

Climate fears hitting home

Pioneer Bay resident Clive Renshaw has acknowledged the shire's work on the town's stormwater drainage but says the water isn't flowing into the wetlands.



YOU'VE got to give credit to the Bass Coast Shire Council for the way the Pioneer Bay special charge scheme has turned out.

Homes in the little Western Port settlement are now framed by a tidy and orderly system of kerb and channeling, clean bitumen pavement has eliminated the dust and wide concrete driveways have engendered a new sense of pride for residents.

Even Clive Renshaw, a consistent critic of the Bass Coast Council over the years, has dipped his lid.

"You should have seen the stormwater that came out of the new outfall drain when we had all that rain, it was like Niagara Falls," said Clive this week.

But, oh dear, you can't charge people between \$15,000 and \$30,000 to get the streets and drainage

Special Report By Michael Giles

done, not to mention \$6000 for their driveways, and then turn around and stop the owners of two, possibly three residentially-zoned blocks of land in the town from building a house.

That's what is happening there right now and local councillor, Rochelle Halstead, has raised her concerns, putting the ball squarely back in the court of Melbourne Water, which she says has tightened its response to residential and commercial building applications on Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) sites.

"They've objected to applications for houses on two blocks of land in the middle of the residential area (Pioneer Bay), and the brewery proposal at Rhyll has been caught up in this as well."

said Cr Halstead.

"But it's not just Pioneer Bay. There would be hundreds of blocks across the shire that are subject to an inundation overlay.

"A lot of people have a lot of money tied up in these blocks.

"But it's not just Bass Coast, it's the same right across Victoria. It's a huge issue, millions, billions of dollars involved. The State Government needs to step in."

Cr Halstead said Melbourne Water was responding to reports, principally about the risk posed by sea-level rise, not only from climate change but also from storm surge combined with riverine flooding and was changing the rules ahead of State Government legislation.

"The council can't be overriding these objections from Melbourne Water, it's really a State Government issue,"

she said.

It's all about the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) which covers the lower third of Pioneer Bay, from Beach Boulevard, partway up Kallay Drive to Loter Avenue, and a new, stricter interpretation by Melbourne Water is impacting those who want to build, either new homes or extensions, in the area.

But hundreds of settlements across Victoria, especially in low-lying coastal areas, are similarly impacted by LSIO restrictions, expected to come into sharp focus as the planning response to climate change is ramped up.

It's already stopped two new homes from being built, with another planned, two in Whiting Street and another, with the owner ready to go with a new Coldon Homes residence, in Beach Boulevard.

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Bass now state's most marginal electorate

THE voters of Bass have ensured the local state electorate will remain on the government's radar after they made it the most marginal in the state after the counting of preferences concluded late last Friday night, December 9.

In the end, a flow of preferences from the Nationals' Brett Tessari of 2700 votes, back to Jordan Crugnale against 'how to vote' card recommendations, has put the Labor incumbent over the line by just 202 votes in the final analysis; Jordan Crugnale 20,803 votes to Aaron Brown (Liberal) 20,601 votes.

Ms Crugnale welcomed the result on social media, a full two weeks after the November 26 election.

"It was always going to be close with or without the redistribution and I have never once taken anything for granted," Ms Crugnale said.

"It's been a privilege and an honour to work for and with our community and together we have achieved so much.

"Always more to do, so let's get cracking!" And there have already been some suggestions about where the returning Member for Bass should make a start.

Road repairs, they say, would be a good place.

Greg Dyke: Better roads in Bass Coast.

Travis Effern: Jordan's first job should be to push for the rebuilding of all local VicRoads in her electorate. Dangerous is an understatement.

The 'Sentinel-Times' has called on Ms Crugnale to work for the early release of "the full suite of Stage 1" Inverloch erosion reports, others have expressed fears about the offshore turbines but another reader had other priorities:

Amber Lucas: What about our homeless or near homeless first, then fix the beaches.

Ms Crugnale has expressed her gratitude:

"To be re-elected for another term is beyond amazing, humbling and I am streaming with tears of gratitude.

"I will apply that same determination, grit and fight, be that constant (loud) voice at our government table and build on the momentum we have already started and keep at it - we need and deserve a whole heap more."

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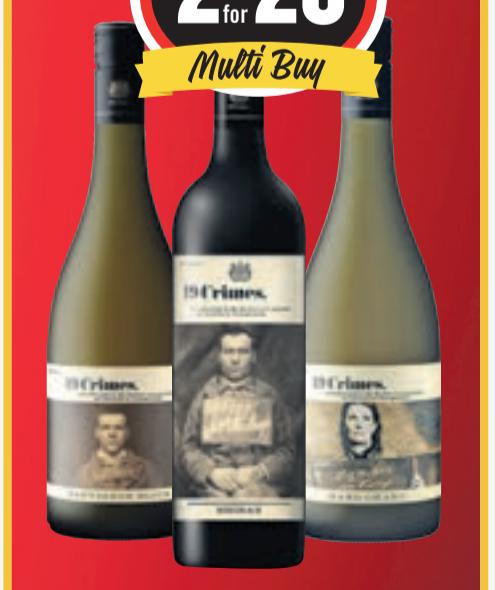
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There's already a sign posted on the block advising neighbours.

Particularly galling for the owner of one of the Whiting Street blocks is that they purchased the site in May this year, for \$230,000, only to find out now that Melbourne Water has toughened its stance.

It's tragic.

For the owners of an ideally located Beach Boulevard block, who have two handsome-looking homes on either side, they're unable to build theirs in the middle.

The shire council's response to Melbourne Water has been to simply issue 'Notices of Refusal' but surely, having charged them for a street scheme, completed only a few months ago, they could be offering the ratepayers more help.

What if the houses were raised 'Queenslander' style or if there was better drainage?

Here's how refusal was advised in the council minutes:

- November 2022 BCSC Meeting: "PERMITS REFUSED: 210449: Development of land for a dwelling in the BMO and LSIO located at 12 Whiting Street, Pioneer Bay."

- December 2022 BCSC Meeting: "PERMITS REFUSED: 210307: Development of land for a dwelling in excess of 7m in the DDO1, BMO2 and LSIO located at 11 Beach Boulevard, Pioneer Bay."

Meanwhile at the same November council meeting, the shire advised that "extension and alterations to a dwelling in the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) located in Lohr Avenue, Inverloch" would be allowed.

Other new houses were allowed within the LSIO zone in Lohr Avenue in October.

Also, in Silverleaves on Phillip Island, the council has allowed several homes to go ahead in recent months.

A multi-million dollar, 46-lot residential subdivision in Dalyston, partly involving LSIO land, was approved by Council in April this year, involving elaborate drainage and wetland plans to combat any flooding or inundation issues.

So, where's the consistency?

Neighbours in Pioneer Bay acknowledge problems with



Clogged with reeds, weeds and other vegetation, the blocked outfall drain at Pioneer Bay is causing most of the trouble, and Melbourne Water is dragging the chain on necessary maintenance work.

the blocks in question but claim it's as much a drainage issue as an inundation risk.

Pat Van, treasurer of the Pioneer Bay Progress Association, says Melbourne Water should start by clearing the reeds and vegetation blocking 'Flat Bottom Creek', which runs beside the town, and is supposed to allow drainage of stormwater and bore water.

"They were supposed to do it months ago but now they're saying it will have to wait until next year but the water that's lying around can't get away."

It's potentially a health problem now, she says, including from mosquitoes.

On other blocks, owners have transported in fill material to build up the level of their sites, often at the detriment of neighbours. Rules for some, not for others.

Both the Bass Coast Shire Council and Melbourne Water have provided a response.

From the Bass Coast Shire Council

The following statement can be attributed to Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Michael Whelan:

"The critical issue of rising sea levels caused by climate change is a challenging and complex problem for all coastal regions.

"Bass Coast Shire Council has been strongly advocating for a coordinated and urgent approach from councils and all levels of government for years.

"Consistent with the advice from Melbourne Water,

Council has recently seen an increase in objections from Melbourne Water as a result of changes to all planning schemes. The changes require councils and Melbourne Water to assess applications at projected 2100 sea levels, replacing the 2040 requirement previously in schemes.

"The implications of this change are significant and require a strategic approach and we look forward to the State Government providing urgent clarity to councils and property owners on current requirements and provide certainty on future development."

From Melbourne Water

Response attributable to a Melbourne Water spokesperson:

"Melbourne Water recently objected to two separate applications to build a single dwelling on vacant residential blocks in Pioneer Bay subject to direct flooding from Wonthaggi Bay.

"Melbourne Water objected due to the severity of the coastal flooding conditions. In making its assessment, Melbourne Water considered present and future (year 2100) flood conditions and risks, in line with State Policy.

"At the request of local council and the applicant a further in-depth review of the particular flood characteristics at the Rhyll Brewery site and development proposal is on-going.

"The state's sea level rise benchmark is set by the Marine and Coastal Policy (DEL-

WP 2022). Melbourne Water has aligned its practice to accord with State Policy which was updated in planning schemes through Planning Scheme Amendment VC171 which "changes the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP) and all planning schemes to implement the Marine and Coastal Policy (DELWP 2020), support coastal hazard planning and sea level rise adaptation and update policy references", including removing outdated references to the 2040 planning horizon benchmark."

Background: "Under Victoria's planning system, local councils and the State Government develop planning schemes to control land use and development. Planning schemes are also developed to ensure the protection and conservation of land in Victoria in the present and long-term interests of all Victorians.

"The key relevant planning scheme controls and policy that apply to the subject sites are below.

- The Victoria Planning Provisions and Bass Coast Planning Scheme, in particular:
- Clause 13.01-2S – Coastal Inundation and Erosion, which directs Council to "Plan for sea level rise of not less than 0.8 metres by 2100 and allow for the combined effects of tides, storm surges, coastal processes and local conditions such as topography and geology when assessing risks and coastal impacts associated with climate change."
- Clause 44.04 – Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, the purpose of which includes: "To identify flood prone land in a riverine or coastal area affected by the 1 in 100 (1 per cent Annual Exceedance Probability) year flood or any other area determined by the floodplain management authority."
- Clause 44.04 – Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, the purpose of which includes: "To identify flood prone land in a riverine or coastal area affected by the 1 in 100 (1 per cent Annual Exceedance Probability) year flood or any other area determined by the floodplain management authority."
- To ensure that development maintains the free passage and temporary storage of floodwaters, minimises flood damage, responds to the flood hazard and local drainage conditions and will not cause any significant rise in flood level or flow velocity. To minimise the potential flood risk to life, health and safety associated with development."



POLICE BRIEFS

Seven arrested

SOUTHERN Metro Regional Crime Team detectives have arrested seven youths in relation to a series of alleged aggravated burglaries over the past week.

Information gained by detectives lead them to a home in Bonbeach on December 7.

They located seven people inside the home who were subsequently arrested.

The youths are alleged to be linked to:

- multiple aggravated burglaries and theft of motor vehicles in Mount Martha, Frankston South, Sunshine West, Lysterfield and Dandenong.

A 17-year-old Cowes boy has been charged with seven counts of aggravated burglary, attempted aggravated burglary, five counts of theft of motor vehicle, three counts of theft, theft from motor vehicle, conduct endangering life and unlicensed driving.

He has been remanded in custody to appear before a children's court at a later date.

Burglary in Nyora

A MALE offender broke into a property on Friday, December 9 in Nyora between 8.30-9.30am before fleeing with stolen goods in a white Mercedes.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information including CCTV or dashcam footage is urged to contact Wonthaggi Police Station (5671 4100) or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

San Remo Hotel and IGA theft

ELEVEN offenders are on the run after breaking into San Remo Hotel and San Remo IGA in the early hours of Monday morning (December 12) and taking off with stolen goods.

Police continue to investigate the burglary at 3am and anyone with information including CCTV or dashcam footage is urged to contact Wonthaggi Police Station (5671 4100) or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Barbecue triggers fire

CFA was alerted to reports of a house fire on St Ellens Road, Berry's Creek at 7.46pm on Friday, December 9. Nine CFA vehicles responded, along with police.

Upon arrival, crews discovered a house well involved, with visible smoke and flames.

Crews worked to extinguish the blaze and were able to prevent the fire spreading beyond the roof cavity and deck.

The fire is suspected to have been caused by a gas barbecue which was being used around 6pm with a small fat fire extinguished by the individuals at the time. The fat fire then reignited sometime later when the individuals were out.

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6 Day Weather Forecast

SOUTH GIPPSLAND



TUE | Dec 13

Showers increasing.
Wind AM: W-NW 25-35km/h
Wind PM: W-NW 25-35km/h

10° 18°



WED | Dec 14

Showers easing.
Wind AM: W 25-30km/h
Wind PM: SW 25-35km/h

9° 16°



THUR | Dec 15

Shower or two.
Wind AM: S-SW 20-25km/h
Wind PM: S-SW 20-25km/h

8° 17°



FRI | Dec 16

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: SW 15-25km/h
Wind PM: SW 15-25km/h

9° 17°



SAT | Dec 17

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind S 15-25km/h

10° 18°



SUN | Dec 18

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

8° 20°

IN BRIEF

Coal Creek Christmas Carols

WHILST an evening of fun is assured on Friday, December 16 between 6.00pm and 9.00pm at Coal Creek, if the weather is expected to be wet, cold and unpleasant on 16 December, a wet weather venue ready to go, if necessary, at the Korumburra Recreation Centre.

Making that decision on Friday morning at the latest, ticket holders will be notified either by the e-mail provided when booking, and on socials.

Bring a picnic rug or a chair and sing along with the pop-up Coal Creek Choir and the South Gippsland Concert Band.

Bookings are essential. To book, please call Coal Creek on (03) 5655 1811, click the 'Get Tickets' button on their page, or visit: eventbrite.com.au/e/464079593557

Raffle winners announced

THE raffle winners for the St Joseph's Raffle were drawn on December 12.

The winners are:

First prize Yishu Wu Ticket no.1394

Second prize Dynes Family Ticket no. 1684

Third prize M & R Coyne Ticket no. 555

Bunnings Update

AS part of the Bunnings Development, a roundabout will be constructed at the corner of White Road and McKenzie Street to be completed by mid-2023. "Construction is well underway for our new Wonthaggi store, which represents an investment of over \$30 million in the local community," Andrew Gilkes, Bunnings Regional Operations Manager, stated.

Expected to begin in late January, the roundabout will help manage increased traffic volumes, particularly during peak periods; provide more reliable travel times; improve safety for motorists when performing

turning movements within the area; and make walking and cycling in the area safer.

Construction company, H Troon is currently working with the Department of Transport and Bass Coast Shire Council with the preparation of design and construction arrangements.

More ways to see stunning shipwreck

THE Amazon 1863 Project Inc. Committee was successful in receiving a Bass Coast Shire grant. The grant is for beach bollard signage to inform and educate locals and visitors to the area about the A1 Class ship 'Amazon', whose wreckage remains on the Inverloch Surf Beach.

Due to the shortage of available wood, the project took some time to complete but the Bass Coast Shire, helpful chaps at Wonthaggi Men's Shed and the Amazon 1863 Project Committee worked together to produce some classy signage ready for the holiday period.

Amazon 1863 Project would like to thank the Wonthaggi Men's shed for their expertise in crafting the wood for these bollards, and believe they will be installed very soon at Inverloch Surf Beach entrances.

Change of date for Cowes Carols

UNSEASONALLY cold and wet weather has forced the Cowes' Carols By The Bay to be postponed for a week to Tuesday, December 20, starting at 5.30pm with Children's Activities.

The carols will continue later, culminating in a fireworks display. The event is organised by Island Voice, and sponsored by Bendigo Bank, Bowens Hardware, Phillip Island RSL, Westernport Water and Bass Coast Shire Council

Where to sing in your area:

• SAN REMO CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS, Friday, December 16 from 5pm.
• CAROLS AT THE CREEK,

Friday, December 16 from 6pm, Coal Creek Community Park & Museum, Korumburra.

• INVERLOCH CAROLS IN THE GLADE, Saturday, December 17. Inverloch Community Christmas Carols, 5:30pm - 8pm, Inverloch Glade, The Esplanade, Inverloch.

• WONTAGGI COMMUNITY CAROLS, Sunday, December 18, 7pm - 9pm. Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi.

• COWES CAROLS BY THE BAY, Tuesday, December 20, The Esplanade, Cowes. Fireworks to follow Cowes Carols, 9pm - 10pm (Cowes Pier)

• TARWIN LOWER CAROLS, Tuesday, December 20.

• MEENIYAN CAROLS, Friday, December 23, BBQ at 6pm, carols from 7pm.

Samurai sword incident

A MALE attended a private address in McLeod Street calling out the occupants and waving a samurai sword during the early hours of December 7.

The offender broke a side window and threatened the occupants.

The investigation is ongoing with local police.

Belongings stolen from vehicle

A WHITE Gucci handbag and other items were stolen from a motor vehicle in Cape Woolamai overnight on December 3.

The vehicle was rummaged through with other items stolen. Investigations are ongoing – anyone with information is urged to call Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100 or contact Crimestoppers.

Attempted armed robbery

AN 18-YEAR-OLD male was allegedly approached by a 17-year-old male on Ivor Street, Wonthaggi on December 2.

Allegedly armed with a knife, the offender asked if the victim had anything on him, to which

the victim replied nothing. The offender took off and was later located by police.

The offender was remanded to appear before the court at a later date.

Stabbing in Korumburra

POLICE are currently investigating a stabbing between two male individuals in Korumburra on December 4 at 11.30pm.

The victim suffered multiple small puncture wounds by the 33-year-old offender; it's understood the parties are known to each other.

The offender is known to police and police investigations are ongoing.

Anyone with information is urged to call Wonthaggi Police Station.

\$12.8 million investment in Inverloch

SOUTH Gippsland Water is investing \$12.8 million in sewer upgrades for the growing town of Inverloch.

Managing Director, Robert Murphy, said the upgrade would ensure the current system copes with predicted growth, part of South Gippsland Water's commitment to proactively plan for the future of our towns. Mr Murphy said South Gippsland Water had worked with cultural heritage networks, completed fauna and flora studies and its contractors to ensure minimal impact on the environment and none on existing water and wastewater services during construction.

"Our team have worked to design these works, so they don't occur during Inverloch's busy summer period. But when the work gets underway in February 2023, we've got plans in place to minimise traffic and construction noise, as well as ensure water and wastewater services remain consistent."

The works are happening on Veronica Street and Meanderri Drive. The new pump stations will be built adjacent to the existing facilities on utility locations.



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Mark Ritterman just happened to be going for an afternoon swim at Berrys Beach where he would end up saving the lives of five people who were struggling in the waters. Another surfer was fortunately there on the day too who assisted Mark.

Local helps rescue five from near drowning

IN WHAT could have been a devastating outcome, a Phillip Island surfer just happened to be in the right place at the right time when five swimmers were caught in a rip.

Mark Ritterman, a lifelong surfer who is well accustomed to the Island's beaches, was enjoying an afternoon swim at Berrys Beach on Sunday, December 4, when he noticed five swimmers struggling.

Fortunately, another surfer was also there at the time who assisted with the rescues.

Mark first noticed a young woman, most likely a 'schoolie', heading into trouble before eventually rescuing four men moments later.

"I went surfing at Berrys Beach around 4-4:30pm on Sunday for about 30 minutes," he said noting conditions were calm at the time.

"I decided to drop my board at the top of the beach to go for a swim."

"I noticed a young woman wading into a dangerous area of the beach, so I decided to swim in that direction."

"As I moved towards her she waved me over. I waded over to her and grabbed her wrist. She wasn't yet in serious trouble, but would have been a few moments later."

He said the young woman then indicated that she had noticed a group of men also appeared to be in trouble.

"I saw two of the men about 20 metres away and the heads of another two further out. It was low tide, so where I was standing, knee deep at the end of a rip, was several hundred metres away from other beachgoers and any floatation device."

"I got to two of the men quickly and managed to pull them onto the sandbank.

"They were panicking, gesturing and yelling in broken English, pointing to their mates who were in serious trouble."

"I swam off the edge of the sandbar and into the rip and as I got within a few metres, I could see they were both struggling, but one in particular who wasn't taking a breath each time a wave washed over him."

The situation began to escalate as the swimmers continued to panic more and more.

"They weren't responsive, they didn't calm, they didn't float on their back, or slow their breathing."

"They were panicking and were exhausted. I held them up as much as I could for what felt like a long time, but was probably only a few minutes."

"In one moment, which I have replayed in my mind several times since Sunday, one of the men grabbed a hold of my shoulders to keep himself afloat."

"At that moment, I made a conscious decision to push him off me. I had heard of rescuers drowning in situations like this, and I wasn't going to let that happen to me."

"But at that moment I thought I was going to watch two men drown and that there was nothing I could do. As this was happening, another local surfer was paddling towards the three of us."

Fortunately, he was able to get the attention of the other surfer who managed to pull the men onto his surfboard.

"It took another 5-10 minutes to get them back to the rocks and to safety."

"I was hugged by one of the men we rescued, and suggested he go to hospital to check whether or not that he had

swallowed any water."

The surfer highlighted that it was a very positive outcome that could have been disastrous, and was thankful for the other surfer's quick wit.

Since the experience, he strongly urges all beachgoers to be aware of the surf conditions and how easily they can get into trouble, especially those who are inexperienced.

He also highlighted the need for more measures to help prevent drownings such as better signage, warnings in different languages and the possibility of life saving patrols at Berrys Beach.

"I keep coming back to the fact that they likely would have all drowned had I not been there, and if the other surfer hadn't appeared when he did, two men would have drowned and I would have lived with that for the rest of my life," he said.

The timing was also coincidental with Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Michael Whelan, highlighting in his weekly column that lifesavers are returning to beaches across the state this month, including six patrolled beaches in Bass Coast.

"I urge beachgoers to head to those beaches where lifeguards are on duty and to swim between the red and yellow flags, where lifeguards can look out for you in the water and to never swim alone," Mayor Whelan said.

"Summer brings regulations relating to dogs on beaches. Council encourages beachgoers to ensure they are following the regulations by checking the signs at the access points to beaches and reserves or by visiting Council's website at: www.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/dogwalking.

Harrowingly high drowning trends in South Gippsland

LIFE Saving Victoria (LSV) has released the 2021-22 drowning report, including key trends for the South Gippsland local government area during the past decade.

Between 2012-13 to 2021-22, most drowning incidents within the South Gippsland local government area occurred at a beach.

The most at-risk age group for this area were people aged 25 to 64-years-old, and the key activities preceding death by drowning were swimming, paddling or wading.

More broadly, 53 lives were tragically lost across Victoria to drowning between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022, which is 10 more than the decade's average.

A further 111 people's lives were changed forever after narrowly surviving non-fatal drowning incidents attended by paramedics.

LSV's manager - research and evaluation Dr Hannah Calverley expressed sympathies to those whose loved ones were represented in this year's drowning report.

"Despite slightly fewer fatalities than last year's record-breaking toll of 61, the reality is that 53 lives were lost to drowning this year - that's 53 too many. We'd like to send our sincere condolences to everyone affected," she said.

"This is the second consecutive year that the Victorian drowning toll has bucked what had otherwise been a downward trend. We're urging Victorians to be vigilant around water to help put an end to drownings and prevent further tragedy."

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Mayor's message

IT TOOK a while to arrive, but summer may finally be here on the Bass Coast, with holidays not far behind.

Your safety is the Council's priority.

The Fire Danger Period has not yet been declared as for Bass Coast, but recent wet weather has caused significant grass growth, with forecast ideal weather for grass to continue to flourish well into the Summer.

Emergency Management Officers will be starting Fire Prevention Inspections soon. This program aims to reduce bushfire risk to the community, reduce fire spread and intensity in the event of a bushfire and fulfil relevant legislative obligations.

During summer it is critical that everyone understands their bushfire risk and plans ahead. Know what to do on hot, dry, windy days and plan for all situations. Talk to your family and friends about how you'll know when to leave, where you'll go and how you will get there.

If you're travelling through bush or grasslands this summer, check the conditions for your destination and any areas you will travel through before you go, listen to local radio for warnings and advice while you're on the road, and check conditions regularly throughout your stay. Download the VicEmergency app, visit emergency.vic.gov.au and save the VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226) into your mobile phone.



Cr Michael Whelan

Never travel into bush or grassland areas where a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been forecast.

Summer also means beaches and we want people to enjoy our world-class coastline, but please follow the rules to stay safe.

Lifesavers return to beaches across the state this month, including six patrolled beaches in Bass Coast.

I urge beachgoers to head to those beaches where lifeguards are on duty and to swim between the red and yellow flags, where lifeguards can look out for you in the water and to never swim alone.

Summer brings regulations relating to dogs on beaches. Council encourages beach goers to ensure they are following the regulations by checking the signs at the access points to beaches and reserves or by visiting Council's website at: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dogwalking.

And finally, Bass Coast Shire townships Inverloch, Coronet Bay and Cowes will celebrate the year that was 2022 and welcome in the New Year with family friendly fireworks display.

Check out a range of events across Bass Coast at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/explore/whats-on

Bass now state's most marginal electorate

From page 1

Ms Crugnale also thanked the other candidates.

"In admiration always of candidates that put their hand up – for what is the biggest interview panel ever with over 45,000 community members having their say. It was wonderful to spend time with many of you over the two weeks at pre-poll and gain insight into what drives and energises you."

Bass Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said he was expecting a close result and he welcomed the continuing status of Bass as "marginal" saying it certainly sharpened the government's focus.

"We grew by 25% from Census to Census so we have a lot of growing pains here and a lot that needs doing," he said on Gippsland ABC Radio this week.

"Credit where it's due, the government has been very responsive in respect of the new hospital and high schools and that sort of thing but with lots of growth,

they need to continue to be responsive to this area," he said.

Cr Whelan listed some of the local priorities including roads, roundabouts, expansion of Wonthaggi's north-east residential area, the shire's tracks and trails plans, the impacts of climate change and sand mining on the area's native bush.

The shire is also making a bid for \$6.5 million over three years to trial a bespoke public transport system, initially for Phillip Island, to help alleviate visitor congestion, but potentially expanding to other parts of the shire.

Eastern Victoria MP Harriet Shing, the Regional Development, Water and Equity Minister was among the first to congratulate Jordan Crugnale.

"She's strong, brilliant, creative and a fierce community advocate. And nobody deserves this victory more than her," said Ms Shing.



Eastern Victoria MP Harriet Shing was among the first to congratulate Bass MP Jordan Crugnale on being elected the 56th member of the new Andrews' government.

Need for two regional skate parks, they say

THE draft Skate Park Strategy Review undertaken for the Bass Coast Shire Council by Playce, recommends that two Sub Regional skate parks be constructed at Cowes and Wonthaggi.

The draft report rejects the idea of having one centrally located skate park and or

pump track.

"With our rapidly increasing population, the establishment of additional youth facilities across Bass Coast Shire is vital. The implementation of the Bass Coast Skate Park Strategy Review and via the pump track working group, Council will engage youth to determine

the future direction of how and where these amenities should be constructed."

The issue goes before council this week for decision.

Terms of Reference for this working group will be developed and brought back to Council at the February 2022 Council meeting.

NO ONE'S UNSINKABLE

To all those Unsinkable Guys out there –

You might think it's safe to have a few drinks around water, skip the lifejacket when you're out on the boat or go for a swim without checking the conditions.

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History made as doors open to the new Wonthaggi Hospital

A MILESTONE moment occurred last Friday when the first services opened in the new \$115 million Wonthaggi Hospital.

Bass Coast Health (BCH) CEO Jan Child celebrated the opening of Main Reception at 7am, with the Emergency Department (ED), Short Stay Unit and Radiology opening at 10am.

"Our community and staff have been looking forward to this day since we first began planning for the expanded hospital more than four years ago," she said.

"The new hospital is an amazing facility that is groundbreaking for Wonthaggi and will enable us to grow our services and treat more patients closer to their homes.

"For the first time in history, the hospital has a purpose-built Emergency Department that will serve the community, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for decades to come.

"The new Main Reception is so spacious and light, and embodies everything that this new hospital is built for: delivering healthcare of the future."

Patients were relocated from the previous emergency department in Armitage House in the lead-up to the official opening at 10am.

The first patient to be treated in the ED was Chris Larsen of Phillip Island, who sustained a neck injury after diving into a sandbank.



Emergency Department Acting Nurse Unit Manager Cat Bunn with the first patient to be treated in the new ED, Chris Larsen of Phillip Island. She received a certificate to mark the occasion.

"I was seen really quickly and everyone was just so happy. All the staff are over the moon and the new Emergency Department just makes for a better experience.

"It's just so more airy, open and fresh. It's so spacious and makes you feel more relaxed," she said. The new Emergency Department has general cubicles, resuscitation cubicles, a behavioural assessment room, a plaster room and a procedure room.

Larger patients are catered for by a designated bariatric cubicle and there are high acuity cubicles for particularly ill patients.

Children will be treated in the designated paediatric cubicle and there are isolation

cubicles for those with infectious conditions.

People wishing to access the ED in the new hospital can do so by entering the hospital grounds from Graham Street and parking in the main car-park.

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

The Short Stay Unit is part of the ED and is for patients requiring an overnight stay for observation or to receive treatment such as physiotherapy the next day.

Main Reception for the new and existing hospital now operates from the new hospital. Patients and visitors can park

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

"The new Main Entry is now how people enter the hospital for Radiology, Pathology, the Acute Ward, Surgery and Maternity," Ms Child said.

"Our staff and volunteers are on hand to help you to find your way and there are many signs to guide you. Patients and visitors will be impressed by the many photos of iconic local scenes such as the trestle bridge at Kilcunda that will help them to find their way."

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

The current main entrance is now closed to the public and will be renovated in January to provide for another corridor linking the new and current hospitals.

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

From next Wednesday, December 14, Armitage House, where the Emergency Department was previously located, will house the sub-acute services of rehabilitation and palliative care.

Those services are now located in Sleeman Ward within the hospital, which will be used by BCH's Learning and Development team from Friday, December 16.



With 229 luxury suites, the Seabourn Odyssey, is pictured anchored off Rhyll last week.

Cruise guests stay for the penguins

THE sun popped out, momentarily, as hundreds of guests arrived onshore at Rhyll on Phillip Island last Wednesday after the second cruise ship of the summer moored into Western Port early that morning.

The conditions weren't quite so welcoming when dozens of cruise ship guests stayed onshore to see the world-famous Penguin Parade, which coped a wintry blast just as the penguins were waddling up the beach.

The cruise ship, which boasts 229 luxury cabins, a mere minnow compared to one of the world's biggest cruise ships, the Wonder of the Seas with 2867 cabins, arrived at 5.30am, weighed anchor and had guests onshore by shortly after 9am.

They took the opportunity to visit all parts of the Island, including the Koala Conservation Reserve and the Nobbies, stopping for a coffee or lunch in town and meeting their shuttles outside Gulliver's Café.

"It's been lovely to come ashore on Phillip Island," said one of the travellers.

"We've been made very welcome," they said.

Lots of locals and visitors took the opportunity to drive out to Rhyll or walk along the beach at Silverleaves for a closer look.

The next cruise ship is due in Western Port on January 3, 2023.



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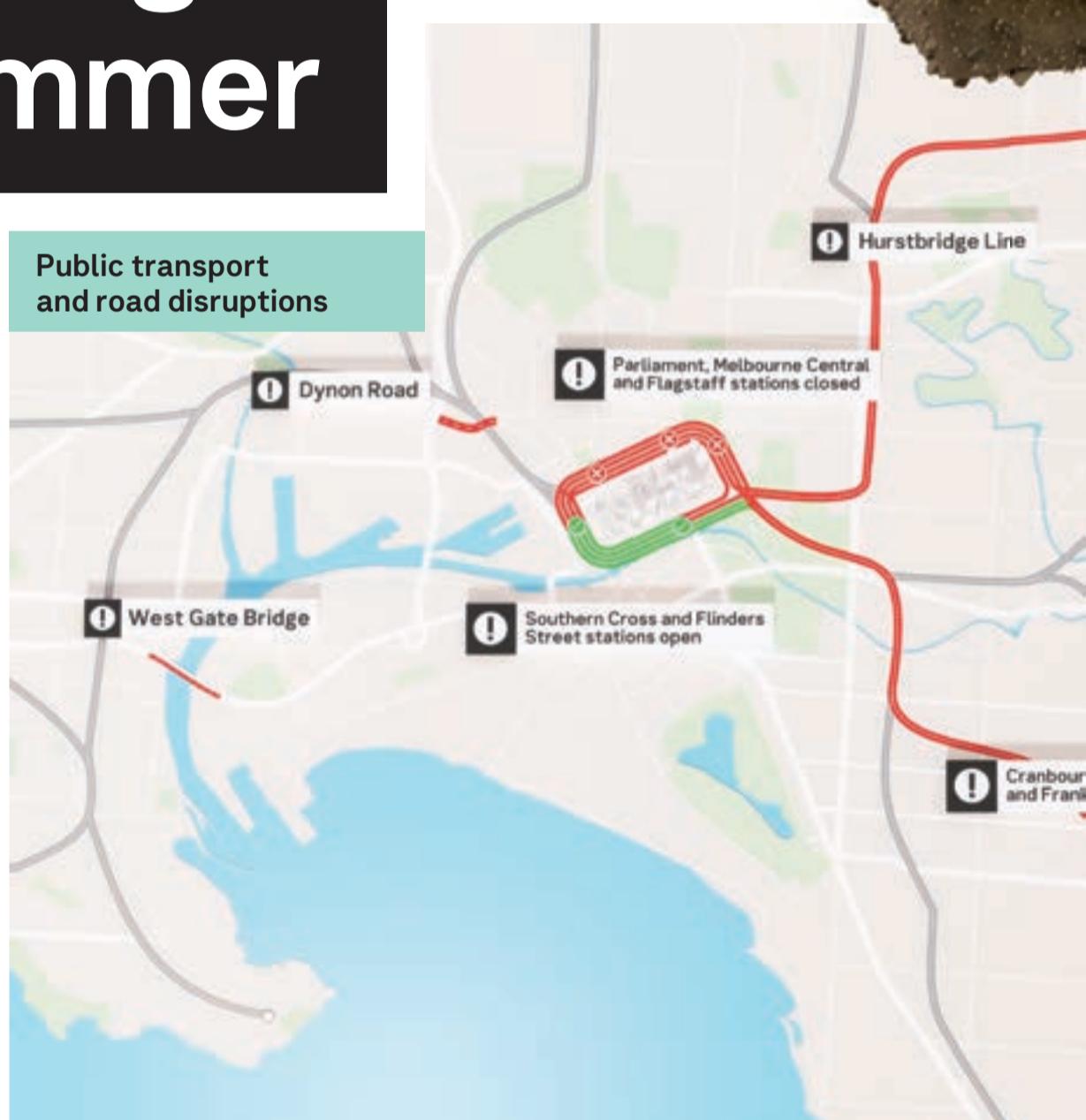
We're building big this summer

Victoria's Big Build is building a better road and rail network in December and January while there are fewer people on our trains and less cars on the road.

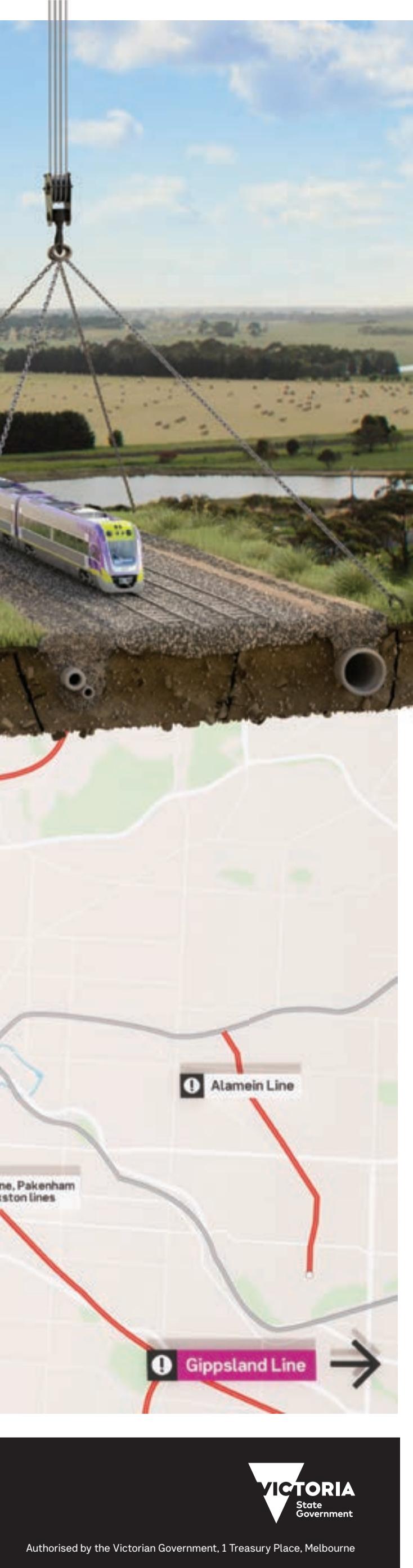
This includes major works on the Metro Tunnel, with crews working around the clock to complete trackwork and install new high-tech signalling. While these works are taking place, the Gippsland Line will also be disrupted to complete track upgrades.

We're continuing to build the West Gate Tunnel, including new connections into the city and CityLink. There will be significant delays as important maintenance works are also happening on the West Gate Bridge. If you're travelling to Melbourne, please plan ahead as major works could affect your travel.

Public transport and road disruptions



Check before you travel at bigbuild.vic.gov.au/summer



Summer disruptions

Train disruptions: City Loop closed

City Loop	9pm 2 Jan to last train 15 Jan	Parliament, Flagstaff and Melbourne Central stations closed
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Train and tram disruptions: Buses/coaches replace trains and trams in both directions

Gippsland Line	4 to 31 Jan	Southern Cross to Bairnsdale
Bendigo and Echuca lines	⌚ 3 Feb	Southern Cross to Bendigo
	4 to 5 Feb	Southern Cross to Gisborne
Swan Hill Line	4 to 5 Feb	Southern Cross to Bendigo
Tram routes 3, 3a, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67 and 72	⌚ Until 18 Dec	Arts Centre and Commercial Road
Tram route 58	⌚ Until 18 Dec	Flinders Street/Market Street and Fawkner Park
Hurstbridge Line	8.30pm 2 Jan to last train 6 Jan 9 Jan to last train 13 Jan	Parliament to Heidelberg
Alamein Line	8.30pm 2 Jan to last train 15 Jan	Camberwell to Alamein
Cranbourne and Pakenham lines	4 to 13 Jan ⌚ 8.30pm to last train, 16 Jan	Flinders Street to Dandenong
	⌚ 8.30pm to last train, 8 and 12 Jan	Flinders Street to Cranbourne and Pakenham
Frankston Line	14 to 27 Jan	Flinders Street to Westall
	4 to 27 Jan	Flinders Street to Moorabbin
	6.30am to 7.30pm, 22 Jan	Flinders Street to Mordialloc
Stony Point Line	4 to 27 Jan	Frankston to Stony Point
Sandringham Line	⌚ From 8.30pm each night, 9 to 11 Jan	Parliament to Sandringham
Sunbury Line	9pm 3 Feb to last train 5 Feb 8.30pm 8 Feb to last train 12 Feb	North Melbourne to Watergardens North Melbourne to Sunshine
Werribee and Williamston lines	⌚ Each night, 8 to 10 Feb 11 to 12 Feb	North Melbourne to Newport

Freeway disruptions: Changed traffic conditions or closed lanes and ramps

West Gate Bridge	9pm 26 Dec to 6am 4 Jan	Four outbound lanes closed
Monash Freeway	⌚ Some nights in Jan	Closed between Warrigal Road and EastLink
Princes Freeway	⌚ Some nights in Jan	Closed between Princes Highway and Cardinia Road

Road disruptions: Closed roads, lanes and ramps

Dynon Road, West Melbourne	⌚ Until 21 Dec	Between Dryburgh Street and Dynon Road inbound exit ramp from CityLink
Greensborough Road, Watsonia	⌚ Until 22 Dec	Lanes closed and speeds reduced
Narre Warren North Road and Ernst Wanke Road, Narre Warren North	In Jan	Intersection closed
Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road and Thompsons Road, Cranbourne	Jan to Feb	Intersection closed
Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn	Jan to Feb	Between Hume Highway and Hanson Road
Lancefield Road, Sunbury	Jan to Feb	At Sunbury Road
Hall and McCormicks roads, Carrum Downs	From Jan	Intersection closed



**South Gippsland
Shire Council**

South Gippsland Shire Council News

South Gippsland Australia Day Photography Competition

South Gippsland Shire Council is once again running an Australia Day photography competition. The theme of the competition is *Australia Day: Reflect, Respect, Celebrate. We're all part of the Story* and images must be taken within South Gippsland Shire or nearby. Entrants can interpret the theme however they choose, and entries are welcome from any South Gippsland resident or ratepayer.

There are two prize categories this year - an open category with a \$800 prize and a junior category (15 and under) with a \$200 prize.

Submitted images will not be used by Council outside of the competition.

The Australia Day Photography Competition is funded by the National Australia Day Council.

To find out more about the South Gippsland Australia Day Photography Competition, or to submit an entry, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiadaycompetition

Entries close Wednesday 18 January 2023. Winners will be announced on 26 January 2023.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL Little Commercial Street Update



Works progressing in Little Commercial Street

Council's contractor ACE Earthmoving is making the best of the drier summer weather to push forward with works in Little Commercial Street, Korumburra.

Workers are currently engaged in creating a new, safer connection between the street and South Gippsland Highway, with a view to re-open to vehicles and pedestrians behind the Commercial Street shops before Christmas.

The new left-in, left-out access point will be moving from its previous location, please be aware of changed traffic conditions as the road opens.

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:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

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/348 – Sealed Roads Rehab.

Closes Thursday 15 December.

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

Closes Tuesday 31 January 2023.

RFT/351 – Design & Construct New Toilet Block; Baromi Park, Mirboo North

Closes Thursday 2 February 2023.

All tenders close at 2.00pm.

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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26 happy recipients for community grants

COMMUNITY initiatives, projects and events that benefit people in South Gippsland Shire will receive funds from council's Community Grants Program, with 26 recipients celebrated on Wednesday night.

A total of \$130,000 was distributed through Round 1 of the 2022/23 Community Grants Program.

The largest individual grants went to Friends of Mirboo North Swimming Pool for shade sails, and to Leongatha Little Athletics Club for an all-weather jump pit surface upgrade, with each of those projects receiving \$10,000.

Mirboo North Pool users will be able to relax beneath the shade sails soon, as the grant has enabled them to be ordered.

Leongatha Little Athletics Club president Ben Cruickshank said the intention is to create a multi-purpose facility.

The planned project includes laying synthetic runway for the long jump and triple jump, with the runway to be lengthened so that it can also be used for hurdles and sprint training.

"It will be able to be used all year round," Ben said of the surface that will provide grip even in the South Gippsland rain.

"The quality of the surface will help the kids when they go onto Regional and State events," Ben said.

He noted it is a big adjustment to transition from Leongatha's current grass runway to the synthetic surfaces elsewhere.

Under the grant stipulation the project must be completed by the end of 2023.

Leongatha Tennis Club was assigned \$9,000 towards its clay court upgrade, with Meenyan Golf Club also awarded that amount for stage 3 of its Fairways Revolution project.

That was the final stage of a major upgrade of fairways staggered over three years, that involved laying a type of couch grass more suited to golf courses.

A Melbourne company planted the final three hectares of the course on Wednesday.

day and Thursday.

"If it's well looked after you get very good coverage of those fairways within a year," Meenyan Golf Club's co-president Will Bullock said.

"We were committed to do it whether we received the grant or not, but the grant was a huge help in enabling us to do it in timely fashion."

Leongatha Lyric Theatre will now be in a position to develop a strategic plan to ensure it maintains its high standards into the future, with a \$7,250 grant making that possible.

"For any organisation the size of ours, it's really important to have a plan for the future," Lyric Theatre president Bron Beach said.

She considers it crucial to understand what the organisation's members and the community want, and to develop a plan that takes account of people's ideas.

"Then we will have a plan for what we want to achieve over the next few years," Bron said.

She detailed some of the areas in which planning will assist.

"We want to work with council on the proposal for a refurbishment to Memorial Hall and we want to keep putting on great shows and having somewhere to do them," Bron said of the broad goals a strategic plan will help achieve.

Community Grants are open to not-for-profit, community and volunteer organisations in the following categories:

- Minor Projects and Equipment (up to \$5,000)
- Major Projects and Equipment (up to \$10,000)
- Planning and Development Reports (up to \$10,000)
- Festivals and Events (up to \$10,000)

Round 2 of the Community Grants Program opens on January 1, 2023, and closes March 31.

To assist the community with their applications, a number of drop-in sessions will be held. For more information, please contact Sophie Bolding on 5662 9200 or visit southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants.

See our website story for the full list of round 1 grant recipients at www.sgst.com.au



Bron Beach, Joel Stevenson, Michelle Hall, and Kylie Osborne of Leongatha Lyric Theatre, which received a grant to develop a business plan.



Frank Dekker and Michael Grist of Leongatha Tennis Club with deputy mayor Clare Williams.



Ben Cruickshank, president of Leongatha Little Athletics Club is delighted to receive a Community Grant of \$10,000 towards a synthetic runway and all weather jump pit.



Councillor Mohya Davies with Tonya Wright, Leatha Peters, Mary Baker and Les Harmer of Friends of Mirboo North Swimming Pool which received \$10,000 for shade sails.

Rail Trail link set for completion

THE GREAT Southern Rail Trail will soon be a little longer, with the Loch to Nyora section expected to be completed by the end of 2022, South Gippsland Shire Council says.

"The placement of gravel between the bridges is the only piece of work remaining; completion of this section has been challenging due to inclement weather," council states.

While the 3.1 kilometre Berrys Road to Nyora section of the trail is already open, the 2.5 kilometre stretch of the trail linking Loch to Berrys Road has taken longer than expected due to access issues.

Works already undertaken on the soon-to-be-opened section include completion of two bridge decks and railing, as well as fencing and the installation of wayfinding and feature signage.



Take care on the roads this summer

Christmas parties are underway, carol services are on the horizon and the big day itself is only around the corner. With this in mind, emergency services would like to remind individuals to not drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, to pull over and rest if fatigue sets in and most importantly to take care on the roads this summer.

Drivers are also reminded to be aware of emergency vehicles that may need to pass and slow to 40km/h when passing emergency vehicles on the roadside.

Nobody is immune from the rules – even Santa.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey

AWARDS were presented to recipients of Round One of the 2022/23 Community Grants Program last Wednesday. The Program is the most direct way Council supports the community with \$130,000 given to 26 projects in this round.

The night was a fantastic display of South Gippsland pride and highlighted the benefits that extend beyond the organisations who were given the grants. These projects positively impact all of South Gippsland.

On behalf of Council, thank you to those who submitted applications. I encourage community members to consider applying for the next round of Community Grants which opens on 1 January 2023. More information on the grants available can be found at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

I was pleased to join with Councillors and some Council staff in attending a walk around the Leongatha CBD last Wednesday to show that South Gippsland says no to family violence. Approximately 50 people were in attendance dressed in orange. This walk forms part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign which aims to start a conversation about gender-based violence.

I had the pleasure of attending the 2022 Westpac Gippsland Wine Show Awards at Cape Patterson on Thursday alongside Deputy Mayor Clare Williams, and the honour of presenting two wine awards. It was a stunning celebration of Gippsland wine. Congratulations to all the winners, including South Gippsland wine maker Gippsland Wine Company in Loch who won Silver for their Chardonnay and Bronze for their Viognier. Dirty Three Wines also won a number of awards on the night, who have vineyards across South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

Rural Councils Victoria was hosted in South Gippsland this week. Events like this coming to our region is great for local businesses, particularly after a quiet few years.

Christmas is well and truly ramping up with Carols events being held across the weekend in Leongatha and Mirboo North. The Carols at the Creek event will be held at Coal Creek this coming weekend.

Smaller local events are also being held – all of which are a great opportunity for our community to gather and reflect on the year that's been.

We have seen lots of newcomers to our region and these events are an excellent way to get to know others and feel connected to South Gippsland.

If you haven't already purchased gifts for your family and friends, please consider buying locally. While our businesses are bouncing back, local businesses will always benefit from local support. In South Gippsland we have a vast array of businesses who provide all sorts of different products, from amazing food and wine to unique gifts – there is something for everyone.



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Connor Sim of Bass Coast College had a remarkable ATAR score of 98.7.



Aaliyah Trevethan was Korumburra Secondary College's 2022 DUX and was one of the college's top students.



Mia Deenen was Leongatha Secondary College's 2022 DUX and achieved an incredible ATAR of 91.6.



Liam Smart of Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College achieved an ATAR of 96.7 and was the college's Dux recipient.



Dux of Newhaven College Hamish Brosnan received an ATAR of 97.2. Hamish notes he is "hoping to focus on my favoured subject, maths, while studying Engineering at Monash University in 2023".



Kaitlyn Shepherd proudly shows her Hairdressing Certificate with trainer Kate McNish.

Outstanding ATAR results

Bass Coast College

CONNOR Sim of Bass Coast College (BCC) achieved a whopping ATAR 98.7.

From Inverloch, Connor has had multiple academic achievements and awards attained throughout his six years schooling at BCC.

He has a particular interest and strength in mathematics subjects and will be embarking on a Science Degree at Melbourne University.

BCC would like to congratulate all of their senior students on the completion of their schooling this year.

There were some exceptional individual results amongst the students achieving the top ATAR scores and these occurred in a wide range of curriculum areas including English, Maths, Science, Personal Development, Design and Technology and the Arts.

There were also exceptional Study Score results amongst their Year 11 cohort including a number of 40 plus study scores.

Korumburra Secondary College

THE class of 2022 have demonstrated that great things can certainly be achieved even in times of great adversity.

The college's two top students this year were Aaliyah Trevethan and Blake Webb, who are both looking at accepting University placements for 2023. School captain Aaliyah is also the Dux of 2022.

This year, 15 students achieved study scores over 30 in one or more subjects which puts them above the state mean.

Leongatha Secondary College

MIA Deenen of Leongatha Secondary College achieved an incredible ATAR score of 91.6 and was also the college's 2022 DUX.

In a statement this week, the college expressed they are equally proud of those who have excelled in their VCAL program and those who have achieved impressive VCE and ATAR results this year.

VCE: Of the 51 students receiving an ATAR this year, Mia Deenen achieved above 90 per cent with a 91.6, placing her amongst the highest achievers in the state and Louisa Campbell with 87.3, placing her within the top 13 per cent of the state.

What's more, some further outstanding results were achieved within individual subjects, including by Year 11 student Lachie Gill who achieved a study score of 49 in Units 3 & 4 Psychology which he undertook via an accelerated pathway.

The 2022 College mean study score was calculated at 27, with 28 per cent of students achieving a study score of 30 or over in one or more subjects. It was also very positive to see that that the college English median study score rose in 2022.

VCAL: The college is also extremely proud of their year 12 VCAL students this year with all students enrolled in Senior VCAL successfully achieving their Vocational Applied Learning Certificates.

Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College

CONGRATULATIONS to the Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College class of 2022.

Fifty sat for VCE exams and all have succeeded.

The class of 2022 has done extremely well. Most will gain entry to their first or second preference for university.

Top four: Liam Smart 96.7 and Dux, Tahlia Zizic 96.0, Kirra Gange 95.8, Kate Little 95.65

Initial calculations give the following: Median Study Score of 30, Overall Study Scores of 40 or above 8.8%, 16% of ATAR scores above 90, 34% of ATAR scores above 80, 40% of ATAR are in top quarter, 48% of ATAR scores above 70

The college is also proud of their Applied Learners too. There were 9 students pursuing applied pathways and with notable success – of the 9:

- Two have secured places in their preferred TAFE courses
- Three have gained apprenticeships
- Three have begun employment
- One is seeking TAFE / Employment

Newhaven College

DUX of Newhaven College, Hamish Brosnan, celebrated an ATAR of 97.2 at the announcement of VCE results this week.

Hamish was closely followed by Liam McDonald who received an ATAR of 94.8.

Newhaven College Principal, Tony Corr, congratulated all this year's VCE students on an incredible result.

Students who achieved study scores of 40 or above, placing them in the top 9% of the state, were:

- Biology: *Tess Papas
- Further Mathematics: Ella Beasley
- Mathematical Methods: Liam McDonald, Hamish Brosnan

• Outdoor and Environmental Studies: Lara Standish

• Physics: Hamish Brosnan

• Psychology: *Saffi Campbell Walker

• Theatre Studies: Laura Vivian

• VET Music Performance: *Will Murphy, *Saffi Campbell Walker

*Denotes Year 11 doing a Unit 3 & 4 subject

Yarram Secondary College

YARRAM Secondary College has recorded a significant lift in its final-year student results, putting the school on par with others across the state.

More than three quarters of Yarram SC students achieved an ATAR of 50 or more this year, with 56 per cent of students gaining scores between 50 and 69. Twenty per cent achieved a score of 70 or more.

In 2021, 35 per cent of students received ATARs of between 50 and 69, and 19 per cent received a score above 70.

Principal Lyn Kerrison credited the dramatic improvement in results to a unique literacy program the school started in 2019 to support students in Year 7 to 9.

"Three years ago, our median study score for English was 21.7. It is now 26.1, and we have exceeded our strategic targets," said Ms Kerrison.

Before the literacy program was introduced, the school's median study score for English had remained stubbornly consistent. The school's median study score for all subjects is 25.6. Last year, it was 23.6.

The school is also celebrating six students who graduated from the school's final Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning program.

2023 enrolments open at BCAL

ENROLMENTS are now open at Bass Coast Adult Learning for a range of Certificate level qualifications starting in 2023.

These nationally recognised Certificates include Certificate II in Salon Assistant (Hairdressing), Certificates II and III in Horticulture and Certificate III in Information Technology.

The Hairdressing course is popular with school students studying as part of their VCE and is also great for young parents looking to get back into the workforce. Graduates of the course have gone on to work in local salons while others have set up business on the Gold Coast.

The Horticulture Certificate is another great option for both young people looking for a trade, and mature people wanting a change.

The course prepares people for landscaping, gardening and maintenance work either as an employee or as an owner/operator.

It's the perfect course for people who enjoy the outdoors and want to be their own boss.

The Certificate III in Information Technology is a newly accredited qualification. The pandemic showed how vital it is to have reliable access to IT and this course will give learners experience in building webpages, using cloud solutions, providing advice to clients, and basic coding.

Currently BCAL is celebrating the success stories of the class of 2022.

Kaitlyn Shepherd completed her Hairdressing Certificate recently.

She now plans to study year 12 in 2023 as well as work part-time at Revive Beauty & Spa and complete some Beauty study units.

BCAL Hair and Beauty trainer Kate McNish said, "The way Kaitlyn studied in 2022, I have confidence in her achieving her goals for 2023."

Meanwhile, Jayne Benson who has just finished her Certificate III in Horticulture is currently setting up her own business farming strawberries.

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Gloves are off in Bass election 'shambles'

THE gloves are off in the aftermath of the State Election in Bass with former candidates and members of the voting public crying foul.

Key among their concerns is the fact that ballot papers ran out on election day at up to seven of the 26 polling booths in Bass, with at least some voters turned away, simply leaving their names to avoid a fine.

After a full distribution of preferences, completed by the Victorian Electoral Commission late on Friday night, December 9, Labor's Jordan Crugnale emerged the winner with 20,803 votes to the Liberals' Aaron Brown 20,601 votes, a final margin of 202.

A total of 44,539 people voted, which was 89.11% of the enrolment of 49,984 as compared to the 91.06% who voted in 2018.

Whether those who were turned away would have made a difference in an election decided by just 202 votes, making Bass the "most marginal electorate" in the state, is anyone's guess.

Independent candidate in Bass Meg Edwards went on social media at the weekend to claim there was a cloud hanging over the result with only 89.11% of votes recorded, a difference of as many as 1000 votes to 2018.

"It doesn't take much joining of dots to put that 2% down, least in significant part, to the difficulty for people to vote on election day after 6-7 booths that ran out of papers. I wouldn't blame either candidate for not resting on the "results", she said.

Others, including the Greens' Callum Bugbird, claimed the Nationals' candidate Brett Tessari actively discouraged people from giving their preferences to the Liberals' Aaron Brown.

Mr Tessari said the claim was "rubbish".

"Some things were said (on the booths) that shouldn't have been said, but that's



Returning Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, took to social media last Friday night to thank the voters of Bass for their support.

been taken completely out of context," Mr Tessari said.

"I was out there trying to get as many votes as I could. I was trying to win it. If people took a Greens' 'how to vote' card I was asking them to put me first and their own candidate second.

"Same with the Labor voters. I was asking for their vote too because I thought I wouldn't be distributing my preferences, that I would get the highest first preference vote on the conservative side.

"I wasn't there trying to kick Jordan out or stop Aaron from winning, I was there to win it myself."

Mr Tessari acknowledged that a significant number of his supporters didn't follow the 'how to vote' card and put Ms Crugnale ahead of the Liberals' Aaron Brown, but he put that down to his personal following in Wonthaggi and district, not for any other reason.

"The fact is, a lot of my preferences did go to Aaron and the count would not have been drawn out as long as it was otherwise.

"At the end of the day, I wanted to win but the people have made their choice and I congratulate Jordan on her win and the other candidates for having a go.

"But make no mistake, I was there to

try and win it and I thought I had a pretty good shot."

Mr Tessari was the last of the candidates excluded from the count on Friday with 5961 of his preferences going to Mr Brown but crucially, 2700 of those who put him first, voted for Labor ahead of the Liberals.

What Mr Tessari is more concerned about is the number of people who might have been denied a vote because the Victorian Electoral Commission ran out of votes at a number of booths in Bass on election day.

He told ABC radio recently that it would be like turning up on grand final day without the jumpers.

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

Sentinel-Times readers provided their feedback on Facebook:

• **Trilby Parise:** I would like to see that result contested. Ballots ran out, ghost candidates that were nowhere to be seen and a Nationals' candidate that was overheard on countless occasions telling people to "put Labor second" despite the Nationals/Liberal preferencing agreement.

• **Paul Cross:** Want to do the right thing Jordan? Stop the development of the thousands of offshore wind turbines on our coast. It will be an environmental disaster. You can't 'save' the planet by destroying it!

• **Barry Angell:** Labor didn't have to win. The LNP lost due to a really bad brand.

• **Couchy Steve:** Ok, now fix the roads please, fix the Ambulance, fix the hospital's lack of staff, fix triple zero and don't wait till an election to promise to fix things. Remember the \$6 million for the San Remo primary school and we expect this to start before 2023 and the skate park promised before the previous election.



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Shire and businesses strike big in tourism awards



Bass Coast Shire's Janette Little, Greg Box, Ali Wastie, Janine Temme, Emilie Cutler, Shannan Little, Sharni McLennan, Yung Truong, Jenni McMillan.



Phillip Island Nature Parks staff Lyndon Firmin, Arina Kruglyakova, Kate Adams, Claire Tailor, Peta Witting, Ewan Macleod, Nicole Hill, Delyce Colin.



David and Nicole Harman were delighted to have won Bronze in the highly competitive Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries category at the annual Victorian Tourism awards.

BASS Coast Shire was proud to be recognised at the Victorian Tourism Industry Council Gala Awards ceremony for its contribution to the tourism industry.

Council received the Gold award in the Local Government Award for Tourism category.

Council's submission highlighted their role in attracting off-peak events, supporting post pandemic recovery and increased marketing efforts.

The judges acknowledged the milestones achieved by the team in relation to gender equality and a dedicated focus on sustainability and the environment.

Also taking out the Silver award in the Visitor Information Services category, Council was acknowledged for the service provided and the initiatives implemented to progress environmental and social responsibility.

Some of these initiatives included free children's activities held during the school holidays, stocking local and sustainable merchandise products, participation in the TAC Pause Stop Pilot Program and provision of a mobile service.

Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said it was a great honour to receive both awards.

"Bass Coast is home to iconic international tourism events and attractions, and we continue to attract both large scale and smaller, home-grown events. There really is something for everyone. It's great to see a range of events across the Bass Coast, which really helps to grow and diversify our visitor economy.

"I'm proud of the work Council is undertaking in relation to gender equality. The focus on ensuring sporting events held within our region pay equal prizemoney to all genders was a real highlight.

"The Awards give us a chance to not only reflect on our tourism achievements within the past year but inspires us to continue to be innovative and focus on continuous improvement in the tourism sector."

Council has performed strongly in the Awards over the past nine years, frequently being named in the top of the state in both categories.

It was a fantastic year for Bass Coast businesses as well, with Phillip Island Nature Parks awarded Silver in the Ecotourism category and Harman Wines taking home Bronze in the Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries category.

"It is fantastic to see some of our incredible Bass Coast businesses acknowledged in a range of categories that showcase the diversity of tourism experiences in our region - including Bass Coast's 2019 Business of the Year Harman Wines," Cr Whelan said.

Nature Parks takes 'silver'

Phillip Island Nature Parks was thrilled to take out silver in the Ecotourism Category.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Chief Executive Officer Catherine Basterfield said she was incredibly proud of the passionate and dedicated Nature Parks team who had worked hard to show that ecotourism and conservation could co-exist.

"This recognises the tireless

efforts of the entire Nature Parks team who strive day-in-day-out to showcase the wonders of Phillip Island while carefully managing environmental and wildlife conservation," Ms Basterfield said.

"At Phillip Island Nature Parks, we are proud to celebrate our unique high volume, high engagement visitation model that delivers benefits to both the environment and nature-loving humans."

Phillip Island Nature Parks offers a diverse array of eco-tourism experiences, including the long-loved Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Reserve, Churchill Island and the Antarctic Journey exhibit at the Nobbies Centre.

"Through our dedicated work, which has been funded by tourism, Nature Parks has proven that it is possible to reverse the harmful effects of human impact through a carefully managed ecotourism experience and conservation," she said.

"For example, the island's Little Penguin population has regenerated over the last 40 years. This year, Phillip Island's commitment to conservation and nature-based tourism was also honoured with entry to the Ecotourism Australia Hall of Fame this year for 20 years of continuous eco-certification."

"In the past year alone, we have seen incredible results, including a Penguin Parade record on October 22 when 5440 Little Penguins crossed the beach, the improved conservation status of the Eastern-Barred Bandicoot from 'extinct in the wild' to 'endangered'; and strong participation in our online SealSpotter 'citizen science' challenge."

"By engaging families, children and educating visitors, we are helping to create the next generation of eco-enthusiasts."

Harman Wines strikes 'bronze'

Harman Wines received Bronze in the Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries category.

"Super proud - it was really special to be part of (the awards) on Thursday night and to be acknowledged," Nicole Harman of Harman Wines stated.

"Bronze is amazing! We claim now to be the highest ranked winery in the state according to that, because we're up against some fairly large corporate distilleries, so it's pretty terrific for us to come away with that considering we are a small, family run winery."

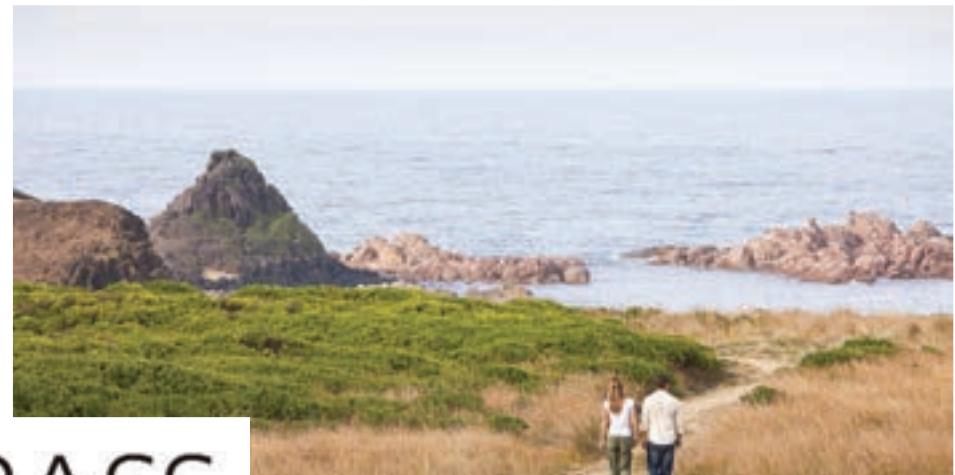
"We're just thrilled. It's a testament to our amazing hard-working team that who share with us what we do and our passion for our business. We all work together to give our visitors and customers a great experience at our winery."

"We've won a few awards locally and regionally, but it's impressive to win on a state level."

"We love what we do. We love our team. It's such an amazing recognition, and such a great place to visit."

"We've got a few new changes... We've done a bit of work on the outdoor area - all freshly paved and lots of nice new plants for our diners to enjoy."

The team is also currently expanding and funk up their outdoor kitchen space, which will be ready in the next few weeks for the holiday visitors.



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We've also had well-above average wet years over the past two years, meaning we need to find another way to manage the winter storage lagoon level at Tarraville Wastewater Treatment Plant now.

Managing Director Robert Murphy said South Gippsland Water had carefully monitored both the quality of the lagoon's water and the health of the Tarra River.

"We've reached a point where we will need to do a controlled wet weather discharge into the Tarra River," said Robert.

"This discharge is fully treated recycled water so poses little risk to the river's health. In fact, monitoring has shown the pathogen level of our treated water is lower than that already in the Tarra River."

The EPA has been notified of this discharge. During its duration, weekly sampling will be undertaken to ensure the recycled water and the river's health remain consistent.

For more information on how South Gippsland Water manages the region's storages visit [www.sgwater.com.au](http://sgwater.com.au).

Celebrating five years of servicing Gippsland

THERE is reason to celebrate in Murray Street this month as Bass Coast Dry Cleaners and Launderers (BCDCL) celebrate five years.

It hasn't always been an easy or fluid ride over those years, but Terry, Angela and Cheryl have made sure service hasn't faulted even through the dreaded pandemic days.

"We are very grateful to the community who have supported us over the past five years and in particular during restrictions," Cheryl said.

"We have grown a lot from the early days catering across Bass Coast from Phillip Island and the Waterline community across to Meenyan, Pound Creek and Outtrim."

The expansion and continual growing has seen the business floor split into two divisions – the general and residential services and their Prestige Linen Service, which caters to accommodation venues across the region including holiday homes and AirBnB's.

"Cleaned, stain treated, pressed, folded and placed back in the laundry bags for businesses – we make it was easy as possible for those who work with us, and we are really proud to have worked with many providers and locals for a number of years."

One of their most proud customers is Mike of HostEasyBnB, who could not speak more highly



Bass Coast Dry Cleaners and Launderers Angela and Cheryl with long time client, Mike are ready to help service all your laundry needs. C01_5022

of their services.

"They are amazing – I have been using their services for a long time and they are always reliable."

Alongside real estate agents and private accommodations, BCDCL are looking to continue growing their business and are even looking for new members to join the team.

"We are a family business and started from scratch – we have built the business as we have grown and we are excited to be taking on more team members, especially over the summer period.

"Individuals must be over 18 to operate the presses, but we have jobs for all ages and diverse ability with no experience required – pop in even if you are only looking for summer work.

"We work to everyone's skillset."

Registered with the EPA and ensuring they are at the forefront of safety and employees health, Terry's dream was to one day open his own shop front.

And with the business rapidly expanding, it is no surprise there may be some exciting developments in the future with an additional shop front.

Wedding dress specialists and servicing NDIS clients, the team can also dry clean all your specialised Santa suits and mascot outfits, and with a 5 per cent discount on all dry cleaning in their Christmas Special there has never been a better time to bring in your frocks, top hats and tails in the build up to the festive season.

Clients can drop their laundry and dry cleaning into their shop directly on Murray Street, Wonthaggi or into one of their various agents across Bass Coast and Gippsland, which includes Corinella General Store, One Stop Discount Cowes (near Post Office), Quays Motel San Remo, Korumburra One Stop and Meenyan IGA.

"We also clean curtains, have seamstresses on hand to repair clothes and items and have started outsourcing rug cleaning too, covering all your laundry needs."

"Terry has been in the dry-cleaning business for over 50 years and has a dedication and passion second to none. Watching the business growing rapidly from one commercial dryer and washer to over four with rollers, presses and even a rotating dry-cleaning rack is heart-warming.

"By supporting other local businesses, we ensure everyone is looked after – it's about working together."

BALD HILLS WIND FARM Community Fund Invites Applications for its 2023 District and Small Grants

The Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund (BHWFCF) is inviting organisations with community projects benefiting the Tarwin Lower, Venus Bay and Walkerville districts to submit applications for its 2023 District and Small Grants. The District Grant, is a single grant valued at up to \$15,000 providing an exciting opportunity for a local organisation to develop a significant project to benefit the district community. Small Grants, which will be awarded up to the amount of \$2,000 per project, are designed to enable organisations to provide a benefit or service to the local community.

Previous grants have funded upgrades to infrastructure at the Tarwin Recreational Reserve, Mechanics Hall, Men's Shed, Tarwin Lower Pony Club and Venus Bay Community Centre; mobility equipment for the Tarwin Lower and District Community Health Centre; medical equipment for the Venus Bay & District Community Emergency Centre and Tarwin Lower Mechanical Institute; IT resources and infrastructure improvements for the Tarwin Lower Primary School; arts projects such as the Venus Bay Water Tank Mural project and the Thirsty Works Gallery; and assistance to the Tarwin Wildlife Shelter, Watch for Wildlife and Community Bee Keeping.

Grant applications will be available from 5 December 2022 until the closing date of 5pm 14 April 2023.

The grant criteria and Application form are all available at <http://baldhillswindfarm.com.au/community-fund/>.



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Message for us all in Blair Hodges' passing

The late Blair Hodges at his best, flying his Cessna 210, over the blue waters of Inverloch and Bass Coast.

PROUD of his Leongatha heritage, throughout his life, the late Blair Hodges of Inverloch, will go down as one of the town's most successful sons, especially where the business of real estate and property development is concerned.

But little is known of Blair's philanthropic initiatives.

That's the way he wanted it.

However, given the circumstances surrounding the illness that ultimately took his life, at age 72, on Monday, November 28, his friend and close confident, Alan Brown AM, revealed details of his last and greatest gesture at a memorial service in Leongatha's St Peter's Anglican Church last Friday.

Delivering the eulogy for his dear friend, Mr Brown described Blair as an "extraordinarily generous person without fanfare" noting that he had recently provided a substantial bequest, allocating enough trust funds, within the Epworth Medical Foundation, to provide an annual scholarship for an oncologist, radiologist, scientist or other medical practitioner to travel overseas, to a significant teaching hospital or research institution to enhance their own

skills in caring for cancer patients at the health service.

The exact amount given is not known, only that it was "a large amount of money", producing enough interest to provide a scholarship each year, in perpetuity.

A stickler for regular health checks, maintaining a good diet and getting regular exercise, especially on long walks, Blair is one of those whose bowel cancer diagnosis was delayed, likely crucially, by upwards of five months in 2021, at the height of the pandemic, when such procedures were considered elective.

By the time he was ultimately diagnosed in August last year, the damage was done.

Family members have stressed that Blair never wanted to play the victim card, instead putting all his energies into treatment, but he did stress the importance of participation in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program and getting regular health checks.

At the height of the pandemic, the numbers of cancer patients presenting to medical clinics plunged 40 per cent, and while the numbers who

received delayed diagnosis is not known, authorities have acknowledged the impact is "likely to be devastating" and even "life-threatening" for some.

Blair William Hodges was born at the Korumburra Hospital on February 19, 1950, the son of Marie and Reg Hodges, a former World War 2 wing commander with the RAAF. The couple had moved to Leongatha from Mildura in 1946 to take over the Leongatha Ford dealership, located across the road from the church in McCartin Street.

Tragedy was to strike the family of four children in 1956 when Blair's sister Lee died of rheumatic fever age 17.

Blair attended the Leongatha Primary School and Leongatha High School, before working part-time at Dalgety's, pursuing a commercial pilot's licence in Melbourne and ultimately taking a sales job with the successful Kelly Brothers store in town where he worked for the manager and later colleague and friend, Titch Redmond, before taking up the manager's position at Wonthaggi.

He met his wife of 50 years Lyne, an administration officer at the Korumburra Hospital,

at the Meeniany dance and the couple were married in 1972.

After two years at Kelly Brothers in Wonthaggi, he was offered a partnership in a new real estate agency, PBE Inverloch, and the rest, as they say is history.

Blair ultimately set up his own real estate business, South-coast, with offices in Wonthaggi, Cowes, Leongatha, Korumburra, Mirboo North, Venus Bay and Inverloch, later branching out into property development, especially providing new residential land in Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

Along the way, he continued to enjoy flying his own plane, Blair loved nothing more than heading off with Lyne for a few days in Merimbula, and landing back at home on the airstrip he'd established on his farming property just outside Inverloch.

Woorayl Air Services principal Barry Foster flew Blair's retractable gear, Cessna 210, one last time, while he was being interred at the Leongatha Cemetery last Thursday.

There's much more you could say about a life lived to the fullest by "a remarkable man" but it's enough to say that his legacy will go on.

Sewerage planning for Venus Bay

WASTEWATER disposal is an increasing concern in Venus Bay, with South Gippsland Shire Council advised to advocate for action.

The Venus Bay Community Services Sewerage Feasibility report will go before councillors at their December public meeting on Wednesday.

Options for sewerage solutions are put forward in the report, with council urged to advocate to the Victorian Government to provide funding for a suitable sewerage system to be implemented by South Gippsland Water (SGW).

Provision of a consolidated off-site treatment and disposal system is identified as a way to allow for the expected continued growth in community and tourism activities in Venus Bay, enabling businesses to grow.

The report proposes a low-bore smart pressure sewer network consisting of small (approximately 1000 litre capacity) individual storage and pump systems on each serviced lot.

It states that, "This system has previously been installed by South East Water on the Mornington Peninsula in very similar topographical and ground conditions to Venus Bay."

"New style (hybrid) reedbed treatment systems were considered appropriate as they are a natural passive (low energy) treatment alternative that offer a considerably reduced treatment footprint (over lagoon systems) but without the higher levels of energy required by more compact mechanical-based systems," the report says.

Reedbed systems are also said to reduce the incidence of odour and allow for incremental expansion of treatment capacity.

Two sites have been deemed suitable for sewerage treatment and disposal.

They are:

Site A is located at 130 Inlet View Road, which is Crown land.

It is already zoned appropriately to enable its use as a wastewater treatment facility.

Site B at 2343 Inverloch-Venus Bay Road is located at the entrance to Venus Bay coming from Tarwin Lower, on land that is currently leased road reserve and privately-owned agricultural land.

The land would need to be purchased and being classified as Farming Zone would require a Planning Scheme Amendment to rezone it for use as a wastewater treatment facility.

Coroner rules on missing Inverloch woman



The mysterious disappearance of Inverloch woman Trish Backhurst will remain a mystery.

A CORONER has formally found that missing Inverloch woman, Trish Backhurst, 81, has died.

Mrs Backhurst, who was last seen walking near Inverloch in March 2021, is the subject of a Coroner's Inquest, after she went missing, allegedly while out walking.

Despite an extensive search, involving police resources, the SES and local volunteers; no sign of the Inverloch woman was ever found.

In the months before her disappearance, Ms Backhurst had been returned home by police or members of the community

after becoming disoriented on her walks.

In November 2020, police found her walking along a highway toward Wonthaggi, nine kilometres from home.

Ms Backhurst was last seen on March 17, 2021, when she went for a morning walk with a friend, and later in the afternoon when she was captured in dashcam footage walking along a roadside shoulder.

On March 19, a friend went for a drive looking for her, believing she had gone for a walk without waiting for him.

That afternoon her stepchildren raised the alarm with police,

concerned she hadn't been seen in several days.

Police including mounted and motorcycle officers, firefighters, SES volunteers, surf lifesavers and two helicopters were among those dispatched to search the area around Ms Backhurst's home and her regular walking tracks.

Given her history of becoming confused, and her physical ability to walk long distances, it was likely she left home and became disoriented, Detective Paul Burns told the inquest last Friday.

A report by the Coroner will be provided at a later date.

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AS 2022 comes to an end, it is also the time for family and friends to enjoy the festive season, gather and enjoy each other's company over a good meal.

With all the great food available at these events, it is tempting to want to try everything on the table and end up overeating.

This unfortunately causes the organs to work harder and secrete extra hormones and enzymes to break the food down.

To break down food, the stomach produces hydrochloric acid. When one overeats, this acid may back up into the oesophagus resulting in heartburn.

Almost everyone has heartburn caused by acid reflux from time to time. It is considered Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD) when it happens more than twice a week.

It can eventually lead to more serious health problems and impact your well-being and quality of life. Symptoms of GORD include heartburn, bloating and reflux.

Reflux is the unpleasant acidic taste in the mouth caused when stomach acid leaks from the stomach and moves up into the food pipe.

So to better prepare you for all the feasting, here are some tips to keep your tummy happy during this holiday season:

1. Eating smaller portions: As tempting as it can be to try everything on the table, eating big meals can increase the time it takes to digest food. This leads to higher concentrations of both acid and pepsin being present in your stomach. As a result, the increased pressure caused by the large meal may cause this to escape up into the food pipe and the airways.

2. Taking your time: When you eat quickly, the body doesn't get a chance to signal to the brain that you are getting full – so people who eat too quickly tend to overeat. Drink sips of water in between and talk to people as you eat so you don't eat too quickly.

3. Being prepared: If you suffer regularly from post-meal heartburn, be prepared by bringing medication that can help with your symptoms. Medications such as antacids and alginates form a raft on top of stomach contents to prevent reflux and can neutralise stomach acids to relieve symptoms of indigestion.

4. Knowing your food triggers: If you know what food causes your symptoms, avoid them! It is usually the same food that is known to trigger heartburn or reflux. Examples of such foods are those that are high in fat and acidic.

5. Skip the skinny jeans: It's best to avoid wearing tight-fitting clothes, especially around your waist as these can cause extra pressure on the stomach. What better time to wear that loose flowy dress and stretchy pants!

Hopefully, by applying these helpful tips, instead of stressing over heartburn – you can make the most of your holiday season in the company of friends and family.

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The coast at Inverloch has changed, in many locations for the worse, but action on erosion problems has been further delayed.

DELWP reneges on releasing Inverloch beach reports

THE Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning has so far provided four dates for the release of Stage 1 reports from the Cape to Cape Resilience Project team.

First, they promised the reports in mid-August.

After releasing summaries of the reports on October 12, they promised to release "the full suite of Stage 1 Reports" soon.

When the State Election intervened, they promised on November 4 that the reports would be released as soon as the Caretaker Period was lifted.

Now they are saying the reports are "expected to be released in early 2023" (which means "maybe" between January and June 2023).

It's like 'Yes Minister', only for real.

Some of the reports, including a key study by noted geomorphologist Neville Rosengren, detailing the vulnerability of the coast, were completed, with significant community input, more than 12 months ago.

Local community groups, including the South Gippsland Conservation Society, say that while they are pleased the project team is continuing on with Stage 2 of their assessment work,

the community has a right to see the full suite of Stage 1 reports and to see progress made on the adaption actions proposed, before it is too late, for example for old coastal banksia trees in the Flat Rocks area.

The Stage 1 summaries of the lengthier, more detailed reports provide an assessment of the risk from erosion, storm surges, high tides and ultimately sea-level rise over time and propose a variety of remedial actions, all of which will require a considerable commitment of funds by Federal, State and Local Government.

The problem areas highlighted and actions proposed include:

• Bunurong Road (Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road - Flat Rocks to Wreck Creek): Bunurong Road is an important asset facilitating connection between Cape Paterson and Inverloch as well as to the many beaches, sites and properties accessed by the road. A multi criteria analysis (MCA) identified beach renourishment and seawalls as engineering adaptation options for this section of the coastline which scored well across the different criteria, and further technical feasibility assessments

were completed for these options.

• Surf Beach: The Surf Beach dunes and beach were identified as important social assets to the community. The area behind the dunes has significant public utilities as well as private property. The MCA identified beach renourishment as the most appropriate engineering adaptation action for this location, with ongoing nourishment and management the best approach. In conjunction with beach nourishment, three 'hard' engineering options to retain nourished sand and reduce the need for constant beach management were assessed: a groyne field, a series of nearshore breakwaters, and a long groyne at Point Norman. The options were assessed due to good performance in the MCA and a high level of interest from the public regarding their feasibility.

The reports also detail the need for a planning response to the coastal erosion problems at Inverloch which, over time, could include restrictions being placed on future development and even withdrawal of assets and houses from affected areas.

Nobel Prize could be better, says Bauer

IN A GENIUS stroke of good timing, by Cr Bauer and the shire council, there's a Notice of Motion in the agenda for next Wednesday's council meeting, offering some advice, to the Nobel Committee, on how they can update their stuffy, old awards.

The council provided details of Cr Bauer's initiative last Friday, on the eve of the annual Nobel Prize presentations, in Stockholm, on December 10, the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death.

The motion, to be voted on by council, goes something like this:

"That a motion be placed on the agenda of the next MAV meeting stating that the MAV petition the office of Prime Minister to write to the governing authority of

the Noble Prize in Sweden to include a new category 'Sustainably of the Planet' in their award list."

The new category will go right up there alongside the Nobel Prize for Medicine, the Nobel Prize for Physics, Chemistry, Literature and of course the Nobel Prize for Peace, which this year goes to Ales Bialiatski, a human rights advocate from Belarus, shared by 'Memorial', a Russian human rights organization, and the Centre for Civil Liberties, a Ukrainian organization.

As background, Cr Bauer believes the awards list could do with some updating.

"The Nobel prize was established in 1901 with the categories reflecting the important issues

of that time: Physics, Chemistry, Literature, Peace, and Medicine. In 1968 Economics was added.

"We now live in the 21st century and our understanding of sustainability and climate change has made this an area of the utmost importance. This motion asks the Australian Government to bring the relevance of the Nobel Prize into the modern world by asking the Governing Board of the Nobel Prize to introduce this new category," according to Cr Bauer in the shire agenda.

Cr Bauer also wants a new category in the annual Bass Coast Citizen of the Year awards for the person or organisation making a significant contribution to 'Sustainable Practices'.

What's the future for Australia Day in Bass Coast

AUSTRALIA Day celebrations in the Bass Coast Shire could be set to lose one of its marquee events, the presentation of the annual 'Citizen of the Year' award.

In a report to go before this Wednesday's council meeting, the shire has stopped short of joining a handful of other councils around Australia, including the Melbourne City Council, in calling for a change of date from January 26.

But there is a nod to "inclusivity" in the report.

"The timing and process for the awards has constrained participation, and their association with 26 January affected the perception of inclusivity," according to the council.

At this Wednesday's council meeting, on December 14, the council will consider stripping the local national day celebrations of the annual Bass Coast Australia Day Awards.

Instead, they'll simply become the 'Bass Coast Community Awards', held in May each year, during National Volunteer Week.

"The format of the awards will be established in early 2023," according to a report to council, "and consideration made for the award categories."

There are no details in the report to council about what will happen to local Australia Day celebrations, without the awards, and the reasons given mainly revolve around the clashes in timing for the awards, at holiday time.

"Due to the timing of the current awards program, nominations and the presentation ceremony to the winners occurs during a period of the year where end-of-year, end of school, Christmas, New Year and summer holiday preparations are underway. This timing takes considerable focus away from the awards, affecting participation and engagement."

If council is planning to move against January 26, ahead of development of its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), they may have to think twice. Here's some feedback about changing the date online:

• **Zee Benbow:** A firm no from us at Pioneer Bay with the Aussie Day Bash set to rock for its 12th year.

• **Kimberlie Brown:** Absolutely no. And if it is dropped, scrap the public holiday then. If we don't have a day of recognition, we shouldn't get the holiday for it either.

• **Don Gates:** No way. I will fly my Australian flags and still do my best to enjoy the day. If you don't like the special day I suggest you go and live in another country.

• **Elwynne Kift:** First of all, it is an emphatic no way from me. And I will be flying as many flags as I can for Australia Day. Imagine saying this in America. You'd be horse whopped! They love their National Day, and so should we.

• **Graham Brooks:** Yes, change the date!

Coastal issues in focus

COMMUNITY members are set to be given a say on planning for the future of South Gippsland Shire's coastal areas, with councillors advised to approve a discussion paper on the topic.

Should they vote at Wednesday's council meeting to take that action, the Coastal Strategy Discussion Paper will establish a background for community engagement over the period from December 16 this year until January 31, 2023.

Feedback received is intended to guide the formation of a draft Coastal Strategy to be prepared early in 2023.

How South Gippsland Shire Council should respond to the challenges faced in its coastal areas, including climate change risk, increasing residential and commercial development pressures, and increasing demand for infrastructure and services are key topics.

Community members will have the chance to share their thoughts on the suggested initiatives in the discussion paper and put forward other relevant ideas.

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OH WHAT A FEELING

Foundation welcomes five new faces

FIVE new directors were welcomed to the Bass Coast Community Foundation Board this week, following retirement of long time directors John Walsh and David Admans.

Local representatives Chelsea Caple, Polly Caldow, Graham Scott, Sophie Bolding and Sharyne Munday joined the Board, bringing with them a range of skills in areas ranging from health and community development, education, sport, local business, and philanthropy.

Chair Phil Friedlos said the calibre of the new Directors was a reflection of the incredible talent and generosity that exists in the Bass Coast community.

"As voluntary roles, joining the Board requires a significant investment of time supporting delivery of our strategic work in the community," he said.

"We are absolutely thrilled to welcome such a diverse range of people to the Board who will inject new ideas and energy to this important work - we thank them all for their willingness to be involved and make a positive impact on our community," he said.

The Foundation's current focus in Bass Coast is on reducing the incidence and risk of homelessness and housing stress, increasing aspirations of young people, and providing opportunities for local women and girls.

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

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

Inverloch's dinosaurs hot topic for symposium

TWO of the world's leading palaeontologists along with scientific researchers and educators have gathered to discuss the importance of the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail in Inverloch.

The Dinosaurs Trail symposium was organised by Bass Coast Shire Council and included representatives from Parks Victoria, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, representatives from regional tourism organisations and members of the Bass Coast Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

World-renowned palaeontologists, Pat Vickers-Rich and Tom Rich, researcher Lesley Kool and educator Mike Cleeland, who are the namesakes of Victoria's fossil emblem *Koolasuchus cleelandi*, spoke to the 60 strong crowd about the significance of polar dinosaurs in the region.

The State Government this year backed the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail with a \$500,000 funding boost, through the Investment Fast Track Fund, to accelerate the project which will attract thousands of extra visitors and inject millions into the local economy. This experience will include six art sites from San Remo via Wonthaggi to Inverloch, and a Cultural Discovery Centre in Inverloch.

Bass Coast Shire Council last year purchased land in Wonthaggi for \$1.2 million to create an interactive sound and light 'Gondwana Garden'.

Once developed it will feature sculptural forms and prehistoric planting. The gardens will showcase unique vegetation from 125 million years ago and the landscape in which polar dinosaurs once inhabited.



Winners of the major trophies of the 2022 Westpac Gippsland Wine Show: Rob Lightfoot (Lightfoot Wines) who won Most Successful Exhibitor, Rick Lacey (Purple Hen) with Best Wine of Show, Alistair Butt (Lightfoot Wines) and Marcus Satchell (Dirty Three Wines) who won Best Red and Best White Wines of Provenance and Best Chardonnay.

Purple Hen best of the best at Gippsland wine awards

WINERIES across Gippsland showcased their wines in the annual 2022 Westpac Gippsland Wine Show with 43 medals, including 11 gold, awarded at the annual celebration held for 110 guests at the magnificent Cape Patterson Surf Lifesaving Club last Thursday night, December 8.

For the third consecutive year, Rick Lacey from Rhyll-based Purple Hen Wines took home the 'Best Wine of Show', sponsored by Westpac.

This time it was the Purple Hen 2022 Off-Dry Riesling which won the top award also claiming the Best Aromatic White Wine (96 points) award.

He also won the trophy and top gold for Best Pinot Noir (96) and won Best Sauvignon Blanc with a silver award (90).

The awards ceremony was attended by representatives of the Bass Coast Shire, South Gippsland Shire, Cardinia

Shire, Baw Baw Shire, Wellington Shire, East Gippsland Shire, Destination Gippsland, Westpac, wine industry suppliers, and other groups involved in food and beverage tourism.

Marcus Satchell and Lisa Sartori's Inverloch-based Dirty Three Wines also had a successful evening, winning trophies for both the Best Red and White Wines of Provenance and Best Chardonnay, presented by Cr Brett Tessari of Bass Coast Shire.

The Red was awarded to their Dirt 2 Pinot Noir 2016, 2019 and 2021 set, and the best White Wine of Provenance was awarded to their Riesling 2015, 2018, 2022.

Chief Judge, Sarah Fagan of De Bortoli, said that winemakers enter three vintages from a five-year period for this category, which allows judges to look for consistency of quality and longevity of the wines - a longer

term view of the vineyard and winemaker's expertise.

Bass River Winery, Glen Forbes, won Best Rose, and came away with several medals, including gold for its Bass River 1835 - 2021 Pinot Noir (95), silver for the 1835 - 2018 Sparkling Brut (93) and six bronze.

Loch-based Gippsland Wine Company picked up silver for its 2021 Loch Vineyard Chardonnay (95) and the 2021 Myrtle Point Pinot Noir (95).

They also won Best Sweet Wine with the NV Darkfoot.

Blue Gables Vineyard won top silver and Best Shiraz with their 2021 Hannatty Hill Shiraz (93), gold for the 2021 Jesse Chardonnay (95) and four bronze medals.

Ken and Juliet Eckersley from Nicholson River Winery were honoured by Wine Gippsland with the launch of the Eckersley Award, a perpetual trophy to recognise outstanding contribution to the Gippsland wine sector, with the couple as its first recipients.

Outdoor art lighting up Coronet Bay



Ann Brown decorates the 'sponge forest' display as part of the 'A Christmas Tree Forest' exhibition.

ANN Brown of Coronet Bay is just one of the many artists who creates the delightful displays that light up the Coronet Bay foreshore as part of Luminous Gallery.

The outdoor art exhibition, which has inground light pads, has been illuminating Coronet Bay's foreshore since 2017 which is when Ann first got involved.

The initial design made at that time was lanterns out of recycled materials.

Since then, there has been various themes from 'Alice in Wonderland', to 'Aliens and the Mothership' to 'Crazy Critters'.

Ann shared she joined the project as she is interested in art and enjoys working for the community. It was also an opportunity for her to try something new.

Her role is to facilitate the outdoor art exhibitions and encourage others within the area to get involved and make sculptures.

The project has grown over the years from two people when it first started, to more than 20 people involved now.

Those who participate are residents of Coronet Bay and

urge. It allows individuality while giving an opportunity to work with like-minded people," she said.

Inspiration for displays comes from a variety of sources with each participant contributing ideas. These sources include media, childhood, nature, cultural influences, other works and every day occurrences.

The latest display, 'A Christmas Tree Forest' was assembled on December 4, 2022, and

will run until December 28, 2022. As with most of these displays, it will be illuminating the foreshore for three weeks.

"A Christmas Tree Forest celebrates our remnant local Grantville forest and forests around Victoria. Our forest also celebrates our Westernport sponge forests," she shared.

Luminous Gallery was originally funded by Regional Arts Victoria in 2017 and brought to life in the townships of Corinella, Pioneer Bay, Grantville and Coronet Bay.

It was a government initiative that was also rolled out in other, select rural landscapes across the state. It solely runs in Corinella and Coronet Bay now.

No longer funded by Regional Arts Victoria, the exhibition has continued in Coronet Bay through grants received from a range of sponsors and through contributions made by participants of the project.

Those who wish to donate plywood for upcoming exhibitions or who are interested in getting involved and making art, can contact Ann Brown via her email: annbrown@wideband.net.au

Stroke message delivered to South Gippsland

TOMMY Quick rode into Leongatha last Wednesday as part of his epic adventure to raise funds for the Stroke Foundation and create awareness that strokes affect young people as well as the elderly.

Tommy, now 29, had a stroke aged just 12, and is still physically impacted by it.

He is aiming to visit the four most extreme points of mainland Australia during his planned 9000-kilometre journey on a reticulated trike.

"I want to raise \$1 million for the Stroke Foundation and advocate for young stroke awareness," Tommy said.

He noted that each year around 600 Australians up to the age of 18 suffer strokes, with a third of those occurring before birth.

Tommy's ride initially began at Australia's westernmost spot, Steep Point in Western Australia, with Cape York the scheduled finishing place.

He had completed 3500 kilometres before a horrific accident in South Australia's Barossa Valley, in which he was severely injured when hit by an unlicensed driver.

After a lengthy period of recovery, the journey resumed on December 4, when Tommy set out from Ascot Vale bound for Wilsons Promontory, the southernmost point of the



Tommy Quick in Leongatha's Bair Street after he and his supporters stopped for a break and a well-earned meal and coffee. Behind him are dad Clive Quick, Geraldine McClure, Mark Lowry, David Jones, and Ewan Smith.

Australian mainland.

Tommy plans to set off next March on his ride to the New South Wales destination Cape Byron, Australia's easternmost point, then he'll head for Queensland's Cape York, as far north as you can go on the mainland.

The adventure was initially expected to take a year, but will now total about three years due to the accident.

Since the original journey began, \$65,000 has been raised.

As well as the support of his parents Clive and Rena throughout his adventure, others join Tommy for sections of the ride.

He rode into Leongatha with a small but enthusiastic group of supporters.

One of them, Geraldine McClure, who lives in Churchill, met Tommy on a Great Victorian Bike Ride and has been looking forward to joining him on his fundraising trip.

While Wednesday was her

first opportunity to do so, she was hopeful of being granted a little more time off work to continue further on the journey.

Family friend of the Quicks, Ewan Smith, and David Jones a former workmate of Tommy's dad at Victoria University, were also part of the group, as was Mark Lowry.

Tommy studied at Victoria University, with David tutoring him.

"He's done a degree in nutritional sciences," David said, adding that Tommy is also a personal trainer and has tackled the Kokoda trail with his dad and uncle.

During his current challenge, Tommy appreciated Wednesday's downhill leg from Korumburra to Leongatha after an arduous slog from Loch to Korumburra the previous day.

Asked if he has a massage or physio treatment after such tough legs, Tommy responded "I should," adding he sometimes rolls his feet on a massage ball or does some stretching.

Visit website the4points.org to check on Tommy's progress, make a donation, find out how to join Tommy on part of his journey, or learn more about his story.

You can also follow the ride at 4pointsaustralia.org on Instagram or the 4 Points Australia on Facebook.



Bruce Plant with his artwork at Leongatha.

Art show proves everyone matters

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service's fifth annual Art show is proving "everyone matters" with more than 30 artists exhibiting.

After two years of being online only due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's event has been a great success.

The show was launched at a morning tea on Friday, December 2, with more than 70 attendees.

Keynote speaker local artist Bruce Plant provided an insight into the importance of art, speaking passionately about the need to encourage art in all its forms.

"Art is not just the end product, it is what it means to the artist, the process – this is why supporting artists is so important – art talks to all of us," he said.

The art show was a special opportunity for one of the inspirational feature artists, Laura Welsh, who attended this year's event and contributed many pieces.

Ms Welsh, who is a NDIS participant, attended the opening only a day after being discharged from hospital.

"Art means everything," she said when asked what drives her.

Ms Welsh spoke of the enthusiasm that events such as the opening have for her. She draws motivation from other artists and enjoys discussing their inspiration and techniques.

Originally devised as a 'pop-up event' to celebrate International Day for People with a Disability in 2018 - this year's event has moved to the main Leongatha hospital corridor, with a smaller display at the GSHS Korumburra site.

This year's theme – 'everyone matters', drew a wider range of artists to celebrate South Gippsland's diverse community.

GSHS is looking to create a sixth annual event in 2023; artists are encouraged to contact Michelle O'Loughlin on 5667 5555.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the current displays which are active until December 31.

People can also access the full gallery of works online at gshs-arts.com.au/

Unused roads to go under the hammer

SOUTH Gippsland councillors will vote on Wednesday whether to allow for the sale of two sections of unused road reserves to adjoining property owners, with one in Loch and the other in Fish Creek.

Council stated that the owner of 1 Albert Road Loch has requested to purchase a 64 square metre section of unused road abutting that property.

Should councillors vote to commence statutory procedures to allow for the discontinuance of that section of unused road, a public notice will be issued on council's website and in local newspapers.

That notice would invite written submissions to be received by 5pm Wednesday January 18, 2023.

If submissions are received, councillors will be given the opportunity to consider them when presented with a further report at the next available council meeting.

Should no submissions be received, statutory procedures to allow for the sale of the land will formally commence, and a road discontinuance notice will be published in the Victorian Government Gazette.

The owner of 24 Williamson Street Fish Creek has requested the discontinuance of a section of road reserve abutting that property, expressing the desire to buy that land.

The section of Williamson Street further south was discontinued and sold to the abutting landowners in 2017 council states.



Noah and Billy of Korumburra at the Christmas shopping night. A15_5022



Korumburra Business Association president Shaun Hill, secretary Noelene Cosson and vice president Kate Murphy enjoy the Christmas shopping night. A16_5022

Korumburra Christmas shoppers shrug off the cold

KORUMBURRA'S Thursday weather was more suited to a Northern Hemisphere Christmas, but locals, and those from further afield, enjoyed an evening of music, Christmas shopping and competitions.

Korumburra Business Association (KBA) president Shaun Hill was pleased with the evening's success, saying it promoted the town and drew healthy numbers of shoppers into local businesses.

Santa distributed lollies from Korumburra Fire Brigade's truck, and children decorated gingerbread men and competed in a colouring competition.

Family members strove to outdo each other in guessing the number of lollies in the jar at the KBA table.

The South Gippsland Concert Band played Christmas carols, songs and a few other tunes at Burra Brewery, with Santa briefly conducting the musicians before mixing with youngsters.

It's only the second year KBA has run a late-night Christmas shopping event, having previously had a Saturday daytime format.



Santa arrives in typical country fashion. A17_5022

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COMMENT

Some good stuff still happens on Australia Day

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is being asked to vote this week on taking the time-honoured Australia Day Awards away from Australia Day and replacing them with a Bass Coast Community Awards program in May next year, as part of National Volunteer Week.

They've said the awards are getting lost in the busy lead up to the Christmas-New Year period and the summer holidays, and that community engagement and nominations for the awards are falling away.

And certainly, the bad publicity being given to Australia Day, as celebrated on January 26, hasn't helped, COVID too.

While that date was chosen as the day Captain Arthur Phillip landed at Sydney Cove with the first fleet of 11 convict ships, many First Nations' representatives refer to January 26 as 'Invasion Day', 'Survival Day' or, since 2006, 'Aboriginal Sovereignty Day'.

So, the date has a cloud hanging over it now, reducing its potential as a day that "brings us all together", if it ever was that.

While all Australians have enjoyed the long weekend since its inception in 1994, and most people at least give some thought to what it means to be Australian on Australia Day, very few people, in percentage terms, actually turn up and get involved in community events on Australia Day.

It's not the Fourth of July and was never going to be that anyway.

So, we shouldn't worry if it's light on for jingoistic fervour but lots of good stuff still happens on Australia Day and the event should be supported until the Federal Government, in consultation with the community, decides otherwise.

If the awards are failing, it's fair enough to try a different strategy, but hopefully it's not part of an overall strategy by the Bass Coast Shire Council to further undermine January 26 as Australia Day.

That's not the Bass Coast Shire Council's role.

By all means, the council should go ahead and finally get their Reconciliation Action Plan completed, especially if it features action that can be taken locally, but there are plenty of other pressing issues on their agenda, including the affordable housing crisis, multiple planning challenges, provision of infrastructure and services for a rapidly growing area, a big capital works program and the more mundane responsibilities of road maintenance and asset management; the state of the Wonthaggi Cemetery is one that comes to mind.

It's called "local government" and with good reason.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Salvos always there in time of need

Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year for The Salvos.

I've been a Salvation Army officer for over 30 years – meaning over 30 Christmases of collecting, community outreach and lunches, carols, hamper packing, donation pickups and drop offs. It's easy to get swept up in the busyness – but in amongst it all, it's important to come back to what matters most, why we do what we do at The Salvos over the Christmas season.

One of our Christmas stories is from Fiona's family, who would have spent Christmas homeless if it were not for the help of The Salvos. What did The Salvos do that meant the most to her?

"They showed us unconditional love," she said, "and our lives changed forever."

'Leave no one in need this Christmas' is our message – not just physical need, but in terms of practical support, personal connection, kindness and love.

Christmas is very hard for those unable to make ends meet, for those suffering from the crippling financial impacts of the last few years. It's extremely hard for people that are without family or a support network, many of whom feel completely disconnected from society at a time when connection with loved ones increases for most.

What is meant to be a time of celebration, sadly isn't for lots of Aussies – and that's why The Salvos do what we do.

By ensuring people have access to food, hampers, vouchers and toys for their children, we hope to spread love, peace, joy and a sense of belonging. Not just so their Christmas is a joyous one, but so that they know their community is behind them, support is there – that they're loved.

Our goal is to make Christmas a safe and happy time for everyone – which is why we ask you to please give what you can to ensure no one is left in need of a warm meal, a gift, a safe place to sleep or a little bit of love this Christmas.

If you would like to donate to The Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal, or if you need support, please visit salvation-army.org.au or call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58).

Major Bruce Harmer, National Public Relations Secretary for The Salvation Army

Something not right at DELWP

Every three years the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) appoint people to local Foreshore Committees.

This year for the Corinella Foreshore Committee they decided not to reappoint a lady who has been a cornerstone for the past 22 years, and continues to contribute thousands of volunteer hours each year to the Foreshore.

In 2014, she was awarded Bass Coast Council Citizen of the Year, for (amongst many other things) her work on the Foreshore.

The lady I am referring to is Barbara Oates, she leads by example a happy and committed group of volunteers to help keep the foreshore neat and natural.

She even uses her own Ute, hand tools etc.

Testament to Barb's character and commitment, is that when asked if she would continue to work on the foreshore she said, "I may take a few months off, but the group of volunteers and the foreshore mean so much to me."

DELWP also decided to reduce the number of women on the Foreshore Committee, there is now one woman and 8 men on the committee.

So much for gender equality!

I am an eighty odd year-old male who is a volunteer, and I am appalled to find that women and committed people could be treated so abysmally in Australia in 2022.

It is also strong feeling that some of the new appointments have little if any connection to Corinella.

I think DELWP owes the people of Corinella (and other communities as well, if they have done the same things to other communities) an explanation, as to who or what prompted their bizarre decisions.

I look forward to seeing a written response in the pages of this publication.

Robin Albert, Corinella

Vox Pop

Have interest rates impacted your Christmas preparations?

*Some comments have been edited due to space constraints.



Sabine Aeschlimann

Inverloch

"No, they haven't, we've got a fixed rate, obviously everything else has gone up though so that makes a difference."



Lucy Scott

Inverloch

"I'm not really organised so I haven't really thought about it."



Erin Code

"They have slightly. The rate increases have slowed down the purchasing and it makes you re-evaluate how you are spending money for presents."



Amy Foster

"It hasn't because we don't spend big for Christmas, and we don't have a large mortgage."

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Despite personal tragedy, Rochelle always looks to the future

By Nick Sinis

ROCHELLE Halstead has had a long history of involvement in local government and hopes to use this experience to guide her after taking on the role of deputy mayor recently.

Rochelle has been a councillor since 2020 at Bass Coast, but was also an elected representative at the City of Frankston back in the early 2000s, before eventually becoming mayor.

However, due to a devastating family tragedy, Cr Halstead withdrew from the public eye.

She spoke with the Sentinel-Times on her journey to Bass Coast and returning to council after some very difficult times.

"My late husband was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer," Cr Halstead said.

"I completely withdrew from public life and cared for him but lost him in 2011.

I had two young children and I dedicated the next 10 years or so to raising them and getting them through school, which was a pretty devastating time for them as well."

After experiencing the heart-breaking loss, Cr Halstead then sadly developed breast cancer.

"I had chemotherapy and it was quite a frightening time for my children, they had just been through all of that with their dad. So it was a pretty crazy time," she said.

"It's been a long road, but you learn from those experiences and how you view life after going through them."

When moving to Bass Coast, Cr Halstead described it like a 'warm hug'.

"The community here is so embracing, and we just settled down and I married again."

"My husband and I own a business in Tooradin, Tides



Cr Rochelle Halstead (left) is looking forward to the role of deputy mayor and plans to be a strong voice for her community. She is pictured with the recently re-elected mayor, Cr Michael Whelan. Ns045022

Bar and Grill, which he pretty much runs."

With some of most challenging experiences now behind her, Cr Halstead has been strongly focused on getting back on track.

"All my children are now adults and we have the business, I help out through the busy periods so to speak and that keeps me grounded.

"It helps make sure my head doesn't go too 'high up in the clouds' because sometimes in politics, you can make that mistake and lose sight of things."

With all her experience in local government, she decided to give it another go on council.

"I guess having that 'warm hug' from the community, I thought maybe that's a way I can give back to a community that was so supportive of me when I was going through a really rough time."

"I think some councillors go

into council and look at it as a bit of stepping stone to another level.

"I'm really keen to stay on a local level and I believe that local government is where the most (personal) rewards are.

"Understanding what it's taken to get a project up and running and then watching it happen from the ground up.

"When you're at other levels of government, you're not working closely with the community."

Cr Halstead said she decided to take on the role of deputy mayor after being approached to consider it.

"There's a lot that goes either in deputy or in the position of mayor, and I thought do the hard work first and go through deputy position and who knows what happens in the future," she said.

"I'm happy to support (mayor) Michael Whelan who wanted to do a second year. He has done some really great

work in the area of climate change and is very passionate about it.

"For me, I'm really big on making sure that it's the voice of the whole community being heard. It's a whole team of councillors behind those decisions.

"We don't always agree, we're just like tiny snippets of our community, we don't always have the same views, but we work through any issues of concern and come to an agreement."

Cr Halstead aims to focus on creating more off-lead dog parks and beaches, as well as implementing more infrastructure at Cape Woolamai such as a pump track.

She is also acutely aware of the debate raging between community members over the shire's plans to possibly implement a road and drainage upgrade, through a special charge scheme at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay estates.

Site works progressing for community hospital



Clearing works at the future Phillip Island Community Hospital are well underway.

A radiology precinct will offer CT scans, ultrasound and general x-ray, and there will be a non-retail pharmacy for the provision of medication internally.

A new main reception area will connect clients to public meeting rooms, which health groups can access for education and other purposes.

A Central Sterilising Department will be established to service the theatres and

dental unit.

These expanded and additional services will help take pressure off the Wonthaggi Hospital, allowing staff there to focus on critical care and acute health issues, emergency care and more complex surgeries and procedures.

The project is being delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority and will be operated by Bass

Coast Health.

The design of the hospital was informed by a Community Consultation Committee, who worked on the project with the Victorian Health Building Authority and Bass Coast Health staff over the past two years.

Patients will continue to be able to access visiting specialists at no charge, given Bass Coast Health is a public health service.

Korumburra unites to sponsor refugee family

KORUMBURRA residents and members of the Burra Welcome Committee are passionate about welcoming a Syrian refugee family to the community in 2023.

This is through a pilot program launched by the federal Community Refugee Integration and Settlement program (CRISP).

The pilot sponsorship program offers a way for concerned Australians to help refugees successfully settle and integrate into local communities and members Maxine Urquhart, Marika Sosnowski, Karen Walker, Sarah Kerwick and Laura Muranty are passionate about opening their hearts to help others.

"Up until now, refugees have been solely reliant on government-led resettlement programs, however, with the support of Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia (CRSA), everyday Australians can now be part of creating life changing opportunities for disadvantaged refugees," said Laura.

Committee member Marika Sosnowski, who is an academic on Syria and an Arabic speaker explained where her motivation to start the group came from.

"As part of my work I have visited Syrians of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds living in refugee camps and in the community in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey," said Marika.

"While all of them try their best to live with dignity, the conditions they find themselves in, through no fault of their own, are harsh. In camps they live in makeshift shelters, are subjected to very hot summers and cold winters, with few amenities or services."

"Even when they are able to live in the community, refugees are faced with restrictive work rights, little chance to get ahead or make a better life for their children, and are often victims of violence and racism from members of their host community."

Group member, Sarah Kerwick, who is a local social worker and has also lived and worked in Syria said there will be some initial challenges for us and the sponsored refugee family, such as finding them permanent accommodation in the current rental crisis, navigating Centrelink, and enrolling them in English courses and school.

"We are all committed to making the one-year settlement program a success and know that we can greatly improve the lives of a Syrian refugee family," said Sarah.

The group of five driven women, who make up the Burra Welcome Committee, have been working diligently to raise the funds needed to effectively resettle a family. However, to meet all financial expectations, they need further community support.

Laura Muranty, who is a schoolteacher and cultural liaison at Mary MacKillop College, commented on some of the initial outlaying costs the group have been raising funds for.

She said their initial goal right now is \$10,000, as "we are going to need at least three to four months of rent covered, so that the family have time to access Centrelink support and employment."

"We need to furnish their home and provide them with enough financial support to transition them comfortably, with access to health and education. At the moment we have proudly raised \$2,700 through donations in kind," said Laura.

Although the sponsorship program relies heavily on the five core members of the group to complete all government checks and training, complete all documentation, and facilitate integration into the community, there has also been an outpour of support from likeminded people wanting to do their part by generously offering money, furniture, food, time and advice.

The committee believe the refugee family will be warmly welcomed into the community and will in turn be an asset to the wonderful town.

The Burra Welcome Committee appreciate any support through offers of temporary accommodation or monetary donations to the official funding site, which will help provide for basic living essentials. <https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/burrawelcomecommittee>

For more information on this initiative or if you would like to contribute in other ways, please contact Laura Muranty at lauramuranty@gmail.com

Be wary for Christmas scams

THE AFP is warning Australians shopping online over Christmas to be alert to fake delivery scams that could cost unwary victims thousands of dollars.

AFP Commander Cybercrime Operations Chris Goldsmid said December was often the busiest time of year for most people and cyber criminals would attempt to exploit victims who might be stressed and less attentive to details.

"Cyber criminals often impersonate trusted brands, such as legitimate parcel delivery services, to send messages designed to trick consumers into clicking on URLs containing harmful malware or providing personal information," Commander Goldsmid said.

"This may include a technique called 'spoofing' in which cyber criminals make their messages look legitimate by using real company logos and fake sender details."

The messages will often ask you to click a link to track your package, confirm your delivery address, re-direct your package or collect your package.

Once a consumer clicks on a link, they may be taken to a fake company website where they are asked to enter personal or financial details to complete their delivery.

As well as providing criminals with your sensitive information, clicking the link may lead to the installation of harmful malware on your device.

Easy red flags to look out for include requests for your personal or financial information to confirm your order, an unexplained sense of urgency in the request, grammatical errors and suspicious URLs.

People who detect a scam, regardless of whether they have lost money, can report scams and learn more about how to get help on the Scamwatch website at scamwatch.gov.au.

Those who believe they have fallen victim to cybercrime should immediately report to their bank and also to police using ReportCyber at report.cyber.gov.au.

For more practical cyber safety tips, visit www.cyber.gov.au.

Enjoy the fireworks in Bass Coast this New Year's Eve

Coronet Bay:

Saturday, December 31, at 6:00pm - 9:30pm
Coronet Bay Foreshore, Cutty Sark Road, Coronet Bay

This year celebrate New Year's Eve in Coronet Bay and bring your family along to enjoy a family friendly fireworks display.

Cowes:

Saturday, December 31, at 9:30pm - 9:45pm
Cowes Jetty, The Esplanade Cowes

This year celebrate New Year's Eve in Cowes and bring your family along to enjoy a family friendly fireworks display.

Inverloch:

Saturday, December 31, at 9:30pm - 9:45pm
Inverloch Recreation Reserve, Sandymount Ave, Inverloch

This year celebrate New Year's Eve in Inverloch and bring your family along to enjoy a family friendly fireworks display.

Newhaven blown away by locals' generosity



Year 1 students Reegan Welsh, Lily Solibakke, Emily Hardy, Casey Felstead and Alexandra Zoanetti are very impressed with all the generous gifts left under Wardy's Newhaven College Christmas Tree.



WARDY'S Newhaven College Christmas Tree was adorned with an incredible collection of gifts donated by the Newhaven College and Phillip Island community.

The gifts were collected to be distributed via St Vincent de Paul to children in need this Christmas.

John Ward was with the St Vincent de Paul volunteers, Linda Sparkes, Ann Owens and Narelle Mulcahy to collect the gifts.

They were incredulous at the generous donations. Linda said that 160 local families will be the happy recipients of the gifts donated.

"In August 1999 after attending a conference of local schools where I learnt of the hardship faced by many local families, I decided to place Wardy's Christmas Tree at Newhaven College and ask Newhaven families, staff, past students and friends of the school to place a gift under the tree to be distributed to those families in need. At the time I was hoping that the tree would become a yearly event. I was blown away by the generosity of the Newhaven community then and now 24 years later I am still blown away. My sincere thank you to all those who have supported the cause. There are many young people who will wake up to a happier Christmas Day than would have been the case without you - thank you," said John Ward.

LEFT: St Vincent de Paul volunteers, Linda Sparkes, Ann Owens and Narelle Mulcahy with John Ward.



Holley, Kayce and Tyson Graue venture out for some Christmas shopping in Korumburra. A21_5022



Maz, Rafe and Zephyr at the Korumburra Christmas shopping night. A20_5022

Korumburra Christmas SHOPPING NIGHT



Elders provided this impressive children's hamper as the prize for the colouring competition. A23_5022



Max and Lena Corrigan of Korumburra at the town's Christmas shopping night. A22_5022

CHRISTMAS in INVERLOCH



The CFA came through to spread the Christmas spirit. B12_5022



Monique Wilson's stall/business Greener Life was a big hit on Thursday night. B11_5022



DJ Nige provided the Christmas tunes on the night from his decks in the back of his Kombi Van! B13_5022



Bendigo Bank's Tracey, Mel, Mel and Di were all about spreading the joy and having fun, being a community bank, they'll be collecting toys and perishable foods this week for the Salvos, being collected this Thursday December 15, they can be dropped into the bank any time before then. B17_5022



Inverloch local Rose Palmer was on the lookout for Christmas presents for her grandkids on Thursday. B16_5022



Sarah Prowse of Wonthaggi took advantage of the late-night shopping event in Inverloch, grabbing some lollies from Treat Time. B14_5022



The Salvation Army's Ashley alongside Community Bank Inverloch's team member Melinda Wind, CSO are helping spread the joy this Christmas with families in need.

Spread the Christmas joy with those in need

WITH Christmas just weeks away, the Bendigo Bank's Community Bank in Inverloch are excited to continue their yearly tradition and have started accepting donations for local families and children in need.

"This year we are teaming up with the Ashley from The Salvation Army to help with this worthy cause," Penelope Lytle, Branch Manager from the Community Bank Inverloch said.

"The last couple of years have been incredibly hard for so many people so anything we can do to help make someone's Christmas a little better can make all the difference.

"The local community have always been extremely generous in previous years with donations from local community groups, businesses and individuals.

"This year you can donate to our Christmas hampers with non-perishable food items or leave a gift under our Christmas tree for the kids."

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Please drop into the Community Bank in Inverloch with your donations by December 14, and help make someone's Christmas a little bit better and a little brighter.

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CHRISTMAS in INVERLOCH



Experience Christmas magic at Inverloch's carols

THE Inverloch 'Carols at the Glade' is back and sure to be a fantastic night of community fun with a great range of artists and activities.

The Inverloch Community Carols will take place at the Glade, Inverloch on Saturday December 17 and everything is free.

There'll be live entertainment from 5.30pm for the kids including games, a sausage sizzle, popcorn and fairy floss and the carols begin at 6.30pm with an excellent line up of local artists.

The Inverloch Carols will feature items from local artists, including: the Bass Coast Ripples, Inverloch Primary School, the Wonthaggi Youth Brass Band, U3A choir, the Combined churches band, Jan Blake and Jackson Plail.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times recently, Inverloch Carols Chairperson Jeff Robertson encouraged the Inverloch community to get

down to the Glade, and enjoy the night and lauded the hard work that has been put in to make the event happen.

"So come along, relax and enjoy a wonderful evening of family entertainment, bring a chair, a picnic basket and of course, don't forget the kids!" he said.

The local churches have been working hard throughout the year to prepare a great family-friendly community celebration for Christmas."

This annual event is the initiative of the local churches and is sponsored by the Bass Coast Shire Council, community groups and many local businesses.

The night promises to be a fabulous time for the Inverloch and surrounding community to come together and ring in the Christmas season with some fun activities and sing-alongs.



Kelle and Dave are keen to make a number of changes to help expand the business over the coming weeks. Ns125022

Fresh faces and an exciting vision

THERE ARE new owners at Inverloch Garden Supplies and they've hit the ground running with big plans to modernise the business.

Kelle Simpson and Paul Cooper took over the reins on December 1, with Kelle making the huge tree change from nursing to gardening.

"Paul is a truck driver and works for himself at Cooper Bulk Haulage, he was doing a delivery here in winter and that's how we found out it was for sale," Kelle said.

"I was a nurse at Leongatha Hospital and he came home one day and said it was for

sale and asked 'what do you think'.

"I had a good think about it and decided I was quite fatigued from nursing and decided on the change.

"Paul still runs the trucks, and I'll run the garden supplies with Dave Burchett, and Paul will help when he can."

Kelle highlighted she's ecstatic to take on the business and can't wait to implement a number of modern changes.

This includes creating a new logo and signage, introducing more products and

establishing a retail space.

Currently they have a huge range of sand, mulch and stones available across their massive site to suit any DIY or commercial project.

"We've got two trucks that do deliveries and we do them every day except Sunday for the moment, but we will probably bring that in soon however," she said.

They also plan to open for most of the Christmas and New Year period besides the public holidays.

Be sure to check out all the exciting changes happening at 26 Bear Street, Inverloch.

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Paul The Pieman reaches two decades of success

PAUL The Pieman is celebrating their incredible 20-year milestone with the bakery more popular than ever as they continue to grow and expand.

And to make the milestone even sweeter, son Mitch Woods, is looking to take over the reins.

The bakery has been an iconic part of Inverloch, growing with the town and helping it thrive with their incredible, award-winning pies attracting tourists from far and wide.

The business has been run by Paul and Robyn Woods, with Mitch becoming more involved in recent years before ultimately deciding it is now his time to step up.

"Originally I was going to do something else, but then during COVID it all just fell into place and I started taking it on," Mitch said.

"It's all good fun, I'm a lot more based in production and taking over from dad."

"He's stepped back and I've filled his shoes."

Mitch highlighted the business' early beginnings, as they originally had a very popular bakery in Yarram before opening in Inverloch.

"We had the two shops for a while and then sold Yarram and have gone through the highs and lows of business."

"At the moment we're going pretty strong and we're starting to get to that next level of production."

The bakery has been undergoing a massive expansion in their production area to allow them to streamline their pie making process, ensuring they can continue to keep up with demand.

"We've been in this same building since the start, it used to be a supermarket," he said.

"We went to a more café style for a while but now we've gone back to a traditional bakery, especially over the last five years."

Mitch has had a keen eye and skill for pie making, carefully watching and learning from his father, which has seen their pies take out numerous awards over the years.

"We won gold last year and this year, out of eight entries, we won six silvers."

"We use what is called 'rough-puff', it's similar to puff pastry and has a really nice flavour."

"Every year we normally bring in two or three new flavours, like our latest one was buffalo chicken and mac and cheese."

"We also did a brisket mac and cheese, and that's the one we won gold with."

Paul also reflected on their incredible 20-year journey and couldn't be prouder of his son for stepping up.

"It gives me a chance to take the back seat, and hopefully guide him over the next few years until he takes over completely."

"We've come from nothing and now we've got a business with a huge (financial) turnover."

"This was actually going to be one of 10, I had been asked to set up at Traralgon and Sale when we were in Yarram."

Paul detailed the early days of how they eventually came to Inverloch.

"We stopped in Inverloch for lunch on the way to Phillip Island, we saw there was a need here (for a bakery)."

"I just happened to pop into the real estate agent and heard about the new supermarket."

"I then asked about here (current site) and obviously it suited the concept, and it just went from there."

And while there were plenty of uncertainties and challenges when first opening, they can now fondly reflect on how far they've made it.

"It just built up stronger and stronger and we've grown with the town," Paul said warmly.



Paul The Pieman father and son duo Mitch and Paul Woods are immensely proud of the bakery reaching 20-years in business this month. ns015022

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THE OLD Corner Post Office in Korumburra offers a superb setting in which to select from a wide range of home-wares, soft furnishings, giftware, and clothing.

You'll find candles, picture frames, sheep skins, linen clothing, jewellery, French soaps and many other items in the grand 1904 Victorian style building that was Korumburra's first purpose-built post office.

Robyn and Peter Van Hamond previously operated the

store, which sprang back to life in September after closing eight years ago.

"We retired, so thought we'd reopen The Old Corner Post Office," Robyn said.

As well as wanting to share the store's beautiful setting with community members and visitors Robyn has a passion for retail, a field in which she has over 40 years' experience.

"It's such a historical building and it should have something in it for the public to enjoy," she said.

Peter added that as well as shopping in the store, people love looking at the leadlight windows, and ceilings, which adds to their retail experience.

There's always something new to explore, with Robyn on the lookout for different stock.

The Store will be open 10am to 4pm daily from Thursday the 15th right through to Christmas eve, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to enjoy shopping there for the perfect present.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

CLINIC HOURS 2022/2023

Friday, December 23	9am - 5.30pm
Saturday, December 24	8.30am - 12noon
Sunday, December 25*	CLOSED
Monday, December 26*	CLOSED
Tuesday, December 27*	CLOSED
Wednesday, December 28	9am - 5.30pm
Thursday, December 29	9am - 5.30pm
Friday, December 30	9am - 5.30pm
Saturday, December 31	8.30am - 12noon
Sunday, January 1*	CLOSED
Monday, January 2*	CLOSED

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Fresh local cray 'strait' off the boat

INSHORE from San Remo to Wonthaggi Prom is a 'boutique fishery' for Bass Strait Direct, where owner Curt Trewavis is stocked with fresh crayfish straight off the boat at the San Remo Jetty.

San Remo only have two cray fisherman, Matthew Harry at sea on 'The Casino' and George Brocklesby on 'The Tempest', and everything caught daily is supplied to Bass Strait Direct.

With an average catch of 21 crays at 1.1kg - 1.2kg Matthew and George are supplying a substantial number of crays to Phillip Island for the holiday season, with orders open at Bass Strait Direct until December 16.

The 37ft casino vessel is dedicated to crays all year round with Matthew heading out to sea daily - weather dependent - trawling for local crayfish.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) is enforcing limitations to encourage sustainable fishing, confining each vessel to 32 tonne per financial year.

"As a solo fisherman working alongside only one other cray fisherman in San Remo, I am supportive of sustainable fishing because it means less fish are being taken out of the water each year," said Matthew.

Curt explained that this time of year, the local caught crays are selling fast, and their team "can clean, cut, and cook them ready for the season's festivities, including Christmas but it's a good time to make an order now for New Year's Eve, so order today you don't miss out."

"By buying fresh local crays off local fisherman we're supporting sustainable fishing and only supplying the freshest seafood to our customers. We then cook our crays onsite in



Owner of Bass Strait Direct Curt Trewavis picks up fresh 10-15-year-old crays from local cray fisherman Matthew Harry.

Newhaven, through a traditional method of boiling them in salt water and this maintains their flavour," said Curt.

The number of local cray fisherman sat at 12 vessels when Matthew bought his boat back in 2006.

And today with only two vessels trawling the seas of Bass Strait and both supplying to Bass Strait Direct, customers can be reassured that the seafood is the freshest on the market.

Instore Curt also supplies an array of seafood choices, including the traditional Christmas favourites - oysters and prawns - both delicious starters for a festive lunch.

So order today at 1/24-26 Boys Home Road, Newhaven or call 5956 7980.

A collage of images. At the top, a red banner with white text reads "Shop in BASS COAST this Christmas". Below the banner are two circular text boxes. The left one says "Owner of Bass Strait Direct Curt Trewavis picks up fresh 10-15-year-old crays from local cray fisherman Matthew Harry." The right one says "Eida and Levi of Wonthaggi were busy colouring in Christmas decorations with Bunnings team members after having their faces painted by Laurie." Below the text boxes are two photographs: one of a boy with a rainbow painted on his face, and another of a girl with a blue and red painted face.



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Wonthaggi Carols set to light up Sunday night

THE Wonthaggi Carols is back for another exciting night of community Christmas celebrations and all the usual pre-carols activities will be happening.

There'll be a petting zoo and pony rides, popcorn, fairy floss and a sausage sizzle, supplied by the Wonthaggi Rotary Club.

This year's event will take place at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on Sunday December 18, family time and activities will kick off at 6pm, with the carols beginning at 7:45pm.

John Searle, who has had a great hand in organising the event, spoke with excitement to Sentinel Times recently.

"The Wonthaggi Specialist School will be there, and Santa will make an appearance, our compere are Brett Tessari and Natasha Crestani who did a great job last year," he said.

"The Wonthaggi Citizens Band will be providing the music, they are great, we are fortunate to have such a great band in our town and St Joseph's School will be on stage during the Carols as will people from Connecting 2 Australia, we are looking forward to having them back."

This year, the Wonthaggi Carols will see a different sort of performance

headline the night, but one that Searle hopes will be a big hit.

"Our feature artist will be ELK Puppets, they will be a first for us and we are looking forward to seeing them and how the crowd will respond, it should be good," he said.

"This year we are excited to welcome two students from Wonthaggi Secondary College to our Carols, this is the first time - to my knowledge - that WSC has been involved in our Community Carols."

Searle also gave his thanks to all of those that have chipped in to ensure the Carols go ahead once again.

"We are very pleased to have a stage to perform on supplied by the Wonthaggi Theatre Group which will be covered by a marquee supplied by the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, it's great to see our community sharing resources to bring our Community Carols to everyone," he said.

"We could not put the Carols on without the support of the Bass Coast Shire Council and Janine Temme in particular, Janine is a tower of strength."

The event gives the Wonthaggi, and surrounding community a great chance to get together, celebrate, have some fun and enjoy the carols.

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Spencer, Shaun, Archie and Taryn of South Dudley popped into Summersalt's Christmas Markets and were in the spirit having their Santa photos taken.



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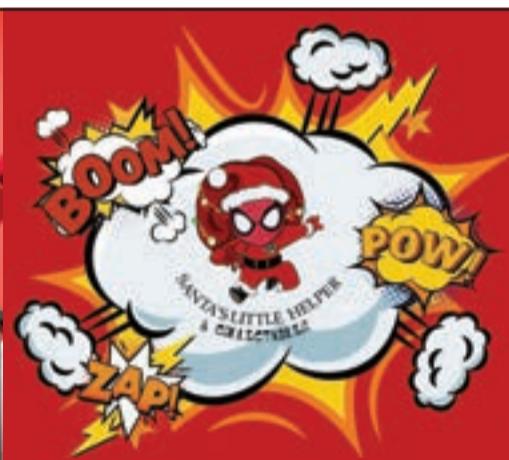
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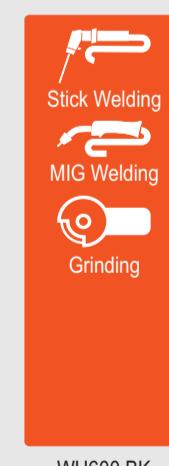
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Christmas in Leongatha



Scarlett, Everleigh and Lisa Pellin with Pollyanna Nelson at the Leongatha Community Carols. A39_5022

Leongatha Community Carols



Kairi Brasser and Adriana Lieb enjoy the Leongatha carols. A40_5022



Georgie and Ollie Verboon get into the Christmas spirit in Leongatha. A43_5022



Mae and mum Sally look forward to their involvement in the Leongatha carols performance through the Leongatha Children's Centre. A42_5022



Bron Martin and granddaughter Evie Rocksmith. A45_5022



Vera Greeley and Shirley Burge relax at the Leongatha carols. A41_5022



Clinton and Lucy Rocksmith keep bright and warm at the Leongatha carols. A44_5022

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Both men were presented with plaques of appreciation, acknowledging 50 years of committed service to the hall by current president Russell Follett.

Pictured is Bill Loughridge, Russell Follett and John Beverly.

• FAITH FACTOR

Frantic or focused?

Pastor Jeff Robertson, Connections Church Inverloch plus Foster, Australian Christian Churches

THE Christmas season is upon us! Also known as the "holiday season" or the "silly season", depending on your perspective.

Usually there's plenty going on to keep us all busy, with increased stress levels as we try to finish off all the jobs that need completing, as well as prepare for various Christmas celebrations.

Life can get pretty frantic. Patience can run short.

This "joyous" season may be short on joy. And maybe we need to re-evaluate some of what's going on in our lives.

Part of the antidote to the "silly season", is for us to stay focused on what's important.

On that first Christmas 2000 years ago, an angel spoke to some shepherds and said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11).

And that's the same message for us today.

Let's not get lost in the frantic activity, but stay focused on the good news of great joy.

When we get busy, or even if we receive bad news or disappointment, let's keep our focus on what's important.

With some people celebrating while others are stressed or doing it tough, Christmas is meant to be good news for all people.

And the most important thing we can focus on, is that a Saviour - the Lord Jesus, has been given to us.

Regardless of our situation in life, or in this season, Jesus is good news for all people.

There is great joy and peace to be found if we seek Him.

Whatever you're going through, you can ask Jesus to fill you with his peace, and with his joy.

You may not consider yourself to be a religious person or someone who believes in God, and maybe you've never prayed before.

But you can still simply talk to Jesus and ask Him to bring His peace and His joy into your heart.

Let's choose to focus over frantic this Christmas, inviting the God of Christmas to make a difference in our lives and families this Christmas season.



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~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

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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 raring 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 bit, 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.

Don't forget our Free Community Lunch this Wednesday, December 14, at 12noon as it will be our last for the year. It's scrummy food, with some of the produce coming from our garden at the Harvest Centre. Book now.

And when all's 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

THERE was a great response to the industry taster courses in November. Participants in the Horticulture course had a great time in the garden and also enjoyed some delicious recipes Rick shared with them for when their crops are harvested.

The Hairdressing students got a taste of Salon work with braiding and styling. Of course, they needed heads to work on so they all had their hair done as well.

Some have already signed up to the Certificate courses beginning in 2023.

Another Certificate course being offered next year is Certificate III in Information Technology.

This newly accredited course features units in maintaining websites, protection from security threats, and writing basic scripts for apps, as well as much more.

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

A quick tally of garden activity in 2022 reveals around 15 members and volunteers visited the garden each week to harvest, weed, water, make compost, spread mulch and tidy up as needed. And four new member volunteers joined up to either help out with garden maintenance and/or take up a growing plot.

It's encouraging to note that younger gardeners have joined in this year, bringing fresh ideas and energy with them.

Volunteers will keep up the momentum through December and into January, planting more tomatoes, basil, zucchini, carrots, sweet corn and salad greens.

It's also a good time to plant cheerful pollinator attracting flowers and herbs such as petunias, marigolds, verbena, snapdragons, parsley, chives and dill.

Thanks to everyone who helped in the garden this year. You make the garden thrive.

For any information about the garden contact the coordinator at tgordon@westnet.com.au or you can drop in on Thursdays between 10 and noon to see what's happening.

■ WONTAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

If you missed the Woodies' short and sweet gift store, don't despair. There's one

more chance to snap up some unique, locally made Christmas gifts. The Woodcrafters will be having one more sale at the workshop this weekend.

There will be a wide range of items to suit every budget, taste and living space. What's more, you can get to see where it's all made.

The sales are on this Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 3pm at the workshop on BCAL's site at 239 White Road. Get in quick!

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Call to improve alcohol health warning labels

THERE is a call to improve alcohol health warning labels as a new study finds industry's DrinkWise labels are failing consumers.

New research from Cancer Council Victoria reveals adult drinkers exposed to alcoholic products carrying health warning labels with text and pictures are more likely to intend to reduce their alcohol intake than those exposed to no health warning labels or to the industry developed DrinkWise labels.

The study repeatedly exposed 1,755 Australian adults to images of beer, wine and spirit products that carried one of three

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different types of public health warning labels that communicated alcohol-related harms, including text only, text / illustration or text / photo, compared to products displaying industry-developed DrinkWise labels or those with no health warning labels.

After repeated exposure

across a week, participants shown alcoholic products with the health warning labels that included text and simple illustrations were more than 1.5 times more likely to say they intended to reduce the amount of alcohol they would drink compared to those who did not see any health warnings (57.5%

v 40.3%) and compared to those who saw the DrinkWise labels (57.5% v 43.5%).

According to Cancer Council Victoria, alcohol is linked to seven types of cancer including breast, bowel, liver, and throat, and increases the risk of chronic diseases like liver and heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and stroke.

Cancer Council Victoria is calling on the Australian Government to urgently introduce stronger regulations to ensure that alcohol labelling protects consumers and gives them basic information to make an informed purchase. This includes stronger messages highlighting cancer risks.

Parents could be more confident, report reveals

RECENT research commissioned by Triple P International has revealed some alarming statistics around the issues that are concerning parents in Australia.

The research found that more than two-thirds (71 per cent) of parents in Australia would like to feel more confident in their parenting skills, and only 10 per cent believe they are doing a good job, creating concern in the parenting sector.

Anecdotally, there is an overwhelming desire to be a good parent but only one in ten parents (nine per cent) are currently using a parenting program, course or service.

Triple P International Country Director, Carol Markie-Dadds, said that now Triple P Online programs are free for all families across Australia, this presents a real opportunity to address the lack of confidence parents are feeling and turn some of the concerning statistics around.

Triple P's research also found that:

- 67 per cent of parents struggle with time management;
- 43 per cent of parents admit being unsure of action to take when children are misbehaving;
- 51 per cent are concerned about their children reaching their full potential; and
- 39 per cent do not think their children are performing at their optimum level.

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is a university-developed Australian program.

Delivery of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program to parents and carers of children in Australia is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care under the Parenting Education and Support Program.

Parents and carers can access free, easy-to-use, online parenting support 24/7 at www.triplep-parenting.net.au



Recent research has revealed alarming issues for parents.
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High quality paediatrics for Bass Coast families

BASS Coast Health is proud to welcome the arrival of an Emergency Consultant undertaking specialist training in paediatrics.

Dr Gargi Kanabar is a Fellow of the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine (FACEM) and a Paediatric Emergency Medicine trainee.

She will be working in the Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital on a casual basis and comes to the BCH team with a high level of paediatric training and experience from Monash Children's Hospital, where she works regularly.

"I'll be able to offer extra experience and training in paediatrics," Dr Kanabar said.

"Paediatrics is very a different branch of medicine to treating adults because children have different conditions and different needs, so having that extra knowledge is beneficial."

Bass Coast mother Kiani Milkins appreciated Dr Kanabar's assistance when she brought her baby son Cameron to the Emergency Department recently.

"Dr Kanabar was quick and straight to the point. Having her here is a great service for young families in our area," she said.

Originally from Glasgow in Scotland, Dr Kanabar came to Australia in 2012 and worked in Hobart, Alice Springs and Adelaide before coming to Melbourne in 2019 to complete her emergency training.

Her strong interest in paediatrics led her to pursue paediatric emergency training.

RIGHT: Paediatric Emergency Fellow Dr Gargi Kanabar consults Cameron Milkins in the Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital recently.



Quantum welcomes new Board Chair

QUANTUM Support Services has welcomed a new Board Chair following its recent Annual General Meeting.

Quantum Chief Executive Natalie McDonald said the appointment of Bruce McDonald would complement Quantum and strengthen its advocacy for the community.

"Mr McDonald comes to us with a wealth of experience, and we look forward to harnessing that as we roll out our new Strategic Plan 2022-2027," Ms McDonald said.

"Our new Strategic Plan sets us on a course to connect people to the support they choose for safer, thriving families across Gippsland."

Mr McDonald has had extensive Board appointments, including Non-Executive Director, Rural Workforce Agency, Victoria Limited and Chair, RMIT University, Graduate School of Business and Law, Program Advisory Board.

During the meeting Ms McDonald acknowledged the service to Board by outgoing Chair Roland Davies, and Directors Jane Burton and Debbie Knight.

Quantum is a not-for-profit organisation and is governed by its Board consisting of Chair Bruce McDonald, Deputy Chair Dean Sutton, Directors Nicole Griffin, Damian Blackford, Hannah Vincent, Lee Garwood, Cr Brett Tessari and Audra Fenton.

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Alan and Max were on hand at Bunnings on Thursday night as part of Leongatha Men's Shed selling beautiful wooden goods. C15_5022



Khalessi opted for a Christmas Butterfly spectacular by face paint artist Laurie at Bunnings Family Night. C16_5022



Tom, Bec and Majentah of Wonthaggi Fire Brigade were on hand giving out delicious hot jam donuts to young and old alike on Thursday night at Bunnings. C18_5022



Summersalt movement educator Macie guides Mavis on how to safely forward roll on the mats. C124_5022



Locals Cindy Hyde and Brendan McRae took it in turns for a shot on Saturday at the Wonthaggi Clay Target Christmas Shoot. Brendan secured a first place in the second event - 20tgt Single Barrel. C128_5022



A delicious Christmas lunch was served by committee members Mel Durkin and Pete Xuereb (abs. Mandy McRae). C129_5022



Kay and John Eland of Fitzroy Caulfield Grantville Rifle Club celebrated the life of close friend and fellow shooter Graham Doig in a farewell shoot on Saturday. C31_5022



Supporting junior shooter Logan, Sam and Hayden White assisted in the Christmas lunch preparations with Hayden in charge of soft drinks. C130_5022



Violet, Naomi and Arlo took shelter from the heat and sun between races as they cheered on jockey (dad) Grant Seccombe. C39_5022

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Bunnings Christmas Family Night, Summersalt Christmas Market, Wonthaggi Clay Target Christmas Shoot, Fitzroy Caulfield Grantville Rifle Graham Doig Tribute, and Woolamai Picnic Races.



Cheeky elf made a surprise appearance with Santa on Thursday and were joined by local Rhianna who was all set in the Christmas spirit. C17_5022



Summersalt movement educators Wendy and Nakita were all smiles and Christmas cheer on Saturday. C126_5022



Caleb Van Oostveen and Hayley Wolfe of Berwick were on hand with Handmade by H candles and goods. C125_5022



Inverloch locals Alfie and Hayley of The Wild Water Creative were on hand with their stall at Summersalt selling beautiful products. C127_5022



Anne and Neil from Team Staffing have been assisting at the Woolamai Races for over 15 years and are yet to miss a race. C32_5022



San Remo's Christine enjoyed a day in the sunshine with good friend Brigitte from Melbourne at the races. C38_5022



Meeting at The Gurdies Winery that morning, Brenda and Judy convinced newfound friends Kelly and Kevin from Montana, USA, to head to the races that afternoon. C36_5022



Jill Oldfield of Seaford and Cheryl Rattle of Moorooduc enjoyed the races ahead of their horse Rusty Gait taking part in race six. Rusty Gait went on to take the win. C34_5022

KIDZ KLUB is back!

AFTER two years with no KIDZ KLUB, we're excited to be coming back to Sandy Point Community Centre in January 2023.

Our program will run 9:30am -12:30pm Monday, Friday 2, to January 6, 2023.

KIDZ KLUB has been running in Sandy Point for over 30 years.

All activities are free and are specially designed for primary school aged children. We offer a fun week of Bible stories, games, craft, quizzes, singing and prizes.

KIDZ KLUB is also a great place to meet new friends! Parents are welcome to leave their children with us, or to stay and have morning tea while the kids enjoy the fun.

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genYOUTH

genYOUTH is a free activity for teenagers being held at the Sandy Point Community Centre 7:30pm -9:00pm January 3-5, 2023.

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Irish music legend headed for Archies Creek

OVER the weeks leading up to Christmas, the venue will host Lisa Miller's 'Car Tape 20th anniversary', on Saturday, December 17, followed by The Black Sorrows Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18 and a Jazz Party New Year's Eve night on Saturday, December 31.

Mick Thomas and The Roving Commission, with friends, kicks off the New Year with an afternoon show on Sunday, January 1 and there's much more coming including The Brian Cadd & Band in February and the great Eric Bibb in March.

But the big news out of Archies Creek is that the venue will host one of the legends of Irish music, Mary Coughlan, who will be on stage here on Saturday April 1.

Tix on sale now! Book here: <https://bit.ly/3ucVCSQ>

Mary Coughlan is arguably the greatest female singer to have emerged from Ireland in recent times, the equivalent of Irish vocal royalty.

The word 'legend' is not one to be used lightly, but in this case it is entirely appropriate.

Dubbed as Ireland's Billie Holiday, Mary is a jazz and



Joe Camilleri and the Black Sorrows are returning to Archies Creek for a 'sold out' pre-Christmas show on Sunday afternoon, December 18 ahead of a big New Year at the popular venue.

blues singer whose life story

gives weight to the truth that the best singers are the ones with the most painful lives (The Guardian).

Whether you're into folk, blues or jazz, no one can fail to be moved by the emotional depth, expression and power in her voice, forged from an extraordinary life.

One thing is for sure, you

will be taken on a journey of devastatingly beautiful, wide-ranging and engaging songs, from a woman who has battled her demons and won, transforming them into art, an enduring testament to Mary Coughlan's seemingly timeless and endless brilliance.

Needless to say, it's not one to be missed.

Jackson Four to hit the stage

THE Jackson Four will be performing at Phillip Island Bowling Club on Sunday, December 18.

Vocals and Percussion - Front man, soul and jazz singer, Peter Jackson has performed with Paul Kelly, The Australian Blues Brothers Show', 'Grand Wazoo', 'The Swing Genies' with Annette Jenko - Yates (double bass).

As well as other funk, soul and jazz bands on the Australian circuit. Peter's percussion adds a touch of Latin rhythms and style on the congas and Latin hand instruments.

Drums - Nick Mierisch has been the rhythmic force

behind many jazz and soul funk bands around town over the last 30 years and has consistently performed with Jeff and Peter over that time.

Hammond Organ - Jon Wade, originally from the U.K., and now a Bass Coast local, is one of Australia's most talented and virtuoso Hammond organ and piano players. Jon has previously performed as part of the George Golla Trio, Ed Wilson Band (AKA Daly Wilson), The National Youth Jazz Orchestra U.K. As well as Musical Director for 70's and 80's pop diva Kiki Dee.

Jon brings his energetic

style and love and of the great Blues and jazz Hammond and piano masters to the band.

Sax - Jeff Mead; Jeff is one of Melbourne's most in-demand players. Besides featuring in some of Melbourne's top swing big bands, including the Westerport Big Band.

Venue is at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes commencing at 2pm.

Cost of entry is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for visitors.

For more information, please contact Robin Blackman 0432 814 407 or Jill Boyce on 0417 416 300.

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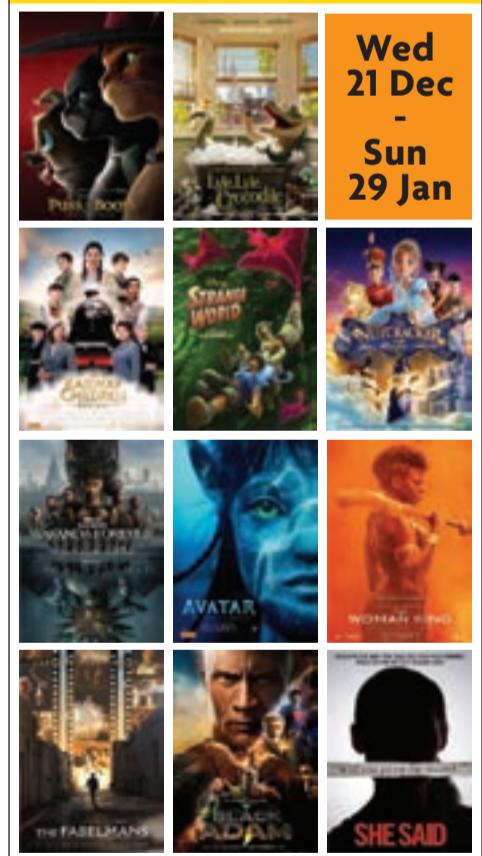
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David Hobson and Colin Lane have been friends for 25 years. From vastly different backgrounds, they have observed one another's worlds and always thought, "Gee, wouldn't it be nice to have a go at what that other guy does?" So here's their chance to see whether the grass is a little greener.

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Rose Lodge residents count a vast array of activities in their calendar including bucket list experiences.

Have your say on Rose Lodge

THE BASS Coast Region is one of the fast-growing parts of Australia, with population growth in excess of 33 per cent in the last five years. As a lifestyle destination of choice and with an aging population it is essential that aged care services support the evolving needs of the Bass Coast community.

Rose Lodge Residential Aged Care (Rose Lodge) has been a pillar of the Bass Coast community since 1961, providing residential aged care and independent living in Wonthaggi. Rose Lodge wants to hear from their community with their online survey, as a critical input to their new strategy.

Rose Lodge's facilities have grown over the past 60 years now providing support to over 98 residents with a continued commitment to providing

high quality aged care to the community.

Rose Lodge Board is now looking to the future to ascertain how the organisation will need to change to meet the future aged care needs for the community.

For this they have engaged Gippsland's own specialist consulting firm Ninety Mile Consulting Group (NMC), to provide support in defining their new strategic direction.

understand what potential future growth options are available to the organisation to fulfil a growing demand in a sustainable manner.

"We've seen unprecedented population growth in our region, combined with a varied form of care services expected. Our staff are extremely passionate and skilled, and we need to look at what areas of our business we can adjust to best cater to that growing demand", Mr Jenkins said.

Please support Rose Lodge by having your say in their community survey, available online at ninetymileconsulting.com/roselodgeresidentialagedcare/ until Friday, December 23.

Alternatively, interested parties can contact Bettina Davis from Ninety Mile Consulting Group directly by emailing bettina@ninetymileconsulting.com

As a proactive step, Rose Lodge CEO Shane Jenkins and the Board of Directors want to

Successful edible gardens event to return

FIFTEEN local gardeners are doing a dance with this year's very changeable spring weather as they prepare for Bass Coast Adult Learning's (BCAL) second Bass Coast Edible Gardens Weekend, to be held over February 4-5 next year.

So, save the date into your calendars and you can look forward to being inspired by a range of gardens in small spaces, in back yards and on broader acreage.

Some of last February's favourite gardens are back again, joined by fantastic newcomers.

In 2023 some of the gardeners will be selling fresh produce and other gardening-related items, while others will offer advice on issues such as managing beehives and composting.

We know that gardening helped us through lockdowns over the past few years.

Now edible gardening can help us battle inflation.

Participating gardeners are always keen to offer tips on what to grow and how to "grow your own" and cut down



Lolly posing with a pumpkin from the 2022 Edible Gardens event.

your food bill.

Fruit, veggies and herbs fresh from the garden are also hard to beat for taste as well as price!

Look out for more news about BCAL's Bass Coast Edible Gardens Weekend on February 4-5, 2023.

Our brochure will be out soon, providing the list of participating gardens and information on how to buy tickets.

Or check out our website (basscoastediblegardens.com) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.



A Sydney couple have not only created their dream home in Leongatha but are now just minutes away from family.

'Runaway couple' create new home in Leongatha

IT IS never easy to change your life around, nor to move interstate and start afresh.

But, for many - especially over the past couple of years - this has been a choice they made.

For Michael and Claire Willcocks, getting out of Sydney and closer to family was on the cards for a few years before the pandemic drove it home.

They purchased a block of land in Leongatha, only a 15 minutes drive from their family.

And being aware of the strong tradition of the leafy country flair of the area, they went on to design a home that would incorporate a modern take on the traditional semi-rural and country feel of the region.

In consultation with their family, an architectural designer, and local builder

Matthew Holt from Holt Construction they put all the ideas they were envisioning together with a practical layout that would cater to all they needed - now and into the future.

And now they have been able to create their Great Australian Dream.

A 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom home on a 900-square-metre block in Leongatha.

Michael and Claire's home construction commenced in October 2021 and took a little over 40 weeks, largely due to delays on some building materials, making it slightly longer than planned. However, the wait was worth it with them having moved in for the start of spring.

The tree-change idea had been with Michael and Claire for some time, and the vision of what they wanted to build as their forever home.

Report highlights social housing underinvestment

NATIONAL housing campaign Everybody's Home says the latest Rental Affordability Index report underscores the chronic underinvestment in social and affordability over the last decade.

The report released by SGS Economics & Planning, and National Shelter shows renting has become less affordable across the country as rent outpaces wages for many tenants, including job seekers, students, pensioners and single working parents.

According to the report, every capital city experienced a decline in affordability this year. Rental affordability has hit record lows in some areas. More than 40% of low-income households are in rental stress, which has risen over the past decade.

Figures released by AHURI in July demonstrate the long term decline of social housing as a proportion of overall housing stock.

In 1981, 4.9 per cent of Australia's housing stock was social but the 2021 census revealed this had declined to only 3.8 per cent.

National spokesperson for Everybody's Home, Maiy Azize, said it's a national shame that our wealthy, lucky country has so many people struggling to live safely and affordably.

"Australia's housing crisis has reached fever pitch. No part of the country has been spared. Rents are shooting up in towns and regions, and our cities have never been more expensive."

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It's said to be the oldest home in Leongatha

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This lovely home is in a great position close to the CBD and is full of character and history.

This home is said to be the oldest home in Leongatha and was a long term residence for a local family.

The character filled residence is full of charm and includes a bullnose front veranda set behind an array of mature trees.

As you enter the home through the solid timber door you are greeted with a wide entrance with two bedrooms either side followed by a central living area, third bedroom, modest kitchenette and bathroom.

The home is serviced by a reverse cycle air conditioner and features high ceilings and timber floorboards throughout.

The back door leads you to the laundry room and rear veranda.

Overall, this property has multiple options and could be the ideal space for a home business and/ or office space.

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\$1,500,000-\$1,550,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

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WONTHAGGI



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Contact: Wonthaggi Office

AGNES

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5 McKanes Road

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61 Stewart Street

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- Brick home
- 80m from the beach

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CORONET BAY



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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

- [\$100] Which animal can be seen on the Porsche logo?
A. Dog. B. Lion. C. Horse. D. Tiger.
- [\$200] Which country consumes the most chocolate per capita?
A. Germany. B. Australia. C. America. D. Switzerland.
- [\$300] Which country won the first-ever soccer World Cup in 1930?
A. Uruguay. B. Brazil. C. Germany. D. Argentina.
- [\$500] What type of animal is a Flemish giant?
A. Chicken. B. Cow. C. Rabbit. D. Dog.
- [\$1000] What is 'cynophobia'?
Fear of A. Dogs. B. Snakes. C. Seafood. D. Blood.
- [\$2000] Which country invented ice cream?
A. USA. B. Switzerland. C. China. D. England.

- [\$4000] Demolition of the Berlin wall separating East and West Germany began in what year?
A. 1985. B. 1989. C. 1993. D. 1997.

- [\$8000] Excluding Christmas carols, what is the biggest selling single of all time?
A. In the Summertime. B. Rock Around the Clock. C. Candle in the Wind. D. I Will Always Love You.

- [\$16,000] Who named the Pacific Ocean?
A. James Cook. B. Ferdinand Magellan. C. Francis Drake. D. Vasco da Gama.

- [\$32,000] Which of these actors is not an EGOT winner (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony)?
A. Whoopi Goldberg. B. Mel Brooks. C. John Gielgud. D. John Travolta.

- [\$64,000] How many countries still have Shilling as currency?
A. 1. B. 4. C. 8. D. 12.

- [\$125,000] What is the name of the man who launched eBay back in 1995?
A. Pierre Omidyar. B. Tim Berners-Lee. C. Charles Babbage. D. Robert Noyce.

- [\$250,000] What TV series showed the first interracial kiss on American network television?
A. Seinfeld. B. M*A*S*H. C. Cheers. D. Star Trek.

- [\$500,000] In what country would you find Lake Bled?
A. Russia. B. Austria. C. Slovenia. D. Canada.

- [\$1,000,000] Which of Newton's Laws states that 'for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction'?
A. The third law of motion. B. Theory of relativity. C. The law of inertia. D. Law of universal gravitation.

Quiz answers: 1. C. Horse. 2. D. Switzerland. 3. A. Uruguay. 4. C. Rabbit. 5. A. Fear of dogs. 6. C. China. 7. B. 1989. 8. C. Coming. 9. A. Peter Omidyar. 10. D. Star Trek. 11. B. 4 (Kenya). 12. John Travolta. 13. D. Ferdinand Magelhaen. 14. Slovenia. 15. A. The third law of motion.

SUDOKU

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Instructions:

Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

CALCUDOKU

LEVEL: Very Hard

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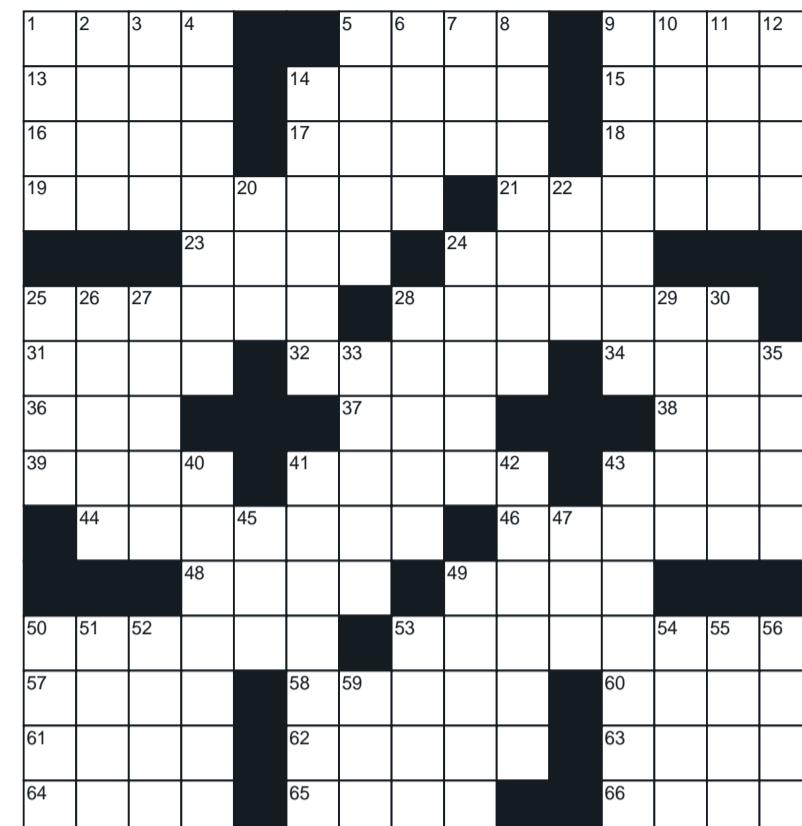
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Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used.

TIP: For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.

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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 University (abbr.)

5 Prego's competition

9 Niche

13 Biblical "you"

14 Woman

15 Not cons

16 Boat movers

17 Toothbrush brand

18 SOS!

19 Advocate

21 Argue logically

23 Far away

24 Sacks

25 Favorite

vacation spot

28 Pleading

31 Winged

32 Shut down

34 Lacing

36 Three

37 The other half of Jima

38 By way of

39 Animal oil

41 Dimensions

43 Dinner table

seasoning

44 Doctor's tool

46 Dishevel

someone's hair

48 Reverse

49 Nail

50 Where, poetically

53 Woven leather sandal

57 ___ and ruin

58 Full of swamp grass

60 Colt

61 Healing plant

62 Urges

63 Goofs

64 Pennsylvania (abbr.)

65 Merely

66 Interbreeding population within a species

DOWN

1 A spinning toy (2 wds.)

2 Blacken

3 Air (prefix)

4 Loss of hope

5 Less cooked

6 6th month (Jewish calendar)

7 Girl

8 Offense

9 Inability to use words

10 President (abbr.)

11 Fly alone

12 Sports channel

14 Tile art

20 Often poetically

22 Chick holder

24 Stupefy

25 Animal's end part

26 False name

27 Furry

28 Kind of knife

29 Kinds of stars

30 Barbecue

33 Jargon

35 Woo

40 Intoxicated

41 Experience

42 Deviates

43 Cold medicine

45 Business abbr.

47 Paddle

49 Friend

50 Wind

51 Well

52 Economics abrv.

53 Get better

54 Center

55 Impair

56 Otherwise

59 Billion years

MAGIC SQUARES

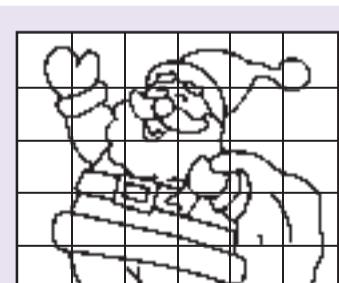
Instructions:

- You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 9 in the puzzle.
- You can only use the numbers once.
- The sum of the numbers in the rows, columns and the diagonal must be the same as the numbers that are printed around the puzzle

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SOLUTIONS: Dec. 6, 2022

Crossword:



'Farmer Wants a Wife' filmed at Leongatha Saleyards

THE 2023 series on Channel 7 of 'Farmer Wants a Wife' will be full of interest for Gippslanders.

One of the seven young Australian farmers so far revealed for next year's series is Brenton Kuch of Darriman, a small rural grazing district north-east of Woodside.

Last Friday, December 9, the cameras of Channel 7 zeroed in on the Leongatha Saleyards, where the Kuch family regularly sell cattle via Nutrien South Gippsland Livestock, to capture footage of Brenton and his suitors.

And along the way, local auctioneer Brian McCormack, scored his own "15 minutes of fame".

"I thought they were going to ask me if I wanted to be an emergency," said Brian McCormack with a laugh after an interview to camera.

He had earlier sold an excellent run of 180 Kuch Angus cattle, including two pens for Brenton, one a pen of EU certified stock for an average of \$2620 and another for \$2640.

Along with, many said, a handsome-looking Brenton, were three possible wives, appropriately dressed for the saleyards, although the media was warned against getting too close while the program is still in creation.

So, look out for South Gippslander Brenton Kuch when the 2023 series of Farmer Wants a Wife goes to air, and also, check it out to see how Brian McCormack scrubs up too!



ABOVE: Farmer Wants a Wife candidate Brenton Kuch was filmed at the Leongatha Saleyards last Friday.

RIGHT: Nutrien South Gippsland Livestock auctioneer Brian McCormack chats with Dave Bishoff of Yinnar after being interviewed for 'Farmer Wants a Wife'.



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Outstanding yarding of store cattle

By the SGSA

AGENTS yarded 3100 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale in a generally dearer market for steers.

The quality of the yarding was excellent with some annual drafts of grown & yearling steers & weaners on offer.

Prices improved in line with the quality in the steer section on the feature, Angus lines with local graziers competing strongly and taking a good percentage of the offering along with JBS and a couple of other feeder orders operating.

There were only a handful of Xbred and dairy steers that sold to similar rates to recent sales.

A handy offering of heifers sold to steady demand with the better quality types firm but cheaper on the rest.



Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, December 9, 2022

Grown Steers

Prolong P/L 13 Hereford	702kg	\$3.98	\$2800
J & R Bennett 10 Angus X	668kg	\$4.36	\$2910
J & F Joldings 15 Angus X	644kg	\$4.35	\$2800
D Schnoor 11 AA/Shorn	636kg	\$4.55	\$2900
J Lloyd 10 Angus & BB	595kg	\$5.54	\$2700
Jf Holdings 20 Angus X	594kg	\$4.81	\$2860
D Schnoor 13 Angus	582kg	\$4.65	\$2710
D & K Kuch 17 Angus	578kg	\$5.05	\$2920
Prolong P/L 10 Angus X	567kg	\$4.44	\$2520
M Rowles 10 Angus	556kg	\$4.71	\$2620
D & K Kuch 20 Angus	545kg	\$5.10	\$2780
D & K Kuch 20 Angus	538kg	\$5.16	\$2780
D & K Kuch 20 Angus	538kg	\$5.16	\$2780
B Kuch 10 Angus	527kg	\$4.97	\$2620
M Rowles 15 Char	527kg	\$4.62	\$2440
D & K Kuch 20 Angus	525kg	\$4.99	\$2620
D & K Kuch 16 Angus	524kg	\$5.00	\$2620
B Kuch 19 Angus	524kg	\$5.03	\$2640
D & K Kuch 21 Angus	522kg	\$5.01	\$2620
J Lloyd 20 Hereford	520kg	\$4.73	\$2460
Narrang P/L 13 Angus	519kg	\$4.79	\$2480
J Lloyd 18 Angus	517kg	\$4.91	\$2540
Blackwood Grazing 17 Angus	504kg	\$5.11	\$2580
J Lloyd 21 Hereford	504kg	\$4.88	\$2460
Blackwood Grazing 19 Angus	500kg	\$5.16	\$2580
Blackwood Grazing 20 Angus	493kg	\$5.27	\$2600
Blackwood Grazing 19 Angus	491kg	\$5.05	\$2480
Blackwood Grazing 19 Angus	489kg	\$5.39	\$2640
J Lloyd 15 Angus	488kg	\$4.79	\$2340
Nalajule 22 Angus	486kg	\$5.26	\$2560
J Lloyd 19 Hereford	473kg	\$5.03	\$2380
J Lloyd 18 Angus	472kg	\$5.08	\$2400
Blackwood Grazing 16 Angus	467kg	\$4.88	\$2280
Blackwood Grazing 21 Angus	466kg	\$5.49	\$2560
Blackwood Grazing 21 Angus	466kg	\$5.40	\$2520
Blackwood Grazing 25 Angus	457kg	\$5.33	\$2440
Blackwood Grazing 25 Angus	456kg	\$5.31	\$2420
Nalajule 27 Angus	454kg	\$5.60	\$2580
L & M Wicks 12 Angus	451kg	\$5.10	\$2300
A Misson 22 Angus	450kg	\$5.15	\$2320
Blackwood Grazing 26 Angus	444kg	\$5.36	\$2380
Blackwood Grazing 26 Angus	444kg	\$5.31	\$2360
L & M Wicks 18 Angus	443kg	\$5.50	\$2440
L & M Wicks 17 Angus	434kg	\$5.35	\$2320
Nalajule 26 Angus	429kg	\$5.78	\$2480
Nalajule 13 Angus	410kg	\$5.12	\$2100
J Lloyd 13 Angus	406kg	\$4.97	\$2020

Weaners Steers

S & L Campbell 24 Angus	410kg	\$5.80	\$2380
F & C Cameron 14 Angus	419kg	\$5.25	\$2200
Glenfinnan 20 AA/BB	405kg	\$5.73	\$2320
B Hayes 15 AA/BB	391kg	\$5.72	\$2320
F & C Cameron 19 Angus	387kg	\$5.16	\$2000
Sibly Past 14 Angus	385kg	\$5.61	\$2160
G&S Past 15 Angus	380kg	\$5.84	\$2220
N Smith 17 AA/BB	367kg	\$4.93	\$1810
F & C Cameron 19 Angus	361kg	\$5.48	\$1980
D&T Foat 14 Angus	359kg	\$5.62	\$2020
Northside 20 Angus	359kg	\$5.01	\$1800
G Bennett 19 Angus X	337kg	\$5.10	\$1720
N Smith 29 AA/BB	333kg	\$4.83	\$1610
F & C Cameron 19 Angus	329kg	\$5.74	\$1890
G&S Past 14 Angus	327kg	\$6.05	\$1980
Sibly Past 10 Angus	327kg	\$6.05	\$1980
Greenwald Past 25 Angus	327kg	\$5.35	\$1750
Belgrano 18 Angus	325kg	\$6.33	\$2060
Greenwald Past 20 Angus	307kg	\$5.89	\$1810
Greenwald Past 20 Angus	303kg	\$5.64	\$1720

Heifers

M Rowles 10 Angus	530kg	\$4.56	\$2420
M Rowles 10 Char	494kg	\$4.33	\$2140
S & E Richardson			
Farming 15 Angus	400kg	\$4.75	\$1900
F & C Cameron 16 Angus	382kg	\$4.97	\$1900
S & E Richardson			
Farming 17 Angus	373kg	\$4.85	\$1810
S & H Mattern 18 Angus	366kg	\$4.69	\$1720
J Bowron 18 S/Horn	364kg	\$5.16	\$1880
S & L Campbell 20 Angus	356kg	\$5.33	\$1900
F & C Cameron 23 Angus	343kg	\$5.13	\$1760
G Bennett 11 Charx	334kg	\$4.79	\$1600
G Bennett 12 Angus x	323kg	\$4.27	\$1380
D&T Foat 20 Angus	318kg	\$5.15	\$1640
S & H Mattern 20 Angus	314kg	\$4.71	\$1480
Sibly Past 15 Angus	313kg	\$5.23	\$1640
S Bridger 11 Angus	310kg	\$5.16	\$1600
J Bowron 13 S/Horn	308kg	\$4.61	\$1420
N Smith 27 Angus	303kg	\$4.12	\$1250

Xbreds & Dairy Steers

D Schnoor 11 FF	609kg	\$3.26	\$1990
C McDonald 17 FF	544kg	\$3.51	\$1910
D&T Foat 20 FF	488kg	\$3.31	\$1620

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Nominations open for 2023 Farmer of the Year Awards

NOMINATIONS are open for the Kondinin Group and ABC Rural 2023 Australian Farmer of the Year Awards.

The Awards recognise excellence in rural and regional Australia offering an opportunity to celebrate individuals and families involved in Australian agriculture, encompassing a diverse range of sectors and service provisions.

The 2022 Awards unearthed incredible individuals – from the New England plains of New South Wales to the coastal stretches of Esperance in Western Australia.

"Over the course of the Awards, we have received around 1000 nominations," Ben White, General Manager of Research at Kondinin Group said.

"It has been great to see nominations change over that time and reflect the shifting landscape of Australian agriculture. This year we have modified an existing Award to support this."

"The Award for Excellence in Diversification will now be known as the Award for Excellence in Diversification and Sustainability, identifying the growing appreciation of our role in the sustainability of our land, our farming enterprises, our industry and our communities."

Potential winners of this award will be drawn from finalists in the Australian Farmer of the Year and Young Farmer of the Year categories, as well as nominees selected by Senior Judges as standouts in this field.

Nominations can be completed at farmeroftheyear.com.au. Follow the Awards on social media @ausfarmerawards

Wild Turnip concerns in South Gippsland

THE CURRENT prevalence of Turnip Weed (Rapistrum rugosum) in South Gippsland Shire has been highlighted by a ratepayer who referred to the prolific invasive species by one of its nicknames Wild Turnip.

That is a well-deserved name, with the weed a member of the turnip family and producing a turnip-like smell.

Turnip Weed reduces wheat yields and contaminates grain, with its fibrous stems choking harvesters, and can also taint milk, meat and butter, although it is rarely toxic, HerbiGuide outlines.

Not being a regionally controlled weed, it is not actively controlled by council, a council spokesperson said.

Disappointingly, there won't be tasty turnips popping up along the roadside, although with the sun's recent emergence, the time for roast turnip or soup may have passed for now.

Turnip Weed is present in every state of Australia, with its dense canopy a threat to native plants and grasses.



Sophie Burge and Cameron Tweed wade in water near Deniliquin to save their sheep.

Buy a Bale is back

RECENT flooding across New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia has been declared the most expensive in the nation's history and a natural catastrophe by trusted rural charity, Rural Aid, as the dire consequences to regional communities become more clearly understood.

The flood, which made its way across the three states, including in key agricultural production zones, between September and November has already resulted in more than \$5.5 billion in damages. The true cost, however, is estimated to be significantly higher given farmers may not have been insured for many of the losses incurred and there remains limited information as to the ongoing loss of income thousands of rural businesses will suffer.

In total, more than 130 local government areas (LGAs) have been disaster declared, including 55 of the 79 LGAs in Victoria and 78 of 128 in NSW.

There is now also a growing possibility the

flood event will be protracted and episodic with the Bureau of Meteorology predicting above average rainfall from December to January in many of the already impacted areas.

Rural Aid CEO, John Warlters, said there were immediate concerns for the wellbeing of affected families leading into the Christmas period and a growing feeling the ongoing impact of the flood event had not yet been grasped by policy makers, corporate Australia, and the broader community.

Rural Aid predicts at least a two-year recovery for communities, with the funds required to adequately support farmers and families estimated to be in excess of \$50 million.

This includes immediate assistance with fodder, clean water and cash payments; community activation of Rural Aid's Farm Army of volunteers; and longer-term mental health support from its team of accredited counsellors.

In response to the unfolding disaster the

organisation is relaunching its Buy a Bale fund-raising campaign which was popular during the equally significant recent drought. Rural Aid has already sourced hay for the Central West NSW region and expects much more will be required in the months ahead.

"We've always been overwhelmed by the generosity of Australians in supporting our programs that help farmers in need," Mr Warlters said.

"This particular event poses a unique challenge in that unlike the drought, where some farmers were better prepared or could take steps to manage the impact, this has been sudden and widespread. Additionally, the many years of droughts, floods and fires have left many families at breaking point.

"If you're in a position to do so, please consider making a donation and helping them get back on their feet as they navigate a very difficult journey ahead."

To support Rural Aid or make a donation go to buyabale.com.au

MARKET REPORT

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Bullocks

10 Bass Coast Contracting Pty Ltd	643.5	445.6	2,867
Woolamai	698.3	443.6	3,097
3 Shanahan D Yinnar	634.2	440.0	2,790
6 Missen GE & HJ Winnindoo	743.9	435.0	3,236
14 Landshape Glen Forbes	695.0	433.6	3,013
1 Lee Matthew Stratford	675.0	433.6	2,926
1 Greenwood Ben Wurruk			

Steers

7 Arestia J & M Krowera	431.4	480.0	2,070
1 Lovison B J Newborough	425.0	479.2	2,036
4 Nearhaven Pty Ltd West Creek	333.8	471.6	1,573
2 Overall L & M Waratah	427.5	463.6	1,981
2 Cummaudo GT Mirboo Nth	402.5	463.6	1,865
2 Boag P & B Fish Creek	365.0	460.0	1,679

Heifers

1 Kershaw RH JV & MR	370.0	469.6	1,737
Archies Creek	390.0	457.6	1,784
5 Arestia J & M Krowera	400.0	457.6	1,830
1 Payne J Jeetho	345.0	455.6	1,571
1 Nicholls M & K Toora	440.0	452.6	1,991
2 O'Neill P & K Waratah Nth	445.0	450.0	2,002
1 Lovison B J Newborough			

Cows

1 Trigg D & M Woodleigh	520.0	439.6	2,285
1 Hilliar J Mirboo	545.0	375.0	2,043
1 Radford R & S Calligene	570.0	370.0	2,109
2 Affleck I & D Toongabbie	665.0	363.6	2,417
1 Hengstberger I & R Stony Ck	655.0	363.6	2,381
1 Lloyd J Dumbalk North	670.0	363.6	2,436

Bulls

1 Dixon A (Allan) Loch	980.0	367.6	3,602
1 Radford R & S Calligene	915.0	367.6	3,363
1 Allott NJ & SL Welshpool	685.0	360.0	2,466
1 Bolding D Lance Creek	770.0	351.6	2,707
1 Wilkin A & B2 Boolarra South	840.0	350.0	2,940
1 Hinchfield A Willung South	990.0	350.0	3,465

Vealer Bulls

4 Nearhaven Pty Ltd West Creek	368.8	470.0	1,733
3 Edwards R & J Fish Creek	353.3	350.0	1,236
1 Pascoe RE & MJ Mirboo	360.0	337.6	1,215
1 Brown J&L Loch	450.0	307.6	1,384

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, December 5, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x	\$23 to \$70
Friesian Bulls	\$40 to \$108
Friesian Heifers	\$330 to \$750
Beef Bulls	\$170 to \$450
Beef Heifers	\$120 to \$380
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Number purchased to rear: 50		

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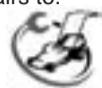
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CHIODO, Angelo:
Passed away suddenly on December 2, 2022, surrounded by his family.
Loved husband of Val (dec.).
Loving Dad of Michael, Karen, and Janine.
Adored Pop to Race, Zane, Kaitlin, and Bryce.
Sadly missed, never forgotten 'Gone Fishing'

DOWDNEY, Diane Joy:
Proud and devoted grandmother to Samantha, Jack, and Sarah. Beloved sister to Leonie, sister-in-law to Elizabeth, and mother-in-law to Sallie, Adam, and Zac.
Loving and caring friend to so many.
We have been so fortunate to have had you enrich our lives for so long. You will be missed but never forgotten because we have so many beautiful memories of you to sustain us in the years ahead.

Rest peacefully now Mum, we can take it from here.
Say hi to Granny June when you catch up with her for a cuppa.
A celebration of mum's life for family and friends will be held early in the new year.
Contact peterdowdney@gmail.com for details.

FORSYTH (nee McSween), Isabel Joan:
11.11.1927 - 07.12.2022.
Passed away peacefully at Woorayl Lodge, aged 95.
Loving mother and mother-in-law of Marg and Graeme, Anne, Kay and Rex, Joy and Wayne, Jim and Loretta.
Treasured Nan to 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Reunited with those she loved.
Sadly missed and forever in our hearts.

RIP Issy.
The family would like to thank the Doctors and Staff for all their wonderful care and support.

The Funeral Service for Isabel took place on Monday, December 12, 2022.

HARDING (nee Thomas), Simone:
17.11.1986 - 02.12.2022.
After a 2 year battle, now finally at peace.
Loved daughter of Jenny, stepdaughter of Brad.
Sister of Raquel, Michael, and Nathan.
Wife of John and mother of Tyla and Sage.

Rest now till we all meet again my love, in the Gardens of Heaven.

McINTOSH, Kevin:

07.06.1924 - 03.12.2022.
My darling Kevin, our love for one another was unique.

72 years married.
I will never forget your loving ways of caring for me.

It's so hard to be without you.

Rest in Peace, God Bless.

Your loving wife, Dorothy x

McINTOSH, Kevin:

Aged 98.
My Beautiful Dad ♥

Your dedication to your faith and family is admired and cherished.

You were always an inspiration with your "never give up" attitude in life.

Your expressions of gratitude and love to me for the care I gave you in your time of need will always be remembered.

Loved forever.

Your youngest daughter, Janene.

Much loved father-in-law to Alan and Pa to Ross and Claire.

McINTOSH, Kevin:

Passed away peacefully on December 3, 2022, aged 98.

Loving father of Brian, father-in-law of Karen, loving pa to grandchildren; Daniel, Matthew and Michelle and their partners; Tracey and Michael.

10 great children and 3 great great grandchildren.

You will be greatly missed and always in our hearts.

McINTOSH, Kevin:
Your pleasures were simple, Your needs were few, If your family was happy, you were too, You gave us love in the fullest measure, Care, devotion, and memories to treasure.

Thank you Dad, for those precious years.

Loving you always -- Lorraine and Steve.

Pa, You will be sorely missed.

You were an incredible person and someone who we admire and aspire to be like.

Thank you for all the wonderful memories.

Your legacy and internal love will live on through our hearts.

Grandparents are extremely special, and we will miss you dearly.

Love, your granddaughters Lauren and Chelsie.

McINTOSH, Kevin Thomas:

Loving father of Barbara, father-in-law of Ian.

Pa to Leah and Nicholas.

Great Pa to Isabella, Bryce, Harrison, and Patrick.

I will miss you greatly, Dad. Now in God's hands.

-- Barbara.

SMEDLEY, Frank:

(Tyabb, Howlong, Inverloch).

Left us peacefully on December 5, 2022.

Aged 90 years.

Loved husband and best friend of Joan.

Loved father of Julie, Leanne, Pete, father-in-law of Peter, John, Helen, stepfather to Leanne, Robert, and Mark.

Grandpa to Paul, Nick, Jack, Henry; Hannah and great grandpa to Sani.

Always in our hearts.

May the winds of love blow softly and whisper for you to hear 'that we will always love you and forever keep you near'

Till we meet again, rest in peace.

SMEDLEY, Frank:
So long Frank, thanks for all the great stories along the way with a glass in hand. 'Cheers Young Man'
-- Nola and family.

VAN HAMOND, Tony:
Passed away peacefully on December 4, 2022.

Aged 56 Years.

Beloved and loving son of Pauline.

Loved brother of Peter and Stephen.

Loved nephew of Stephen Bee.

Loved uncle of Jessie and Andrew.

Loved brother-in-law of Robyn and Deb.

A gentle nature, a heart of gold, these are the memories we will hold.

Loved and remembered every day.

VAN HAMOND, Tony:

Passed away on December 4, 2022.

Aged 56 years.

Loved grandson of Peter and Anna (both dec.), Loved nephew of Mary (dec.), Tony (dec.), Betsie and David, Tina and Des (dec.), and Peter.

Fond cousin of Johnny, Sandra and David, Melissa and Morelle, Samantha and Kylie and families.

A laugh, a joke, a story or two, That's the way we'll remember you.

Now at peace, Sadly missed.

VIVIAN, Norma:

Passed away peacefully on December 10, 2022, with Lorraine by her side.

Loved wife of Leo (dec.). Loved and loving Mum of Lorraine.

Adored Nanny to Alisha and Jackson.

Words are few, thoughts are deep,

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A Private Cremation was held.

VIVIAN, Norma:
10.12.2022.
Much loved sister of Toby and Georgia.

Loved auntie of Tracey and Brian, Lisa and Paul, Kelly and Gary and Trudi and Geoff and their families.

Sadly missed and forever in our hearts.

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VAN HAMOND:
Funeral Prayers for Tony will be offered at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 6 Guys Road, Korumburra on Thursday, December 15, 2022, commencing at 11am.

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VIVIAN:
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BOOTH, Shirley:
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Banfields Aged Care is inviting volunteers to become a part of the 'Lifestyle Teams Innovated Program' which is planned to enhance the residents' lifestyle.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Carols By The Bay at Cowes

POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Due to the weather.
(Not Tuesday, Dec. 13 as advertised).

Children's activities from 5.30pm. Carols, music, and Christmas fun followed by fireworks display.

Organised by Island Voice, sponsored by Bendigo Bank, Bowens Hardware, Phillip Island RSL, Westernport Water and Bass Coast Shire Council

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".



Cape Woolamai teacher and author Grace Elizabeth Elkins won the short section.



Lucinda Bain has won the 2022 Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction with *The Prom*.

Prom inspires prize-winning work

LUCINDA Bain has won the 2022 Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction with *The Prom*, a personal interrogation of her own place in nature in the midst of a climate emergency.

Lucinda, who wins \$5000 for her essay, showed the value of perseverance after a third equal placing in the 2020 prize and an unsuccessful entry last year.

The judges said of *The Prom*: "Lyrical writing, tying past, present and future: the acknowledgement of the past, the fear and beauty of the present, the ever-diminishing hope for the future. It feels slightly bleak, yet ends on a hopeful, simple (yet profound) fact..."

"Fantastic interrogation of the complexities of living under a constant and imminent existential threat in the context of privileged albeit sometimes mundane modern living."

Lucinda, who is based in Eltham but has strong Gippsland connections, is currently working on a collection of essays exploring concepts of motherhood and climate change.

With \$10,000 in prize money, the Bass Coast Prize is one of the richest prizes for short non-fiction in Australia. It's also one of the few regional prizes, with entry open to writers living in Gippsland or who have a strong link to the region.

The 26 entries came from all parts of Gippsland, 15 were by women and 11 by

men, and the writers ranged from the late teens to the late 80s.

Bass Coast Shire Council, the West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation and ArtSpace Wonthaggi sponsored this year's prizes.

This is the fourth year of the competition and the first time it has included a section for shorter works between 2000 and 4000 words.

Grace Elizabeth Elkins, a Cape Woolamai writer and teacher, won the short section with *She and I* (and truth and fiction), an intriguing exploration of the way an adolescent illness has informed personal perspective and memory.

Jim Connelly, a retired teacher and church minister living in Warragul, was second with *One Morning, on the Way to School*, a rollicking snapshot of the daily school bus ride from Garfield to Warragul in the 1940s.

Cape Paterson author and publisher Kit Fennessy was third with *Sands of Time*, a witty slice of memoir that seamlessly weaves together metaphysics, geology, history and Jimmy Hendrix.

The prize-winning entries are published in the Bass Coast Post: basscoastpost.com/bass-coast-prize1.html

All entrants will be invited to celebrate with the prize winners at a gathering in late January or early February.

COAST BANKSIA AND WETLAND WALK



New signs depicting the significant wildlife around Coronet Bay have been installed along the Coastal banksia and wetland pathway at Norsemen's Road.

Coronet Bay's wildlife in the limelight

THE Coronet Bay Ratepayers' and Residents' Committee is excited to announce that the signs depicting wildlife and indigenous birds were installed earlier this month.

The signs are to be found along the Coastal Banksia and Wetland pathway at Norsemen's Road, Coronet Bay.

Two of the signs are showing a selection of fauna and birds that live around the small lake and coastal vegetation.

The third sign is an "Acknowledgement of Country".

The fauna depicted was informed by the Fauna Survey undertaken in 2021, and the birds are a selection of many sighted and documented along this section of track by Birdlife Bass member, Dallas Wyatt.

Chris Petrie is responsible for the superb graphics.

The signs were instigated by a sub-committee, who successfully sourced a grant from Bass Coast Shire Council in 2021.

This grant also included finding a name for the "un-named lake".

The lake was historically a freshwater spring and is mentioned on maps from 1826 when Corinella was a settlement for a short time.

"Wang toolome parnung" is the name that has been given by the Bunurong Elders.

"Duck waterhole" is the translation.

The newly installed signs have been received positively by community members this week.

The interactive QR code on the signs will be an opportunity to access links of items of interest, local school environmental projects and more.

Linda Nicholls and Angela Christa are members of the sub-committee, and both agree the vision for the signs is to highlight the importance of the habitat that exists for native animals and birds along this coast Banksia wetland track.

A significant find when the Fauna Survey was undertaken is the important habitat around the lake for the "vulnerable to extinction" species - the Australian marsupial - the Swamp Antechinus.

The male Swamp Antechinus' live for only a year.

A "Naming Day" for the newly named lake will be held Sunday, March 12, 2023 with a Smoking Ceremony and the opportunity for all to participate in indigenous planting.



An evening for the kids, some festive mums couldn't miss their opportunity for a photo with Santa after the gifts were dropped off.

Santa swaps reindeer for fire truck

IT HAS been over 50 years since Wonthaggi Fire Brigade kicked off their first annual Santa Run in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi.

And whilst the pandemic may have changed the format, this year marks the first step back to pre-pandemic times with home visits.

"It started in 1970 - I remember my brother was five/six months old," firefighter, Peter Dell recalled.

"One of the first Santa's was Ron Gilmour (from Rotary). Others rotary members involved early on included John Owens and Harold Milkins."

With fond memories of a childhood filled with Santa visits by the local CFA and Rotary Club every Christmas, and lifetime of service at the local brigade, Peter has seen the run grow from one truck to multiple trucks.

"I noticed about 10 years ago numbers started getting lower and lower and then we had another surge. Now the kids are the kids that were getting presents years ago - it's gone in a cycle."

Fellow firefighter and Santa run coordinator; Andrew McCormick has also seen the changes over the years coming from a fellow local dynastic firefighting family.

"Due to COVID we had to go at it alone, because we were unable to have external organisations involved - it's good to have Rotary back on board," Andrew said.

"It's normally quite a busy night - prior to COVID we were delivering 650 presents, this year we expect to exceed it. With the expanding population in the area, we are starting a little bit earlier this year at 2pm."

With final restrictions still in place for trucks, Brigade Members will be donning the suits and helper hats with the hope Rotary will be back on-board trucks next year.

All funds raised are used for equipment purchasing to further support our community.

The public may also spot Santa this week in our vehicles, as we visit kinders around Wonthaggi helping spread Christmas cheer; and we will be at the Carols on Sunday with a very special guest on board."

There is still time to drop off gifts with dates for this Wednesday, Saturday, Monday and following Wednesday. For drop off times visit the Wonthaggi CFA Facebook page.

"Please make sure the gifts are clearly named and enter via the solid gates to the side of the station."

This year also marks the first year Dalyston are separating and celebrating with their own Santa run.

The brigade continues to be operational during this time and would like to remind the public to ensure they are across the new fire safety ratings, and their addresses are clearly marked ahead of the summer fire season.

Strong stance on tackling gender-based violence

BASS COAST Shire was proud to join colleagues across Gippsland to mark 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

The annual event begins on November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, ending on December 10, International Human Rights Day.

Supported by the United Nations globally through the Secretary General's UNiTE by 2030 to End Violence against Women initiative, locally Bass Coast Shire joined Let's Chat Gippsland, a community campaign addressing the distinct issues in the area.

Violence against women and girls remains the most pervasive human rights violation worldwide.

Already heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic, its prevalence is now further increased by the intersecting crises of climate change, global conflict and



Rachel Sands, Erin Smrk, Hannah Eisen, Emma Sorensen, Emily Harris, Jodi Kennedy at the launch of 16 Days of Activism.

economic instability.

"Our gender-based violence levels are 25 per cent above the state average: that's not acceptable," said Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr. Michael Whelan.

"Women and girls have the right to be safe in our community. These 16 Days of Activism

will really focus us on that, to guide what we do throughout the year."

"Violence against women can be prevented - the tools and the knowledge to do so already exist," added Bass Coast Shire CEO, Ali Wastie.

"The first step is having difficult but vital conversations

about this issue and what we can do. The big focus of Let's Chat Gippsland is to start those discussions. We must call out behaviours that are unacceptable, whether in our workplace, our community, or the family home."

To enable action, Bass Coast Shire is fortunate to be successful recipients of Victorian State Government Free From Violence Local Government Program funding.

This program will set the primary prevention actions for our organisation over the next 3 years.

The shire now has a dedicated Project Officer, who will drive the program with the first 12 months focussing on building capacity of their team members through training and development initiatives, partnering with other local organisations and service providers, and building our communications in the prevention space.

Let's Chat, Gippsland to raise awareness

FORTY-NINE partner organisations came together for the campaign across Gippsland, with Gippsland Women's Health the lead organiser.

Stepping out in orange thousands of people have united across Victoria the past 16 days to raise awareness and walk in solidarity with victim survivors of domestic and family violence and pay their respects to those who lost their lives.

On Wednesday, Leongatha stepped out.

"Our community is a fantastic place to live but sadly it's not a safe place for everybody and days like today are about us as leaders and members of our community standing up and saying that we want to change that," South Gippsland Shire Council CEO, Kerryn Ellis said.

An annual international initiative by the United Nations, individuals and organisations around the world were encouraged to raise awareness and take action to put a stop to violence against women and girls.

"It's not just during these 16 days - it's something that we need to be taking a stand against every single day," Le-



Sixteen members from Leongatha Salvation Army joined forces and walked in solidarity to raise awareness and pay their respects. A8733_5022

ongatha Corps Officer Amanda Hart of The Salvation Army said.

"At the Salvation Army we have family violence services available, as well as the Orange Door on site.

"We were at (the Walk) to get the word out there. The more that we have the conversation, and the more that we get the word out there about the impact of family violence on individuals, families and communities, the more we can take a stand against it, and others will take a stand against it."

Councillors, The Salvation Army and the public came together as they headed off from the Memorial Hall just after

2.30pm.

In the last quarter, police have noted a rising trend in family violence cases and family violence assaults across the Bass Coast Police Service Area (PSA).

"Across Bass Coast PSA unfortunately we are still seeing quite serious family violence offending occurring," Senior Sergeant Brad Steer explained.

"It is still our number one priority for the organisation and is particularly concerning moving into the festive season where we see more people consuming alcohol and substances, and unfortunately these substances are a reinforcing factor of family violence."

Police are urging individuals experiencing relationship concerns including financial control, coercive control (a pattern of abusive behaviours perpetrators use to control, manipulate and dominate), threatening or abusive behaviours to reach out early to support services before it escalates.

"Speak up, it is never too late to report an assault," Bass Coast Acting Senior Sergeant, Scott Morison added.

"We're here to help. Services are available to support people in difficult situations and we have procedures in place to assist."

The Salvation Army Leongatha's family violence services can be accessed Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm on 5662 6400.

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 000.

If you need help or advice, call 1800Respect on 1800 737 732, Safe Steps 1800 015 188, Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault on 1800 737 732 or Men's Referral Service on 1300 766 491.

You can chat online 24/7 at 1800respect.org.au.

Future development concerns raised in Foster

WHILE Christmas shopping was the top priority for many at Foster's Prom Produce and Craft Market, others focused on discussing potential future development in the town and its surrounds, and how it might affect them.

South Gippsland Shire Councillors and staff were on hand to chat about the contents of the Foster Structure Plan Review Discussion Paper, learning about aspects that please or concern community members.

The current community consultation phase is intended to inform those creating the draft version of the new Foster Structure Plan, scheduled to be released in March 2023.

Foster locals Steve and Brigid

Clarke are concerned by the prospect their Fullers Road property will be impacted by the proposed expansion of the town's industrial zone.

The passionate gardeners are happy with their current situation, living approximately 150-200 metres away from the industrial zone, but are concerned about becoming encircled by industry in future.

They say that when purchasing their property in 2013, they were led to believe it would remain classified as farm zone, so were not concerned about potential industrial expansion.

"That was part of the appeal of the property," Steve said.

Brigid added that a rural lifestyle is important to them.

"If we expand the industrial area, it will take away from Foster's quaint charm," she said.

Steve and Brigid were not reassured at Sunday's consultation session, being advised that the earmarked industrial expansion is favoured at this stage.

They are sure to follow the recommendation to lodge a submission expressing their concerns.

Another local, 'Pixie' Jones also arrived at the council stand with concerns, but left feeling reassured.

She was worried by the fact her property falls in a section of map shown in the discussion paper as being designated Rural Living Expansion, fearing her property may be subject to

large-scale development.

Pixie said she was reassured to hear land in the Rural Living Expansion area has been deemed unsuitable for large-scale development.

Mayor Nathan Hersey joined the conversation, confirming land in the Rural Living Expansion area would be suited to low-density development at most.

He noted a consistent theme has emerged in discussions about Foster's future.

Public engagement on the Foster Structure Plan Review Discussion Paper runs until December 23 this year.

Those wanting to have their say are encouraged to do so online through council's 'Your Say' page.



Paul Michael and Rosa James
were the recent Leongatha men's
and ladies club champions.



Korumburra's Joanna Lomagno and Lena Harfield.



Inverloch Bowling Club Social Bowls winners Diane Hallas, Bill Selby, Rob Howard and Bryan Hensley.



Wonthaggi Turkey Triples winners Ken Webb, Frank Cimino, Allan Jordan.

INVERLOCH

CORPORATE Bowls once again a great experience for all concerned.

We were treated to some great bowling from both our seasoned teams. Winners on the night were Bowling Stones with a massive plus 29 lead, followed by Runners Up, The Yacht Club on a terrific plus 18.

Social Bowls

There will be no Social Bowls on December 22, due to a function that is booked at the club. Thursday's Social Bowls saw 20 brave bowlers take on the windy, cool elements. There were 2 teams of four and four team of triples. All teams played two games of ten ends.

There were two teams that won two games. The Runners Up on 2 wins and 33 points were Nic Van Grunsven (skip), Dianne Selby and Judy Caughey. The winners on the day on 2 wins and 33 points, consisted of Bill Selby (skip), Rob Howard, Bryan Hensley and Diane Hallas.

Summer Bowls Program

The Summer Bowls Program for community members and tourists starts on December 28, and runs through until January 7. There is no program on New Year's Day. Club members should check their roster to see when they are assisting with this great program.

Pennant Results

Midweek Pennant Division 1 Inverloch 72 defeated Leongatha 50. Ladder position second. Division 2 Inverloch 62 defeated Mirboo North 53. Ladder position third. Division 3 Inverloch 30 defeated by Leongatha 14. Ladder position fifth.

KORUMBURRA

WE had monthly triples on Monday with 20 teams playing in very inclement weather.

Winners on the day were the Inverloch team of Laurie Gabel, Steve Snelling and Gavin Butler.

Runners up were the Leongatha team of Bruce Douglas, Hoopy Deenan and Les Wilson, with best game going to the Wonthaggi team of Scott Miller, George Pargett and Tony Marotta.

Our thanks to Sponsor Audino First National.

In midweek pennant Division one hosted foster with the only bright light being Jo Lomagno, who got up 19 to 17 Judith Nicholl lost 16 shots to 18, whilst Jenny McVeigh went down 13 shots to 22.

In division 3 we hosted Port Welshpool, alas Katrina Evans went down 10 shots to 22 while Cheryl Moore went down 17 shots to 26.

Saturday pennant saw division travelling to Wonthaggi all to no avail.

Rob Cossen went down 24 shots to 11.

Col Underwood went down 21 shots to 17, while Keith March lost 23 shots to 17.

In division 2, we hosted Wonthaggi Les Eastman got up 24 shots to 19.

Rob Sund got up 22 shots to 20 while Graeme Freestone went down 23 shots to 18 an overall 2 shot win.

In division 4 Alan Cherrett was the only winner winning 22 shots to 9 Peter Horsfield went down 11 shots to 26 while Jo Lomagno went down 15 shots to 21.

Sunday saw the finals of the club singles with Jo Lomagno playing Lena Harfield, with Jo coming out victor in the ladies 26 shots to 17.

And in the men's section Col Underwood played Rob Cossen with Rob winning 25 shots to 18 well done to all parties making the finals.

LEONGATHA

ROUND 7 of the Midweek competition commenced on December 6, with Leongatha playing Inverloch in Div 1 and Div 3.

The Inverloch team in the Div 1 game were too good for their opposition winning 72/50 shots.

Conversely the Leongatha team were the superior combatants in the Div 3 game with a score of 44/30 shots.

Individual rink scores in the Div 1 game were as follows: Inverloch skipper Lorraine Dowson defeated Rosa James Leongatha Skip 37/16. Carol Hughes Inverloch Skipper was defeated by Susan Symons Leongatha Skip 26/14. Janis Parks Inverloch Skipper defeated Carol Harry Leongatha Skip 21/8.

Individual rink Scores in the Division 3 game were as follows: Veronica Muir Inverloch Skip defeated Karen Fidler Inverloch Skip 18/16. Inverloch Skip Laurel Lee was defeated by Susan Wakefield Leongatha Skip 12/28 shots.

The Club Championships were staged on the 4th December and the Singles Champions for this year are Rosa James and Paul Michael.

A once popular event being the Medley Triples Day sponsored proudly by Hayden's Glass, managed to proceed with a disappointing attendance of 14 teams.

The winners of the event were Daryl Major, Polly Major and Lorraine Dowson with a score of 4 wins plus 27 shots and the Runners/up were Wayne Parks, Robyn Dennis & Janis Parks with a score of 3 wins plus 8 shots.

Round 8 of the Saturday Pennant competition commenced on Saturday 10. The Div 1 Leongatha team travelled to Corinella and were rewarded with a victory over their opposition 77/43 shots. Individual rink scores were as follows: Antony Collier Leongatha Skip defeated Daryl Cartmel Corinella Skip 23/9. Jenny Miller Leongatha Skip defeated Ian Mollison Corinella Skip 29/17. Paul Michael Leongatha Skip defeated Craig Brown Corinella Skip 25/17.

The Div 2 Leongatha team were at home to San Remo and recorded a win 67/51 shots supported by the onlookers. Individual Rink scores were as follows: Wayne Walker Leongatha Skip defeated Mark Andreatta San Remo Skip 27/20. Jeff Pendegast Leongatha Skip defeated Peter Gratton 24/16. Les Wilson Leongatha Skip snuck over the line with a 16/15 victory against Barry McGowan San Remo Skip.

The Div 3 team were at home to Foster and recorded a unpleasant loss which is becoming difficult to accept when Leongatha does not have the cattle to be competitive in Division 3. Individual rink scores were as follows: Ian Park Foster Skip had a close win against Lynne McIntrye Leongatha Skip 19/17. Mark Taylor Foster Skip defeated Karen Fidler Leongatha Skip 23/16.

Jenny Roffey Foster Skip defeated Allan Rayson Leongatha Skip 21/14 shots.

The Monthly Triples event is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, so please submit your entry.

MIDWEEK

LAST week was cut short by the inclement weather.

The morning session went quite well with some great bowling on the new green.

Winners on 16 points were:

John Nicholson (S), Terry Floyd (3), Bill Williams (2), Tony Morris (L)

Runners Up for the day on 13 points were:

Michael Dady (S), David Talbot (3), Sue Wright (2), Phil Wright (L)

No Best One Game, but we hope to have it back next week.

Next week will be our final game for the year so we are hoping to have a full house of our members.

So keep next Thursday free for our end of year match.

Meanwhile thank you to Phil for welcoming us to Corinella and for looking after the bar.

See everyone next week at San Remo at 10AM.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER busy week at the club with Mid Week Pennant on Tuesday.

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, which still gets a point at the end of the day.

Wonthaggi are doing well, being on top of the ladder. The final scores Wonthaggi 73 Corinella 59.

Div 2 also at home played host to Tarwin at home and were looking to continue their winning form.

Mixed results from the three rinks with one having a draw, the other having a good win, and the other not having a good day. The final scores Wonthaggi 52 Tarwin 69, which is good enough to be in 2nd place on the ladder.

Bare foot bowls on Tuesday night went well, even if the weather was a little cool.

Wednesday Turkey Triples saw a good number of teams fill both greens on a fine but cool day. Once again we presented

an encouragement award being a Wonthaggi Club cap each. This month the caps were won by Robyn and Andy Dennis and John Kappler.

The best game overall was won by a team from Phillip Island being Kevin Brown, Peter Forrest and John Newcombe with a score of plus 17 shots. The runners up were Toney Toler, Bryan Donohue and Fred Kellow, from Wonthaggi, with a score of 3 wins and a draw.

Only one team won all four games that being another team from Wonthaggi. That team was Ken Webb, Frank Cimino and Allan Jordan with a score of 4 wins and plus 41 shots.

Thursday social bowls once again went well with good numbers each week. Saturday Pennant produced a mixed result with two wins and two losses.

Div 1 played host to Korumburra at home and were looking to keep their season on track with another win.

All three rinks played well to record wins, even with three new bowlers into the mix. The final scores Wonthaggi 68 Korumburra 45. Div 2 travelled to Korumburra looking for a win to keep their season on track. Korumburra had other plans and played very well to win two rinks. Wonthaggi won one rink and a narrow loss on another.

The final scores Wonthaggi 62 Korumburra 64.

Div 3 travelled to Mirboo North with a win in mind, even with a few team changes.

Once again the spirit of Wonthaggi was on show with one team having a win, another having a draw, and the other going down in a close game. The final scores Wonthaggi 51 Mirboo North 54.

Div 4 played host to Loch at home and went about their business with two rinks having good wins with the other having a narrow loss to keep their season on track. The final scores Wonthaggi 63 Loch 47.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Pennant, Tuesday night Bare Foot bowls, Wednesday social bowls at 1.00pm, Thursday social bowls at 10.00 am, Friday coaching at 10.00am and Saturday Pennant.

TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Coves +28, Inverloch +30, Newhaven +1.03, Corinella +1.08, Port Welshpool +1.28, Tarwin Lower jetty +3 hours.

TUESDAY
December 13

4.18am	1.63m
9.58am	0.64m
3.56pm	1.37m
9.59pm	0.30m

WEDNESDAY
December 14

4.51am	1.60m
10.33am	0.63m
4.33pm	1.35m
10.31pm	0.35m

THURSDAY
December 15

5.23am	1.57m
11.09am	0.61m
5.13pm	1.32m
11.02pm	0.41m

FRIDAY
December 16

5.57am	1.53m
11.44am	0.60m
5.54pm	1.29m
11.35pm	0.48m

SATURDAY
December 17

6.31am	1.48m
12.19pm	0.58m
6.41pm	1.26m

SUNDAY
December 18

12.13am	0.56m
7.09am	1.44m
12.57pm	0.55m
7.37pm	1.25m

MONDAY
December 19

12.58am	0.65m
7.49am	1.39m
1.40pm	0.51m
8.44pm	1.27m

Email us your fishing photos
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Foster ladies Elisa Nudelman, Beth Curram and Barb Warren.

FOSTER

Ladies

IT was good to see a reasonable field for December's monthly medal and the Star Medalist play off.

Congratulations to Elisa Nudelman on winning the Star Medalist for 2022.

Elisa also won the monthly medal with 101-32-69 and a nearest the pin on the 17th.

Beth Curram winner A Grade with a solid 96-24-74.

Barb Warren took out the A grade scratch with 90, and Elisa Nudelman B Grade with 101.

Beth Curram won the putting (29).

BDTL: B Warren (16) 74 and Susan Anderson (38) 74.

Thank you to Carmen Thompson who was our trophy donor for the day.

Well done to the three teams who travelled to Welshpool on Friday, always enjoyable and hospitable.

Rae Knee raffle winner.

Next week we start our summer comp, as per club notes.

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS Last Week: men's competition.

Tuesday, December 6
Greens were cored Monday.
Stableford (9 Players)
Winner: Steve McNamara (21)
33 Points

Thursday, December 8
Stableford (4 Players)
Winner: Mick Belvedere (18)
33 Points C/B

NTPs: 1st Brian Clasby, 7th
Peter Johnson, and 13th Peter
Johnson

Saturday, December 10
Monthly Medal (49 Players)
Sponsor: Peter Van Agtmael
A Grade: Billy Wrigley (12) 38
Points

B Grade: Dozer Skewes (29)
40 Points

NTPs: 1st Greg Wilson, 7th Barry
Kerr, and 13th Greg Jones.

Ladies

THE greens were out of play last Wednesday due to coring and sanding so every player was allocated two putts once on the green or could choose to putt.

With increased run on the fairways, there were some great scores recorded.

Sherrin Solly (25) won A Grade with a lovely 37 pts and Johanna van den Heiligenberg (11) was runner-up with 36 pts.

Jennie Loughnan (52) had a fantastic 46 pts to win B Grade, as did runner-up, Trudy Olden (41), with 44 pts.

BDTL went to Jenny Blackmore (32), 41 pts, Viv Enbom (32), 39 pts and Dianne Maskell (40), 38 pts. Marg Harper (41)

continued her good form with 23 pts on the Back Nine.

Kath Welsh (31) was runner-up, 19 pts, after a c/b with Lynne Schwennesen (53). NTP went to Merrissa Cossen, 7th, Shelley Snooks, 10th and Johanna on the 13th.

Thursday Twilight comp was played in wet and cold conditions, hats off to all who braved the weather. Winning with 22pts was Don and Trudy Olden, ntp on the 13th green was Dave Sorrell.

Friday, we had a team of three women play at Welshpool. A big congrats to Julie Hillberg winning A Grade, well done!

Saturday the sun was shining for our Stableford game.

Dianne Maskell (40) had a fabulous round with 40pts. Trudi Mantell(32) was R/Up with 36pts and a BDTL went to Trudy Olden(41) 35pts. NTPs, 1st Trudy Olden and 13th Dianne.

LANG LANG

IT'S beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Lang Lang, with the lead up jam packed with competitions and of course our big event next Friday, December 16.

Over the next two weeks, we have daily competitions and it's always a great time to be able to catch up with fellow members and guests at the Clubhouse.

If you haven't booked in for Friday's social event, please do so ASAP to assist with catering requirements.

Bookings available through the timesheet or via the Clubhouse.

Results for the week as follows:

Tuesday Stroke
Guy Jones took out the prize with a Net score of 66, coming in second was Dave Austin with Net 68.

Ball rundown to 70.
Nearest the pin:

5th Peter Sellers
9th Guy Jones
12th Ian Stewart
15th Gary Jollands

Wednesday Ladies Stableford Comp

Heather Payne won the ladies comp with a score of 39 points, with runner up Kirra Moon-Curry with 36 points.

Ball rundown to 34 points.
NTP: 9th Maria Warburton
12th Kerrie Davey

Thursdays Stableford/4BBB competition attracted a big field and the weather behaved itself for the most part. Stableford winner was Brian Tollkuhn with 38 points by countback to Noel Marsland. 4BBB winners were Russell Swan and Noel Marsland with a score of 46 points.

Ball rundown to 35 points
Nearest the pin:

5th - Laurie Burgess
9th - Ray Dalrymple
12th - Stuart Powell

15th - Laurie Burgess

Saturday's Stableford competition saw players blessed with perfect conditions, with a blue sky and the temperature in the mid 20's. The fantastic conditions lead to some great scores making for some very worthy winners. Dale Gude will remember the day well, with a hole in one on the 15th, his third ever. Congratulations Dale, what an achievement.

Division 1: Richard Briggs 40 points (by countback), Theo Vassiliadis (Eastwood GC)

Division 2: Brock Mottram 42 points (countback) David Hayes

Division 3: Nicole Ellen 45 points, Heather Payne 42 points
Ball rundown to 36 points.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY 4BBB Stableford December 6.

On Tuesday we had 64 members/guests play in the Four-Ball Best Ball Round.

A-Grade Winners: Cameron Harwood & Anthony Hunt with a score of 49 points

A-Grade Runners-Up: Leo Be Bondt & Fred De Bondt with a score of 47 points

14th NTP: Michael Snoxell with 1.3m

16th NTP: Ken Smirk with 4.9m

Thursday Whisky Day Stableford December 8.

On Thursday we had 84 members/guests play in the Whisky Day Stableford event. The course is in fantastic condition with high scoring in all grades.

An excellent result from the LGC Club Professional Tyler Marotti scoring 42 points off a handicap of 2, with an eagle on the 2nd hole.

Highlight also from Ethen Lamers with an eagle on the 3rd hole.

A-Grade Winner: Tyler Marotti with 42 points

A-Grade Runner-Up: Gordon Morrison with 39 points on a countback

B-Grade Winner: Garry Rotteveel with 41 points

B-Grade Runner-Up: Ron Findlay McGrath with 38 points

C-Grade Winner: Steven Smith with 43 points

C-Grade Runner-Up: Rene Zeller with 40 points on a countback

14th NTP: Norman Hughes with .73m

16th NTP: Ashleigh Hutton with 3.00m

Saturday Vern Pease Ambrose Four's December 10.

On Saturday we had an excellent field of 120 members/guests playing in the Vern Pease Ambrose Four's round.

Thank you to the Pease family for their generous sponsorship of this event.

Overall Winners:

1: Rodney Hopcraft/Mark Lafferty/Luis Castagna/Craig Hams with a score of 52.25

2: Daniel Jolley/Steve Fisher/Bloke Harry/Paul Deery with a score of 53.25

3: Chris Indian/Nicholas Byrne/Nicole Whiteside/Dean Kellett with a score of 55 on a countback

14th NTP: Tony Morganti with 12cm

16th NTP: Jon Smith with 68cm.

Ladies

THIRTY women competed in the December Monthly Medal last week. This event is run over 2 separate days, Saturday and Wednesday, to allow working women and Country members to compete for a Medal.

The December Monthly Medal winner, with a nett score of 68

was Joy O'Sullivan, defeating Saturday player Wendy Parker by one shot. Joy also won the B Grade event. Ashleigh Hutton won A Grade with 71 nett. Runners up in each grade were Dot Stubbs 71 nett and Bronwyn Debenham.

Winners of balls down the line were: Maxine Eabry and Marea Maher 73 nett, Nan Meagher and Helen Mackenzie 74, Lianne Adamson and Marg Griffiths 75, Anne Gibson and Delia Perry 76, Trish Owen and Neryl Hopcraft 77, Karen Murchie 78 and Michelle Roberts 79.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was Diana Holmberg and Ashleigh Hutton on the 14th.

One of our newer players, Paula Cross had 20 points in the 9 hole competition. An excellent score. Chris Lay, Lesley Renwick and Pat Pease all scored well to earn a ball down the line.

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Ladies

ON WEDNESDAY December 7, in beautiful weather we played stroke for the December Medal and the Star Medallist for 2022.

We played the front nine twice, as the back nine was under major turf renovations.

Our Star Medallist for 2022 was Dot Christie (10) with 74 nett.

Dot was also the winner of the December medal with 74nett on C/B from Sue Hoskin (24) 74 nett.

DLB Sue Hoskin 74nett and Faye LePage (20)77nett.

Winner of the stableford event for handicaps of 36 and over was a new player Louise Vuillerm (54) with 30 pts. Well done Louise. Thanks to the sponsor of the day Sheila Constantine.

Next week is our Xmas break-up at Mirboo North G.C. Be there 9.00am for 9.30am Hit-off.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, December 8, Stableford.

Day Winner: M Payne (11) 33pts
DTL: N Whichello 32, S Beitz 30 c/b.

NTP: 6th J Kus, 16th R Pentland.

Birdies: 6th J Kus, J Hughes.

Saturday, December 10, Stableford.

A Grade: R Matthews (10) 35pts
B Grade: J Kus (18) 38 pts
DTL: M Richter 36, R Pentland 34, S Mills, M Payne 33 c/b,

NTP: 4th J Smeriglio, 6th W Reynolds, 13th B Bradshaw, 16th S Mc Innes.

Birdies: 4th, J Smeriglio, 6th, J Hughes, P Draper, 16th S Mc Innes.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results December 10, S.R 71

Competition type: Stableford.

A Grade: Steven Brann 43

B Grade: Ross Lovett 43

C Grade: Warwick Judkins 45

NTPs: Doug Putt 2nd, Steve Brann 4th, Mat Johnson propin 8th, Mick Bourke 13th.

Craig Harvey money hole 17th.

Men's results December 8.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole. SR. 71

Winner: Jonathan Wade 34

Ball Sweep: Andrew Hooten-Shandley 33, Peter Mag-nussen 33, Rod Walker 31.

Men's results December 8.

Competition type: Stableford 9 hole 10 to 18, SR. 36

Winner: Paul Cornelis 21.

Ball sweep: Andrew Hooten-Shandley 20, Jim McEachern 19, Keith Ridout 18 and Alan Anstey 17.

Ladies

LAST week was a stroke day to find the winner of the Star Medallist for 2022.

We had 23 players enjoying a kind warm day and a couple of our girls took advantage to return great scores which will be scrutinized by the Handicapping system.

Merryn Dear was vying for the Star Medal and was the runaway winner of that plus A Grade, with a lovely 86 (17) 69 net.

B Grade winner was Robyn Wilkinson 104(27) 77 net, while C Grade winner was also a runaway for Simone Lindsay 114(45)69 net.

The only NTP claimed was the 17th Catherine Bolding.

BDL Catherine Bolding 74, Lisa Brusamarello 76, Marg Johnson 76, Marg Ryan 76, Heather Wintle 76, Leesa Will-mot 78, Irene Walsh 78 C/b.

Mirboo North's Sporting Gems

By Rover

WHEN Mirboo North's former five-time senior premiership winning full-forward, Tim Traill, recently became Mirboo North Golf Club's 2022 club champion, it pricked up the ears of eager trivia buffs.

In winning his first MNGC championship with a closing round of 74, Traill joined Bert Bright and the late Barry McCullin as a Mirboo North senior premiership footballer and local golf club champion.

Bright played in Mirboo North's 1956 Mid Gippsland Football League premiership side against Dumbalk, before winning three successive MNGC championships between 1966 and 1968.

McCartin's South Gippsland Football League premiership was against Wonthaggi in 1966 and his seven MNGC championship titles were spread across 17 years from 1959 to 1975. Compared to the scarce combination of senior football flags and golf championship victories, senior footy and A Grade cricket premierships at Mirboo North are more frequent.

Since 1956, there have been 14 players who have completed the double, where Mirboo North has secured nine senior footy and the same number of A Grade cricket premierships.

They are Alan 'Pud' Snell, Ron Mullins, Ken Robinson, Bert Bright, Anthony Prowse, Bryan Waugh, Shane Peters, Josh Taylor, Dale Banks, Steven Rogers, Damien Turner, Jacob Blair, Hudson Kerr and Mitchell Wightman (12th man). Of the hundreds of footballers, cricketers and golfers in Mirboo North's sporting history, only Bert Bright has played in a senior football and A Grade cricket premiership team and also won a local golf club championship.

But Mirboo North's footballers' sporting achievements don't end there.

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Phillip Island Bridge Club results

MONDAY, December 5, was the second session for Club teams. The winning team were Bron Sund, Ann Green, Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman. In second place were Don and Trish Stewart-Uden, Jill Short and Graham McKergow. Greg Nicholson, Deb Anglim, Lois Dwyer and Anne Gibson finished third.

Overall results for the event were Bron Sund, Ann Green, Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman in first place, Greg Nicholson, Deb Anglim, Lois Dwyer and Anne Gibson second, and Don and Trish Stewart-Uden, Jill Short and Graham McKergow in third place.

Wednesday, December 7, was a fun individual Christmas event. Everyone brought a plate and shared a lovely lunch and of course played bridge. Jim Murphy won the day on a healthy 66.25%. Bron Sund tied with Paul Waylen to finish second on 56.25%. Caroline Shaw took third place on 55.42%.

Our dear friend Trish Stewart-Uden is currently in hospital. On behalf of all members we send her best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Leongatha Small Bore Rifle Club results

Leongatha Small Bore Rifle Club 50m Prone Pennant - Section F Results

Round 10:
Leongatha A 724.025 (Bye)
Sale B 737.026 defeated Leongatha B 720.025

Leongatha (B): 250.019 Kenneth Hart, 237.004 Cameron Davidson, 233.002 William Ross and 232.003 Allan Ross.

Congratulations on Ken's 250 with 19 perfect tens of 25 tens and congratulations on Leongatha A winning section F

Ladder: 40 Leongatha A, 28 Sale B, 24 Frankston C, 20 Leongatha B and 8 Mornington.

We shoot Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the recreation reserve. Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 5664 2358.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

THIS week many people may have noticed the parkrun display at the Community Expo or seen the friendly faces sipping coffee at Jimmy Jambs after the weekly parkrun event.

Having parkrun in town means we are forever blessed with meeting new faces, who travel into the area to complete the Grand Ridge Rail Trail event.

This week we had participants from Koo Wee Rup and Inverloch, with a total number of 17 people crossing the finish line.

We also welcomed one new face, Alan Mackenzie, who came well prepared with a smile and barcode.

Anyone can walk, run or cheer as a volunteer every Saturday.

You can sign up at parkrun.com.au, it is free and an excellent use of a Saturday morning during the school holidays.



From left, GCA President Joy Davis, Lorraine Gutcher and referee Tom Lacey, with winning teams Traralgon in the green and Warragul in red.

Wonthaggi hosts final tournament for 2022

THE LAST of the tournaments to be held in the Gippsland Region for 2022 was held at Drouin on the December 3-4.

It was a level play Golf Croquet event with three members from the Wonthaggi club taking part. Tom Lacey competed in section one winning two of his games with the section being won by

Julie Beasley, from Warragul, with 6 games and net 16 hoops.

Section two had three competitors finishing with 5 wins and net 10 hoops including our own Neil Warburton. Unfortunately, on a count back, he finished third. Virginia Wheeler also competed in this section finishing with 2 wins.

The final of the pennant

season between West and East Gippsland was hosted by Wonthaggi on the December 6 between Warragul (West) and Traralgon (East). A fantastic day of great croquet with Traralgon pipping Warragul at the end.

Warragul led most of the day but were hauled in by Traralgon winning the last two doubles

games. Seven games all with Traralgon +80 hoops and Warragul +75 hoops. Could not get much closer than that.

On the day Lorraine Gutcher of the Morwell club and a stalwart for many years with the GCA and VCA was presented with a memorial plaque for her services to croquet. Well deserved.

Surfing, Santa and Steph's rashie

SANTA certainly brought sunshine, surf and a stunning day for the Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) on December 10, as PIBC held their last Supergroms and Aggregate competition for 2022.

A special thanks to all the generous donations and members for buying the tickets, they raised over \$2000 which will help to get the Phillip Island Team to Newcastle for the Australian Boardriders Battle next year in February.

- Rip Curl Phillip Island – Mick Fanning Surfboard went to Gemma Ricardo
- Phillip Island Apartments (donated by Sally Genser) was won by Charlie Dennis
- Balance Health Physiotherapist (donated by Kara Cassells) – Maya Scott
- Epokhe Sunglasses (donated by Patchula Thompson) – Dave and Mason
- Ivy Plant Studio (donated by Jaz and Kaz) – The Lynch Family

Thank you to past member Ty Sorati for the chasing up some amazing, signed WSL rash vests. They auctioned off a rare Yellow Jeep Leaderboard rashie, worn and signed by Stephanie Gilmore 8 times world champion. The lucky winner was Jaz from Ivy Plant Studio with the highest bid of \$550!

Next year is looking to be a big one with a Festival of Surfing in February.

Event results

With 147 registrations the day was jam-packed with surfing from 6am to 6pm.

Division winners:

U18 Junior Female: Sonia Suren,
U18 Junior Male: Tate Russell
U16 Cadet Female: Abbey Clarke
U16 Cadet Male: Rye Cicero
Over 35 Women: Dannielle Baylis
Senior Men (28-45): Adrian Mayer
Masters (45-60): Glyndon Ringrose
Legends (60+): Mal Gregson
Open Women: Sonia Suren
Open Men: Glyndon Ringrose.



Chad Garret placed second in the men's open division On Saturday for the final competition for 2022.



Section 1 premiers Inverloch Diamonds: L-R Dawn Hughes, Kate Edwards, Liza Burrows, Brooke Scapin

Midweek tennis spring competition grand finals

PERFECT conditions welcomed the SGMWLPTA Grand Finalists at the Inverloch tennis club last Tuesday and the tennis did not disappoint either.

New premiers were crowned in all three divisions to cap off another strong season.

In section one, the Inverloch Diamonds 3 sets 36 games defeated Westernport/Grantville 3 sets 35 games.

sets 42 game's defeated Bena 2 sets 26 games.

And in section three, Inverloch 4 sets 37 games defeated Wonthaggi 2 sets 29 games.

Any ladies interested in playing Tuesday tennis, are encouraged to contact their local club or follow the SGMWLPTA Facebook page, new and returning players are always welcome, the new season will begin in February 2023.



Section 2 Premiers Korumburra : L-R Judy Blagg, Sue Van Sinderen, Chris Kyle, Jenny Cecil.



Section 3 Premiers Inverloch: L-R Denise Burke, Donna O'Loughlin, Lina Tumino, Anne Thornby (kneeling)

Final preparations before country championships

FORTY-FIVE South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimmers braved a chilly Sunday morning at Warragul to enjoy the last Gippsland Swim meet for 2022.

The sun shone through, as did the smiles as swimmers shaved a few milli seconds off their Personal Bests.

For many, it was their chance to add to their events and be part of the 55 strong team heading to Country Championships in a month's time.

Coach Gilly watched on, offering encouraging words to swimmers after their events and celebrating their efforts in the pool. SGB featured regularly in the ribbons as a number of competitors were among the places.

ALLAMBE MIRBOO & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

THE tournaments were held on Saturday at Leongatha Tennis Club.

Koonwarra are the host club for the Association this year and held a very well organised event. There weren't many entries this year, but all who came along enjoyed their sets.

A barbecue has been quite the tradition at the tournament, and this year Damien Minogue was the cook.

We are now on Christmas / New Year break until 14 January 2023. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable break.

Section 1: Men's Doubles Winners – Luke Marshman and Jimmy Monaghan.

Ladies Doubles Winners – Bronwyn Williams and Michelle Krohn.

Mixed Doubles Winners – Michelle Krohn and Jimmy Monaghan.

Section 2: Men's Doubles Winners – Karsten Krohn and Zac Langstaff.

Ladies Doubles Winners – Brooke Elford and Alex Beale.

Mixed Doubles Winners – Zac Langstaff and Sophie Kruetyberger.

MIRBOO NORTH & DISTRICT JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION

A Grade results: Leongatha Nadal 5 sets and 34 games defeated Leongatha Kyrigos 1 sets and 12 games

Leongatha Federer 4 sets and 31 games defeated Fish Creek 2 sets and 30 games

Baromi 6 sets and 36 defeated Mardan 0 sets and 9 games.

A Grade Ladder: Leongatha Nadal 50, Baromi 42, Leongatha Federer 37, Fish Creek 34.5, Leongatha Kyrigos 29.5, Mardan 14

B Grade Results: Fish Creek 4 sets and 29 games defeated Baromi 2 sets and 25 games, Leongatha 6 sets 37 games defeated Mardan 0 sets and 14 games.

B Grade Ladder: Baromi 47.5, Fish Creek 47, Leongatha 27, Mardan 17.5

C Grade: Fish Creek 7 sets and 30 games defeated Mardan 1 set and 16 games, Leongatha Saville 7 sets and 30 games defeated Baromi 1 set and 16 games, Leongatha Swaitek 5 sets and 25 games defeated Leongatha Tomijanovic 3 sets and 19 games.

C Grade Ladder: Baromi 63.5, Leongatha Swaitek 61.5, Fish Creek 44, Leongatha Saville 41, Leongatha Tomijanovic 31.5, Mardan 27.5

Community grant set to reinvigorate Bass Valley

THE Kilcunda-Bass Cricket Club (KBCC) has recently received a \$3080 grant from the Bass Coast Community Grants program and plan to put it towards a project that will assist both the club and the surrounding community in Kilcunda and Bass Valley.

KBCC first grade coach and president Cam Chasemore spoke about the grant and what it'll do for his club.

"We're going to replace the synthetic cover on the centre wicket on our main oval, and in addition to that we're putting the money towards a brand-new pitch at the Bass Valley Primary School," he said.

"The main reason for that is because they don't have one at the moment and the PE teacher wants to heavily add it into the curriculum next year since they've had some success with school cricket this year.

"And obviously the benefit of that is hopefully the kids like the game and come over and play with us (KBCC) so we're going to fund that too and put a new pitch in."

Chasemore also discussed the other main projects he and the Sharks are undertaking.



The Sharks plan to use the grant to replace the synthetic cover on their centre wicket and put a new one in at the Bass Valley Primary School. B24_5022

"In conjunction with the new outdoor pitch we're putting an indoor facility in the primary school too because they do quite well at softball as well, we've bought two new bowling machines and we're sending our old one down to the school," he said.

"We'll put an indoor net in as well so that'll let us train when it's dark and the school will use it for all of their softball coaching with the ball machine."

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"So, we're trying to target the school and encourage any sport and hope they flow through to us, but at least it's just good to have that connection with them anyway.

"We're well on the way, we do the Friday night meat raffle at

the Bass Pub and the money goes towards that indoor facility."

The KBCC has three senior teams as well as two junior teams and has two teams taking part in the inaugural women's open age competition, in the Leongatha District Cricket Association.

"The club is going really good, we've got the girls teams we've got 25 juniors, A grade is winning so we're going really well at the moment, everyone's having dramas filling teams I think," Chasemore said.

The Sharks president also mentioned the importance of the cricket club to its members and community.

"Locally in Bass there's only a cricket club and a football and netball club, there's not a lot of other sports in Bass," he said.

"So, us being involved with the pub, the community and the school is pretty important for the kids so they've got something they can go direct to between footy, cricket and netball, otherwise the kids are going to have to travel to play,

"So, it's important that we keep offering a place for them."

Gippsland Power building towards 2023



The boys set off on their two-kilometre time trial in the Dalyton sun last Friday evening. B27_5022

18s and Under 16s teams from throughout South Gippsland and the training quality has been very high," he said.

The South Gippsland cluster also boasts the services of three state level representatives, who will be hoping to lead the standard for the Power next season as Terlich explained.

"This group includes three players who have already been selected in the Victoria Country initial squad Zane Duursma, Archer Reid and Xavier Lindsay," he said.

"Zane and Archer are also members of the NAB AFL Academy, where the 30 best 17-year-olds from across Australia participate in high per-

formance and personal development programs."

Duursma and Reid are already well-known names within the Gippsland Power setup, both having older siblings who've been drafted to the AFL from the Power in recent years and will again be prominent in 2023.

But Lindsay burst onto the scene this season and has proven he's got plenty to show himself.

All three state representatives, as well as the rest of the Gippsland Power hopefuls will be ultra-focused on putting the right foot forward in 2023, as they take the next step towards a chance at the top level.

"This is the main pathway to

becoming an AFL footballer, with the NAB League being considered the premier under-age football competition in the country," said Terlich.

As for the South Gippsland region, to have over 40 junior players showing their skills at a Gippsland Power pre-season, as well as three state representatives, shows the quality of junior football in the area is at a great level.

The Dalyton squad held their two-kilometre time trial in last Friday night's sun, as the boys all put in impressive times on the perfect Dalyton deck, they'll strut their stuff in a set of trial games this Sunday at the Power's home in Morwell.



George W Munro Award recipients: Robert Baldry (Gippsland Cricket Region 7), Leon Davies (GCR7), Keith Henderson (GCR7), Brendan O'Loughlin (GCR7), Rod Pollock (GCR7), Ray Alvin (Bairnsdale), Tim Cavanagh (Bairnsdale), Max Semkin (Leongatha), Geoff Wyatt (Leongatha), Kristen Webber (Latrobe Valley), Ian Rossborough (Latrobe Valley), David P Little (Traralgon), David W Little and Mary Little (Traralgon), Darryl Webber (Traralgon), Graeme Anderson (Sale-Maffra), Ken Bailey (SMCA), Charlier Pierrehumbert (Warragul), Brian 'Barney' Snell (Warragul).

Local cricketers awarded

THE inaugural presentation of the George W Munro Award was held at Ted Summerton Reserve, Moe recently.

The award, established last year, recognises those in Gippsland who have contributed greatly to junior cricket and its namesake is the current Gippsland Cricket Region seven president.

With Region seven encompassing all six associations across Gippsland, ranging from Bairnsdale to Warragul, Munro has been a lightning-rod for junior representative cricket, continually advocating and pushing for greater opportunities for young players.

As the citation on the award states:

"The George W Munro Award, presented by the Board of Gippsland Cricket in recognition of outstanding and sustained contributions to the advancement of junior representative cricket programs run within Gippsland and/or elite junior programs in which Gippsland competes and the mentoring of junior cricketers

competing at these events."

Sunday represented the ideal time for those passionate about junior cricket across Gippsland to gather, as the regions Youth Premier League team, Gippsland Pride, was in action out on Ted Summerton Reserve.

A total of 18 recipients were awarded certificates.

Juniors topple Warragul in dominate display

By Geoff Wyatt

ANOTHER great weekend for Leongatha Junior Representative Cricket with the Under 13s and 15s playing Warragul on Sunday both having a win.

There is some special talent coming through these two teams, which will see LDCA juniors playing some great Cricket in the Gippsland Junior Competitions.

Next Sunday we have the LDCA Under 12s and 14s playing a game against Warragul, with the 14s playing at Korumburra on Turf and the 12s at Koonwarra.

We thank Korumburra Cricket Club for the use of their facilities and Don McQueen for his help with getting a Turf Pitch ready for the two games a lot of work involved, also to Koonwarra for making their facilities available for the Under 12s.

The Under 13s coached by Brett DeBono (Inverloch), travelled to Eastern Park Warragul.

Warragul won the toss and batted against LDCA's opening bowlers Jobe Williams (P Island) and Louis Reed (KLRSL) and were under pressure early, with Louis taking an early wicket finishing with 2/6 off 6 overs and Jobe 0/4 off 6 overs.

George Edwards (K'Burra)

0/15 off 5 overs bowled, steadily together with Ty Debono (Inverloch) 2/4 breaking open the top order and then the three Island boys Brydon Marshall, Jackson Allan and Archie bowled nine overs for 10 runs with Brydon picking up a wicket.

Cooper Newman (Inverloch) 2/1 off three overs breaking Warragul's biggest partnership and from then on, they struggled to reach 8/71 off their 40 overs.

Max Johnston (Foster) Hudson Guymer (Nerrena) one wicket and Eamon Berryman (Nerrena) bowling eight tight overs between them for six runs, Cole Munday (MDU) did a good job with the gloves in his first attempt at this level.

After the break, Cooper Newman and Eamon Berryman opened the batting and had added 34 when Cooper was caught for 19, they lost Ty Debono run out without scoring and Hudson Guymer without scoring then Archie Williams for 5 to be 4/48.

Then Eamon Berryman retired 22, Jobe Williams run out 32, Louis Reed retired 22, Max Johnston retired 20 pushed the score for LDCA to five for 140.

LDCA lost a couple of late

wickets, Brydon Marshall and Jackson Allan without scoring with Cole Munday remaining not out 0.

LDCA finishing 7/140 off 34.3 overs, a good team victory making it three wins out of three games - a great effort and giving them a great chance of playing in the finals on January 29.

The Under 15s won the toss and batted on the Turf.

They lost their captain Andot Mankhong (Club) for one with the score at 10, but Riley Harris and Rhys Newman (both Inverloch) steadied the ship, and added 58 before Riley was a bit unlucky to be dismissed for 40.

Rhys lost three partners in taking the score to 100 Roy Checkley 1 (Korumburra), Heath Womersley 3 (Island) and Clayton Quaife 4 (OMK).

Rhys and Kade Berryman (Nerrena) added 42 before Rhys was dismissed for a very good 70 trying to push the score. Rhys has a big future in cricket and is now playing Seniors at Inverloch.

Kade made 16, Clayton McGrath 7 (Imperials) Archie Casey 2 (Imperials), George McCausland 7 (Phillip Island) and Archie Gannon (Nerrena) 3 not out all lost their wickets in an endeavour to push the score along, LDCA finishing

all out 164 off 49.5 overs a very competitive score at this level.

Best bowlers for Warragul Dane Hammond 4/30 and Nate Murphy 3/8 off their 10 overs.

After lunch Warragul batted with Isaac Bolge (Imperials) and George McCausland taking the new ball, they bowled very tight Isaac 0/9 and George 0/12 off their six overs.

LDCA with the possibility of rain bowled their spinners 10 overs each.

Kade Berryman 1/35 and Andot Mankhong 2/25 both bowled well to have Warragul 5 for 84.

Jesse Jagoe 24 not out and Nate Murphy 25 not out added some late runs, but they finished 5 for 131 from their 50 overs losing by 33 runs with Joseph Sheehan 35 top scoring.

Archie Gannon 0/14, Archie Casey 0/14 and Clayton McGrath 0/5 bowled some late overs.

Riley Harris and Clayton Quaife, both did a good job with the gloves.

LDCA have Tim Niven, Xavier Lamers, Tadgh Gannon and Aydan Williams representing Gippsland in the Youth Premier League this week in the State Under 16 Championships.

Leongatha goes down to Latrobe Valley

LATROBE Valley proved too strong for Leongatha in women's Gippsland Cricket League on Sunday.

Batting first at Inverloch, the visitors from the Valley made 9/166 after compulsory close (35 overs).

Bridie Kimpson was outstanding, scoring 54 off 49 balls, with her innings featuring seven fours.

Others to get among the runs were Olivia Speairs (19), Stacy Rockliff (18), skipper Emily Shaw (16), Susie Blines (13) and Simone Clymo (13).

Latrobe Valley showed they bat deep, with Blines' contribution coming from number 11.

Wickets were shared for Leongatha. Katrina Burgione took 2/18, while Kylie Collins (2/18) and Holly Williams 2/36 hit good areas.

Leongatha made a decent start, with Collins and Amanda Linford putting on 31 for the first wicket, but after they were dismissed, the rest of the card failed to get going.

Collins made 18 and Linford 16, while Gabrielle Perry scored 18, as Leongatha was restricted to 8/84.

Catriona Halkett gave little away, taking 2/6 off seven overs with two maidens included.

Rockliff also proved a handful, nabbing 2/31.

Sale-Maffra had the bye.

The next round of women's GCL will be played on January 22, 2023.

Sale-Maffra hosts Leongatha at a venue to be confirmed. Latrobe Valley has the bye.

Under 15 Junior Country Week

Leongatha and Warragul played out a competitive game at Korumburra.

The home side ended up winning by 33 runs, after posting 164.

Rhys Newman played a mighty hand of 70 off 107 balls, combining with Riley Harris, who made 40 opening up.

The pair put on 58 for the second wicket.

Dane Hammond bowled well for the Wild Dogs, finishing with 4/30.

Nate Murphy gave his opponents grief, taking 3/8 off 10 overs with five maidens.

Warragul looked in a spot of bother at 3/39, but fought back well through the likes of Joe Sheehan (35), Murphy (25 off 30) and Jesse Jagoe (24), only to fall short.

The Wild Dogs ended at 5/131 - beaten, but by no means defeated.

Bryce Riddell maintained very good discipline, with figures of 2/7 off five. Andot Mankhong did likewise, taking 2/25 off 10 with three maidens.

Kookas crush Mornington Marauders

THE South Gippsland Kookas over 60s continued their stellar form last Sunday.

After the Skipper Francis lost the toss, the courageous Kookas took to the Field.

LDCA legend, Huck Cleeland bowled with heat and 'ol Grayza Wighty' lobbed them up, (2/18) to start the onslaught.

We finally rattled out the Mornington Marauders for 144 from 38 overs on a lightning quick billiard table.

The Star was Robbie "Flight King" Francis, 4/7, ably Supported by Jimmy Junior Armstrong (1/7), Trev Tiga Boy Wilson (1/8), Burky Burke (1/12) and Master Blaster Pieter Loos 1/18. Special Mention to Warwick Hayes, who was magnificent behind the Pegs, with 2 stumpings.

After a splendid lunch in the Frankston Cricket Club Rooms, the Kookas wielded the willow.

Hayzey smashed 10, before copping a "Shooter", Grayza Wighty got 13no, then our two new recruits went on a run rampage.

The Kookas blasting 2/151 off 25 overs for an early finish.

Our Club recently mourned the loss of our great teammate, Norm Fraser, a man of the greatest character and humanity.

Our club and supporter's hearts reach out to the wonderful Jenny and extended family.

So we "Did it for Norm".

Next week it's off to Inv, the Kookas are "up and about" and hunting for great cricket/fun and friendship as always.

Woolamai opens the summer in style

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"We've got the New Year's Eve meeting which will be something new, it might be a different crowd then we're used to, but we should hopefully see a good crowd, one of our bigger crowds probably on New Year's Eve."

"It's a very busy January period with the January 14 meeting and then our cup meeting on January 28, which is a week earlier than normal but bookings have been very strong for cup day, and we could have close to our top crowd which is around 2,500 to 3,000 people turn up to that day."

Olszanski also spoke on the upgrades the club has received to some of their facilities.

"We've got the new barriers, so they get handed down through the clubs and the new ones we got were from Yarra Valley and they're in great condition and will last us many years, now that we're hosting trials and jump outs, we needed a set of barriers that we're just a little bit better than we had."

"And the new staircase to the broadcast box we've decided to expand it to also include a viewing platform for the trainers and stable hands of each race so they can jump up on the platform and get a good vantage point of their races."

Racing has been popular at the Woolamai track since the end of World War II and the track was historically shared by racing clubs in Phillip Island, Woolamai and Wonthaggi until the three amalgamated in 1996 to become the Woolamai and District Racing Club.

Regardless, the WDRC has always been one of the stronger picnic clubs along with Healesville and Balnarring who all have six meetings each, as the premier clubs of the circuit.

Olszanski finished by encouraging anyone who's interested to come down to the WDRC and enjoy the action, and also thanked the Healesville Racing Club.

"It's a beautiful venue with the big elm trees which everyone loves to get some shade under, people just love coming to Woolamai and that's one of the reasons."

The Woolamai racecourse will come alive again this New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31, as the club hopes their successful season continues.

As for Heriot, he's looking forward to more time behind the binoculars and is not scared to aim high.

"I'd love to continue calling, I love my footy, love my racing so just continuing to call those two particular sports and hopefully I'll be going up higher through the grades calling some bigger races as well would be a dream."

"And down the track, calling a Melbourne Cup would be pretty cool as well."

Jockey rides a double at Woolamai

JOCKEY Melinda McDonald has started the racing season at Woolamai in fine style, booting home two winners in the first three races on the seven-race card including Relyonbella in Race 2 by the barest of margins over Main Beach ridden by Tyson Barton.

Her win on Rue Lepic in the third was an untroubled affair.

Race results from Woolamai (Saturday, December 10):

Race 1. 1st 3. Saturn Isle. Trainer David Noonan. Jockey Shaun Cooper (67kg). Margin 0.2 lengths

Race 2. 1st 7. Relyonbella. T: Elizabeth Metcalf. J: Melinda McDonald. Margin 0.1 Length

Race 3. 1st 4. Rue Lepic. T: Trevor Rogers. J: Melinda McDonald. Margin 4.75 lengths.

Race 4. 1st 8. Cerveau. T: Ted Grogan. J: Leigh Taylor. Margin 0.2 lengths.

Race 5. 1st 10. Doctor Coto. T: Rob Gilahan. J: Caitlin King. Margin 2.5 lengths.

Race 6. 1st 2. Rusty Gait. T: John Rattle. J: Kiarna Bailey. Margin 0.5 lengths.

Race 7. 1st 7. Another Pluck. T: Troy Kilgower. J: Grant Seccombe. Margin 0.2 lengths.

The next race meeting at Woolamai is on Saturday, December 31.



In an incredibly tight finish, Cerveau took home first in the Tom Wilson Memorial Handicap ridden by Leigh Taylor. Cerveau was followed close behind by Peace Process and Cheers Big Ears. C63_5022



Imogen Price entertained the crowd with her talents on Saturday between races. C65_5022



LEFT: It was all smiles after Melinda McDonald rode Rue Lepic home to victory in the 1008 metre Hayden Joseph 'About Time' Trophy Handicap after booting home Relyonbella in race 2, the Macbuilders.com.au Trophy Handicap. C67_5022

Christmas theme for pony club rally



Ella and Lucy out on cross country.



THE last rally for 2022 was held on Sunday at the Wonthaggi Pony Club.

To start the day in a festive spirit, the riders, horses and ponies dressed up in a Christmas theme.

Lots of smiles and laughter.

A wonderful rally followed where the big kids got to ride with the little ones as they earned points for their teams. The confidence for the younger riders that comes from this is invaluable as the senior riders mentor and encourage them all the way. It was so great to see.

Teams accumulated points in cross country, bending, barrel racing and apple bobbing.

Presentations were made as past committee members handed over to the new.

Tammy Larking gained a well deserved Life Membership and the club was sad to farewell the McInnes family, a prominent family that have worked tirelessly for the club for over 16 years.

The new president, Tanya Jackson presented the awards.

A big thank you to all who have contributed to the development of the beautiful cross country grounds.

The huge water jump is an exciting new feature and will be completed in time for the upcoming January, three day camp.

LEFT: Olivia Berry and friends in the new water jump.

'They were told to do it'

Startling revelations Australian cricketers were encouraged to cheat



By **Seb Mottram**

this is a disgrace and whatever, I think he regrets those comments now, Cricket Australia had the whole process, the (Iain) Roy report was done in four days," Erskine claimed.

"You'd have to be a blind black Labrador, there was far more than three people involved in this thing, they all got a canning and David Warner was completely vilainized.

"He has shut up, he protected Cricket Australia, he protected his fellow players on my advice, because at the end of the day no one wanted to hear any more of it and he's got on playing cricket."

Erskine's comments come on the back of Warner declaring he would no longer continue with the appeal of his leadership ban, which was made possible following a Cricket Australia policy change last month.

Warner said he refused to go through a public hearing.

Speaking on SEN 1170 Afternoons, Erskine claimed Warner had protected CA for years, but that the truth would come out.

"The Prime Minister came out (at the time), (Malcolm) Turnbull came out and said

"There's lots of people. There's two cricketers who put their hands up and said at the time, 'Why don't we all just tell the truth, they can't fire all of us'. That's what happened.

"Two senior executives were in the changing room in Hobart and basically were berating the team for losing against South Africa (in 2016) and Warner said we've got to reverse-swing the ball. The only way we can reverse-swing the ball is by tampering with it.

"And they were told to do it. "I'm completely against it, I think tampering with balls is a joke, but it has gone on for centuries. Everybody has been fiddling around with balls and the penalty at the time by the ICC was a one-match ban.

"I'm not suggesting that's right because I don't think you should tamper with the ball. "This was blown out of all proportion, partly because of the Prime Minister, but partly for the total reaction of the general public.

"I totally agree, it wasn't something that was good, but it's got to the stage where three people have been completely victimised above everybody else.

"And it's not fair."

Note: Erskine did not directly state the executives involved were from Cricket Australia.

In a lengthy statement on Wednesday night, Warner slammed CA's process for the appeal hearing, claiming it would lead to a public hearing. The opener has demonstrated significant on-field reform since his ban more than four years ago.

"They want to conduct a public spectacle to, in the Panel's words, have a "cleansing". I am not prepared for my family to be the washing machine for cricket's dirty laundry," a line of Warner's statement read.

"It appears that the Panel has given no more than passing consideration to issues of player welfare and the interests of Australian cricket and is instead determined to conduct a public lynching.

"Regrettably, I have no practical alternative at this point in time but to withdraw my application. I am not prepared to subject my family or my teammates to further trauma and disruption by accepting a departure from the way in which my application should be dealt with pursuant to the Code of Conduct.

'More free kicks to the Victorian teams':
Cornes calls out Round 1 fixture

By **Nic Negrepontis**

KANE Cornes has taken aim at the AFL's Round 1 fixture release, labelling it a "free kick" for Victorian teams.

AFL broadcasting and fixture boss Travis Auld mentioned in his statement bringing Melbourne and all the "cities hosting matches" to life, with every Victorian club playing in their home state to kickstart the season.

Four games feature Victorian clubs playing against one another, while North Melbourne will host West Coast and St Kilda hosts Fremantle.

Optus Stadium in Perth is not available for Round 1 due to the timing of an Ed Sheeran concert.

Cornes wonders why the Victorian sides have been given an early leg up.

"Why is it still so Victorian centric?" Cornes asked on SEN's Sportsday.

"I read the press release from the AFL and Travis Auld and he says all Victorian based clubs are going to play in Melbourne in Round 1. Another free kick.

"Brisbane get shafted. They have this incredible off-season where they get all these recruits and they've got to go to Adelaide for a Saturday afternoon twilight timeslot which is dead.

"Travis Auld says they're going to bring Sydney to life. How is GWS versus Adelaide at Giants Stadium going to bring Sydney to life?

"Sydney - they make the Grand Final, they've got Lance Franklin in his last year, they play exciting footy and they're playing on the Gold Coast.

"While Hawthorn who won eight games last year, they traded everyone and are essentially going to go backwards. They play Essendon who haven't won a final in 18 years at the MCG in a marquee slot.

"They are only focused on Melbourne. There are some issues in Perth with an Ed Sheeran concert ... but they want it to look good on a press release that they've broken an attendance record. That's the only thing. At the neglect of a national competition.

"Poor old West Coast have to play North Melbourne on a Sunday at Marvel in front of 13,000.

"More free kicks to the Victorian teams."

The AFL was expected to release the fixture for the first 15 rounds last week, including further details surrounding Round 5's magic round, set to take place entirely in South Australia.

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Phillip Island wicket keeper Andrew Finlayson plays a great shot through the on side. B37_5022

Third straight for Stingrays

• B Grade, Division 1

KORUMBURRA welcomed Inverloch up the road to Korumburra Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

They started promisingly too, with openers Phillip Richards (15 from 78) and his captain Trevor Allen (40 from 79) reaching 39, before Richards fell leg before wicket to Tom McQualter (1/3 from 8) who bowled extremely efficiently on the day.

The Cobras skipper batted on with Jason Richards (4 from 27) to put on another 25, before the Stingrays struck twice in a matter of two runs to see the score 3/66.

In the end, the hosts were just never able to recover from losing their skipper as they finished their 40 overs 6/90.

Leg spinner Josh Williams (3/17 from 6) was the pick of the bowlers for Inv.

In reply, it was a new look opening pair at the top for the Stingrays, opting for some firepower in the form of Amad Mujtaba (43 from 31), who belted five sixes in a 69-run opening stand with young wicketkeeper Jack Butcher (25* from 46) who anchored the chase beautifully.

The hosts ended up claiming some late wickets, but the visitors wouldn't be denied, closing out their third straight win to the tune of seven-wickets.

Cougars winners by four

KOONWARRA L/RSL welcomed MDU to the Koonwarra Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Demons started their innings losing wickets quite regularly and were never able to shake that bug, despite a decent innings from Gary Webster (28* from 67) who remained unbeaten as his side were dismissed for 88.

Adam Drury (4/28 from 8) did most of the damage for Koony with the ball.

In reply, the Cougars top order were able to build a good enough base to their innings to ensure the late flurry of lost wickets didn't impact the result, as they ran out winners by four-wickets.

The hosts lost 4/6 in a late Demons charge, but the Cougars skipper James Rushton (10* from 6) kept a cool head, Jake Palmer (4/18 from 8) was the dealer of the late blows that almost stole the game for his side.

Easy job for Nerrena

EAST Campus Oval played host to the Imperials contest with Nerrena on the weekend, and saw the latter win the toss and send the Imps in to bat first.

The hosts were under early pressure at 1/8 but were able to recover thanks to a strong half century from Nick Eddy (75 from 39) who smashed nine fours and a six in his team-high knock.

Although Eddy's innings was just about the only shining light for the Imps as the rest of their XI never got going, Eddy's dismissal sparked a loss of 7/38 as his side finished 10/128.

Needing 129 for the win, Nerrena did the job comfortably, only losing one wicket along the way but remaining unbothered to cap off the nine-wicket win behind opener David Baldi's (88* from 83) unbeaten half-century.

• B Grade, Division 2

Visitor OMK gets best of Leongatha Town

ROBERT Quaife was the mainstay for Outtrim Moyarra Kong-wak (OMK) after the visiting Diggers elected to bat first against Leongatha Town, enabling his side to set up a challenging total

which its bowlers successfully defended.

Opener Quaife made 59, with Nathan Carrick's 28 the next best score for the eventual winner.

Cooper Rickard ended Quaife's knock, also dismissing a couple of OMK's middle order batsmen on his way to figures of 4/35 off seven overs.

Rickard was Leongatha Town's only multiple wicket taker.

While OMK failed to bat out its 40 overs it set the Scorpions 164 for victory, requiring them to score at over four runs per over.

Owen Fitzpatrick led the way by dispatching Leongatha Town's opening pair, skipper Mark Hardy and Noah Fixter, with the team's score just 14 when that double was completed. Fitzpatrick finished with 2/14 off seven overs.

Teammate Mitch Sawyers sent down just three and a half overs, but was a wrecking ball and skittled Leongatha Town's lower order after earlier accounting for number three batsman Luke Ashton (35). Sawyers snatched 4/16.

With few of the Town batting lineup reaching double figures, OMK won by 24 runs.

Wonthaggi sneaks home against Kilcunda Bass

NUMBER 11 batsman Riley Gray was called on to survive 12 balls, enabling Wonthaggi Club to sneak past the Kilcunda Bass total, with Jayden Burns making a crucial 8 not out to guide Club home.

Needing 134 for victory, Wonthaggi was reduced to 9/129 when Lucas McRae was run out for a duck.

Luke Sibley's batting at the top of the order should have laid the foundation for a more comfortable win, with the Wonthaggi skipper and keeper racing to 41 before Chris Peckett had him caught.

However, a reasonably comfortable 2/47 at the fall of

Sibley's wicket soon became a precarious 5/54.

With the score progressing to 116 before the loss of another wicket, Club seemed well placed with just 18 runs left to get, but Kilcunda Bass delivered an almighty scare.

While Bradley Waldron bowled just two overs, he claimed the vital wicket of Nathan Cant who had reached 36 and appeared set to see Club home.

Peckett and Daniel Bettles finished with identical figures of 2/21, with both bowling their full allowance of eight overs and gave Kilcunda Bass every chance of victory.

Nerrena's top order solid in win over Sharks

NERRENA'S top order all made solid contributions, with the side laying a foundation that might have set up a comfortable win over Phillip Island.

The chasing side reached 137 for the loss of just two wickets as it honed in on Phillip Island's total of 166.

However, the departure of Rupesh Elava (38) sparked a major change in the complexion of the match when he was quickly followed by the dismissals of Gerard Murphy (34) and Joel Moore for a duck.

Suddenly 2/137 had become 5/137.

Nerrena still required six more runs for victory when Charlie Dougherty went out, with just two wickets left to complete that task.

Although the Sharks claimed one more scalp, it came too late, with Nerrena having already passed the target.

Elava was the winning side's highest scorer, but all of the top four made it into at least the twenties, ensuring not too much was left to the rest of the lineup.

Glen Alvie had the bye.

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

Inverloch 3/93 d Korumburra 6/90

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS:

P Richards 15, T Allen 40, J Richards 4,

D Scott 9, C Carew 4, PD Beadel 0,

M Olden 9*, J Dunn 1*

Bowling: C O'Flynn 0/15, D Cashin 0/6,

T McQualter 1/3, M Marston 0/25,

J Richardson 2/22, J Williams 3/17

Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: J Butcher 25*,

A Mujtaba 43, T McQualter 0, J Williams 6,

J Richardson 7*

Bowling: A Halliwell 0/35, B Riddell 0/21,

J Richards 0/17, M Olden 2/10,

D Scott 0/5, T Dole 0/4

Koonwarra L/RSL 6/92 d MDU 88

MDU - 1st INNINGS: C Knox 20, T Dyke 0,

W Prosser 6, C Hooper 11, G Webster 28*,

K Sinclair 1, P Vine 7, M Portelli 0,

S Riley 0, Z Bright 1, J Palmer 1

Bowling: J Thomas 1/12, PA Buckley 1/16,

N Trotto 1/18 C Harwood 1/5,

J Rushton 2/4, A Drury 4/28

Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS:

B Anderson 17, A Hunt 26,

M Scrimshaw 21, N Grimes 9,

C Harwood 0, N Trotto 4, J Rushton 10*,

J Thomas 0*

Bowling: P Vine 0/18, Z Bright 0/25,

K Sinclair 1/8, J Palmer 4/18,

C Knox 0/10, S Riley 1/12

Nerrena 1/129 d Imperials 128

Imperials - 1st INNINGS: M Reidy 6,

C Reid 4, N Eddy 75, C Bruce 11,

B Van Rooy 6, KB Gray 8*, C Richards 2,

J Nagel 2, L Buckland 2, J Eddy 0,

O Bolge 0*

Bowling: JA Checkley 1/34,

WB Croatto 3/24, T Harris 1/38,

Z Trease 1/17, J Donohue 2/13

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: D Baldi 88*,

L Roberts 6, BD Trotman 14*

Bowling: L Buckland 0/29, O Bolge 0/4,

KB Gray 0/21, N Eddy 1/22,

B Van Rooy 0/16, J Nagel 0/11,

C Bruce 0/12, J Eddy 0/6

OMK - BYE

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

OMK 163 d Town 139

OMK - 1st INNINGS: O Fitzpatrick 8,

R Quaife 59, R White 6, J Greenwood 16,

B Furness 9, M Sawyers 0, S Matthews 10,

N Carrick 28, P Jobling 0, P Harper 9*,

B Maguire 6

Bowling: L Ashton 1/19, C Bruce 1/21,

F McLennan 1/24, N Fixter 0/18,

C Rickard 4/35, L May 0/8,

L Bowman 1/19, E Smith 1/18

Town - 1st INNINGS: M Hardy 6,

N Fixter 7, L Ashton 35, L Bowman 9,

C Bruce 46, D Goss 0, L May 8,

W Dawson 14, C Rickard 3,

F McLennan 2*, E Smith 3

Bowling: P Jobling 1/15, O Fitzpatrick 2/14, N Carrick 0/4, R White 0/20,

J Greenwood 1/41, B Maguire 1/25,

M Sawyers 4/16

Club 9/134 d Kilcunda Bass 133

Kilcunda Bass - 1st INNINGS: J Matser 4,

A McBride 3, SJ Leman 29, B Joseph 3,

R Gardiner 2, B Waldron 0, R Duff 27,

C Elliott 2, K Anand 30, C Peckett 6,

DB Bettles 22*, C Chasemore 0*

Bowling: S Roche 4/27, C Fraser 2/18,

A Mankhong 1/25, N Cant 0/10,

S Liddle 3/31, J Burns 0/11, C Krause 0/8

Club - 1st INNINGS: L Sibley 41, J Licis 4,

A Mankhong 0, C Krause 2, S Roche 20,

C Fraser 3, N Cant 36, S Liddle 1,

J Burns 8*, L McRae 0

Bowling: R Duff 0/22, C Peckett 2/21,

DB Bettles 2/21, K Anand 1/14,

SJ Leman 1/32, B Waldron 1/6

Nerrena 9/173 d Phillip Island 8/166

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: C Epifano 9,

M Arceo 0, H Peppard 35, JR Keating 51,

A Finlayson 30, A Tolley 12, A O'Brien 6,

T Allan 12*, D Caffieri 0, J Huther 3*

Bowling: P Joseph 2/21, C Dougherty 0/33, MB Croatto 0/4, RL Giliam 2/39,

DM Grigg 0/13, G Murphy 1/30,

R Elava 3/24

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: C Baudinette 22,

B Gannon 2, R Elava 38, G Murphy 34,

J Moore 0, RL Giliam 10, MJ Croatto 3,

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A1: Shiran Rathnayake (Phillip Island) **85** ; Mudassar Riaz (Town) **6/65**

A2: Jaydan Tregear (Kilcunda-Bass) **132** ; Aidan Simmons (Nyora) **7/49**

B1: David Baldi (Nerrena) **88*** ; Jake Palmer (MDU) **4/18**

B2: Robert Quaife (OMK) **59** ; Mitch Sawyers (OMK) **4/16**

C1: John Manning (P-Island) **69** ; Spencer Chadwick (Koon L/RSL) **4/21**

C2: Ashley Joseph (Kilcunda-Bass) **68** ; Paul Carter (Town) **4/9**

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A GRADE, Division 1								
Nerrena	60	1.8286	OMK	60	1.2055			
Town	48	1.0814	Phillip Island	48	1.0189			
Inverloch	42	0.8789	Club	36	1.0117			
Club	36	1.0117	Imperials	24	0.7068			
Imperials	24	0.7068	Koonwarra L/RSL	18	0.4908			
A GRADE, Division 2								
Korumburra	66	2.5913	Inverloch	36	5.3182			
Phillip Island	60	1.5285	Koonwarra L/RSL	36	1.0312			
Kilcunda-Bass	48	0.8761	Club	24	2.3306			
Nyora	36	1.0609	Phillip Island	24	0.9108			
Foster	36	0.7365	Korumburra	24	0.7577			
Club	36	0.7313	Nyora	24	0.5160			
Glen Alvie	30	0.6289	MDU	12	0.6070			
MDU	24	0.7793	C GRADE, Division 1					
C GRADE, Division 2								
OMK	48	2.3727	Kilcunda Bass	48	1.6081			
Town	42	1.3910	Glen Alvie	18	0.5439			
Glen Alvie	18	0.5439	Koonwarra L/RSL	12	0.3935			
B GRADE, Division 1								
Nerrena	48	2.6639	OMK	48	2.3450			
Koonwarra L/RSL	48	2.3450	Inverloch	36	4.8864			
OMK	36	2.7351	OMK	36	2.7351			
MDU	24	0.6105	MDU	24	0.6105			
Imperials	0	0.2706	Korumburra	0	0.2698			

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 17

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

A GRADE, Division 1	A Grade, Division 2
Town v Koonwarra L/RSL SCORPION 1 Steve McNamara	Korumburra v Nyora KORUMBURRA Terry Rogers
Club v Phillip Island WONTHAGGI TURF Ian Thorn	Kilcunda Bass v Club BASS 1 Greg Goss
Inverloch v OMK INVERLOCH TURF Glenn Plymin	Foster v Glen Alvie FOSTER Graham Wightman
Imperials v Nerrena LEONGATHA TURF Ashley Stride	Phillip Island v MDU COWES Neil Graham
B GRADE, Division 1	B GRADE, Division 2
MDU v Inverloch MEENIYAN Geoff Wyatt	OMK v Phillip Island OUTTRIM (12noon) Geoff Parkinson
OMK v Imperials Double Header Geoff Parkinson	Nerrena v Kilcunda-Bass NERRENA TBA
Koonwarra L/RSL v Nerrena KOONWARRA Neil Barnes	Glen Alvie v Town GLEN ALVIE Michael Heenan
Korumburra - BYE	Club - BYE
C GRADE, Division 1	C GRADE, Division 2
Inverloch v Koon L/RSL INVERLOCH FG TBA	Kilcunda-Bass v Town BASS 2 TBA
Korumburra v MDU POOWONG TBA	Glen Alvie v OMK DALSTON TBA
Phillip Island v Club REECE PARK (RHYLL) TBA	Koonwarra L/RS - BYE
Nyora - BYE	

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Shiran Rathnayake did all he could for the Sharks on Saturday, putting together a strong half century in the loss. B29_5022

Town get revenge as Riaz takes six

• A Grade, Division 1

AFTER an evenly contested first day, Phillip Island welcomed Leongatha back to Cowes Recreation Reserve to finish off the Grand Final rematch.

The home side began proceedings needing 254 runs to win and despite being amongst a decent run of form, Steve McIntrye fell early without scoring to have Town on the front foot.

Sensationally, the Sharks captain fell the very next ball for a golden duck as Mudassar Riaz (6/65 from 20) turned up the heat on what was already a warm day on the Island.

With their side reeling at 2/5, Jarrod Black (37 from 73) and Shiran Rathnayake (85 from 116) faced the huge task of reeling in the 'Gatha momentum sparked by their exciting quick Riaz.

Thomas Keily (32 from 68) joined Rathnayake at the crease and saw the latter tear down Sam Clark to reach his half-century, at one point taking him for four consecutive boundaries as the tide began to change for the Sharks.

Keily and Rathnayake put on another 73 as the Phillip Island number four neared what promised to be a fine century until...

That man Riaz struck again to turn the match on its head, dismissing Rathnayake caught behind by Ben Hanrahan to see the score sit at 4/171.

Needing 83 to win, with plenty of time left in the day the game entered its turning point and was truly up for grabs for either side, as Brodie Johnson joined Keily at the crease.

The Sharks tail tried its best to wag, however Riaz's huge breakthrough proved to be the turning point, as he continued his stellar afternoon, claiming another three wickets to ultimately put the win out of Island's reach.

Town took 7/48 to dismiss Phillip

Island for 219, seeing them fall by 34-runs. Riaz finished the innings with six wickets, his first five wicket haul of the season, backing up his innings of 49 on day one, a dominant man of the match performance.

Wonthaggi pursues their victory

FOLLOWING a strong bowling display on day one, Wonthaggi returned to the Leongatha Recreation Reserve in pursuit of the 157-runs required for victory against Koonwarra L/RSL on Saturday.

The visitors got straight down to business behind their skipper Ryan Thomas who blasted four fours on his way to 44 before being dismissed.

After some trouble in the top order, young gun Joel Brann (51) was able to back up his excellent bowling effort from day one with a well-made half century, including two sixes, to guide Club back to the right position.

Alex Geyer (35*) and Mitchell Thomas (5*) guided Wonny' home to a convincing 6-wicket win. Brann was the standout with four wickets and his half century, while Ben Davidson (1/14 from 7) tried his best for the Cougars on day two.

Koony' will look to get back on the winner's list this weekend in a tough contest with the in-form Leongatha on the road, while Club will host Phillip Island in a rematch of last season's Semi Final.

Nerrena gets it done

AFTER a superb bowling performance saw them open their own batting innings on day one, Nerrena resumed play at Nerrena Recreation Reserve one wicket down, requiring a further 126-runs for victory over the visiting Inverloch.

Mitchell Clark resumed on 12, alongside Hayden Funnell who was soon dis-

missed by Callum Asbury (2/35 from 19) who continued his economic spell.

The Stingrays were then in with a chance if they bowled tightly, however, they know Clark was the man they had to dismiss if they were to pull off the unlikely victory.

Eventually the visitors were able to do so off the bowling of spinner Andrew Donohue (1/38 from 9).

But the majority of the damage was done, and Clark had reached the half century mark, for the third time this season, to go with his two centuries.

Tim Wightman (46 from 77), who had combined with Clark to put on a 52-run stand, continued on with Tadgh Gannon (31 from 91) who eventually saw the hosts over the line to the seven-wicket win.

Play continued after the result and debutant Jesse Dugard (3/29 from 7.5) was able to claim three wickets as the hosts finished 8/179.

Diggers take five-wicket win

OMK were dominant on day one and required just 16-runs to cap off another win as they welcomed the Imperials back to the Outtrim Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

Joel Cuman (43*) resumed alongside his captain Koby Brann (6*) as the two had 75 overs to gather just 16-runs, although it wasn't at all smooth sailing.

Soon after passing the 100-mark, the Diggers lost a quick 3/0 as Brann (11), Cuman (43) and Thomas Wyatt (0) fell at 104, just 11-runs shy of the win.

Luckily, the hosts were able to recover and see themselves to the five-wicket win thanks to the Lamers brothers Xavier (7) and Jacob (19).

Play continued post the result as the Diggers were dismissed for 146 as Lachlan Wright (5/51 from 16.1) claimed five, the Imps then went into bat again and finished 5/126.



Korumburra's Harry McNeill sends one down during his opening spell. B33_5022

Korumburra batting exploits set up win over Club

A Grade, Division 2

AFTER the stunning batting of Harshika Fernando and Inshaka Siriwardena, with both scoring over 150 on day one, Wonthaggi Club's chase was always likely to be a tough one and so it proved.

While the home side made a decent go of it, none of its batsmen were able to muster a large enough score to enable it to threaten Korumburra.

Jai Williamson made a patient 61 off 127 balls, including the occasional flourish in the form of five boundaries and a six.

Rohan Todd took a more aggressive approach, with his 51 coming off just 69 balls.

After his epic innings, Siriwardena toiled hard with the ball sending down 25 overs of the 69 Korumburra bowled.

His efforts were rewarded with 3/62 as Korumburra claimed a 118-run victory.

Fernando wasn't resting on his batting accomplishments either, also having an impact with the ball as he took 3/56 off 12 overs, including top scorer Williamson.

Nyora score out of reach despite Killy-Bass opening heroics

DESPITE facing the epic task of running down Nyora's 350 run total, the Kilcunda-Bass openers refused to be daunted, with best mates Cameron Davidson and Jaydan Tregear putting on 206 for the first wicket.

Neither had previously scored a century, with the pair later celebrating having both accomplished that milestone in this match.

Davidson was the first of the pair to be dismissed, becoming Jake Henry's only wicket of the innings and making 108.



Best mates Cam Davidson and Jaydan Tregear both scored their first century, giving Kilcunda-Bass a strong start after Nyora set a high target in the teams' A2 clash.

Davidson's knock was a lively affair, with 72 of his runs coming in boundaries and sixes.

His opening partner Tregear went on to make 132, including 16 boundaries.

Opening bowler Aidan Simmons was the standout performer for Nyora with the ball, taking 7/49 off his 14 overs.

That was capped off with a spectacular 4/0 in his final over.

Skipper and keeper Ashley Larcombe (20), the beaten side's only other player to reach double figures, as Kilcunda-Bass fell 37 runs short of Nyora in what was an entertaining match.

Foster fails to threaten MDU tally

THERE were not enough substantial contributors with the willow for Foster as the Tigers pursued the tough target set by Meeniyann Dumbalk United (MDU).

While Foster opener Jack Gay worked hard in his solid knock of 53 off 118 balls, four teammates fell cheaply during his stay.

Jack Weston was the Tigers' other significant contributor with the bat making 46 runs, suggesting that perhaps they just needed more Jacks in their lineup.

Tharindu Nuwan was one of the destroyers with the ball for MDU, snaring the excellent figures of 3/9 in a little more than six overs.

However, it was other MDU bowlers who did the early damage to Foster's chase.

Mitch McGrath was one of them, dismissing the number three and four batsmen en route to the impressive outcome of 3/39 off 15 overs.

Scott Browne also excelled with the ball for the triumphant MDU, stopping potentially dangerous Foster opener Josh Toner in his tracks on just 15 and recording figures of 1/16 off seven overs.

Lone hand not enough for Glen Alvie against the Island

THE day one batting heroics of Glen Alvie skipper and keeper Lachlan Harris (129) gave his bowlers something they could potentially defend, but Phillip Island's batsmen ensured that didn't eventuate.

Strong contributions from Sharks opener Sarith Angelo (41), number three Tom Blackwell (72) and skipper Clint Wilson (40) accounted for the bulk of the work needed.

It took just 60 overs for Phillip Island to pass Glen Alvie's 190-run total, with the Sharks accomplishing the task with seven wickets in hand.

After giving Glen Alvie hope with the bat, Harris contributed well with the ball taking 2/49 off 13 overs, dismissing Wilson and Blackwell, albeit the latter survived until Phillip Island completed the win.

A GRADE

Club 4/160 d

Koonwarra L/RSL 156

Club - 1st INNINGS

RG Thomas b BF Davison	44
S Beaumont c M Cooke	15
b I Wickramasinghe	15
M Waller c J Hughes b J Kennedy	5
J Brann c I Darshana b K Weeranga	51
A Geyer not out	35
M Thomas not out	5
Extras (nb 3, w 0, b 1, lb 2)	6

Total 4/160 (59 overs)

Bowling: K Weeranga 11-4-1-26, H Hoekstra 10-2-0-23 (1nb), J Kennedy 12-4-1-33, BF Davison 7-2-1-14, M Cooke 5-2-0-6, I Darshana 3-0-0-20, I Wickramasinghe 11-3-1-35 (2nb)

OMK 146 d

Imperials 114 and 5/126

OMK - 1st INNINGS

J Cuman c D McLennan	43
b L Anderson	26
E Lamers lbw b S Sameera	14
A Rose c L Rogers b T Sauvarin	11
K Brann c D Perera b L Wright	0
T Wyatt c D Perera b L Wright	0
J Lamers c & b S Sameera	19
Z Lamers c RK McLennan b L Wright	7
RL Williams c J Ginnane	6
b S Sameera	7
MW Andrew c & b L Wright	1
N Auddino c D Perera b L Wright	1
PJ Dell not out	2
Extras (nb 4, w 2, b 1, lb 3)	10

Total 146 (56.1 overs)

Bowling: L Wright 16.1-6-5-51, J Ginnane 6-2-0-21 (1nb, 1w), S Sameera 17-4-3-48 (2nb, 1w), T Sauvarin 11-6-1-8, L Rogers 1-0-0-4 (1nb), L Anderson 5-1-1-10

Imperials - 2nd INNINGS

L Rogers c PJ Dell b N Auddino	44
RK McLennan b PJ Dell	4
J Ginnane c T Wyatt b PJ Dell	20
S Sameera c K Brann b Z Lamers	30
D Perera c K Brann b Z Lamers	16
T Sauvarin not out	4
Extras (nb 2, w 2, b 0, lb 4)	8

Total 5/126 (36 overs)

Bowling: RL Williams 1-1-0-29 (1w), PJ Dell 1-5-2-37, J Lamers 2-0-0-16 (1nb), N Auddino 1-2-1-30, E Lamers 2-0-0-6, Z Lamers 2-0-2-4 (1nb, 1w)

DIVISION 2

A GRADE

Phillip Island 4/195

d Glen Alvie 190

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS

K Beaumont c N Findlay	18
b RV Sinclair	41
S Angelo c B McRae b J Hales	72
T Blackwell b L Harris	72
C Wilson c J Hales b L Harris	40
D Womersley not out	16
BJ Ross not out	0
Extras (nb 4, w 2, b 2, lb 0)	8

Total 4/195 (60 overs)

Bowling: N Findlay 13-1-0-43 (4nb, 1w), MA Dakin 9-5-0-16 (1w), RV Sinclair 9-2-1-37, B McRae 8-1-0-24, J Hales 4-1-1-6, M Allen 3-0-0-15, L Harris 13-0-2-49, W Luke 1-0-0-3

MDU 9/287 d Foster 148

Foster - 1st INNINGS

J Gay c M Cantwell b S Arnup	53
J Toner c S Bright b S Browne	15
M Jones b MJ McGrath	11
B East c J Sinclair b MJ McGrath	1
H Griggs c MJ McGrath	0
b M Cantwell	0
J Weston b T Nuwan	46
R East b S Bright	1
B Davy c T Sinclair b T Nuwan	2
W McDonald c B Cantwell	1
b MJ McGrath	6
J Davy not out	4
S Roffey b T Nuwan	1
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 6, lb 1)	8

Total 10/148 (58.2 overs)

Bowling: S Browne 7-2-1-16, S Bright 14-4-1-38, MJ McGrath 15-4-3-39, B Cantwell 7-0-0-21, M Cantwell 4-0-1-9 (1w), S Arnup 5-1-1-9, T Nuwan 6.2-1-3-9

Total 246 (69.1 overs)

Bowling: J Whiteside 13-3-1-41, H McNeill 13-4-1-55, I Siriwardena 25.1-9-3-62, M Young 6-3-1-8 (1nb), H Fernando 12-1-3-56 (1nb)

Nyora 8/179 d Inverloch 141

Nyora - 1st INNINGS

M Clark c W Taberner	50
b A Donohue	2
LJ Giliam c JB Dennerley	2
H Funnell c W Taberner	6
b CW Asbury	6
T Wightman c R Harris	11
b CW Asbury	46
T Gannon c J Donohue b J Dugard	31
D Berryman c D Newman	1
b J Dugard	11
J Hoy c D Newman b J Dugard	6
J Renden lbw b R Newman	1
R Clark not out	17
C Salmon not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 4, lb 5)	9

Total 8/179 (60.5 overs)

Bowling: CW Asbury 19-9-2-35, JB Dennerley 14-5-1-30, J Strickland 1-0-0-4, A Donohue 9-3-1-38, R Newman 7-1-1-21, J Donohue 3-1-0-13, J Dugard 7.5-1-3-29

Korumburra 4/364 d Club 246

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS

J O'Reilly hit wicket b J Whiteside	4
H West run out	9
E Dempsey c Z Barrett b H McNeill	20
K McGregor b M Young	13
F West lbw b H Fernando	6
J Williamson lbw b H Fernando	61
M Chisholm b I Siriwardena	17
R Todd c T Crocker b I Siriwardena	51
DT Herbert lbw b I Siriwardena	28
S Williams b H Fernando	1
L McGuirk not out	10
Extras (nb 2, w 0, b 19, lb 5)	26

Total 246 (69.1 overs)

Bowling: J Whiteside 13-3-1-41, H McNeill 13-4-1-55, I Siriwardena 25.1-9-3-62, M Young 6-3-1-8 (1nb), H Fernando 12-1-3-56 (1nb)

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"He has never disappointed me," jockey, Caitlin King exclaimed as she brought Doctor Coto into the mounting yard after claiming the win in race five, an incredible 2.5 lengths in front of Hawkestone. C64_5022

Woolamai opens the summer in style

THE sun shone down from the clear skies around Woolamai last Saturday as racing finally returned after rain robbed the Woolamai and District Racing Club (WDRC) of their November meet.

A wet track at Healesville meant Woolamai could go ahead and host the meet and they did not disappoint, providing a great crowd, decent racing and sensational weather.

WDRC treasurer Adam Olszanski spoke to the Sentinel-Times following the final race.

"We had few of the stalwarts of the picnic circuit win races today, it's great to see the regulars and big supporters of picnic racing have success today," he said.

"We had some really close finishes, I think it was the staying race where there was five of them across the track at the

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finish, that was a terrific finish, I think everyone is relieved to get back racing on a picnic track.

"We're looking forward to the rest of the season after a slow start, two weeks ago the track had surface water everywhere, but the track raced really well today, and it puts us in really good stead for the rest of the season."

Another shining light on the day came through the loudspeakers, as promising commentator Josh Heriot called the races alongside resident race caller Ben Sporle.

Heriot hails from Melbourne and already has plenty of experience calling horse racing and 'Aussie rules' football despite being just 21 years of age.

The young caller was good enough to spare some of his time to chat about his passion for

race calling and the challenges of the caper.

"It's a wonderful feeling standing in the broadcast box, looking through the binoculars as they're about to jump, there's no feeling like it," he said.

"I was always very keen and interested in race calling from a young age, I guess I got the racing bug, and I was hooked for life.

"Race calling full stop is definitely a challenge, I think there's a saying that says, 'if you can call races, you can call anything' and it probably explains why a lot of our great commentators have gone on to call all different sports Bruce McAvaney and Ray Warren to name a couple.

"So, certainly in race calling there's a high degree of difficulty but I love the challenge and particularly coming here, I'm from

Melbourne so I don't really get to see a lot of these horses so that's probably another challenging aspect.

"Learning new colours and new names of horses, sometimes you get a funny name that is pronounced a certain way so they're some of the things you've got to look out for I guess."

Heriot has called races around the state as well as VAFA and VFL football, but holds the Woolamai racecourse close to his heart.

"Woolamai and the WDRC have been very supportive of me particularly Adam Olszanski and Ben Sporle, they've both been very good at helping me with opportunities," he said.

"I called my first race here at Woolamai, it's near and dear to me, I love coming to Woolamai, I used to come here as a kid and

go for holidays around the area.

"It's a great little track and for race calling it's really good to practise at because it's not too big and in our broadcast box you get a bit of elevation as well, so in terms of learning the craft of race calling you couldn't get a better track.

"A huge thank you to the Woolamai racing club, I love coming here, so Adam Olszanski and the Woolamai committee and Ben Sporle a big thanks to them, Adam is a wonderful race caller himself so to be here at Woolamai you sort of pinch yourself a bit."

"As for the club, Saturday's meet is just the beginning of their summer schedule with some big events planned in coming months as Olszanski explained.

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