and Ava. He had five brothers and a sister; Kevin, Vincent, Patrick, Elizabeth, Bernard and Mark.

Wonthaggi North's Blast to the Past

WONTHAGGI North Primary School (WNPS) held two film screenings of their 2021 whole school production Blast to the Past at Wonthaggi Arts Centre on Monday, November 28.

The audience enjoyed a live introduction by WNPS students, and a number of short animation films were shown at the beginning of both screenings.

"Blast to the Past is the culmination of many hours of hard work by dedicated students, staff and visiting artists over a number of months in the second half of last year" said Kerry McGennissen, Art/Drama teacher at WNPS and one of the key staff members behind the scenes of the production.

The production involved interviews with dinosaurs witnessing a 'giant ball of fire' coming out of the sky and crashing into, and causing extinction of, the dinosaur population. It also included student artworks which demon-



'Jeffrey' the giant dinosaur (aka Lachlan R) and WNPS Principal, Andrew Strickland after the evening film screening of 'Blast to the Past'.

strated their ideas on evolutionary creatures and how they would live in a modern world with good and bad results.

A selection of students performed on a sound desk while others re-enacted the evolution of

prehistoric vegetation, or performed as various sized dinosaurs, prehistoric fish, fossils and even pieces of coal.

A number of students developed names for the production and learned how to make publicity posters

on school computers.

Caroline Blakely, leading teacher at WNPS and another of the key staff members behind the scenes said, "the students were so proud of their work and excited to finally see their efforts on the big screen. It was a rewarding experience for the whole school and so lovely to share it with our families and other schools."

It began approximately two years ago with a grant application by previous Assistant Principal, Wendy Nicol.

Conceptual development, set design and development, and the creation of the dinosaur puppet by the WNPS students was funded through the Creative Learning Partnerships program.

The filming of the production last year was made possible by Luke McKnee for Seagrass Media and final editing was done by Sam Cross.

Students felt like movie stars on the day!



Checkers was just one of the opportunities for social but determined competition.



Santa's lolly bags proved popular at Leongatha Community House.

Leongatha celebrates International Day of Disability

WITH the 'International Day of People With Disability' falling on Saturday, Leongatha Community House (LCH) celebrated a day early, with community members enjoying a barbecue and the chance to battle it out in a number of lawn games.

Sunshine added to the occasion, with about 70

people competing in games such as checkers, croquet, target throwing, bean bag tossing, and Jenga.

Fresh from his cold homeland, Santa braved the sun as he handed out bags of lollies.

LCH manager Maddison Redpath was pleased with the turnout and delighted to see everyone enjoying themselves.

"We had lots of conversation in the backyard," she said of the social atmosphere.

Maddison outlined the important message the day delivered.

"The theme was to continue the conversation all year round to help make Australia a more inclusive place for people with disabilities," she said.

Maddison highlighted accessibility as something that can be improved within the local community.

"For many people with different mobility aids, it's so hard to get around," Maddison said, adding that continuing to create a more inclusive and welcoming place is also important.



A 'Celebrateability' colour run

International Day of People with Disability (December 3) is a time to embrace and celebrate the achievements of 4.4 million Australians with a disability. And in the lead up to the event, Bass Coast Adult Learning hosted a 'Celebrateability' event, a day filled with classic games and a delicious lunch, topped it off with a colour run. C62_4922



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Volunteers help local wombats fight mange

By Celeste Brittain

LOCAL Mange Management volunteers have been helping wombats fight mange in the foreshore bushlands of San Remo, Corinella and Coronet Bay.

Mange occurs in wombats when female mites dig into the skin and deposit eggs that hatch.

This process results in the wombat developing itchy scabs that can turn into infected and flyblown wounds because of the wombat scratching them.

If left untreated, and if the infestation advances, a wombat's health can become so poorly affected it can die.

Volunteers have been monitoring approximately seven wombats in the Coronet Bay, Corinella and San Remo foreshore areas.

Founding member of Mange Management, Katja Gutwein, highlighted it was unknown what makes a wombat susceptible to mange.

"It could be sharing a burrow with another wombat with mange but it could be that mites are using other methods to infest a wombat. It's also not known why wombats can't deal with the mange infestation and die from it, whereas other animals (mange is occurring in over 100 species around the world) might not be as strongly affected," she said.

Katja expressed that if a community member suspects that a wombat has mange, they can report it to Mange Management via the 'Report a wombat form' on their website.

Mange Management will then assess whether the issue is mange or whether it may have been caused by something else such as a wombat attack.

Katja shared that a community member should suspect that a wombat has mange, "if a wombat is out during the day and seems to have scabs or loss of fur", as these could be signs of the mite infestation.

"Between mange, roadkill, loss of habitat and legal/illegal culling, wombats face many threats," Katja shared, adding, "and if we don't do anything now, we might be losing this iconic Australian animal in the next 30 years or so.

"Anecdotally areas that used to have wombats in the past don't have them anymore; mange and the other threats mentioned above can wipe out local populations which also endangers genetic diversity of course."

Free kits from Mange Management are available to volunteers as well as members of the public, such as landowners who have a wombat with mange on their property and report it.

Mange Management has 45 pick up points where the free treatment kits can be collected.

They can offer guidance on how to treat an affected wombat with volunteers of the organisation also able to help.

There are two methods used by volunteers for treating infection in affected wombats.

One of the methods is using a pole and scoop which can be a broom handle with a laundry scoop tacked to it.

In this method, the medicine (Cydectin) which is used to treat the wombat, is poured down its back by a volunteer close enough to use the aid.

This type of treatment usually occurs in advanced stages when a wombat is more approachable.

The other method is a burrow flat set up made out of an ice-cream container that is installed in front of the wombat's burrow.

The container is set up in a way that when the wombat walks through its burrow, the cydectin pours down the wombat's back.

The burrow flap method can be used as stand-alone treatment or after the pole and scoop has been applied. In using these methods, volunteers do not have direct contact with wombats.

Mange Management started in 2012, and is based in St Andrews working state-wide.

To support the cause and wombats, people can shop at Ritchies IGA with a Community Benefit Card, donate directly to the organisation or raise awareness with those they know that mange treatment is available.

For more information about Mange Management please visit www.mangemanagement.org.au

Community would 'be lost' without vital nurse

FUNDRAISERS that occurred for Waterline nurse practitioner, Deb Garvey, showed that community spirit is alive and well.

The fundraisers included a market of treasures, raffle, stall, music night and silent auction which took place in the townships of Grantville, Coronet Bay, and Corinella.

The events were a collective effort organised by Zena Benbow, Len Van Der Neut, Anne Caulfield and Joy Button.

A total of \$6733.08 has been raised so far, which goes towards the \$430,000 bill that Deb has received following a Medicare review that she was spending more time with patients in her clinic than what is allowed under the Medicare items that she has access to.

Organisers explained how locals pulled together to make the fundraisers happen due to the anger and disappointment over the situation.

Banding together was a combination of local musicians on the music night (The Flaming Mushroomrooms, Ozone, Frolic and Detour) to the market of treasures by Anne, to the Corinella and District Community Centre providing a venue for the silent auction.

"People really wanted to help out," Joy Button said. "They said what can we do to help?"



Len Van Der Neut, Zena Benbow, Joy Button, (absent Anne Caulfield) all banded together to help raise funds for nurse practitioner Deb Garvey to keep her clinic running.

Zena shared that they were seeking to raise as "much as we could" through the fundraisers.

She said that the common goal of the fundraising events was, "that we felt as a community, you know that they all needed to get around Deb and give her a collective hug I suppose, and the wider we could spread that throughout the waterline communities, the better that effect was going to be."

Zena highlighted that the purpose of the fundraisers was subsequently twofold; to support the nurse practitioner as an individual and to acknowledge that the clinic is an asset in the community.

While Len shared that the nurse practitioner clinic is "100 per cent necessary", because of the capacity to be able to see the nurse there, when needed.

Organisers also noted that

the hours the service operates is suitable for example to those who work night shift, are commuting to work or on their way to Melbourne.

"If we didn't have her, we would be lost," Joy concluded.

Deb operates at the Grantville Transaction Centre from 6am to 2.30pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The service has been available to the Waterline community for almost 11-years.

Volunteers urged to step up in waterline area

By Celeste Brittain

THE volunteer crisis continues to plague the waterline area with Coronet Bay desperately needing more locals to step up and help their community.

The reconstituted Coronet Bay Combined Community Group (CBCCG) has expressed there is a need for new volunteers in the area, to help support activities and events.

The CBCCG is an association of affiliated member groups that occur within Coronet Bay, who are responsible for bringing events and activities like the Coronet Bay Fun Run/Walk and New Years Eve Fireworks display.

The CBCCG is solely made up of volunteers. At present there are three vacant positions; president, vice president and secretary.

Don McLeish, former vice president and current member of the CBCCG identified there has been a number of factors, including the pandemic, that had affected people's capacity to volunteer.

"The older volunteers of the past have moved out of Coronet Bay or decided time for volunteering has reached its use by date for them," he shared.

"There is the prevailing need for young families to just exist/



Former president of the Coronet Bay Combined Community Group, Don McLeish, is hoping more locals in the waterline area will consider volunteering.

survive, and to go on a committee to organise this or that event does not appeal, or indeed they may not have the time to commit."

Don also noted that, "If only the same very few organise large community events, although this gets the job done, it does discourage others."

"So then why upset the apple cart and interfere."

COVID-19 has been a big factor affecting people's capacity to volunteer, particularly given Coronet Bay groups, like many others across the state, were not operating like they had been.

The State of Volunteering in Victoria 2020 report published by Volunteering Victoria

reflected that in 2019, there were "2.3 million (or 42.1%) of Victorians over 15 years of age who volunteer(ed) in Victoria," with volunteers contributing "223.9 hours a year or 4.3hours per week with their fellow Victorians."

The report relayed that the pandemic had an impact with a "50.2 per cent decline in the volunteering participation rate from 2.3 million to 1.1 million," in the months of April- May 2020.

Don said that groups within Coronet Bay during the pandemic "remained as active as COVID permitted," with some groups such as Coronet Bay Un-plugged (an open mic music group) continuing online.

The fun run/walk that occurred in Coronet Bay this past October was a return to pre-COVID community wide events.

Other upcoming events include Carols by the Foreshore and the New Year's Eve Fireworks Display.

The reconstituted CBCCG's aim, as Don explained, "is to initiate, support, encourage, co-ordinate the affiliated group members and others in the community to actively volunteer to be involved in any event or other activity seen as valuable to the Coronet Bay community or the individual autonomous groups."

There are number of Coronet Bay groups that those who live within the area and surrounds can actively become involved with.

These groups include: Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc, Community Garden Inc, Boating and Angling Association Inc, Beach Bums (a social orientated fundraising group), Luminous Gallery (an art focused group), Carols by the Foreshore Group, Un-plugged (an open mic group) and Tai Chi (which currently is being delivered at neighbouring Corinella, at the community hall).

At present, interested people can find a group or contact the CBCCG via the Coronet Bay Facebook page.

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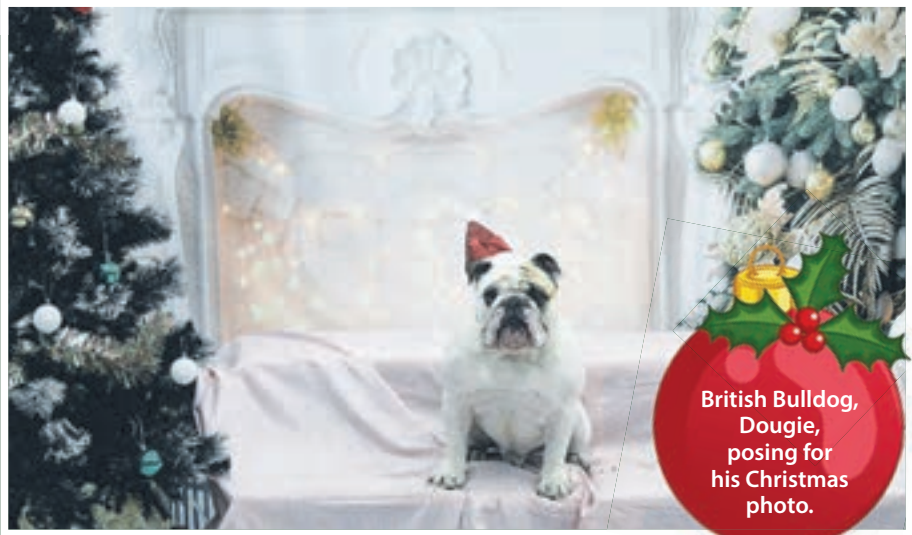
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Christmas events and carols in Bass Coast



WONTHAGGI CAROLS

Sunday, December 18,
at 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve,
56 Korumburra Road

Wonthaggi Community Carols is a free community event put on by the churches and sponsored by local businesses. Children's activities begin at 6pm. Carols start at 7.45pm, a visit from Santa will be included. All welcome, families, seniors and youth.

INVERLOCH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Saturday, December 17,
at 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Inverloch Community Christmas Carols is a free community event organised by the Inverloch Christian Churches. It's a celebration of the message of hope we share at Christmas. This event showcases local musical talent & is a fun family friendly event. The celebration commences with the pre-entertainment and food at 5:30pm and then the carols will begin at 6:30pm.

SAN REMO CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 16,
at 5:30pm - 9:00pm
San Remo Foreshore Reserve

San Remo Celebrates Christmas on Friday, December 16, at the San Remo Foreshore. The festivities start from 5:00pm with a Lions barbecue, children's activities and food stalls. Santa will arrive on a fire truck at 6.45pm followed by carols from 7:00pm. BYO a picnic rug or chair and enjoy this wonderful celebration of Christmas.

CORINELLA CAROLS IN THE PARK

Saturday, December 17,
at 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Where: Harold Hughes Reserve

Pack your picnic or enjoy a CFA barbecue, for a wonderful evening with Carols in the Park, and enjoy Santa, colouring competition, children's choir.

COWES CAROLS BY THE BAY

When: Tuesday, December 13,
at 5:30pm - 10:00pm
Where: Cowes Amphitheatre
@ Erewhon Point

You're invited to Cowes Community Carols on December 13, from 5:30pm to 9.30pm at the Cowes Foreshore Amphitheatre. Children's activities, free rides, face painting, and animal farm. 6.30pm Santa's grand arrival. 7.30pm Sing along at Carols by Candlelight than at 9:30pm sit back and enjoy the spectacular fireworks display!

GRANTVILLE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sunday, December 11,
at 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Grantville Transaction Centre

Come along from 5pm to browse the local market stalls and then listen to and join in the Christmas carols performed by local singers. A family fun night with free children's entertainment and food and drinks will be available for purchase. Bring your own picnic rug or chairs to relax on the grass and enjoy the carols and meeting other locals.

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Wonthaggi Woodcrafters president Neil Lenne and instructor Neil Bateman displaying some of the members handcrafted items which were for sale. Ns014922

Woodies Christmas Shop impresses all

THE Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Christmas Shop was back and bigger than ever this year.

On display were a range of high-quality timber products from kids' toys, mantle clocks, small furniture and artistic display items which were handcrafted and available for purchase at exceptionally reasonable prices.

There was truly something for everyone!

The Woodies will be holding another Christmas Shop on December 17-18, at the Wonthaggi Club.

Visit www.wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au for more information.





Shop in BASS COAST this Christmas

Can you spare a tin or carton for a Christmas hamper?

SUPPLEMENTING Christmas celebrations this year, Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre – Mitchell House is collecting and gifting hampers filled with non-perishable, within date goods to help those struggling to get through the festive period.

From necessities including UHT milk and tinned items to the festive variety those who wish to donate are welcome to pop the items in the free pantry at the front with a note or pop inside and pass over their donations.

The hampers will be put together on December 13 with hamper collection available in the lead up period to Christmas thereafter.

In addition to the festive hampers and regular free pantry on the verandah, Mitchell House often has leftover meals from the community lunches that are frozen and available for collection – pop inside for availability, no questions asked.





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Bass Coast Shire's customer service staff member Greg was overjoyed to see how many presents have been accumulating underneath the Christmas tree.
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Generous spirit in Wonthaggi

THE Bass Coast Shire's Christmas Giving Trees has been inundated with heart-warming gifts for those in need this festive season.

The annual charity program helps ensure that Christmas is a special day for the whole Bass Coast community.

Coordinated by the Combined Welfare Group - which includes Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul and Bass Coast Health's Davey House - the scheme works directly with local families.

Christmas Giving Trees are on display in Council's Customer Service Centres in Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Cowes and Grantville with gifts accepted from 10am to 3pm.

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Books, DVD's, clothing, blankets, soft toys, succulents and seeds pop on down (no electrical).

"Many of us are experiencing hard times, but we can get through it with mutual aid," Jessica Harrison said.

"The free shop is a great chance

to meet new people, giveaway your unwanted items and find new ones.

Hosted at the Harvest Centre in Wonthaggi (behind Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre Mitchell House) the pop-up event is on this Saturday (December 10).

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The gallery provides a warm and inviting environment and is run by friendly volunteers, many of them artists whose works are featured.

New members and volunteers are always welcome.

Korumburra's Jenny Gray, the gallery's secretary, was the friendly volunteer on duty on Thursday, with her vibrant ceramic works among the diverse range of items on display.

Paintings, jewellery, glass work, knitting, felt work, baby goods including bibs, cardigans and soft toys, photos and cards are all available, making the gallery a one-stop shop for gifts.

There is also a strong chance you will spot something just for you.

Artist Elenor Davis who

paints in oils and watercolours popped in during this scribe's visit to deliver Christmas cards featuring prints of her festive paintings.

Leongatha Gallery treasurer Jennifer Warburton also paid a visit and spoke about what makes Leongatha Gallery a special spot for shoppers and artists alike.

"Everything's handmade, local and it's a great place for artists to display their items, and products are unique and not mass produced," Jennifer said.

As well as providing a great display space and a good social network for artists, the gallery also pays artists fairly for works and rewards those who volunteer there at least once a month by reducing the commission due on any of their works that are sold.

Leongatha Gallery membership is just \$25 per year.

You can check out the gallery at leongathagallery.com.au as well as on Instagram and Facebook.



Jenny Gray volunteers at Leongatha Gallery on Thursday, standing with some of her ceramic works. A05_4922

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Christmas in Leongatha

Don't miss the carols this year!

LEONGATHA Community Carols will be jam-packed this year when it returns this weekend.

Because we haven't had the carols for the past two years, we had lots of people keen to be involved this year.

We have all three kinders performing to give the kids an opportunity to be on a big stage and sing their song to family, friends and the community.

We have the Mass Kids Choir, which is made up of primary aged children from schools in Leongatha and the area.

We have Barnyard Animal Buddies from 4:30-6pm and face painting 5pm- 6pm, we have pre-carols entertainment by The Privateers, a local band performing at 5:15-6pm.

We are kicking off the carols night at 6:15pm on Friday, December 9, with the South Gippsland Brass Band playing some tunes and Aoife O'Connell opening the carols singing O Come all Ye Faithful.

Other performers involved

are Jonah Van Stekelenburg, who played Lola in Kinky Boots with Lyric and also just finished performing with Ladies in Black.

A local favourite Marty Box, Jen Holm to Jim Pickersgill performing for the first time singing with Kerry Lockhart. Plus many more amazing amazing artists.

We have two dance troupes performing, Santa will be visiting and we have a special raffle that will be only open on the night for the chance to press the button to set off the fireworks!

Food will be available from Lions, Junior Footy Canteen and other vendors.

The carols stall will be selling popcorn, fairy floss, slushies, glow gear and show bags. all the money will go back into the running of next year's carols.

Bring your chairs, picnic rug, enthusiasm and cash! It's a gold coin donation for entry and the carols stall and raffle is cash only.



Fruitcakes back better than ever

LEONGATHA Lions Club are back with their famous Christmas fruitcakes which are packed and ready to serve! The cakes and other Christmas treats will be on sale every week until Christmas on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Be sure to catch Les Byrne and Sue Jukes along Bair Street and treat yourself this Christmas.

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South Gippsland Carols

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Bring a picnic rug or a chair, sing along with the pop-up Coal Creek Choir, and say hello to Santa.

The South Gippsland Concert band will be playing. Special music guest Harry Hook opens the night.

You can BYO, have a picnic, or purchase food and beverages from the 2nd Korumburra Scouts on the night.

Bookings are essential. Book your free ticket online through Eventbrite or call 5655 1811.

CHRISTMAS IN THE BOO

Mirboo North's Christmas in the Boo is back, running from 5pm on Friday December 9.

Get in early for an encounter with the man in red as he makes his way through the park, support local makers and creators by ticking off your Christmas shopping at the market and then grab a bite to eat while you sit on the grass and listen to live music.

Later in the evening, you're encouraged to warm up your vocal cords and sing along with the carols.

There is fun for the whole family with jumping castles, a petting zoo, pony rides and face painting for the kids.

LEONGATHA COMMUNITY CAROLS

Leongatha Community Carols is back bigger and better than ever this year with gates open at 5.30pm on December 9 at Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

It's a great event for the whole family, with music, singing, fireworks and food.

In 2022, the event is supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, and the Salvos will have a trailer there to collect donations.

Donations can also be made at the Salvation Army Church or the South Gippsland Shire Council office.

MEENIYAN CAROLS

Tanderra Park proved a popular setting for Meeniyah's carols event last year and is the setting again on Friday December 23 for a night of festive family joy.

Proceedings commence with a free barbecue at 6pm, with the band striking up at approximately 7pm and carols getting underway about half an hour later.

There'll be candles, lollies for the kids and locals singing.

While it is hoped the weather will be as accommodative as it was last year, provisions have been made to move into the hall should that not be the case.

TARWIN LOWER CAROLS

Tarwin Lower Union Church will run a sausage sizzle and Christmas carols, commencing at 6.30pm on Thursday December 22.

Lions roaring back to life

THE Leongatha Lions are getting back to business for the season and post-COVID with new members joining and helping in the community.

Four new members have joined to serve the community and are already in the thick of it, helping out with at the Daffodil Festival hall setup and dismantle, cooking the Woorayl Lodge Fete and distributing Lions Christmas Cakes.

Recently, the Leongatha Lions held a series of sausage sizzles with the support of IGA Leongatha.

During this time, shoppers had the opportunity to donate non-perishable goods or a small donation of their choice with proceeds going to the Salvation Army.

In early November, the donations (60kg of goods and \$632) were passed onto the Leongatha Salvation Army, and placed in the care of an appreciative local Chaplin and Officer Amanda Hart.



Leongatha Lions were proud to make a donation to the Salvation Army. Pictured are members Mike Touzel, Grant McMahon, Steve Burge, Dave Thompson, Amanda Hart (Salvation Army Chaplin) and Les Byrne.

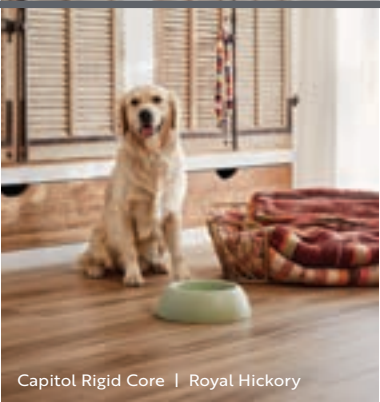


Teaming up to bring Christmas cheer

SOUTH Gippsland Shire and Leongatha Salvation Army are helping those in need this Christmas by seeking food and toy donations. Last Christmas, the Salvos provided more than 64,000 hampers and 26,000 gifts to individuals and families. Donations can be made at the shire's reception in Leongatha before December 7, underneath their Christmas tree. Any donations are requested to be unwrapped.



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Assistant manager Kim Cullen models a Valia linen dress in the colour labelled Kiwi, navy also available. A10_4922

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Influence Clothing owner Judy Stone said the fabric has changed over the years, making it less prone to creasing.

Brands such as Valia and Philosophy are Australian made, with the store's assistant manager Kim Cullen modelling an impressive Valia linen dress named Tall Poppy.

"It's beautiful to wear, comfortable with stretch panels and arms, and has great style," Kim said.

The Influence team is ready to help you find the perfect item or outfit, having a great eye for colours and what goes well together, as well as what suits each individual.

With some advice from Kim, customer Marilyn Lewis quickly found something ideal and summery to wear.

She said the combination of fantastic clothes and lovely and helpful staff are the reasons she keeps returning to the store.



Influence Clothing is well stocked with summer outfits that will look and feel perfect when the sun emerges and be ideal for social gatherings over the festive period. A11_4922

"They've always got what I want when I come in," Marilyn declared.

Influence Clothing's varied stock, and enthusiastic team will help you feel your best from head to toe with a range of casual leather shoes to choose from, including Django & Juliette.

Judy has been in business for over 30 years, with many customers simply saying, "We're going to Judy's."

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Another successful year for Mirboo North's Community Bank

THE Community Bank Mirboo North & District saw a good turnout at the combined Annual General Meeting and Grants Presentation evening with over 40 people in attendance on November 9.

Board Chair Jan Head, in her address said, "We have had a good year despite the challenging economic climate of the past 12 months, enabling us to contribute an impressive \$82,220 to the district through donations, sponsorships and grants. The total Community Contributions at the end of June 2022 stands at just over 1.3 Million dollars. Against a tough economic backdrop, this excellent result has allowed the Board to announce a fully franked dividend of 5 cents per share which will be paid in December."

Jan highlighted the key elements that contributed to the continuing success of the business; the continued support from loyal shareholders and customers; volunteer Directors who expertly guide the business; Executive Officer, Anne Marie Dieperink and Administration and Board Support Officer, Viv Williams, who ensure the efficient running of the business; knowledgeable and dedicated staff who are the face of the Community Bank.

New Branch Manager Alex Masut, who came to the branch a month ago, commended the staff on their excellent skills, and appreciated the great welcome he had received from customers, staff and the Board.

The grants were presented by staff and directors.

A wonderfully diverse range of applications were received, with a total of \$32,938 awarded in this round for exciting and worthwhile projects benefiting local communities.

Recipients include:

South Gippsland Gliding Club: \$680 for a sunshade shelter to protect gliding participants from the elements.

Walter J Tuck Reserve: \$3,800 to upgrade and modernise recreation reserve entry signage to make it more informative and welcoming for patrons.

Boolarra Community Development Group: \$999 for Easter in Boolarra; a wonderful community celebration of Easter with entertainment and activities.

Mirboo Recreation Reserve Inc: \$950 for a much needed upgrade of their electrical switchboards.

Mirboo Country Development Inc: \$2,000 towards reinstating 'Xmas in the Boo'; a popular family Xmas event with stalls, activities and entertainment.

Boolarra Memorial Hall: \$1,998 – Easy Clean; a cordless stick vacuum cleaner and a hard floor cleaner for the hall, to save on back breaking work cleaning parquetry, lino and carpeted floors in the hall.

Mirboo North Artspace: \$717 for improved heating and cooling essential for the frequently utilised workspace.

Budgeree Hall Reserve Committee: \$2,500 for a regular morning tea, bringing together the socially isolated and elderly, in a nurturing environment.

1st Mirboo North Scout Group: \$500 for a Safe Ladder, to make it more practical and safer to access the roof, loft and high ceilings for maintenance in the Scout Hall.

Mirboo Country Development Inc: \$3,000 for BooFIIT to hold a free well-being weekend with various forms of activities to enhance and promote well-being for our communities.

Boolarra Folk Festival: \$5,000 towards the 20th Boolarra Folk Festival, back by popular demand; a delightful day of music, stalls of every variety and activities.

South Gippsland BMX Club: \$900 for the BMX trailer artwork for advertising to encourage more people to get active and try BMX racing.

Mirboo North United Football Club: \$5,000 for the Soccer team for appropriate team clothing for matches and mobile advertising to take to matches.

Gippsland Sculpture Exhibition: \$5,000 for the acquisition of a sculpture to be given to the Yinnar township.

The Community Bank holds two rounds of the CIP annually – the next round is in March 2023.

For enquiries about banking products please contact Branch Manager, Alex Masut on 0493 606 570.

Christmas in Mirboo North

MIRBOO North headed into summer bursting with festive cheer, with a spectacular Christmas tree the highlight.

It stands proudly in front of the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation building, quickly becoming the centre of attention on Wednesday as a crowd gathered to see its star put in place.

Alan Nicholls of Jimmy Jambs café had that honour, having donated the tree which he transported from Traralgon.

Mirboo North Primary School students were delighted to see the tree, with a WIN TV cameraman and reporter on hand to capture the excitement.

Such was the tree's appeal, even Santa was there to check it out after a special trip from his North Pole base.

The ladies of 'Jingle in the Boo', a subcommittee of Mirboo Country Development Incorporated (MCDI), take charge of the town's decorations, with MCDI helping with funding.

"We decorate the main street and do some shop fronts and the windows; this big tree is our main focal point this year," Kylie Cannizzo said.

She and fellow Jingle in the Boo member Lexie Andrews are the main organisers of decorating Mirboo, with other volunteers helping in various ways.

The decorations along Mirboo North's main street, Ridgway, set the mood for Christmas in the Boo, which is set to take place on the evening of December 9, with a trio from Boo Events running that twilight festival.



Jingle in the Boo subcommittee members Kylie Cannizzo and Lexie Andrews love bringing the Christmas spirit to Mirboo North. A07_4922



Alan Nicholls of Jimmy Jambs café places the star on the tree he donated for the Mirboo North community. A08_4922

Christmas in the Boo to return this Friday

CHRISTMAS in the Boo returns on Friday December 9 from 5pm with up to 5000 people expected to enjoy the celebratory event's music, market stalls and tasty food truck delights in Mirboo North.

The twilight Christmas festival takes place in Ridgway, and Baromi Park.

It will be a family-oriented evening, with plenty of free children's activities available.

Lawn games, mini golf, face painting, hair braiding, petting zoo, and Santa photos are a selection of those free activities.

Show bags will be available to buy.

The event is organised by the Christmas in the Boo committee, part of Mirboo Country Development Incorporated.

One of the committee members, Stacey Harriage said the final decision to hold the event was only made in October, in order to see how things played out with COVID.

That meant organisers had to work efficiently, given planning normally starts around July.

"We pulled it together pretty quickly by approaching previous stall holders, rather than going out for general public applications," Stacey said.



Christmas in the Boo committee members Christina Stoeterbecker, Stacey Harriage and Jessie Holland look forward to the twilight Christmas festival.

She outlined the crucial support the event has received.

"We were lucky enough to get some financial support from the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation, the Mirboo North & District Community Bank and the Mirboo North Times," Stacey said, adding how that will improve the evening.

"We can make all of the kids' activities free because we know lots of families are struggling financially, and if they can come to an event like that and not have to reach into their pockets or say no to their children, it will make it a more

enjoyable event for everyone."

There's plenty for adults too, with about 15 food trucks and 60 market stalls operating.

"The majority of them are local Gippsland businesses," Stacey said of the market stalls, saying people will have the chance to finish off their Christmas shopping while boosting the local economy.

The Christmas in the Boo committee ensures there are a broad selection of stalls.

"We want the shoppers to have variety, and for the stall holders to do well and not all be competing against each other for sales," Stacey said.

With large numbers of people in town, the event is also expected to be great for local traders and hospitality operators along the town's main street.

There will be no difficulty finding a Christmas beverage to suit at Christmas in the Boo, with a caravan bar, wine tasting, and a brewery represented.

Kicking off the musical side of the evening, kids can show off their dancing moves with DJ, Stereo Stivva, in action between 5pm and 7pm, with a bubble machine adding to the fun.

Gippsland band Three Oak Road then take the stage, entertaining attendees from 7pm until 10pm.

Stacey said they'll play predominantly pub classics, with Christmas carols also in the mix.

It's hoped the weather will do its part for the return of Christmas in the Boo, enabling people to bring a picnic rug and soak up the atmosphere while they sit down to eat, drink and chat with friends and family.

2022 will be the fourth running of the event, but the first since 2019 due to the usual suspect, with people sure to appreciate it all the more.



SHOP IN KORUMBURRA this Christmas



Korumburra's beginning to look like Christmas

THERE'S a festive feel in Korumburra, with the town's Christmas tree once again taking pride of place. It's located over the road from the Old Post Office building and will boost the yuletide spirit during the Korumburra Christmas shopping night on December 8, and in the lead up to Christmas.

The tree will feature by day and night, with its combination of reflective decorations that glisten in the sun, and lights that ensure it will stand out after dark.

Korumburra Business Association (KBA) created the tree in time for Christmas 2018, with the organisation continuing to look after it

and prepare it each year.

Some of KBA's members were on hand on Monday November 28 to ensure the tree looks the part again, hanging decorations and making sure the star faces the right way.

The creation of the tree was inspired by its green foliage, previously used for festive decorating around town.

Former KBA secretary Shirley Arestia had the idea of using the foliage for a tree, with Rob Cosson turning her vision into reality.

While he gave his time, local businesses supported the purchase of items required.

Rob was on hand again this year, guiding the tree's assembly and displaying agility as he made sure everything was in place.

With the Christmas tree's metal frame and exposed position, safety is an important consideration.

Barrels of water attached to its base keep it securely in place, even in windy conditions.

LEFT: Korumburra Business Association president Shaun Hill, with other KBA members Rick and Shirley Arestia and Rob Cosson after setting up the town's impressive Christmas tree. A01_4922



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Why a public inquiry is needed in Bass

“The right to vote is a cornerstone of our democracy, and I encourage each and every one of you to exercise, and celebrate, this right.”

So said the Acting Electoral Commissioner, Dana Fleming, in the days leading up to the Victorian State Election.

But this catchphrase, for that’s all it appears to be, did not apply to the voters in the District of Bass.

In an absolutely fundamental failure with the VEC’s preparations for election day, they didn’t have enough ballot papers at as many as seven of their 26 polling booths in the Bass District.

Among them were Corinella, Bass, Koo Wee Rup and Newhaven confirmed by voters as running out. There have also been reports that ballot papers either ran low or ran out completely at Catani, Bayles and Grantville.

This was all the more galling as the VEC had voter numbers, booth by booth, from the Federal election in May 2022 as a guide, and in a climate where more than 50 per cent of people had already voted “early”, there can be no excuse.

And why wait to get additional ballot papers until they’ve actually run out at 3pm?

You don’t even wait for the milk in the fridge to run out, for goodness’ sake! You get an extra litre or two from the supermarket well ahead of time.

But as Ms Fleming acknowledged herself, there’s a little bit more at stake here.

At the Federal Election, a total of 850 people voted at the Corinella Hall, whereas only 611 have so far been counted as voting there in the state election.

If the VEC had taken the Federal Election as a guide, they’d have had 239 extra ballot papers at Corinella just waiting to be used.

So, how many people were turned away at Corinella, offered little more than the chance to return later, go somewhere else, or avoid voting altogether by leaving their name simply to avoid a fine?

We don’t know. The VEC doesn’t know. It could be as many as 200 voters.

That’s not “celebrating the right to vote”.

And of course, the failure is brought into sharper focus by the fact that the result in Bass is likely to be decided by fewer than 200 votes. Would it have made a difference if everyone had voted? It could have.

But that’s not the point. The point is that every vote matters, it’s “the cornerstone of our democracy” remember... you simply don’t run out of ballot papers.

There has to be serious questions asked about whether the VEC is up to running an election, any election.

The people of South Gippsland Shire will recall that during the local government elections there in October 2021, the VEC lost just over 9000 postal voting packs, or almost one third of the ballot packs supposed to go out to voters, forcing them to extend the closing date for the all-postal election by a week.

The VEC was also still advertising for polling booth staff as late as November 18, 2022, but it’s interesting to note they listed regional vacancies at Wendouree, Bendigo East, Eildon and Lowan, not Bass.

Voters tell us many Bass booths were woefully short of electoral staff on election day.

So, what happened? The voters of Bass deserve a public inquiry, a public explanation, and a public apology; our democracy depends on it!

Vox Pop

What is your most memorable Christmas present?



Alana Hamilton
Wonthaggi
“iPod nano from my mum and handmade gifts from the kids.”



Josh Ferguson
Wonthaggi
“A fish piggy bank – there were ads on TV when I was a kid for it!”



Jayde Dowling
Inverloch
“A big book – 20 seasons of The Simpsons all in one book.”



Shelley McAuliffe
Wonthaggi
“Erin (support worker) gave me a dolphin charm necklace with blue stone – it’s something I’d been after for a while.”

Play it safe this festive season

Many of you will already be thinking about your plans for summer and the school holidays.

Those less organised might be hurriedly making plans (and buying presents!) at a time when, thankfully, we can get around more than during the past two festive seasons.

In my past life as a policewoman, I always felt conflicted about the Christmas holiday season. There’s no doubt it is an exciting time of year.

Catching up with friends, colleagues and family, eating and, occasionally, drinking a little too much. But for me the festive season also brought with it a profound sense of dread.

There would be more cars on the road, people would be hurrying to finish projects, pushing themselves harder, both mentally and physically, and burning the candle at both ends. When this happens, bad things can happen and people get hurt. Or worse, killed.

From 2018 to 2021, four people lost their lives in a Gippsland workplace incident in the final two months of the year, while 661 injury claims were accepted by WorkSafe.

Regardless of the time of year, it is truly awful when people get injured or don’t come home from work. But, rightly or wrongly, I always feel that trauma is magnified at this time of year. Not being with family and loved ones at this time of year never gets easier.

WorkSafe Victoria recently launched its holiday safety campaign, Let’s Put 2022 Safely Behind Us. As employers across all industries strive to meet end of year deadlines, WorkSafe’s campaign carries a simple, yet incredibly important message.

That is, to ensure workplace health and safety remains the top priority at all workplaces in the lead up to, and throughout the holiday season. The safety and wellbeing of workers is far more important than meeting that last-minute deadline or sales target.

No industry is immune from the risks. Manufacturing, warehousing, delivery and retail workers experience a surge in demand at this time every year. There will be many inexperienced workers – including school leavers – who have been recruited to help meet demand during the holidays and who, without appropriate training, supervision and equipment, face increased risks to their health and safety. With longer opening hours and more shoppers, retail and hospitality workers can experience a higher incidence of occupational violence and aggression.

This can range from subtle behaviours such as eye rolling to yelling, spitting and assault. Put yourself in the position of the worker or think how you’d feel if that person was your son or daughter, brother or sister, mother or father.

Construction companies may also be tempted to push their workers extra hard to finish a project before Christmas, but bypassing safety protocols that are in place to protect workers in what is already a high-

risk industry is never ok.

Since 2018, there have been more than 580 injury claims from construction workers in Gippsland. Regardless of the industry, all workplaces must have adequate safe systems of work to avoid or reduce common risks such as injuries from dangerous machinery and equipment, strain from repetitive tasks, slips and trips, and injuries from lifting heavy loads.

Workers are an employer’s most valuable asset, which is why it is so important that every employer acts on their responsibility to maintain safe working environments and systems, and to control risks to workers’ physical and psychological health.

Please put safety first in everything you do so everyone is able to celebrate a wonderful holiday season, surrounded by family and friends.

Take that extra time to finish the job safely – or wait until next year.

WorkSafe Executive Director of Health and Safety Narelle Beer

Disappointing return

On Thursday, November 17, I completed the last leg of my return journey home after a very enjoyable holiday visiting family and friends in England.

I am an 81 year old long term resident of Inverloch.

Like so many of my friends, I lost several of my friends over COVID, and so this journey back to the country of my birth was important to me.

I had a wonderful time, and even though I did not have my own transport over there, my friends made sure that I was able to get around and see everyone.

Therefore, it was with deep sorrow that when I arrived at Inverloch my suitcase was missing.

I have a walker to help with my mobility, and the bus driver had asked me to remain seated on the bus until all the other passengers had got off and then he could help me.

I saw a man wheel my suitcase between the two buses at Koo Wee Rup, and when I went from one bus to the other, I saw that it was on.

I didn’t think anything of that incident, as so many people had been kind and helpful to me.

But it was not on the bus when I alighted at Inverloch.

I have enquired with Dyson, who ran that service, also with V-Line, to no avail.

The suitcase was a \$79 one from Big W, and the clothes were from Kmart or Big W, and there was nothing of great value in the case, but there were memories that cannot be replaced.

Including a small Christmas gift from a friend, who because of her age I might never see again.

And so I ask ‘What has happened to our area?’ I have travelled all over the world, in-

cluding countries where you would not be surprised if this happened.

But it has happened on the last lap of a very enjoyable holiday, in what I thought was a safe place to travel.

I must mention that the suitcase contained a big plastic bag of very soiled clothes from two incidents on the plane, and I had intentions of dealing with it on my return home.

So that was Karma. But it would have been nice if you could have dumped my suitcase somewhere where it could have been returned to me, and I could have had my little mementos which are of no value to anyone but me.

Shame on you. I really hope Karma remembers you.

Peta Campton

Party must change stance

I am appalled to learn that the National Party has announced they will not support the Yes vote for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people’s Voice to Parliament be enshrined in the Australian Constitution - because it won’t do anything to Close the Gap!

If the National Party were genuine in their concern about Closing the Gap, they would acknowledge First Peoples by supporting the Referendum and simultaneously focus their efforts on what is required to Close the Gap.

Australia is the only Commonwealth Country not to have signed a Treaty with the original people of the land invaded 234 years ago.

And we all know this National Party represents the agricultural sector, it has not only benefited from the land - it is appalling in this day and age, they still deny any recognition in the Country’s Birth Certificate - the Australian Constitution.

But then self-interest may still be blindsiding them.

Perhaps when the Liberal Coalition Parties review their significant election defeats nationally and in Victoria, they maybe decide to reverse this appalling decision.

I suggest the Nationals need to hear not only the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their Industry members and the general Australian Public. They could also understand the sky is not falling in the State of Victoria, which is well advanced in its Recognition of First Peoples, Truth and Treaty - all elements of the Makaratta Commission and the Voice to the National Parliament. It’s time.

Lorraine Rodda, San Remo

The ‘Sentinel-Times’ encourages readers to write with issues of interest or concern but letters that have a local reference point will be given priority. Writers are also urged to be brief where possible. Letters may be edited for space and legal reasons, and must be submitted with the author’s name and contact details of which only the name and town location will appear.

It's all happening in Mirboo North this week

MEMBERS of CWA Mirboo North Night Owls are holding a Community Expo on December 8 at the town's Shire Hall to showcase local community groups and what they offer, and also to provide support for victims of domestic violence.

Night Owls secretary Bev O'Connor said the expo provides the opportunity to put women experiencing domestic violence in touch with appropriate services, while allowing them to be part of a broad community event.

Close to 40 community groups will be represented at the event, with three or four stalls able to provide information for those experiencing family violence.

Anglicare, Headspace and The Orange Door will be present.

While the opportunity to enjoy a free Devonshire tea and savour CWA's famous scones is reason enough for locals to attend the expo, Bev said the organisation's role extends well beyond baking.

"The purpose of the CWA is to support women and children in the community," she said, with that mission aligning with the current Orange the World campaign run by the United Nations and its 16 Days of Activism

Against Gender Based Violence.

Bev believes people's understanding of the CWA's role and their trust in the organisation will encourage many to attend the expo.

Community groups have embraced the opportunity to be part of the event, with their members looking forward to chatting to people about what the groups do and the benefits of joining.

Sporting clubs, the local Lions Club and the organisers of the town's Italian Festa will be among the many community groups present.

Attendees are encouraged to vote for the group of their choice, with the winning organisation to receive a \$500 prize courtesy of the Community Bank Mirboo North & District.

Bev said the club's Night Owls nickname is important as it reflects the fact the group meets in the evenings, enabling working women to be a part of the organisation.

Community Expo details:

Where: Mirboo North Shire Hall

When: Thursday December 8, from 2.30pm until 6.30pm

Cost: Entry is free, as is afternoon tea.



Kerry Ives promotes the upcoming Community Expo in Mirboo North.



Janine of Treat Time is looking forward to Inverloch's street party this Thursday.

Christmas Street Party to land in Inverloch

INVERLOCH is excited to announce festive celebrations will start early with a Christmas Street party on December 8, from 5pm-8pm.

A'Beckett Street will be closed off so the fun and activities can spill out onto the street.

It's a great chance to #shoplocal and get some Christmas (or just because) shopping done, catch up for a meal or drink with a friend and relax as the street comes alive and the kids are entertained.

Local traders will open late so you can show them some support and there will be plenty of great food choices

DJ Nige will be spinning tunes so you can bop as you shop

Bass Coast Council is arranging plenty of fun activities for the kids and Wattlebank Farm will be there so you can talk to a horse.

Scouts will be selling cut Christmas trees and the Surf Life Saving Club will be running demos.

Burra Brewery, the ever cook Kombi Keg as well as the local pubs will be serving grown up beverages so maybe you just want to sit, watch the fun and have a drink.

Greener Life Inverloch indoor plant shop and Melaleuca native plant nursery will be coming into town to join the fun, and sell some living greenery. There is also a number of additional stall holders coming with handmade goodies and delicious treats.

The CFA and Surf Life Savers will be there, and it is hoped the jolly man in the red suit will make an appearance to remind us Christmas really is around the corner.

It's all about just having fun and celebrating with our local community as the Bass Coast Shire launches its program to encourage us to all Shop, Eat, Love Local – here in Inverloch!

For more information contact:

Nic Griffiths- Inverloch Traders ph. 0420 935 189

Lauren Van Strijp -Bass Coast Shire ph 0409 319 231

Add your artistic touch to Cowes

BASS Coast Shire is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from experienced artists to create a contemporary public artwork for Cowes.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, explained that the key aim for the commission is to provide an invitation that welcomes everyone to the culturally dynamic and activated Cowes town centre.

"We want the local community and visitors to Cowes to see this work as a symbol of the cultural vitality of the township. We hope it becomes an additional attraction to the area," Cr Whelan said.

"We're looking for creativity that reflects the development of Cowes as a contemporary cultural centre."

Artists are required to register their interest by submitting a portfolio of previous works and an online application by close on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

Artists can access more information, the EOI guidelines and application on Council's website at <https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/explore/arts-and-culture/opportunities-for-artists/public-art-opportunities>

Night to honour Inverloch's dedicated RSL members

A SPECIAL night of awards at the Inverloch RSL Sub Branch on Sunday night.

What started out as the Christmas Dinner, was soon a very special night with three awards for RSL members Bob Sutton, Ted Cross and John Langford.

Bob Sutton, President of the Sub Branch, received the RSL's highest award of the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding service to the RSL over 50 plus years.

The award recognised the hard work and dedication to the Vietnam veteran, who has served in executive positions at both Mornington and Inverloch RSLs.

Bob thanked his wife Helen for her amazing support and patience over many years.

The second award was made to Ted Cross who received a Gold Badge for his



Ted Cross, Bob Sutton, John Langford and Robert Webster at Inverloch RSL's awards night.

Life Membership. Ted has been a stalwart of the Sub Branch and is its longest serving member.

At age 90, he still does the hall management and has some 24 years' service on the flag roster.

An amazing effort.

A third award, Life

Membership of the RSL went to John Langford.

John has given outstanding service to the Diamond Creek and Doreen Sub Branches before retiring and going onto the committee as treasurer at Inverloch.

John is an ex-head chef at Qantas and delights us all

with amazing meals at the functions held at Inverloch.

The awards were presented by Dr Robert Webster OAM, President of RSL Victoria who made a special trip to Inverloch in recognition of the fantastic effort of our Inverloch RSL Sub Branch volunteers.

Bass Coast dancers on show

DANCERS from Bass Coast Ballet School had the chance to show an audience what they have learned, performing in its annual concert on Saturday at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

With the school catering to everyone, dancers ranged from two years of age through to adults, with a wide variety of dance genres for people to enjoy.

Ballet, jazz, hip hop, tap, and contemporary and lyrical dance all featured.

Some of the 65 performers started dancing this year, while others brought more experience to the event.

While there were some nerves, there was plenty of excitement backstage.

Supporting local families by making dance affordable is a priority for Bass Coast Ballet School, its president Kerrie Atyeo pointed out.

"It's a not-for-profit school run by a parent committee," she said.

During lessons, students get the attention they need to improve their dancing and to ensure they enjoy themselves, with no more than 10 in a class.

Although the school's dance students are mainly female, it is starting to attract some males.



Students from Bass Coast Ballet School prepare to show what they have learned throughout the year. A21_4922

Welcome addition to Agnes Falls Reserve

By Friends of Agnes Falls

A SURPRISE awaits visitors to our beautiful Agnes Falls, with the installation of a new seat along the riverside walking track.

Take a minute or two to relax with a view of the Agnes River before it begins its cascading descent down into the gorge 59 metres below!

You might even be lucky enough to spot a duck or moorhen, paddling by.

The picturesque grounds have also been mowed recently, by Parks Victoria staff, and await your visit, with a picnic or barbecue.

There are plenty of outdoor picnic tables in the reserve, as well as two undercover in the shelter.

Bring your own portable unit, and drinking water, and be prepared to take your rubbish home with you as no bins are provided.

As always, well-behaved dogs on leads are also welcome.

During November 2022, another 2357 visitors enjoyed their view of the falls, bringing our total to date to just under 30,000.

We look forward to further improving the grounds on the morning of Saturday, December 10, when some of our members will undertake a two hour Working Bee, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

If you would like to join us please register on www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au and ensure you have a current Working With Children Check, as this is now mandatory for all our volunteers.

New members are also welcome to join our group at any time. Annual fee is only \$10 for adults, or \$25 for families with children 16 and under.

We have only a few of our 2023 fundraising Agnes Falls Wall and Poster Calendars still available, at \$18 and \$12 respectively (plus \$3 postage), so if interested please contact our FoAF Secretary on 5688 1400 or email friendsofagnesfalls@gmail.com

New leadership for Destination Gippsland

JAN Fitzgerald has been elected as Chair of Destination Gippsland at its recent Annual General Meeting succeeding Nick Murray who has retired from the Board after serving a successful three-year term as Chair.

Ms Fitzgerald has been the Chair of the Destination Gippsland Audit, Risk, Finance and Governance Committee and is an experienced Executive Leader, and Non-Executive Director.

She has diverse experience across corporate, not-for-profit and government sectors, with particular skills in governance, strategy, sustainability, finance and retail.

She is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and CPA Australia.

Joining the Destination Gippsland is Josh Singh who is the General Manager of Mansi on Raymond, a premium accommodation property in Sale.

Despite a difficult environment for the visitor economy, 2021-22 was a year of achievement for Destination Gippsland.

During the past 12 months it was awarded the Gold in the Victorian Tourism Awards and the Australian Tourism Awards for Destination Marketing, and won the prestigious Australian Marketing Institute National Award for Brand Revitalisation.

During 2022, Gippsland showed strong signs of recovery by attracting the most visitors of any region in Victoria and expenditure hit an all-time high with over \$1.5 billion spent by visitors.

Destination Gippsland is the Regional Tourism Board owned by the six local governments in Gippsland and is governed by a Board of Directors including Jan Fitzgerald, Neil Travers, Nicola Pero, Andrew Clarke, Josh Singh, Anthony Basford, Kerryn Ellis, Steve Pisante, David Morcom, Ali Wastie and Mark Dupe.



Sweet Shepherds 12 Days of Christmas Auction has kicked off with daily auction prizes up for grabs, not only are you ticking your furry friend off the ‘to buy’ list but you’re supporting others like him. C18_4922

Get the gifts for your furry friend that help another

IT’S 12 DAYS of Christmas this fortnight as Sweet Shephard Rescue kicks off their annual daily Christmas Auction with toys, beds, treats and all for your four-legged friend.

But behind the generous donations and incredible volunteers is one particular lady of note, Samantha who kicked off the rescue back in 2013 from Gippsland.

“I brought Mia from a breeder, and I wanted to adopt a second dog to partner with her; to be a friend,” Samantha said.

“When I was searching there were very few shepherds going through the rescues, and rescues were quite nervous around shepherds and they weren’t bringing them in; there was no breed specific rescue, so we started one!”

Fast forward 11 years, and Samantha currently has six shepherds of mixed origin and sub breeds that now call her property home and will see out their final days surrounded by fresh air and plenty of space to run and relax.

“I lost count over COVID how many came through our doors – we’re probably pushing close to 1200-1300 dogs over the years.

“COVID went nuts – there were a lot of anti-social dogs that have never left houses and had been brought at a very young age. At six to seven months, they would contact us, and we were getting a lot of six-to-twelve-month-olds surrendered for aggression, reactivity, separation anxiety, destroying things – the usual things when you adopt a dog at six weeks old and it hasn’t been socialised.

“People were also losing their homes and they couldn’t move into rentals

with dogs; and finances was a big problem.

“People couldn’t afford the care – a lot of people who had dogs that needed surgery could financially afford it.”

Whilst Sweet Shepherd has catered for young and old alike over the years, their specialty and niche is medical rescue.

“Anything medical or orthopaedic that needs to happen comes through us.

“It’s a big thing. Often dogs are brought in that are quite neglected and have been left too long without care because people can’t afford it – it’s a big problem.”

People facing financial difficulties are urged to reach out to a rescue or crisis fund early.

“People can surrender their dog to us, and we’ll take care of it. People can also have that conversation with their vet or see if any local rescues may help take their case on. Otherwise, there is the Pet Medical Crisis fund that can help financially. But don’t prolong it...

“We’ve got a dog at the moment that has come in pretty awful and there really is no need for dogs to end up in that condition. He is literally just a bag of bones – he’s 20kg (a male shepherd averages 35-40kg), his skin is all infected and his ears are completely broken from infection after infection and aural haematomas. His coat looks like it’s about to fall off.

“If you’re struggling contact people early and try to get them the care they need early.

“If you see something, say something too – speak to the people, maybe they don’t recognise it’s gotten to a point out of their control. See if you can help. By ignoring it all you’re doing is

allowing the dog to suffer for longer, and it happens a lot in rural.”

But with the heartache, there are also many precious memories.

“I love the seniors, the oldies that come here and live until grand old ages; it’s absolutely the best, especially if they’ve had a rough start to life.

“They get spoilt...”

And whilst relaxing on the sofa watching movies with a big ball of fluff might sound appealing, Samantha is very set on individuals and families doing their research; and rightly so.

“Research the type of dog you’re looking at, and research properly.

“We get a lot of working shepherds and Malinois in from homes that had no idea the working load of that dog. Research the right kind of shepherd, and if you’re not sure reach out to a rescue for that breed, because they will know some reputable breeders that they work with, or may have a suitable pup for adoption.

“We’re a small rescue trying to do as much as we can with as many dogs coming through as we can, and we rely solely on donations.

“We can spend anywhere between \$200,000 and \$300,000 a year on vet bills – we’re always open to donations from businesses and individuals, whether financially or with items.

“We also host fundraising events throughout the year, the upcoming 12 Days of Christmas, but due to the pandemic we have been unable to host our major fundraising events, and people are not as financially stable as they once were.”

She highlighted they also have three programs in

place to assist those in need.

“Our desexing program where we provide financial funds for those that need to desex their shepherds and we have a domestic violence program, where we can hold dogs for between two and four weeks in kennels so individuals can get back on their feet.

“We also run our seniors and palliation program. Don’t just euthanise senior dogs for the sake of euthanising them. We will bring them into homes with older people or ourselves and take care of them – they get all the medical and vet care they require.”

Sweet Shepherd Rescue also has an amazing team of vets and specialist veterinarians behind them, including Inverloch Animal Doc and Hampton Veterinary Clinic.

And whilst Samantha has seen the beauty of animals working together, including the senior dogs keeping vigil alongside parvo puppies, she has very sound advice for those with dogs or looking to introduce them into the family.

“Don’t overexercise your puppy. Don’t let them jump up, on or over until their joints are formed – this includes on sofas and into vehicles. Go swimming or play with them in the backyard instead.

“The more you train an athlete, the more energy they’ll put out.

“Stimulate their brain, play with their senses and hide treats – mix it up. You don’t have to walk them every day.”

Check out the daily auction items on their Facebook page – @ssrainc or head to their website for more information and to donate this Christmas.

Good year for some gardens, disastrous for others

IT HAS been a very cold and wet spring this year and many plants have suffered especially tomatoes. Many customers have been complaining that their tomatoes have been suffering fungal diseases; hopefully now the weather is finally warming they improve and thrive.

Dusting with a tomato dust helps but you need one that contains a fungicide.

One plant that has thrived with this weather are the hydrangeas, they love the cool and plenty of water. Hydrangeas are another of the plants that have been around forever, but are now making resurgence with new colours and varieties and make fantastic gifts.

There are a great many more kinds of hydrangeas than the popular old fashioned mophead, but even the old mopheads have had a makeover.

They come in assorted colours - red, purple, blue, pink and white, some have double flowers, there are new varieties with dark foliage which looks stunning with the red flowers.

The colour of the flower changes with the pH of the soil, if your soil is acidic, flowers will tend to be blue shades, if alkaline then you get red shades. White flowers stay white.

Other popular hydrangeas are the oak leaf hydrangea (*hydrangea querifolia*), This variety is valued for its magnificent autumn tints.

The leaves are large and strongly lobed much like an American oak – hence its name. It has large creamy white conical flowers.

Another popular hydrangea is the *Hydrangea paniculata*, which has large flowers and flowers later than the other hydrangeas and will also take the sun better than other hydrangeas.

Most have large cream flowers but one of the most popular strawberry sundae has lovely pink flowers. These plants will be available around march in 2023.

It has been a good year for roses and they have been putting a fantastic display. Roses are tough they can survive with total neglect and have proven to be great survivors in drought but if you want the best from your roses they love food and water.

This time of year they benefit from feeding, mulching, dead heading and a regular spray for pests (thrips, aphids and spider mite) and diseases black spot and powdery mildew which increases with humid weather.

Using a seaweed tonic like maxicrop or seasoil helps keep roses healthy and free of disease so less sprays are needed.

Salvias are tough dependable plants that are easy to grow and propagate they quickly, making them ideal perennial plants to include in garden beds.

They thrive with hot and dry conditions.

Most gardeners and cooks know and love the delicious herb sage (*Salvia officinalis*), cosy partner of parsley, rosemary and thyme.

But common garden sage is but one member of a genus of at least 900 species of annuals and herbaceous and shrubby perennials, many of which have equal claims to fame.

Not only that, but with such a huge number of different salvias, this group has become a plant collector's paradise but with so many varieties (and not to mention the name variation) plus new cultivars that appear on the market every year it will take a very enthusiastic collector to collect them all.

Sage (salvias) are related to the mint family.

They vary in size texture and shape from groundcover plants, to compact

By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North Garden Centre

shrubs to quite huge wild bushes and come from a wide variety of habitats, meaning that there is one to suit almost any place in the garden.

There are flower colours in almost every hue, including black and brown.

Salvias have some of the most brilliant blues of all flowers, some of the most vibrant reds, and some of the prettiest pinks, as well as many other colours in between.

Many have scented leaves - pineapple sage (*S.elegans*) and fruity sage (*S.dorisiana*) are delicious in drinks.

Salvia foliage can be quite tactile: hairy or velvety, shiny and smooth, or quite corrugated and rough.

All salvias have square stems with tubular flowers with a lip.

The long, graceful spires of flowers contrast well with other flower shapes in the garden.

Most are incredibly long blooming: over many months in a lot of cases.

Many flowers over summer and autumn, others bloom in winter, so they offer colour outside the traditionally spring period.

With garden salvias, pruning is the key to maintaining their vigour and promoting an attractive, compact habit.

Unless collecting seed, remove spent flower spikes to stimulate a second and even third flush of blooms. When pruning woody-stemmed varieties, cut plants back hard but never prune to bare wood. Pruning is generally done after flowering, but this can be difficult when some varieties flower almost continuously as with hot lips salvia. What I do is prune the bush half now and then the other half later.

Another star in the garden (because of its superb perfume) at this time of year is the Gardenia.

The Gardenia's fragrant flowers are contrasted by the thick, shiny dark green leaves.

Gardenias came initially from a warm climate, so they don't like being freezing cold and they do not like it too hot.

Gardenias need a protected position in the garden with some morning sun.

An east-facing location is ideal, where the plant can be shelter from the very hot afternoon sun. Gardenia plants will grow quite successfully in a large pot filled with acid potting mix.

The fragrant and beautiful creamy white flowers occur from late spring to late autumn and will bloom over the Christmas period. Flowers can be picked to use as a buttonhole or pose.

One of the most asked questions about Gardenias is the yellowing of older leaves in late winter and spring.

This is usually a sign that the plant is moving its magnesium to the new growth. In the beginning of spring feed with Epsom Salts (Magnesium sulphate) will usually solve this problem.

To avoid getting other nutrients out of balance, only apply Epsom Salts no more than once a year.

The most common variety is *Gardenia Augusta*, commonly known as the florist's gardenia.

Another variety worth trying is *Gardenia Radicans* – a dwarf form that has a lot more cold tolerance than other varieties.

Another hardy variety but not as well known is *G. Thunbergia* (or tree gardenia – which often takes many years to flower) has a tubular flower and more cold tolerance than *G. Augusta*.

It is a native of South Africa.



Lucy the nursery dog thinks the hydrangeas are great



Hydrangeas are now making resurgence with new colours and varieties and make fantastic gifts. Photo: Connor Moyle on Unsplash

Latest news from Bass Coast Landcare

WEST Gippsland CMA Plant Propagation Workshop - December 8. The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is running a free session on propagation, designed to build a Landcarer's skills on growing their own native plants.

Look for the workshop links on our website to head to the Eventbrite listing, where you can read further information and book.

If the event is booked out, please email Tash at tashm@wgcm.vic.gov.au, to be added to the cancellation list.

There is a possibility that new events may be added!

River Garden update

OUR latest River Garden Blitz was run by our own Lisa Wangman, who showed attendees how to build their own no-dig garden.

We started with some raised garden beds which desperately needed a top-up, and some seedlings grown by Bass Coast Specialist School students which were ready to go in the ground after just 3 weeks!

Using layers of pea straw, lucerne hay, green waste, manure and sugar cane mulch, we quickly filled the beds and got the plants in.

After morning tea, Lisa taught us how to make frames for fruit tree netting using some pipe and steel posts, and we got some time to check on the fruit trees

in the orchard and espaliers.

With lots of stone fruit and apples growing, those new frames for our nets will be coming in handy!

Trad Smut biocontrol established at Kongwak Pioneer Reserve

DURING a recent walk at Pioneer Bay the Trad Smut release sites were checked.

BCLN released the Trad biocontrol last year, and we were very pleased to see the yellow blotches and dead tissue indicating it has established, as there is a lot of work for it to do!

Like all biocontrol, it only slows the weed down and chemical or hand weeding programs still need to take place.

For more information on Trad biocontrol, please contact robbie.gray@bass-coastlandcare.org.au

Weeds working their way across our landscapes

SPRINGTIME sees more weeds emerging on our properties, roadsides and gardens, and with so much rainfall this year, the growth is prolific.

Head over to our website to download the Bass Coast Shire Weed Control booklet, where you can use the pictures and information to identify emerging weeds at your place and learn the control methods that will work best on them.

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Tammy Olierook and Sam Rahui get ready for Sunday's Australian Poker League tournament at Wonthaggi Golf Club. A22_4922



Brad Adams of Eagle Point and Ian Phillips of Foster enjoy competing in poker tournaments, looking forward to Sunday's Wonthaggi event. A24_4922



Allie Kitchen, Jayme Olierook, Katlin Laidlaw and Kylie Apsey just before poker action gets underway in Wonthaggi on Sunday. A23_4922



Glenda and Amy Davis came to watch granddaughter and great granddaughter Lainey Gough perform in ballet tap and jazz. A14_4922



Laurie Petrusch and Norma Corr attended Newhaven College on Wednesday evening touring the new performing arts wing. Z15_4922



Rhonda and Keith Jobe visited Newhaven College to take a tour of the new performing arts wing. Z16_4922



Director of music at Newhaven College, Matthew Goss, head of theatre Lauren White and business manager Brad Phillips welcomed governors, past principals, and board of directors to the new performing arts wing. Z18_4922



Chair of the Newhaven College board of directors, David Jobe and former chair, Greg Price attended Newhaven College on Wednesday for an evening reception in the new performing arts wing. Z19_4922



Elaine Biggs and Rita Frederiks were all smiles at Kate Harmon's photography book launch on Saturday. C54_4922

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Australian Poker League (APL) in Wonthaggi, Bass Coast Ballet School annual concert, Newhaven College Performing Arts welcoming reception, Wonthaggi North's Blast to the Past and Kate Harmon's book launch.



Caroline Blakely (WNPS), Iris Gaillard (Director), Lucy Parkinson (Conceptual Development and Sets), Gonzalo Varela (Puppet Making), Kerry McGennissen (WNPS) and 'Jeffrey' the giant dinosaur puppet, partially hidden, after the screening of WNPS's Blast to the Past.

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Nevaeh Blackwell and Dorothea Menke look forward to Nevaeh's hip hop performance. A15_4922



Clayton and Grace Ferguson and Nikya Pepper at Bass Coast Ballet School's annual concert. A17_4922



Wynter and Amy Kent look forward to seeing Wynter's friend in the Bass Coast Ballet's annual concert. A20_4922



Caiden and Cassandra Hanning look forward to sister and daughter Ali-thia performing ballet, tap and Jazz. A18_4922



Wonthaggi Genealogy Society's Lyn Thayer joined Julia and Kate Harmon ahead of Kate's book launch at Wonthaggi Library. C55_4922



Bass Coast Adult Learning CEO Deb Watson and Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House Centre Manager Leslie Adams supported Kate at her first book launch. C56_4922



Lenore O'Neill (WNPS) and Wendy Nicol (Principal, Powlett River Primary School) in front of student artworks made during the process of creating WNPS's Blast to the Past last year.

Bass Coast Fine Film group presents "hit the road"

AT 10.45am, Sunday, December 11, the BCFFG is screening "Hit the Road", the film debut from Iranian director, Panah Panahi, son of renowned director, Jafar Panahi (Off-side, The Circle, Crimson Gold).

Travelling across a sparse landscape in a beat-up car that they've borrowed is emotionally mobile, mum, her taciturn elder son, and in the back seat, shaggy, bear-like dad who's sporting a tatty cast on his leg, and the youngest son who's a ball of energy.

Behind them in the back of the car is the family dog who, unbeknownst to the youngest family member, is dying.

The purpose of their trip is unclear, but seems to be tinged with melancholy. Slowly, over the course of the journey, the reason is revealed.

The four distinct personalities of the family members clash, but create a sense of unity in their loving interactions.

Screening at 10.45am on Sunday, December 11, at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Details and trailer for the film are available through the BCFFG website: <https://bcffg-films.weebly.com/hit-the-road.html>

BCFFG members entry is free on presentation of membership card; general public welcome with tickets at usual box office prices.

On the subject of membership, the Bass Coast Fine Film Group is now open to accept new members for 2023, so if you haven't joined before and love quality foreign film, now is the time to check the website and find out about how to become a member:

<https://basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com/membership.html>

Already a member or a previous member? - it's time to renew.

For \$65 per year, you gain free admittance to any or all of the 12 films scheduled for 2023.

Plus, get tickets to other films at concession prices and offers for other screening events throughout the year.

The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored and supported by the Bass Coast Shire.

Churchill Island to come alive for festival

WELCOME back to Ocean Sounds Festival which kicks off this weekend.

As part of Always Live, the festival is thrilled to be presenting what is likely to be Tash Sul-tana's only Victorian show of 2022.

It's time for picnic rugs, smiling friends, stunning local wines, gourmet food, the summer-sun softly setting over the ocean and some of Australia's most amazing live music!

When: Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1pm - 10pm

Where: Churchill Island

Visit www.oceansoundsfestival.com.au/ for more information.



Linda Snell of Nar Nar Goon Fresh Fruit has some delicious pink ladies at the Inverloch Farmers Market last month, chatting with Kelvin Foster, one of the market organisers.

It's 'Market Season'

IN SOME respects, it's 'market season' every week-end somewhere in South Gippsland and Bass Coast but the outdoor market-places for all things fresh and fantastic really kicks into gear in December and January.

Local favourites include the Inverloch Farmers Market on the third Saturday of the month at The Glade in the Middle of Town, the Churchill Island Market on the first Sat-

urday of each month, set against the backdrop of tranquil Western Port, the time-honoured Kongwak Market each Sunday still with its esoteric vintage and retro roots, the original Koonwarra Farmers Market opposite the fire station on the first Saturday and the famous Prom Produce and Craft Market at Foster, which was back on Sunday, December 11 and continues on the following dates:

- Sunday, January 1, 2023
- Sunday, January 22 (Australia Day Weekend)
- Sunday, March 12 (Labour Day Weekend)
- Sunday 9th April (Easter Sunday)

The best places to find out what markets are on and when and the local shire markets pages Bass Coast at <https://www.visitbasscoast.com.au/events/markets> and South Gippsland at <https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events/>

A comedian and an opera singer

DAVID Hobson and Colin Lane have been friends for 25 years.

From vastly different backgrounds, they have observed one another's worlds and always thought, "Gee, wouldn't it be nice to have a go at what that other guy does?" So here's their chance to see whether the grass is a little greener.

It's a unique and hilarious experiment that promises to enthrall and entertain, and it's coming to Wonthaggi Arts Centre on Saturday, December 17.

"In Tails" was first launched in 2016/17 with a selection of shows at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Festival of Voices - Theatre Royal Hobart, Albury

Entertainment Centre, Spiegel Tent Hobart and Capital Theatre Bendigo to a resounding applause.

Colin Lane, Comedian/Professional Show Off is best known as the Lano from Lano and Woodley, Australia's most beloved comedy duo. In almost 20 years together Lano and Woodley won the coveted Perrier Award for best show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, starred in their own television series and toured sold-out shows across the country. They said 'Goodbye' in 2006 with a national tour that took in 34 markets and sold more than 150,000 tickets. In 2018 the duo reprised their roles as Lano and Woodley for FLY,

with a sold-out national tour of 85,000 ticket sales and winning the prestigious Melbourne Comedy Festival 'People's Choice Award'.

Colin has appeared in Don's Party for the Melbourne Theatre Company and the Sydney Theatre Company, made many TV appearances including guest panellist on the UK favourite QI.

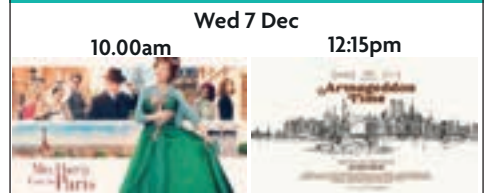
David Hobson, tenor and composer, is one of Australia's best-known operatic, concert and stage performers, with a repertoire that spans the gamut of musical styles from Baroque through to Pop.

Where: Wonthaggi Arts Centre **When:** Saturday, December 17

WONTHAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

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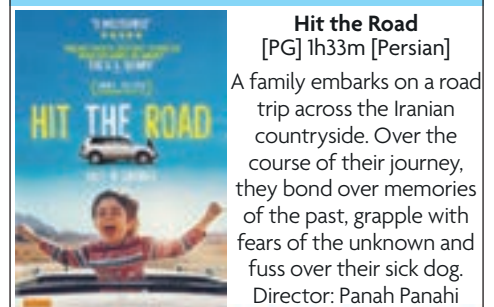
Wonthaggi Wednesday Cinema



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Bass Coast Fine Film Group Screening
Sun 11 Dec 10.45am



Hit the Road
[PG] 1h33m [Persian]

A family embarks on a road trip across the Iranian countryside. Over the course of their journey, they bond over memories of the past, grapple with fears of the unknown and fuss over their sick dog.
Director: Panah Panahi

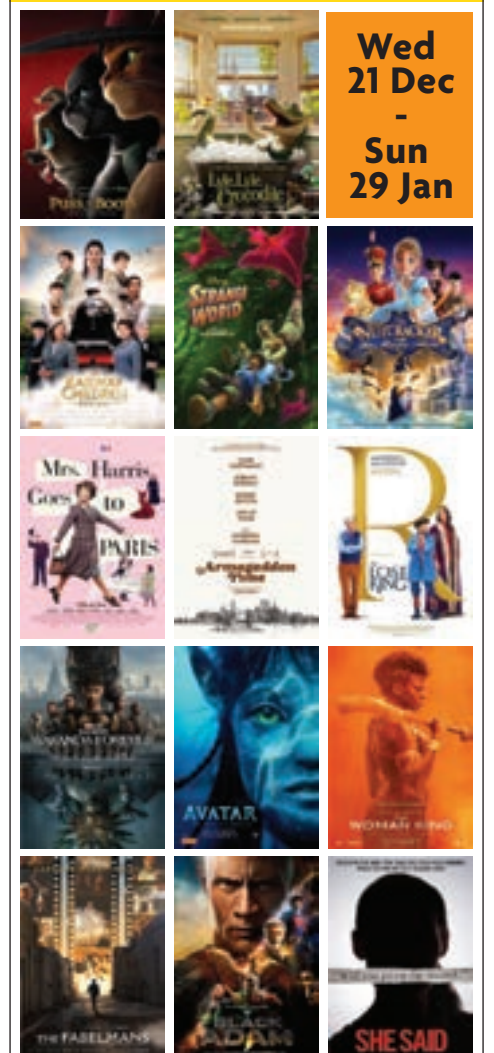


David Hobson & Colin Lane "In Tails"
Sat 17 Dec 8.00pm

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SUMMER HOLIDAY FILMS



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HIT THE ROAD

Film debut from Panah Panahi, son of renowned Iranian director Jafar Panahi, depicts a chaotic, tender family, driving across a barren landscape on a journey with a mysterious purpose. As they interact and squabble, the reason for the trip is slowly revealed.

General public welcome. Members Free Entry!

@ WONTHAGGI UNION CINEMA
96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Check the website for more info:
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THE CALLY OP SHOP BALL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
Red Sector on stage from 9pm

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Molly Mae McLean-Randall was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on November 14, 2022, weighing 3.4kg. Molly is a daughter for Tamara Randall of Coronet Bay and a sister for Lucy.

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

• FAITH FACTOR

Science can't answer everything

Father Darren Howie, Parish Priest, St. Joseph's Parish Wonthaggi

SCIENCE has offered enormous benefits to the world we live in but unfortunately it only deals with physical realities.

Christians believe if we base our search for happiness only on what can be known by science and money can buy, we will miss out.

There are realities which science cannot explain, for example how Nancy Wake the Australian - French Nazi resistance fighter could accurately sense who were double agents.

Science cannot test, like it can measure the presence of COVID, the joy and peace which comes from being a believer.

As Christians we know that countless people from all walks of life and times have come to experience the truth of Jesus words in John 10:10:

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.

Jesus himself acknowledged the difficulty of explaining the spiritual when he said God's kingdom is like treasure hidden in a field or a pearl of great price which people are prepared to give up everything.

To sum up being part of God's kingdom is about being part of a family, in which we are loved, a family life which will not end in death.

Countless numbers since the time of Christ have been prepared to sacrifice everything, even their lives to maintain this relationship and the life it brings. Jesus did say that this kingdom can be hidden.

There are many things which can make it hard for people to grasp God's kingdom for example the scandal caused by less than perfect followers of Jesus, or misconceptions about what Christ taught.

We believe that coming to know Christ as he really is well and truly worth it.

In the words of St Paul from Philippians 3:18, "Yes, I will go further: because of the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, I count everything as loss.

For him I have accepted the loss of all other things and look on them as nothing of value if only I can gain Christ."



Local photographer Frank Flynn snapped this incredible shot of a sunrise at Cape Paterson recently. Send your photos to news@sgst.com.au

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

SUMMER beckons and a young person's thoughts turn to having a driver's licence so they can travel to wherever the summer takes them.

Are you that young'un rearing to go get your driver's licence but don't have anyone to help you get the 120 hours needed on your learner's permit? Then you need a helping hand.

The Bass Coast TAC L2P Driver Education Program assists young people (16 - 20yrs) by matching them with a trained volunteer mentor to supervise their driving as they work their way to undertake their probationary licence.

Call Melanie, the L2P Co-ordinator on 0467 590 679 (Monday - Wednesday.)

The program is always keen to get new mentors on the books. If you can help out with a few hours a week there will be a young'un who will be very appreciative.

This is the Harvest Centre

section, which is found beyond the Big W car park, past the Goods Shed.

Perhaps you'd like to make a kind of gardening theme for the week by attending the Garden Group on Wednesdays 9.30am to 12noon. There you can help out or gain good gardening tips and ideas or impart some of your own. Then return on Saturday, 10th December, 9.30 to 11.30am with excess produce from your own garden for the Seed & Veggie/Produce Swap. It's not only for fresh stuff but you can also bring along your processed produce (jams, chutneys, sauces etc.) To keep it in mind each month just remember it happens on the second Saturday of the month.

On the same Saturday as The Swap at the Harvest Centre is the Wonthaggi Food Collective, 11am to 1pm. It is a local group that buys food in bulk and distributes it at a low mar-up to its members.

Interested?

To get a stock list or to find out more, contact WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com or call Michael Nugent on 0416 039 933

Don't forget our Free Community Lunch next Wednesday, December 14, at 12noon as it will be our last for the year. It's crummy food, with some of the produce coming from our garden at the Harvest Centre. Book now.

And when all is said and done and you have consumed, to your heart and stomach's content on all this bounty over the coming weeks, then consider why the clothes elves have stitched in your clothes seams, are they kill joys or something? Oh such flights of fantasy. Cause and effect are probably the name of the game and bringing it back into balance is accountability, probably the best tool on this quest for weight management and doing it with a friendly group

of people is a good way to start. Our group meet Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8pm. They hold a friendly informal weekly meeting and discuss how their week has been and provide support to one another.

There is lots on each week at the WNC. Ring us ahead of time to let us know you're coming. Remember, if you want to know more about the activities mentioned here today call or visit Mitchell House on Murray Street.

Our Grapevine newsletter is out and if you become a member of the WNC, this will be delivered online or posted out to you. Plus you will receive discounts to many activities. Also, you can visit us on Facebook, go to Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

LAST Friday, BCAL's NDIS Capacity Building participants held their second annual Celebrate Ability day in recognition of International Day of Disabled Persons.

It started with a huge lunch prepared by the cooking and hospitality participants, including fruits, sandwiches, veggie sticks, and some scrumptious sweet sliced made by the facilitators.

After that, there were games and prizes. The highlight of the day was a colour run, where everyone ran (or strolled) through a short course while being daubed with coloured powders. The students had the first run, but then they got to get their own back on the teachers.

The white shirts everyone was given for the day be-

came unique works of art after the event.

BCAL's Capacity Building activities are open to anyone on an NDIS plan. The sessions are tailored to individual needs to build social skills, life skills and employment opportunities.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit www.bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

There is a special corner of the garden looking very cared for at the moment. It's full of vegetables and berries carefully topped with rich compost and mulch.

It's the work of gardening volunteer Marissa from the Bass Coast Children's

Centre, in White Road, Wonthaggi.

The kids and their educators have been involved with the garden for many years and have their own growing beds and play space.

Thanks to Marissa's expertise and energy their corner patch is now a delight for all the garden's volunteers and visitors.

Last week she harvested broad beans for the children and their families, as well as celery, lemons and garlic to share with the centre's staff.

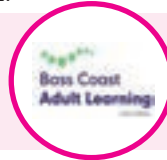
For more information about the garden contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or visit on Thursday mornings between 10 and noon to see what's happening and have a chat to the friendly volunteers.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies had a good response to their pop-up shop at The Goods Shed, with a nice amount of revenue raised to put back into the club.

Over the Christmas break, they will begin installing solar panels on the sheds. Following BCAL's successful installation of solar at the beginning of the year, the Woodies will go green to keep power costs down and move towards making their activities carbon neutral.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggi-woodcrafters.com.au.



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‘Hillview’

Elevated home on double size block

NOT often does an opportunity come up to purchase almost half an acre in the desirable Loch Village!

Set on Smith Street, located just off the main drag, you will find this lovely large home which has been extended over time.

A half circular driveway gives you ease of access to the home, shedding and back-yard. This property would make an ideal family home, a great place to retire or could be a fantastic investment opportunity.

There are three spacious bedrooms located at the front of the home with a central bathroom including a spa bath, walk-in shower, double vanity, and toilet.

A revamped kitchen features a dual stove, dishwasher with loads of bench and cupboard space.

A spacious open plan living area includes a lovely wood heater to warm by on those wintery nights.

The family room is located on a split level with a balcony enjoying northerly aspects.

A rumpus room is found downstairs via a spiral staircase.

The downstairs laundry includes a shower and toilet.

The home is kept comfortable via two reverse cycle split systems, which are found in the open plan dining/living areas.

An outdoor office/studio exists at the rear of the home, overlooking the garden, making it an ideal to work from home.

An undercover outdoor area includes an open fire, great for entertaining friends and family.

Shedding consists of a double garage, a large lock-up shed with power and lights, garden shed and woodshed.

The beautiful established gardens and lawn surround the home. Town water is connected and NBN wireless is available to the property. There is also possible subdivision potential (STCA).

The charming Loch village is home to the Loch Winery and Distillery, The Wine Bar, plenty of trendy cafes, craft markets, the suspension bridge and lots more making the village a great place to getaway or to live permanently.

Located 10 mins to Korumburra, 30 mins to the coastal towns of Inverloch and Wonthaggi and only 1.5 hours from Melbourne CBD.

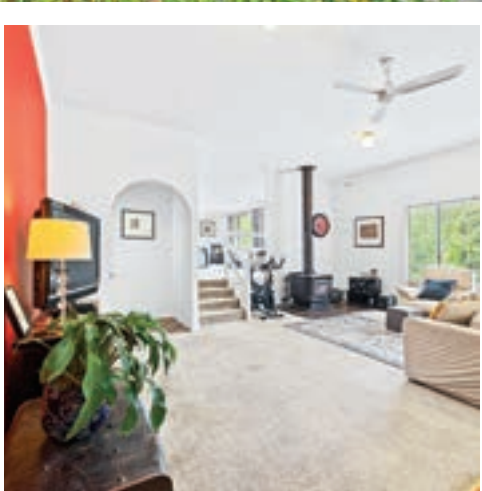
For more information and to arrange an inspection, contact Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312.

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist



3 2 4 1812m²

13 Smith Street, **Loch**
For Sale \$760,000
Agent Elders
Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083
Don Olden on 0417 805 312



Real Estate

MARVELLOUS MT ECCLES – 7.5 ACRES

MOUNT ECCLES

- 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom split level home
- Huge living area with wood heater & split system
- Sweeping verandah with scenic valley views
- 4.2kw solar system that feeds back into the grid
- Tank water supplies home, seasonal creek for stock
- Leongatha 20 mins, Inverloch 35 mins & Melb 2 hrs

Price \$740,000

Elders Web ID: 300P101511

STYLISH HOME ON 1 ACRE IN TOWN

KORUMBURRA

- 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom renovated home
- Stunning well-appointed kitchen, updated appliances
- Wood heater and split system reverse cycle
- Generous sized deck, overlooking the backyard
- Double garage, dog run plus garden shed
- Large paddock ideal for a horse or sheep

Price \$850,000

Elders Web ID: 300P6268

GREAT INVESTMENT OR IDEAL FAMILY HOME

KORUMBURRA

- 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom home
- Open plan & spacious living area
- Ducted gas heating & split system reverse cycle
- Fully fenced yard, undercover patio
- Double auto roller garage for storage
- Great location in the Daisybank Estate

Price \$570,000 - \$620,000

Elders Web ID: 300P101126

GRAZING/LIFESTYLE OPPORTUNITY | 153.95 AC

MARDAN

- Ideal fattening/breeding or dairy turnout property
- Excellent gently undulating to undulating country
- Highly productive red & grey soil
- Machinery, hay & storage shedding, 6 paddocks
- Panoramic views with numerous home sites (STCA)
- Mirboo Nth 7km, Leongatha 20km, Melbourne 2 hrs

Price \$1.7 - \$1.87 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P54533

Elders Korumburra
11 Commercial St - Ph 5658 1894
Don Olden 0417 805 312

Sharon Turton
(Property Manager)
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Elders Leongatha
37 Bair St - Ph 5662 3523
Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083

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Own a piece of history

THE Historic “Wooreen School” site has come on the market for only the second time in its history and the first time since 1990.

Set on approximately 8071m2, with magnificent established trees providing shelter from the prevailing winds and creating a park like setting.

The school building is in need of repairs, but for someone who has the right skills, restore it back to its former glory making the perfect weekend or a cute cottage home.

The outbuildings include two small sheds, one with concrete floor and power.

This property presents as a fantastic opportunity for a weekend or alternatively build your dream home on a site with beautifully established trees and gently undulating, easy to maintain land.



Lifestyle8071m²

590 Yarragon Leongatha Rd, Wooreen
For Sale \$500,000
Agent Ray White Leongatha
Mick Hanily 0417 311 756



Ray White Leongatha director Mick Hanily, and sales agents Paige Matthews and Dave Trotman show off the new Hyundai Venue that could be yours. A03_3622

Brand new Hyundai Venue could be yours

LISTING your property exclusively with Ray White Leongatha puts you in the running for a snazzy 2022 Hyundai Venue, with the agency staff delighted by the vehicle's recent arrival.

Although the competition has been running since the start of June, your chances of winning are excellent because it applies exclusively to the Leongatha office.

Odds may be as good as one in 100.

The idea of holding a competition was initially sparked by the six-month milestone of the office's re-branding to Ray White, but is also inspired by the industry-wide Real Estate boom over the last couple of years.

“To commemorate these extraordinary times and give back to our clients we would like to offer everyone an opportunity to win a car,” director Mick Hanily said.

The vehicle is valued at \$26,490 driveaway.

List your property exclusively with Ray White Leongatha before

December 31, this year to enter the draw (terms and conditions apply).

The switch to Ray White has been a smooth one, with director Kasey Bowman previously expressing delight at the successful transition.

“We are so pleased with how the changeover has gone and excited for what the future holds,” she said.

The energetic and enthusiastic team at Ray White Leongatha look forward to assisting you.



For Sale

49 Harrisons Road, Dumbalk North

LIVE THE RURAL LIFESTYLE DREAM NOW

- Open plan living/dining/kitchen
- Master BR with ensuite, spa, RC & WIR
- 1.75 acres overlooking Dumbalk Nth Valley
- 15m x 9m lock up shed & large dbl garage

Jason Harris 0417 640 079
\$710,000 5 2 3



For Sale

9 Parr Street, Leongatha

BRICK VENEER HOME IN GREAT LOCATION

- 812sqm flat block with 60's style home
- 3 bedrooms with BIR's & large living area
- Established gardens & 6m x 6m powered shed
- Undercover area, veggie gardens & fruit trees

Dave Trotman 0418 589 805
\$525,000 3 1 2



For Sale

65 Horn Street, Leongatha

PERFECT LOCATION FOR FAMILIES

- In the heart of the School Precinct on 82sqm
- Open kitchen/dining/living
- Lge undercover deck overlooking the yard
- Powered 9.5m x 5.5m shed

Dave Trotman 0418 589 805
\$575,000 3 1 2

RayWhite.

Michael Hanily



Jason Harris



Paige Matthews



Dave Trotman



Ray White Leongatha
03 5662 5800
15 Bair Street, Leongatha
raywhiteleongatha.com.au



For Sale

14 Ogilvy Street, Leongatha

CHARM, CHARACTER & HISTORY

- Edwardian style home on 1107m² flat block
- Arguably one of the best locations in town!
- High ceilings, box bay wind., high pitched roof
- Easy walk to the main street and schools

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756
\$600,000 4 1 5



For Sale

590 Yarragon Leongatha Rd, Wooreen

OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY

- Historic Wooreen School site, approx 8071m²
- Established trees on easy to maintain land
- 2 small sheds
- Fantastic opportunity, build your dream home

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756
\$500,000 Lifestyle



For Sale

20 Eden Crescent, Leongatha

SOLID BRICK VENEER

- Corner block with fully fenced yard
- 3 bedrooms, master with ensuite
- Kitchen/meals area could double as 2nd living
- Paved outdoor area & walk to schools

Jason Harris 0417 640 079
\$545,000 3 2 1

Why not choose “Domhnallach”

THIS beautifully secluded 27-acre life-style property nestled in the picturesque rolling hills of South Gippsland, offers an opportunity to escape to your own private oasis in the country.

As you wind down the tree lined drive towards the home, you can feel the sense of calm as the majestic Blue Gum trees stretch out before you.

An abundance of birdlife further enhances the sense of nature and tranquillity.

Natural Springs run through the property and lead to spring fed dams, one is used as a stunning private swimming and entertaining hideaway complete with a rotunda.

The home is light and bright with paddock views over and through the treetops and features:

- Open plan kitchen, dining and living
 - Hardwood spotted gum timber floors
 - Kitchen with gas/electric oven, spacious pantry storage and breakfast bar
 - Three bedrooms
 - Modern bathroom, with shower, vanity, and toilet
 - Separate powder room
 - Gas heating, wood fire and evaporated cooling
 - A spacious two -car garage with workshop bench and room to tinker with additional storage available underneath the home
 - The entertainment area with pizza oven, adjoins the deck that surrounds the home and provides an extension to the living area, sheltered with views, and wrapped in a gorgeous purple wisteria.
- Out into the neat low maintenance garden is assorted citrus and apple trees, chook shed and a tack room that also doubles as a small shearing shed.

An ideal property for horses, cattle, and sheep with quality fencing, six day yards for horses, two good sized horse paddocks with troughs and large shelters, and four larger paddocks including two perfect for cutting hay.

“Domhnallach” is a hidden gem, and for those looking for a lifestyle property with charm, a point of difference and room to grow then this one is most worthy of your consideration.

Positioned 10 minutes to Korumburra, 15 minutes to the beaches of Inverloch, 20 minutes to Leongatha and an hour and a half to Melbourne CBD.



3 1 2 28 acres

11 Hairs Road, **Kongwak**
For Sale \$1,500,000
Agent SEJ Real Estate
Irene Walker 0429 045 632

YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE & LIVESTOCK SPECIALISTS

MIRBOO NORTH

- Special Gem in the valley
- Productive 60 acres of grazing
- Well sheltered with Exc. Water
- Charming 1945 built W/B home
- Set in established garden
- 10 min. to Mirboo North

SOLD

BUFFALO

- 200ac approx. Grazing
- Exceptional views
- Exc. House sites
- Good carrying country
- Stockyards with B-Double access
- Good fencing, rolling country

CONTACT AGENT

WANTED TO BUY

QUALIFIED BUYERS

Seeking small home In Boolarra or Mirboo North Ready to buy

Contact Irene for no obligation appraisal

BOOLARRA

- Affordable opportunity!
- 3 bed, 1 bath, 2 car home
- Great location in country town
- Large back yard
- Move on in now!
- Walk to shop, rail trail, school

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Breathtaking location with spectacular views

AN absolutely breathtaking location directly above one of the Island's most spectacular surf breaks affords this unique clifftop property with spectacular uninterrupted views of Berry's Beach and surrounding headlands.

Idyllically situated within the natural environment, a haven for local fauna and birdlife and surrounded by approximately 2.5 acres (8361 sqm) of coastal inspired landscaped gardens with your own mod grass tennis court, this sensational contemporary coastal retreat has been brilliantly designed to provide ocean views from every room.

Polished timber floors, high ceilings and extensive use of glass to the north and south accentuate the bright inviting ambience, through the spacious open plan living and dining room with open fireplace and a well equipped kitchen.

Sliding doors open to expansive decks on both sides offering sheltered year-round outdoor entertaining options.

Three bedrooms with BIRs and two bathrooms includes master with stunning ensuite featuring a deep relaxing bath overlooking the ocean.

Features include electric heating, laundry, outdoor shower, double garage, storage and ornamental lake.

Call our office today to arrange a private inspection, you will not be disappointed!



3 2 2 2.5 acres

3 Glamis Road, **Ventnor**

For Sale Expression Of Interest

Agent Alex Scott & Staff

Greg Price 0419 337 441

Brian Silver 0407 347 509

Cheapest land in town!

HERE is a great chance to purchase either of these two cottage blocks with sunny northerly aspect in popular area of town... almost ready to go.

All works completed including underground power connections, natural gas and concrete driveways.

Titles are pending and expected within weeks.

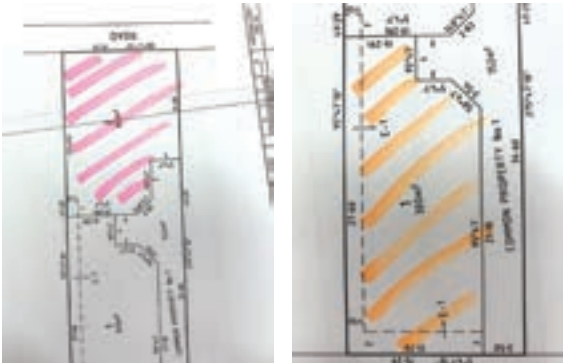
There are no restrictive covenants on the blocks so it is possible they may suit a re-located or tiny home etc (STCA).

Perfect sizes (each approx. 300 sqm) to build unit sized home without the hassle of multiple units/neighbours.

Lot 1 (Front) \$275,000
Lot 2 (Rear) \$255,000

Flexible settlement and terms options available to either private buyers or builders.

Contact Dan Huther 0418 334 801 at the Wonthaggi branch of Alex Scott and Staff to view Section 32 and contracts.


















Residential Land 300m²

38a and 38b, Griffiths St, **Wonthaggi**

For Sale Lot 1 \$275,000
Lot 2 \$255,000

Agent Alex Scott & Staff

Dan Huther 0418 334 801

LEONGATHA 	KORUMBURRA 	NEWHAVEN 	WONTHAGGI 
7 Callaway Crescent <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom• Carport + shed• Super neat home, great views \$565,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	33 Riflebutts Road <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 years old, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms• 3 living areas, 2 outdoor ent. areas• Secure backyard, new 5.5 x 5.5m shed \$790,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	4/11 Fowler Grove <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brick, central Location, close to Marina• Private back unit• 3 bedroom, study, single garage \$650,000 Contact: Cowes Office	1/18 Drysdale Street <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk to everything, cute cottage• 3 bedroom, roomy living areas,• Sep studio/bungalow \$499,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
AGNES 	KORUMBURRA 	SURF BEACH 	WONTHAGGI 
5 McKanes Road <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bdr, large family home• 57 acres with huge water licence• Massive shedding, stock yards an more \$1,600,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	15 Riflebutts Road <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neat home, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms• Corner block with access to back yard• Move in or rental potential \$460 per week \$585,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	20 Bayview Avenue <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Views from the deck to Churchill Island• 3 bed, 2 living, 2 bathrooms, double garage• Close to Surf Beach \$920,000-\$980,000 Contact: Cowes Office	36 Storey Street <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amazing investment opportunity• 2/3 bedroom home on 632 sqm• 2 living areas, good shedding \$499,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
KOONWARRA 	KORUMBURRA 	COWES 	WONTHAGGI 
305 Sewells Road <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private retreat on 2.47 ac bush block• Mud brick home + studio & workshop• Orchard, veggie garden and more \$750,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	45 Mine Road <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renovated 3 bedroom cottage• Elevated position, walk to shops• Rear lane access, dble carport \$462,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	11 Hope Way <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural & water views, 2 deck area's• New double storey home• 3 bedroom, 2 living, 2 bathrooms \$980,000-\$1,020,000 Contact: Cowes Office	140 White Road <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Period cottage in excellent location• 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 bathrooms• 769 sqm level allotment, returns \$430pw \$550,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
MELBOURNE 	KORUMBURRA 	VENTNOR 	SAN REMO 
Docklands <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perfect Melbourne get away• 2 Bedroom, balcony, 1 bath, 2 car!• Right next door to Marvel Stadium \$599,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	2/11 Lower Gordon Street <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 bedroom unit, great condition, R/C air con.• Walk through bathroom to master• Single LU garage, deck with awning \$405,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	4 Crafers Crescent <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perfect weekend getaway property• Large block, close to the beach• Open plan living & kitchen, 2 bedrooms \$795,000 Contact: Cowes Office	52 Earlsall Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amazing views in top location• Walk to town and beaches• 525 sqm block among quality homes \$695,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

MOVIE QUIZ

1. **[\$100]** Which famous actor said: "Here's looking at you, kid"?
A. Al Pacino. B. George Burns.
C. Humphrey Bogart. D. Bette Davis.
2. **[\$200]** What movie popularised the phrase: "Show me the money"?
A. Moneyball. B. Risky Business.
C. Jerry Maguire. D. Boyz N The Hood.
3. **[\$300]** Which is the first movie in the Bourne franchise?
A. The Bourne Legacy. B. The Bourne Supremacy. C. Jason Bourne.
D. The Bourne Identity.
4. **[\$500]** Who is the youngest person to win an Oscar? A. Jennifer Lawrence.
B. Mickey Rooney. C. Haley Joel Osment. D. Tatum O'Neal.
5. **[\$1000]** Which actor plays Private Ryan in Saving Private Ryan?
A. Tom Hanks. B. Vin Diesel.
C. Edward Burns. D. Matt Damon.
6. **[\$2000]** Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth first met on the set of which film? A. Hannah Montana: The Movie. B. The Last Song.
C. The Hunger Games. D. Safe Haven.
7. **[\$4000]** In "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," a band of knights who allow passage through their forest demonstrate their power by shouting what word?
A. Doh! B. Bah! C. Ni! D. Eh!
8. **[\$8000]** What was the name of Patrick Swayze's character in "Ghost"?
A. Sam. B. Bob. C. Tom. D. Joe.
9. **[\$16,000]** Which world-famous movie monster turned 70 in 2025?
A. Frankenstein. B. King Kong.
C. Dracula. D. Godzilla.
10. **[\$32,000]** What is the name of Holly's cat in Breakfast at Tiffany's?
A. Minerva. B. Rhubarb.
C. Cat. D. Kook.
11. **[\$64,000]** Who was the first person to accrue ten Academy Award nominations for acting?
A. Laurence Olivier. B. Bette Davis.
C. Katharine Hepburn. D. Meryl Streep.
12. **[\$125,000]** The code in The Matrix comes from what food recipes?
A. Sushi recipes. B. Dumpling recipes.
C. Stir-fry recipes. D. Pad Thai recipes.
13. **[\$250,000]** Who was the first Black person to win an Oscar?
A. Hattie McDaniel. B. Sidney Poitier.
C. Dorothy Dandridge.
D. James Earl Jones.
14. **[\$500,000]** Who is the only Top Gun actor who didn't vomit while in the fighter jets? A. Tom Cruise 'Maverick'.
B. Anthony Edwards 'Goose'.
C. Val Kilmer 'Iceman'.
D. John Stockwell 'Cougar'.
15. **[\$1,000,000]** Which actor played the school principal in E.T. only to have his scene cut when Spielberg decided that his presence would be too distracting?
A. Marlon Brando. B. Harrison Ford.
C. Woody Allen. D. Burt Lancaster.

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. C. Humphrey Bogart. 2. C. Jerry Maguire. 3. D. The Bourne Identity. 4. D. Tatum O'Neal (Best Support Actress in 1974 for her performance in Paper Moon). 5. D. Matt Damon. 6. B. The Last Song. 7. C. Ni! 8. A. Sam. 9. D. King Kong. 10. C. Cat. 11. B. Bette Davis. 12. A. Sushi recipes. 13. A. Hattie McDaniel (Mammy in Gone with the Wind 1939). 14. D. John Stockwell. 15. B. Harrison Ford.

CROSSWORD

Number 39 - by 'Johnno2' of Cape Paterson

CRYPTIC CLUES

It *seems* like the supermarkets have been onto the greens for months. But *this* is the month! Yay!

ACROSS

- 1 Mozart is an 'able transcript craftsman'?! (7)
- 5 Sailors pulling belt in, carrying Scots colours (7)
- 9 INSEWAEWUSAUNI... (5)
- 10 ...trailing five dashing to catch fastest man (5,4)
- 11 'Tamper' was heard, studying terror (9)
- 12 VoVo - iced, of course, in part (5)
- 13 2022 perhaps in reality (strange idea...) never ends? (4)
- 15 Exercise, exercise! Eric's 'moist'! (10)
- 18 Awkward Bourse banks' future following article there? (10)
- 19 'Out of sorts', unpunctuated, isn't 'sulk' (4)
- 22 Boycott, going noble (5)
- 23 In first Moon landing, on Centre relaying 'That's one small step...' (9)
- 26 An upset about Primary course (9)
- 27 Get my first 2 if my last 3 work out! (5)
- 28 'Clears fog' coming in and out of dreams. It's a test! (7)
- 29 Early automobile type won't race without rear overhaul (4,3)

DOWN

- 1 Convenience, that's all: it takes my half (7)
- 2 Santa cited herein, it's understood?(5)
- 3 Telescope's focus on rest of the night sky?(6)
- 4 Taking pause, to Dad, is a waste of time? (2,3)
- 5 Stream and remix 1-across (9)
- 6 Spooner does think highly of trying update (8)
- 7 Crew member takes over lead in almost-finished *Free Willy*. Now there's an ending! (9)
- 8 'Dogs' people like me in this? (7)
- 14 'Merbau Rot' devastated plantation (9)
- 16 Success: finally backing my brief history to this end is a mutually beneficial arrangement (9)
- 17 Spirit showing in public school? Under half of school taking half of NAPLAN! (8)
- 18 Tear into plaited bun? (7)
- 20 'Central U' titleholding overturned in name only (7)
- 21 Field Spooner's protest (6)
- 24 Nail power (5)
- 25 Big numbers cruncher backed former VIC Premier, energetically? (5)

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Answers in next edition of The Sentinel Times

STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Craftsman (7)
- 5 Scots clan colours (7)
- 9 Town in SE WA (5)
- 10 Men's 100m sprint world record holder (5,4)
- 11 Tamper, meddle (9)
- 12 Part, in music; also, express (5)
- 13 2022, for example (4)
- 15 Form of exercise involving muscle contraction (10)
- 18 Awkward, unseemly (10)
- 19 Angry sulk (4)
- 22 Lowest British nobility rank (5)
- 23 Small step in level or amount (9)
- 26 Primary meal course (9)
- 27 Work out, exercise (5)
- 28 Clears fog (7)
- 29 Early, carriage-like automobile type (4,3)

DOWN

- 1 Convenience (7)
- 2 Understood, unspoken (5)
- 3 What the night sky is (6)
- 4 A waste of time, pointless (2,3)
- 5 Some 1-acrosses (9)
- 6 Update, make new again (8)
- 7 Ending, cessation (9)
- 8 Dogs of a certain breed; also, crossword makers (7)
- 14 Tree plantation (9)
- 16 Mutually beneficial arrangement (9)
- 17 German spirit (as adopted by English) (8)
- 18 Tear into, aggressively criticise (7)
- 20 In name only (7)
- 21 Field (6)
- 24 Fixing nail; also, power (5)
- 25 Big original computer (5)

SUDOKU

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- 1 LEVEL: Moderate
- 2 LEVEL: Very Hard

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Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box, vertical column and horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

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SOLUTIONS: Nov. 29, 2022

Crossword:

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Math Squares:

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Concerns over long-term food supply chain disruptions

THE National Food Supply Chain Alliance, made up of nine influential national food industry associations, says long term supply chain issues, including ongoing natural disasters and labour shortages, are set to increase food prices for the foreseeable future.

It says recent threats have laid bare Australia's food supply chain's dependencies, risks, and vulnerabilities.

The Alliance, which represents every component of the nation's domestic food supply chain from paddock to plate, says the threats are unprecedented in scale and that the only solution to stabilising future food price fluctuations and reducing food shortages is to urgently establish the nation's first ever 'National Food Security Plan'.

The Alliance has, over the past two days, met with government and the opposition to explain the risks to the economy and Australians' wellbeing should a National Plan not be developed and implemented as a matter of urgency.

It says all the potential disruptors to the nation's food supply chain have never been brought together under 'one' co-ordinated national strategy.

Co-incidentally, the just released State of the Climate Report by the CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology, says more droughts, heatwaves, and bushfires, along with heavier bursts of flooding rain are forecast.

Eighty per cent of Australians are concerned about rising food and



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grocery prices, and Foodbanks 2022 Hunger report says two million Australians are struggling to put food on the table and that this is impacting 1.3 million children.

Other current and potential disruptors impacting Australia's food supply chain include global geo-political tensions, transport and logistics issues, financial challenges through rising cost of business, and future human and animal disease outbreaks.

The Alliance believes government, opposition and industry must work together to fully understand the complexities of the food supply chain and examine how specific events might impact the various pieces of the food supply chain jigsaw puzzle.

This approach must incorporate the entire 'living' food supply chain ecosystem, from paddock to plate, encompassing production, processing,

distribution, retail, consumption, and disposal.

From the perspective of both government and industry, research has shown there are many social and economic benefits from a more efficient, more sustainable, and self-sufficient national food supply chain. It will provide more stability to food related businesses, boost innovation and technology, enhance the nation's food processing capacity, create jobs and, most importantly, provide the community with the confidence it needs in the nation's food security.

Recommendation to Government: That Australia urgently establish a National Food Security Plan. That a Food Industry Working Group, representing all facets of the supply chain, be established to partner with Government to design the framework for the National Plan.

Child-focused farm safety podcast series launched

THE VICTORIAN Farmers Federation (VFF) Making our Farms Safer Project (MOFS) has launched a new podcast series aimed at driving social change to improve the safety of Victorian farming families.

VFF Vice-President and Chair of the VFF Child Safety on Farms Steering Committee, Danyel Cucinotta said the initial two-part series features tips and guidance to reduce accidents involving children on the farm.

"The campaign focuses on better outcomes for children aged 10-15, who are performing work related task on farms. Essentially, we want everyone on the farm to be able to go home safely at the end of the night."

The podcast series also features the Head of Trauma and Burns Unit at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, Dr Warwick Teague and his insight when dealing with child injury and trauma.

"Treating injuries is important, but prevent-

ing injuries is so much more important.

"Every five days in Victoria, a child is injured on a quad bike. We know that is an underestimate, because not all are serious injuries," Dr Teague said.

Dr Teague added he hopes the podcast series would spark a conversation that would see a reduction in the number of injuries on farms involving children.

"It goes against the status quo to say no and change what has previously always been done in the past. That's exactly how we end up with injuries on farms or at home. Then we are left managing the injury. We would love to never see it."

"Is there a better thing to do in our day, life or year than to save another?", Dr Teague said.

The podcast series is now available for listening and can be downloaded via your favourite streaming app and searching 'Victorian Farmers Federation'.

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Industrial Relations Law Sessions



Three sessions are being held this week regarding the changes to industrial relations laws through GippsDairy.

RECENT changes to industrial relations laws will be the focus of upcoming sessions hosted by GippsDairy in Leongatha, Maffra and Drouin.

Three sessions are planned featuring industrial relations lawyer, Jennifer Corkhill and Kristie Morgan from Regional Migration.

"Jennifer will cover off on the IR questions while Kristie will focus on recruiting overseas workers to the industry," added Sarah.

Sessions are being held at:

Maffra: Tuesday, December 6 at 6.30pm,
Leongatha: Wednesday, December 7 at 11am, and
Drouin: Wednesday, December 7 at 6.30pm.

More details are available on the events page at gippsdairy.com.au.

Two-thirds of Australian sheep meat producers are positive

NEARLY half of Australian sheep producers are looking to increase the size of their flocks in the next 12 months, according to the first Sheep Producer Intentions survey (formally known as the MLA and AWI Sheep meat and Wool survey).

The joint report was commissioned by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) and Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) and released last week. It surveyed 1963 sheepmeat and wool producers between September 29 and October 4. Producers were initially invited to complete an online survey with the final sample complemented with a smaller number of phone interviews.

MLA Market Analyst Jenny Lim noted that the new format of the survey allowed for a deeper understanding of the breed makeup of the flock.

"Saleyards continue to be the dominant sales channel for producers, further highlighting the importance of saleyards for the

industry," Ms Lim said.

"Specifically, 58% of producers said that saleyard auctions were the main channel used, with over-the-hooks sales the second most used method at 23%."

In addition, larger producers with 10,000 or more sheep are more likely to use direct sales. New South Wales had the strongest saleyard usage with 73% of producers using this channel for sheep and lamb sales.

The survey noted that 46% of producers are looking to increase their flocks in 2023 with 60% hoping to expand operations and 47% expecting favourable conditions in the next 12 months.

Strong growth expectations are being seen in Queensland and New South Wales, with larger producers indicating an intention to increase or maintain their flock numbers.

"Analysis of the reported change in the number of lambs suggests a forecast

increase of approximately 1.7 million lambs over the estimated 2022 flock size, an increase of 6% on the 2022 Estimates," Ms Lim said.

"This result highlights the importance of considering the reported changes in flock size rather than just producers' disposition to change."

Regarding potential industry hurdles, the majority of producers surveyed are expecting an increase in input costs and finding skilled labour to be more difficult in the next 12 months.

Despite these headwinds, the sentiment around the sheepmeat industry is extremely positive moving forward, with a 67% net positive rating among sheepmeat producers across Australia.

For further information and to view the full report please visit mla.com.au/globalassets/mla-corporate/prices-markets/documents/trends-analysis/mlw-stats/spis---01-october-2022---final-report.pdf

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18 Pearson Beef Meeniyen	670.6	423.6	2,840
1 Delbridge C Doomburrim	725.0	420.0	3,045

Steers

1 Eden Colin Bass	450.0	533.6	2,401
1 Brunt MJ & LM Poowong	425.0	530.0	2,252
1 Park NW & VJ Meeniyen	475.0	527.2	2,504
1 Cummaudo P & M Marracan Sth	345.0	511.6	1,765
1 Automotive DJP Leongatha Sth	375.0	510.0	1,912

Heifers

2 Watkins GA & WA Yanakie	417.5	526.6	2,198
1 Brunt MJ & LM Poowong	370.0	500.0	1,850
1 Cummaudo P & M Marracan Sth	360.0	499.6	1,798
1 Automotive DJP Leongatha Sth	305.0	497.6	1,517
1 Leppin T & L Bena	360.0	497.6	1,791

Cows

1 Whelan K & F Outtrim	685.0	370.0	2,534
3 Hoekstra G Sale	656.7	345.6	2,269
1 Pruyin K & J Doomburrim	760.0	344.0	2,614
3 Hosking GI & CM Woodside	770.0	340.0	2,618
3 Odwyer P Wonga Wonga	625.0	340.0	2,125

Bulls

4 Mackenzie RJ Leongatha	520.0	417.6	2,171
1 Boddy P & J Woodside	1,220.0	379.6	4,631
1 Fry J & K Bunyip	770.0	379.6	2,922
1 Hosking GI & CM Woodside	1,180.0	377.6	4,455
1 Boddy P & J Woodside	1,200.0	375.6	4,507

Vealer Bulls

1 Mccaughan DA & K Pound Ck	375.0	500.2	1,875
1 Crowe L	465.0	405.0	1,883
1 Harrison MG Dumbalk	320.0	403.6	1,291

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, November 28, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x	\$35 to \$54
Friesian Bulls	\$48 to \$102
Friesian Heifers	\$600 to \$740
Beef Bulls	\$200 to \$425
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Number of Calves: 79	
Number purchased to rear: 37	

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Tarwin Landcare Group members in front of a perched lake at Waratah Bushland Reserve.

Perched lakes and stunning properties for Tarwin Landcare

TARWIN Landcare Group (TLG) members were privileged to walk over two beautiful properties in Walkerville last weekend and to hear the stories of people who are caring for them.

The first visit, which featured a series of perched lakes (also known as coastal dune lakes), was courtesy of Margaret and Peter Robertson. Perched lakes are formed when sand is cemented together with decomposed organic matter and creates an impermeable layer well above sea level.

Margaret and Peter have one perched lake on their property and two more are found in the nearby Waratah Bushland Reserve. Peter described discovering the existence of the Reserve on a map in the

early 2000s and agitating for it to be protected from grazing and revegetated. He and Margaret also described the restoration of a degraded gully network on their own property and the myriad of wildlife that now relies on it for food, shelter and safe passage.

After a walk through the Reserve, the group moved to Terry Brennan's property which boasts a long gully containing a vast amount of healthy remnant vegetation. The group was stunned at the number of grass trees and tree ferns on the site and was impressed with Terry's weed and track management.

Unfortunately, each property showed evidence of damage caused by feral deer including loss of understorey, damage to trees and unsightly wallows in

wet areas. Both the Brennan's and the Robertson's belong to the Cape Liptrap Community Deer Control Group and are participating in a monitoring project being run by TLG to gain more information about local deer populations.

The event was the first time TLG has used its new A-frame signs which were funded by a generous donation from Country Road. Members were also able to help themselves to around 1500 native seedlings given to TLG by the South Gippsland Shire Council.

TLG is a friendly and inclusive group that meets regularly and hosts a range of different and interesting events. To learn more about TLG activities, visit Tarwin Landcare Group's Facebook page or contact tarwin@group.sgln.net.au.

Program to capture your carbon in 2023

The Real Carbon Action program will use tax deductible donations to plant indigenous trees and shrubs in South Gippsland to help capture the carbon emitted from the use of personal vehicles.

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Peter and Kate Walsh of Koonwarra were recipients of carbon funding in 2012.

The community donations saw them plant 2500 seedlings and transformed an eroded bare gully into thriving piece of bush.

Ten years on, the gully is a thriving community with a healthy bird and animal population.

One of the benefits of joining a local carbon capture program is that the community can view the positive impact the project is having. "As you drive over the new road at Koonwarra, look out over



Kate and Peter Walsh admire the new bush which is teaming with life.

to your right past Tarwin River and up on the hill you will see the results of the revegetation." Said Peter Walsh.

Capturing your vehicles carbon starts at just \$56 and is a great Christmas Gift idea for the environmentally minded family member or that person who has everything! Taxable donations can be made online at sgln.net.au or via the SGLN office and includes bumper sticker and certificate.

Please note this is not a Certified carbon offset program and cannot be used towards any carbon neutral claim for individuals or businesses.

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15 Hereford steers, 18-20 mths

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Dad, you will be forever loved and missed.

SWETTENHAM, Alan:
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SWETTENHAM, Alan:
Thanks for the laughs, your kindness, quirkiness, and hilarious stories.
Many shared memories and good times.
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WHEELER, Alexander Patrick:
Passed away at Wonthaggi Hospital on November 22 at the age of 93. Dearly beloved brother of Verna (dec.), Peter (dec.). Father of Kaye, Mark, Liz, Gerard, Cassandra, Annie. Grandfather of Todd, Ryan, Kathleen, Jay, Hannah, Joanna, Patrick, Jessica, Emily, Leo, Flynn, Lewis. Great grandfather of Caleb, Cody, Phoenix, Jive, Bailey, Uncle to Donny, Kathy, Nel and Laura.
Family and friends are invited to attend the funeral to be held at Handley & Anderson, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, North Wonthaggi on December 12 at 2pm. Followed by a celebration of Pat's life at The Wonthaggi Club, McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi.

WILSON, Lindy (Loopy):
Born on July 14, 1962.
Passed away sadly at home.
Mum of Dean and Jay. Loving Grandmother to Eli and Harper.
Sister to Noel.
Daughter to Lois and Ian.
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Thanks for the memories.

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BENTVELZEN:
The Funeral Service for Mr. Antonius Petrus (Tony) Bentvelzen will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Thursday, December 8, 2022, commencing at 2pm.
A Private Cremation will follow.
For the livestream link, go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au

BERRYMAN:
The Funeral Service for Dorothy (Dot) Berryman will be held at The Korumburra Uniting Church, Bridge Street, Korumburra on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, commencing at 11am. At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Korumburra Cemetery.
For live-streaming details go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au.

BURTON:
Funeral Prayers for Mr. Morris Kenneth Burton will be offered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wonthaggi, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi **TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY** December 7, 2022, commencing at 11:30am.
A Private family burial will precede the service.

EVANS, Rhonda Joy:
The Funeral Service to Celebrate the life of Mrs. Rhonda Joy Evans will be held in the Stratus Chapel, Bunurong Memorial Park, Frankston Dandenong Road, Dandenong South on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 11am.

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HODGES, Blair William:
A Thanksgiving Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr. Blair William Hodges will be held at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Bruce Street, Leongatha on Friday December 9, 2022, commencing at 11am.

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LANGSHAW:
The Funeral Service for Mr. Allan Langshaw will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi **TODAY, TUESDAY** December 6, 2022, commencing at 2pm.
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'The Advertising Manager' and email a letter of introduction and a brief resume to: holly@sgst.com.au

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Sentinel-Times

JA21146

Part-Time Kinder Assistants

Cowes Primary School
Phillip Island Early Learning Centre

PIELC is a Sessional Kindergarten and Long Day Care Centre, with a rating of Exceeding the National Quality Standard. Our emphasis is on community-based and sustainable practices, child-led learning, inclusion and equality.

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Copies of the Position Descriptions can be obtained from Karen Treppo (karent@pielc.com.au).

Written applications should be submitted to the same email address by COB
Wednesday, December 14.
Ph. 03 5952 1747

PIELC is committed to Child Safety



LB0635



The opportunity

Altec Australia has brilliant career opportunities for Tradespersons, Trades Assistants, Apprentices and Labourers.

Altec Australia a subsidiary of Altec Inc, is a global leader in the design, manufacture, sales and service of truck-mounted insulated utility equipment, including elevated work platforms and pole borers.

We are undergoing significant foreseeable growth and are committed to expanding our workforce to meet and exceed the expectations of our customers.

These career opportunities are based at either our Assembly, Service and Rebuilds Plant, located at Dandenong South or at our Fabrication Plant, located at Leongatha.

What we offer:

- Work in a fun and dynamic team environment
- An environment that encourages personal and professional growth
- Employee Benefit Program
- Growth industry job security
- Full uniform / PPE provided
- Flexible monthly RDO (Dandenong South)
- Constantly developing product
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The career vacancies located at our Assembly, Service and Rebuilds Plant:

- Automotive Electrician
- Mechanical Technician (Fitter/Mechanic)
- Fibre Glasser
- Trades Assistant
- 3rd or 4th year Apprentice: Fitter, Mechanic or Automotive Electrician
- New Apprentice: Fitter, Mechanic or Automotive Electrician
- Labourers

Career vacancies located at our Fabrication Plant:

- Boilermaker/Welder (Trade Qualified)
- 3rd or 4th year Apprentice: Boilermaker/Welder
- New Apprentice: Boilermaker/Welder
- Labourer

If you want to find out more, please contact David Kee, HR Manager
0402 895 513

If you wish to apply, please email your resume to david.kee@altec.com

www.altecaus.com.au

LB0638



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MATHEMATICS TEACHERS

Full Time Positions –
38 hours (5 days) per week

Bass Coast College is seeking suitably qualified and/or experienced people to join its team in 2023 for the above positions.

For further information please contact
Darren Parker – College Principal
(5611 4000)

LB0644



Sport & Turf Management Apprenticeship

1st Year Apprenticeship is now available at Wonthaggi Golf Club located in the centre of town.

If you have an:

- Interest in outdoor work
- Attention to detail
- Follow instruction
- Understanding of golf an advantage

This could be the opportunity you are seeking.

This is a 4 year apprenticeship and a Cert III in Sport & Turf Management that will need to be undertaken as a part of your training.

Apprenticeship will be
remunerated as per Award

For further details please
phone 03 5672 3697
PO Box 323, Wonthaggi 3995
or email wongolf@dcsi.net.au

LB0628



South Gippsland Hospital

Positions Vacant

Director of Community Care

As per award

1.0 EFT- Fixed term leave replacement

Physiotherapist

Grade 2

0.63 EFT, permanent part time

Podiatrist

Grade 1 or Grade 2

(depending on experience)

0.84 EFT, permanent part time

Dietitian

Grade 2

0.21 EFT, permanent part time

Mental Health Counsellor

Welfare Worker, Class 2A

0.63 EFT up to 6 months fixed term leave replacement position

Occupational Therapist

Grade 2, 0.84 EFT

fixed term parental leave replacement

Social Worker

Grade 2 - Casual

Registered Nurse or RN Midwife or Enrolled Nurse

up to 1.0 EFT

Volunteer Driver

Transport Program

For more information, visit our website at:
southgippslandhospital.com.au

LB0642



Steel Fabricator / Boilermaker

AC Metal Fabrications is seeking to source suitable trade qualified Steel Fabricator or Boilermaker to join our team

Servicing building industry and food processing industry – there is combination of factory and site installation work
Position – Full time 40hr/ week RDO + Super - overtime available and some weekend work
Pay – Negotiated on application approval.

Successful Applicants require the ability to demonstrate the following:

- Work in team environment.
- Work unsupervised
- Good trade skills and ability to MIG / TIG weld to high standard
- Interpret workshop / engineering drawings

Send references / contact details of
past employment history
admin@acmetal.com.au

LB0603

Truck Drivers Wanted

Family owned and operated business seeking reliable, professional, experienced B Double/Truck and Trailer drivers for ongoing interstate work.

Burdett's has been established for over 40 years and proudly run a fleet of modern trucks which are kept up to date with the latest technology and are well maintained by manufacturer.

Drivers will be required to operate on interstate routes between Wandilo, Epping and Dandenong. Other regular interstate work is also available.

- Be the first to drive our newest trucks in the fleet
- Competitive rates of pay + overtime at time and a half and double time
- Weekend work available
- Immediate start
- Company uniform

Candidates must hold a valid Australian MC or HC vehicle licence and have the relevant rights to work in Australia.

If you would like to know more, please contact the Transport Manager on 0417 041 435 or email your resume to transport@burdetts.com.au

LB0618



An exciting opportunity is available at our small, alternative high school in Ryanston.

This position will commence in Term 1, 2023.

ASSISTANT MENTOR (20 hours / week)

This opportunity is for someone who is looking to join a small and vibrant team that works with young people in creative and responsive ways. Our innovative approach to education has the needs of its students and staff at its heart. We are looking for someone to join us in a learning support role who has had experience working with young people, enjoys a dynamic work environment, and has administrative skills to assist with some coordination aspects of the role.

Applications close Sunday, December 11, 2022.

Visit www.villagehighschool.org/join-the-team for the position description and application information.

LB0640



Customer Service Officer

Jim Pickersgill and Associates is a values driven accounting and financial planning business that prides itself in work quality, attention to detail, and the care and support of our clients, team and community. Due to the expansion of our NDIS Plan Manager department, we currently have an exciting position available for a Customer Service Officer within this department.

Flexible, part time hours will be offered to the right candidate.

The attributes for this position require:

- An enthusiastic attitude and willingness to learn
- Excellent time management skills
- Brilliant communication skills
- Exceptional eye for detail
- A sense of pride in accuracy and timelines
- Community and all abilities focused

Please email your CV including references, a brief outline of how you could enhance our team and any community or similar interests you undertake to lisa@jpickersgill.com.au

Applications close 5pm
Tuesday, December 20, 2022
Position description is available on our careers page on our website
<https://jpickersgill.com.au/>

LB0637



There is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to become a part of Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of the Australian Aged Care Group which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a mission to excel in providing quality care services and accommodation. We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes and the 90-bed facility is set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds.

Banfields Aged Care is inviting volunteers to become a part of the 'Lifestyle Teams Innovated Program' which is planned to enhance the residents' lifestyle.

Some of the ways you may wish to assist and support the program are by being involved in the: bus outings that occur one to two times a week (this varies week to week so flexibility is required); supporting residents with garden walks; wheelchair walks; bingo; hoy; happy hour; men's group activities; craft; art therapy; quizzes; BBQs; group discussion; etc.

This is a great opportunity to become involved with your local community and for further information please do not hesitate to contact reception on (03) 5951 2500.

It is a requirement that all volunteers have a current adult aged/disabled care police check, evidence of current influenza vaccination and 3 COVID-19 vaccinations.

Male volunteers are encouraged to apply!

JA21059



Bass Coast Health

Current vacancies

Registered Nurses – Nurse Bank

Casual – Closes 31/12/2022

Reception and Admin Support

Permanent Part Time – Closes 24/12/2022

Elective Surgery Access Bookings Clerk

Permanent Part Time – Closes 16/12/2022

Spiritual Care Coordinator

Permanent Part Time – Closes 11/12/2022

Pharmacist

Permanent Part Time – Closes 09/12/2022

Associate Nurse Unit Manager - Emergency

Permanent Part Time/ all hours considered

Medical Workforce Officer

Permanent Full Time/Part Time – Closes 23/12/2022

Midwifery Team

Full Time/ Part Time, Casual – Closes 11/12/2022

Coding Educator / Auditor

Permanent Part Time – Closes 31/12/2022

Operations Manager

Fixed term Full Time – Closes 17/12/2022

Integrated Family Services Practitioner

Full Time/Part Time – Closes 17/12/2022

Registered Nurse – Urgent Care Centre

Permanent Full Time, Part Time – Closes 31/12/2022

Registered Nurse – District Nursing and Palliative Care

Casual – Closes 31/12/2022

Allied Health Assistant

Fixed Term Full Time – Closes 23/12/2022

Pharmacotherapy Regional Outreach Worker

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 16/12/2022

Operations Manager

Permanent Full Time – Closes 17/12/2022

Midwifery Graduate

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 16/12/2022

Registered Nurse – Emergency

Full Time, Part Time, Casual – Closes 31/12/2022

Grade 1 Physiotherapist Rotating Graduate

Fixed Term Full Time – Closes 17/12/2022

Perioperative Services Manager

Permanent Full Time – Closes 03/02/2023

Nurse Unit Manager Perioperative Service

Permanent Full Time – Closes 04/02/2023

Surgical Liaison Nurse

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 03/02/2023

To find out more about working at Bass Coast Health and to apply, visit the Careers page on our website or contact our HR team on

hr@basscoasthealth.org.au or 5671 3151



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LB0450



Medical Receptionist

Full time

The Korumburra Medical Centre requires the services of a Medical Receptionist for our busy and expanding general practice.

Applicant Requirements:

- Medical Reception experience is preferred but not essential.
- Must be computer literate.
- Must have excellent communication skills with a caring and professional manner.
- Must be able to multi task.
- Ability to work under pressure in a fast paced environment.
- Applicants must be able to work varied shifts.

If you would like to be part of our team please submit your resume to manager@korumburramedical.com.au

**Applications close
Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

LB0638



Registered Nursing (RN) Staff and Endorsed Enrolled Nursing (EEN) staff required

Positions for permanent part time and casual shifts at Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of a family-owned Australian Aged Care Group Pty Ltd (AACG), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90 bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

We are seeking motivated and dedicated Registered Nurses and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses to be part of our team.

Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care;

The successful candidate will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only)
- Current registration with AHPRA as an Enrolled Nurse with medication endorsement (EEN only)
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
- Current Police Check.
- Team player qualities.
- Current influenza vaccination.
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

****We are a non-smoking facility.****

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call reception on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to recption@banfields.com.au

JAZ1100

Truck Drivers Wanted

Family owned and operated business seeking reliable, professional, experienced drivers for ongoing local work.

Burdett's has been established for over 40 years and proudly run a fleet of modern trucks which are kept up to date with the latest technology and are well maintained by manufacturer.

Drivers will be required to operate between Bendigo, Langwarrin and Dandenong.

- Be the first to drive our newest trucks in the fleet
- Competitive rates of pay + overtime at time and a half and double time
- Weekend work available
- Immediate start
- Home two nights a week
- Company uniform

Candidates must hold a valid Australian heavy vehicle licence (minimum of HC) and have the relevant rights to work in Australia.

If you would like to know more, please contact the Transport Manager on 0417 041 435 or email your resume to transport@burdetts.com.au

LB0620



**Mary MacKillop
Catholic Regional College**

**Expressions of Interest
Invited for 2023:**

Learning Support Staff

**Fixed term and ongoing roles available,
Monday to Friday 8.30am-3.30pm**

All Staff must demonstrate an active commitment to the ethos of a Catholic school. Mary MacKillop College is a Child-Safe school.

Further information can be found on our website or contact the Principal's Personal Assistant, Carly Kitchingman ckitchingman@mmccr.catholic.edu.au.

**Applications close:
Friday, December 9, 2022.**

LB0625

Mechanic

Qualified – Full time

Wheel-A-Waste has been established for 35 years and has built a great reputation in the local area.

Located in Wonthaggi, we specialise in providing quality waste and recycling services.

The role includes:

- Maintaining all aspects of vehicles to relevant transport legislation and standards
- Maintaining all aspects of equipment to the suppliers standard
- Carry out scheduled preventative maintenance services
- Road testing of vehicles

To be successful for this role you must have:

- HR licence

Company vehicle included in salary.

If you have the essential requirements and would like to seize this great opportunity, please send your resume and cover letter to:

PO Box 878, Wonthaggi, 3995 or email: accounts@wheelawaste.com

HB0659

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Whether it's a first job, a job before the dream job, or the job that turns into a career. See what we can do for you. To apply to work in this restaurant use the QR code or visit apply.mcdonalds.com.au



LB0656



Apprentice Steel Fabricator / Boilermaker

AC Metal Fabrications is seeking to source a suitable Apprentice Steel Fabricator or Boilermaker to join our team

Position: Full time 40hr/ week RDO + Super - overtime available and some weekend work

Pay: Above award for successful applicant

Successful Applicants require the ability to demonstrate the following:

- Good work ethic, enthusiastic and mechanically minded
- Ability to work in a team environment
- High attention to detail
- Completion of Year 11
- Ability to learn required skill sets

Send Resume / References to admin@acmetal.com.au

LB0643

Truck Drivers Wanted

Family owned and operated business seeking reliable, professional, experienced drivers for ongoing local work.

Burdett's has been established for over 40 years and proudly run a fleet of modern trucks which are kept up to date with the latest technology and are well maintained by manufacturer.

Drivers will be required to operate on regional routes in country Victoria between Hallston, Lysterfield, Leongatha and Korumburra.

- Be the first to drive our newest trucks in the fleet
- Competitive rates of pay + overtime at time and a half and double time
- Weekend work available
- Immediate start
- Company uniform

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LB0619

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The Bicycle Network's Great Vic Bike Ride is returning to Gippsland next year.
Photo: Bicycle Network

Premier cycling events heading for region in 2023

CYCLISTS are in for a treat next year with the announcement that the Bicycle Network's Great Vic Bike Ride is returning to Gippsland.

From November 25 to December 3, 2023, the nine-day rolling bike ride will travel from Orbost to Inverloch and wend its way through the region with visits including Buchan, Lakes Entrance, Paynesville, Sale, Port Albert and Fish Creek.

Three thousand riders from Victoria, interstate and overseas are expected to join next year's Great Vic.

The rolling bike festival travels from town to town. At each campsite there's heaps to enjoy including live music, food trucks, craft beer, yoga and outdoor cinema.

The ride starts in Orbost on November 25.

Overnight stops are in Buchan (26th), Lakes Entrance (27th), Paynesville (28th), Sale (two nights

29th and 30th), Port Albert (1st), Fish Creek (2nd) and finishing after 546kms in Inverloch.

The ride is a fully catered, tent-based holiday.

For more event information visit: greatvic.com.au

The Weekender

The Bicycle Network's will also host another event, 'The Weekender'.

The event will be held over the 2023 Anzac long weekend and will be based in Leongatha.

Day 1 – Saturday, April 22– 115kms, 1203m elevation

Starting in Leongatha, the clockwise loop features quiet country roads, a climb through the Strzelecki Ranges and a descent to Leongatha. The ride includes the beautiful coastal route between Inverloch and Cape Paterson.

Day 2 – Sunday, April 23– 70kms, 1229m elevation

Day two presents chal-

lenging climbs with the reward of the famous Grand Ridge Road and Gippsland Valley views.

VetRide

Held over the Anzac Day long weekend, Bicycle Network is partnering with VetRide and will be commemorating a service with ex-service personnel during the event.

VetRide is an organisation dedicated through cycling to the welfare of all service and ex-service personnel of the Australian Defence Forces.

Accommodation and tickets

'The Weekender Pass' – BYO tent and Bicycle Network will provide a post ride beverage, dinner, breakfast, toilets, showers, car parking and overnight security.

For more event information visit: www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/the-weekender/

Party time delayed at Woolamai races

THERE'S party groups lined up around the corner trying to get a foothold at the first race meeting of the season at Woolamai this Saturday, December 10.

It's all the more pressing because wet weather, a wet track and the lateness of the spring in Bass Coast and South Gippsland forced the Woolamai and District Racing Club to abandon the first scheduled meeting of the year on Saturday, November 26.

But it wasn't to be and the Woolamai committee is on tenterhooks waiting to see what the verdict will be, when there's a track inspection there on Tuesday

this week to determine if the Saturday, December 10 meeting will go ahead.

"We got some nice weather late last week, but unfortunately there's a bit of wet weather around this week that might raise the moisture levels again," said Woolamai Racing Club Secretary Abby Boyle.

Ms Boyle said the club simply wanted to get the season started, such is the popularity of one of Victoria's best picnic race venues, with heavy bookings already in for the big cup meeting on Saturday, January 28.

Stony Creek will get its season underway with the

traditional Christmas-New Year meeting on Tuesday, December 27, followed by four other meetings in January (2), February and March.

Race meeting dates Woolamai & District race meetings: Saturday, December 10, Saturday, December 31, Saturday, January 14, Saturday, January 28 (Woolamai Cup), Saturday, February 18 and Saturday, April 1.

Stony Creek race meetings: Tuesday, December 27, Tuesday, January 3, Tuesday, January 31, Monday, February 13 and Sunday, March 12 (Stony Creek Cup).



Around the Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

IT'S been a long time coming but finally a near perfect few days of weather and the promise of more to come in the near future anyway.

There were plenty that took advantage of the fine conditions, with many coming down to their holiday houses for the first time since long before winter.

With most of the caravan parks and camping areas along the river closed for Christmas and desperately trying to be open again by Easter, there will be 1000s of people looking for accommodation along the coast.

With them will be plenty who just want a change of scenery from the flooded houses and paddocks escaping for a week or two of less stress.

Many of these will be in small boats that they fish in the river with or reasonably light gear they use to fish from the riverbank, they will know very little about fishing in the sea and even less about fishing in the current that we have.

So when you are at the ramp being held up by someone trying to launch a tinny you could lift off the trailer or on the jetty with someone using very light gear tangling everyone, before you try to drive over them at the ramp or throw them of the jetty remember what their last few months might have been like.

Weather permitting it will be extremely busy down here this holiday season, so expect it and don't be too surprised.

With the perfect conditions there were plenty of people catching up on their missed fishing days from the last month or so, and we had some very good reports despite it being tough for all.

Fishing the shallows for snapper it's been find the fish and berley them up, moving around until you find a patch that is hungry whereas fishing deep it's just sit and wait, don't move around and hope they swim past.

While the first can take a bit of skill getting it right there isn't much involved in sitting and waiting. Both ways berley will help, present decent baits, plenty of weight and all that but what you will find is if you are sitting waiting in a channel, you get patches of other fish swimming by.

A lot of what swims by will be your bait fish, salmon, yakkas and mackerel.

So make sure you have a rod set up ready to go with a small lure or sabiki jig, because you won't get enough time if you have to find a lure in the tackle box and tie it on, they will be gone.

Have a rod out with a smaller hook set up for the odd whiting that swims past and don't forget the squid jig sitting down under the boat, paternoster rig, heavy sinker and a couple of bright jigs, handlines work perfectly for this. Most of the bigger snapper we had reported came from the shallow water whereas the bigger numbers came from the deeper areas. It is still very difficult to give someone advise as to the best area to fish with reports over the weekend from Lang Lang to Cowes and everywhere in between again.

I would just head to some of the more common areas, Tortoise Head to Elizabeth Island for the deeper fishing and across the corals to the shallows of the mud.

Whiting reports continued and if you are

just going to target them, we didn't hear from many that missed out.

Like the snapper it's difficult to pin down a spot but be prepared to fish shallow and deep.

Both are producing, as is the most common spots it's just picking the right one on the right day.

With the pippies still expensive we are finding people being very inventive and trying all sorts of baits.

The perfect weather opened up offshore for the weekend and there were plenty going to head out for a fish.

Saturday didn't turn out quite as good as expected with a bit of easterly in it, and an annoying size swell, so most just poked their heads out and had a flatty bash waiting for the expected northeast on Sunday to head a little further in the search for a tuna or kingfish.

With the better weather and a lot more daylight now, we have extended the shop hours.

We are opening at 9am Monday, Tuesday - 8am Wednesday, Thursday, Fri - 6am Saturday, Sunday and will be closing at 6pm Fridays.

PUBLIC NOTICES



CARING FOR SAM'S CHILDREN

Please support the fundraiser for Sam Fraser's children, to help cover the cost of their care and education. To donate, go to gofund.me/b6e777cb, or search gofundme.com for "Caring for Sams Children".

Santa's Fire Engine Run

On CHRISTMAS EVE (December 24) Santa will deliver presents within the township of Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson.

THE FIRE ENGINE WILL DELIVER PRESENTS FROM 2PM

Delivery charge is \$5 per present

NO EXCEPTIONS

(correct amount will only be accepted) Santa is very busy, please get organised early...

CLEARLY NAMED & ADDRESSED PARCELS may be left at Santa's depot,

Wonthaggi Fire Station, 91 White Road

On the following days

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - 10am-1pm, 4-6pm

Saturday, Dec. 10 - 10am-1pm

Monday, Dec. 12 - 10am-1pm, 4-6pm

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - 10am-1pm, 4-6pm

Saturday, Dec. 17 - 1-4pm

Monday, Dec. 19 - 10am-1pm, 4-6pm

Wednesday, Dec. 21 - 10am-1pm, 4-6pm



TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Cowes +28, Inverloch +30, Newhaven +1.03, Corinella +1.08, Port Welshpool +1.28, Tarwin Lower jetty +3 hours.

TUESDAY December 6

4.07am
0.80m
10.44am
1.33m
4.55pm
0.39m

WEDNESDAY December 7

12.09am
1.48m
5.25am
0.83m
11.38am
1.32m
5.51pm
0.34m

THURSDAY December 8

1.05am
1.56m
6.31am
0.81m
12.30pm
1.32m
6.40pm
0.29m

FRIDAY December 9

1.53am
1.62m
7.23am
0.77m
1.16pm
1.34m
7.24pm
0.26m

SATURDAY December 10

2.35am
1.66m
8.05am
0.73m
1.59pm
1.35m
8.05pm
0.25m

SUNDAY December 11

3.13am
1.67m
8.44am
0.69m
2.39pm
1.37m
8.45pm
0.25m

MONDAY December 12

3.46am
1.66m
9.21am
0.66m
3.17pm
1.37m
9.23pm
0.27m

Email us your fishing photos
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INVERLOCH

CLUB Championships continue to provide our club with a chance to view magnificent bowling.

Four finals have been decided so far. Ladies Single Champion, Lorraine Dowson.

Men's Single Champion, Mick Coram.

Men's Pairs Champions, Martin Hannaford and Andrew Rowe (a substitute for Wayne Parks).

Ladies Minor Singles Champion, Carol Waters. Congratulations to all those that reached the finals so far.

Social Bowls saw 35 players have a wonderful bowling day.

The eventual winners with 2 wins were Judith Moule, Graham Turton, Terry Seaward and John Hallas.

Midweek Pennant. Division 1 Inverloch 65 defeated Corinella 41. Division 2 Inverloch 70 defeated Toora 49. Division 3 Inverloch 47 defeated Tarwin Lower 29.

Saturday Pennant. Inverloch 42 defeated by Toora 62. Division 2 Inverloch 70 defeated Fish Creek 57. Division 3 Inverloch 46 defeated by Meeniyana 59. Division 4. Port Welshpool 82 defeated Inverloch 47.

KORUMBURRA

THIS week in pennant both midweek sides travelled to Cowes.

In Division 1 Judith Nicholl went down 14 shots to 24.

Jo Lomagno went down 12 shots to 35, while Jenny McVeigh went down 29 shots to 16.

In division 3 things were much closer, with Katrina Evans getting up 20 shots to 16.

Unfortunately Cheryl Moore went down 18 shots to 13 an overall 1 shot loss.

Saturday pennant saw division one hosting near neighbour Leongatha.

Keith March had a 3 shot win getting up 23 shots to 20.

Rob Cosson went down in a nail biter 20 shots to 21.

While Col Underwood went down 26 shots to 32.

Division 2 travelled to Leongatha all to no avail Les Eastman went down 17 shots to 23, Graeme Freestone went down 18 shots to 26.

While Rob Sund went down 12 shots to 20.

In Division 4 we travelled to Cowes Peter Horsfield was the only shining light having an 18 all draw.

Alan Cherrett went down 18 shots to 28 while Mike Gallagher lost 13 to 33.

Don't forget twilight bowls of a Wednesday night names in by 6pm for 6.30pm start.

LEONGATHA

ROUND 6 of the Midweek Competition for Divisions 1 and 3 was played on November 29.

The Leongatha versus Wonthaggi Division 1 game was a nail biter with Leongatha going down by 1 shot.

The overall score was 52/53 and the individual rink scores were as follows:

Carol Harry Leongatha Skip was defeated by Janice Jeeves Wonthaggi skip 15/19 shots. Rosa James Leongatha Skip defeated Dawn Jensen Wonthaggi Skip 20/15 shots. Jenny Miller Leongatha Skip was defeated by Kathleen Simpson Wonthaggi Skip 17/19 shots.



Inverloch winners Graham Turton, Terry Seaward and John Hallas. (Front) Judith Moule.



Midweek bowls winners Michael Dady (S), Bill Williams (L) and Luke Monckton (3).



Wonthaggi Bowls Wednesday winners Bill Davidson, Allan Ireland, Rob Dennis and Peter McBain.

The Division 3 game was a duel between Leongatha and Fish Creek with Leongatha demonstrating their superiority with a final score of 48/33 shots.

Individual Rink Scores were as follows: Karen Fidler Leongatha Skip defeated Bronwyn Williams Fish Creek Skip 27/13 shots. Susan Wakefield Leongatha Skip had a close result over Linda Heywood Fish Creek skip 21/20 shots.

On Wednesday, November 30, Social Bowls was conducted at the club with 21 players and the name of the game was two bowl triples.

Jeanette Chambers and Harry Forester blitzed their opposition to win with 2 wins plus 25 shots.

On Saturday, December 3, round 7 of the Saturday Pennant competition commenced.

The Division 1 game was played at Korumburra where Leongatha had a close win registering an overall score of 73/69 shots.

Rink scores were as follows: Keith March Korumburra Skip; defeated Jenny Millar Leongatha skip 23/20; Colin Underwood Korumburra Skip was defeated by Anthony Collier Leongatha Skip 20/26shots; Robert Cosson Korumburra Skip was defeated by Paul Michael Leongatha Skip 20/21 shots.

The Division 2 game was played at home where Leongatha who had a convincing win 69/47 on all rinks.

Individual rink scores were as follows: Wayne Walker Leongatha Skip defeated Robert Sund Korumburra skip 20/12 shots; Jeff Pendergast Leongatha Skip defeated Les Eastor Korumburra Skip 23/17 shots; Les Wilson Leongatha Skip defeated Graham Freeston Korumburra Skip 26/18 shots.

The Division 3 game was

played at Leongatha against Mirboo North who took the opportunity to better it's position on the ladder.

Leongatha will continue to be uncompetitive whilst the availability issue is unresolved. The overall result was a win to Leongatha 72/45 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows: Lynne McIntyre Leongatha Skip was defeated by Robert Hibberson Mirboo North Skip 15/23 shots; Alan Moxey Leongatha Skip was annihilated by Lindsay Soutter Mirboo North Skip 12/31 shots; Alan Rayson Leongatha Skip battled hard for a draw against Trevor Henn Mirboo North Skip 18/18.

MIDWEEK

LANG Lang turned on a perfect day for our members.

Twenty-six of our members turned up to once again fight it out for team of the day.

Some excellent bowling by some excellent bowlers, with a few wild shots from time to time.

Didn't see too many wrong bias bowls today but we are still adding to the RCH tin.

A fair amount of friendly sledging as well as a lot of laughter could be heard across the green which makes the day so much fun for all.

Winners on 34 points were: Michael Dady (S), Luke Monckton (3), Bill Williams (L)

Runners Up on 33 points were: Peter Gratton (S), Rob Jeffrey (3), Jenny Smith (L)

Best One Game today went to: John Nicholson (S), David Talbot (3), Cheryl Floyd (L)

Next week we look forward to playing on Corinella's new green.

We hope everyone can turn up to test it out before it becomes

to settled.

See you all at 10:00AM.

TOORA

TOORA Bowls club held a triples day on Sunday, December 4, sponsored by Curram Panels from Foster and South Gippsland Plasterers.

Our warmest day for the season so far and thanks to those who turned up for the game.

John Roberts and Matt Gallagher from Port Welshpool with ring in Ian Rogers from Toora took home the first prize with 53pts.

Roger Sund, Roger Balment and Ken Parkinson from Korumburra came in 2nd with 40 pts.

The Toora team of Bart Zafarese and Mark Rigaldi skippered by Brett Garrow wound up with 3rd spot.

Fish Creek's team of Rob Polletti, Lyn Polletti and Robyn Napier were over the moon to take out the encouragement Wine award.

Afternoon tea was a hit and those cream cakes and slices disappeared quickly. Great bowling and thank you everyone for your support.

Congratulations to Division 1 and Division 5 on their wins last Saturday.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER busy week at the club starting off with Mid Week Pennant on Tuesday.

Div 1 travelled to Leongatha to do battle on a day with a cool breeze. Always hard to beat at home, Leongatha were in the top four, and looking to stay there. As the match went on it was clear the final score was going to be close. Wonthaggi were able to win two rinks which turned out to be important to the result. The final scores

Wonthaggi 53 Leongatha 52.

Div 2 travelled to San Remo to do battle against the top team. Always a little tricky on a day with a breeze at San Remo. Wonthaggi had a very good win on one rink but went down on the other two. The final scores Wonthaggi 53 San Remo 49.

Tuesday night saw the return of Bare Foot Bowls after a break with a good mix of old and new teams enjoying the night. Don't forget to have a look at our Facebook page for some Photos.

Wednesday saw thirty bowlers take to the greens on a fine day with a cool breeze.

Teams were a mix of three and four bowlers with two teams winning two games. The runners up were the team of Stan Noad, Joy Phillips, Rob Allan and Ray Hin with a score of 2 wins and 31 points.

The winners were Bill Davidson, Peter McBain, Rob Dennis and Allan Ireland with a score of 2 wins and 32 points.

Thursday morning saw 25 bowlers take to the greens for a very enjoyable game of social bowls.

Once again all four Saturday Pennant teams had a win.

Div 1 played host to Corinella at home on a fine sunny day.

Two rinks were able to record wins with the other having a draw.

Two wins in a row, well done. The final scores Wonthaggi 72 Corinella 43.

Div 2 travelled to the seaside town of San Remo on a day perfect for bowls, fine with a gentle breeze.

Once again two rinks had good wins with the other rink having a narrow loss. A good result on the day and look forward to next week. The final score Wonthaggi 64 San Remo 44.

Div 3 travelled to the lovely town of Foster, to do battle against a team that are always hard to beat. Two rinks had close games with one able to have a win and the other having a draw.

The other rink were able to steady the ship with a good win. The final scores Wonthaggi 71 Foster 57. Div 4 played host to Corinella at home, looking for a win. Two rinks had different results with one having a good win and the other having a loss.

The other rink had a very good win to steady the ship. The final scores Wonthaggi 56 Corinella 45.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Mid Week Pennant, Tuesday evening Bare Foot Bowls, Wednesday Turkey Triples Day, Thursday social bowls at 10.00 am, Friday Coaching at 10.00 am and Saturday Pennant.



Winners of Korumburra's Ritchie Beecroft Memorial 4BBB Stroke event; Trudy Olden and Shelley Snooks (Handicap winners) and Johanna van den Heiligenberg and Lee Clements (Scratch winners).



Bec Thomas was the All Gippsland Singles winner.

FOSTER

FOSTER Ladies were pleased to see a fine day at last, and our "bus" trip / Presidents and Captains Day took us to the par 3 golf course at Inverloch, where we played an always exciting 9 holes. Winners on the day were Barb Warren 9-hole scratch 35.

Mystery 9 was Barb Warren and Maxine Symmons 73.

R/U Geraldine Sinclair and Trudi Prue.

NTP: second and eight Anne Heywood and Geraldine Sinclair.

Next week December 14, is our Christmas break up 9-hole stableford aggregate.

Remember please your Kris Kringle gifts and come with bells on.

KORUMBURRA

Ladies

THE Ritchie Beecroft Memorial 4BBB Stroke event was played in perfect golfing weather last Wednesday.

Congratulations to Lee Clements (21) and Johanna van den Heiligenberg (11) who won the Scratch event with 84. Runners-up were Julie Brannaghan (26) and Merrissa Cosson (14), 86. Well done to the Handicap winners, Trudy Olden (41) and Shelley Snooks (21), with 64 nett.

Diarne Maskell (40) and Beryl Brown (27) were runners-up, 66 nett and Lorraine Knox (41) and Jenny Blackmore (32) won a BDTL with 67 nett. Marg Harper (41) had a great round of 22 pts to win the 9-hole comp.

Thursday Twilight winners were Zac Scholte and Aliesha Wrigley, 23 pts for nine holes and a free replay. Shelley Snooks and Zac were NTP on the 1st.

Aliesha Wrigley (27) had a fantastic round to win the Saturday RB Stroke event with 62 nett. Diarne Maskell (40) was runner-up, 72 nett.

BDTL went to Sherrin Solly (25), and Jennie Loughnan (52), both finishing with 76 nett.

Aliesha and Johanna van den Heiligenberg both had the best gross score with 89. Deb Wrigley was NTP on the 1st and Trudy Mantell was closest on the 13th.

LEONGATHA

PAR November 29.

On Tuesday we had 61 members/guests play in the Tuesday Par Comp.

A-Grade Winner: Doug Clemann with +3

A-Grade R/Up: Antony Gedye with +2

B-Grade Winner: Fred De Bondt with +1

B-Grade R/Up: Neale Gillin with 0 on a countback

C-Grade Winner: Michael Delaney with +4

C-Grade R/Up: Michael Snoxell with +3

14th NTP: Garry Rotteveel with 2.80m

16th NTP: Winton Knop with 1.10m

Evans Petroleum Thursday Stableford November 1.

On Thursday we had 94 members/guests play in the Evans Petroleum Stableford event. High scoring was a feature in all grades.

Thanks again to Evans Petroleum for their valued sponsorship of this event.

A-Grade Winner: Walter Taberner with 42 points

A-Grade R/Up: Doug Clemann with 41 points

B-Grade Winner: Ken Lay with 41 points

B-Grade R/Up: Gary McGrath with 39 points on a countback

C-Grade Winner: Neil McKenzie with 41 points

C-Grade R/Up: Gerald Free-stone with 40 points

14th NTP: Gary McGrath with .75m

16th NTP: Russell Hodgson with 2.10m

Saturday Monthly Medal Stroke Round December 3.

On Saturday we had an excellent field of 89 members/guests playing in the first summer conditions for the season.

Overall Winner: Ken Smirk with a nett score of 66 on a countback

A Grade Winner: Craig Hutchinson with a nett score of 67

A Grade R/Up: Christopher Leaver with a nett score of 69

B Grade Winner: Doug Clemann with a nett score of 66

B Grade R/Up: Peter Walsh with a nett score of 68

C Grade Winner: Garry Rotteveel with a nett score of 67

C Grade R/Up: Nick Shaw with a nett score of 72

D Grade Winner: David Jackson with a nett score of 56

D Grade R/Up: Malcolm Legge with a nett score of 68 on a countback

Women's Winner: Wendy Parker with a nett score of 69

14th NTP: Craig Hutchinson with 2.92m

16th NTP: Matthew Hilberand with 1.84m

Ladies

PERFECT weather conditions and near perfect course conditions for golf last week, with players enjoying the shortened hole on the 9th due to green renovations.

Chris Lay had the top score (34) to win A Grade and our B Grade winner was Glenyce McRobert with 33 points.

Runners up in each grade were Trish Owen (33) and Else Gedye (31).

Winners of balls down the line were: Fay Guilford 33, Karen de Groot, Neryl Hopcraft and Ann Blundy 31, and Dot Stubbs, Robin Smith and Shirley Welsford all on 30 points.

Else Gedye won the nearest the pin on the 14th.

Pat Pease had an excellent score of 16 in the 9-hole competition.

Lesley Renwick finished with 15 points, and Jill Steer and Karen Murchie had 14 points.

The final of the Nancy Sperling 4BBB Par event was finalised, with Marea Maher and Ashleigh Hutton defeating Wendy Parker and Joy O'Sullivan.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, December 1, Stableford.

A Grade: G Renwick (11) 42pts.

B Grade: N Baker (23) 38pts.

DTL: R Matthews 38, J Kus 36, J Mc Farlane 35 and J Smeriglio 34 c/b.

NTP: 4th N Rutledge, 16th D Taylor.

Birdies: 4th N Baker, 6th G Renwick and 13th J Hughes.

Saturday, December 3, Stroke.

A Grade: P Smart (11) 71 c/b.

B Grade: C Le Page (27) 71.

DTL: D Woodall 71, M Heiberg, R Scurlock, M Payne 73, N Rutledge 74 c/b.

NTP: 4th D Woodall, 6th R Matthews, 13th R Matthews, 16th M Payne.

Birdies: 4th S Evison, R Taylor, J Robbins, 6th D Woodall, R Matthews, 16th M Payne.

B Grade Championship Play Off - M Heiberg def R Taylor.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results December 3, S.R 72.

Competition type: Stroke Mthly Medal and putting.

A Grade: Eric Van Agtmaal 66 (Monthly Medal), B Grade: John Walsh 68, C Grade: Bill Howard 67.

NTPs: Simon O'Halloran 2nd, Peter Dell 4th, Martin Colin propin 8th, Sam Dennis 13th, Aaron Yann money hole 17th and Peter Thomson Putting 27 putts.

Men's results December 1.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71.

Winner: Ian Murrells 39.

Ball Sweep: Graeme Campbell 35, Graeme Crawford 34, Terry Fox 33 C/B.

Men's results December 1.

Competition type: Stableford Front, 9-hole, SR. 34.5

Winner: Ian Murrells 19 C/B.

Ball Sweep: Alan Anstey 19, Norm Burne 18 and Rod Walker 18 C/B.

Ladies

THIS WEEK was a fun day of 3 person drop out Ambrose. We had a great turnout of 9 teams and the results were very close.

The winning team was Heather Wintle, Chris Hamilton, and Yvonne Everitt with a lovely 82(14.83) 67.17 net.

R/up were Wendy Cross, Patsy Britt and Marg Johnson 84(16) 68

BDL to Catherine Bolding, Simone Lindsay, Betty Bowmar 68.33, Dawn Judkins, Anne Poulton, Irene Walsh 70.5.

NTP: 8th Betty Bowmar, 17th Anne Tschiderer.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

A BEAUTIFUL fine day with gusting winds welcomed 62 women from all over Gippsland for the All Gippsland Singles at Maffra on Tuesday, November 29.

It was the 110th playing of this event which is a great achievement.

The All Gippsland champion for 2022 was Bec Thomas (Leongatha) who had a fabulous day particularly on the greens with some great up and downs to win by 6 shots carding 78 off the stick.

The runner up was Leanne Pollard (Drouin) who recorded 84.

Bec went oh so close to also taking out the Div 1 nett event 78-5-73, as she was runner up on a countback to the winner Simone Mc Donald (Sale) 89-16-73.

The division 2 scratch winner was Jackie Murray (Maffra) 94 gross from Frankie MacLennan (Yarram) 96.

In the Div 2 nett event it was to Maffra players who took out the awards with Jackie Murray 94-23-71 the winner from Elizabeth Hatwell 100-27-73.

South Gippsland golfers featured in the balls down the line with Barb Britten (Foster) 92-16-75, Marg Tuckett (Woorayl) 103-25-78 and Elly Berryman (Woorayl) 88-9-79.

The nearest the pins were a clean sweep to South Gippsland golfers with 2nd Bec Thomas (Leongatha), 7th Eliza Nudelman (Foster), 12th Andrea Thorson (Meeniyen), 16th Kaye Dumbleton (Leongatha) (lucky card draw).

Jen Nickell also was acknowledged for her Eagle on the 6th hole.

Bec Thomas and her partner Andrea Thorson (Meeniyen) were runners up on the Monday in the All Gippsland Foursomes event.

It was a fabulous two days of golf, and it has been announced that the All Gippslands will be played at Phillip Island next year on October 23 - 24 2023.



Reaghan becomes State Champion

ON WEDNESDAY November 2, talented St Laurence O’Toole Primary School student Reaghan Van Dillen competed at the State Primary Schools’ Athletic Championships in nine/10-year-old girls’ high jump

In a close encounter with three other girls at Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne’s Albert Park, Reaghan was able to clear 1.30m and claim the win!

An amazing achievement for the young athlete no doubt inspired by Leongatha Olympian and current world champion Eleanor Patterson, Reaghan is now state primary schools champion in her age group.

Gippsland Swimming undefeated since 1993

A TEAM of 83 Gippsland Swimmers once again claimed the title of Country Junior District Champions at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on November 5.

In the history of the competition, Gippsland was the champion district at the previously named Country 7-10 Competition from 1978-1988, winning the trophy eleven times. From 1989, the trophy was won by Ovens & Murray District for the next 4 years. Gippsland reclaimed the title in 1993 and has held onto it since.

This year’s team consisted of 33 swimmers from South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club, nine from Warragul Swimming Club, 10 from Sale, 22 from Traralgon, four from East Gippsland Water Dragons, four from Moe, and one swimmer from Morwell Swimming Club.

At the conclusion of the day, Gippsland were declared the overall champions with a total of 1302 points, ahead of rival Ovens and Murray on 1100 points.

Swimmers won eight individual events, placed second in four individual events, and placed third in fourteen events. The team also won five relay events, placed second in four relay events, and third in two relays.

Gippsland was led by captains Max Auteri and Chloe Szkwarek (Traralgon). Coaches for the day were Caiden Gill (Traralgon), Lorrienne Mckenzie (South Gippsland), and Penny Georgeson (Traralgon). Team Managers were Simon Turnbull and Miriam Ripper (Sale).

Placegetters for the day locally were:

11-Year Old Girls: Rebecca Barclay (South Gippsland): 3rd 50m Backstroke; Gemma Cook (South Gippsland): 3rd 50m Backstroke, 3rd 50m Freestyle; Adelaide Ripper (Sale): 2nd 50m Breaststroke; Chloe Szkwarek (Traralgon):

11-Year-Old Boys: Max Auteri (Traralgon): 3rd 50m Backstroke; Rex Brocklesby (South Gippsland):

10-Year-Old Boys: Archie Smyth (South Gippsland):

9-Year-Old Boys: rd 50m Freestyle; Ethan Lynch (South Gippsland): 3rd 50m Breaststroke.

“You’re never too old for gold”

By Aiden Box

ONE of the region’s most decorated and dynamic duos won themselves yet another gold medal recently, this time at the Pan Pacific Masters Games on the Gold Coast.

Locals Merran Sice of Wonthaggi and Faye Surace of Korumburra, and their team, made up of fellow Gippslanders, took out the over 60s division netball title after a tough, quick-fire tournament.

It certainly wasn’t the pair’s first rodeo though, they’re both quite used to having a golden medallion hanging around their necks, as they mentioned in an interview with the Sentinel-Times recently.

“We started in 1995 playing basketball with another group of girls, and we were winning gold right up until 2015, we went to Alice Springs, New Zealand, Adelaide, Cairns and other places in Queensland and we’d usually come away with gold in each of them,” said Merran.

“We grew up in the towns around here and we’d been playing against each other for many years, we were always town rivals in the domestic competitions and then we got to age 35 and we decided to get together and play masters.

“From 1995 to 2015 we played every year in basketball, we didn’t miss a year, but in 2015 our team disbanded so we joined these girls from the Latrobe Valley, and again in 2016 and we won gold in netball, then we won a couple of silvers and then COVID came along.”

The experience of the duo is clear to see, their journey has not only been a long one, but a massively successful one too.

What is even more impressive about the pair’s story is their comeback this year, after having not played the game for three years, they got back together with their squad and took home another gold.

But how does this competition work? Well, Merran explained the ins and outs of the Pan Pacific Masters Games and their gruelling schedule.

“We had to play in the over



Faye, Merran and their fellow teammates pose for a photo on the Gold Coast.



Local duo Faye Surace and Merran Sice were once again apart of the gold medal winning team in the Pan Pacific Masters Games.

60s because you can’t play up an age group, but you can play down an age group and we had two players that weren’t 65 as yet, so we had to play down in the (over) 60s, our oldest team member was 73,” she said.

“We played nine games in six days which was pretty gruesome, we lost our first game and then we won every game after that, they’re fully timed games of 40 minutes so you could imagine how tired we were.

“The first few days we had two games, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, then for finals we played semi finals in the morning and medal

finals in the afternoon, needless to say there was a lot of sore bodies by the time the second game came around.”

The event has no qualifying standards or times to enter and welcomes participants of all levels from Australia and around the world.

“The Pan Pacific Masters games is one year, and the Australian Masters Games is the next year, they play all sports, everything you can think of, it’s just a way that people can keep active in doing the things they love.

“This is just what we do in Australia, we play the Australian Games, the Pan Pacific

Wonthaggi Workmens Club handicap Golf Croquet doubles

THE Wonthaggi Workmens Club sponsored handicap Golf Croquet doubles was held on the weekend of the November 26 and 27 in perfect croquet playing conditions.

The greens were in excellent condition, running fast and true. Players from throughout Gippsland and as far away as Mornington and Belmont took part in a spirited competition over the two days.

John Carr (Mornington) teamed up with Penny Morrison-McGill (Morwell) and triumphed in the closest of results over Ian Nicholson and Val Wilson (Korumburra).

Games and net hoops could not be separated but the former pair had beaten the latter pair during the weekend and were declared winners of section one.

The result of section two was

clearer cut with Nannette Fry and Michael Crawford from Drouin winning all of their six matches.

Wonthaggi’s own Virginia Wheeler and Neil Warburton finished as runners-up.

Thanks to all our club members who made this a very successful event.

The pennant teams played their last matches during the week of November 28..

Both Wonthaggi teams went out on a high with team number two beating Drouin Green but finishing bottom of the ladder.

Team number one finished third but had a bearing on the finals by beating Morwell, hence leaving Warragul on top of West Gippsland to fight out the final against Traralgon who finished top of East Gippsland.

The final will be hosted by Wonthaggi on the December 6.



Winners and runners-up in the doubles.



The Parrots enjoy the start of their preseason training. A02_4922

Time for reflection over for Parrots

LITTLE more than two months after achieving the rare feat of an undefeated season, the hard work has begun again for Leongatha, with a healthy turnout for its opening training session on Wednesday.

Pleasant conditions welcomed the players, a stark contrast to the September deluge during Leongatha's grand final triumph.

The Parrots will need to find improvement to stave off hungry challengers in 2023, having been tested on several occasions during their ultimately blemish-free campaign.

Sale stuck with Leongatha for most of the day in the grand final, with Wonthaggi having almost toppled the Parrots in a gripping semi final clash, and there were

By Andrew Paloczi

a couple of close shaves during the regular season.

Those memories should ensure nobody in green and yellow will be taking anything for granted as the side strives for consecutive flags.

Leongatha's senior side will be relying predominantly on continued improvement from its young brigade at this stage, with no dramatic news on the recruitment front so far.

However, Gippsland Power representative Jenson Garnham is one of the new faces at the Parrots, having made the move from Inverloch Kongwak for which he played 10 senior games in 2022.

Still aged just 19, Garnham

will boost the club's talented group of young players, with the Parrots under 18s set to again provide plenty of depth and grab their opportunities at senior level, as was the case in 2022.

The Parrots have retained most players from their premiership season, losing Matt Wilcocks who has headed back to Vermont due to travel demands.

Stability is also on show off field, with Leongatha heading into next season with largely the same coaching panel and little change expected to its committee.

Senior coach Trent McMicking welcomed the players back with a key message before they hit the training track.

He stressed the need to move

on from 2022 despite the amazing success of the season.

"It will always be a memory and one of the best things we've done, but tomorrow's the 1st of December and all the other clubs are back into it ready to go, and it's time for new beginnings," McMicking said.

Leongatha's Melbourne-based contingent will be in town for the Wednesday December 14 training session with all the local players urged to join them.

While the Christmas break starts from December 16, players are expected to come back in the best shape possible when formal training resumes at the start of February, with practice matches on the horizon not long after that.

ALAMBEE MIRBOO & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

LEONGATHA North vs Koonwarra was the game of the round this week.

Leongatha North winning the men's sets with Koonwarra evening it up winning the ladies. Even the mixed were close with just two games the difference after all was clean.

Westernport had a win against Korumburra. Only 12 games separated the two teams, so it was also a good match.

Leongatha Gold had their best win of the season in the Leongatha derby. Gold only losing a tiebreaker for the entire day.

It was great to see lots of young ones playing including Zac and Ethan Langstaff and Ella Skelton. While you may not win every match you play, the experience you get playing will be well worth it in the future. Outtrim also played well and had a win against Baromi.

The ladder in this section is changing each week which shows just how close it is.

The Tennis Tournaments are on next week at the Leongatha Tennis Courts. Let's hope all clubs can be represented and a good day is had by all players.

Section 1 results: Westernport 6.61 defeated Korumburra 3.49. Leongatha North 4.55 defeated Koonwarra 5.53. Inverloch BYE

Ladder: Inverloch 70, Westernport 57, Leongatha North 43.5, Koonwarra 41, Korumburra 37.

Section 2 results: Leongatha Gold 8.71 defeated Leongatha Green 1.30. Outtrim 7.61 defeated Baromi 2.43. Korumburra BYE

Ladder: Outtrim 59.5, Leongatha Gold 54, Baromi 53, Korumburra 49, Leongatha Green 31.

Winners are grinners at Wonthaggi Table Tennis Association

TWO tournaments were held recently at the Wonthaggi Table Tennis Centre and the standard of play was high and one close match followed another.

Braden Andrighetto was ecstatic to have a finals win over his long-time rival Jack Duff in the fifth game.

Every game was won by only two points!

The doubles were won by Jack, partnering with Siobhan Paxton, Braden paired with Charley Donohue, and they were runners up.

The handicap singles were won by Charley Donohue in a very close final from Leanne Costello.

The youngest players enjoyed their own tournament and presentations with David and Sam Kimmins and Trish Denier last Thursday night.

The junior championship went to James in a see-sawing finals match against Lewey.

Jack Duff, Siobhan Paxton, Charley Donohue, Braden Andrighetto.

Charley Donohue and Leanne Costello.

James and Lewey.

Jack Duff and Braden Andrighetto.

MIRBOO NORTH AND DISTRICT JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION

RESULTS and Ladders from Round 9.

A Grade results: Leongatha Nadal 4 sets and 34 games defeated Fish Creek 2 sets and 28 games. Baromi 3 sets and 34 games defeated Leongatha Kyrgos 3 sets and 27 games. Leongatha Federer 5 sets and 36 games defeated Mardan 1 set and 21 games.

A Grade Ladder: Leongatha Nadal 44, Baromi 35, Fish Creek 32.5, Leongatha Federer 32, Leongatha Kyrgos 28.5, Mardan 14.

B Grade results: Baromi 6 sets and 36 games defeated Mardan 0 sets and 11 games. Fish Creek 5 sets and 35 games defeated Leongatha 1 set and 20 games.

B Grade Ladder: Baromi 45.5, Fish Creek 42, Leongatha 21, Mardan 17.5.

C Grade results: Leongatha Swaittek forfeited to Baromi. Fish Creek 7 sets and 30 games defeated Leongatha Saville 1 set and 12 games. Mardan 5 sets and 28 games defeated Leongatha Tomijanovic 3 sets and 21 games.

C Grade Ladder: Baromi 62.5, Leongatha Swaittek 55.5, Fish Creek 36, Leongatha Saville 33, Leongatha Tomijanovic 28.5, Mardan 26.5.



Dan Bettles and Rina DeRubeis got to play cricket with their three boys Cruz, Hunter and Dallas (8) on the weekend in Glen Alvie.

Cricket a family affair at Killy-Bass

KILCUNDA-BASS picked up a great win at Glen Alvie on Saturday in their C grade division two contest, however, the Sharks were celebrating much more than just the victory. It was a family affair for the travelling Killy-Bass squad, as almost half the team hailed from one household, that's right, five members of the Sharks XI were part of the one family. Dan Bettles and Rina DeRubeis got to play with their three boys Cruz (11), Hunter (9) and Dallas (8),

an awesome achievement for the family unit. The Sharks ended up winning the match by 63-runs and all family members had a great time, Hunter even finished the day with three wickets (3/16 from 7 overs) while Cruz (1/17 from 7 overs) and Dallas (1/12 from 6 overs) each took one. Cruz also topped the score for the family with 17 runs! The boys' uncle and Rina's brother Pat DeRubeis also played, a great achievement for the club.

Juniors continue to outperform rivals

By Geoff Wyatt

LEONGATHA Under 13s welcomed Traralgon on Sunday at East Campus in round two of the GCL Under 13 competitions. Leongatha won the toss and batted with Hudson Guymmer (Nerrena) caught and Evan Belvedere (Korumburra) bowled, unfortunately both batsmen were dismissed without scoring. It was left to Cooper Newman and Ty Debono, both from Inverloch to resurrect the innings. They added 63 when Ty was caught for a well compiled 42, Eamon Berryman (Nerrena) joined Cooper and they took the score to 108 when Cooper was dismissed caught for 32 his second solid innings in a row. The LDCA side pushed the score out to 7 for 148 off their 40 Overs. Eamon made 19 not out, Jobe Williams (P Island) 3, Louis Read (K'Warra) failed to score, Archie Williams (P Island) 12, Max Johnston (Foster) not out 5 with 35 extras. A very good score for the Under 13s, this group is showing a lot of talent and seem very comfortable at this level. Traralgon opened the batting against Louis Read (K'Warra) (Louis recently played School Boys for Victoria and I believe was leading wicket taker for the Australian Competition a great effort, he shows a lot of potential in the game of Cricket) with Jobe Williams (P Island) another bowler showing a lot of potential. They managed five wickets between them Louis 3 for 9 and Jobe 2 for 9. Traralgon never recovered and were dismissed for 63 off 26.3 Two wins from two games, next Sunday they play against Warragul (away) this will be a good test. This game will be followed by two games in January and for the first time there will be a GCL Final on January 29. A lot of Junior Representative Cricket the next couple of weeks 13s (away) and 15s (home (Korumburra) this week the 11s, the following week Under 12s and 14s play against Warragul (Home -Korumburra) and Koonwarra. We also have four players travelling to Yarrawonga to represent Gippsland in the "State Under 16 Competition" Tim Niven (P.Island), Aydan Williams (Imperials), Xavier Lamers (OMK) Tadgh Gannon (Nerrena). The Under 16s Gippsland Pride had a win Round 2 on Sunday at Ted Summerton. We had four LDCA representatives playing against Sharks (South East) who made 192 with Gippsland Pride 6 for 193 off 43.2 Overs. Xavier Lamers opening the batting and Aydan Williams 0 for 21 off four overs, this win was after a disappointing loss first round at Casey with dropped catches proving costly. Thanks to LDC Umpire Glenn Plymin for Umpiring Sunday's YPL Game with Tony Flynn (Latrobe). To follow these games on "My Cricket" the Default Club is "Youth Premier League" and 13s and 15s is "Gippsland Cricket Region 7".



Bob Duljas drives elegantly.

Goannas go well at Over 60s Nationals

THE Gippsland Goannas were well represented in last week's Over 60s National Championships at Geelong. Ray Smith was Victoria's leading batsman in the Victoria One team, which won the final against South Australia on Thursday. He top-scored with 43 in the first victory against New Zealand, 31 not out against Queensland, 21 not out against New South Wales, and finished with 35 in the Grand Final against South Australia. In the fifth division, Ray Floyd, Neil Meredith and Peter Anton performed admirably in the Victoria Green team, which also won its four matches. Floyd made 30 and Anton 35 not out in the first game against ACT, and Meredith took three wickets. Floyd made 40 and Meredith took two wickets in the second game against Victoria Grey, while Floyd made 42 not out and Anton took two wickets in the third game against New South Wales. In the final game, Anton made 25 and Meredith 15 not out and Meredith took a wicket in the team's win over Victoria Blue. In Sunday's game, the Gippsland Goannas Over 70s lost to Glen Waverley in a tight game. The Goannas were depleted in numbers but managed to field a team at the Capital Reserve ground and both sides included a number of Over 60 players to enable the fixture to proceed. The Goannas skipper Ian Southall won the toss and batted, with his side losing three wickets but being restricted to an inadequate total of 125 off 36 overs. Fill-in player Rob Taylor top-

scored with an entertaining 26 off 15 balls at the end of the innings, while Ian Gibson (22), Andrew Smith (14) and Dick Noble (14) were the other main contributors. Glen Waverley lost five wickets in their chase, ending on 134. The wicket takers were Dick Noble with three for 24 off five overs of leg spin, while Ian Southall bowled seven tight overs to take two for 18, the catches were taken by Derek Morris and Ian Gibson. The over 70s have a bye in the next round, playing their next game on January 8 at home against Mornington/Canterbury. The Over 50s game against Geelong has been postponed until January 22 in Geelong. The next game for the Gippsland Over 60s is against Iona at Iona this Sunday December 11.

Leongatha go down in thrilling GCL contest

WARRAGUL won a thriller against Leongatha in the other GCL match played last Sunday. The Wild Dogs snuck home by six runs, successfully defending 126. Batsmen found the going tough at Leongatha Recreation Reserve, and for Warragul, only Fraser Duncan (33) and Dan Vela (28) were able to make an impression. Mitch Clark had everything going for him, and ended with figures of 5/27 from 7.1 overs. Harry Hoekstra was near-on unplayable, and took 3/10 from eight overs, in an effort that included three maidens. To give an indication of what batsmen were up against, Clark was the only bowler (of eight used) to go at more than two-an-over. Clark looked to be picking up where he left off with the ball, opening the batting for the home side. After getting to 33, and probably rightly thinking it was his day, Clark was dismissed to see Leongatha delicately poised at 4/81. With Shiran Rathnayake still in, he threatened to be the difference. The Wild Dogs were able to get wickets around him however, and the pressure eventually meant Rathnayake joined the cluster after he made 29. Warragul pressed on, and soon had Leongatha 9/115. Jona Watts became the hero for the Wild Dogs, taking the last wicket in the 43rd over. Watts ended with 3/19, along with Vela, who returned near-identical figures of 3/20.

Stunning weather shines on women cricketers

WOMEN'S cricket continued in the LDCA on the weekend, as the teams played out their last fixture before the long Christmas break. Unfortunately, the majority of the results were unavailable at the time of printing, however, at this stage Nyora sit atop region one and Inverloch sit atop region two both with three wins and no losses at the break. Inverloch's results from their match with Foster Yellow were available. Foster won the toss and sent the Stingette's in to bat first and they started with a bang! Jackie Newman (13) and Keely Dennerley (23) combining for 36 runs in the first pairing, this was followed on well by Charley Donohue (20) before Nicole Creaser (23) equalled Dennerley's score and then Liza Burrows topped the lot with an awesome knock of 31. All up the visitors finished with a huge score 153, in reply, the Yellow Tigers couldn't quite find the same firepower, as they finished on 51, falling by 102-runs. The massive win from Inverloch was highlighted by taking 10 wickets led by young star Holly Williams (4/3 from 3) who finished with some incredible figures. The teams will now enjoy their Christmas break and be back into play on January 15 for Round 4. All other results unavailable at time of printing. RIGHT: Koony's Grace Mattingley sends one down on Sunday. B13_4922





AFL journalist Caroline Wilson says one of Gillon McLachlan's biggest failures has been his inability to find a clear successor. Photo: AAP Image/Ethan James

‘Really disappointing’: Wilson calls out one of McLachlan’s biggest failures as AFL CEO

VETERAN AFL journalist Caroline Wilson says one of Gillon McLachlan’s biggest failures has been his inability to find a clear successor.

McLachlan announced earlier this year that he would depart AFL House at the end of the season, yet in December, finds himself still in the role for several months to come.

The league boss won’t depart until after Round 5 next year. He’s stayed on given there remain significant unsolved issues in the game, including the Hawthorn racism investigation and Tasmania’s 19th AFL license.

But McLachlan’s successor is still as unclear as it was in April earlier this year. Wilson says it’s one area where McLachlan has “let the side down”.

“Failing to promote a successor (has been his biggest failure aside from the Adam Goodes chapter),” Wilson replied when questioned on

By Seb Mottram

the Don’t Shoot The Messenger podcast.

“What we’re seeing now is there’s a few different people going for the job... Andrew Dillon, Travis Auld, Brendon Gale, Tom Harley may be a bit young, maybe not.

“I think it’s really disappointing. Andrew Demetriou didn’t really have to promote Gillon McLachlan, he was so brilliant as a no.2 that he promoted himself, but I think it is one area where Gillon has really let the side down.

“He hasn’t managed to do that, he had a few ideas along the way that haven’t really worked out.

“It’s endemic across the whole industry that there’s so few up and coming CEOs at club level.

“They started this young executive program at the AFL... I don’t know where it went.”

Essendon appointed its new CEO on Thursday after a

lengthy process, while North Melbourne’s new boss came two days before.

Collingwood is the last club left without a CEO after Mark Anderson’s resignation, joining the AFL in a degree of uncertainty.

While Wilson lamented the lack of prospects coming through, she expects new Roos CEO Jennifer Watt – who’s never before been a club CEO – to do a fine job.

“Full disclosure, she’s a good acquaintance of mine... I always thought she would get the job,” Wilson stated

“She’s a gun and I am so glad North Melbourne – who have a woman president – now have the AFL’s second woman CEO.

“Usually if you come from outside (club land) it doesn’t really work, Tracy Gaudry was the first woman CEO at Hawthorn... it didn’t work out. Jen Wat, I believe it will and I think she’s going to do a brilliant job.”

Khawaja reflects on brilliant return to test side and in-form Aussie teammates

By Kobe Jacobs

USMAN Khawaja is once again flourishing at the top of the order for the Australian Test team.

After a lengthy hiatus away from the XI, the 35-year-old made a successful return to the side in the 4th Ashes Test at the SCG in January of this year.

Posting scores of 137 and 101 not out in both innings, Khawaja was then selected for the Australian tour of Pakistan.

In the Pakistan tour, the left-hander was the highest run-scorer in the series with a total of 496 runs which earned him the player of the series award.

When initially dropped from the Test team in 2019, Khawaja says he wasn’t deterred by the decision.

“I’ve been enjoying my cricket for a while, even since I last got dropped from the Australian cricket team I went back and played for Queensland and I was really enjoying that time,” Khawaja told SEN Test Cricket.

“To be back here has been fun, I’ve been able to score a few runs but we’ve been playing some really good cricket too and winning lots of games which always helps.”

Khawaja, who kicked off his summer of cricket on Wednesday after making a gritty 65 runs, said the West Indies’ bowling attack was disciplined in the opening sessions.

Both he and fellow Queenslander Marnus Labuschagne had to be patient as the ‘Windies’ bowlers remained assertive.

“It sucks for the batsman (getting clogged down) because you want to score runs and you want to do it freely but sometimes you have to put your pride and ego out of the way,” he said.

“Me and Marnus pretty much did that for the whole first session, it got a little bit easier in the second session but they still (the West Indies) bowled relatively well and then obviously I missed out in that last session but Marnus did (play) and he certainly cashed in.

“You could almost say he is due the way Marnus plays, he is a terrific player who you know is going to score runs at some stage so it was great to see.

“He batted beautifully yesterday

and it’s nice to see a smile on his face because he deserves it because he works extremely hard.”

Labuschagne brought up his second double century shortly before lunch on Day 2.

Another player who was able to reap the rewards of Khawaja and Labuschagne’s early resistance was Steve Smith, who was able to cruise to 50 runs from only 75 balls.

Khawaja mentioned that he thinks the once-former Test captain may just be in for yet another big summer.

“Even before the start of the match you could just tell that he was comfortable with how he was batting, I don’t know what happens in the mind of Steve Smith but he is the best Test cricketer I’ve played with,” he added.

“He looked really comfortable before coming out in this game, when you see that in Steve Smith then you almost know that he is going to score runs.

“I can’t say that for many players because this game is bloody tough but when Smithy is feeling good before a game you can almost lock him in.”

Smith knocked a century late in the first session of play on Day 2.

After this two-match series against the West Indies, the Australians will then host South Africa before heading to India to play in the sub-continent, with a potential World Test Championship next year along with an Ashes series.

In what will be one of the biggest years of Australian cricket, with Khawaja stating that he is embracing what is to come in the future.

“Personally I don’t look too far ahead because it is always one innings after the next but at the same time I’d be lying if we didn’t all as a team have one eye on the bigger picture,” he mentioned.

“If we can do well this summer, play well in India, get to the World Test Championship which is massive and then there’s a massive Ashes series coming up too which I know a lot of the boys still have the hunger to win that.”

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C GRADE DIVISION 1

Inverloch 2/186 d MDU 3/151
Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: W Stewart 51*, JJ Dennerley 108, J Belli 11, M Woods 1*
Bowling: K Brown 1/14, C Schwennesen 1/43, J Brown 0/15, DA Meagher 0/35, S Riley 0/28, L Bell 0/26, T Laaks 0/17
MDU - 1st INNINGS: T Bright 35, T Laaks 76, D Thomas 0, C Schwennesen 9, S Riley 9, K Brown 2*
Bowling: C Butler 0/19, L Radford 0/18, T Debono 0/17, C Newman 0/34, F Debono 0/26, K Dennerley 1/15, K Burgoine 2/11.

Koonwarra L/RSL 5/157 d Korumburra 60
Koonwarra L/RSL - 1ST INNINGS: S Paterson 8, A Stanley 16, JH Bohn 7, AS Van Hamond 5, H Scrimshaw 62*, T Collins 8, K Thorne 30
Bowling: D Whelan 2/29, J Cue 0/29, V Gupta 1/19, J Hall 0/7, RP Butler 1/11, GA Barrett 0/23, C Turton 0/12, D Kimmer 0/12, P Whelan 0/10
Korumburra - 1ST INNINGS: GA Barrett 18, J Cue 3, C Turton 2, D Whelan 10, P Whelan 1, J Hall 0, J McNeil 5, RP Butler 0, V Gupta 4*, D Kimmer 3
Bowling: B Cary 2/13, S Chadwick 0/8, S Paterson 0/12, T Collins 5/17, K Thorne 2/4

Nyora d Club
Nyora won on forfeit.

Phillip Island – BYE

C GRADE DIVISION 2

Kilcunda-Bass 7/126 d Glen Alvie 8/63
Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS: A Joseph 2, L May 14, K Anand 20, P Bardwell 14, C Bettles 17, P Rubeis 23, H Bettles 5*, M Whitby 8, DB Bettles 3*
Bowling: W Bridle 1/21, L Scholz 1/16, P Loos 1/16, A Luke 0/8, N Thatcher 0/23, L Symes 0/8, L Sinclair 2/6, AT Donohue 0/10, O Luff 0/4
Glen Alvie - 1ST INNINGS: M Grieve 16, W Bridle 8, P Loos 0, N Thatcher 4, L Symes 0, O Luff 0, AT Donohue 4, A Luke 7*, L Scholz 2*
Bowling: H Bettles 3/16, DB Bettles 0/4, C Bettles 1/17, D Bettles 1/12, P Rubeis 0/3, K Anand 0/0, A Joseph 1/4, P Bardwell 0/2

Town 6/197 d Koonwarra L/RSL 73
Town - 1ST INNINGS: T Strybosch 61, TJ Cashin 5, R Edwards 49, A Fixter 22*, M Warren 8, P Carter 11, C Dowling 8, Y Ratnaike 2*
Bowling: B Smith 0/33, G Birnie 0/15, K Collins 0/27, B Thomas 0/42, G Matthies 1/34, G Perry 4/24
Koonwarra L/RSL - 1ST INNINGS: K Collins 0, G Matthies 8, G Perry 0, G Sherriff 2, G Birnie 3, B Smith 12, G Mattingley 0, B Thomas 1, AG Smith 11, K Williams 1*, S Collins 0
Bowling: T Strybosch 3/12, A Fixter 1/18, C Dowling 0/3, Y Ratnaike 2/7, H Gill 1/13, P Carter 1/1, R Shields 0/6, J Cashin 1/2

OMK - BYE



Jason Dennerley plays a nice shot off the back foot on his way to his first three figure score of the season. B09_4922



Stingrays skipper Warren Stewart plays the ball straight in his side's win over MDU. B10_4922



Demons bowler Steven Riley sends one down at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve. B11_4922

Dennerley's ton spurs Stingrays to victory

• C Grade, Divison 1

IN A match that was moved from Dumbalk to the Inverloch Recreation Reserve, MDU won the toss and sent Inverloch in to bat first.

As it turned out, it was a great toss to lose for the Stingrays, as they lost John Belli (11) early but recovered in amazing fashion as Jason Dennerley (108) continued his scintillating run of form.

Batting once again with his captain Warren Stewart (51*), Dennerley belted 17 fours on his way to a match-defining century, his first of the season after falling two runs shy in his last innings.

The pair put together a mammoth partnership of 140 the duo totally took the game away from the Demons, Stewart again finished unbeaten with his second consecutive half-century as his side posted 2/186 after their 35 overs.

Chasing 187 for victory, the Demons started brilliantly, with Tim Bright (35*) and Tim Laaks (76) putting some decent runs on the board until Bright retired not out.

MDU reached 113 before the loss of their first wicket as Keely Dennerley (1/15 from 3) claimed her first wicket to back up her dad's century in the first innings.

The Dees' and Laaks continued on though and looked a chance at reaching the total before a couple of wickets from debutant Katrina Burgoine (2/11 from 3) halted them enough to fall short.

Laaks finished unbeaten with a half century, but it wasn't enough to get his side over the line, as they fell by 35-runs.

MDU will head down the road to face Korumburra this weekend, while Inverloch will host Koonwarra L/RSL.

Collins claims five in win over 'Burra

KOONWARRA L/RSL welcomed Korumburra to Koonwarra Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

Despite being in trouble in the early half of the innings at 4/45 and then at 5/72, the Cougars were able to resurrect their innings with an 85-run partnership between Harry Scrimshaw (62* from 68) and his skipper Kevin Thorne (30* from 54) who both finished unbeaten after their 40 overs with their side 5/157.

Chasing 158 to win, the Cobras never found their groove losing regular wickets on their way to being dismissed for 60 and losing by 97-runs as Tom Collins (5/17 from 7) claimed five wickets.

Korumburra will lick their wounds and hope to get back on track next week against MDU, while Koony will head to Inverloch to face the Stingrays.

Nyora v Wonthaggi

Nyora won by forfeit.

Phillip Island had the bye

• C Grade, Divison 2

Kilcunda Bass bowlers tie up Glen Alvie

VISITOR Kilcunda Bass couldn't capitalise on five of its batsmen reaching double figures, with nobody pressing on to a big score, but the side's bowlers ensured its 126-run total was beyond Glen Alvie.

Hunter Bettles led the way for the winning team, knocking over the Glen Alvie top three on his way to 3/16 off seven overs.

Keeper and opener Matthew Grieve (16 runs) was the only Glen Alvie batsman to get beyond a single digit score.

It was a Bettles' show with the ball for Kilcunda Bass, with Cruz taking 1/17 off his full complement of overs, Dallas 1/12 off six overs and Daniel wicketless but conceding just four runs off a couple of overs, but they were just part of a strong team bowling effort.

Glen Alvie couldn't get the better of any of the Kilcunda Bass attack, with Pat Rubeis, Kamal Anand, Ashley Joseph and Peter Bardwell capturing just one wicket between them, but combining for 13 overs at a cost of just nine runs.

Rubeis earlier top scored for the winner with 23, edging out Anand (20).

Glen Alvie's bowlers performed strongly and gave their batting line up what appeared a manageable target.

Lauren Sinclair was the beaten side's only multiple wicket taker, with Wayne Bridle.

Luke Scholz and Pieter Loos capturing one wicket apiece while not conceding too many runs.

Town too strong for RSL

LEONGATHA Town backed up its decision to bat first on its home deck scoring at a blistering pace of more than 5.6 runs per over to set Koonwarra Leongatha RSL the mountainous target of 198.

Scorpions opener Travis Strybosch top scored with 61, not having to run many of those given he hit 10 boundaries and a six.

Keeper and number three Ray Edwards was less swashbuckling, but still managed three fours and a maximum in his innings of 49, before being bowled by Gabrielle Perry who finished with 4/24 for the Cougars.

Glenn Matthies was the beaten side's only other wicket taker, dismissing Strybosch, with Town's other opener Tim Cashin run out for just five.

Any hopes Koonwarra L/RSL had of mounting a competitive chase were quickly dashed with the top five in the Cougars' batting line up all falling before reaching double figures.

Number six Blake Smith top scored with 12, one run more than Andrew Smith made.

An extras tally of 35 improved the look of the Cougars' score but they fell 124 runs short of the Scorpions' mammoth effort.

Strybosch again stamped his authority on the match, taking an imposing 3/12 off seven overs, all the sweeter for the fact it included Koonwarra L/RSL's opening pair.

Yuthil Ratnaike was also destructive with the ball for the winner with 2/7 off his allotted overs, with his wickets this season so far coming at just 11.1 runs apiece.

OMK takes it easy

Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak was the unlucky team with a bye this week in a season when players are particularly keen to get on the field now the sun has appeared.

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OMK captain James Paterson showed some great form with the bat before unfortunately retiring injured. B06_4922

MDU skittle Imps for the win

• B Grade, Division 1

THE Imperials welcomed MDU down to East Campus Oval and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

In an even first innings, the Demons lost a couple of early wickets before recovering to chug along quite nicely and keep the runs turning throughout their 40 overs, although the Imps were able to take regular wickets at the same time.

The visiting captain Craig Hooper (33 from 69) top scored for his side, as his opposing captain Kristian Gray (3/27 from 6) claimed the most wickets with the ball.

In the end, MDU finished 7/129 and set the hosts 130 to win and despite early trouble they looked as though they were well on their way to doing so.

When the Imps lost their skipper, it all felt apart ultimately, as 4/85 turned into 10/113 as the hosts lost 7/28 to fall by 16-runs.

The Demons will look to ride this form into this weekend when they host the in-form Inverloch, while the Imperials will go on the road to face OMK.

Stingrays cruise to victory behind Rankin and Debono

IN A top big clash between two undefeated teams OMK headed down to Thompson Reserve to face Inverloch and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Stingrays struck the first blow, Callan O'Flynn (1/17 from 4) removed Adam Busana (17 from 27) but it was all OMK after that as Mitch Sawyers (38 from 112) and James Paterson (37* from 53) began rebuilding their innings.

Sawyers battled on with David Creed (19 from 27) and moved the score over 100-runs since the loss of their first wicket before Sawyers was dismissed at 2/125.

The hosts were able to claim a couple more wickets later in the innings but a great late cameo from Jaxon Hayes (24* from 15) helped them reach 4/179 after

their 40 overs.

In reply, the Stingrays lost David Harris (10) early but never looked back after that cruising to victory with nine wickets left in the shed.

Brett Debono (90* from 136) and Lewis Rankin (54* from 107) worked the innings beautifully, both notching half centuries in a match winning 163-run stand.

The half century is Debono's second of the year, both have come unbeaten, while Rankin's 54 not out is his highest career score on return from a knee injury, a marvellous effort.

The Stingrays will look for another win this weekend in Mee niyan, while the Diggers will host the Imperials.

Cougars dominate Cobras

KORUMBURRA hosted Koonwarra L/RSL at the Korumburra Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

The first 25 overs were quite even, as the Cougars reached 68 runs but lost five wickets, however the wicket of Michael Thomas (9) in the twenty-fifth over was the turning point.

The Koony' skipper James Rushton (62 from 51) was determined to break the game open and that he did, as he and Nathan Trotto (55* from 42) both blasted half centuries in a 107-run stand to see Koony finish 6/202.

Shaun McKinnon (4/50 from 8) was the pick of the bowlers for 'Burra.

In reply, the Cobras just could not find the same flow to their innings losing regular wickets to finish 125-runs short, their skipper Trevor Allen (22 from 34) top scored for his side.

The Cougars will ride this momentum into this week's clash with Nerrena at home, while the Cobras will have the bye.

Nerrena had the bye.

• B Grade, Division 2

Spirited Wonthaggi chase falls short in Newhaven

KURT Lane's dashing century

propelled Phillip Island to an imposing 233 run total, with the home side losing just three wickets on a tough day for the Wonthaggi bowlers.

It was a different picture early in the innings, with Phillip Island's decision to bat looking shaky when it fell to 2/30, with both openers already sent on their way.

However, Lane wasn't about to go into his shell, blasting 110 off just 63 balls, helping himself to 11 boundaries and seven sixes in an innings that ensured spectators couldn't afford a nap.

Andrew Tolley also finished not out, capitalising on the 26 balls he faced with 40 runs.

Sean Roche gave Club early encouragement dismissing Phillip Island opener Connor Epifano for a duck and finishing with the solid figures of 1/28 off eight overs.

Wonthaggi started its reply well, with its opening combination taking the score to 29, but the loss of William Speed for nine was the first wicket in a disastrous slide of 3/0.

Roche again came to the fore, this time scoring a brisk 64 at slightly better than a run a ball, with skipper and keeper Luke Sibley and Heath Dobbie other strong performers for Club.

However, Wonthaggi's determined chase fell 22 runs short of catching Phillip Island's imposing total.

Tolley's 3/15 off just over six overs proved decisive for the winner, with the dangerous Roche one of his victims.

Harry Arceo (2/18) and Peter Cleary (2/35) were the other multiple wicket takers for the Sharks.

Roberts drives Nerrena win over Town

LACHLAN Roberts flayed the Leongatha Town bowlers, with the Nerrena opener's 126 not out coming from just 109 balls and including 21 fours and a maximum.

Mitch Croatto was Nerrena's next biggest contributor with the willow, notching 36 runs.

Colin Bruce finished with 1/18

off his maximum over allowance in a tidy display for Leongatha Town on a day when his teammates battled to contain Nerrena's momentum, more specifically that of Roberts.

Luke Bowman batted in spirited fashion in the Scorpions' chase, finishing with an attacking 79 not out but couldn't find the support needed to enable Leongatha Town to pinch the game.

Bruce followed up his disciplined bowling with a score of 28, but that was comfortably Leongatha's next best behind Bowman, with Town eventually falling 78 runs short of victory.

Ryan Giliam, Patrick Johnston and Gerard Murphy finished with a couple of dismissals each in the strong Nerrena display.

Kilcunda Bass comfortable against Glen Alvie

PAUL Palmer's 45 not out helped Kilcunda Bass to shake off a wobbly position earlier in its run chase to comfortably beat Glen Alvie.

Palmer earlier helped restrict Glen Alvie, removing its top two scorers Andrew Brown (51) and captain Jay Tiziani (44), on his way to 3/24 off seven overs.

His teammates Rohan Duff and Chris Peckett grabbed a couple of wickets each, combining for 16 overs at a cost of just 36 runs.

The winner ultimately needed a little under 26 overs to pass the 125-run target required, but after losing a couple of wickets on 17 and two more with the score on 60, there was still plenty to do.

Brett Joseph's dismissal had Kilcunda Bass 5/76, but that was the last of the joy for the Glen Alvie bowlers.

Brad Waldron (21 not out) combined effectively with Palmer to ensure the lower order didn't need to panic.

Stephen Leman's 29 was also important for the triumphant Kilcunda Bass.

Andrew Brown was the only multiple wicket taker for the beaten Glen Alvie, but his six overs yielded 39 runs.

B GRADE DIVISION 1

Koonwarra L/RSL 6/202 d Korumburra 77
Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS:
B Anderson 18, A Hunt 9, N Grimes 21, M Thomas 9, N Arnup 1, J Rushton 62, N Trotto 55*, M Boswell 14*
Bowling: A Halliwell 1/16, B Riddell 0/22, S McKinnon 4/50, M Olden 1/44, PD Beadel 0/32, AD Damon 0/33
Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: T Allen 22, P Richards 1, C Carew 0, PD Beadel 4, M Olden 13, T Morrison 5, J Dunn 1, B Riddell 1, A Halliwell 0, S McKinnon 2*, AD Damon 4
Bowling: J Thomas 1/8, PA Buckley 2/10, A Drury 2/13, M Boswell 3/7, A Hunt 0/3, N Trotto 1/18, M Thomas 0/2, J Rushton 1/4

Inverloch 1/183 d OMK 4/179
OMK - 1st INNINGS: A Busana 17, M Sawyers 38, J Paterson 37*, D Creed 19, N Creed 14, J Hayes 24*, S Matthews 5*
Bowling: J Richardson 1/16, D Cashin 2/45, C O'Flynn 1/17, N Dobbie 0/31, T McQualter 0/37, L Rankin 0/23
Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: B Debono 90*, D Harris 10, L Rankin 54*
Bowling: R Foster 0/26, SM Taylor 1/39, J Hayes 0/27, M Sawyers 0/26, D Creed 0/31, N Creed 0/13, A Busana 0/14

MDU 7/129 d Imperials 113
MDU - 1st INNINGS: C Knox 9, T Zukovskis 4, W Prosser 6, C Hooper 33, K Sinclair 0, T Dyke 23*, P Vine 19, A Richardson 0, G Webster 12*
Bowling: L Buckland 0/19, I Bolge 2/22, J Jeffery 1/21, A Casey 1/10, K McGrath 0/22, KB Gray 3/27
Imperials - 1st INNINGS: GA Sauvarin 25, M Reidy 2, B Van Rooy 23, A Casey 16, KB Gray 11, C Reid 6, J Nagel 1, J Jeffery 11, K McGrath 3*, L Buckland 2, I Bolge 0
Bowling: T Zukovskis 0/8, P Vine 2/15, K Sinclair 0/8, A Richardson 1/24, Z Bright 0/16, C Knox 3/20, C Hooper 2/22

Nerrena - BYE

B GRADE DIVISION 2

Phillip Island 3/233 d Club 211
Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: C Epifano 0, M Arceo 12, H Peppard 58*, K Lane 110, A Tolley 40*
Bowling: S Roche 1/28, N Cant 0/43, H Dobbie 0/37, J Shannon 0/29, S Liddle 1/38, P Cornelis 0/32, B Feast 1/21
Club - 1st INNINGS: W Speed 9, J Licis 13, P Cornelis 0, H Dobbie 43, L Sibley 44, S Roche 64, N Cant 5, B Feast 1, J Shannon 8, L Ton 0*, L McRae 1
Bowling: PJ Cleary 2/35, H Peppard 1/44, K Lane 1/53, D Caffieri 0/19, J Huther 1/25, H Arceo 2/18, A Tolley 3/15

Nerrena 6/243 d Town 166
Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: G Murphy 8, L Roberts 126*, R Elava 6, C Baudinette 9, RL Giliam 15, B Gannon 6, MB Croatto 36, MJ Croatto 19*
Bowling: L Ashton 1/40, C Bruce 1/18, J Schelling 0/35, E Smith 2/58, L May 1/30, F McLennan 0/27, W Dawson 1/28
Town - 1st INNINGS: L Ashton 13, J Schelling 7, C Bruce 28, J Dean 7, L May 0, L Bowman 79*, W Dawson 0, D Goss 2, M Hardy 2, F McLennan 0, E Smith 6
Bowling: WB Croatto 0/22, RL Giliam 2/33, MB Croatto 3/23, P Johnston 2/16, J Moore 1/34, G Murphy 2/7, C Baudinette 0/23

K-Bass 5/133 d Glen Alvie 8/124
Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: J Burke 6, S Smith 1, A Brown 51, N Brown 4*, J Brown 0, JA Tiziani 44, D McGuirk 0, Z Scholz 4, HC Smith 6*, L Gooch 0, C Gooch 1*
Bowling: R Duff 2/13, C Peckett 2/23, B Waldron 0/21, C Elliott 0/28, SJ Leman 1/12, P Palmer 3/24
Kilcunda Bass - 1ST INNINGS: J Matser 11, A McBride 2, SJ Leman 29, B Joseph 11, R Gardiner 0, P Palmer 45*, B Waldron 21*
Bowling: Z Scholz 1/34, L Gooch 1/16, A Brown 2/39, J Burke 0/20, J Brown 0/16

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A1: Jesse Giardina (Town) 95 ; Peter Dell (OMK) 5/37

A2: Harshika Fernando (K'burra) 156* ; Josh Toner (Foster) 4/94

B1: Brett Debono (Inverloch) 90* ; Shaun McKinnon (Korumburra) 4/50

B2: Lachlan Roberts (Nerrena) 126* ; Andrew Tolley (Phillip Island) 3/15

C1: Jason Dennerley (Inverloch) 108 ; Tom Collins (Koonwarra L/RSL) 5/17

C2: Travis Strybosch (Town) 61 ; Gabrielle Perry (Koon L/RSL) 4/24

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OMK	36	2.7351	Inverloch	24	5.3182
Koonwarra L/RSL	36	2.5128	Club	24	2.3306
Nerrena	36	2.2345	Koonwarra L/RSL	24	0.8551
Inverloch	24	13.3549	Korumburra	24	0.7577
MDU	24	0.6375	Nyora	24	0.7319
Imperials	0	0.3158	Phillip Island	12	0.6362
Korumburra	0	0.2394	MDU	12	0.6207

B GRADE, Division 2					
OMK	48	1.6255	C GRADE, Division 2		
Nerrena	36	1.5395	OMK	36	2.3727
Town	36	1.2393	Kilcunda-Bass	36	1.4829
Club	24	0.8923	Town	30	1.1663
Kilcunda-Bass	12	0.8899	Glen Alvie	18	0.5651
Phillip Island	12	0.6516	Koonwarra L/RSL	6	0.4173
Glen Alvie	0	0.4179			

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES
& UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 10

A GRADE, Division 1

Phillip Island v Town
COWES
Ian Thorn

Koonwarra L/RSL v Club
LEONGATHA TURF
Ashley Stride

Nerrena v Inverloch
NERRENA
Shane Moore

OMK v Imperials
OUTTRIM
John Schelling

B GRADE, Division 2

Town v OMK
SCORPION 1
TBA

Kilcunda Bass v Club
BASS 1
Neil Barnes

Phillip Island v Nerrena
REECE PARK (RHYLL)
TBA

Glen Alvie - BYE

A Grade, Division 2

Club v Korumburra
McMAHONS
Graham Wightman

Nyora v Kilcunda-Bass
NYORA
Neil Grabham

MDU v Foster
MEENIYAN
Terry Rogers

Glen Alvie v Phillip Island
WONTHAGGI TURF
Steve McNamara

C GRADE, Division 1

Inverloch v Korumburra
INVERLOCH FG
TBA

Phillip Island v Nyora
NEUHAUSEN
TBA

Koon L/RSL v Meeniyana
LG VELODROME
TBA

Club - BYE

B GRADE, Division 1

Korumburra v Inverloch
KORUMBURRA
Greg Goss

Koonwarra L/RSL v MDU
KOONWARRA
Geoff Wyatt

Imperials v Nerrena
EAST CAMPUS
Geoff Parkinson

OMK - BYE

C GRADE, Division 2

Kilcunda Bass v Glen Alvie
DALYSTON
TBA

Town v Koonwarra L/RSL
SCORPION 2
TBA

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Jake Dennerley blasts a boundary right after the tea break for Inverloch in their match Nerrena. B01_4922

Grand Final replay a great battle on day one

• A Grade, Division 1

IN A replay of last season's premier grade Grand Final, two of the league's best sides went at it after both coming off upset losses in Round 6.

The reigning premiers welcomed Town over the bridge to Cowes and the visitors won the toss and elected to bat first.

Despite losing opener Ron Abeysinghe early, Town, led by their skipper Jesse Giardina (95 from 128) showed their decision at the toss was a great one.

Giardina and his number three Ben Hanrahan (36 from 121) put on an innings defining 125-run partnership and had Town in a brilliant position to post a big first innings score.

Amila Ratnaike (32 from 47) put up a decent fight seeing his side recover to the 190s, although another double strike by the Island saw their visitors on the back foot again at 6/192.

Pandukabhaya Jayasinghe (11 from 37) and Mudassar Riaz (49 from 39) stood up from here though, putting together a valiant 51-run stand to muscle Gatha towards the 250-mark.

The hosts were able to fight back again late though, claiming 3/10 to see Town finish their 75 overs with a score of 9/253, with their skipper's gutsy half century the standout, falling just short of triple figures and battling through injury in the process.

As for the Island, it was the crafty spin of Charith Keersinghe (4/97 from 25) doing the most damage his side will look to make 254 runs this Saturday to clinch the win.

Koony collapse after bright start

KOONWARRA L/RSL welcomed

Wonthaggi down the road to the Leongatha Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

They lost their first wicket almost immediately, but were able to recover wonderfully as Isuru Darshana (44) and his skipper Ben Walsh (47) put on a gallant 91-run stand to bring their team back into contention for a decent total.

With Koony's two danger men out, the talented visiting bowling attack took over, the wicket of the Cougars' captain sparking a demolition as Wonthaggi claimed 8/46 to dismiss their hosts for 156.

Walsh top scored for Koony and will hope his side can replicate Wonthaggi's efforts with ball in hand this Saturday as they defend 156.

Dennerley shines but Nerrena take day one

NOT many would have predicted it but Nerrena hosted Inverloch on Saturday in a clash between first and second on the LDCA A grade division one ladder, as the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

Sporting a young line up once again, the Stingrays gave the vacant opening spot to third-gamer Riley Harris, but unfortunately, he couldn't quite get off the mark as the hosts attack found form on their home deck.

After losing Jacob Strickland in the eleventh over, Stingrays captain David Newman (22 from 88) went about resurrecting their innings with Walter Taberner but they only managed to further the score by 20-runs before they suffered a double blow at the hands of Ryan Clark (4/27 from 12.3).

Averaging 112 on the year through four matches, Newman's dismissal is his first for less than 50 on the season

and it became a huge turning point in the match as the hosts worked their way into Stingrays young tail.

Dennerley was able to further his team's score to the century mark after a 38-run stand with fellow opening bowler Callum Asbury (8 from 33), and then into the 120s where his aggressive knock unfortunately came to an end.

In an economical opening partnership, Dennerley (1/12 from 6) and Asbury (0/2 from 6) were able to hold Nerrena to just 16 after the 12 overs, taking the one wicket too, they'll search for the big wicket of Mitchell Clark (12* from 33) as he and the hosts require 126-more runs for victory.

Imps crumble as Dell claims five

WITH both sides coming off great wins in Round 6, OMK hosted the Imperials and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Imps got off to a bright start, as Luke Rogers (30 from 40) and Rowen McLennan (15 from 35) started to compile a nice partnership and were able to reach 48 without the loss of a wicket.

In an incredible showing the hosts took all 10 of the Imperials wickets for just 66 runs, dismissing them for 114 in a fantastic comeback.

In reply, the Diggers had 37 overs to see if they could wrap up the win in a single day's play, and they certainly gave it a crack, finishing the afternoon just 15 runs shy of the Imps total at 2/99.

Joel Cuman (43* from 110) was the standout at the top of the order he'll continue on this Saturday with his captain Koby Brann (6* from 16) as they look to finish the chase with 16 more runs.



MDU number five Mitchell McGrath plays a solid defensive shot during his innings on Saturday. B15_4922

Korumburra sets huge task for Wonthaggi Club

• A Grade, Division 2

THE Sri Lankan pairing of Harshika Fernando and Inshaka Siriwardena starred for Korumburra after the visiting side elected to bat against Wonthaggi Club.

Opener Fernando took an aerial approach after digging in early, with his unbeaten 156 including five sixes as well as his 11 fours.

Siriwardena never cleared the boundary during his knock of 155 but displayed his attacking outlook with 22 fours, keeping the score-board ticking over continuously before falling to the bowling of Luke McGuirk.

“It’s one of those days you watch and can’t believe what you’re witnessing when you see two blokes put on what they did,” Korumburra skipper Harry McNeill said.

“Both of them were pretty much chanceless for the first hundred or so and there are not too many days when you see two blokes put on 300 runs, so we all felt lucky to be able to watch it and be on the right side of it.”

McGuirk was the only Wonthaggi bowler to make an impression in the wickets column, rewarded with 3/67 from his 19 overs of toil, a rate of just over 3.5 runs an over.

Korumburra made a massive 4/364 from its allotment of 75 overs, more than 4.8 runs per over, setting up a strong chance of victory on day two.

Should Club lose early wickets in its chase, it may be a tough day in the office.

But, if Wonthaggi lays a solid foundation, it could yet be a thrilling finish to the match.

Kilcunda Bass faces steep run chase against Nyora

NYORA was led by two century-making Hacketts as it plundered 5/350 at more than 4.6 runs per over.

While Gavin eventually fell for 139, Jake was unbeaten on 115, making it uncertain which of the pair has the greater bragging rights.

After a solid partnership for the first wicket, the removal of both openers with the score on 61 appeared to bring Kilcunda Bass back to parity, but it was hard work for its attack for most of the day thereafter.



Harshika Fernando and Inshaka Siriwardena put on a magical display with the bat, with both passing 150 on a memorable day.

While Ryley Duff took a couple of important top order wickets for Kilcunda Bass, he struggled to contain the Nyora batsmen, conceding 80 runs off his 16 overs.

Nicholas McCallum took a tidy 1/29 off 11 overs including the scalp of Nyora opener Daniel Esler, while Todd Smith couldn’t manage a breakthrough but conceded only 45 runs off 16 overs with five maidens.

Solid MDU start sets up big task for Foster

OPENER Steven Arnup’s 93 was the foundation for MDU’s strong position, with the host racking up 287 runs off its 75 overs to set Foster a challenge on day two.

While Tharindu Nuwan’s 31 was MDU’s next best score, most of the line up made decent contributions.

Josh Toner took on a heavy workload with the ball for Foster, topping the Tigers’ wicket tally with 4/94 from his 26 overs.

Three of those wickets accounted for members of the MDU top order.

Benjamin East did some damage further down the MDU batting list,

capturing 3/61 off his 17 overs.

Phillip Island contains Glen Alvie despite Harris heroics

PHILLIP Island knocked over Glen Alvie for 190 after electing to bowl at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve, with the total built almost entirely on the shoulders of Lachlan Harris.

The Glen Alvie skipper and keeper hit 129 not out, with 17 extras the next biggest contributor to the side’s total.

That meant just 44 further runs were scored off the bats of Harris’ teammates, with Matthew Dakin (13) and Wayne Luke (12) the most substantial contributors.

Clint Wilson sent down 23 disciplined overs for just 36 runs, with his three wickets helping finish off the Glen Alvie lower order.

Heath Womersley also took three wickets for the Sharks, ruining Glen Alvie’s middle order and with just 16 runs taken from his 11 tight overs.

Phillip Island will be confident it can chase down Glen Alvie’s total, but it is high enough to give the bowling side hope.

A GRADE	DIVISION 1
Koonwarra L/RSL 156 v Club Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS BF Davison c J Brann b R Birkett 0 I Darshana b J Sheerin44 B Walsh c A Geyer b R Birkett47 H Hoekstra b R Birkett11 K Weeranga b J Brann0 S Hughes b J Sheerin17 I Wickramasinghe c J Sheerin b J Brann 4 W Cashin b J Brann 0 J Hughes c R Birkett b J Brann 9 J Kennedy b J Hull 2 M Cooke not out 5 Extras (nb 6, w 3, b 8, lb 0)17 Total 10/156 (70.2 overs) Bowling: R Birkett 10-3-3-23 (6nb), J Brann 20-9-4-27 (1w), J Hull 14-3-1-33 (1w), M McCall 10-2-0-27 (1w), J Sheerin 13.2-1-0-32, M Waller 2-1-0-6, J Sheerin 0-0-2-0	Phillip Island v Town 9/253 Town – 1st INNINGS R Abeyasinghe c J Black b S Kirton ...12 J Giardina c M Royal b C Keerthisinghe95 B Hanrahan c DP Mock b SL Rathnayake36 A Ratnaïke b C Keerthisinghe32 M Madusanka run out (DP Mock) 4 DL Polwaththa Gallage lbw b SL Rathnayake10 P Jayasinghe run out (SL Rathnayake) 11 M Riaz c J Black b C Keerthisinghe ..49 S Clark not out 1 O Vimalarathna st J Black b C Keerthisinghe0 L Gill not out 0 Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 1, lb 2) 3 Total 9/253 (75 overs) Bowling: S Kirton 6-1-1-29, M Baxter 5-0-0-20, C Keerthisinghe 25-2-4-97, M Royal 4-1-0-8, T Keily 8-2-0-25, SL Rathnayake 27-7-2-71
OMK 2/99 v Imperials 114 Imperials – 1st INNINGS L Rogers b RL Williams30 RK McLennan c K Brann b PJ Dell ...15 J Ginnane c A Rose b PJ Dell 1 S Sameera c K Brann b PJ Dell 5 D Perera c T Wyatt b J Lamers10 T Sauvarin c Z Lamers b PJ Dell 1 L Wright c T Wyatt b J Lamers10 AR Williams c RL Williams b PJ Dell ... 6 D McLennan not out16 F Botha c N Auddino b J Lamers 0 L Anderson not out 8 Extras (nb 7, w 4, b 0, lb 1)12 Total 114 (37.4 overs) Bowling: RL Williams 9-0-1-36 (3nb, 2w), PJ Dell 15-6-5-37, J Lamers 10-1-3-34 (4nb, 2w), N Auddino 2.4-1-0-4, E Lamers 1-0-0-2 OMK – 1st INNINGS J Cuman not out43 E Lamers lbw b S Sameera26 A Rose c L Rogers b T Sauvarin14 K Brann not out 6 Extras (nb 4, w 2, b 1, lb 3)10 Total 2/99 (37 overs) Bowling: L Wright 7-1-0-24, J Ginnane 6-2-0-21 (1nb, 1w), S Sameera 12-2-1-38 (2nb, 1w), T Sauvarin 11-6-1-8, L Rogers 1-0-0-4 (1nb)	Nerrena 1/16 v Inverloch 141 Inverloch – 1st INNINGS R Harris b J Trease0 J Strickland c H Funnell b J Trease 8 D Newman c T Wightman b R Clark 22 W Taberner c H Funnell b R Clark16 P Joske lbw b R Clark 0 JB Dennerley c J Rendlen b J Hoy51 CW Asbury c LJ Giliam b M Clark 8 R Newman c H Funnell b J Hoy..... 2 J Donohue c T Gannon b M Clark 6 J Dugard not out15 H Butcher c LJ Giliam b R Clark 0 Extras (nb 1, w 5, b 4, lb 3)13 Total 141 (62.3 overs) Bowling: J Trease 11-4-2-18, J Hoy 13-3-2-29 (5w), R Clark 12.3-5-4-27 (1nb), T Wightman 11-3-0-42, M Clark 15-9-2-18 Nerrena – 1st INNINGS M Clark not out12 LJ Giliam b JB Dennerley 2 H Funnell not out 0 Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 2) 2 Total 1/16 (12 overs) Bowling: CW Asbury 6-5-0-2, JB Dennerley 6-3-1-12

A GRADE	DIVISION 2
Glen Alvie 190 v Phillip Island Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS B McRae lbw b GD McCausland 0 L Harris not out 129 RV Sinclair c BJ Ross b T Niven 3 MA Dakin c GD McCausland b HW Womersley13 M Allen b HW Womersley 0 N Findlay b HW Womersley 2 D Williams c S Angelo b GD McCausland 3 W Luke lbw b C Wilson 12 V Gopal lbw b C Wilson 4 A Dakin lbw b C Wilson 4 J Standish c BJ Ross b T Niven 4 J Hales not out 0 Extras (nb 3, w 0, b 13, lb 1)17 Total 190 (73.4 overs) Bowling: C Wilson 23-6-3-36, GD McCausland 11-3-2-29 (2nb), T Niven 14.4-3-2-45 (1nb), D Womersley 11-1-0-37, HW Womersley 11-2-3-16, S Angelo 3-0-0-13	Nyora 5/350 v Kilcunda-Bass Nyora – 1st INNINGS H Dolphin c A Larcombe b R Duff ...19 D Esler c C Davidson b NJ McCallum39 KW Anderson c H Berry b R Duff23 G Hackett c & b J Tregear 139 J Hackett not out 115 J Henry b J Tregear 0 A Simmons not out4 Extras (nb 4, w 2, b 4, lb 1) 11 Total 5/350 (75 overs) Bowling: TC Smith 16-5-0-45, C Davidson 6-0-0-44 (1nb, 1w), H Berry 7-0-0-45 (2nb), R Duff 16-1-2-80 (1nb), NJ McCallum 11-3-1-29, J Tregear 11-1-2-38, J Baker 7-0-0-55 (1w), D Ferguson 1-0-0-9
Club v Korumburra 4/364 Korumburra – 1st INNINGS T Crocker c F West b L McGuirk 15 H Fernando not out 156 I Siriwardena c E Dempsey b L McGuirk 155 C Arnold b L McGuirk 8 M Young run out (DT Herbert)13 J Beckwith not out 0 Extras (nb 2, w 3, b 11, lb 1)17 Total 4/364 (75 overs) Bowling: F West 15-0-0-69, DT Herbert 11-0-0-40 (2w), L McGuirk 19-2-3-67, M Chisholm 8-0-0-63, S Williams 7-1-0-35, J Williamson 5-2-0-12 (1nb), E Dempsey 5-1-0-23 (1nb, 1w), R Todd 5-0-0-43	MDU 9/287 v Foster MDU – 1st INNINGS S Arnup b J Toner93 T Sinclair c B East b j Weston13 S Browne c M Allott b J Toner25 J Sinclair lbw b J Toner20 MJ McGrath b J Gay19 T Nuwan c & b B East31 J Bright lbw b B East 3 M Hooper c J Toner b B East23 S Bright b J Toner 15 M Cantwell not out 18 B Cantwell not out 6 Extras (nb 7, w 6, b 2, lb 6) 21 Total 9/287 (75 overs) Bowling: J Gay 16-3-1-43 (1nb, 3w), J Weston 12-1-1-42 (2w), J Toner 26-5-4-94, B East 17-2-3-61 (1w), J Davy 2-0-0-25 (4nb), S Roffey 2-0-0-14 (2nb)



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It was a gold medal for Robert Spratt at the recent Small Bore Rifle Shooting Master's in Tasmania.

Leongatha shooter wins elusive gold

THERE was a strong crowd at the recent Small Bore Rifle Shooting Master's in Tasmania as local Leongatha shooter Robert Spratt claimed a gold medal.

"Seeing as I was starting to get old and the eyes are starting to go, I went over to bench shooting," Robert said.

"It's still a target rifle but it has a very powerful scope on it, so us blind people that are getting older can still see the target – but the whole lot of us are on equal footing because we are all going blind!"

A then 10-year-old Robert first learnt to shoot on Phillip Island, when the target was rabbits.

"It just went from there. I got involved in the Small-Bore Rifle Club when I was 18, and I've gone right through Target Rifle Victoria Council.

"I enjoy the people. Someone once asked why I chased shooting. I was a dairy farmer for 50-odd years. You go to a dairy farm when things were really bad, and

everyone was struggling.

"Whereas when I went shooting – prize shoot or meeting – there was a whole lot of different people from all walks of life. There may be someone who was down but the rest of them would all be up.

"That's one of the reasons I started chasing it and enjoyed it. I travelled the state for a lot of years."

Breaking his academic mother's heart by becoming a dairy farmer at 16, Robert started by milking cows which led to his own 140-acre farm.

"About halfway through my kid's childhood, she said, 'you broke my heart when you came down here, but I am envious of the way you can bring your kids up', because of the farm life."

"When the kids became teenagers, I went and brought a boat. I never had to worry where my kids were, I had everyone else's kids with me – I hate to think how many kids I taught to water ski."

Supported by his loving wife, Roslyn, Robert recalled one of his favourite memories of her joining him for a shoot.

"She used to shoot – we had her in a pennant team back when she was about eight months pregnant – that was funny. She's always been supportive, but as dairy farmers we decided it was quite easy for one of us to go away and for the kids to help while the other was away. She would go horse-riding, kayaking, walking and bike riding..."

Only Robert's daughter followed in his footsteps, securing a position in the Australian team but narrowly missing out on the Olympics in 1996.

"She was shooting air rifle which is very time-consuming to get good at. When she was getting serious, I backed off, I was shooting fairly heavily to start with, but it was getting expensive.

"After the Australian team she gave it away and had kids.

"My son knows how to shoot a rifle and shotgun, but he hasn't got the competitiveness."

Whilst juniors must be 12 years old to start shooting in Leongatha, the heavier weapons mean most are around 15 with a decent body to hang onto the rifle.

"We've had quite a few young kids through the years (keen on shooting), once they get keen on small bore, hunting goes down the drain."

And what is Robert's favourite part...

"The people – I've got friends all over Australia and New Zealand because of shooting. I've been in the organising committees for years and also got a UIT judge's licence.

"My favourite memory was the Leongatha team winning the A Grade back in '96. We cleaned everyone up, we were the best team in the state that year – it was an eight-man team with one cut out. That was a high point.

"I've been in state teams – whether national or just state and I was awarded a life membership to TRV about ten years ago – that blew the socks off me.

"I have a couple of silvers and bronzes, but this is the first gold medal I've ever won."

Spread over two days, Robert secured the Master's gold on Saturday after winning the 20 metre and following up with two additional fairly well shot rounds on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

"Once you get over the firearms aspect, it is a mental sport. Both men and women are on equal footing – I've been getting my bum kicked by the women for years!" Robert laughed.

"It's all hand, eye coordination..."

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