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'GOLD COAST' OR NOTHING

- Four-storey hotel back on the agenda for Inverloch

THE development of a four-storey residential hotel, with two shops, 40 apartments and a roof-top bar, boasting commanding views of Anderson Inlet and the magnificent surf beaches on either side, is back on the agenda for a 'sensitive site' on the Inverloch foreshore.

Dubbed Inverloch's first 'Gold Coast' hotel by objectors, the fate of the controversial, 15-metre-high project, at 2-4 The

Esplanade, will now hinge on a VCAT appeal, over five days, from January 30 to February 3 next year.

But, as revealed at last week's Bass Coast Shire Council meeting, hopes of cutting the residential and hospitality venue down to size have taken a turn for the "worse", since council lost control of negotiations with the applicants.

"Given this is going back to VCAT now,

does that mean that the work council officers put in could be overturned and the application go back to its original format?" asked Cr Rochelle Halstead of the shire's General Manager Place Making, James Stirton.

"Yes, that's correct Cr Halstead, the proponent has appealed council's original position of removing the fourth level and I'm looking to have that reinstated," Mr Stirton said.

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"Both the proponent and the objectors are parties to the appeal at VCAT," he said.

"I'm just concerned we may end up in a worse position than we had managed to negotiate, given that it is going before VCAT and VCAT do often revert back to the initial application, but I guess that's the process that has to be followed now."

Cr Brett Tessari backed council's decision to continue opposing a fourth floor.

Cr David Rooks described the proposed roof-top bar as "an eyesore not required for this hotel".

Cr Les Larke said either way, it would still be "an unsatisfactory planning outcome for this sensitive site".

He joined Cr Leticia Laing and Cr Bruce Kent in voting against the latest council position.

Back in June 2022, the Bass Coast Shire Council issued a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit for the residential development, subject to a lengthy set of amendments that had to be made by the applicant, the Forte Group Pty Ltd.

These included the elimination of the fourth floor, a reduction in overall height back to 9.5 metres (original 15.45 metres), changing the bar for a café, reversal of the service lane one-way in an easterly direction to accommodate the bus stop, tree retention and landscaping, and conditions on when the project should start and finish and the building becoming operational.

But, according to the report



A four-storey residential Hotel at 2-4 The Esplanade, will now hinge on a VCAT appeal.

to the December 14, 2022 meeting, while the applicant has agreed to the project starting within three years and finishing within six, the only concession to height has been to reduce the overall height by 400mm to 15 metres, by "squashing" the original four-storey design.

A Compulsory Conference was conducted by VCAT on October 14, 2022, ahead of the appeal hearing, but the applicant only provided amended plans to council on December 6, leaving little time to set new conditions.

Council officers were not impressed with their proposed changes:

"The amended plans show the maximum height of the building at the lift over run to be 5.5 metres beyond the preferred 9.5 metres and in addition, the top of the roof of the fourth level encroaches 4.37 metres beyond the preferred

9.5 metres.

"The effect of the reduction in height is to 'squash' the building and this in turn reduces the design quality and visual permeability of the site.

"It is further considered that the internal amenity may be impacted.

"The use has not been considered and would require further assessment of the parking demand. By way of example, the use of this area as a food and drink premises would require an additional 16 car parking spaces that are not available on the site."

Opponents of the project have also claimed that building requirements, resulting from the decision by the applicant to revert back to the original plans, have not been reinforced and may now be out of council's hands.

Officially, there were 30 public submissions received by council, 29 objections and one

in support but a further 35 'late' objections were received, making it 64 in all.

One of the key objectors is the South Gippsland Conservation Society, which leases the council-owned building, occupied by the Bunurong Environment Centre, which abuts the subject site.

Among their objections are the height of the development, claims it will "loom over" The Glade and Rainbow Park, cover 96% of the site impacting use of public amenities, that it will change the neighbourhood character, dominate the foreshore and "create driving and parking chaos".

The group has even launched a 'Gofundme' appeal called 'Save the Soul of Inverloch' claiming this is "once in a century opportunity to get this right". The appeal has so far raised \$430 of a \$30,000 goal, principally to help fund the group's appeal to VCAT.

Time to diversify Inverloch, they say

THERE is a side to the proposed development at 2-4 The Esplanade, Inverloch that believes it will bring immense benefits for those looking to downsize.

Fourth generation resident, Karen O'Neill supports the development after many years working in the health sector with few downsizing options.

And having members of her own family pack up their farms, leave their coastal towns and move to Leongatha, Korumburra and even into the hustle of Berwick and Melbourne's outer suburbs to retirement villages.

"There are mansions everywhere – individuals living in huge houses," Karen explained.

"I would like to see young families able to afford to come to Inverloch, or likewise those of us who are in houses can downsize when we are ready for maintenance free lifestyles."

"There is nothing like the proposed development around here, nor retirement villages. There are not many options – the one on Ullathornes Road is full and it is not to everybody's taste."

"It's been fabulous having a big, aged care facility here, family hasn't had to leave town, but there is just nothing in the middle; and not everybody can have a two-storey house with a lift for a view."

"It's an opportunity for more diverse housing in Inverloch."

The diversity Karen refers isn't limited to one age group either, it's an opportunity for individuals, couples and families from all walks of life to live under one roof as part of their own mini community.

"It can be a great community for people who are alone and it's secure housing."

"A lot of apartment residents spend more money in nearby cafes and shops – it brings people together."

"And it diversifies the options for people who may be lonely in houses by themselves."

Karen also believes having more serviced apartments won't be a bad thing.

"Some of the objections highlighted that it would increase the car parking, but we have two storey houses in our streets that often have seven cars to a property – people come for the beaches maybe they will stay the night and have parking available in the development removing cars from the street."

"And with the hospital expansion and new nurses and doctors moving down or specialists visiting, we need more accommodation down here – we have a housing crisis."

"If you look along The Esplanade there are already several three-storey houses – how many people are in them? And how many are permanent residents?"

Karen has also recently had a taste of apartment living with a close friend moving into one of the few apartments in Inverloch, and loving the freedom and flexibility it offers.

"She loves it, it's brilliant – I think I need this!"

"There is a need for it and a lack of balanced living in Inverloch."

\$25 million apartments for old Warley site

THE old Warley Hospital site in Cowes is going to go on taking care of local residents under the guise of two, five-storey apartment buildings offering superbly located residences for 91 households.

There will be 15 one-bedroom units, 62 two-bedroom and 14 three-bedroom apartments in a \$25 million project set to achieve a 6.5 Star average energy rating.

Although, even if the apartments sell for an average of \$500,000, which would be well under the odds, the project will ultimately be valued at more than double that figure.



Artists' impression of how the new five-storey apartment development will look on the old Warley Hospital site in Cowes.

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Wind PM: E-SE 15-20km/h

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Wind PM: W-SW 15-25km/h

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SUN | Dec 25

Sunny.
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IN BRIEF

New equipment for senior citizens

THE Wonthaggi Senior Citizens Hall Management Committee have recently purchased computing equipment funded by the Bass Coast Shire Council through its Community Quick Response Grants Scheme.

The benefit of the Grants Scheme is that it provides limited funding to not-for-profit organisations within the Bass Coast, such as the Hall Committee, for the funding of minor projects, which are of benefit to both the organisation concerned and the Bass Coast Community.

Drowning scare at Inverloch

TWO male paddleboarders (a 48-year-old and 54-year-old) slipped out of Corner Inlet and found themselves unable to return to shore due to a sudden change in water conditions. The incident occurred last Wednesday evening, where one male managed to safely get to Point Smythe, where Inverloch Life Savers were alerted and promptly rescued the male. The other paddleboarder managed to make it back to the foreshore unscathed. Ambulance Victoria attended the scene with one of the men going to hospital as a precautionary measure.

Last chance for vaccines

FUNDING for the Gippsland mobile vaccination bus, Chitty Chitty Jab Jab, ends this month with the last sessions taking place this week.

They include visits to:

- Wonthaggi Town Hall Tuesday, December 20 10am-2pm
- Leongatha McIndoe Park Wednesday, December 21 9.30am-3pm

People can access all their COVID vaccinations and boosters, the MPOX vaccine and flu vaccination from these sessions.

MPOX vaccine Jynneos is

available free of charge for eligible people. The primary course is two doses at a minimum interval of 28 days.

There have been some changes in eligibility as supply has increased see the website for details: <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases-monkeypox>

Show off your photography skills

THE South Gippsland Australia Day Photo Competition is back by public demand.

Held for the first time last year, South Gippslanders are encouraged to embrace their inner photographer and submit a photo that fits under the theme of 'Australia Day: Reflect, Respect, Celebrate - We are all part of the story.' All photos must be taken in, or in close proximity to, South Gippsland.

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

For more information and to enter before Wednesday, January 18, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday-competition

Winners will be announced on January 26, 2023.

All submitted images will be used for the purpose of the competition only. This competition has been funded by the National Australia Day Council.

Girl Guides acknowledged

THE Wonthaggi Girl Guides have been acknowledged for their Community Service by the Wonthaggi Lions Club; jointly receiving the annual

Myra Bird Award at a Lions Christmas function on Tuesday, December 6.

The girls April, and Violet Jolly, have assisted the Lions Club at their weekly barbecues outside Big W many times over the past two years and their help has been greatly appreciated.

Their guide leader Cheryl Bertrand has also assisted with

the barbecues and is always a most welcome presence. The award to the young guides was presented by Mrs Pam Willmott, on behalf of the family of the late Myra Bird.

Myra was an outstanding guide, a well-known community volunteer and a member of Wonthaggi Lions for many years.

Success for Operation Focus

OPERATION Focus was conducted throughout September by Bass Coast Highway Patrol.

During the specialist operation 290 tickets were issued, 2198 random breath tests were conducted along with 147 drug tests.

Thirty offenders found themselves in court with high range traffic offences.

Grantville CWA celebrates their 50th year

THE Grantville Branch of the Country Women's Association celebrated their 50th Birthday celebrations on Monday, December 5, at the Grantville Hall. Beginning on the December 4, 1972, by founding members Irene Wheatley and Joy Snooks, 29 women from the Cowes, Glen Alvie, Grantville, Loch, and Woodleigh Vale branches of the CWA Bass Group met for a celebratory afternoon tea.

A beautiful Banner embroidered by Louanne Sanders was unveiled to mark the occasion. Councillor Rochelle Halstead, Deputy Mayor of Bass Coast Shire, gave a talk highlighting the important work of women in all aspects of the community and society.

After searching back to memories made in 1972 in a quiz of events at that time, a birthday cake was cut by Grantville Branch's longest serving member Margaret Pryor.

The birthday celebrations highlighted the friendship and support given to women and their families by the CWA, and women's role in making

a difference to the community, encouraging sustainable development, protecting the environment and having an active voice on social issues.

Kongwak students raise funds for wildlife rescue

THE students at Kongwak Primary School raised over \$200 for the wildlife rescue charity, selling fresh produce from their school garden, handmade pieces, and donated goods from the school community.

December is a busy time for the students at Kongwak as they join the community on December 15 to celebrate Christmas, following their meeting at the Inverloch late night shopping event where they farewelled three year six students before they head off to secondary school.

The Inverloch Kongwak school community will also say goodbye to two teachers - Amanda McMahon and Sarah Linton, and look forward to welcoming new teachers and new students to the Kongwak Primary School community in 2023.

Refill your own bottle, they say

THE Gippsland Region Public Health Unit has joined the South Coast Water Partnership to promote tap water as our regions' drink of choice this summer.

The unique collaboration aims to make tap water the first drink of choice in Bass Coast and South Gippsland by supporting the national 'Choose Tap' campaign.

Local tap water is clean, safe and full of essential minerals that keep us performing at our best.

Choosing to drink tap water from a refillable drink bottle is a step towards cleaner, greener communities and waterways that are free from single use plastic.

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Minister Bowen gives green light to Gippsland turbines

GIPPSLAND'S role in hosting the lions' share of Australia's massive rollout of offshore wind energy has been fast-tracked this week by the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen.

During a visit to Seaspray, 42km north-east of Woodside, on Monday morning this week, Minister Bowen made several major announcements.

Joined by the State Minister for Climate Action, Energy and Resources, Lily D'Ambrosio, representatives of the Wellington Shire Council, local community and industry he formally declared Gippsland as Australia's first offshore wind zone.

The Albanese Government also awarded Major Project Status to the Star of the South Offshore Windfarm Project, to be located as close as 5km off the coast between Port Albert and Woodside.

Minister Bowen said Gippsland's declaration was a crucial step towards affordable, reliable and secure energy and new economic opportunities for Australia.

But neither the South Gippsland Shire nor the Bass Coast Shire, also expected to host huge wind-energy developments off their coastlines, were invited to attend.

South Gippsland Mayor Cr Nathan Hersey wasn't impressed.

"We weren't invited and had no knowledge of the Minister's visit," said Cr Hersey.

"It's typical of the approach being taken with offshore wind, that 'this is happening to you, get used to it'. We've got to be part of the conversation," he said.

Estimates show offshore wind projects off Gippsland could support more than 3000 jobs over the next 15 years during their development and construction phases, and an additional 3000 ongoing operational jobs.

But as welcome as the jobs would be, especially if any of them were based in an energy-restructure Latrobe Valley, or associated with marine servicing out of Barry Beach, concern is building locally about the impact hundreds of 350-metre-high turbines would have if located close to the coast around Wilsons Promontory and Phillip Island.

That prospect has prompted



Climate Change and Energy Minister, Chris Bowen, was in Gippsland on Monday this week to fast-track the rollout of offshore wind turbines.

the formation of a local watchdog group, called Responsible Renewables, headed up by several local people, to now take a direct interest in what happens with offshore wind energy developments here.

Pushing for all turbines to be located at least 30-50 kilometres from the coast, especially in the area around Wilsons Promontory, and all areas to the west, they are concerned at the harm these projects could do the amenity of the area and the economy.

In a public statement this week, the group warned Wilsons Promontory was the first iconic site at risk of irrecoverable harm, while urging responsible planning of renewables.

Responsible Renewables, co-founded by Waratah Bay resident and engineer Robert Boelen, has attracted hundreds of community members concerned about the Federal Government's plans to erect 260-metre or higher turbines in Bass Strait, including next to Wilsons Promontory National Park and Phillip Island.

He said the rush to invest in offshore wind energy was clouding good judgement and ignoring environmental threats.

"Experts are telling us that the fields of towering turbines could disturb migratory birdlife, calving and breeding for Southern Right Whales, and colonies of fur seals, little penguins and other important fish species," Mr Boelen said.

"With the significant environmental impact juxtaposed with

the disruption of vista and amenity, it beggars belief that the Government has missed this in its hasty planning.

"We are supporters of Australia's target of net zero emissions by 2050 and pro renewables but the pursuit of a clean environment cannot be at the cost of the environment itself – these plans are akin to erecting turbines next to the 12 Apostles, Uluru or the Great Barrier Reef."

Minister for Industry and Science, Ed Husic, said the start of a domestic offshore wind industry creates tremendous opportunity for local industry and job creation.

"The windy Bass Strait off Gippsland, and the strong grid across Gippsland and the La Trobe Valley, mean this area has the potential to support more than 10GW of year-round wind energy generation," Minister Husic said.

The declared area in Gippsland, Victoria, covers about 15,000 square kilometres offshore, and runs from Lakes Entrance in the east to south of Wilsons Promontory in the west.

This area was developed after a significant consultation process beginning in August of this year, taking into account views expressed by community stakeholders, industry and experts.

"The Victorian and Commonwealth Governments are committed to working together over the coming year to consider the Gippsland coast west of Wilsons Prom, including further consul-

tation with Traditional Owners and taking into account community feedback and information on environmental risks of developing offshore electricity infrastructure in the area.

"First in industry projects often pose complex regulatory considerations, and the Government awarding Major Project Status to the Star of the South means it can receive tailored regulatory facilitation services – to ensure they meet their obligations without unnecessary regulatory delays."

Minister Bowen said: "Australia's new offshore wind industry will start in Gippsland. It will support new jobs and economic development in the regions that have always powered Australia, and will power Australia into the future."

He said Australia has huge potential in offshore wind and today the Albanese government is giving this industry a green light.

"This formal declaration and the Major Project Status for Star of the South will help us catch up," Mr Bowen said.

Minister Husic said: "The Star of the South project alone will support more than 2280 jobs during construction and a further 300 direct jobs during operations. We want to see more large-scale projects built in coming years. This will help integrate Australian manufacturing with renewable energy infrastructure, delivering more jobs in Australian companies."

Weight of letters says beach residents are worried

IF THE name of the game is "community engagement" then the Bass Coast Shire Council can claim to have it in spades after the number of public letters included in the final agenda for 2022 ballooned out to 18.

Raising everything from concern about the Sunderland Bay-Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme, which could ultimately cost residents up to \$20 million, to offshore wind projects, the capital works budget and the CEO's appointment; there's a lot going on.

Although, it must be said, that the Sunderland Bay-Surf Beach scheme dominated proceedings with 12 of the 18 letters issues about the project.

Maybe there's method in the shire's madness in publishing 12 letters on the subject: The council may think if residents get their frustrations out writing a letter, they might not object when the real vote comes around mid-year next year.

How do you stop the Sunderland Bay-Surf Beach scheme? three residents Susie Wicks, Mike Maher and Jillian Mitchell wanted to know. The only way is to have 51% of the affected residents, or 520 people, lodge an objection against it.

- Maxine Sando wanted to know how much the Nature Parks and VicRoads (Department of Transport) were contributing to the scheme. Nothing.
- Dr Kathleen McCann wanted to know if an independent agency, such as the VEC, would oversee the collection of submissions into the scheme. No, the shire will manage the process.
- David Clements wanted to know how much time people will have to object once council gave formal notice of the scheme. Only 28 days.
- Fran Boyd wanted to know how the Short-tailed Shearwater and Growling Grass Frog would be protected while the roads and drainage were being constructed. Targeted surveys and a proper process.
- Natasha Dunston asked how much in rates the people of Sunderland Bay-Surf Beach contributed annually. A total of \$2,316,326.36 which includes the Fire Services Protection Levy and garbage charge.
- Anne Clements asked when the 'yes' or 'no' vote was expected? Council is on target to issue a Notice of Decision to proceed at its June 2023 council meeting, meaning residents of Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach will have until mid-July to vote.
- Meg Edwards of Inverloch raised an outlier issue, querying council's attitude to offshore wind turbines. Council referred Ms Edwards to their submission but noted they had raised concerns about the visual impact on globally iconic views and the economic impacts if turbines are located too close to the coast.

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



THE festive season is upon us again in Bass Coast. Whether you celebrate Christmas or other traditions, I hope they are heart-warming and give you a chance to relax.

Along with relaxation this time of year brings people together and prompts us to reflect on the year we've had, and celebrate. I hope that as many of you as possible can be reunited with family and friends at this special time of year.

I acknowledge that Christmas can be a lonely and difficult time for some people in our community. Financial pressures will also be impacting many households. I encourage you to be generous and kind to all in our community and keep each other safe.

For many of you, this will be a busy summer season as we welcome visitors who chose to spend their holidays in Bass Coast. To all those working this festive season, thank you. Our healthcare, hospitality, business and community workers ensure that so many others across our region can enjoy a well-earned break.

Throughout this year, I have been continually humbled by the passion and generosity of our community. Our community volunteers will again throughout this season, serve a critical role supporting the vulnerable members of our community and be ready to act should any emergencies unfold. Your passion and dedication is commendable.

Christmas is also a time where we need to exercise extra care and patience, particularly on our roads.

If you have any last-minute Christmas shopping to do, we encourage you to buy from local traders to support our local business economy. It's been wonderful to see our business community really get behind the new 'Shop. Eat. Love Local.' Campaign.

For those looking ahead there are some fantastic New Year's Eve activities happening around the region, including fireworks in Inverloch, Cowes and Coronet Bay.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and Bass Coast Shire Council staff, I wish you a safe and joyful festive season.

Bass Coast drops Australia Day awards

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has stopped short of abandoning its involvement in local Australia Day celebrations.

But, with the exception of Cr Brett Tessari, Cr Bruce Kent and Cr Les Larke; they've hardly provided a ringing endorsement for the celebrations continuing to be held on January 26 either.

In the preamble to a debate at its council meeting last Wednesday, December 14, about whether or not to move the annual 'Citizen of the Year' awards away from Australia Day, it was alleged that negative perceptions about January 26, referred to by some First Nation's people as 'Invasion Day', had stopped people from agreeing to be nominated.

"The timing and process for the awards has constrained participation, and their association with 26 January affected the perception of inclusivity. Scheduling the program closer to the middle of the year would allow the opportunity for greater focus, involvement and the inclusion of the whole community.

"Multiple Victorian metropolitan Councils and several regional Councils in Victoria have moved the date for their awards or are in the process of doing so," said the council report.

Cr David Rooks, who moved the motion to discontinue the Australia Day awards and introduce a new set of community awards in May, as part of National Volunteers Week, continued the theme.

"I support this recommendation. I'm pleased that the focus is stronger on community, as opposed to the Australia Day awards," said Cr Rooks.



Bass Coast's last Australia Day Citizen of the Year, 2022 top citizen Carol Blair with 2021 recipient Mat Bowtell and, left, then deputy mayor, Cr Leticia Laing and, mayor, Cr Michael Whelan.

"And many communities are moving away from celebrations in and around Australia Day, and this recommendation supports that initiative.

"It's a policy that aligns with Volunteer Week and many award winners are volunteers. And notwithstanding the Notice of Motion we had earlier in the piece today, it's appropriate to have this change and review the format."

But Crs Tessari and Kent didn't agree.

"I won't be supporting this motion, Australia Day for me is a day when I feel proud to be an Australian," said Cr Kent.

Cr Tessari was of a like mind:

"I won't be supporting this and it's purely because I enjoy the awards. I enjoy having them when we have them. I've got nothing against National Volunteers Day or Week in May... but I

think it would be a shame to take these awards away," he said.

But council voted to strip the local Australia Day celebrations of their traditional local Australia Day awards, for an event in May.

And despite claims by Cr Clare Le Serve and others to the contrary, the Federal Government Immigration Minister, Andrew Giles, has opened the way for local councils to hold citizenship ceremonies three days either way of Australia Day.

So, that event might also be lost to Australia Day locally.

However, if the council thought of joining the likes of Yarra and Darebin in cancelling Australia Day, they should think again.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said last week there would be no changing the date of Australia Day from January 26 any-time soon.

Council Update



Notice of the preparation of an amendment Amendment C162basc

Bass Coast Shire Council has prepared Amendment C162basc to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme. The Amendment will be on exhibition from Thursday, 15 December 2022 to Monday, 16 January 2023.

The amendment affects land at Bass Road, Bass (being, Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision LP149977, which is located at the south-east of the intersection of Statter Mission Road and Bass Road).

The amendment proposes to rezone the land from Farming Zone (FZ) to Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ).

You may inspect the amendment and supporting documents free of charge, at:

- Bass Coast Shire Council Customer Service Centres during office hours, at
 - o 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi or 1504-1510 Bass Highway, Grantville
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website www.delwp.vic.gov.au/public-inspection
- Council's website www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/c162

Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority about the amendment.

Submissions must be made in writing giving the submitter's name and contact address, clearly stating the grounds on which the amendment is supported or opposed and indicating what changes (if any) the submitter wishes to make to the amendment to alleviate concerns.

Written submissions must be sent to:

- Strategic Planning, Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995; or
- Email: strategic.planningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au; or
- Submitted online at Engage Bass Coast www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/c162.

The closing date for submissions is **5.00pm Monday, 16 January 2023**.

Council must make a copy of every submission available at its office for any person to inspect free of charge for two months after the amendment comes into operation or lapses.

Council Update



Animals and Fireworks

There will be fireworks displays in Bass Coast this month of December. Cowes Carols by the Bay event in Cowes on Tuesday, 20 December at 9.30pm. New Years Eve Fireworks displays in Cowes, Inverloch and Coronet Bay on Saturday, 31 December at 9.30pm.

While fireworks are enjoyable for young and old, they can be particularly distressing for dogs and horses. Please make sure that your pets are safe and secure when there are fireworks displays in your area.

To provide your feedback on fireworks displays in Bass Coast over Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations, visit www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/eycelebrations

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Calls for life for Island killer

THE man convicted of the heinous murder of Phillip Island mother of three, Samantha Fraser, at Cowes Monday, July 23, 2018, will have to wait until February next year to hear his fate.

At the conclusion of a pre-sentence hearing for Phillip Island murderer Adrian Basham, 46, in the Melbourne Supreme Court last Friday, Justice Lesley Taylor, said she needed the time to consider the complexities of sentencing.

The prosecution has called for a life sentence, which in Victoria carries a mandatory non-parole period of 30 years.

Crown Prosecutor Nanette Rogers SC said the crime was "a cold-blooded, carefully planned execution" by her estranged husband, designed to stop Ms Fraser giving evidence in her own rape trial, due to commence in the Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court only a week later.

But the convicted man's defence counsel, Dermot Dann QC, the fourth appointed to defend Mr Basham, argued on Friday that there was no evidence Mr Basham had committed the



Convicted Phillip Island murderer Adrian Basham will come back to court for sentencing in February next year.

crime because his wife was due to give evidence against him, notwithstanding the proximity of the start of the rape case.

"As terrible as this offending is, this is not a case deserving of life imprisonment," he said at the beginning of his plea on Mr Basham's behalf.

Mr Dann, recognised as a preeminent Victorian criminal lawyer, spent much of the morning referring to witness statements, none of which he said referenced any comments by Mr Basham, that he intended to harm his wife ahead of the upcoming rape trial.

"As terrible as this offence

is, there are elements in this man's life that does him credit," Mr Dann claimed.

He said Mr Basham had no priors.

He posed no ongoing risk to the community because of the specific nature of the offending, and the likelihood of a long time in custody.

He had a strong work ethic.

Had previously been keenly involved in his children's upbringing.

And had been involved in charitable work.

Mr Dann gave details of Mr Basham's life, claiming he was bullied at school as a teenager, but ultimately went on to excel after obtaining a scholarship to St Bede's Catholic College at Mentone, before completing a degree at RMIT and a building apprenticeship.

He said he had also achieved nine qualifications while in prison, noting however that his client had spent much of his custodial time in protective custody after being assault, abused and nominated as "marked man" by other inmates.

The exact date for sentencing in February 2023 has not yet been advised.

Operation Rolling Guardian rolls on

TARGETING speed, Operation Rolling Guardian is a TAC funded undertaking overseen by Bass Coast Highway Patrol to reduce collisions on high-risk rural roads between November 6 and February 12.

"Bass Coast PSA has been split into two target areas – Bass Coast and South Gippsland with highway patrol members working alongside general duties officers," Bass Coast Highway Patrol, Acting Sergeant Scott Simcock said.

"We are utilising marked and unmarked police vehicles including motorcycles to reduce collisions in areas that have been identified as high risk."

The reminder to take care on rural roads comes as the festive season is upon us and police urge drivers not to take risks on the roads.

Driving under the influence not tolerated

A JOINT operation was run between Wellington Highway Patrol and the Yarram Police targeting drink and drug driving and focusing on road safety and reducing road trauma on Friday, December 16.

As a result of the operation a 21-year-old male from the surrounding Yarram area was arrested for Reckless Conduct Endangering Life due to his actions in the Yarram CBD on December 17 around 12.30am. The male had his vehicle impounded and was released to be summonsed to court at a later date. Any witnesses to this incident and anyone with footage are encouraged to contact the Yarram Police on 5182 5033.

"A fantastic effort from the majority of the community that highlights the great people we have," Yarram Police OIC Sergeant Bainbridge said.

"For the minority that continue to offend on our roads – stop and think before you get behind the wheel. Our local Highway Patrol are the best in the State, and this isn't the last operation you will see this year with Yarram Police combining forces with them."

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Overall crime in Victoria is down on previous years with property and deception crimes at their lowest levels in LEAP history, pictured is Deputy Commissioner Regional Operations Rick Nugent.

Concerning increase for crime in South Gippsland

CRIME in Bass Coast continues to show a downward trend while South Gippsland was up an alarmingly 11.5%, according to the latest Crime Statistics Agency data.

Criminal incidences in Bass Coast were down 0.6%, with criminal damage up (231 compared to 204 last year) and the number one principal offence. The top two suburbs – Wonthaggi and Cowes – were both up on the previous year with Wonthaggi reporting 90 more criminal incidences and Cowes 8.

Family Violence Incidences were down 6.1% compared to the previous year, with 875 incidences reported compared to 932.

In South Gippsland, criminal incidences were up 11.5%, with family violence order breaches the number one principal offence up 28 incidences. Leongatha and Korumburra rounded out the two top suburbs up 93 and 29 incidences respectively.

Family violence was up 2.6% (543 incidences compared to 529 last year).

There were 474,446 criminal offences recorded in Victoria for the year ending September 2022, representing a decrease of 21,373 offences or 4.3% from the same twelve-month period in 2021; the lowest number of criminal offences committed since 2014.

"It's again really pleasing to see total crime in Victoria well down on previous years," Deputy Commissioner Regional Operations Rick Nugent said.

"While we anticipate overall crime will increase gradually as we move further away from the pandemic, Victoria Police will be doing everything we can to keep crime as low as possible.

"A significant degree of proactive enforcement occurs each and every day to keep the community safe and prevent offending before it occurs."

State-wide the overall offence rate reduced by 5%, resulting in the lowest since 2011.

Offending decreased across 19 of the 28 crimes while a majority of the nine crime subcategories that increased only experienced negligible rises, ensuring the overall crime rate remained well down.

Heading into the festive period, individuals are urged to secure their belongings including vehicles and homes and report incidences, including family violence and assault at their first opportunity.

Key offences of note:

- Overall crimes against the person, decreased by 1007 offences from the previous 12-month period.
- While robberies only decreased by a small amount from the previous year, this offence is now at its lowest point since 2005. By way of comparison, this is a 36.3% decrease from the highest point in the past decade – 2019.
- Family violence related offences decreased, with 3,772 less family violence related offences than the previous twelve months.
- Overall burglary/break and enter offences, which includes residential and commercial properties, reached their lowest levels since the introduction of the LEAP in 1993.
- Overall property and deception offences were at their lowest levels in LEAP history.



The offender has collided so hard with this tractor, he's buckled the steel front wheel, making the tractor inoperable, with the Leongatha South dairy farmer unable to get replacement parts at a busy time of the year.

Police arrest knife wielding carjacker

POLICE have arrested a 43-year-old man they believed was involved in a fearful incident at Leongatha South last Tuesday, December 13.

He was arrested without incident at Morwell last Thursday.

However, after the knife-wielding, hit-and-run, carjacker was seen speeding away from the scene of his crimes, near the corner of Toschs Road and Rougheads Road around lunchtime last Tuesday, December 13, he continued to wreak havoc elsewhere between here and the Latrobe Valley.

According to police, who have been praised by the community for taking the offender into custody, the man also stole a car in Strzelecki and caused issues in Moe and Yallourn before his arrest.

Mystery still surrounds the reason for the bizarre incidents which took place at Leongatha South last Tuesday.

According to local residents a male offender, allegedly

travelling at high speed along Rougheads Road, slid around the gravel corner into Toschs Road and collided with a semi-trailer, reportedly carrying supplies for a local vineyard.

That's when the incident got totally out of control with the offender running away from the scene and stealing a series of utes and cars, and at one stage brandishing a knife and threatening a local farmer and his wife.

Police media detailed what took place:

"Police are investigating an incident in Leongatha on December 13," they said.

"It's believed an unknown male collided with a truck on Toschs Road at about 12.30pm.

"The driver of the car left the scene on foot. He then threatened the driver of a vehicle in a nearby paddock with a small knife, stealing that vehicle which then collided with a tractor on the driveway of the property.

"The male then approached the house on the property and made demands to a female occupant for another vehicle whilst armed with a small knife.

"The male then drove off in this vehicle, fortunately no-one was physically injured during the incidents."

A local resident said the offender collided head-on with a tractor, while it was being driven into the farm driveway by the dairy farmer, towing an effluent trailer, hitting the car so hard, it buckled the wheel of the tractor.

"He thought the car was going to smash right into the cabin of the tractor. He's then stolen another car, driven around the paddocks looking for a way out, and then crashed through a fence before making his getaway, back up Rougheads Road."

Police have charged the offender but have appealed to anyone with information to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Crackdown on dangerous driving to reduce road trauma

POLICE will be targeting reckless drivers during the high-risk Christmas period as Operation Roadwise commences.

The statewide road policing operation, which kicked off on Friday, comes as the number of lives lost in Victoria reaches 236, already surpassing last year's total of 234 and sitting well above the five-year average of 221.

"People are distracted at this time of year," Bass Coast Highway Patrol, Acting Sergeant Goff said.

"The last fortnight we have noticed an increase in the number of speeders.

"We have multiple units out every day with zero tolerance for low and high speeding offences, with drug and alcohol testing also ramped up across Bass Coast and South Gippsland."

The operation will see police provide highly visible enforcement on Victoria's major arterial roads and highways in an

effort to reduce road trauma and detect dangerous drivers before someone is hurt.

Police intelligence shows there is an increased risk of impaired driving associated with end-of-year work and social functions, with vulnerable road users like pedestrians also deemed at risk, particularly around busy shopping centre precincts.

Last year almost 130,000 motorists were tested for alcohol and drugs during Operation Roadwise, with police anticipating the increase to a 12-day operation this year from 10 days will likely see even more motorists undergoing tests.

With 40 per cent of last year's Operation Roadwise infringements issued for speeding, police are reminding motorists to keep the foot off the accelerator to avoid a costly Christmas – the penalty for speeding by more than 10km/h but less than 15km/h is \$370 and three demerit points, with those

exceeding the speed limit by more than 25km/h facing even more significant penalties and a suspended licence.

Mobile phone use continues to be a major contributor to road trauma, with 536 mobile phone infringements issued to drivers during last year's operation. The penalty for using a mobile phone while driving is \$555 and four demerits.

Police are urging motorists not to ignore the warnings around road trauma, with 25 lives lost during December last year.

The operation commenced at 12.01am on Friday, December 16, and concludes at 23.59pm on Tuesday, December 27.

Police enforcement will continue throughout the New Year period, particularly in coastal locations and holiday hotspots.

For more information and tips for staying safe on the roads during the festive period, visit the Road Safety page on the Victoria Police website.

Bass Coast offers advice to the Nobel Foundation

AT last Wednesday's council meeting, Cr Ron Bauer successfully moved a Notice of Motion, that he acknowledged was the most "left field" motion he would ever move.

He wanted council to recommend, through the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and the Federal Government, that Sweden's Nobel Foundation should "bring the relevance of the Nobel prize into the modern world".

His suggestion involved adding the new category of 'Sustainably of the Planet' to their award list.

However, if that was left field then council's response was out of the park.

On a vote of 6:2 with Crs Clare Le Serve, Rochelle Halstead, Bruce Kent, Michael Whelan, Brett Tessari and of course Ron Bauer in favour, Crs David Rooks and Leticia Laing against and Cr Les Larke abstaining, the following motion was passed:

"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 Nobel 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.

Cr Bauer claimed the Bass Coast Shire Council was "ahead of the curve" when it came to action on climate change and with the Nobel Foundation welcoming grassroots feedback, it was appropriate for local government to bring forward such a suggestion through its peak body the MAV.

Cr Bruce Kent, who seconded the motion, said he was supporting it because it was simply a good idea.

Cr David Rooks wasn't so sure, saying it was well outside council's sphere of interest but he was happy to see an award for an outstanding contribution to sustainability locally.

Cr Leticia Laing said the Nobel Prize had already recognised achievement in climate science by awarding the Nobel Prize in Physics to Syukuro Manabe and Klaus Hasselmann in 2021.

But despite that, a majority of councillors agreed to go along with the sentiments of Cr Bauer's motion.

Slow grind for railway precinct upgrades

DELAYS continue to hamper upgrades for the Leongatha Railway Precinct project while works are still yet to commence for Korumburra's railway revitalisation.

The projects had received State and Federal Government funding of \$5M with the shire contributing \$1M (\$6M total project) earlier this year, with works commencing in late April.

The projects were undertaken to 're-imagine' the towns' railway precincts and increase community open space.

The upgrades include:

- Creating additional car parking for the towns;
- Constructing a pedestrian footbridge to connect to the main street of Leongatha;
- Creating new path connections to business precincts;
- Delivering new playground equipment;
- Planting new trees and landscaping; and
- Building new public amenities for community members and users of the Great Southern Rail Trail.

However, due to the ongoing inclement weather, works have slowed in Leongatha.

"Over the next few weeks, the new car parking area will see some further works include asphalting, line marking, landscaping and public lighting works," the shire stated.



Design work for the construction of new carparking, drainage and associated infrastructure at the Korumburra railway precinct has been completed but works are still yet to take place due to heritage matters. Ns015122

"Once this is complete and opened for use, works on the existing Apex Park car park will commence. This work is expected to begin in early-2023 with expected completion around mid-2023."

A contract has also been awarded for the construction of the new pedestrian bridge, which will connect to Bair Street.

The contract also includes

associated civil works such as paths, stairs, landscaping and retaining walls, with the bridge scheduled for completion mid-2023.

For Korumburra, design work for the construction of new carparking, drainage and associated infrastructure has been completed.

"Scoping work for the landscaped open space component of the site is underway and

council is currently working with Heritage Victoria to resolve heritage and archaeological matters that will impact what can be done with the site," the shire said.

The three-year projects will complement the extension currently being undertaken on the Great Southern Rail Trail, which will see it extend approximately 130 kilometres from Nyora to Yarram.

Mangrove mural at South Gippsland Conservation Society

ON World Ocean Day, Inverloch Kongwak Primary School, South Gippsland Conservation Society and Clean Ocean Foundation collaborated to show their support and participate in an environmental day. This collaboration was the starting point for a much larger future project – the mangrove mural.

Linda Senhenn from SGCS began working with teacher, Sarah Reark and students from the Inverloch Kongwak Primary School (IKPS), along with Bob Manhal from Clean Oceans Foundation (COF).

The project plan was to create a new mural which would be painted on boards and fixed to the outside wall surrounding the Bunurong Environment Centre (BEC) on Ramsey Boulevard, Inverloch.

The mural will feature the life cycle of the local screw creek mangroves and be painted by students on the school grounds under the direction of IKPS visual arts coordinator, Sarah Reark.

Classes began to prepare by researching mangroves and the abundant life surrounding them from both an artistic and scientific perspective.

All year level students at the school produced the images. SGCS and COF funded the project with the help of a donation of paint from Mitre10 Inverloch.

Now the project is almost finished and will be fixed to the wall in the coming weeks. There will be an official opening in 2023.

Don't travel to bushland on **Extreme Fire Danger Rating** days.

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Merry Christmas to Everyone

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

As 2022 draws to a close, it's a good time to reflect on the year that has been and the one that is just around the corner. We hope that 2023 is a happy and healthy time for all.

During the Christmas/New Year period, many Council services

will be closed or have different operating hours. Please read the section below as it provides a run down of the services that may be impacted.

Please remember to shop and eat local where possible and travel safely within South Gippsland and abroad. For ideas on things to see and do in our region, please visit: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council will be in recess for January 2022, there will be no Meetings conducted.

Meeting dates for 2022 will be listed on Council's website.

The first meeting of the year is scheduled for 15 February 2022 at 2.00pm

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

Tenders close Tuesday 31 January 2023

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

Tenders close 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

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

South Gippsland Shire Council offices will be closed from 5.00pm Friday 23 December 2022 and will reopen Monday 9 January 2023 at 10.00am.

Council staff will be available on the phone and online from Tuesday 3 January 2023 at 8.30am.

There will be no interruption to bin collections as Christmas Day and New Years day fall on Sundays this year.

Tourism: Visitor Information Centre, Foster: 7 days a week, 10.00am to 4.00pm.

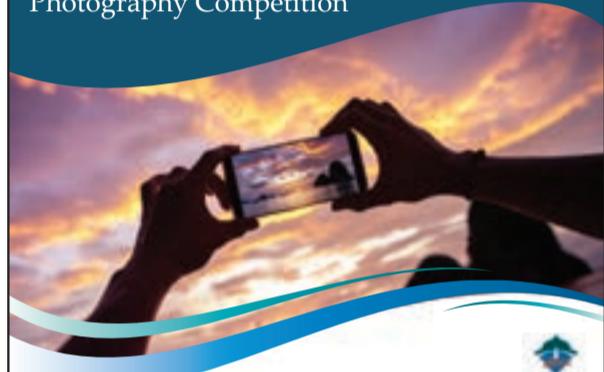
Closed Christmas Day. Phone 1800 630 704.

Coal Creek: 7 days a week, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Last entry 3.30pm. Closed Christmas Day.

South Gippsland Citizen's Advice Bureau and Visitor Information, Memorial Hall

Leongatha: Closed 25 to 28 December and New Year's Day. Open with variable hours outside those days. Phone 5662 2111.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
South Gippsland Australia Day
Photography Competition



South Gippslanders are encouraged to embrace their inner photographer and submit a photo that fits under the theme of 'Australia Day: Reflect, Respect, Celebrate - We are all part of the story.'

All photos must be taken in, or in close proximity to, South Gippsland.

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

For more information and to enter before Wednesday 18 January, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiadaycompetition

Winners will be announced on 26 January 2023.

All submitted images will be used for the purpose of the competition only. This competition has been funded by the National Australia Day Council.

Maternal and Child Health: Centres are open (except for public holidays) but limited to Key Ages and Stages (KAS) checks. Appointments required. For support, call 13 22 29. Council and community playgroups do not run during school holidays. Go to www.playgroup.org.au to find contact details for your local playgroup. Public immunisation sessions will not be held in the first week of January but will recommence on 31 Jan and 1 Feb. Go to:

Waste Management: Transfer stations and the Koonwarra landfill will be closed on Christmas Day. Opening hours are displayed at sites and on: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

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No benefit in declaring climate emergency, says Cr Rae

WOKE virtue signalling. That's how South Gippsland Shire Cr Scott Rae described a persistent petition calling on the shire to declare a 'climate emergency'.

The petition was discussed at the shire's December meeting, with Cr Rae not holding back on his opinion of it.

From Area Climate Action, who submitted the petition, have been requesting that Council:

- Take a leadership role within the South Gippsland community for urgent action on climate change;
- Require all reports to council to include a section on climate implications, both for council's own operations and for the broader South Gippsland community; and
- Declare a climate emergency along with more than 990 governments which have already done so around the world (www.cedamia.org/global).

The same petition was previously submitted to council at the October 28, 2020, council meeting with a subsequent report considered by administrators at the November 25, 2020, council meeting, where it was resolved that council would continue to implement the actions within its Sustainability Strategy.

At the November 2020 meeting, the petition had received more than 2000 signatures with 43 per cent of them coming from outside the shire, as well as 396 invalid signatures.

The total number of petition signatures considered in the petition tabled on November 16, 2022, was approximately 45.

Speaking at last week's meeting, Cr Rae compared the petition to the fear of nuclear war that many felt when he was growing up.

"I saw a bleak, dark future of a nuclear winter and it never arrived..." he said.

"I believe I was the only candidate during the election who stood up and honestly said, I saw no benefit in spending council time or money declaring a climate emergency.

"And it's yet to convince me.

"Declaring a climate emergency in South Gippsland will not save the world... yet here we are, the still noisy few persist."

Cr Rae even offered some 'tangible tips' for those pushing the petition, suggesting they should focus on waste reduction, recycling advocacy and avoid buying plastic gifts that will only end up in landfill.

"Go out and promote something that will deliver an outcome, rather than just demanding we burn ratepayers' dollars on 'woke virtue signalling,'" he said.

According to shire documents, the development of a new Climate Action Plan and associated emissions reduction targets is scheduled to commence during this financial year.

The Plan will incorporate actions and targets previously included in Council's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan.

Big upgrade for Little Commercial Street

WORKS are currently underway to upgrade Little Commercial Street, Korumburra.

Council's contractor ACE Earthmoving is 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.

Foster traffic proposal

DUE to significant traffic and safety concerns in front of the Foster Primary School and the new kindergarten, Council is proposing a 12-month trial to make part of Pioneer Street one way.

The shire is proposing a 12-month trial to make part of Pioneer Street one way, which is in line with requirements under the Road Management Act.

If this proposal is supported by the community, the trial will aim to start in time for the beginning of the 2023 school year.

Please click the link to learn more and provide your feedback, yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/pioneer-street. Feedback will close on Sunday, January 8, 2023.



Completion of the Leongatha Early Learning Centre has been delayed with the centre expected to be operating by term 2 next year. Ns055122

Huge setback for early learning centre opening

WET weather continues to cause major project delays with the completion of the Leongatha Early Learning Centre not expected until February 2023.

The project, which commenced in late 2021, was expected to be completed this year, but the shire has confirmed it will now open for term 2 of the 2023 school year.

The centre will be a 121-place integrated children's facility in Symmons Street, providing long daycare, kindergarten, maternal and child health and allied health services.

The cost of the Leongatha Early Learning Centre project was approximately \$5 million, with Council funding \$3 million and grant funding of \$2 million.

The centre will be leased and operated by a local not-for-profit early childhood service.

According to the shire, the centre is around 80 per cent complete.

"Works happening now include floor finishes, joinery and painting. Building services fit off and commissioning will follow in the New Year, with building work expected to be finalised in February," the shire stated.

"The poor recent weather has interrupted the progress of the external landscaping and carpark works and this will impact the final completion of the project, as these elements are crucial for the centre's operations.

"The centre is planned to open for term 2 of the 2023 school year."

Early years planning

The centre's near completion comes at a critical

time, after councillors adopted the 'Early Years guiding principles and position paper' at their December meeting.

The Position Paper is to define the role and level of service council will provide in supporting early years services and infrastructure in the shire.

The Position Paper will guide council's decision about:

- The early years services where council has a direct service delivery role.
- Investing in early years infrastructure.
- Seeking funding from the Victorian State Government.

• Advocating for improved early years services, infrastructure and funding in South Gippsland.

Proposed initial priorities include sharing the 'Position Paper' with early years' service providers operating from Council-owned buildings, and share the proposed infrastructure development projects from the Early Years Service Needs Assessment with the Victorian School Building Authority and develop an agreed pipeline of projects for capital investment.

The shire will also advocate to the State Government for the provision of 66 licensed places at the Korumburra Primary School, to support the future need for three- and four-year-old kindergarten.

As well as enter an interim / short-term lease arrangement with the Government for the kindergarten facilities proposed at the primary school.

The recently completed

Early Years Services Needs Assessment confirmed that additional service capacity (licensed places) is needed in the short to medium term in Korumburra, Nyora and Mirboo North to meet the demand for 15 hours of three- and four-year-old kindergarten.

Further capacity will be needed in multiple locations in the medium to long term to meet the demand generated by 30 hours of four-year-old kindergarten including in Leongatha, Mirboo North, Meenyan, Korumburra, Nyora and Poowong.

While the age and poor condition of kindergarten infrastructure in multiple locations means infrastructure will need to be replaced in the medium to long term in Toora, Welshpool, Hassett Street (Leongatha), Fish Creek, Poowong and Loch.

The Position Paper notes in 2022, there were 506 children accessing three- and four-year-old kindergarten in buildings owned by Council and a further 80 in non-Council owned buildings.

"Using the 2021 Census data as a guide, this means that 82.5 per cent of three- and four-year-old children in South Gippsland are accessing kindergarten in a Council owned building," the paper states.

"While it is acknowledged some four-year-old children accessing kindergarten in South Gippsland live outside South Gippsland, this is a small number and is counteracted by children from South Gippsland accessing kindergarten outside the Shire."

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



PRESIDING over my first Council Meeting this week was a great privilege.

Councillors considered several items and shared their monthly updates.

The proposed leases of Yanakie Caravan Park and Long Jetty Caravan Park in Port Welshpool were considered this month. Both of these Caravan Parks are in a spectacular part of the world, which we all know well and are privileged to have in our backyard. I'm pleased the caravan parks will remain strong for tourists into the future.

We also considered a report on Council's future involvement in the Early Years, which is growing with increased hours for children. While this is great for families, it is a strain on the services we currently have in place. Council will continue to be involved in this service, but must be aware where that involvement stops. I look forward to seeing this report aid our decision making in the future.

There was ample discussion regarding climate, with a petition response and the endorsement of the Coastal Strategy Discussion Paper for engagement. While the petition response may not be exactly what the submitters wanted, it does show that this Council is willing to act. We must consider climate when we make decisions and Council is conscious of that fact. I would like to thank the petition submitters for bringing this issue to Council.

The Coastal Strategy Discussion Paper is now available for feedback. It has been a long road, and the Council staff have done a fabulous job pulling together the information and some potential actions for the community to consider. This is just the first stage – an opportunity for the conversation to begin. We ask you all to turn up to make your voice heard. There will be online and face-to-face opportunities to provide feedback. I encourage you to check out <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/coastal-strategy> to find out all the details. This first round of engagement closes 31 January 2023.

You can watch the Council Meeting by visiting www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Speaking of engagement, there are also opportunities for Foster locals. Both the Foster Structure Plan Discussion Paper and a Pioneer Street Traffic Proposal are up on Council's engagement site for feedback. These close on 23 December 2022 and 8 January 2023 respectively, so head online now to make your voice heard: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Christmas cheer was in the air at the Carols in the Creek event last Friday. It is fantastic to see our community getting out and enjoying being together at Coal Creek. Well done to all involved in making the night special, including Santa who took time out of his busy schedule to spread some joy.

The South Gippsland Australia Day Photo Competition is back. Professional and amateur photographers are encouraged to take part in the competition by capturing what they think hits this year's theme of "Reflect, Respect, Celebrate: We're All Part of the Story." For more information and to submit your entry, visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDayCompetition

This is my last message for 2022, and it certainly has been a great year for Councillors. I would like to extend my well wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2023 and wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Please enjoy this time with your loved ones, stay safe and drive safely.

Spending Season

- Cash flow management

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

IT is very difficult not to spend money during the festive season unless you are the Grinch!

During this wonderful time of the year, the emotions of joy and generosity are running high retailers certainly know how to manipulate these emotions to coerce us into buying lots of gifts and before you know it your bank account could be hundreds, if not thousands of dollars down by year's end. On top of that, most Australian's are on holidays enjoying the sunshine, beach and great outdoors which further adds to the cost of the festive season.

If you are good at managing your money then you may not feel the pinch so much during this time of year, however for others it's a common new year's resolution for them to better manage their finances in an effort to cover these costs in the future by planning for them in advance. This editorial will provide a couple of options on managing your cash flow and finances which requires budgeting and discipline.

It's important to remember that there are only two ways to improve your cash flow and they are earn more or spend less. Reducing your expenses is a great place to start but you can only do that once you know what you are spending your money on. Tracking expenses can be quite simple via most bank accounts online or if you prefer the traditional method you can use paper bank account statements. Another tip is to pay yourself first by setting aside your savings before you pay for day to day living costs. However in order to follow this tip, your saving goals need to be realistic.

In terms of managing the money coming in one option is to use the 50/30/20 rule and split the money up as follows:

- 50% for needs which are non-negotiable expenses to survive; mortgage, rent, groceries, utilities, etc.

- 30% for wants which are non-essentials expenses that are nice to have; entertainment, shopping, TV subscriptions, holidays, etc.
- 20% for savings and wealth creation which can include additional debt repayments and emergency funds.

A similar and well popularised option is using 'buckets' which comes from the barefoot investor, Scott Pape. His option also involves splitting up the money into 3 'buckets' which he calls blow, mojo and growth. The money flows from one into another by breaking down the buckets into sub accounts. The sub accounts are set up as follows

- Account 1 is 60% for daily expenses such as rent, utilities, regular bills and groceries.
- Account 2 is 20% for extinguishing fires like any existing debt (mortgage, credit card, etc.) or bigger non-regular bills.
- Account 3 is 10% for splurging on social activities, entertainment, shopping, etc.
- Account 4 is 10% for smile or adventures that are saved for such as holidays, updating cars, or electronic and white goods.
- Account 5 (mojo) is for emergency savings.
- Account 6 (grow) is for long term investments.

At the end of each month money not spent in account 2 is redirected to account 5 that grows until you have three to six months of income. Once this target is reached money will then flow into account 6 to grow your wealth through property investments, a share portfolio or directed to retirement via superannuation.

As there are number of ways to go about cash flow management and every one person handles their money differently the option or method followed will ultimately be based on what works best for you as there is no right or wrong way.

The information above does not constitute financial or other professional advice and is general in nature. It does not take into account your specific circumstances and should not be acted on without a full understanding of your current situation and future goals and objectives by a fully qualified financial advisor. Before you make any decision about whether to acquire a certain financial product, you should obtain and read the relevant product disclosure statement

Leongatha Salvos invite you to Christmas lunch

IT'S a busy time of year for the Salvos.

At Leongatha they're running low on non-perishable food, family and household groceries for their Food Bank and could do with some more donations when the Food Bank opens at the Salvation Army centre between 10am-3pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

They've also been reaching out with Christmas presents and Christmas supplies through their Christmas Cheer drive which wrapped up with a "free for all" on Friday, December 16.

Now they're inviting anyone who wants to come along to 'Christmas Day Lunch at the Salvos', between 12pm and 2.30pm on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25.

All they ask is that you call and make a booking on (03) 56626400.

In traditional Salvation Army style, the lunch will be an "alcohol free" event, but everything else about the day will be free as well.

The Leongatha Salvation Army Corps and Social Mission is located at 2 Long Street Leongatha phone (03) 5662 6400.



Emergency relief case worker with the Leongatha Salvation Army, Neena Allen, was out spreading the good word about Christmas this week, inviting anyone who needs to come, to a community Christmas Day lunch on Sunday, December 25. But please make a booking.

Coastal strategy in focus for shire

PRESERVING and planning for the future of South Gippsland's pristine coastal areas is a key focus for the shire's South Gippsland Coastal Strategy.

South Gippsland's coast stretches for approximately 300 kilometres, from Venus Bay in the west to Port Welshpool in the east and includes many small coastal communities that form a key part of local visitor economy.

The 'Discussion Paper', presented to councillors at last week's shire meeting, proposes actions for the community to consider how council can best respond to the challenges faced in coastal areas, including climate change risk, increasing residential and commercial development pressures, and increasing demand for infrastructure and services.

Adaptation actions include:

1. Non-intervention – allow natural process to occur unhindered.
2. Avoid – place new development in areas less likely to be affected by coastal processes.
3. Nature-based methods – e.g. restore / protect natural systems like dunes, mangroves and salt marshes to mitigate against coastal erosion.
4. Accommodate – design buildings and

infrastructure to be resilient to coastal processes so they are less likely to fail when exposed to coastal processes.

5. Retreat – relocate use and development to a location unaffected by coastal risk.

6. Protect – existing physical infrastructure is enhanced or new infrastructure built to provide a hard engineering protection against erosion or inundation.

The paper highlights that between now and 2100, the impact of climate change experienced by inundation and storm surge is likely to lead to:

- Access to coastal settlements being compromised by inundated roads.
- Inundation of coastal properties due to sea-level rise.
- Loss of vegetation and habitat for indigenous fauna.
- Increasing and cumulative impacts on development and community infrastructure.
- Impacts on cultural heritage assets such as Aboriginal shell middens and Walkerville lime kilns.

The shire is seeking feedback towards a draft strategy which will be prepared early 2023, with consultation open until Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/coastal-strategy

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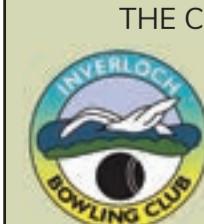
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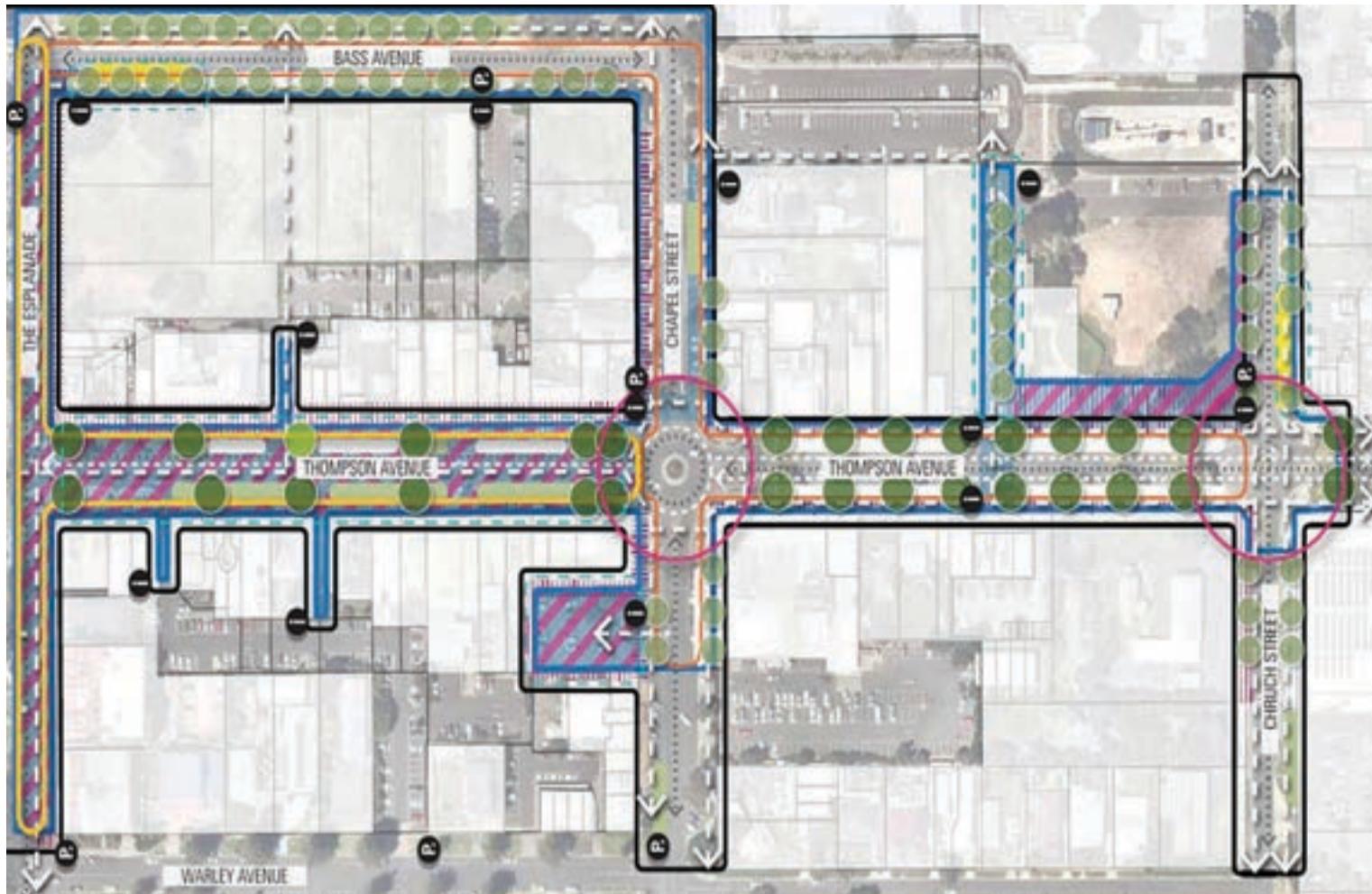
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Council has adopted the Cowes Streetscape Master Plan.

Too much parking bad for business, they say

BASS Coast Shire has approved the Cowes Streetscape Master Plan at the December 14 meeting.

The master plan identified the points of change for upgrade of the town centre – making it ‘streets for the people’ – a new design to appeal to tourists and increase the vibrancy of the town.

Speaking at the shire’s recent meeting, Cr David Rooks stated, “overall this is a very positive masterplan that has been well received by the community, there is a sense of history here and it’s the last piece of the puzzle.”

“The masterplan is there to improve the shopping experience in the Cowes main retail precinct, with one of the key focuses on the bottom end of Thompson Avenue, which is looking at creating a mall style precinct with pedestrian access prioritised,” said Cr Rooks.

The Streetscape Masterplan states that ‘too much convenient parking is bad for business’, because it promotes short stay trips – therefore removing the people from the streets and minimising the vibrancy of the town.

The plan was adopted to prioritise human movement over car movement, and therefore by incorporating smart parking and limiting speed limits makes for safer streets for pedestrians and cyclists.

The community consultation feedback was considered in the adoption of the plan, with responses stating that car parking should remain in adequate locations including chemists and post offices.

Parking will then be designed with long term car parks and car parking in Warley Avenue, Bass Avenue and The Esplanade and the way finding signage will direct people in the right direction.

Cr Ronnie Bauer addressed the issue that the masterplan is short-sighted and should include a revitalised jetty that welcomes cruise ships and a car-ferry.

“I believe the masterplan falls short of its potential.”

In response to Cr Bauer’s matter, general manager James Stirton confirmed that the jetty could still be a possibility further down the track and would be an issue for the State Government to address.

Points of change in the approved Streetscape Masterplan:

- The Foreshore will feature creative storytelling, improved fencing, and great outdoor dining settings.
- Advanced deciduous trees will provide shade to activity area & Plantings will create year-round colour with a focus on robust and site-specific species.
- Furniture will have crafted elements and points of interest.
- Playgrounds and exercise stations.
- More sheltered areas and picnic facilities.
- Gardens to replace gravel with coastal vegetations.
- A new destination skatepark will fulfill one of the community’s key desires.
- New designed themes for the boardwalk, steps down to the foreshore from The Esplanade, street greenery and seating – seated decking built around mature trees (existing fig tree at Bass Avenue).
- Safer pedestrian access – allowing people to walk more often, then they’ll stay longer in town.
- More play space in town will naturally attract more people to the township therefore create a thriving town, by having people walk and play within the town – this naturally create vibrancy within Cowes.

Be power prepared this summer

WITH summer fast approaching it’s time to prepare for the bushfire season.

Over the last 12 months AusNet has invested \$42 million in an extensive vegetation management program, to maintain a safe and reliable network and prepare the network for bushfire season.

The network covers 80,000 square kilometres, with 93% being in regional and rural areas. This consists of 44,705 km of overhead powerlines, 7,908 km of underground cables, 417,145 power poles and 90,000 street-lights.

In the South Gippsland Local Government Area, 875 hazardous trees were cleared in the last 12 months, while 45583 spans will be cleared by the declaration of the Fire Danger period.

In the Bass Coast Local Government Area, 255 hazardous trees were cleared in the last 12 months, while 2,744 spans will be cleared by the declaration of the Fire Danger period.

In the coming months customers may notice helicopter inspections in the area as AusNet fly over the network, to get a clear picture of how the landscape is looking and where to identify any potential bushfire risks to the distribution network.

Customers may also notice AusNet crews trimming trees away from powerlines or carrying out important maintenance work to step up preparations for summer. Tips for power outages:

- Power outages can happen anytime, especially in peak demand periods like summer and severe weather. It’s important to be power prepared and know what to do before, during and after a power outage.
- During a bushfire, you may experience interruptions to your electricity and/or gas supply, even if your property hasn’t been directly affected. For this reason, bushfire contingency plans should always factor in possible loss of gas and electricity.
- If you use life support equipment that relies on a continuous power supply, make sure your emergency plan is up-to-date and you’re ready to activate it during a power outage.

For further tips on how to prepare for power outages go to: www.ausnetservices.com.au/powerprepared and for updates on outages go to AusNet’s outage tracker at www.outagetracker.com.au



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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24, 2022

5pm Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch.
6.30pm St. Joseph's Church, Wonthaggi.

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25, 2022

9am Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch.
10.30am St. Joseph's Church, Wonthaggi.



The Gow family united at the Moyarra State School off Andersen Inlet Road to commemorate the 100th anniversary of David Gow arriving in South Gippsland. Z30_5122
RIGHT: David Gow arrived in Australia on May 18, 1922, on the SS Balranald finding his home in South Gippsland and raising a family.



Gow family celebrate a century in South Gippsland

ON Saturday, December 17 the Gow family united in South Gippsland to commemorate 100 years since David Gow arrived in Australia to pursue a new life for his family.

David Gow was born in Lennoxtown, Scotland on January 2, 1891, and on May 18, 1922, David left Scotland on the SS Balranald heading for Australia.

David's grandson Bruce Gow brought the family together - telling a story of his grandfather's history and the life he created for the family in attendance today.

Bruce explained grandad left Scotland only 12 days after his son Johnny had been born, and he made it to Korumburra after arriving on July 10, 1922, and began looking for work.

"There were plenty of jobs in the coal mines at that time, but grandad didn't like the

By Bruce Gow

idea of working in the dark underground. As he walked along the Wonthaggi Road, he stopped to talk to a farmer who asked what he was doing and where he was going? Grandad explained that he was looking for a job and this bloke, one of the Irving brothers, said I can't afford to put you on, but my brothers and I own this farm and need a worker, I will check to see if we can afford to hire you."

That land is part of what David Gow owns today.

"It was tough country, but not long after a soldiers settlers block became available on Scotts Estate Road at Kongwak, Grandad took it up and started clearing the place and it was only a few months later that Granny and uncle Johnny arrived."

Bruce said shipping gives her age at 24 and Uncle John-

ny at 11 months. He was one year and one month old when they arrived in 1923. The original house was situated on the corner of Scotts Estate Road and Gows Lane and it then burned down some time in the 1930s.

"Construction of what we knew as kids as 'Ayr Brae' started sometime after that. Grandad felled the trees, cut them into fence post lengths and split them using axe and wedges, loaded them onto a sledge and pulled them out of the bush with horse and sold them off as fence posts for the new farmers around him," said Bruce.

"Before arriving in Australia, Grandad went to artillery training where he joined a battalion then named the Indian Artillery Brigade and was shipped to India before World War One began. After the Gallipoli campaign, when hostilities moved into France,

Grandad returned.

"He had been promoted to Sergeant and oversaw a field piece in the Somme Valley in France. Some of the worst fighting, highest casualties and foulest of weather was encountered by these soldiers during the years of the campaign."

"In 1961 the Gow family purchased the weatherboard Kongwak home that overlooked the regional town. Jack Weatherhead was the Manager of the Kongwak Butter Factory Co-Operative and Grandad travelled to Korumburra every Friday," said Bruce.

"I am sure that grandad and granny would be quite impressed with the attendance here today in recognising the 100th anniversary of his arrival in South Gippsland. I have always been proud to be a part of this clan and proud of my heritage."

Bath and Shing both re-elected

THE Nationals' Melina Bath and Labor's Harriet Shing have both been returned as Members for Eastern Victoria Region.

The results were finalised by the Victorian Electoral Commission on Wednesday last week.

The pair are likely to face off in the Victorian Legislative Council, the Upper House, in key roles, with Ms Shing already appointed as Minister for Equality, Regional Development and Water, and Ms Bath as Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Nationals Whip.

But, as delighted as Ms Bath was with her re-election and the support she received, especially across Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley, she expressed concern about the make-up of the Upper House.

"I'm delighted to be able to welcome a new Nationals' member into the Upper House, Gaelle Broad, from the Northern Victoria Region. We have won that position back and the Liberals have added two seats as well."

"That's 14 for the Coalition, up from 11 in the previous government and 15 for Labor, down three."

"With 40 seats in the Legislative Council, Labor will need an additional six votes, from the Greens and the Crossbenches to get their legislation through."

Ms Bath said she had no doubt Labor would be able to rely on the Greens for most things but she fears a radicalisation in policy by Labor in order to secure the four votes from the Greens, including the support of Aiv Puglielli, Samantha Ratnam, Katherine Copsey and Sarah Mansfield.

"They'll still need another two votes to get their legislation through but whether that comes from the two Legalise Cannabis Victoria members (Rachel Payne and David Ettershank), the Animal Justice Party (Georgie Purcell) or someone else only time will tell."

Ms Bath conceded support for Labor is unlikely to come from new Democratic Labor Party member Adem Somyurek.

As well as Ms Shing and Ms Bath, who are both well-known in the electorate, the five Eastern Victoria Region Members are as follows: Melina Bath Nationals, Tom McIntosh and Harriet Shing (Labor), Renee Heath (Liberal) and Jeff Bourman (Shooters Fishers and Farmers).

Local MPs for higher duties

LOCAL MPs Harriet Shing (Labor) and Danny O'Brien (Nationals) have been appointed for higher duties in the new parliament.

Ms Shing, one of five members for Eastern Victoria Region, has been appointed Minister for Water, Regional Development, Commonwealth Games Legacy and Equality.

Mr O'Brien is Shadow Minister for Gambling and Liquor Regulation, and Roads.

Melina Bath (EVR) has been reappointed parliamentary secretary for education and volunteers and Jordan Crugnale (Bass) is likely to be selected for additional roles when the parliament sits for the first time today, Tuesday, December 20.



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LEFT: Local arborist and owner of Radial Tree Solutions, Marley Luckett offers free quotes to manage and maintain trees on Bass Coast properties.

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Early bid for Cape Woolamai skate park

HAVING failed spectacularly with its plan to establish a regional skate park at Newhaven, the Bass Coast Shire Council has reviewed its strategy and is now proposing two 'regional' pump track/skate parks, one at the Phillip Island end of the shire and one in Wonthaggi.

But Cr Rochelle Halstead still hasn't given up on securing the Island skate park at the Cape Woolamai end of the island.

At last Wednesday's council meeting, Cr Halstead congratulated Council on its delivery of several new skate parks across the shire including at Corinella, Granville, Cowes and soon at Kilcunda.

"It's been a long wait for skaters in the communities of San Remo, Newhaven and Cape Woolamai, who were excited about the prospect of a regional skatepark in their area a couple of years ago," said Cr Halstead.

"Council created that expectation for that area, where there's a high proportion of surfers, skaters and BMX bike riders and very minimal recreational space across those areas.

"We have seen significant vegetation in the Cape Woolamai reserve where our young people have taken matters into their own hands and created their own tracks."

Cr Halstead said she supported a shire-wide approach to the skate park pump track strategy but said council should look closely at locating one of the facilities in the San Remo Cape Woolamai area.

"Given the history of the issue, I'm hoping that Newhaven San Remo and Cape Woolamai locations will be looked at as a priority by council where we did create that expectation.

"These areas have a large population of young people with a serious lack of infrastructure as I said before.

"I'm also pleased to see that councils forming a working committee to consider the options for pump tracks across Bass Coast, in response to the petition tabled by the Cape Woolamai community recently."

Cr Halstead encouraged the community to get involved now that the revised strategy is out, to make submission and to turn up at 'pop-up' presentations in the affected areas over the summer.

Cr Brett Tessari moved the motion to allow the Draft Skate Park Strategy Review to go out for community consultation and feedback from December through to February 2023, saying it was good to have a bit of time over the holidays to consider the issue.

Surf Beach: Where 'no' might actually mean 'yes'

THE message is this, to the owners of the 1037 rateable properties in Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach, if a majority of people fail to register their objections to the proposed Special Charge Scheme, the project will go ahead, likely in late 2023 or early 2024.

The issue of whether council will accept obvious opposition to the scheme that technically doesn't reach the 51 per cent threshold was the subject of three questions to council, at last Wednesday's council meeting.

And they got a pretty definitive answer, if there aren't enough no's, it will mean 'yes' – the scheme goes ahead.

Susie Wickes: The scheme is abandoned if 51% or more objections are received. Is the scheme also abandoned if 51% or more yes votes are not received? If the majority of votes were no, but didn't equate to 51%, would councillors still decide?

Mike Maher: Why are non-responses being included in the vote tally, and arbitrarily declared as a yes vote instead of being excluded from the vote count as what happens in any democratic election process? Why doesn't both the online and postal survey forms have an option upfront that simply states, "do nothing", to avoid confusing people who want to simply vote "no"?

Jillian Mitchell: Upon declaration of a Special Charge Scheme is non-response by a ratepayer treated by council as a positive for the scheme or a negative against the proposed scheme?

Wayne Mack, General Manager Business Transformation at Bass



Depending what construction option the Bass Coast Shire Council and the community prefers, the Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach could look a little like this Pioneer Bay street by early 2024.

Coast Shire Council, standing in as acting CEO, provided the answer on behalf of council:

"Property owners that do not respond to notification of a road and drainage improvement project and associated special charge are not counted as for, or against, the project. A special charge scheme can proceed if there is less than 51% overall support and/or less than 51% objections from the community and the project and its special charge is supported through the formal declaration process at a Council meeting.

Councillors will be required to decide on the potential road and drainage project, once they provide notice of intention to declare the scheme at a future date and if there is less than

51% objections from the property owners in response to the notification.

"The latest community engagement questionnaire is to determine a preferred road and drainage concept design option to address the problems of the estate, such as dust, flooding and a safety concerns. This preferred concept option will be considered by Council for potential progression to determine the total costs and options for the proportion of costs."

Mr Mack said later that the proposal was on track to come before the June Bass Coast Shire Council meeting for decision after which property owners would have 28 days to make submissions, including formal objections to the scheme.

Danny O'BRIEN MP State Member for Gippsland South

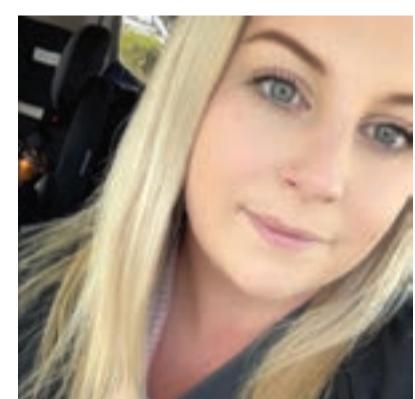


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Help Shylah's Family



Our colleague and friend Shylah Johnson passed away unexpectedly on Thursday 15 December 2022. Her passing is a devastating loss for her fiance Jack and her two beautiful children Dustynn and Lara.

Her family will need support at this tragic time and we hope to raise enough funds to cover upcoming expenses through the coming weeks and months.



Shylah joined the Bass Coast Health team on 3 October 2022, as an Executive Assistant, after previously working in roles in child care, aged care, and administration at South Gippsland Family Medicine. While she only worked with us for a short time, with her kind, caring, helpful personality and previous experience, she fit right in with our team and was absolutely amazing at her job.

Shylah was well-known and loved by many in our community and we're deeply shocked and saddened by this tragic loss.

Please help us support Jack, Dustynn and Lara in whatever way you can.

www.gofundme.com/f/shylah-johnson

Organised by Shylah's colleagues and friends at Bass Coast Health, 235 Graham St, Wonthaggi



Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre opens its new doors

THE new Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) was officially opened last week providing a custom-designed adult learning space and neighbourhood house in Cowes.

The new centre, which opened on December 12, provides a range of community services including emergency food relief, workplace training and employment advice, as well as workshops and a meeting place for local interest groups.

Important support via referrals to welfare services, mental health counselling, family violence assistance and emergency accommodation is also available.

The new centre, built by Arkit on the Old Warley Hospital site, comes after the former PICAL site was set aside for the new Phillip Island Community Hospital, which is now under construction and is due to open in 2024.

Shire Mayor Michael Whelan



PICAL Treasurer, Graham Turner is handed the keys from Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan.

said he was proud to open the new centre, which was an important pillar of the community.

With Services Australia and the Food Pantry prioritised, PICAL will see other services and programmes return throughout the new year.

"PICAL now enters an exciting new phase in its service to the community," Jeff Floyd Chair of PICAL said.

"I would love to acknowledge our incredible staff and volunteers who have worked so hard to make this big move happen.

"The hours volunteers have been putting in is incredible including the garden volunteers who have been planning the gardens, which will start in the new year.

"Sorting and packing over 40 years of things and getting it across to the new building.

Having the new building up and running, we haven't finished yet, but I am in awe of our volunteers – a big shout out to them.

"It is a new phase for PICAL – the new facilities are light years ahead of our old building...

"Whilst the new building is a bit more squishy and we are working hard to fit everything in, it is great to have modern facilities that work properly; and a brand new commercial kitchen for our food relief services.

"We will resume our full services in the new year and have an official opening and drop-in day for the community in February."

The Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre is located at 16 Warley Avenue, Cowes.

For food relief services please reach out via telephone or pop in to PICAL in advance of Christmas to find out the times and days the service will be operating over the festive period.

For more information, visit pical.org.au

Know your bushfire place of last resort

WITH summer hopefully upon us soon, the risk of bushfires again creeps to the forefront.

A Bushfire Place of Last Resort (Last Resort) does not guarantee your safety or survival with leaving early your greatest chance of surviving a bushfire.

It is worth remembering that a Last Resort should only be an option if your Bushfire Survival Plan has failed, it is also not an alternative to having a Bushfire Survival Plan, and there will be no provisions for pets and no amenities.

Individuals and families should also consider how they would travel to a Last Resort as traffic congestion, road accidents, fire activity and smoke may become problematic.

Below is a list of designated Bushfire Place of Last Resorts:

South Gippsland

- Sandy Point:** Community Centre, 7 Church Parade – located in the T P Taylor Reserve.

Bass Coast

- Grantville:** Memorial Park, 1504-1510 Bass Highway.
- Pioneer Bay:** Daisy Road Reserve, 11 Daisy Avenue.
- Cowes/Silverleaves:** Cowes Recreation Reserve, 1-15 Church Street.
- Cape Woolamai:** Woolamai Park, 11-19 Sunnyside Avenue.
- Cape Paterson:** Anchor Parade Road/ Park Parade Road Reserve.
- Inverloch:** Inverloch Community Hub grounds and footpath surrounding the hub at the intersection of A'Beckett Street and Reilly Street.

Have your say on New Year's Celebrations

BASS Coast Shire Council are seeking community feedback on having fireworks as part of Council's Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations over the coming three years.

Have your say between now and January 31. Jump on to engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/eoycelebrations

2022 Fireworks displays in Bass Coast will be held at:

- Cowes Carols by The Bay, December 20, 9.30pm
- New Year's Eve in Cowes, 9.30pm
- New Year's Eve in Inverloch, 9.30pm
- New Year's Eve in Coronet Bay, 9.30pm



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The flags were flying at half-mast in front of police and emergency services locations all round Australia.

Community 'gets around' our local police

FLAGS were flying at half-mast, out the front of police stations, fire stations and other emergency service sites across Australia last week, after the shocking incident in remote Queensland, in which two young police officers, and a rural neighbour, were killed.

But the heartening response from the community, demonstrating support for police locally, has meant a lot.

A spokesman for the Wonthaggi Police said members of the community had stopped by to offer their condolences and even to leave home-baked biscuits, cakes and cards with warm messages of support.

"There wouldn't be an officer who hasn't walked down a driveway following up on exactly that sort of inquiry," said Leading Senior Constable Nick Carlson.

"It affects all of us but to get that sort of support from the community really means a lot," he said.

The flags including the Australia's Southern Cross on blue, the Aboriginal flag in black, red and yellow and the green, black and blue of the Torres Strait Islanders' flag were seen fluttering side-by-side as the unimaginable tragedy brought everyone together in shock and sadness.

Dinosaur dreaming highlight for Mayor

THE Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan might be on a decent allowance, of \$96,470 annually, but he does a lot of work for it, last week tabling some of his appointments in the past month.

They included: Attending the Baw Baw Sustainability Network Electric Vehicle Expo, tour of Bass Coast Health Hospital Expansion speaking at the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail Project Symposium, meeting with Kevin Love Phillip Island Nature Park Board Chair, attending the Peri Urban December Board Meeting, supporting the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence initiative and lots and lots of council meetings.

The dinosaurs trail event, addressed by two of the world's leading palaeontologists, along with scientific researchers and educators speaking about the importance of the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail in Inverloch was a highlight.

Cr Whelan said the focus of the symposium was to articulate how this Dinosaurs Trail project can showcase the significance of the region, drive the visitor economy and support liveability.

"There is a groundswell of excitement building around the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail project and Council is excited to be driving this incredible initiative forward," Cr Whelan said.

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.

The intention is to include six creative art sites from San Remo via Wonthaggi to Inverloch, and a Cultural Discovery Centre in Inverloch. Last year the shire purchased land in Wonthaggi for \$1.2 million to create an interactive sound and light 'Gondwana Garden'.

Misinformation and the long-term effects

AS THE Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) lifted interest rates for an eighth month, the Sentinel-Times delved into how that is affecting local business.

In the Economics Legislation Committee Speech on November 28, Senator Nick McKim asked Dr Philip Lowe, "Do you accept that you did in fact induce Australians to take out mortgages on the basis that interest rates wouldn't rise until 2024? And do you think you owe those people an apology?"

"I'm certainly sorry if people listened to what we said and then acted on what we'd said and now regret what they have done. That's regrettable. I'm sorry that happened," Dr Lowe stated.

"Ex post, the economy recovered much more quickly than anyone expected, and we've had to raise interest rates more quickly, and people who borrowed in those two years are now finding it much more difficult.

"Looking back, we would have chosen different language... people did not hear the caveats in what we said. My language was always caveated. I thought it was clear, from the central bank kind of perspective, but the community didn't think it was clear. They thought it was clear that we weren't raising rates till 2024. That's a failure on our part."

The statement comes after the RBA's Monetary Policy Decision on November 2, 2021, by Philip Lowe stated "...The Board will not increase the cash rate until actual inflation is sustainably within the 2 to 3 per cent target range."

With the RBA increasing the cash rate target by 25 basis points to 3.10 per cent, and Exchange Settlement balances by 25 basis points to 3.00 per cent last Tuesday (December 6) where does this leave families and individuals.

"(The interest rate increases) have had varying effects," Alex Scott Real Estate Agent, Dan Huther said.

"We are dealing with a lot of mature buyers at this stage that either have a small mortgage or no mortgage, and retirees are obviously happy that interest rates are on the rise for their invested monies.



Alex Scott Real Estate's Dan Huther is positive even with interest rates rising. C68_5022

"We are also still getting Melbourne buyers coming in.

"October was quiet, but November was back to normal, and December is looking good.

"There is also pretty good interest in the lower end range properties too."

A small property under \$500,000 listed last week in Wonthaggi received multiple offers over the weekend, and looks to transition to under offer.

"There is still very good interest from first home buyers, retirees and even single parents.

"The ones that have been hardest hit are the brand new four bedroom, two living area, double lock up garages, particularly in North Wonthaggi in the new estates. They are the properties where I imagine the interest rates would affect people the most – in the \$600,000 to \$700,000 range.

Slower sales could quite possibly directly relate to interest rate rises.

"With the larger properties \$900,000 plus, people are pretty well established, so they do not seem to be overly affected.

"And there has only been a scattering of mortgagee type sales around the region."

Whilst individuals and families' circumstances are all unique and require individual financial guidance, Dan did highlight that you only lose money on a property if you sell it, if you are in that position.

"If you can afford to stay,

stay the line and stay where you are, and make the payments – you will come out the other end once the correction is over.

"The other positive at the moment is if you did happen to lose your job, the possibility of picking up another job in a short period of time is pretty good.

"Businesses are building and expanding – adjusting to suit the market, and interest rates are going up. When interest rates are going up and job markets are tough – that is when it starts to bite really hard."

With the banks tightening requirements and valuations correcting particularly in the mid-range, the balance of interest rate increases has people evaluating their own mortgages.

"Many were not planning on rates increasing as quickly as they have, and as such we recommend individuals do not become complacent and check their home loan still works for them," Sean Main of LS Finance Broking said.

"If you feel you are on a higher interest rate than you should be, pop in and have a chat, together we can explore your options. It is never too late to explore refinance options, and we recommend individuals look at their home loans every 12 months."

With everyone's situation unique, it is worth reaching out to a professional and in the case of LS Finance Broking there is no financial

impact by sitting down and having a chat.

"We do not charge, and our aim is to give you the confidence as we guide you through the process, whether refinancing or purchasing.

"As home loan interest rates rise so too have assessment rates, which individuals should factor as their unique position during COVID is likely to vary to now.

"There are also a number of budgeting resources available online that allow individuals and families to keep track of their spending.

"Following our own collection of data on current clientele whilst there has been a slight decrease across the market on purchases, the refinancing sector has surged alongside interest rate rises.

"Refinances have increased over the last three months and are on par to purchases, however, the range of cliental for purchases continues to include everyone from first home buyers to investors."

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Students proud to walk

ON THURSDAY, December 8, students and staff from Leongatha Secondary College, Leongatha Primary School and South Gippsland Specialist School participated in the 16 Days of Activism Walk.

The walk travelled 1.6km, 100 metres for each day of the campaign and ended with a fingerprint artwork piece for students to show their commitment to gender equality and an end to gender-based violence in our community.

Thanks to the Leongatha Precinct Respectful Relationships teams (staff and students) who worked hard to make the walk possible.

Spreading Christmas joy

SUPPLEMENTING Christmas celebrations this year, Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre – Mitchell House collected goods and created hampers filled with non-perishables to help those struggling to get through the festive period.

From necessities including UHT milk and tinned items to the festive variety a team of volunteers gathered last Tuesday creating two magical hamper types – ones for families and ones for individuals.

With a number of people homeless across the region and at least a dozen people sleeping in cars in Cowes of late, it is hoped the hampers will help spread Christmas joy and help ease the burden many feel at this time of the year.

The hampers can be collected from Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre reception Monday – Thursday between 9.30am and 4pm and on Friday between 9.30am and 1pm.

With hampers expected to be snapped up quickly people are urged to pop in sooner rather than later.

In addition to the festive hampers and regular free pantry on the verandah, Mitchell House often has leftover meals from the community lunches that are frozen and available for collection – pop inside for availability.

RIGHT: A team of volunteers helped sort donated goods from the public and local businesses for the Christmas hampers.



State award music to Archies Creek's ears

THE Archies Creek Hotel and its music promoters the Caravan Music Club won a big award at the annual Music Victoria Awards last week.

Archies Creek Hotel owners Peter Foley, Mary Howlett and Sue Keys were on hand at the glittering music industry event to "joyfully" receive the 'Best Regional Venue' at the awards.

Posting on social media, the local music promoters expressed their delight.

"Down on the Bass Coast, we sometimes feel a little forgotten, so it was bloody wonderful to journey up to the big smoke last Tuesday night and snag the 'Best Regional Venue (Established)' gong at the Music Victoria Awards," said Peter Foley this week.

He thanked his partners, publicity manager Theresa Keecherer, sound team including Brett Doig, Erick Jaskowiak, Andy Stewart, James Wilkinson, Carl Sorger and Jo Sapir, the staff at the Archies Creek Hotel and the team that built the stage; Peter Gow, Tad Hendry and Jon von Goes.

"It would be a lonely old place if nobody came, so the biggest thanks is to all you live music warriors and the artists you adore, who have embraced this little place in the middle of no-



where and allowed us to continue the magic."

The action continues at from New Year's Eve onwards when they stage a Jazz Party to bring in the New Year, followed by Mick Thomas & The Roving Commission (with friends) on Sunday, January 1.

On Sunday, January 8 it's Ka-

tie Noonan with her Joni Mitchell's Blue 50th Anniversary show at 3.30pm and then on Sunday, January 15 the Lyric Genius Of John Prine, featuring Mike McClellan, Lachlan Bryan & Suzanne Espie.

Check out <https://www.caravanmusic.com.au/> for some fabulous upcoming shows.

Caravan Club Music promoters and Archies Creek Hotel proprietors Peter Foley, Mary Howlett and Sue Keys receiving their Music Victoria award as the 'Best Regional Venue' last week.

Time to support your local businesses

BASS Coast Shire is excited to launch its Shop, Eat, Love Local campaign.

This campaign aims to increase local spending in Bass Coast and support businesses, who are experiencing ongoing pressures such as increased overheads and customers choosing to shop online or outside the region.

To showcase the campaign across the region and to encourage residents to shop locally, council will be providing businesses with window decals, posters and industry-specific merchandise, such as branded reusable coffee cups and calico bags.

Council is hosting launch events which include entertainment (e.g. music) to generate foot traffic to the main shopping precincts.

An event will be held in San

Remo – Saturday, February 25, 2022, 12pm – 3pm.

The shire's Understanding Business in Bass Coast – Business Survey 2022, had revealed key insights into the issues facing local industries, with the survey conducted every two years to track business trends. Key points included:

- Respondents were primarily from retail trade (23%), accommodation and food sector (23%) and health care and social assistance (12%) and primarily work at a permanent business location.
- Development and training needs include marketing (digital, social and general), cash flow, grant writing, business planning and improving energy efficiency.
- More businesses are experiencing challenges recruiting and retaining staff than before

the pandemic. Attracting staff was a key issue for approximately a third of respondents.

- Businesses are confident that our economy is improving, are planning to expand their business and increase staff numbers.
- Anticipated challenges for next 12 months include Australians choosing to travel overseas, petrol prices, staff retention and recruitment and managing low tourist numbers without government support.
- One third of respondents had engaged with Bass Coast prior to completing this survey and 20% did not know that Council had a business support team.

RIGHT: Janine of Treat Time in Inverloch was happy to support the shire's Shop, Eat, Love Local campaign.



Join this year's candlelight walk

THE 16th New Year's Eve Candlelight Walk at San Remo, on the homelands of the Yalluk Bulluk clan of the Bunurong people, commencing at 8.15pm, will celebrate the oldest continuous culture on Earth and reflect on a different Australia.

Organiser Lorraine said, "The art of a reflective labyrinth walk is to set your Walk's intention to listen with your heart, and then, to be fully present to their lived experiences and life expectancy. It involves hearing more than what appears on the surface but taps into the deeper meaning of their unspoken needs and feelings.

"The Labyrinth has one path into the centre and the same path out, allowing your thinking brain to relax. When you walk the path, a releasing process needs to happen before your contemplative journey unfolds. It is then clarity and insight into your Walk's intention can surface.

"People often find a new perspective from a simple meditative Walk, and when integrated with their Walk's purpose, they learn to go forward."

All welcome to the Walk to Recognise First People.

For more information, contact Lorraine and Geoff Rodda at 0400 045 397

Directions: Unmade section of Back Beach Road, San Remo.

The Labyrinth's on the right alongside a row of Cypress Trees.

Car parking and picnic facilities are nearby.

Bring something to sit on and a torch.

Shire saves \$30K through renewables

BASS Coast Shire has saved almost \$30,000 in the last 12 months powering its municipal offices, streetlights and community buildings with renewable energy.

Bass Coast is now one of 51 local governments to have switched council buildings and facilities to renewable electricity through the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO).

Since launching in 2021, VECO has grown from 46 to 51 participating councils in Victoria to now be the biggest renewable energy buyers' group in the country.

These savings are being redirected to critical community services.

Approximately 172,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions have been saved by councils in the first 12 months, which is equivalent to powering up to 35,000 homes or taking 66,000 cars off the road each year.

Bass Coast Shire has saved almost 2000 tonnes of emissions in the last 12 months, assisting council to achieve its net zero by 2030 emissions target.

It also supports the delivery of Bass Coast's commitment to achieve net zero Council emissions by 2030.

Students shine in school awards

Bass Coast College McKenzie Campus held their student awards ceremony recently for Years 10 and 11 with no shortage of outstanding awardees.



Year 11 co-ordinators award recipients Victoria Jaskula and Luke Dosiak. B06_4822



Certificates of appreciation went to the year 10 student leaders Ella Smith, Louisa Poll, Kyi Kyi Myint, Zac Mabilia, Chloe Butcher and Shaye Brown. Baia Pugh and Millie Frawley (absent). B01_4822



Year 10 co-ordinators award recipients Zac Mabilia and Amelia Alderson. B07_4822



Certificates of appreciation went to the year 11 student leaders Victoria Jaskula, Kayla Humphrey, Eli Fitzgerald, Jake Dennerley, Cameron Chesterfield and Bianca Beaumont. Kyla McKenzie (absent). B02_4822



ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork award recipient Kyi Kyi Myint and ADF Future Innovators award recipient Kira Mascaros. B10_4822



Year 10 honours and effort award recipients Kira Mascaros, Zac Mabilia, Katie Fisher, Raphael Spiteri-Stevens, Dylan Cleary, Amy Scott, Eden Carter, Louisa Poll, Shaye Brown, Asha McMahon, Courtney Boldiston, Mataya Maloney and Dillen Andriguetto. B03_4822



Marli Box receives her effort award from Wonthaggi Campus Principal Ross Bramley. B17_4822



Year 11 key learning area award recipients Ella McPhee (The Arts), Charlotte Morris (Technology), Tess Wingfield (Life Sciences), Louisa Poll & Amy Scott (Languages), Jett Watson (Humanities and Mathematics), Kayla Humphrey (Health/PE & Physical Sciences), and Nicole West (English/Literature). B05_4822



Year 11 effort award recipients Nicole West, Maya Fraser, Levi Reid, Letitia Pugh, Jesse Dykes, Scout O'Neill, Jake Denneley, Charlotte Morris, Kyla Chapman, Lachlan McGennisken, Abbey Chapman, Eve Leversha, Lleyton Cartmel, Jack Joyce, Miea Jolly, Kiara Brusamarello, Aaliyah Henwood, Ruby Brosnan, Brodie Gude, Nathan Alder and Mica Geronimo. Matilda Grace Macy Alderson (absent). B14_4822



Year 10 Outstanding Academic Achievement award recipients Raphael Spiteri-Stevens, Amy Scott, Louisa Poll, Katie Fisher, Dylan Cleary, Shayne Brown and Dillen Andrigutto. B12_4822



Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program Scholarship recipients Amy Scott and Zac Mabilia. B08_4822



Year 10 key learning area award recipients Dylan Cleary (Physical Sciences), Connor Orchard (Life Sciences), Raphael Spiteri-Stevens and Dillen Andrigutto (Mathematics), Eden Carter (Languages), Kira Mascaros (Humanities), Olivia Bramley (Health/PE), and Katie Fisher (English/Literature). B15_4822



Watersure Scholarship recipient Luca Gleeson, other recipients were Trevor Braid, Cade Brown and Scarlett Evans (also Headstart Vocational award recipient) (all absent). SGTSA Encouragement award recipient Ashden Grenness (also absent). B16_4822



Watersure Scholarship recipients Ciara McCraw, Dylan Berry and Shayne Brown. B11_4822



Year 11 honours and effort award recipients Jett Watson, Tess Wingfield, Kayla Humphrey, Luca Gleeson, Macey Smith, Jack Leverington (back), Ella Macphee, Elijah Fokkens, Luke Dosiak, Noah Robertson, Serina Darling, Jessica Roberts, Jordan Conlan, Frankie Murray-White and Charlie Berry. B09_4822



Year 11 Outstanding Academic Achievement award recipients Frankie Murray-White, Ella Macphee, Kayla Humphrey and Luke Dosiak. (Year 11 VCAL recipient Kaitlyn Shepherd absent). B13_4822

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Share the joy at Christmas

YOU know, not everyone will have their family around them at Christmas and be able to gather at a Christmas table full of laughter, over lame Christmas cracker jokes and gentle family ribbing, while enjoying a magnificent repast of prawns, turkey, and all the trimmings.

Good luck to you if you can but spare a thought too for those who might be alone at Christmas or for whom Christmas is a difficult time, separated from family or after losing a loved one.

And let's hope that the joy of others, at local carol events, out shopping, meeting Santa, at a local Christmas church service or even just watching the annual Carols in the Bowl on Christmas Eve; works its magic and we can all share in this wonderful time of the year.

So, what can we do to spread the joy?

First, we've all heard that the stress associated with COVID has made many of us more short-tempered, so when you're out shopping, waiting in traffic, or especially if you have to go to the doctors' or the hospital – be kind, take it easy.

Two, don't be in a hurry when driving and get off the phone! It's a penalty of four demerit points, a \$545 fine or worse.

Three, how about we all try to contribute a "random act of kindness" in the run up to Christmas, which might involve a donation to your favourite charity, if nothing else comes to mind.

And four, consider volunteering at a local club or community group next year.

From everyone at the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times, stay safe on the roads over the Christmas-New Year holidays, be kind to yourself and others, and have a 'Happy Christmas' and an even better year in 2023.

Back to work for Bath

The Victorian Electoral Commission has now officially declared the results for the Legislative Council of State Parliament.

It is an honour to be re-elected to as The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region and continue my work raising the issues that are important to my constituents.

Now more than ever the voice of regional Victorians deserves to be heard in Spring Street and I am pleased to welcome a new Nationals MP Gaelle Broad into the upper house to make a valuable contribution to her electorate of Northern Victoria Region.

Now more than ever we need to stand up for our fair share of infrastructure and roads maintenance, adequate education, and health services in regional Victoria. We need to create sustainable jobs and industries, better manage our public land and continue to respect for our way of life.

While the State of Victoria has returned Labor for another four years, regional Victorians have sent a strong message to the Andrews Government – 'Listen to us!'

The Nationals will unapologetically continue to place the interests of country Victorians first.

With purity of purpose, focussing solely on rural and regional Victoria, three new Nationals MPs have been elected to the Lower House and I warmly welcome Martin Cameron to the seat of Morwell and congratulate my current colleagues, Danny O'Brien, and Tim Bull for retaining the seats of Gippsland South and Gippsland East.

Together we are committed to work-

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What is the best thing about Christmas?



Sandra Fowler

"Everything. It is a time to celebrate Jesus – to celebrate his life and to be altogether, singing at the Christmas carols."



Asha McMahon

"Giving and receiving gifts, and simply being in the presence of family and having everyone together in one place."



Jackson Plail

"Spending time with family. I live far away from my family, so it is truly special to have everyone celebrating together."



Natasha Crestani

"Everything, but I truly love Christmas movies, my stepdad's potato salad that takes him four days to create and simply being with family."

Regional Victorians want a strong voice

This election has shown that regional Victorians are looking for a strong, local voice to represent them in Parliament.

Someone who knows what makes our smaller communities tick, and who will hold the Government to account as it continues to overlook our rural and regional communities.

The voters of Shepparton, Morwell and Mildura sent a clear message to the independents that previously represented them that it was time for a change.

And the communities of our incumbent MPs once again renewed their support of a party prioritising people living outside of the city.

The Nationals have deep roots in our country communities and a long history of strong advocacy for all regional Victorians.

Our grassroots campaigns, led by candidates who are fierce advocates for their regions, brought the issues regional Victoria faces to the fore.

And regional Victorians chose to support a party that would lower their cost of living, address our crumbling roads, fix Victoria's health crisis and deliver agricultural innovation for Victoria, among myriad other things.

Labor said they're doing what matters, and we're here to ensure they're doing it for all Victorians, and not just the inner-city.

The Nationals now cover Victoria from border to border.

We will ensure the Labor Government knows it must do more for regional Victoria.

The Nationals is the only party solely representing regional Victoria, it is our core focus and it should be a focus for the Labor Government.

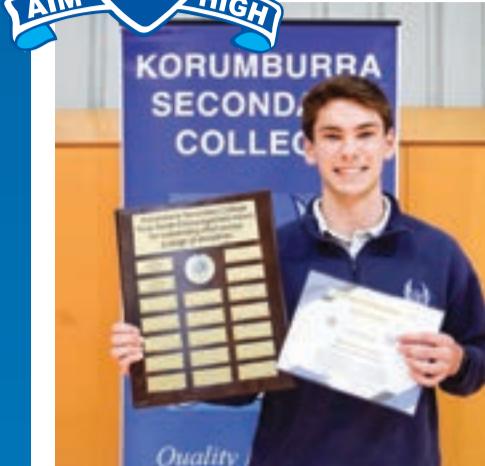
We have a great team that will work together to make sure regional Victoria has a very loud, very proud, very strong voice in Parliament.

Peter Walsh, Member for Murray Plains, Leader of The Nationals

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

Outstanding students recognised at Korumburra

Korumburra Secondary College was proud to acknowledge the efforts of its students at their Awards Presentation night last week.



Year 10 student Liam Thomas was the happy recipient of the 2022 Russ Smith Award which recognises and encourages students with an outstanding ability to care and support their community.



Year 7 students Jayden Douglas and Stella Whittle (left) both received excellence awards while Amelia Le Serve and (far right) Clay Hance received the Co-ordinators award and Jessica Churchill was Dux of Year 7.



Caitlyn Cameron received the White Family Scholarship Award for outstanding leadership in the school and community.



Declan Beech was a top student receiving Dux of Year 9 award.



Proud Year 9 students Riley McIntosh (Excellence Award), Holly Fowler and Eva O'Brien (Co-ordinator awards), Marty Cook (Excellence) and Declan Beech who also received the Year 9 Exam Award as well as Dux.



Jessica Churchill was the college's Year 7 Dux recipient for having the most outstanding achievements across all areas of study.



Abbey Nicholls was delighted with her Year 10 Excellence Award, while April Reeves was Dux of Year 10 and Kirrah Belvedere received Year 10 co-coordinators award.



Abbey Nicholls and Katie Cronin received the Australia Defence Force 2022 Long Yan Youth Leadership and Teamwork award while Travis Hall took out the defence force Future Innovators award.



Amikah Riddell's dedication to her studies paid off after receiving the VCAL Senior Award.



Eydie Johnson and Blake Webb were proud to receive the Year 12 Excellence Award while Aaliyah Trevethan was the Year 12 Dux awardee.



William Dowel received the Year 8 Coordinator award, Zi Xin Ye proudly received the Exam award, while Ruby Jobling and Mia Trevethan (far right) were delighted with their Excellence awards and Natalie Churchill was Year 8 Dux recipient.



Rhys Borg achieved the VCAL Foundation award.



Natalie Churchill was Dux of Year 8.

Tarwin producers facing unprecedented challenges



Flock, Stock & Basil's Anna, Chris and Zephyr are fortunate to have small greenhouses to help raise the seedlings in but are looking forwards to the arrival of larger crop greenhouses in the future. C26_5022



The farm gate is open on a Saturday from 10am to 2pm. C28_5022



Recent storms and weather have destroyed crops and trees around the property. C30_5022



The pair also hope to include permanent tropical crops in the future, with banana trees already establishing themselves in the smaller greenhouses. C29_5022

This story forms part of a regular feature by the Sentinel-Times covering how this year's weather is impacting local farmers and producers.

BEFORE this year mixing up La Niña and El Niño could be forgiven.

But after the recent spate of wild weather events, La Niña 2022 will be a statement not forgotten for many years to come.

The Sentinel-Times recently reported on the crop woes experienced by producers Goshen Country, and sadly they are not alone, down the road and around a few bends Tarwin Lower producers Flock, Stock & Basil are eight weeks behind schedule with multiple crop losses this year.

"We are pretty resilient, but this year has been particularly hard," owner, Anna Briggs said.

Alongside her husband and co-owner, Chris Muggeridge, Flock, Stock & Basil have faced one of their most difficult years to date.

"It's purely the conditions this year. We bounce back pretty well but it has been particularly hard to keep that positivity this time. It wears you down."

With their farm gate open once a week (Saturday's 10am-2pm), the pair rely on local customers visiting.

"We do supply a few cafes on occasion and our eggs are available at Meenyan and Tarwin IGAs, but primarily our focus is the farm gate, we just need more people to come in."

"The farm gate works really well for us, and it means we can sell both our vegies and meats in the one place, alongside Chris's pies, curries and sauces."

"We are also excited to be bringing local delivery into the mix next year, with large greenhouses on the horizon and next summer we are also looking forwards to families being able to pick-your-own berries – this year will be pick-your-own flowers."

"It's so heartbreaking when sellers at markets stock up their stalls and if people are not in the mood or the weather is unfavourable, and everyone is at the beach, they have to take all the vegies home."

The farm is also home to a number of beehives that help pollinate the array of vegetables, flowers and fruits.

"We have some very small greenhouses that we use for seedlings and young trees. It also houses our small chilli plants and cherry tomatoes – whatever we can fit!"

"Once the bigger greenhouses arrive, we will be able to control the environment and plant crops over the winter."

"It's sad because we grow all our animals on pasture successfully, but it's difficult to grow vegetables all of the time."

"Obviously some crops do fine outside, our snap peas survived the storm. The leafy greens didn't fare so well nor tomatoes or eggplants – some we are replacing; some will just take longer to grow. We lost half our pumpkin crop for next year already."

Eight weeks behind, it's not a simple matter of waiting for the fields to dry.

With seasons potentially shifting, producers like Chris and Anna then need to weigh up risking a longer

summer or preparing for autumn.

But how did the venture all start? The farm was a blank slate when Anna and Chris purchased the property in 2018, shifting east from Geelong.

"There were broken fences and troughs, a few cows wandering on less-than-ideal grass," Anna explained.

"The goal was to develop an organic market garden that included livestock and had space for rehabilitating the land."

"We could have found a property in the hills with lush forest, but we knew we wanted to have a farm gate here and be really close to the local community and tourist trade."

A chef by trade, Chris has also become an avid propagator, growing all their own trees and nurturing young natives and fruit trees to maturity.

"We hope to convert over a quarter of the property (20 acres) on the hillside to a wildlife corridor for koala rehabilitation," Chris said.

The pair transitioned away from cattle after the cows decided to make their own paths and break numerous fences.

"We also felt it was a lot safer for our farm stay guests because the cows were overly friendly and got a bit too big!"

"Now we've got sheep, calves, chickens, pigs and geese... We used to have more birds, but we have gradually cut down the amount that we manage."

With only one gosling surviving this year, last year's geese, who have this season become parents, were hand reared by Anna.

"The young white male has taken his fatherly duties very seriously, but the female will still come over and is very friendly."

"As for the chickens the weather can really impact their laying and egg production – particularly weather extremes that we have seen lately."

"By far the produce is the hardest part of the farm. This year has been hit after hit – La Niña is not for us!" Anna laughed.

"We have friends in the industry and it's great because we all talk, compare notes and ask for advice – we are stronger together," Anna said.

"Animal welfare is also incredibly important to us and is one of the reasons we are selective about the abattoirs and butchers we use," Chris added.

"Having this on your doorstop – customers often ask for advice in the kitchen from Chris with flavours from the farm gate," Anna continued.

"We were busy during the lockdowns with click and collect (which we still do) as supermarkets ran out – we don't want to just be here for emergencies though."

"It shows that the small model is sustainable and still going."

Keeping the farm as sustainable as possible, utilising the animals to help naturally regenerate the land and crops, the pair have also opened a farm stay, with visitors getting first pick of the crop.

Merry Christmas



Tips for your business this festive season

AS WE approach the busy festive season, it's important to remember what you can and can't do when marketing and selling your goods or services.

The ACCC has the following advice.

Ensure your advertising is truthful

Regardless of how you communicate with a customer – whether it's through advertising, packaging, endorsements or a sales representative – you must provide accurate and truthful messages about the products and services you supply.

This applies to any claims you make in the media or online, such as testimonials on your website or social media pages.

Stretching the truth this festive season could expose your business to serious penalties. Even if you don't intend to be misleading, if the overall impression created is something other than the truth, then you're at risk of breaching the law.

Check the prices you display are clear and accurate

Don't take advantage of holiday shoppers looking for a bargain.

In order to draw in customers, some businesses choose to promote their products or services by highlighting the savings to be made, such as: comparing the 'sales' price with previous pricing (including 'was/now' pricing or 'strike through' pricing such as 'was \$150/now \$100' or '\$150 now \$100') specifying a particular dollar amount or percentage saving.

If you decide to adopt this practice, you must ensure that consumers are not misled about the actual savings that may be achieved. A key question to ask yourself is 'was the product/service sold at the before price for a reasonable time before the sale?'. If the answer is no, you should rethink your pricing strategy.

It's also important to remember that a 'sale' or 'discounted' price should only be available for a limited period. If a sale goes on too long, the 'sale price' could become the new selling price.



Lois Townsend a member of the Wonthaggi Combined Probus Club opened her nursery to members of the club, providing members with a morning tea, plus, a tour and a talk on the operation of the nursery.



"Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and festive season. Please stay safe over summer by swimming between the flags at a patrolled beach. Look on our Facebook page for weekly updates on patrolled beaches on Phillip Island."

— Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club – President Jason Close

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"Season's Greetings to our local community from PICAL. We have moved to 16 Warley Avenue, Cowes and are open over the holiday period as follows:

- Services Australia Agency 9.00-2.00 each weekday (except public holidays)
- Food Relief Pantry 10.00-2.00 each weekday (except public holidays)
- PICAL Reception limited service"

— Phillip Island Community & Learning Centre

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"SES San Remo would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas. Please take care over this period, particularly on the roads. We would also like to thank the community for their ongoing support this year and we are looking forward to an amazing 2023. Merry Christmas"

— San Remo SES – Unit Controller, Mandy Chancellor

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"Foster SES would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy New Year. Our members look forward to supporting our community in 2023. Stay safe on the road and arrive alive."

— Foster SES – Unit Controller, David Bartley

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"Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and safe and happy new year. Please drive safely over the holidays."

— Inverloch Fire Brigade – Captain Shane Frogley



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Merry Christmas

Festive spirit in Bena

CHRISTMAS arrived early in Bena with approximately 60 locals, including young families, enjoying a picnic and carols on a balmy summer's night at McGrath Park on the first Friday of December.

All the old favourites were sung, with music provided by the ever-popular South Gippsland Concert Band.

Newly elected mayor Nathan Hersey and his family, as well as councillor Mick Felton, took time out of their busy schedules to support the laid-back local event.

The Bena Hall Committee organised the community evening, with its members keen to make it an annual event.

An increasing number of families have moved into Bena in recent years, with the hall committee recognising the need to engage with the town's growing community.

That prompted it to organise different events over the past year since restrictions eased.

Committee members are confident the next 12 months will be even more exciting for the Bena community.



Bena's picnic and carols was a great family evening.

"On behalf of the Wonthaggi Fire Brigade thank you for your ongoing support, merry Christmas and a happy new year. Reminder as we head into the holiday season when spending time with family and friends, play it safe with campfires and barbecues; and take care on our roads."

— Wonthaggi Fire Brigade – Captain Arnaud Marion

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"Merry Christmas from our brigade to everyone. It's going to be a good grass fire season. We hope we don't see you because we don't want any fires!"

— French Island Fire Brigade – Captain Keith Airs

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"From all of us at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre to all of you, have a joyful and merry festive season. Whether or not you celebrate Christmas, we hope that at this time of year you get to spend the days ahead relaxing in the company of your loved ones. See you 2023."

— Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre

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"I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year, but mostly I wish that the festive season be fire and accident free. To put all emergency workers from the Doctors and Trauma crews, Ambulance personal, Police, SES and Fire Crews out of work. The choice will be all yours."

— Kongwak And District Fire Brigade – Captain Tony Reade



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Merry Christmas



"Bass Coast Adult Learning wishes all students, participants and their supports and families a happy, safe and healthy holiday season. We look forward to learning with you all in 2023 after we reopen on January 9th."

— Bass Coast Adult Learning



Dire report highlights impact of rising costs

FOR 15.7 million Aussies (61%), Christmas will be anything but joyous due to the impact of the rising cost of living, according to new Salvation Army research.

This follows a challenging year that has included record-high inflation, an unprecedented eighth interest rate rise in as many months and devastating natural disasters.

The Salvation Army commissioned two pieces of research; the first surveyed 1450 people who have sought support through The Salvos Doorways Emergency Relief Services and the second external research surveyed the general public.

Almost all Salvation Army clients surveyed (99%) are worried about how they will afford Christmas this year, and sadly 6 in 10 (62%) will struggle to afford presents for their children.

The external research found 3 in 10 Australians will struggle to pay for utilities this Christmas and this rises to 55% amongst those who access The Salvation Army's services.

The Salvation Army's internal survey of clients found:

- 73% said their primary issue leading into Christmas was financial concerns
- 77% are struggling to afford enough food to eat this Christmas
- 69% of single parents rate their

financial situation as poor leading into Christmas

- More than 4 in 5 (82%) households with children responded that they were worried about affording presents for their children this Christmas.
- 82% of single parent households are struggling to afford enough food to eat
- 51% did not feel good about themselves, 44% did not feel important to others, 43% did not feel hopeful and 39% are not looking forward to the future.
- 1 in 5 (19%) will spend Christmas alone this year, with those aged 55+ almost twice as likely to be alone this Christmas.

PureProfile's survey of the general public found:

- Over half of Australians (52%) are more stressed about their finances this year compared to last year.
- 3.9 million Australians (15%) are concerned about their children missing out on presents this Christmas, and 1.7 million (7%) are concerned their children will miss out on food.
- 5.4 million Australians (21%) are worried about how they will afford enough food at Christmas.
- 41% of Australians are more concerned about paying for Christmas expenses this year compared to previous years.
- 1 in 4 Australians are concerned

about affording their rent/mortgage repayments

- 28% of Australians will be going into debt to pay for Christmas (Afterpay, buy-now, pay-later, credit cards)
- 1 in 4 Australians have been significantly impacted by rising interest rates
- 8.6 million (34%) have been significantly impacted by loneliness, anxiety, depression or stress

The Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal is aiming to raise \$23 million to ensure they can continue their vital work across the country, supporting Aussies in need.

This Christmas, The Salvos will:

- Distribute more than 64,000 hampers and vouchers to those struggling to make ends meet at Christmas time.
- Give out hundreds of thousands of gifts and toys to families to ensure that no child goes without a present under the tree on Christmas Day.
- Provide more than 136,000 meals across the country during the Christmas period through our homelessness services.
- Provide more than 68,000 beds for those in need of accommodation during the festive season.

Please donate to The Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal by visiting salvationarmy.org.au or calling 13 SALVOS (13 72 58).



The Nationals Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien handing over donated gifts to Heather Baird, founder of A Better Life for Foster Kids.

Helping Heather bring Christmas joy to foster kids

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien got to play Santa as he handed over the many wonderful gifts donated by local community members to Heather Baird of A Better Life for Foster Kids.

Mr O'Brien has joined several Gippsland businesses in hosting a Giving Tree at his office this year in order to collect gifts and financial donations for the charity to distribute to children in out-of-home care for a large array of reasons.

If you are interested in learning more about or applying to become a foster carer, please visit <https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/foster-care> for more information.

care and their carers at Christmas and spread joy at what might understandably be a difficult time for these children."

Mr O'Brien said he was also extremely grateful to Mrs Baird and all the volunteers at A Better Life for Foster Kids for the work they do year-round to support hundreds of children in Gippsland who are in out-of-home care for a large array of reasons.

"I have no doubt that these donations will help put a smile on the faces of children in out-of-home

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The Borough Dept Store in Korumburra generously donated a collection of staff tips and donations given by customers to the St Vincent de Paul Society this Christmas to support those less fortunate within the community.

Huge shortfall in donations



"With the summer holidays just around the corner the members of Venus Bay Surf Lifesaving Club would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. We are patrolling beach 1 throughout the summer, and remember always swim between the flags."

— Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club

"This holiday season, we're asking you to do one thing to keep yourself, your family and your friends safer. Whether that be during floods or storms, when driving or camping, or while you're at home. Don't forget to download the VicEmergency app and stay safe over the festive period."

— Leongatha SES – Unit Controller Matt Saario



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Merry Christmas



A healthier and safer festive season

WITH the festive season in full swing, the Alcohol and Drug Foundation is encouraging people to plan ahead and use some simple steps for healthier and safer celebrations.

Chief Executive Officer, Dr Erin Lalor AM said for some, this time of year and drinking, goes hand in hand. But there are easy ways people can reduce the risk of alcohol-related harms such as accidents and injuries.

"We want everyone to have a great time and make it home safely. So, if you are drinking, the safest option is not to drive. Plan ahead and organise alternative transport home, such as a rideshare, taxi, or assigning a designated driver," Dr Lalor said.

Other tips for people drinking over the festive season include:

- Set a limit before you start drinking and stick to it. Don't feel pressured to drink heavily just because party hosts are providing drinks or someone's covering the

- bar tab
- Don't let others top up your glass, as you may lose track of how many drinks you've had
- Avoid drinking in rounds, as you may end up drinking more than planned
- Drink lots of water between alcoholic beverages. Eating before and while drinking is also recommended, as it will help to slow the absorption of alcohol
- Get up and move. Occupy yourself to help reduce the amount you're drinking, for example: play pool, talk to friends, sing karaoke or hit the dance floor

For more healthy coping strategy suggestions, check out the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's website.

If you are unhappy or worried about your own, or a loved one's alcohol or other drug use, visit Path2Help.

For information or support, people can also contact the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's DrugInfo line on 1300 85 85 84.



"This is a time of family celebrations and gatherings. We hope that you have a great holiday season and enjoy the time with your friends and family. December has been identified as one of the highest-risk periods for road trauma. If you are driving, monitor your alcohol intake and drivers please be aware that police will be increasing their presence on the roads over the holiday period".

— Bass Coast Police

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"Phillip Island Fire Brigade would like to wish the community a very safe and happy Christmas! A reminder if firing up the barbecue this Christmas, here are a few quick safety tips:

- *If a fire occurs, turn off the gas at the cylinder or meter, but only if safe to do so. In most cases this should allow the fire to extinguish itself. If you're unable to extinguish the fire safely, call Triple Zero (000).*
- *Use your barbecue in a clear space. Never use it indoors or in a confined area and ensure there is adequate clearance from walls, fences, and other property.*
- *Do not use barbecues in windy conditions as the burners may blow out, risking a gas leak."*

— Phillip Island Fire Brigade

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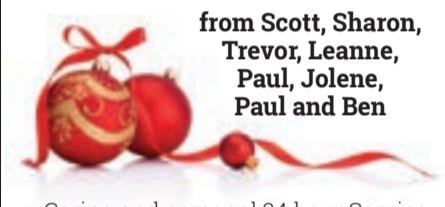


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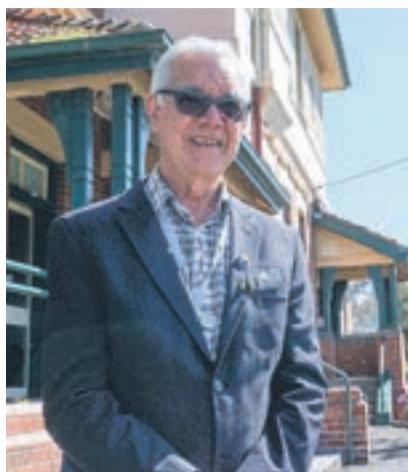
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Christmas message from mayor Michael Whelan

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Merry Christmas from your local ambos

Ambulance Victoria – acting area manager Gippsland Ross Breden

"Ambulance Victoria wishes everyone a great festive season and a happy start to 2023.

Enjoy the celebrations, but please remember to stay safe and look after each other to avoid being in the back of an ambulance.

At this time of year, paramedics regularly see the devastating results of road trauma. When you're on the road, be patient, be alert and take care – especially in situations where there's increased traffic.

Our paramedics are often called to crashes that might've been avoided. Fatigue is a major contributor to this, but many people underestimate its debilitating effects on their driving ability.

Plan regular breaks, be aware of the side effects of any medication and ensure that you take a 15-minute power nap at the first signs of tiredness.

The roadside is also often a paramedic's workplace so when you see us stopped by the side of the road, please slow to pass at 40km/hr, if safe to do so.

Just like you, at the end of



the day, we want to go home to our family and friends.

Whether you're on the road, by the water or in the sun this summer, stay cool and safe.

Keep hydrated. Have water regularly throughout the day and drink alcohol responsibly.

Check in on others, particularly older people and those living alone.

Take care around water – supervise children, always swim between the flags at the beach and be mindful of swimming behind boats with motors.

Waterways can also mask hidden dangers such as sticks, submerged tree stumps, rocks, dangerous currents and shallow water, even in parts of the lakes and rivers that look safe.

Hot cars can kill, so never leave kids, older people or pets in a parked car.

When hiking or camping, be prepared and have the right equipment.

Think carefully about what to pack, carry a phone, keep a map on hand, tell someone

where you're going, watch out for uneven ground and know basic CPR.

Finally, save Triple Zero (000) for emergencies.

Every call for assistance that isn't an emergency puts significant strain on our crews to reach those who need us the most.

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Zevelyn and Ashley work on their Christmas card messages for those in aged care homes.



Spreading Christmas joy Vanhartley and Paige decorate and write in their cards.

Christmas cards for aged care

EVERY year Barwon Prison send The Salvation Army Wonthaggi free Christmas cards, as part of prisoner rehabilitation program.

This year Jenn and her team at Wonthaggi have given the cards to Wonthaggi North Primary School where teachers Kerr, Caroline and Andrew (principal) have volunteered class time for young students to write Christmas wishes within.

The cards are then be distributed to the aged care homes across Wonthaggi for the elderly.

"Many do not have family who visit or

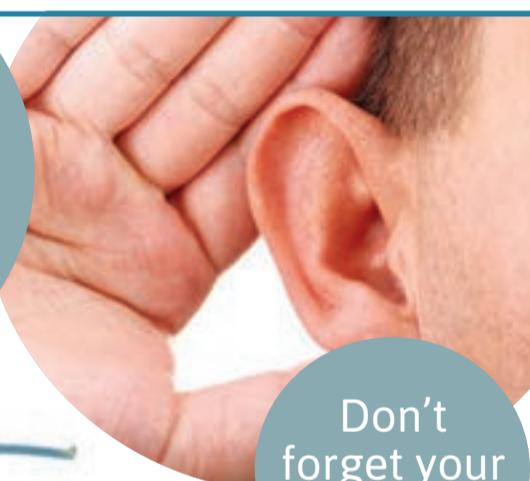
are free to visit them at this time of year, and we hope to bring a smile to their day," Jenn said.

"I was with the Preps when they were writing on the Christmas cards," Kerr added.

"They really enjoyed the exercise and were happy to be spreading some Christmas cheer to our local community."

The Salvation Army will then report back to the prison and inform them of how these small gestures have helped the community to give rehabilitator's a sense of purpose.

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Don't let your festive lights ignite

AS Victorians adorn their homes with festive fairy lights in the lead up to the Christmas and holiday season, firefighters are reminding people to check the wiring and placement of their lights.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan urged Victorians to take simple precautionary steps to be sure it's only Santa's sleigh that visits this Christmas, and not a fire truck.

"Before setting your lights up, make sure the wiring is intact, check there are no missing bulbs or frayed cords and the lights are in good, working order," he said.

"When plugging in your lights, remember not to overload power boards, and make sure electrical cords are not covered by a rug or mat.

"Tinsel and other festive decorations will be abundant but placing lights too close to these

items can present a fire risk.

"Remember to turn your Christmas lights off when leaving the house or before going to bed to ensure they don't overheat."

Electrical fires are among the top causes of house fires each year.

Christmas lights safety tips:

- When buying Christmas lights, make sure they have the Regulatory Compliance Mark tick of approval.
- Consider using battery-operated LED or solar lights which don't require electricity.
- Inspect your Christmas lights for any sign of damage or wear and tear. Make sure there's no exposed wiring, that the lights are in good working order and that there are no missing globes.
- When decorating the outside of your home,

only choose lights and fittings designed for external use.

- Make sure you have a safety switch in your meter box or have a qualified electrician install one.

- Don't overload power boards; use no more than three sets of lights per power board, even if there are four or more outlets on it, and avoid using double adaptors.

- Make sure electric cords are completely uncoiled and are not placed under rugs or mats.

- Place your tree as far as possible from any heat source, curtains or furnishings.

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms in all bedrooms, living areas and hallways. Ideally, smoke alarms are interconnected, which means if a fire in one room sets off one smoke alarm, all alarms will activate.

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Favourite Holiday Destination: Bali
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Favourite Food: Steak
Favourite Team: Sydney
Favourite Holiday Destination: Tasmania
Nickname: Rob

Zoe Pollock



Fixed Operations Manager
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Interest & Hobbies: Sports
Favourite Food: Nachos
Favourite Holiday Destination: Bali
Nickname: Z

Warren Stewart Jnr



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Favourite Team: Collingwood
Favourite Holiday Destination: Byron Bay
Nickname: Jay

James Chetcuti



Mitsubishi Sales Manager
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Favourite Team: Parramatta Eels
Favourite Holiday Destination: Anywhere
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Toyota New Car Sales
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Favourite Food: Chocolate
Favourite Holiday Destination: Hawaii
Nickname: Matty

Ryan McGuirk



Workshop Foreman
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Interest & Hobbies: Camping
Favourite Food: Homemade Lasagne
Favourite Holiday Destination: Cape York

Ashley Houchen



Workshop Foreman
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Interest & Hobbies: Footy, camping & 4WD
Favourite Food: Roast Pork
Favourite Holiday Destination: Harrietville
Nickname: Houch

Simon Frings



Sales
Tenure: 3 years
Interest & Hobbies: Woodwork
Favourite Food: Pasta
Favourite Holiday Destination: Home

Jarrod Magnussen



Admin & Rentals
Tenure: 9 years
Interest & Hobbies: 2 young kids, no time for hobbies of my own
Favourite Team: Carlton
Favourite Holiday Destination: Jiuzhaigou, Sichuan & China

Mitchell Roberts



Master Technician
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Interest & Hobbies: Dirt bike riding, 4WD, camping & video games
Favourite Holiday Destination: Minnehaha Falls
Nickname: Schnitz

Reece Stark



Mechanic
Tenure: 1 year
Interest & Hobbies: Camping & 4WD
Favourite Food: Steak
Favourite Team: Collingwood
Favourite Holiday Destination: Mallacoota
Nickname: Starky

Colin Stanbury



Technician
Tenure: 3.5 years
Interest & Hobbies: Fishing
Favourite Food: Pizza
Favourite Team: North Melbourne
Favourite Holiday Destination: Bali
Nickname: Col

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Parts Interpreter
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Favourite Holiday Destination: Port Douglas

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Favourite Food: Everything
Favourite Team: Bulldogs
Nickname: Jay

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Favourite Food: KFC
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Marija Shapardon



Guest Experience / Marketing
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Favourite Food: Lasagne & chocolate cake

Krysten Unthank



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Favourite Team: Western Bulldogs
Favourite Holiday Destination: Queensland

Hayden Hamilton



Apprentice Technician
Tenure: 1 month
Interest & Hobbies: Outdoors & cars
Favourite Food: Lasagne
Favourite Holiday Destination: High Country
Nickname: Cobba

Isabella Grimley



Apprentice Technician
Tenure: 6 months
Interest & Hobbies: Guitar & cars
Favourite Food: Sushi
Favourite Team: Hawthorn
Favourite Holiday Destination: Omeo
Nickname: Bella

Hemant Kumar



Detailer
Tenure: 9.5 years
Interest & Hobbies: Pool
Favourite Food: Italian
Favourite Team: Richmond
Favourite Holiday Destination: Hawaii
Nickname: H

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Favourite Holiday Destination: Pub
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Favourite Holiday Destination: New York
Nickname: Ry

Salv Crivelli



General Sales Manager - Leongatha
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Interest & Hobbies: Fishing, Golf & Basketball
Favourite Food: Pasta
Favourite Team: Collingwood
Favourite Holiday Destination: Fiji

Nicole Hope



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Tenure: 12 months
Interest & Hobbies: Family, cooking & camping
Favourite Food: Seafood
Favourite Holiday Destination: Anywhere off grid in the camper

Mark Tipping



Sales
Tenure: 3 years
Interest & Hobbies: Footy, movies & music
Favourite Food: Spicy dishes
Fav. Team: Bombers
Favourite Holiday Destination: Anything that incl. a road trip
Nickname: Tippy

Rohan Beale



Leongatha Toyota Sales Manager
Tenure: 3 years
Interest & Hobbies: Beef farming
Favourite Food: Roast
Favourite Team: Collingwood
Favourite Holiday Destination: Port Douglas

Georgia Gia



Finance & Insurance Manager
Tenure: 2 years
Interest & Hobbies: Road trip, music & Lego extraordinaire
Favourite Food: Italian
Favourite Holiday Destination: USA
Nickname: G

Ric Boscato



Service Manager
Tenure: 2 years
Interest & Hobbies: Cars & AFL
Favourite Food: Roast
Favourite Team: Carlton
Favourite Holiday Destination: Europe
Nickname: Ric

David Franklin



Sales Consultant
Tenure: 3 years
Interest & Hobbies: Gardening & camping
Favourite Food: Scotch Fillet Steak
Favourite Holiday Destination: Port Douglas
Nickname: Dave

Dean Unthank



Service Manager
Tenure: 2.5 years
Interest & Hobbies: Camping
Favourite Food: Chicken Parma
Fav. Team: Geelong
Favourite Holiday Destination: Somewhere warm
Nickname: Deano

Simon Eaton



Parts Manager
Tenure: 2 years
Interest & Hobbies: Family & camping
Favourite Food: Chinese
Favourite Team: Melbourne
Favourite Holiday Destination: Port Douglas

Chris Batten



Workshop Foreman
Tenure: 14 years
Interest & Hobbies: Motorcycles
Favourite Food: Curry
Favourite Team: Richmond
Favourite Holiday Destination: Phillip Island
Nickname: Borat

Ryan Bentvelzen



Parts Manager
Tenure: 3 years
Interest & Hobbies: Camping, sports & cars
Favourite Food: Pizza
Favourite Team: Essendon
Favourite Holiday Destination: Lakes Entrance
Nickname: Benny

Robert Read



Service Advisor
Tenure: Some years
Interest & Hobbies: Camping
Favourite Food: Chinese food
Favourite Team: Richmond
Favourite Holiday Destination: Beach Areas

Andrew Hunt



Honda Technician
Tenure: 3.5 years
Interest & Hobbies: Anything to do with the beach
Favourite Holiday Destination: Merimbula
Nickname: Roo

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Interest & Hobbies: Fishing, hunting & camping
Favourite Food: Fish
Favourite Team: Essendon
Favourite Holiday Destination: Tocumal
Nickname: Hutto

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Favourite Holiday Destination: Queensland
Nickname: Billy

Reece Britt



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Interest & Hobbies: Working on cars, camping & adventuring
Favourite Holiday Destination: Gold Coast
Nickname: Britt

Bittu Bittu



Technician
Tenure: 2 years
Interest & Hobbies: Travelling & boxing
Favourite Food: Lasagne & parma
Favourite Holiday Destination: Mexico & Europe
Nickname: B2

Clare Rowell



Stock Control
Tenure: 1.5 years
Interest & Hobbies: Camping, paddle boarding & gym
Favourite Food: Sushi
Favourite Holiday Destination: Italy
Nickname: Switzerland

Brodie Cary



Mechanic
Tenure: 2.5 years
Interest & Hobbies: Motorsports, cricket & go karts
Favourite Food: Pizza
Favourite Team: Essendon
Favourite Holiday Destination: Thailand
Nickname: Cezza

Brayden Pimlott



Technician
Tenure: 2.5 years
Interest & Hobbies: Cars
Favourite Food: Spag Bol
Favourite Holiday Destination: Alice Springs
Nickname: Pim

Will Hannon



Mechanic
Tenure: Since June
Interest & Hobbies: Skating & motorbike riding
Favourite Team: Essendon
Favourite Holiday Destination: Hawaii & Italy
Nickname: Willy

Jacob Stewart



Apprentice Mechanic
Tenure: 1 year
Interest & Hobbies: Cars and Movies
Favourite Food: Chicken parma
Favourite Team: Collingwood
Favourite Holiday Destination: Japan
Nickname: Stewie

Dianne Marshall



Detailer
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Favourite Team: Hawks
Favourite Holiday Destination: Alaska
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Foster secondary among the best

THE Foster Secondary College VCE classes of 2022 included three ATARs in the 80s, two ATARs in the 90s, with an average ATAR of 70.82.

Students achieved 18 study scores of 36 plus (top 20 per cent in the State) and four study scores of 40 plus (top 9 per cent in the state).

These results are on par with the college's seven-year average for VCE measures.

Perhaps the most satisfying result, was that the class of 2022 achieved above the State average (30.3) in the all studies score.

This score is often used in the media to compare schools as it is an indicator of the quality of classroom instruction across all subjects offered at the VCE level.

For the second year running, students from FSC have achieved this meritorious result.

"We are very proud of all our VCE students, as we are each year. This year's cohort has shown exceptional resilience over two years of COVID impacted classes and a return to full time schooling this year. Congratulations to them all," principal Dean Duursma said.

"Well done to our DUX Hayley Lazaroo in particular.

"All our staff as well deserve special mention for their dedication to their subject over the entire time our Year 12s were at FSC. Their professionalism and support for each other and their students makes FSC a special place to be involved in. Our second year running with an average/mean study score over 30 is a wonderful reward for great effort."



A variety of musical instruments and limbs were used to create a magical sound wave throughout the auditorium. C18_4822

San Remo Primary rocks and rolls the room

THE foundations of San Remo Recreation Centre were rocked recently as San Remo Primary students whole school performance took place.

A magical sound wave opened the event with parents, families and friends filling the stadium space.

It is one of the first major events to return for the school after the pandemic restricted visitors and events.

Manipulating the sound, under the guidance of music teacher Ian Chambers, students utilised crescendos and diminuendos to create a healing sound wave that incorporated hands, feet, drums, guitars, gongs, keyboards, bongos and marimbas to name but a few of the many instruments in the hour and a half performance.

The concert was an amalgamation of music classes throughout term four with every student playing a part, and even the audience joining in.

"It's nice to be able to bring the community vibe back again and have parents, friends and families at the school without restrictions," San Remo Primary School teachers explained.

"The kids have worked on their music throughout the term – it is one of the strengths of our students – and it gives them the opportunity to show off their talents."

New chapter for top VCE students

NEWHAVEN College 2022 VCE students celebrated their ATAR results, with 11.25% of students achieving a score above 80 and more than one-third placed in the top 30% of the state.

Principal Tony Corr said Newhaven College class of 2022 has made an outstanding contribution.

"As the 2022 class prepare for their life post school, we congratulate them on their VCE results. Despite the challenges of COVID disrupted years leading into Year 12 they have performed very well. The commitment, resilience, and effort they demonstrated at school are reflected in their results."

"Congratulations to Hamish Brosnan who was our college Dux with the exceptional ATAR of 97.2, placing him in the top 3% of Victoria. Congratulations also to our College Proxime, Liam McDonald, who received an ATAR of 94.8. Other



Top 9 VCE students of 2023, pictured with Year 12 Co-ordinator, Sharon Paterson. (Back L-R) Hamish Brosnan, Michael Furniss, Liam McDonald, Will Carter, Laura Vivian. Front L-R William O'Neill, Rosa Green, Sharon Paterson, Jasmine Sullivan, Ella Beasley.

high-achieving students with ATAR scores of above 80 were Rosa Green, Jasmine Sullivan, Laura Vivian, William O'Neill, Will Carter, Michael Furniss and Ella Beasley.

"Special recognition to Year 11 student Saffi Campbell-Walker who achieved the perfect study score of 50 in VET Music Performance. To

achieve a study score of 50 is the highest possible result and an exceptional effort. To attain that result in Year 11 is a wonderful achievement and a great credit to Saffi.

"I would also like to congratulate four students who achieved the Victorian Certificate of Education Baccalaureate is

an additional form of recognition for students who successfully meet the demands of studying a higher-level mathematics subject and a language in their VCE program. Congratulations to Hamish Brosnan, Michael Furniss, Tahlia Mumby and William O'Neill on this achievement," said Mr Corr.

Duke of Edinburgh awards proudly supported at Newhaven College

FOR well over 30 years Newhaven College has been supporting students to complete the internationally recognised Duke of Edinburgh awards.

The Award is a leading structured (non-formal education) youth development program, empowering young Australians aged 14-24 to explore their full potential and find their purpose, passion and place in the world, regardless of their location or circumstance.

The Award is a fully inclusive program and has no social, political, or religious affiliations.

Completing the Award has many benefits for future study, scholarships and employability.

To achieve an Award, each young person must learn a skill, improve their physical well-being, volunteer in their community and experience a team adventure in a new environment.

All participants are supported by a network of adult award leaders, assessors and supervisors.

A number of Newhaven College teachers, such as Ann-Marie McLean and Year 9 Co-ordinator Ric Pearce have supported many students through the process over the years.



2022 Duke of Edinburgh- gold participants were presented with their awards at Newhaven College's Presentation evening in November 2022. Ann-Marie McLean (left), Christopher Axford, Kirsten Sandy, Sasha Allen, Lara Standish, Tony Corr (Principal).

Ann-Marie McLean understands the benefits of completing Duke of Ed.

"The Gold Award not only adds to your ATAR and differentiates you on your resume, but it also teaches you life-long skills."

After a four-day kayaking trip on Lake Eildon as part of the team adventure component, 2022 Year 12 student Sasha Allen said, "With all the craziness of the first few weeks of year 12

for some of us, I was so grateful to have the opportunity to step back and disconnect from our technology and just live in the moment.

"I couldn't recommend the Duke of Ed program enough. It's such a rewarding and grounding experience, that also helps out with study pathways after Year 12."

Sasha was presented with his gold award along with fellow students Chris Axford, Kirsten

Sandy and Lara Standish at Newhaven College's Presentation evening in November.

Students, starting from age 14, are encouraged to participate in the awards. Information sessions are provided, and staff support is there for the entirety of the program. Newhaven College is proud to offer the Duke of Ed Award program to students who choose to take up the challenge.

~ St Joseph's Primary School Grade 6 Graduation ~



Olive Clifford stands in front of her graduation poster with her proud parents Gemma and Leigh. B08_5022



Parents enjoyed a lovely ceremony, Guard of Honour and lunch last Friday afternoon as they celebrated their kids' primary school graduation. B06_5022



St Joseph's Primary School captain Archie Dynes shows off his School Spirit award alongside proud parents Amy and Phil. B07_5022

Stay safe on roads this summer

RACV is urging Victorians to keep safety at the forefront of their plans ahead of the summer holidays, with some useful tips to address potential risks at home and on the roads.

Across the state, RACV is expecting an uptick in travel to regional hot spots and holiday destinations. RACV General Manager Automotive Services, Jackie Pedersen, said it was important that everyone who takes to the road is aware of changed driving conditions brought on by extreme weather events throughout the year.

"Heavy rain – brought on by the La Niña weather phase – has contributed to flooding that has deteriorated the quality of roads, causing potholes and other hazards for road-users," Ms Pedersen said.

"It's vital that Victorians who are about to embark on road trips are aware of these changed conditions.

"Whether you're using roads you're familiar with, or driving to a new regional location, it's very important that you plan ahead and be prepared for increased traffic and different driving conditions.

"Leave earlier wherever you can to avoid any unnecessary rush and remember to have patience with your fellow motorists."

RACV has recently published advice from an RACV Drive School instructor for motorists encountering potholes.



Photo: Darwin Vegher on Unsplash

RACV also recommends that motorists check that their roadside assistance and car insurance policy is up to date before they leave.

"It's very good practice to get in the habit of also checking the fluid levels under the bonnet, including oil, coolant and even the windscreen washer level. Checking tyre pressure is also a must."

Ms Pedersen said that scheduling regular stops and sticking to main roads will make for a safer, more predictable journey.

RACV Head of Home Insurance, Kirsty Hayes, says there are simple precautions that you can take to make your home safer over Christmas.

"Christmas lights are a beautiful way to decorate at Christmas, but using power boards in your home can be risky if

not used properly. It is important to ensure that you don't overload power boards by attaching double adaptors or additional extension cords to them. It's also important to use good quality power boards with overload protection," Ms Hayes said.

"Candles add a festive ambience to your home, but they must never be left unattended and always be extinguished before you leave a room. Never touch or move a candle while it is burning or while the wax is liquefied.

"Most house fires start in the kitchen. It is important to have a fire extinguisher and fire blanket in an accessible area of your kitchen. If you don't own a fire extinguisher and a fire blanket, they are great items to add to your Christmas list.

"RACV recommends that you

also take time over Christmas to review your home and contents insurance and ensure that you are adequately protected before you leave home for the Summer holidays.

"It's also good practice to let a trusted neighbour know of your plans if you will be away from home for an extended period of time."

Due to increased rainfall in Victoria, the state is expected to have below normal bushfire risk at the start of Summer. As the risk will potentially increase towards March, RACV recommends that Victorians use this time at the start of Summer to prepare their property.

"Make sure you regularly maintain the area around your home and yard to ensure it is free of excess vegetation and debris – this includes gutters and pipes," Ms Hayes said.

"Also look to seal gaps in doors and windows to the best of your ability, and ensure flammable goods such as wood-piles are removed, or stored far from the home. It's also a good idea to ensure your motor vehicle is adequately covered and has a had a safety check in case you need to evacuate."

To assist you in determining how much to insure your home and contents for, there are calculators on the RACV website: A building sum insured calculator and a contents sum insured calculator.

Good vibrations turbo charge green hydrogen production

ENGINEERS in Melbourne have used sound waves to boost production of green hydrogen by 14 times, through electrolysis to split water.

Electrolysis involves electricity running through water with two electrodes to split water molecules into oxygen and hydrogen gases, which appear as bubbles. This process produces green hydrogen, which represents just a small fraction of hydrogen production globally due to the high energy required.

Most hydrogen is produced from splitting natural gas, known as blue hydrogen, which emits greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

Associate Professor Amgad Rezk from RMIT University, who led the work, said the team's innovation tackles big challenges for green hydrogen production.

"One of the main challenges of electrolysis is the high cost of electrode materials used, such as platinum or iridium," said Rezk from RMIT's School of Engineering.

"With sound waves making it much easier to extract hydrogen from water, it eliminates the need to use corrosive electrolytes and expensive electrodes.

"As water is not a corrosive electrolyte, we can use much cheaper electrode materials such as silver."

The research is published in Advanced Energy Materials. An Australian provisional patent application has been filed to protect the new technology.

While the innovation is promising, the team needs to overcome challenges with integrating the sound-wave innovation with existing electrolyzers to scale up the work.



Engineers say their invention offers a promising way to tap into a plentiful supply of cheap hydrogen fuel for transportation and other sectors, which could radically reduce carbon emissions and help fight climate change.

Electric buses gaining momentum

THE State Government is introducing the first of eight electric buses in Melbourne's south east and Australia's first offsite charging station at Monash University.

The Government's \$20 million, Zero Emissions Bus (ZEB) Trial will inform the transition of around 4000 diesel buses in the state's public fleet, including around 2,200 in regional Victoria, to zero emissions. From 2025, all new buses on Victoria's public transport routes will be zero emissions.

As part of the Zero Emissions Bus Trial, bus operator ComfortDelGro Corporation Australia (CDC) has introduced the first of eight electric buses which will operate on route 601 on weekdays and route 630 on weekends.

As part of the trial, Australia's first enroute offsite charging station has been installed at Monash University bus interchange at Clayton campus. This allows top-up charging for these buses during their daily operation enabling them to stay in service longer each day on these busy routes and providing further important data for the trial.

This is complemented by the installation of charging stations at CDC's Oakleigh depot where these first eight electric buses will be based.

CDC is one of six operators across Victoria taking part in the three-year ZEB Trial which will see 52 zero emission buses - 50 electric and two hydrogen - rolled out across Melbourne, Traralgon and Seymour.

Data collected will provide practical information such as how zero emission buses perform and the energy and charging requirements for different types of routes. It will also give insights into how the buses can improve financial and environmental sustainability.

The trial is also fostering vital local industry partnerships – such as with energy providers and manufacturers - that will be needed to achieve the transition across the state.

Almost all of the electric bus bodies in the trial will be built at Volgren's Dandenong South manufacturing facility in Victoria, supporting local jobs and injecting money into the local economy.

Creating a greener fleet is part of Victoria's Bus Plan to develop a modern and reliable network that attracts more passengers, with the new, greener buses critical to the Government's goal of net zero emissions by 2045.

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Jake Edward Cleverley-Robinson is another gorgeous darling son for Tara and Mark of Woolamai.

Their second son was born on November 29, 2022, at 1:38pm at Leongatha Hospital, weighing 8lb 1oz.

Jake is a brother for Ayva Charlotte (10), Ethan Dean (4) and Nina Evelyn (1).

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• FAITH FACTOR

Unrealistic expectations

By Rev Wendy Elson,
UCA Wonthaggi and Inverloch

I WOULD love to wish you all a happy Christmas, but not yet. Not until I explain.

I get nostalgic sometimes for the Christmas of my childhood. All the cousins, the summer days at my grandparents' farm, the food and gifts. Family times with lots of joy. But my more recent experiences of Christmas have not been easy and that makes me think of all those for whom Christmas and the festive season are very tough times.

Firstly, I think of those whose economic reality is very tough. This year especially, this is a growing problem for people and the expenses of Christmas can prove just too much. Sometimes the choice of bills vs food is already a problem, and the expenses of Christmas are just overwhelming.

Then I think of the lonely realities for those who struggle socially or relationally at Christmas. This might be because someone who is loved is missing this year. It may be because that glossy Christmas image of the ideal of family is not a reality for them. For many families, this time of year brings to the fore their disconnection from loved ones. This reality stands in stark contrast to the ideal family presented through the Christmas stories.

I struggle with what we have made Christmas about, the commercialism and the unrealistic expectations, but are there any redeeming features?

Oh yes, the Advent time in our calendar speaks of hope and peace and joy and love. It tells of waiting and yearning for true presence and connection in our lives. This is the birth story of one tiny baby, born to poor peasant parents living on the run, fleeing from the oppression of a colonial empire and seeking refuge in another country. And this is how God becomes present to us, rewriting the story as it were. The name Emmanuel (one of Jesus' names) means God with us, beside us in our loneliness, present in our grief, alongside us in our suffering and painful realities.

So, when I wish you Happy Christmas it is not a glib greeting but rather a heartfelt wish that whatever your reality this Christmas, you will know the loving presence of God who reaches out to you through this hopeful image. Love birthed and rebirthed in unlikely places when hope seems lost. Love is born.

Happy Christmas.

Friendship and fellowship this Christmas

THE San Remo Probus Club celebrated Christmas together on Monday, December 12 with a sing-along at the Newhaven Hall followed by a luncheon at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club.

All members enjoyed a marvellous day of friendship and fellowship during a traditional Christmas feast consisting of roast turkey, ham, and Christmas pudding.

The club meets at 10am every second Monday of the month and visitors are warmly welcome to come along and see what the club have to offer in retirement. 2023 meetings will begin in February.

RIGHT: The Wonthaggi Workmen's Club hosted the San Remo Probus Club Christmas celebration.



~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

CHRISTMAS is coming and the geese are getting fat ... Don't want to get like that? Then pop along to our weight management group to get some pointers on how to enjoy the festive feast and the wickedly delicious things on offer and be able to respect yourself in the morning. They meet on Tuesday early evenings, 5.30 to 6.30pm.

The last Free Community Lunch is on tomorrow Wednesday, December 21, at 12noon. If you are reading this early enough, ring up and see if there are places still available as it will be a special one being the last before the festive season seriously starts.

It'll be a good time and a great chance to catch up and spread the season's greetings with the volunteers and our new manager Lesley Adams.

While you're there, have a chat to our volunteers and new manager Lesley Adams about what it is like to be a volunteer for the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, it may be some-

thing that appeals to you and you'd like to give it a go. Perhaps you have been enjoying our activities and being part of our groups over the year(s)? So, over lunch have you met our lovely volunteers and want to be part of this great community centre?

Then read on Volunteer Opportunities:

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre relies on a team of volunteers to carry out a number of tasks including, working

on the front desk answering phones, providing customer service and general office duties. We have day shifts available for 9.30 am - 4.00pm or half day shifts if that is more suitable. Come along and join a great team and gain experience working in your local community, it looks great on the resume! Call or drop in and speak with one of us, or visit our website and follow the link to 'volunteer-with-us'. Complete the online volunteer application form and we will be in touch with you.

Now, while the temperature is pretty changeable over the last week or so, the general direction is that it is going up, there'll be a lot of cooking over the festive season as we celebrate with our friends and loved ones and generally an increase of power usage at this time. Well, don't forget that the government is still offering the \$250 Power Saving Bonus until the 31st December this year. It is open to all Victorian households. They are keen that you seek out a better energy deal and save money on energy bills that way. So, if you or someone

you know is struggling to pay their power bills, direct them to the online site: www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au/welcome. And call us on 5672 3731 or drop in if you need help applying.

We are now entering into our last week for the year and the festive season build up is in full flow. Christmas is upon us and we close for the festive season of just over two weeks. (That's the 12 days of Christmas plus 5.) We close on Thursday 22nd December and re-open in the New year on Monday 9th January 2023. If you have enjoyed yourself this year remember to join up again as a member for 2023 and look out for our first newsletter of the year. All of us here at the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre wish you, out there, a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

IT'S BEEN a huge year at BCAL. A record number of

First Aid courses were delivered both on campus and at worksites, reflecting an increased demand for training. There were also a range of new courses delivered, including Renewable Energy, Wellness Workshops, updated Barista training, and course in setting up as a sole trader in the disability sector.

The Capacity Building sessions for NDIS clients also had a record number of participants and range of topics. Every single one of the has blossomed as a result of the support and some are now in part time employment too.

Some of the learners who did introductory courses in Term 4 are already enrolled in Certificate level qualifications

for the new year. BCAL would like to thank everyone who attended a course in 2022, whether it was a single-day short course or a year long Certificate, for supporting a local, community based, not for profit organisation.

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

The community garden will be one of the 15 gardens included in the second annual Bass Coast Edible Gardens weekend.

The event is over February 4th and 5th. The purpose is to inspire and encourage people to grow food in their own backyards or in community

gardens. The event shows visitors what is possible and gives them the opportunity to chat and ask questions of local food gardeners.

There are gardens participating all across the Bass Coast Shire. Tickets can be purchased individual gardens for just \$5 each or access to all fifteen participating gardens is \$25.

To learn more about the Edible Gardens weekend, visit www.basscoastediblegardens.com.

■ WONTAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Following last weekend's gift sale at the workshop, the Woodies are taking a short break over the Christmas and New Year period, and sessions will restart in

mid-January.

The Wonthaggi Woodcrafters welcome members of all ages and skill levels. Whether you're an experienced woodworker in need of the space and tools, or just wanting to try your hand at something new, the Woodies will have something for you.

Sessions include carving, furniture making, scroll saw, toy making, and many different levels and types of turning.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au.



239 White Rd, Wonthaggi **PH: (03) 5672 3115** www.bcal.vic.edu.au 

Bunurong Coast Education announces summer holiday program

ED THEXTON, president of the South Gippsland Conservation Society, announced the release through Eventbrite of the Bunurong Coast Education summer holiday Discovery Program.

"With COVID less of an issue and a new presenter we have broadened the range of activities on offer to the public" said Ed, launching the latest round of offerings from Bunurong Coast Education a branch of the Conservation Society.

"The program runs almost every day from Boxing Day to January 30, which is the end of the school holidays", he added.

Who's New?

The latest presenter to join the team at BCE is Dr Brendan Casey who recently moved to Inverloch.

A past employee of the Bureau of Meteorology, Brendan is a keen herpetologist and has a PhD from RMIT University investigating frogs. He runs a session on the significance of frogs in the environment which explains how to identify various species of frogs. He will also run a session on the weather focusing on the different cloud types and what they mean weather-wise.

What's New?

Palaeontologist, Mike Cleland, who discovered the polar dinosaur Koolasuchus, which was appointed as Victoria's fossil emblem this year, will run his usual enlightening trips to the local Dinosaur Dreaming dig sites and exploration of local plants and animals. For the first time he will offer a Junior Ranger program for pre-teens. Five two hour sessions will cover SHAGS, SHALE, SHELLS, SHORE AND SHEOAKS (i.e. Birds & Animals, Rocks & Fossils, Shellfish, Rocky Shore Creatures and Plants & Flowers). A Junior Ranger Certificate will be presented in the final session to those who successfully complete the course.

Availability

Information is available on the South Gippsland Conservation Society website and Facebook page and on Eventbrite (search Bunurong Coast Education). Bookings for the summer program will be taken on Eventbrite from now until an hour before the event. However, activities may be cancelled if there are insufficient bookings two days in advance, so book early. Sessions are mostly two hours and cost \$15 per head.

About SGCS

Founded in 1976, South Gippsland Conservation Society Inc., runs educational activities for schools, Home Ed and private groups and as well as Discovery Activities for the public during long weekends and term breaks in addition to undertaking a range of conservation-related actions within the community, providing information and advice to the public and government on matters of environmental concern, selling items of conservation interest in its shop and sharing a space with the famous Shell Museum.



The Meeniyan Garlic Festival is expected to be back better than ever in 2023.
Photo: Meeniyan Garlic Festival

All things garlic heading for Meeniyan in 2023

AFTER drawing record-breaking crowds in 2020, the Meeniyan Garlic Festival returns to celebrate the region's high-quality garlic and produce with food, wine, music, arts and crafts on Saturday, February 18.

This year's event also includes the inaugural Australian Garlic Awards.

Boasting more than two tonnes of garlic, the festival will showcase 15 garlic growers from across Victoria for locals and out-of-towners to taste and enjoy.

To a mix of live music, cooking shows, free activities and entertainment, the festival has two new food and wine events to showcase the Gippsland region.

Festival Kitchen presenters

The Festival Kitchen is home to great cooking and the people behind amazing Gippsland produce. Heading the line-up of chefs is Alejandro Saravia, founder of Farmer's Daughters in Melbourne's CBD, Victoria in Fed Square and Food and Beverage Ambassador for Gippsland.

Produce Heroes in the

Festival Kitchen include:

- Penny Woodward, author of 'Tomato – Know, Grow, Sow & Feast', a celebration of heirloom tomatoes. A respected broadcaster and editor of Organic Gardener magazine, Penny will discuss his 'organic growth' over 12 years from a ten-bulb patch to a commercial enterprise.
- Kristy and Neil Plumridge, founders of Green Hill Farm – garlic growers, makers of garlic salts and hosts to a wedding and special events venue on their Yarragon farm.
- Julie Weatherhead, teacher, author and co-founder of Peppermint Ridge Farm in West Gippsland, will share her decades of experience in growing and cooking with Australian bush foods.
- Helen Wright, who along with her husband Peter established Grassy Spur Olive Grove in 2005, will give guests a taste of 'life in the grove'.

Garlic Institute

With two tonnes of garlic on hand, expert growers will share their growing secrets of success.

The panel includes:

- Joel White - entrepreneur and co-creator of a multi-crop farm at Arawata, South Gippsland
- Penny Woodward - garlic guru and author of the definitive book, Garlic.
- John Olliff - president

of Australian Garlic Industry Association and certified organic grower who will discuss his 'organic growth' over 12 years from a ten-bulb patch to a commercial enterprise.

The Awards are conducted by the Australian Garlic Industry Australia (AGIA), and artisan grower organisation with 105 members. <https://garlicaustralia.asn.au/>.

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Meeniyan Garlic Festival Day details

Saturday, February 18, 9am-4pm

Meeniyan Reserve and Meeniyan Hall - home of the Garlic Institute

\$15 for adults

Kids are free and pets are welcome meeniyan-garlicfestival.com.au

WONTHAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

What's On?

See all our cinema session times and pre-book tickets via our website.
www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au

Summer Cinema!



The Nutcracker And The Magic Flute [PG]
Wed 21 Dec 12.30pm
Thur 22 Dec 3.30pm
Fri 23 Dec 5.15pm
Sat 24 Dec 12.15pm



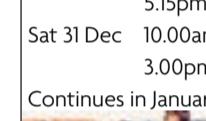
Strange World [PG]
Wed 21 Dec 2.30pm
Thur 22 Dec 1.15pm
Fri 23 Dec 10.00am
Sat 24 Dec 10.00am
Tue 27 Dec 12.15pm
Wed 28 Dec 2.45pm
Thur 29 Dec 5.15pm
Fri 30 Dec 10.00am
Continues in January



Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile [G]
Tue 27 Dec 10.00am
2.30pm
Wed 28 Dec 12.30pm
5.00pm
Thur 29 Dec 10.00am
3.00pm
Fri 30 Dec 12.15pm
5.15pm
Sat 31 Dec 10.00am
3.00pm
Continues in January



Puss in Boots: The Last Wish [PG]
Playing from January 12



The Railway Children Return [PG]
Playing from January 20



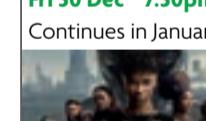
Armageddon Time [M]
Wed 21 Dec 7.30pm
Fri 23 Dec 12.15pm
Wed 28 Dec 7.15pm
Thur 29 Dec 12.30pm
Continues in January



Mrs Harris Goes to Paris [PG]
Wed 21 Dec 10.00am



The Woman King [M]
Wed 21 Dec 4.45pm
Thur 22 Dec 8.00pm



Black Adam [M]
Fri 23 Dec 7.15pm

Black Adam [M]
Wed 21 Dec 4.45pm

Fri 30 Dec 7.30pm

Thur 22 Dec 8.00pm

Continues in January

Tue 27 Dec 4.45pm



Wakanda Forever [M]
Thur 22 Dec 10.00am

Fri 30 Dec 2.30pm

Sat 31 Dec 12.15pm

Continues in January



She Said [M]
Playing from January 1



The Lost King [M]
Playing from January 19



Avatar: The Way of Water [M]
Playing from January 12



Margrete: Queen of the North [MA15+]
2h00m [Danish]

Sun 22 Jan 10.45am

BOLD GREEN = Open Captions Session



Find the full calendar of events and sessions on our website



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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

TRIVIA QUIZ

- [\$100] Which is an Indian dish?
A. Vindaloo. B. Waterloo.
C. Hullabaloo. D. Portaloo.
- [\$200] What colour would be described as 'magenta'? A. Green.
B. Orange. C. Blue. D. Purple.
- [\$300] In total area, which is the second largest country in the world? Antarctica is not a country. A. Sudan.
B. China. C. Australia. D. Canada.
- [\$500] Which of the following is a herb? A. Apple. B. Banana.
C. Celery. D. Broccoli.
- [\$1000] Who led the force that defeated the Romans at Cannae in 216 BC? A. Genghis Khan.
B. Britannia. C. Boudicia. D. Hannibal.
- [\$2000] Which painter drew early ideas for a helicopter?
A. Edgar Degas. B. Leonardo da Vinci. C. Santiago Ramón y Cajal.
D. Galileo Galilei.
- [\$4000] What is the capital of Paraguay? A. Lima. B. Bogata.
C. Asuncion. D. Buenos Aires.
- [\$8000] The pineapple plant originated where? A. Hawaii.
B. Australia. C. Asia.
D. South America.
- [\$16,000] What is singer/actress Cher's full first name? A. Chery.
B. Cherise. C. Cherilyn. D. Cherry.
- [\$32,000] Citizens of which country can only select baby names from a list approved by the government? country? A. Norway. B. Rwanda.
C. Iran. D. Iraq.
- [\$64,000] Which country claims to be the world's oldest republic?
A. Spain. B. Vatican.
C. Lumebourg. D. San Marino.
- [\$125,000] Where is the nation of Burkina Faso located? A. East Asia. B. Central Europe. C. West Africa.
D. Middle East.
- [\$250,000] Which word is closest in meaning to 'ebullient'?
A. Mean. B. Enthusiastic.
C. Depressing. D. Thirsty.
- [\$500,000] Who was Tsar Nicholas II's youngest daughter? A. Olga.
B. Anastasia. C. Catherine.
D. Katarina.

- [\$1,000,000] In which country is the Kola Superdeep Borehole reaching over 12,000m into the Earth's crust?
A. United States. B. China.
C. South Africa. D. Russia.

Quiz Answers: 1. A. Vindaloo. 2. D. Purple.
3. D. Canada. 4. B. Banana. 5. D. Hannibal. 6. B. Leonardo da Vinci. 7. C. Australia. 8. D. South America. 9. C. Chile. 10. A. Norway. 11. San Marino. 12. C. West Africa. 13. B. Enthusiastic. 14. B. Anastasia. 15. D. Russia.

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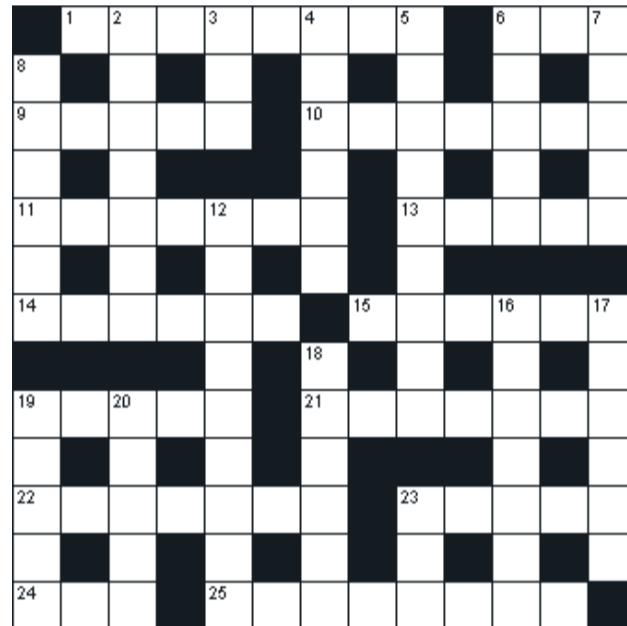
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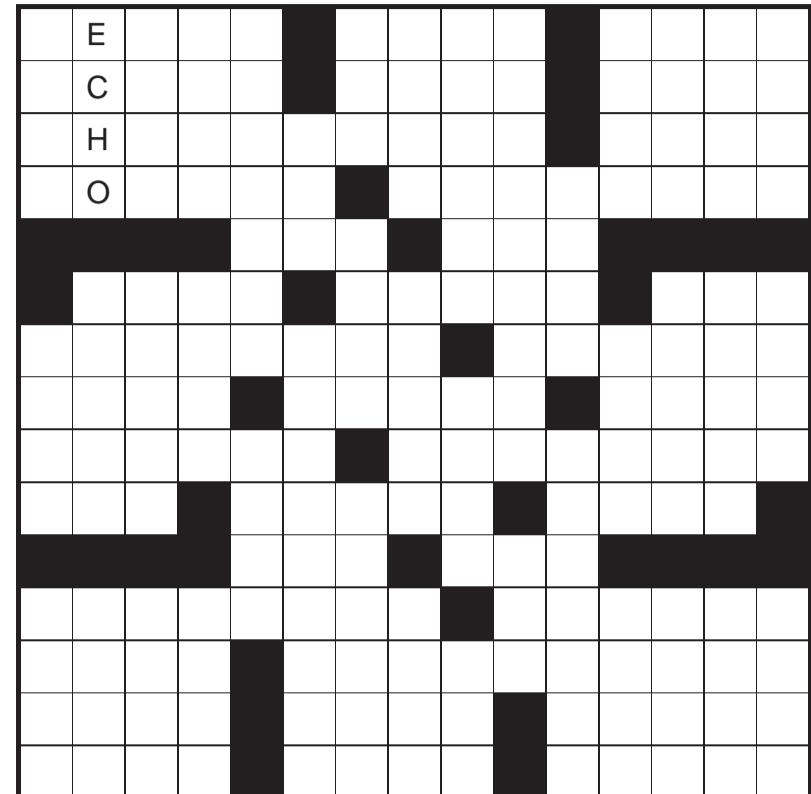
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- Observed (3)
- Fittingly (5)
- Neckwear (7)
- Acrobat's swing (7)
- Extra payment (5)
- Someone who makes knives (6)
- US island state (6)
- Foolish (5)
- Calmed with a drug (7)
- Entreat (7)
- Bring about (5)
- Enemy (3)
- Christmas time (8)

DOWN

- Take out (7)
- Non-clerical (3)
- US coin (6)
- Right side of a ship (9)
- Killed (5)
- Stinging insects (5)
- Derived from milk (6)
- All people (9)
- Amaze (7)
- In fact, truly (6)
- In addition (2,4)
- Small light boat (5)
- Become void (5)
- Incision (3))

WORD FILL



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3 LETTERS

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4 LETTERS

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DELL
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EARN
ECHO

ROLL

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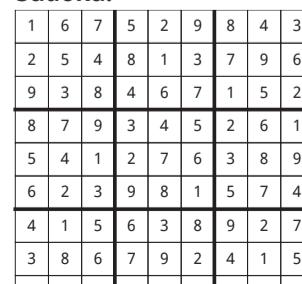


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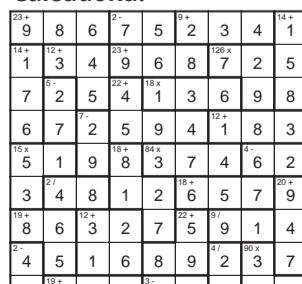
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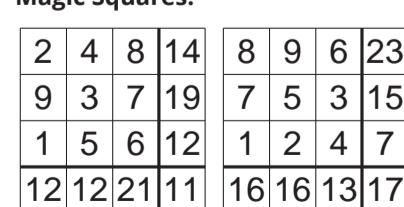
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Don and Sue Michael joined Valda Scrase and other members of Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc's Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. C01_5122



Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc. President John Jacob and his wife, Jenny, enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch at the Whalebone Hotel. C02_5122



The cool weather outside may have felt more like a winter's Christmas, but Jim and Anne Bevis were toasty inside as they caught up with other members of Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc over lunch. C03_5122



It was double trouble, in a good way, as Liz O'Dell and Liz White stepped out in celebration of Christmas with Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc members. C04_5122



San Remo - Newhaven Lions members Stewart and John volunteered at the San Remo Christmas Carols on Friday evening held on the foreshore. Z05_5122



Allison, Harvey and Arden enjoyed the community Christmas spirit at the San Remo carols on the foreshore on Friday evening. Z06_5122



Amelia, Anthony and Barbara attended the San Remo foreshore Christmas carols with children Charlotte and Luca enjoying the spirit of Christmas. Z07_5122



Ari-Jean Norforg, Pati Hughes and Stevie Murray enjoyed dancing and singing Christmas carols at the San Remo community celebration. Z08_5122



Mahley and Jackson celebrated their seven-month-old daughter Riven's first Christmas at the Wonthaggi Christmas carols on Sunday evening. Z19_5122

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc. Christmas Lunch, San Remo, Inverloch and Wonthaggi Christmas Carols.



Students of Inverloch - Kongwak Primary School performed their play at the Inverloch Christmas carols at The Glade on Saturday evening. Z17_5122

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Josh and Krystle celebrated baby Sully's first Christmas at the Wonthaggi Christmas carols on Sunday. Z20_5122



Carrie and Daniel celebrate three-month-old Jamie's first Christmas at the Wonthaggi Christmas carols held at the Wonthaggi recreation reserve. Z21_5122



Erica, Ian and Max volunteered as part of the Inverloch and District Lions Club, cooking a sausage sizzle for the patrons at the Inverloch Christmas carols. Z18_5122



Outstanding Bena grazing property

ELDERS Real Estate is pleased to offer for sale this outstanding 320 acre grazing property in the highly renowned Bena district of South Gippsland.

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The property consists of highly productive 'bluegum' country which is renowned for its heavy carrying capacity.

There is all new fencing to seven large paddocks and a new set of steel 'Allex' stockyards including a vet crush.

The yards are accessible by semi-trailer or a B-double.

An all-weather central laneway gives access through the farm which assists in easy cattle management. There are two very old houses plus a machinery/storage shed. An excellent water supply exists via dams, springs and creeks and is backed

up by a reliable 40-inch annual rainfall.

The farm is also very sheltered and has some treed plantations, scattered gums and Landcare plantings in gully areas.

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OFTEN sought but very rarely found, this charming property with sweeping views of the Kilcunda coast and trestle bridge will suit those wanting space, privacy and potential future growth.

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Productive grazing with big views

WITH 82HA / 203 acres of livestock grazing this property is positioned in one of Victoria's most productive agricultural regions.

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Abundant water supply via multiple natural catchment and spring fed dams along with the little Buffalo Creek that meanders into the property. Productive pastures, great hay and silage paddocks make for an ideal fattening or turn out block for dairy and beef cattle. Key features:

- 82ha / 203ac with an additional 10ha / 25ac* of Crown lease (total 228ac* grazing)
- Excellent standard of fencing throughout with 12 paddocks, fenced lane leading to stock yards
- Treed conservation zones along the Buffalo Creek
- Fertile grey loam soils with rye and clover pastures
- Water supply via 8 dams including spring fed
- Good stock yards with Norton cattle crush and B-Double access to yards providing ease of stock movement
- Shedding includes hay shed and two smaller sundry shedding
- Beautiful house sites offering big views
- Reliable 1025mm (40 inch) average annual rainfall
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would like to wish everyone

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The kitchen features modern, concrete bench tops, 900ml gas oven, ample storage, dishwasher and the living and dining area have cathedral ceilings, brick features and a solid fuel heater.

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- Side lane access to LU garage

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- 3 bedroom, study, 1 bath, single garage
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ON THE LAND



CFA are urging people to have their bushfire survival plan in place early and practice with their animals and livestock.

Consider livestock and pets in your bushfire survival plan

CFA has reminded Victorians to remember to include their pets and livestock in their bushfire survival plan this year.

While you should always put your own safety above the safety of your animals, it's important to ensure you have a plan for them in the event of a fire.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said during high-risk bushfire days, make sure you have bedding, food and water ready to go and make sure you have safe transport for them when leaving early.

"You can make sure your pets can be easily identified by microchipping them and including your details such as your phone number on their collars," he said.

"Consider whether your leave-early destination can accommodate your pets.

"You should also practise how you will move your pets if you leave. It takes longer than you think.

It's safest for horses and

livestock to be in a large, well-grazed area on your property where they can move freely with a supply of water.

Remember to remove all gear from horses and open internal gates to allow them to move around.

Do not allow them to roam freely off your property as horses and livestock are a serious risk on roads where visibility will be poor in the event of a fire.

For more information and tips on how to keep your pets and livestock safe during high bushfire risk days, visit cfa.vic.gov.au/pets.

Your Pet Bushfire Relocation Kit should include:

- Food and water
- A second collar and lead
- A carrier for cats and smaller pets
- Bedding and a woollen blanket
- A pet first-aid kit – seek your vet's advice

- Any medications, along with a written list of what they are
- Your pet's medical history, including proof of vaccination, and your vet's contact details

Tips for keeping pets cool

- Have fresh, cold water available at all times
- Ensure your pet has shade at all times or bring them inside into a cool room
- Wipe your pet down with a cool, damp towel or leave wet towels out for them to lie on
- Wet your dog with cool water several times throughout the day
- For cats, rub damp hands over their coat or along their tummy
- Place ice in a pillowcase and place it near your pets
- Consider having your dog clipped if their coat is long and thick
- **Never leave your pets in a vehicle on a hot day**

nest along the high tide line and in sand dunes during spring and summer, with their eggs and chicks easily stepped on because they are difficult to see.

"Keeping to the designated paths and having your dog on a lead, away from signed nesting areas, helps to ensure the survival of these birds."

Dog owners can check local signage or the Phillip Island Nature Parks website relating to dogs as regulations are varied depending on the beach locations and the summer periods.

For more information, visit <https://penguins.org.au/about/local-community-news/sharingourshores>

Firm result for final store sale

Report by the SGSAA

AGENTS yarded around 1200 cattle at the final VLE Leongatha store sale for 2022.

The yarding was quite good with a couple of feature lines of mid weighted angus steers on offer, as well as the usual Xbreds and friessians.

Prices held firm on the better types to last week's very strong sale, with results generally dearer than other sales held around the state.

Most of the cattle were purchased by local grazier orders with limited feedlot competition on the day.

On behalf of the SGSAA members, a big thankyou and a Merry Xmas to the VLE and staff and all of the Transport operators, and all of the vendors and clients and buyers for another very successful year for the Leongatha facility and best wishes for everyone for 2023.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, December 16, 2022
Grown Steers

Trt Pastoral 24 Angus	461kg	\$5.24	\$2420
Ross Lawson 10 Angus	453kg	\$5.12	\$2320
Larnoo P/L 22 Angus	452kg	\$4.38	\$1980
Trt Pastoral 21 Angus	448kg	\$5.31	\$2380
Trt Pastoral 21 Angus	446kg	\$5.33	\$2380
Trt Pastoral 15 Angus	446kg	\$5.11	\$2280
Trt Pastoral 16 Angus	436kg	\$5.04	\$2200
Trt Pastoral 23 Angus	431kg	\$5.12	\$2240
Trt Pastoral 16 Angus	429kg	\$5.12	\$2200
Larnoo P/L 22 Angus	428kg	\$4.62	\$1980
Trt Pastoral 23 Angus	427kg	\$5.33	\$2280
Trt Pastoral 23 Angus	427kg	\$5.19	\$2220
Trt Pastoral 17 Angus	424kg	\$5.37	\$2280
Larnoo P/L 18 Angus	423kg	\$4.32	\$1830
Trt Pastoral 23 Angus	418kg	\$5.21	\$2180

Weaner Steers

D & P Burns 13 Angus	390kg	\$5.94	\$2320
Gm Kensley 13 Ang us	381kg	\$5.87	\$2240
A & B Wilkin 13 MG	369kg	\$5.04	\$1860
Cw Littlejohn 19 Angus BB	366kg	\$5.46	\$2000
D & P Burns 12 Angus	362kg	\$6.18	\$2240
Oakland Estate 14 Angus	357kg	\$5.60	\$2000
Vuillerman Pastoral 13 H/Ford	357kg	\$5.21	\$1860
Copperleaf P/L 12 Angus/BB	356kg	\$5.56	\$1980
T & J Waters 15 Angus	356kg	\$5.50	\$1960
Gm Kensley 13 Angus	348kg	\$5.68	\$1980
D & M Jones 13 Angus	333kg	\$5.40	\$1800
Oakland Estate 14 Angus	331kg	\$5.49	\$1820
T & J Waters 15 Angus	311kg	\$5.91	\$1840

Xbred & Dairy Steers

Cope & Drew 11 HFD/FF X	411kg	\$4.67	\$1920
Cope & Drew 19 HFD/FF X	360kg	\$5.27	\$1900
Tamburo Farming 13 Friesian	486kg	\$3.49	\$1700
Tamburo Farming 13 Friesian	466kg	\$3.26	\$1520
Tamburo Farming 19 Friesian	445kg	\$3.25	\$1450

Heifers

K Marshall 12 Limo X	802kg	\$3.24	\$2600
A & B Wilkin 10 MG	451kg	\$4.45	\$2010
A & B Wilkin 12 MG	381kg	\$4.72	\$1800
T & J Waters 22 Angus	305kg	\$5.31	\$1620
A Stollery 16 Charo X	302kg	\$4.96	\$1500
D & M Jones 14 Angus	290kg	\$5.17	\$1500

Lardner Park Calf Market Report Monday, December 12, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x	.....	\$35 to \$140
Friesian Bulls	.....	\$40 to \$65
Friesian Heifers	.....	\$65 to \$900
Beef Bulls	.....	\$100 to \$410
Beef Heifers	.....	\$80 to \$200

Number of Calves: 42

Number purchased to rear: 16

Opening Calf Market: January 9, 2023

New board member for Dairy Australia

THE outgoing CEO of Bega Group, Paul van Heerwaarden has been appointed to the Dairy Australia Board.

After a thorough search and interview process, Mr van Heerwaarden is joining the skills-based board as a non-executive director with dairy supply chain and product promotion experience.

Mr van Heerwaarden has been with Bega Group for more than a decade and has been in the CEO role for nearly six years. His retirement from Bega was announced in October.

A board vacancy became available due to the resignation of Russell Abotomey.

Mr van Heerwaarden is appointed until November 2023 with the opportunity to seek a further three-year term at the 2023 AGM.

More information on the Director election process is available on the Dairy Australia website.



How agriculture can switch diesel for alternative energy

NEW AGRIFUTURES Australia research has revealed key pathways for the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sector to switch from diesel to alternative energy sources.

As rural industries turn their focus to reducing emissions and switching to renewables to address climate risks, there is a call to identify transformative pathways to transition from dependence on petroleum diesel fuels.

Cassian Drew, Managing Partner at Acclimate Partners and lead author of the report The Diesel Transition: Petroleum diesel alternatives for the Australian agriculture, fisheries and forestry sector, said the research highlighted the sector-wide opportunity for change.

"Diesel is the most widely used source of energy in agriculture, forestry, and fisheries at 84 per cent of total energy consumption. In the current climate this presents an opportunity to rethink the way agriculture operates in order to meet growing global food demands and emission reduction targets," Mr Drew said.

"The report recommends practical steps for a sector-scale transition to alternative



New research has revealed key pathways to reduce reliance on diesel and increase alternative energy sources.

energies, but a bold, coordinated approach from industry, government, manufacturers and the wider workforce is needed to make the switch."

Research partner Australian Farm Institute's Katie McRobert echoed the sentiment, saying it's important the transition is supported by a collaborative cross-industry, indeed cross-economy, effort.

"Building on earlier work investigating energy needs of Australian agriculture, we now have a practical roadmap to deliver new energy technology for the sector. Homegrown solutions are being trialled and we can expect rapid uptake over the next four to five years," Ms McRobert said.

Supply risks, rising prices

and price volatility due to unstable energy markets and geopolitical tensions are a stark reminder of the sector's vulnerabilities when it comes to reliance on diesel.

AgriFutures Australia Manager, National Rural Issues, Jane Knight said there are many opportunities to reduce diesel consumption and a clear business case for rural industries to shift gear.

"Battery electric and hydrogen fuel cells are the dominant technologies expected in future heavy machinery and equipment markets," Ms Knight said.

"Agricultural industries will likely benefit from new energy machinery advances in the freight and mining sectors, however a coordinated effort on

both supply and demand sides will be required for equipment and new energy infrastructure.

"We've seen evidence in the freight sector where prime movers have been retrofitted for battery electric operation, with electric trucks achieving a 300km range for between \$14-\$42 in comparison to a \$116 diesel equivalent."

The research acknowledges economies of scale within agriculture are a limiting factor, yet the potential benefits are a strong motivator, with alternative energy expected to create an average of 34,000 new jobs annually to 2035.

To reach Australia's net zero goal, Ms Knight recognises that overcoming initial constraints in the growing alternative energy market will be key to change.

"Rural industries are under increasing pressure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and diesel consumption in farm machinery is one area we can confidently transform.

"This research paves a way for change and there is a huge opportunity for Australia to learn from international best practice in all areas of transition and become a leader in energy innovation."

MARKET REPORT

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Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, Dec. 14, 2022

Bullocks

9 Shea KM & JM Leongatha Sth	588.9	459.6	2,706
9 Hollands BA Sale	616.7	453.6	2,797
1 Albutt N/Strzelecki Red			
Yinnar South	665.0	440.0	2,926
1 McNamara L & L Hallora	680.0	425.0	2,890
2 Giles M & V Yulungah	577.5	420.0	2,425
8 Delbridge C Doomburrim	694.4	420.0	2,916

Steers

1 Mahood J Bass	380.0	490.6	1,864
1 Brunt MJ & LM Poowong	425.0	490.0	2,082
1 Farm Check P/L Trafalgar Sth	450.0	490.0	2,205
1 Goding Ge Kindergem Pty Ltd			
Welshpool	490.0	485.0	2,376
1 Turner K Poowong	510.0	482.0	2,458
1 Harris J1 Bena	425.0	480.0	2,040

Heifers

2 Harris J1 Bena	397.5	490.0	1,947
1 Goding Ge Kindergem Pty Ltd			
Welshpool	430.0	485.0	2,085
1 Batters P & M Woodside	480.0	477.2	2,290
2 Triantafyllou M Woodside	455.0	475.2	2,162
1 McCormack B & T	385.0	471.6	1,815
1 McKenzie A Inverloch	315.0	470.6	1,482

Cows

4 Kaedem Dairies Foster	610.0	364.6	2,224
1 Pocklington EF & RM Loch	625.0	364.6	2,278
1 Wendy Whelan Toora	615.0	364.6	2,242
1 Pilkington D & Toohey F			
Waratah Nth	495.0	340.0	1,683
2 Drewett JB Yinnar	492.5	340.0	1,674
1 P Finn Bass	575.0	340.0	1,955

Bulls

1 Sellings B 1 Unknown District	945.0	370.6	3,502
1 Patton JK & NM Mardan	820.0	365.6	2,997
1 O'Mara AW & CM Glengarry	925.0	358.6	3,317
1 Pilkington D & Toohey F			
Waratah Nth	970.0	357.6	3,468
1 Spencer AD Leongatha Nth	870.0	353.6	3,076
1 Balbo S & Tan C Yarram	675.0	350.0	2,362

Vealer Bulls

1 Mahood J Bass	310.0	456.6	1,415
1 Goding Ge Kindergem Pty Ltd			
Welshpool	305.0	427.6	1,304
1 Parrington D Leongatha	380.0	303.6	1,153
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Fascinating book shines light on Wilsons Prom history

WILSONS Promontory National Park A History by Mary Ellis, is required reading for anyone with a love of one of the country's most favourite places.

This landmark text is a fast moving detailed analysis and study of the Prom from the disaggregation of Gondwana, to the evolution of ancient and current animal and plant life, Indigenous occupation, colonial invasion, exploration, and settlement, and the immense challenge of the future in land and asset management.

It pulls no punches on the cruelty of the dispossession and near destruction of the five clans of the Gunnai Kurra country, beneath the beauty

now preserved for us, making the need for knowledge and restoration even more poignant.

The wealth of information is compiled from many sources and authorities, backed up with an extensive bibliography and stunning historical, and contemporary photographs.

The narrative throughout the eighteen descriptive chapters, while set in science and fact, is a compelling encounter from the genesis of continents, life in the First Nations, escaped convicts, explorers, sealers and whalers, commercial developments, pastoral runs, shipwreck, the Park creation, fire and flood, the diversity of flora and fauna, including recently

introduced native species and hopes for the future.

As Mary says, "Bringing all these histories together in a coherent whole is the aim of this present history. There is no conclusion because the history is ongoing."

Mary Ellis first visited the Prom while studying Botany at Melbourne University in the 1960s. A life member of the South Gippsland Conservation Society, she is active in a number of historical and advisory groups, and is the author of several books on weeds, trees, conservation, gardening, the naming of plants. She has co-authored a number of other works, including bushwalking and

coastal plants.

Published by the South Gippsland Conservation Society, Wilsons Promontory National Park A History, was aided by a grant from South Gippsland Shire, and had the support of Parks Victoria, Fish Creek Landcare Group, Foster and District Historical Society and the Victorian National Parks Association.

Mary Ellis will be available for book signings every Wednesday afternoon in January at the Bunurong Environment Centre in Inverloch from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

The book can be purchased from the Centre and Information Centres across Gippsland for \$35.00.

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DEATHS

BERRY, Margaret Alice 'Marg':
25.12.1942 - 11.12.2022.
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Legendary aunt to Andrew, Robert and Jo and great aunt to Ryan and Phynn and her much loved dog, Ruby.

Marg was widely adored for her faithful and incorrigible nature.

BERRY, Marg:

The Wonthaggi Golf Club are saddened by the passing of Marg Berry.

The Berry family have a deep history with the golf club.

Marg was an elite South Gippsland Golfer and a multiple Wonthaggi Golf Club Ladies Champion.

Deepest condolences to her family.

-- Committee and Members Wonthaggi Golf Club.

BROWN, Margaret Ann:

Passed away peacefully on December 17, 2022.

Aged 87 years.
Loved wife of Ken (dec.).

Loving Mum and mother-in-law of Kevin (dec.), Sheryl and Brian, Peter and Lisa, Robert and Bev.

Loved Nan to her 10 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

To the world she was just one woman, but to her family she was the world.

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BROWN, Margaret:

Nan/Old Nan,
A golden heart with hard working hands now at rest.

A life full of love and thoughtfulness. A smile that warmed any room.

A strong back with a soft front. Memories in the heart forever.

To the moon and back.

--Jessica, Geoff, Taeden, Koby and Elise.

DEATHS

BROWN, Margaret:
God saw that you were weary, The hill too steep to climb, He gently closed thy tired eyes, And whispered "peace be thine", A tender thought brings a tear, A silent wish that you were here, We have lost, but heaven has gained, One of the best the world contained.

Nan no words can describe how broken I am.

Thank you for a lifetime of memories, and for the love, kindness, and support.

Reunited with Pop and Uncle Kev.

Love always Stephen, Loretta, Elijah, and Xavier.

BROWN, Margaret:
Dearest Nan,
My heart is broken, but happy you now have peace, and are reunited with Pop and Uncle Kev.

What a blessing you have been to me throughout my life, the love you gave was endless, your kindness and generosity was felt by all, I'll forever be grateful that you were my Nan.

We will miss our little visits to you.

God bless you Nan.

--Christine, Ash, Ava, Ruby, and Eric.

BROWN, Margaret:
My dearest Nan, how sad I am that you have now left this Earth, but I am at peace in knowing you are no longer suffering.

The memories I have I will cherish forever. Our hearts (and bellies) were always full. You had a heart of gold, and your love was unconditional.

I will forever miss your beautiful soul.

May you now rest in peace with Pop and Uncle Kev.

Love you always Nan.

-- Lynette, Paul, Nate, Hunter, and Indigo.

DEATHS

BROWN, Margaret:
Nan, thank you for everything you did for myself and my family over the years we will be forever grateful. The memories will live in our hearts forever. Love Michael, Nichole, Tyson, Natasha, Logan, and Brianna.

BROWN, Margaret:

Dearly loved friend of Maree, Ian, Lynne, Joe, and Katalin.

You will be greatly missed and your love for our family will never be forgotten.

BROWN, Margaret:

A beautiful lady who will be sadly missed.

A valued Kongwak resident who generously volunteered all her lifetime.

Condolences to the Brown family.

-- The Kongwak Ladies Guild and the Kongwak Ladies Hall Committee.

CHIODO, Angelo:

Loved friend of Florence, Karen and Glenn Crawford.

Thanks for the memories.

CLARKSON, Joan:

Passed away peacefully on December 16, 2022.

Loved wife of Garry (dec.).

Loving Mum and mother-in-law to Sheryl and Hugh, Linda, Jackie and Craig, Bevan and Sisefrika.

Adored Nan and Great Nan to all her grandchildren.

Mum and Dad together again.**CLARKSON, Eileen Joan:**

Passed away peacefully at Rose Lodge on December 16, 2022.

Loving wife of Garry (dec.).

Off together four-wheel driving to the place where they loved to go. Love Sheryl, Hugh and family.

Rita and family.

DEATHS

CLARKSON, Eileen "Joan":
16.12.2022.
Nothing can ever take away our love that we hold in our hearts. Together with Dad again for one last trip. -- Jackie and Craig, Jenny, Chris and Myah, Sam, Shianan and Ashlee, and Bevan and Sisefrika.

CLARKSON, Joan:

Thank you for your friendship and for your help and encouragement at bowls.

Condolences to Jackie, Bevan, Linda, and families.

-- Mary McBain.

HAMILTON, Gordon Edward (Ted):

23.07.1940 - 09.12.2022.

Passed away peacefully in Robina Queensland, formerly of Wonthaggi.

Youngest son of Napper and Eleanor. Brother to Ron and Bob.

Loving husband of Anne.

Loved father of Jodie and Tracey.

A life well lived, forever in our hearts.

HODGSON, Lois Lillian:

21.01.1932 - 16.12.2022.

Loved wife of David (dec.).

Loved Auntie of Kaye, Peter, Maddi, and Hannah.

Special Friend to Blake.

"Sadly Missed"**JEFFERY, Marjorie:**

06.10.1940 - 08.12.2022.

Loved wife of Bernard (dec.).

Loving Mum to David and Barney (both dec.).

Reunited with her loved ones Privately Cremated.

JEFFERY (Brand), Marjie:

My "chosen" sister and friend. Thanks for all the love and caring over 57 years.

Will remember you always. "They didn't beat us".

Rita and family.

DEATHS

JOHNSON, Shylah:
Taken from us too soon on December 15, 2022.
Loved fiancée of Jack. Loved and loving Mum of Dustynn and Lara. Loving daughter-in-law 'to be' of Sue and Stewie.

Adored family member of Ricky, Rory, and Sarah, and Brad.

Our hearts are forever broken.

Shylah, our world has been shattered.

You came into our lives like a whirlwind and we are so thankful you did.

You adopted us as Mum and Dad and gave us two wonderful grandchildren that we love so much.

We argued, we laughed, we cried, and we celebrated.

Thank you for letting us be a part of your life.

You will never be forgotten our darling.

Forever our girl - Crackers and Mandy xxx

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JOHNSON, Shylah:

Our colleague and friend, passed away suddenly on December 14, 2022.

We are deeply saddened and will miss you dearly.

Our thoughts are with Jack, Dustynn, Lara, her family, and friends.

JONES, Hilda (Lal):

18.08.1924 - 12.12.2022.

Passed peacefully at Calvary Strzelecki House.

Loving mother of Carmel and Geoff (dec.), Brian and Claudia, Jill and Lance.

Grandmother to 9, great grandmother of 19.

Our grateful thanks to all Calvary staff for their wonderful care and dedication.

Forever in our hearts.

NORTON, Shirley:

20.11.1937 - 11.12.2022.

Passed away peacefully with family by her side.

Private Cremation. Memorial to be held at a later date.

DEATHS

MAJOR, Daryl "Mufti" "Dazzer":
14.04.1950 - 14.12.2022.
Daryl, you left 'The Island' you loved way too soon. I don't know how to say goodbye. You are my best mate. Wishing you were out there on your board for "just one more wave". Loving you forever, your wife Polly.

Cherished son of Phyllis and Bert (dec.). DJ, you were always there when called upon.

Wishing I could have been with you cobber. Your brother across the pond, Alan.

Beloved brother-in-law to Peter and Mary, Mick and Maree, Kerry and Ian. Footy season won't be the same.

Awesome Uncle to Hannah and Nathan, Rae and Pete, Sharon, Daniel, Anthony and Lisa. Holidays were always extra special with you.

Greatest of great uncles to Anthony, Jessie, Connor, Madison, and Breanna.

Great Great Uncle to Tilly Mae.

Those who knew him, loved him. A gentleman through and through.

MAJOR, Daryl:

Passed away suddenly 14.12.2022.

Great mate and bowls buddy of Ron. Much Loved friend to Gail.

You will be forever in our thoughts.

Our deepest sympathy to Polly and family.

A true bowling bond can't be broken.

NORTON, Shirley:

20.11.1937 - 11.12.2022.

Passed away peacefully with family by her side.

Private Cremation. Memorial to be held at a later date.

DEATHS**POLETTI (nee O'Brien), Nola Roslyn:**

Passed away peacefully on 12.12.2022 at Prom Country Aged Care, Foster aged 84. Beloved wife of Archie (dec.).

Loved mother and mother-in-law to Mario and Dawn, Robert and Lyn, Annette and Peter, Adrian and Linda (both dec.).

Nonna to 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Sister of Douglas (dec.) and Robert.

Rest In Peace.

ROSS, Glenn Andrew:

01.01.1962 - 12.12.2022. Loved and loving son of Robert and Meryl.

Loved father of Carly, Jesse, and Beau. Cherished and always loved.

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FUNERALS**BERRY:**

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CLARKSON:

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PURVIS, Walter Spurr:
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WARDLE, Edward (Eddie) Ross:

Passed 25.12.2019.

This Christmas day it will be 3 long years since you passed.

You suffered for 12 years, and you were ready to close your eyes and go to sleep.

You are always in my thoughts, to be married to you for 60 years was a blessing.

Our 5 wonderful children; Bill, Darren, Glenn, Ross, and Dianne, along with Erin, Patty, Terry, Wendy and Peter and families, like me, think of you and shed a silent tear.

Sleep peacefully, until we meet again my love, Margaret xo.

BEREAVEMENT THANKS

EAGLE, Mary:

Cal, Sharyn, Michaela, Chris, Koh, Hunter, Amarley, and Ryder would sincerely wish to thank family and friends for their kind thoughts with the recent passing of our much loved Mum and Grandmother, Mary.

To all who sent flowers and cards - Thank you.

To the Doctors and Staff at Kooroaman House for caring for Mary over the last months of her life - A huge thank you.

To Scott, Sharon, and staff at Handley & Anderson, our heartfelt thanks.

To Megan Harris, for her thoughtful and hand holding guidance for a job well done - Thank you.

To the Meeniyang Golf Club for hosting the service and catering - Mary was home.

BEREAVEMENT THANKS

FORRESTER, Dorothy:

Our family wish to sincerely thank our friends and family for all the love and support, phone calls, messages, flowers, and cards on the passing of Dot, our dearly loved Mum, Nan and Great Nan.

To all the wonderful, caring staff at Woorayl Lodge for their care and support.

Please accept this as our personal thank you.

GOSS, Thelma:

All the Goss family wish to thank everyone for their thoughts, messages, cards, and flowers on the passing of Thelma.

A special thanks to the GSHS Doctors and nurses, Monash Renal and Palliative care team, Dr Quash, Woorayl Lodge staff, Handley Funeral Services Leongatha, Jenny Nation, Father Peter, and Ann Hemming. The wonderful and supportive staff at Leongatha RSL (and supporting networks), Tony and Pauline Kamphuis and all the friends and neighbours who have loved and supported Thelma over the years. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

KENNEDY, Robbie:

Carmel and family would sincerely like to thank all who cared for Robbie, and for all who offered prayers and well wishes on his recent passing.

MCINTOSH, Kevin:

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Greenham

LIVESTOCK- Yardperson

THE COMPANY

Greenham Gippsland is a leading processor and marketer of quality beef brands across Australia and premium export markets in over 25 countries. The company has three manufacturing facilities which are located in Victoria and Tasmania.

The company operates through its values of *safety first and foremost, a deal is a deal, feels like family, be bold, stronger together and from the grass up*, and places a high priority on training and developing its people.

ROLE

We are currently recruiting for a full-time, experienced, and reliable **Livestock Yardperson** to support Greenham's continued growth. Reporting to the Livestock Manager, the role will be based at our Moe plant. Primarily responsible for livestock movements around plant, unloading of stock, washing, cleaning pens will be a part of the job. All employees are required to comply with site safety, quality, and production requirements. The required hours for the **Yardperson** role are from 6am to 3pm Mon to Fri.

REQUIREMENTS

We are looking for a reliable team member with the drive and commitment to deliver consistent quality and productivity. You require:

- Extensive experience in the cattle industry with sound knowledge of animal husbandry and welfare practices
- Strong teamwork, leadership, and people management skills
- A passion for working with cattle
- A willingness to work hard and to a consistently high quality
- The ability to manage your workload independently
- Commitment to high performing OH&S and quality standards
- Some weekends and overtime will be required
- Strong verbal and written communication skills

The company offers excellent wages and conditions while providing a healthy and safe place to work. As part of our recruitment process, successful candidates will be required to complete a physical functional capabilities assessment and pre-employment drug and alcohol testing. All Greenham sites are drug and alcohol-free sites, and all Greenham employees are fully Q-fever and Coronavirus vaccinated.

What We Offer:

- Competitive remuneration, superannuation and conditions of work.
- Ongoing training and development as part of the OHS/HR team.
- Reremuneration \$\$ will be based on experience
- Staff purchasing of quality meat products

Don't delay. Join the team and secure your future in the Australian Meat Industry.

TO APPLY

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- Be the first to drive our newest trucks in the fleet
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- Weekend work available
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- Company uniform

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Graphic Artist

Pre-Press Production Role

The South Gippsland Sentinel-Times has a casual vacancy for a production role based at our Leongatha office 1 day per week (Monday) with the opportunity to work extra shifts to cover annual leave for the right applicant.

Duties include:

- Editorial page make up and design
- Photo processing
- Some advertisement design

Are you creative with a keen eye for detail, design and typography?

Do you have sound computer knowledge, being proficient and skilled in using the Adobe Creative Suite, including InDesign, Photoshop and Acrobat Pro?

Then we want to hear from you.

Email your resume together with a cover letter and 3 examples of your work to: anna@sgst.com.au

Applications close:

Friday, December 23, 2022

Only suitable applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Water Treatment Plant Operator

South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking an enthusiastic, highly motivated person to join us as a Water Treatment Plant Operator. The key requirements of the role are:

- Ensure the safe and efficient operation of the assigned water treatment plants and associated assets.
- Ensure required corrective actions, plant improvements and plant operations are performed in a safe and timely manner.
- Contribute to continuous improvement of Water Treatment and Quality Department processes, systems and communications.
- Develop and maintain professional relationships with team members and key stakeholders
- Permanent/ Full Time
- SGW Western Region, Victoria
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band – Level 1 T4B – Level 3 T6C (\$65,996.11 - \$84,230.26)
- This role is being advertised as a Level 1 (minimum entry) to Level 3 Water Treatment Plant Operator subject to experience and qualifications. Please contact us to request a Level 2 or Level 3 position description.

At SGW diversity is celebrated and respected as important for our wellbeing and success. We strive for a workplace that is equitable and inclusive. We welcome diversity in applicants.

Please go to <https://www.sgwwater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, the role and how to apply.

All SGW employees and workplace participants must have received, at minimum, their first and second doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with SGW COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements Policy. Evidence requirements will be collected or viewed and may be stored strictly in accordance with SGW's Privacy Policy.

Applications Close Friday, January 6, 2023 at 9am

South Gippsland Water

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Employment

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Bass Coast Health

Current vacancies

Quality Administrative Officer
Permanent Full Time – Closes 22/12/2022

Registered Nurse – BCH
Casual – Closes 31/12/2022

Reception and Administration Support
Permanent Part Time – Closes 24/12/2022

Associate Nurse Unit Manager - Emergency
Permanent Part Time/ all hours considered

Medical Workforce Officer
Permanent Full time & Part Time –
Closes 23/12/2022

Coding Educator / Auditor
Permanent Part Time – Closes 31/12/2022

Nurse Unit Manager Perioperative Service
Permanent Full Time – Closes 04/02/2023

Registered Nurse – Operating Suite
Permanent Part Time & Casual –
Closes 07/01/2023

Allied Health Assistant
Fixed Term Full Time – Closes 23/12/2022

Surgical Liaison Nurse
Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 03/02/2023

Registered Nurse – Urgent Care Centre
Permanent Full Time, Part Time –
Closes 31/12/2022

Perioperative Services Manager
Permanent Full Time – Closes 03/02/2023

Registered Nurse – Emergency
Full Time, Part Time, Casual –
Closes 31/12/2022

**Registered Nurse – District Nursing
and Palliative Care**
Casual – Closes 31/12/2022

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSED LEASE OF LONG JETTY CARAVAN PARK PORT WELSHPOOL

Council at its ordinary meeting resolved to commence the community engagement process to lease the Long Jetty Caravan Park at 6 Port Welshpool Road Port Welshpool with an area of 4.912ha in accordance with s.115 of the Local Government Act 2020 and 17D of the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 to Mexicala Pty Ltd with a sublease to HPM Australia Pty Ltd for 21 years for a rental of \$0 pa for the first 5 years then market rental reviews after each 5 years and capital works over the first 5 years of \$670,000. Commencement date to be determined and final lease conditions to be determined at the completion of DELWP's Approval in Principal process.

A person may make a submission to this proposal.

Submissions are to be received no later than 5.00pm Wednesday 18 January 2023 and addressed to the CEO, 9 Smith Street Leongatha Vic 3953. Any person making a submission is entitled to be heard in support of the submission. If a person or a representative wishes to be heard in support of the submission, they must state this in their submission.

Copies of the submitter's name and address will be disclosed at any public Council meeting at which the proposal will be considered.

If no submissions are received, the proposal will be implemented.

PROPOSED LEASE OF YANAKIE CARAVAN PARK

Council at its ordinary meeting resolved to commence the community engagement to Lease the Yanakie Caravan Park at 390 Foleys Road Yanakie with an area of 9.480ha in accordance with s.115 of the Local Government Act 2020 and 17D of the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 to Mexicala Pty Ltd with a sublease to HPM Australia Pty Ltd for 21 years for a rental of \$50,000pa with market reviews after each 5 years, purchase price of \$60,000 and capital works over the first 10 years of \$1,201,000. Commencement date to be determined and final lease conditions to be determined at the completion of DELWP's Approval in Principal process.

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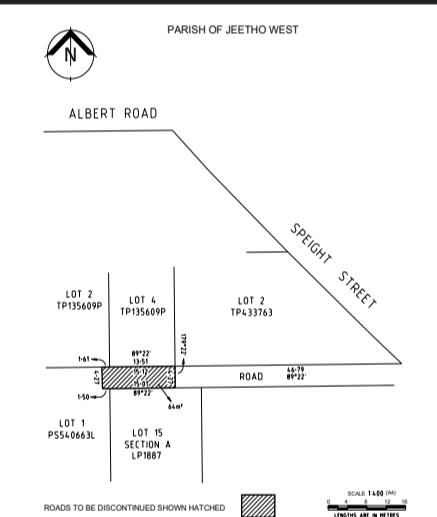
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PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE

– Part Road Reserve abutting part of 1 Albert Road Loch

Council at its ordinary meeting held 14 December 2022 proposed to commence statutory procedures to discontinue part of a road reserve abutting part of 1 Albert Road Loch, being crown allotment 30 (Part) Parish of Jeetho West (shown in the plan above) with an area of 64m² and sell the land to the abutting owner of 1 Albert Road Loch, for not less than a valuation received within six months prior to the sale, pursuant to s.206, s.207A, s.223, and Schedule 10 clause 3 of the Local Government Act 1989.

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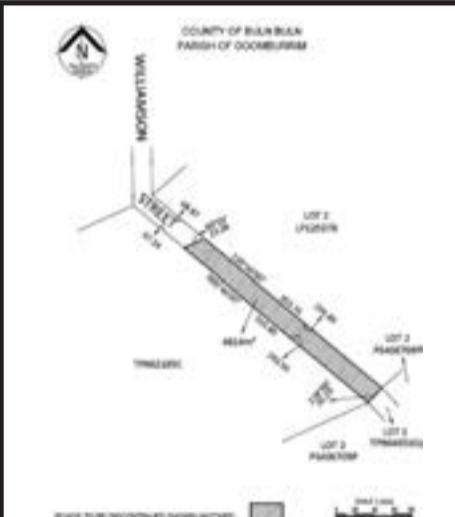
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PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE AND SALE

– Part Williamson Street Fish Creek

Council resolved at its ordinary meeting held 14 December 2022 to commence the statutory procedures to discontinue of part Williamson Street Fish Creek being part crown allotment 26 Parish of Doomburim and part road on LP4473 shown in Figure 1 with an area of 4,814m² and consider the sale of the land to the abutting land owner of 24 Williamson Street Fish Creek, for not less than a valuation received within six months prior to the sale, pursuant to s.206, s.207A, s.223 and Schedule 10 clause 3 of the Local Government Act 1989.

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Summer Cup for Gippy Soccer

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Details about the application

The land affected by the application is located at: 52 Balcombe Street, Corinella VIC 3984.

The application is for a permit to: Variation to the building envelope.

The applicant for the permit is: Please note, in accordance with *Planning and Environment Regulations 2015* the name of the applicant is required to be omitted if the applicant is an individual.

The application reference number is: 220282.

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application by visiting Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/planninggads.

You may also call 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or via the National Relay Service (for people with speech or hearing difficulties) on 13 36 77 to arrange a time to look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the responsible authority, Bass Coast Shire Council. This can be done during office hours and is free of charge.

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority.

Council collects and holds this personal information to comply with the *Planning & Environment Act 1987* and the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic).

An objection must be made to the responsible authority in writing, include the reasons for the objection and state how the objector would be affected. Objections are to be addressed to Bass Coast Shire Council, P.O. Box 118, Wonthaggi Vic 3995 or emailed to basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available for any person to inspect free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before **Wednesday, January 4, 2023**.

If you object, the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.



The Gippsland Soccer League (GSL) under 17s team that competed in the Football Victoria Summer Cup recently.



The GSL under 11 girls squad played off in a bronze medal match against Monash Villareal under 11's.



GSL's under 12 girls squad also reached the finals.

THREE Gippsland Soccer League (GSL) squads competed in the recent Football Victoria Summer Cup at Casey.

Over three weekends, the teams played against metro competitors and used the opportunity to hone their gameday skills.

The sun was out strong every weekend, and the heat took a toll on all the teams, thankfully the weather for the finals on Saturday, December 10, was a bit cooler than the week previous.

The Gippy Girls under 11's played off in a bronze medal match against Monash Villareal under 11's.

The Gippsland Girls had been beaten comprehensively by that team in the group stages the week before, but they came out fresh and composed this time.

They played a fantastic game and started to show some good team play in just their fourth game together.

In the end the quality and skill of Villareal was telling and despite some scoring chances went down 5-0.

Gippy Girls under 12's also came up against Villareal under 12's in the final, after beating them 2-1 in the group stages.

It was a tight tussle between two evenly matched teams, Villareal broke the deadlock in the second half with a great cross and tap in which resulted in a final score of 1-0.

The under 17 Boys were set to play three fixtures against the Casey Comets, as they were the only other team in this division.

Their first game resulted in a GSL goal being disallowed due to an offside call and an unfortunate 3-0 loss despite relatively equal possession.

Their second match up against Casey saw them take the lead into halftime but unfortunately suffer another disallowed goal and ultimately saw them suffer a 2-1 loss.

Casey forfeited the third match after securing the trophy with their two wins.

All the teams should be proud of their gameplay against strong opponents, now they can look forward to a break over Christmas.

Training and selection for the Country Champ squads will commence early in 2023.

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SUMMER HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Season's Greetings

Please note that our office will be open throughout the holiday period, closing only on the public holidays and from midday on Friday 23 December.

Day	Date	Operating Hours
Friday	23 December 2022	8.30am - 12pm
Monday	26 December 2022 (Boxing Day)	CLOSED
Tuesday	27 December 2022 (Public Holiday)	CLOSED
Monday	2 January 2023 (Public Holiday)	CLOSED

We provide 24/7 support, 365 days a year. If you need to urgently contact us about your water or wastewater at any time, please call 1800 249 090.

To get in touch with a general enquiry, please call 1300 720 711.

Plumbers please note, there will be no water tappings or recycled water inspections from Monday 19 December 2022 to Friday 6 January 2023.

Further information can be found on our website.



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Wonthaggi North Primary farewells 2022

WONTHAGGI North Primary School (WNPS) proudly farewelled the Grade 6 students of 2022 last week at the annual Graduation evening.

The event was held at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club and attended by students, families, carers and school staff.

Grade 6 students were presented with their graduation certificate and a small gift from the school. A number of students received special awards. Students introduced each other and read out a 'snapshot', which is one of their most vivid memories, of their primary schooling.

Families and carers then enjoyed a song and dance performance by the grade 6 cohort and a wonderful slide show of their primary school days. Outgoing School Vice-Captains, Matilda M and Logan B, were the fabulous hosts for the evening.

Special thanks to Grade 6 teachers, Ms Tyler Ralph, Mrs Kim Shaw and Mrs Kylie Strickland for organising the wonderful



School Captains of 2022, Andy and Alani, read the school captain's report at the WNPS Graduation Night held at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club recently.

Wintle, Evelyn Clouten
Citizenship Award – Matilda Mathieson, Andy Nguyen
Personal growth Awards:
56A – Lachlan Reitsma, Caeley Dunshea
56B – Julian Langeraar, Jaidon McLean
56C – Matilda Hales, Marley Watson

GOLF | SPORT

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's competition

Tuesday, December 13
Greens were cored Monday.
Stableford (17 Players)
A Grade: Steve Duffield (12) 37
Points. B Grade: Bill Watson (26)
38 Points

NTPs: 1st Greg Wilson, 10th
Brian Clasby, and 13th Chris Cle-
ments

Thursday, December 15 Stable-
ford (8 Players) Winner: Peter Van
Agtmael (16) 35 Points

NTPs: 1st Athol Worthy and
13th Chris Clements

Saturday, December 17
Par (44 Players)

Sponsor: MJA Accounting
A Grade: Roy Fleming (9) +2
B Grade: Bob Newton (21) +3
NTPs: 1st Noel Ladgrove, 7th
Ian Morris, 10th Shane Sartori
and 13th Ross Crawford.

Ladies

LAST Wednesday we played our
December Monthly Medal round.

Congratulations to Julie Hill-
berg winning her very first M/M
with a great score of 98(26)72.

R/Up was Trudy Olden with
115(41)74.

BDTL went to Trudi Mantell
108(32)76.

NTPs, 1st Shelley Snooks, 7th
and 10th Merrissa Cosson, who
also had the best scratch score of
95. Thankyou to our sponsor of
the day Kelly's Bakery, their sup-
port is always appreciated. We
held our Minor Presentations for
season 2022, well done to all the
award winners.

Most Consistent: Wednesdays
Merrissa Cosson, Sat (mud mas-
ters) Kerri Besley. RB Stroke
Saturday's:

Scratch Merrissa, Handicap
Julie Hillberg. Eclectic Summer
Wed: A, Merrissa, B, Trudi Man-
tell, C, Trudy Olden.

Eclectic Summer Sat: A, Kerri
Besley, B, Julie Hillberg.

Eclectic Winter Wed and Sat:
A, Merrissa, B, Aliesha Wrigley,
C, Trudy Olden. Most Birdies on
Wed and Sat: Merrissa, Wed.

Gobbles: Trudy Olden. Sat Gob-
bles: Deb Wrigley.

Thursday night twilight players
enjoyed a 9-hole comp with a nov-
elty one shot 'replay'.

Peter Hislop and Julie Hillberg
won with 20pts on a c/b from Mer-
rissa and Blake Cosson.

This week will be a shared din-
ner, please bring a main and des-
sert. Twilight will then recom-
mence mid-January.

Saturday, we had some great
scores come in. Winning with a fab-
ulous 40pts was Kerri Besley (23),
R/Up Merrissa Cosson (15) 38pts.

BDTL to Julie Hillberg and Jen-
nie Loughnan 36pts.

NTPs 1st Trudy Olden, 10th Joh-
anna VDH, 13th Aliesha Wrigley.

Wishing all our golfing families a
very Merry Christmas and a safe
and Happy New Year. Look for-
ward to seeing you all in 2023.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY Stableford December
13.

On Tuesday we had 41 mem-
bers/guests play in the Stableford
Round.

A-Grade Winner: Peter Hartigan
with a score of 38 points

A-Grade R/Up: Fred De Bondt
with a score of 36 points on a
countback

B-Grade Winner: Greg Ellt with
39 points

B-Grade R/Up: Bob Smith with
37 points

14th NTP: Warren Stewart with
2.10m

16th NTP: Ken Smirk with
2.60m

Thursday Mulligans Day 4BBB
Stableford December 15.

On Thursday we had 102 mem-
bers/guests play in the Mulligans
Day 4BBB Stableford event. Some
excellent scoring.

Overall winners:

Jim Haydon and Paul Kennedy
with 49 points on a countback

David Vorwerg and Alan Sper-

ling with 49 points

Ken Lay and Ashleigh Hutton
with 48 points

14th NTP: Ethan Lamers with
95cm

16th NTP: Barry Stevens with
20cm

Saturday Stableford December 17

On Saturday another quality
field of 94 members/guests played
in a Stableford round.

A-Grade Winner: Craig Hams
with a score of 42 points

A-Grade R/Up: Richard Comer-
ford with a score of 40 points

B-Grade Winner: Geoffrey Mc-
Donald with 40 points

B-Grade R/Up: Gary McGrath
with 39 points

C-Grade Winner: Thomas Si-
mon with 40 points

C-Grade R/Up: Donald Smith
with 39 points

D-Grade Winner: Steven Walsh
with 42 points

D-Grade R/Up: Alan Black with
39 points on a countback

14th NTP: Steve Fisher with
.68m

16th NTP: Richard Comerford
with 2.10m

Ladies

AS IS fitting for this time of
the year, the women only played a 12
holes ambrose.

The winning team were Cath
Seccull, Kate Rowe, Helen Mack-
enzie and Glenyce McRobert with
a score of 30.375. Just one shot
behind were Delia Perry, Ev In-
dian, Else Geddye and Wendy
Parker.

The ball down the liners were:
Libby Sebeck, Bronwyn Deben-
ham, Pat Pease and Maria Bell,
Glenys Day, Brenda Wilkins,
Paula Cross and Julie de Bondt,
Jill Steer, Joc Howson, Karen de
Groot and Sue Bowler, Colleen
Touzel, Neryl Hopcraft, Nan Mea-
gher and Anne Bowd and Marie
Sands, Lesley Renwick and Diana
Holmberg.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was
Wendy Parker and Trish Owen on
the 14th.

Recently appointed Women's
Captain Rebecca Thomas wel-
comed all the players before send-
ing out the field.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, December 15, Sta-
bleford.

A Grade: J Hughes (17) 40pts

B Grade: W Roberts (23) 37pts

DTL: G Renwick 37, I Blencowe

36, J Kus 35, N Rutledge 34

NTP: 4th N Whichello, 16th O

Maloney

Birdies: 4th N Whichello, 6th P

Woodall, 16th W Roberts

Eagles: T Bradshaw 11th.

Saturday, December 17, Sta-
bleford

A Grade: M Payne (11) 37pts c/b

B Grade: J Hemming (13) 38pts

C Grade: J Appleyard (24) 41pts

DTL, S Mills 37, S Mc Kenzie,

N Rutledge, N Bracecamp 36, R

Matthews 35, A Liebe 34 c/b.

NTP, 4th T Bradshaw, 6th S
Beitz, 13th S Hill-smith, 16th J
Hughes.

Birdies, 4th D Evans, 6th S Be-
itz, J Mc Farlane, 16th N Baker.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results December 15.

Competition type. Stableford

18 Hole SR. 71

Winner: Rod Walker 35.

Ball Sweep: Graeme Camp-
bell 35, Ian Murrells 34, Glenn
Hewlett 33, Stephen Kane 32 C/B.

Men's results December 15.

Competition type: Stableford
Front 9-hole, SR. 34.5

Winner: Paul Cornelis 21

Ball Sweep: Alan Anstey 20, Gra-
ham Crawford 18, Kevin Bayley
18, Blake Cornelis 17 C/B.

Men's results December 17, S.R
71

Competition type: Stableford

A Grade: Doug Putt 36

B Grade: Secondo Tiziani 42

C Grade: Rod Walker 39

NTPs: Mat Johnson 2nd, Doug
Putt 4th, Glenn Hewlett propin
8th, Peter Magnussen 13th, Ian
Baker money hole 17th.

Ladies

WE managed to play 9 holes of
golf on our final day as the fore-
cast wasn't looking good.

Golf done, we sat down to a won-
derful lunch then the random draw
for a partner to determine the day's
winners was commenced.

So after all the adding and sub-
tracting the winners of wonder-
ful vouchers for The Cape Tavern
were A Grade Irene Walsh and Le-
onie Bentick (36 points).

Runners up were Catherine Bold-
ing and Dot Garry (35 points).

B Grade winners captain Jan had
the luck of the draw with Simone
Lindsay (36 points), with Simone
having a lovely 20 points.

B Grade Runners up were Caro-
le Sartori and Marg Johnson 28
points.

NTP Jan decided that we could
have 2 shots to determine the NTP
and on the second was Simone
Lindsay and 8th Robyn Wilkinson

In keeping with Xmas cheer all
the pairs received a BDL

Vale to Marg Berry who passed
away this week.

An elite golfer in South Gippsland
and Champion and mentor to many
at Wonthaggi Golf Club.

Tightlines



Gareth from Elite Signs Wonthaggi headed out with son Ollie where he managed to catch this nice sized pinkie.

Around the Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

that have been out in the
boats were on the hunt for a
Christmas barbecue snapper,
unfortunately for most they
only need a very small bar-
becue. We did see a couple of
snapper around 6kg which
will be the perfect size for the
centre of the Christmas table
while most of the rest were
pinkies at best. Are the big
snapper gone?

Whiting were still the best
for quality and for numbers
and fishing your usual spots
and times seemed to work.

There has been a change
though and we are starting to
hear from customers who are
finding a lot of smaller whiting
mixed in with the 40cm
plus ones.

Although there are some
small ones around, they still
aren't the pencil 26cm ones
and you need to measure the
smaller ones because with
the condition they are in they
look much longer than they
actually are.

For those who use pippies,
the real ones, they are still
very expensive and now very
hard to get. While pippies
have still caught their fair
share other baits are now be-
ing used more often.

Prawns have accounted for
a lot of catches this week as
well as squid and pilchards.

The new shop is easy to
find up the other end of town
in Back Beach Road, (next to
the library).

We would like to thank all
of those people who have re-
directed customers to us and
while we would love to have a
sign on the highway, we aren't
allowed, so rely a lot on word
of mouth and again thank ev-
eryone for that.

From all our expanding
family here at Jim's Bait and
Tackle we would like to wish
everyone a very Merry and
safe Christmas and New Year.

Hopefully the weather will
play its part and there is
plenty of fish on the dinner
table through the holiday pe-
riod. Craig, Mel and Robyn.

TIDE GUIDE

TUESDAY
December 20

1.51am	0.76m
8.35am	1.34m
2.30pm	0.46m
9.56pm	1.32m

WEDNESDAY
December 21

2.55am	0.85m
9.29am	1.31m
3.27pm	0.40m
11.06pm	1.41m

THURSDAY
December 22

4.09am	0.91m

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Graeme Dunlop, Allan Johnson and Diane Selby.



Wonthaggi Men's A Grade Championship winner Bryan Donohue and runner up Michael Raman.

INVERLOCH

MIDWEEK Pennant.

Division 1 Korumburra 50 defeated by Inverloch 59. Ladder position second. Division 2 Inverloch 66 defeated Tarwin Lower 33. Ladder position second. Division 3 Korumburra 25 defeated by Inverloch 50. Ladder position fourth.

Saturday Pennant

Division 1 Inverloch 55 defeated by Phillip Island 65. Division 2 San Remo 34 defeated by Inverloch 75. Ladder position fourth. Division 3 Foster 46 defeated by Inverloch 61. Ladder position fourth. Division 4 Inverloch 68 defeated Phillip Island 65. Ladder position fourth.

Social Bowls saw 30 bowlers play two games in teams of triples. The winners and runners up were only separated by 2 points. Both teams had 2 wins out of two games. Runners Up were Terry Seaward, Craig Selby and Chris Neville. The Winners were Graeme Dunlop, Allan Johnson and Di Selby. There is no Social Bowls on December 22, due to a function.

Corporate Bowls had their last session for this year. The weather was cool with a challenging wind which produced some interesting shots. Winners on the night were Bowling Stones on +25.

Runners Up were Seachangers on +17.

Barefoot Bowls for family, friends and the community starts on December 28.

This runs through to January 7, at 5pm-8pm. No bowls on January 1. \$10 per person. The club provides bowls and rinks. Flat sole footwear or Barefoot is required.

KORUMBURRA

ANOTHER busy week around the club with the final games before Christmas.

In midweek, division 1 hosted Inverloch with Jo Lomagno the

only shining light getting up 21 shots to 14.

Jenny McVeigh went down in a close one 17 shots to 18, while Judith Nicholl went down 12 shots to 27.

In division 3, Katrina Evans went down 8 shots to 26, while Cheryl Moore went down 17 shots to 26.

Weekend pennant saw all teams playing away.

Division 1 travelled to Corinella with Rob Cosson's rink the only successful ring, getting up 15 shots to 14.

Keith March went down 15 shots to 25 and Col Underwood 13 shots to 19.

Division 2 travelled to Phillip Island.

Les Eastman got the closest going down 15 shots to 22, Graeme Freestone went down 10 shots to 27 and Rob Sund went down 15 shots to 33.

Division 4 travelled to Tarwin Lower and almost got the chocolates.

Alan Cherrett got up 13 shots to 29, Peter Horsfield went down 12 shots to 21 while Jo Lomagno went down 24 shots to 16.

The club was saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Daryl Major from the Phillip Island Bowls Club, a great competitor our deepest sympathy to his family.

We now have a break for the festive season and wish all the bowling fraternity a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

LEONGATHA

ROUND 8 of the Midweek Competition was completed on Tuesday, December 13, with the playing of 2 games being Leongatha DIV 1 versus Foster DIV 1 and Leongatha DIV 3 versus Port Welshpool DIV 3.

The result of the Division 1 game was a win to Leongatha 69/48 shots. The individual rink scores were as follows: Carol

Harry Leongatha skip defeated Maureen Taylor Foster skip 23/19 shots; Rosa James Leongatha skip defeated Nancy Parry Foster skip 29/11 shots; Jenny Miller Leongatha skip went down by 1 shot to Jenny Roffey Foster skip 17/18 shots.

The result of the Division 3 game was a win to Port Welshpool 33/31 shots. The individual rink scores were as follows: Lynne McIntyre Leongatha Skip defeated Denise Richardson Port Welshpool skip 20/13 shots; Karen Fidler Leongatha skip was defeated by Margaret McDonald Port Welshpool skip 11/20 shots.

Round 9 of the Saturday Pennant Competition commenced on Saturday December 17, with the playing of 3 matches being Leongatha versus Mirboo North DIV 1; Leongatha versus Wonthaggi DIV 2 and Leongatha versus Wonthaggi in Division 3.

The result of the Division 1 game was a convincing win to the Mirboo North boys with a final score of 70/37 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows: Josh Taylor Mirboo North skip defeated Anthony Collier Leongatha skip 17/13 shots; Patrick Lewis Mirboo North Skip defeated Jenny Miller Leongatha skip 24/13; Andrew Sopokow Mirboo North skip trounced Paul Michael Leongatha skip 29/11 shots.

The result of the Division 2 game played at Wonthaggi was a win to Leongatha 65/52 shots. Individual Rink scores were as follows: Wayne Walker Leongatha skip defeated Peter McBain Wonthaggi skip 20/16 shots; Les Wilson skip Leongatha defeated Tony Marotta Wonthaggi skip 29/8 shots.

The result of the Division 3 game played at Wonthaggi resulted in a mammoth win to Wonthaggi with an overall score of 96/37 shots and the max 16 points.

Individual rink scores were as follows: George Stein Wonthaggi

Skip defeated Alan Moxey Leongatha skip 27/14 shots; Alan Bolding Wonthaggi Skip defeated Lynne McIntyre Leongatha Skip 37/8 shots; John Migliorisi Wonthaggi skip defeated Alan Rayson Leongatha Skip 32/15 shots.

MIDWEEK

GREAT day for bowls. Especially considering the short day last week.

Twenty-four of our bowlers turned up at San Remo for the last day of the year.

The green was difficult to master (to say the least), lightning fast at the start of the day and slowly reverting to normal over the course of the day.

Winners on 36 points were:

John Nicholson (S), Gillian Harper (3), Frank d'Unieville (2), Peter McWilliams & Lindsay Russell (L)

Runners Up on 34 points were: Mark Andreatta (S), Sue Stansfield (3), Robyn Dahl (2), Peter Thorley (L)

Best One Game with 21 points were: Michael Dady (S), Phil Wright (3), Michael Saunders (2), Cheryl Floyd (L)

After the day's competitions, we were the lucky recipients of some light snacks to end the day and as a celebration of the year past as well as Christmas fast approaching, it was much appreciated by the players.

At this point we would like to thank Peter and Pauline for their hard work throughout the year.

Before we sign off for the year, we should mention that the next game is in three weeks from now on January 5, 2023, at Koo Wee Rup.

So to everyone who is part of our family of bowlers, thank you for the support throughout the year and we hope you have a wonderful Christmas with family and/or friends, as well as a very good New Year. We hope to see you all at Koo Wee Rup next year.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER busy week at the club starting with the Voyage Fitness Gym's Christmas breakup last Sunday.

Check out our Facebook page for some photos of some happy visitors to the club.

Tuesday saw a cool windy day for Pennant with both teams on the road.

Div 1 went down the road to Meeniyan to do battle against a team that are always hard to beat.

All rinks played well with three wins to finish the year off well. The final scores Wonthaggi 76 Meeniyan 34. Div 2 travelled to Mirboo North looking to finish the season off with a win.

In a mixed result two rinks went down and the other had a very good win. With two rinks going down you would expect to lose the match, but no, the result was a draw.

The final scores Wonthaggi 56 Mirboo North 56. Both teams would like to thank their hosts for a wonderful lunch to celebrate Christmas.

Bare Foot Bowls on Tuesday night had a good number of teams, with the weather being cool with a strong wind blowing across the green. Wednesday social bowls was called off because of the weather. Thursday social bowls once again saw good numbers with a lunch to follow.

Friday saw the men's A grade Championship played between Bryan Donohue and Michael Raman.

The match was a classic right up until the very last bowl.

Bryan finished in front to win his third championship, with the final score being 25 - 21. Well done to both bowlers on a fine display of bowls in front of a large number of spectators.

Saturday Pennant was a mixed result with two teams having a win and the other two missing out. Once again, with a lot of changes, it makes it very difficult across all four teams.

Div 1 travelled to Toora looking for a win to keep their season on track. Two rinks had wins with the other up against a team that wanted to win to keep Toora in the top four. The third rink went down, but the end result was a win for Wonthaggi. The final scores Wonthaggi 62 Toora 56.

Div 2 played host to Leongatha at home, needing a win to stay in second spot on the ladder. One rink had a good win, with the other having a narrow loss, and the other rink not having a good day. Leongatha were able to get the points to take our spot on the ladder. The final scores Wonthaggi 52 Leongatha 65. Div 3 played host to Leongatha at home and were ready for a scrap after a loss last week, and to keep top spot on the ladder. All three rinks played well to record a very good win. The final scores Wonthaggi 96 Leongatha 37.

Div 4 travelled to Port Welshpool to do battle against the top team. Once again Wonthaggi bowlers put up a battle against a very good team on the only grass surface in the area.

The final scores Wonthaggi 43 Port Welshpool 78.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1.00pm plus the Club raffle will be drawn at 12.30 pm with Thursday social bowls to resume on January 12, and Bare Foot Bowls to resume on Tuesday, January 17.

New \$661K croquet club contract awarded

BASS Coast Shire has granted the contract for the construction of a new sports pavilion to TS Constructions Pty Ltd, for \$661,500 to build the new Wonthaggi Croquet Club Pavillion.

Wonthaggi Croquet Club's new pavillion is to be funded through a \$1.78 million grant from the State Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program, which also part funded a new croquet pavilion in Cowes as well as the Wonthaggi tennis pavilion.

The Wonthaggi project is pos-

sible due to \$459,000 from the State Government grant, plus a contribution of \$25,000 from Wonthaggi Croquet Club.

Council's Capital Works Program will provide the remaining \$252,212 to support delivery.

Wonthaggi's new croquet pavilion will feature new accessible amenities, a multi-purpose social space, toilets, shower, internal storage, kitchenette, viewing balcony and storage shed.

The framing of the new tennis club has been completed,

and the slab for the new soccer pavilion is imminent, with both projects due for completion by mid-2023. This latest works announcement is evidence of Council's continued commitment to the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan," said Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr. Michael Whelan.

Construction of the croquet pavilion on Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road will commence in early January 2023 and is anticipated to be completed in August 2023.



L to R: Standing Premier Strezlechi Sisters 36; Marni Lawton, Jordy Cook, Pearl Edwards, Molly Edwards, Marni Purvis, Kelly O'Neill and Alisha Kelly. Absent Jessie Meade, Rachel Roberts and Stacey Hope.

Runners up Gazelles 21 L to R: Trina Anderson, Seanan Donohue, Millie Sadler, Liz Sadler, Rachael Miller, Cindy Boyd, Louise O'Keefe and Ruby McCartney absent Rebecca Hawking.



FairNuff Standing L to R; Kelly Smith, Jade Angarane, Miranda Davidson, Ella Cargill, Una Curtin, Sarah Blundell, Jasmine Garry and Ellie Bates.

Bench Warmers front L to R; Claire Akers, Jenna Selby, Matilda Carter, Libby Baton, Ashley Grieve, Kira Durling, Alisha Lindsay, Absent Fiona Mills

Action packed night of netball

THE section one grand final saw the undefeated Strezlechi Sisters play the Gazelles for the Wonthaggi and District Indoor Night Netball Winter Competition 2022.

For a short time in the beginning, neither side could score, and the first quarter ended with Strezlechi Sisters up by one.

The battle continued and then they increased their lead to three.

The Gazelles then got within one, so the Strezlechi Sisters took it up a notch and took it to a new level.

All in all, it was an excellent game displaying beautiful

defensive work and ball movement from both sides, every player played their part, and it was nice to see Mums and daughters playing together too.

The section two Grand Final was between FairNuff and the Bench Warmers.

A very solid start by FairNuff saw them with a 10-goal lead at half time.

The Bench warmers had a great second half and the final score was 34 to 23.

The season proved to have many very competitive and high standard games throughout the season next season will start in Feb 2023.

Section 2 Best and Fairest
was awarded to Aimee Tessari (RHS), runner up went to Ellie Bates and absent second runner up went to Ella Berry.



Section One, Best and Fairest
L to R was awarded to Molly Edwards, first runner up went to Marni Purvis and second runner up (absent) went to Mataya Moloney.

W&DNA Mixed Netball

ALTHOUGH the competition was played on Sundays the recent Tuesday Night Grand Final was played between the Pies and Big Kev's Clan.

The Challenge was on to earn the 16th Annual Harry Keikobosch Memorial Shield, the money raised will go to a local family in need, as yet not decided.

The game was pretty intense in a skilled but fun way, all players were working hard, both sides were very determined, and the boys were outstanding with so many intercepts.

The girls were not shabby either, Alyce bombed 21 goals by herself in the second half and Olivia kept the turnovers happening.



Premiers Pies standing L to R: Alyce and Pyper Wylie, Hayden Wallis, Jack Legonie, Chloe Cengia, Laila Kane, Gemma Thomas, Jade Angarane, Dean and Millar Wylie.
Runners up front L to R: Claire Banks, Kai McMahon, Xavier Hughes, Sophie Hughes, Marni Banks, Olivia Hughes and Harley Banks.

Last Supergroms session for 2022 with Santa surprise

SMITHS Beach comes alive with frothing groms and a friendly, energetic vibe on event days, and their Christmas event was no different.

Supergroms has exploded with new and returning families this year, and they now have had over 50 kids participating in the last few events, all looking great in their new custom designed rash vest.

While the event is just about having a go, meeting people and having fun, it is inspiring to see so many kids growing their confidence in the water and improving their skills. With the assistance of four

coaches from Island Surfboards, the day saw kids overcoming their fears to stand up on a board for the first time, some starting to catch green waves by themselves, and others learning tips and tricks to prepare themselves for the next level of competition.

Organisers are looking forward to their next event; a trip to UrbnSurf in January for both kids and adults to go surfing in the wave pool.

For more information on the club follow at instagram. com/p.i.b.c or via the website pibc.com.au



Sunshine, laughter and waves, Smiths came alive for the final supergrom session last weekend.

\$10,000 set to boost Wonthaggi Golf Club and community

THE Wonthaggi Golf Club (WGC) recently received a Bass Coast Community Grant of \$10,000 from the Bass Coast Shire council and plan to put it to good use.

The club was officially established where it is today at 11 Dr Sleeman Drive, Wonthaggi back in 1925 and is an 18-hole course with excellent fairways and greens.

The club has been able to achieve a sustained level of maintenance thanks to the Bass Coast Community Grants initiative, and their dedicated members, according to club member Carole Sartori who spoke with the Sentinel-Times last week.

"We have been fortunate to receive grants from the Bass Coast Shire Community grants program for not-for-profit community organisations and with help from our volunteers we have already resurfaced the cart/walking tracks on several fairways and replaced old drainage on three of our wettest fairways," she said.

"Our aim is to have a playable course 365 days of the year, so we're replacing the drainage on holes 10, 16 and three so that grant will pay a lot towards that, and the club contributes also."

The club has had to close the course on several occasions due to several holes being inundated with water, and they're hoping updating the drainage will ensure they don't lose out to course closures again.

Sartori also lauded the work of volunteers around the club and explained some of the projects taking place.

"All the work we do here is volunteer work, the new pipe we've got means that we don't have to go down so deep now, it lays flat, you fill it with sand, and it expands with water, which saves us in time and labour, without the grant we wouldn't be able to put these things together," she said.

"We've now got the money to do an overview of the whole golf course, so we've had the drones up and we're doing a master-plan which is in progress over the next 10 years.

"Our first priority over summer is the drainage but there'll only be little interruption on the course because of it."

Last weekend, the club had a mixed Christmas breakup tournament and Sartori mentioned what else is on over summer at the club.

"From February right through to May the South Gippsland Golf Association has the pennant teams, every month there'll be something going on with the ladies over the summer, we've got two big golf classics too."

"We've got a junior coaching program going on now, and every Saturday afternoon the captain mentors them, after Christmas there'll be a new program for juniors coming out and that's for ages 8-16 boys and girls."

"In March we'll start a program for women, under VicHealth we do a training program for about six weeks, and we get professional golfers to train them and the juniors."

"We're also starting up the driving range so there's a lot going on and it takes a lot of effort."

The WGC is also looking to introduce a driving range, where patrons can buy themselves a bucket of balls, hit them down the range and leave them.

Sartori spoke on what the club means to its members and what it can do for anyone just wants to give golf a go.

"It benefits anyone who just wants a hit of golf, we've got women now that've retired from Melbourne, so they come over here and they've made new friendships, and they say it's the best thing we could've done, it's a whole community within a community," she said.

"A lot of socialisation goes on with the club, there are so many retirees that don't know what to do with themselves and when they find out that they can come down and do a bit of gardening, over they come and it helps everybody, socially and mentally."



Green ball Round robin: First - Chelsea McNamara, second - Mitch Oliver, conso winner Ted McNee



18 and under winner: Ben Clements, runner up: Lucas Iddon-Tauvry, conso winner: Jamieson Schmidt

Inverloch Junior club champs

INVERLOCH Tennis Club's 2022 Junior club champs were held last Monday morning, followed by their Christmas party.

It was fantastic to see so many families come along, and the future looks promising with a lot of our younger players nearing competition standard.

Thanks for all our volunteers who helped out on the day.

If anyone is interested in coaching lessons, please contact our club coach Matt Leffler on 0468 411 298.



It was a successful shoot with William Martin taking home first for A grade in the 20-target continental round. C59_5022

Success at clay target club's Christmas shoot

THE Wonthaggi Clay Target Club's Christmas Shoot was a great success with fantastic conditions for shooting and a brilliant turn out with a total of 11 Squads.

We held two events first, one being the 20tgt Double Barrel followed by the 20tgt Single Barrel then stopped to have a delicious Christmas Lunch.

After lunch we finished with 20tgt Continental and 20tgt Point Score.

After the competition the winner of our raffle was announced - congratulations Pecky.

We then continued to presentations with prizes for 1st to 4th.

1st Event 20tgt DB: AA - 1st Stuart Allen, A - 1st Charlie Galea, B - 1st Kaidyn Phelan and C - 1st Garry Van Den Brand.

2nd Event 20tgt SB: AA - 1st Cranky McCull, A - 1st Charlie Cicciari, B - 1st Geoff Tunks and C - 1st Brendan McRae.

3rd Event 20tgt Continental: AA - 1st Kevin Gillespie, A - 1st William Martin, B - 1st John McLean and C - 1st Harry Johnston.

4th Event 20tgt PS: AA - 1st David Kent, A - 1st Alister Gammaldi, B - 1st Mick Peck and C - 1st Ned Northover.

Overall, the day was won by Stuart Allen.

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful and dedicated Committee Members.



South Gippsland Volleyball Club Junior players and coaches.

South Gippsland Junior Volleyball presentations

FAMILIES, players and coaches gathered to celebrate the growth and development of all participants in the South Gippsland Junior Volleyball program at its recent presentation night.

The program attracts players from across the South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires and continues to grow under the leadership of coaches Mike Munday, Liselott Webster, Brock Churchill and Chris Axford.

Coach Mike congratulated all players for their commitment to training and improving their skills and, just as importantly, recognised their commitment to supporting

each other, cheering wildly and having fun.

This season, six players were recognised for outstanding achievements:

- Antonella Sepulveda Olmedo - Leadership Award
- Jeffrin Mathew - Best Teammate Award, Attendance Award
- Amelia Hams - Most Improved Award, Attendance Award
- Jessica Churchill - Encouragement Award
- Remy Jans - Encouragement Award
- Alyssa Dennis - Most Improved Award
- Declan Beech - Attendance Award

Club President Rob Parkes thanked the coaches and volunteers that support the Junior volleyball program.

The presentation night topped off a busy season for the Junior program.

Recently, representative junior teams shone at the Mornington Volleyball Junior Victoria Open tournament and Maroondah Spike-zone Tournament.

Many juniors were hosted by the Melbourne Vipers at its Australian Volleyball League home game and several players have taken the next step to trial for the intensive Gippsland Sports Academy volleyball program

and have been accepted for the 2022/23 season.

The more experienced Juniors are making significant contributions to both A Grade and B Grade open competitions within the club and have performed especially well through club finals.

The Junior Program trains at Splash Leongatha from 6.00 - 7.15 pm on Thursday's during school terms.

Registrations are open for 2023. To stay informed or to register, email southgippslandvolleyball@outlook.com or follow South Gippsland Volleyball Club on Facebook and Instagram.



MVP Awards (L-R) Tim Berger, Mae Kindom, Jessica Sanders, Antonella Sepulveda Olmedo, Chris Axford.



Gophers, A Grade Champions (L-R) Rienna Pratten, Mat Vanboven, Jessica Sanders, Eldon Westaway, Hudson Short, Justin Hibma.

MVPs awarded at Volleyball season finale

Axford on 24.

The B Grade Women's MVP was Antonella Sepulveda Olmedo with a total 17 votes.

Antonella polled strongly throughout the competition and finished in front of second place getter Mae Kindom.

Bull Xu and Tim Berger tied for the B Grade Men's MVP on 15 votes each, ahead of Zaldy Coldora in second.

This season's A Grade Grand Final featured the Gophers up against the Giants in a high-quality match that concluded with the Gophers winning 3 sets to 1 (24:26, 25:17,

25:21, 25:19).

The Gophers team consisted of Rienna Pratten, Mat Vanboven, Jessica Sanders, Eldon Westaway, Hudson Short and Justin Hibma.

In the B Grade Grand Final, the Sharks took home the prize for the very first time.

They were up against a very competitive Nyopi team, and it took the full 5 sets to see a result (28:26, 12:25, 25:16, 11:25, 15:13).

The Sharks were led by Tim Berger and Tamara Taylor and include Victoria Jaskula, Jeffrin Mathew, Harrison

Herbert, Antonella Sepulveda Olmedo and Declan Beech.

Team and individual registrations for 2023 are open with the season beginning next February.

The volleyball competition is held Thursdays at Splash, Leongatha, games commence at 7:30 pm during school terms and new players are welcome.

Registration details can be found on the club's Facebook page and on Instagram (South Gippsland Volleyball Club) or email southgippslandvolleyball@outlook.com for information.

Local lifesavers ready to do what they do best

WOOLAMAI Beach Surf Life Saving Club is 'surfing' back into gear with lifeguard patrols resuming for the summer period.

Despite the continuous wintery weather, beach safety continues to be a high priority for the club especially after a close call at Berrys Beach earlier this month, where five swimmers were rescued by a local surfer after coming into danger.

Club president Jason Close said professional lifeguards are back on deck as well as volunteers.

"The volunteers patrol the beach at Cape Woolamai," he said.

"We started in late November, and we'll be patrolling through to ANZAC Day at Woolamai beach.

"Then there's also the professional lifeguard service, which Life Saving Victoria operate.

"They are already patrolling at Woolamai and Smiths Beach and that runs through until late February."

Mr Close had a strong message for locals and visitors, stating there are only two patrolled surf beaches on Phillip Island.

"They are the only places we would be encouraging people to swim," he said.



Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club members are hitting beaches again this summer period and always urge beachgoers to swim between the flags.

"There's plenty of other beaches across the Island but they're not patrolled and are often quite isolated.

"If someone gets into trouble, while we respond to callouts, it takes us longer to get there.

"Swim between the flags at a patrolled beach."

Mr Close also urged the public to become familiar with the signs of a rip, as they can be incredibly deceiving.

For tips on identifying a rip and what to do if caught in one, visit lsv.com.au/

The club is also excited to start their nippers program, which is a beach education program that introduces children aged 6 to 13 years to lifesaving.

The Nippers Education Program is a seven-day intensive program held each year over the Christmas / New Year period.

It is delivered at Cleeland Bight Beach and Smiths Beach.

The club will also be publishing weekly updates of patrol hours via their Facebook page, where the community can see the days, dates and hours that each beach will be patrolled for the week ahead.

For more information on the club, visit www.woolamai-beach.org.au/

Local swimmers take on NSW at state championships



Coach Dylan with the team, Olivia Holmes, Mostyn Lumsden, Sienna and Rahni Matheson and Miah Roberts.

Results day 1: Olivia - 200m backstroke 12th. 4.96s pb. 800m freestyle - 7th in final Miah - 200m backstroke 23rd. 0.81s pb. Sienna - 200m breaststroke 10th in final. Rahni - 100m breaststroke 6th in final.

Results day 2: Olivia - 50m freestyle 21st. 0.22s pb. Time 28.87 Mostyn - 50m freestyle 54th. 1.21s pb. Time 26.34 Rahni - 200m backstroke 33rd. 50m freestyle 95th. Time 30.27 Sienna - 200IM 35th

Results day 3: Olivia - 100m backstroke heat 2.19s pb.

9th in final. 0.2s pb. 400m free heat 12.27s pb. 8th in final. 1.35s pb. Mostyn - 100m butterfly 32nd. 1.55s pb Rahni - 50m breaststroke heat 0.18s pb. 7th in final. Miah - 100m backstroke 48th

Results day 4: Olivia - 50m butterfly 23rd. 0.71s pb. 400m IM heat 6.96s pb. 4th in final. 3.03s pb. Rahni - 200m breaststroke DQ in final. Sienna - 100m breaststroke 10th in final.

Results day 5: Miah - 50m backstroke 18th. 1.54s pb. Olivia - 50m backstroke

29th. 0.17s pb. 200m freestyle 16th. 3.93s pb. Mostyn - 50m butterfly 28th. Rahni - 50m butterfly 53rd

Results day 6: Olivia - 100m freestyle 11th. 0.24s pb. 200m IM heat 3.03s pb 8th in final. 2.36s pb. Mostyn - 50m backstroke 37th. 0.75s pb. Rahni - 50m backstroke 44th. 200m IM 40th. Sienna - 50m breaststroke 14th

Results day 7: Mostyn - 200m butterfly 31st. 0.27s pb. 100m backstroke 51st. 1.21s pb. Rahni - 100m backstroke 28th.

Aquatics staff desperately needed

THE Victorian Aquatics and Recreation industry is struggling to deliver essential aquatic services including throughout Bass Coast.

The current workforce shortage is seriously impacting facility operations, with waiting lists for swimming lessons over 300 students long at some regional facilities.

Aquatics and Recreation Victoria has successfully received funding through Jobs Victoria.

The program, titled Next Wave, will work to support the delivery of 300 entry-level jobs at aquatics facilities to work towards resolving this critical challenge.

Next Wave wants to recruit 150 Swim Teachers and Lifeguards by January, to ensure Aquatics facilities across Victoria can provide vital Aquatic services before Term 1, 2023.

"Our swim school waiting list has grown to 305. Having a shortage of teachers is impacting the community. Kids are not learning to swim which is a necessary life skill when living on the coast. The community needs qualified swim teachers to help teach their kids to swim so they can have a safe summer," said Khy Blizzard, Aquatics Coordinator at Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre have employed a new swim teacher last month through the Next Wave program.

"Having Jenna join our team has freed our wait list up by 35-45 kids," Ms Blizzard said.

Jenna added, "I'm having a lot of fun learning and being part of a great team. This job has helped me in a huge way. I feel like I'm important now and I can teach kids a valuable lifesaving skill."

Next Wave is designed to provide secure employment for Victorian residents from specific priority cohorts across the State – in both Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria.

Roles as Swim teachers, Lifeguards, Duty Manager and Customer Service Officers are offered on a permanent part-time or full-time basis, for at least 19hrs a week for 12 plus months.

Employers are reimbursed for the costs associated with training, onboarding, and employing Jobseekers, while jobseekers receive job-readiness training and support thanks to JVES project partners, WCIG and Qualify.

This program is currently underway and will run until June 2023.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in a role with Next Wave visit their website now. If you're facing a workforce shortage in your aquatic facility, register now.

Parkrun at Grand Ridge trail

THIS week 19 people participated in the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun event.

Darcy Linforth made a speedy return to the event. Welcome to Marissa Shields who experienced her first parkrun.

It is also great to see many faces return and aim for personal best times. It doesn't matter if you run, walk or jog the course as the distance remains the same.

The Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun will be held on the 24th and 31st this year as well as a special event on New Year's Day.

Register for a barcode online at www.parkrun.com.au and register and come and find out just how enjoyable moving for 5kms at 8am can be. Also a big thank you to this week's volunteers, Chris Bickhoff, Lynne Bickhoff, Tim Buckley, Julia Groves, Leon McDonald, Glenn Wearne, and Linda Zhang.

LDCA reaches the halfway point

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In C grade division one, the halfway leader is the undefeated Inverloch with 48 points from their four wins, they're one win clear of Koonwarra L/RSL in second place with three wins and 36 points, while Wonthaggi in third and Phillip Island in fourth are both on 24 points from two wins, Korumburra and Nyora also sit on two wins but they're outside the top four.

The Stingrays have been buoyed by the scintillating form of Jason Dennerley who has smashed 286 runs at a phenomenal average of 143 in just three games!

Dennerley initially returned to the Inverloch line-up this season to ensure the club can keep their numbers up and allow their young talent to thrive.

And he has combined sensational with his captain Warren Stewart, who has made 168 runs and is yet to be dismissed in his three games this season.

The Stingrays duo are currently in first and second place in the division's leading run scorers list, with the ball, it's Koonwarra's Tom Collins leads the division with 15 wickets at an average of 8 from six matches.

As it stands, in C grade division two OMK are sitting pretty at the top of the ladder with six wins and 72 points.

They're followed by Leongatha Town in second spot with four wins and one draw, netting them 54 points. Kilcunda Bass is in third with four wins and 48 points and Koonwarra L/RSL is fourth with two wins and 24 points in what is now a five-team division.

Leongatha batter Travis Strybosch leads the division in runs with 159 at an average of 31 from five games, while his teammate Yuthil Ratnake is the leading wicket taker with 12 wickets at an average of eight from six games.

The competition is into its Christmas break and will resume on January 7, 2023.

South Gippy Kookas continue their winning festive form

THE pre-Christmas Over 60s Kookas took on their archrivals, the East Donny Devils at the Superb Invitational last Sunday in an Xmas special.

Would Santa arrive for the Kookas, like the South Gippy Council?

The Devils won the toss and "Inserted" the Colossal Kookas on a wonderful Invitational deck.

Ol Waza Hayes cracked a rapid fire 28 off 26 balls, while Grayza Wighty nudged 15.

Then it was time for our "Dynamic Duo" of Pete "Pulvariser" Petrou (14) and Huck "LDCA Legend" Cleeland, with a sublime 36no off a lazy 30 balls to get the Kookas cookin'.

Neil "Super Calves" Whitey (13) and Skippa Francis (14) kept the griddle hot a Joey "Basher" Burke put the Burner on Fry with a Blistering 27 of only 17 balls.

The Kookas rattling up 8/185!

The pill was then grasped, the devils offered Tasmanian devil like resistance early, but our Trump card, Huck Cleeland Struck, with two wickets in one over.

The Devils kept on a coming, with Kooka "Ring In" Peter "The Gentleman" falls lacing 15 courageous runs.



The 2022 WGFNC Under 17 co-premiers, Dalyston's 17 and Under Netball Team. They are, back, Paige Tait (coach), Mya Brosnan, Mataya Maloney, Olivia Bramley, Bella Schmidt, Sophie Carter, Saskia Schmidt (coach), front, Bailey Duscher, Kailani Shepherd, Ruby Brosnan (Captain), Charlotte Morris, and Sienna Tiziana.

Finally, a premiership cup for Dalyston's Under 17s

THE West Gippsland Football Netball Competition has had an additional 2022 premiership cup made and last Wednesday night, December 14, WGFNC Advisory Committee Member, Colin Rielly, presented it to the joint premiers in the 17 and Under Netball competition, Dalyston.

The club brought together the co-premiers, their families and other club members and supporters for a dinner at the club at which the event was celebrated.

Club president Andy Thomas said it was always their intention, after the issue with the scoring was identified and the league acknowledged joint

premiers in the Under 17s, Phillip Island and Dalyston, that the club would come together and officially honour their joint premiers.

"It's more that it's a unique thing, probably in the history of netball," said Mr Thomas.

"And we're not taking anything away from the Phillip Island girls either. They played a great game on the day and through the season, there was never more than a goal between the teams.

"Just a matter of a centre pass between them and in the end, they couldn't be separated and that's how it turned out. So, it's recognition for both teams and both clubs really," he said.

Officially, the 17 and Under grand final, played in atrocious conditions at Garfield on Saturday, September 10, finished in a 33-31 win to Phillip Island and it was only revealed, when the league video was released some weeks later, that a goal in the first quarter was credited to the Island girls rather than Dalyston.

The West Gippsland Football Netball Competition acknowledged the scoring mistake with the Under 17 Netball Grand Final back in October.

Here's what they said:

"Upon review of the Grand Final via match footage, it has been noted that the scoresheet scorer incorrectly allocated a

goal to Phillip Island instead of Dalyston during the first quarter. This error saw the quarter time score as 8-10 in Phillip Island's favour, rather than the correct score of 9-9.

At the conclusion of the match Phillip Island were awarded the premiership with the scoresheet reflecting a score of 33-31, upon review, the official match scoresheet was incorrect, and the score should reflect 32-32.

"In consultation with the WGFNC Advisory Committee, the WGFNC have elected to award a dual premiership to both the Phillip Island FNC and the Dalyston FNC for the 2022 17 and Under netball Grand Final."

The grass is definitely greener at Corinella Bowls Club!

By Celeste Brittain

THE Corinella Bowling Club has shown that it is a vital gathering place after undergoing a huge \$25,000 upgrade supported by the local Bendigo Bank.

The club which was established in 1973, has adapted over the years to meet community needs.

The club offers a social evening on Friday nights during daylight savings, a monthly trivia night, has meals and bowls and a bar.

"The club has vibrant social aspects where everyone can be involved," grant officer, Barbara Oates shared.

"Over the journey, a bowls club perhaps is seen as an older person's venue. In recent times the club has serviced the need for the community to have a place to connect, whether through sports or just socially connecting through friendship is important with a lot of new residents



Members have been enjoying the \$25K upgrades at Corinella Bowls Club.

moving to the area."

The COVID-19 pandemic saw the club experiencing a quiet time with limited sports and social activities. This had an effect on older members of the club who were social isolated.

As the club was able to compete again, the venue became, as Barbara shared, "a local safe haven."

The club has had the bowling surface, replaced thanks to a grant received from Bendigo Bank.

Other refurbishments include a sound system upgrade, new outdoor area, replaced concrete apron around the green, new fence, shelters, garden and outdoor tables.

These refurbishments first

began three years ago with help from many volunteers of the area, and cultivated in the club officially opening the new, certified green on November 26, 2022.

In the coming months through further Bass Coast Community Grants, local artist Laurie Faulkner will complete a mural on the club's Balcombe Street fence which will reflect local history and bowling references.

Funding has also been received to upgrade the seat in the shelters.

Next year will also mark 50 years of the club.

Those who wish to join can visit the club during opening hours or email corinellabowls@gmail.com.

Membership at the club is open to all ages and includes three types- affiliated, social and intermediate, with the varying memberships catering to different types of club engagement.



Tim Southee has been named as the Black Caps' next Test captain. Photo: Andrew Cornaga/Photosport via AP

Aussie cricketing great questions black caps captaincy appointment

VETERAN New Zealand fast bowler Tim Southee has been named as the Black Caps' next Test captain after Kane Williamson relinquished the role last Thursday.

Williamson, 32, has decided to part ways with the captaincy after 40 Tests in charge, having taken over as Brendon McCullum's successor in 2016.

Despite handing over the reins, the batsman has expressed his desire to continue to represent all three formats and will remain captain of New Zealand's ODI and T20 squads.

Formerly acting as Williamson's deputy, Southee will now become the 31st Test captain as he prepares to tour Pakistan in late December.

The 34-year-old, who is the

By Alex Dunn

nation's third-highest red-ball wicket-taker (347), has made 346 international appearances since debuting in 2008 and has led New Zealand in 22 T20 matches.

While the esteemed paceman has earned his place at the helm, Australian cricketing great Simon O'Donnell has questioned his selection considering the typical career span of fast bowlers.

"Tim Southee ... he's 34," O'Donnell told SEN Breakfast.

"They've named him as the replacement and fantastic ... he's earned his stripes to be the captain."

"But, I'm thinking at 34 I'm not seeing Tim, as a fast bowler, being around for too much longer."

"So I'm sure there's someone there in the wings that he might be a, 'Let's get over this period while we figure out who the best one is in that mid-20, late-20 range to take us into the next era,' option."

Despite qualms about his age, the current Sir Richard Hadlee medal winner says he is ready to tackle the challenge of leading NZ in the Test arena.

"It's been a surreal few days and it's just a massive honour to be appointed as Test captain," Southee said at the announcement.

"I love Test cricket, it's the ultimate challenge and I'm really excited by the opportunity to lead the team in this format."

"Kane's been an outstanding Test captain and I'm looking

forward to working with Gary on how we can build on that."

Opening batsman Tom Latham has been named as Southee's deputy, with their first Test in charge coming on December 26 against Pakistan in Karachi.

Black Caps Test squad for Pakistan:
Tim Southee (c)
Michael Bracewell
Tom Blundell (wk)
Devon Conway
Matt Henry
Tom Latham
Daryl Mitchell
Henry Nicholls
Ajaz Patel
Glenn Phillips
Ish Sodhi
Blair Tickner
Neil Wagner
Kane Williamson
Will Young

The father-son twins creating plenty of excitement at Carlton

By Nic Negrepontis

POTENTIAL Carlton father-son prospects Ben and Lucas Camporeale have spent the week at the club as part of pre-season training.

The twins are the sons of Blues great Scott Camporeale, who played 233 games for the Blues between 1995 and 2005. They will be eligible for the 2024 National Draft.

Ben and Lucas have been playing wing roles for South Australia in the Under-16 Championships and have impressed with their class and running.

AFL Media's Josh Gabelich was at Carlton training watching them run around.

"For the first half an hour of training I was trying to work out who the two really skinny kids on the track were," Gabelich told SEN's Sportsday.

"We quickly found out they were the two Camporeale boys Lucas and Ben and they've spent the week training with the Blues."

"I spoke to Luke Power afterwards and there's a bit of excitement around them because they had a really good Under-16 carnival for South Australia."

"They're not father-son eligible for a couple of years, but pretty awesome to see Camporeales back at Princes Park."

"They spent a lot of the session around Patrick Cripps and even kicking to Harry McKay and Charlie Curnow late in the session, so great to see."

Father-son candidates training with clubs ahead of time has become commonplace, with Will Ashcroft and Jaspa Fletcher doing so last summer with Brisbane, and Nick Dairicos at Collingwood the previous year.

AFL Talent Manager Kevin Sheehan spoke to SEN earlier in the year following the Camporeales' performance in the Under-16 Championships.

"You're starting to watch some of the names from the past as their boys start to strut their stuff and that's the father-sons of course and there's quite a few we'll be following in the next couple of years," Sheehan told SEN's Future Stars.

"(That group) could be headed up by the Camporeales. I love Scotty Camporeale's boys – he was smart enough to make one a left footer and one a right footer so that we can sort them out because they look about the same."

"Young Lucas is the left-footer, quite a classic left-footer, and then Ben is the right-footer and both showed enough on the respective wings at the same time, at times they interchanged off the bench onto the one wing, but they're going to be good players down the track and both were quite promising in the way they played in that winning side for South Australia."

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C GRADE | DIVISION 1

Inverloch 1/170 d**Koonwarra L/RSL 6/89**

Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: D Harris 27, W Stewart 53*, JJ Dennerley 80*. Bowling: S Chadwick 0/37, T Collins 0/28, S Paterson 0/29, B Smith 1/29, K Thorne 0/46

Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS:

S Paterson 35, T Collins 0, JH Bohn 24, G Mathies 7, H Scrimshaw 0, K Thorne 10*, B Smith 3, K Collins 2*. Bowling: C Butler 2/13, T Debono 0/6, CJ Terlich 1/9, C Newman 0/29, W Chapman 1/16, K Burgoine 2/11

Korumburra 0/73 d MDU 8/72

MDU - 1st INNINGS: T Bright 0, P Allen 8, C Schwennesen 19, D Thomas 2, J Brown 16, J Phillips 8*, L Bell 2, S Riley 0, K Brown 11, J Allen 0*. Bowling: A Halliwell 1/12, B Riddell 0/7, M Olden 2/20, GA Barrett 5/9, PD Beadel 0/20, J Dunn 0/2, RP Butler 0/2

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS:

T Allen 36*, C Smith 29*, J Dunn 4*. Bowling: K Brown 0/18, S Riley 0/20, C Schwennesen 0/13, J Phillips 0/19, L Bell 0/3

Phillip Island 3/102 d Club 6/101

Club - 1st INNINGS: W Speed 30, S Liddle 21, J Llicis 19, A Mankhong 4, C Krause 16, D Krause 3*, B Feast 1, A Quilty 1*. Bowling: T Asurumui 1/20, MA Cleary 1/23, J Williams 1/22, P Francis 0/15, D Mani 3/21

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS:

J Manning 25, GR Excell 28, T Asurumui 2, W Paterson 19*, MA Cleary 17*. Bowling: M Sharp 0/19, D Krause 0/14, J Llicis 2/11, S Liddle 1/36, A Mankhong 0/13, B Feast 0/7

Nyora - BYE

C GRADE | DIVISION 2

Town 4/81 d Kilcunda Bass 76**Kilcunda Bass - 1ST INNINGS:**

A Joseph 4, L May 1, DB Bettles 12, J Reilly 25, O Shumack 6, J Matser 5, P DeRubeis 0, C Bettles 0, C Reilly 1, H Bettles 4*, D Bettles 0. Bowling: T Strybosch 0/8, R Hume 1/21, Y Ratnaike 4/15, C Dowling 1/14, P Carter 2/5, H Gill 0/5, M Warren 1/4

Town - 1ST INNINGS:

T Strybosch 30, R Hume 1, N Hodges 3, R Edwards 10, M Warren 21*, A Fixter 11

Bowling: H Bettles 2/27, DB Bettles 1/16, P DeRubeis 0/16, A Joseph 1/22

OMK 4/105 d Glen Alvie 4/92

Glen Alvie - 1ST INNINGS: P Loos 54, R Luke 8, HC Smith 10, A Luke 0, M Grieve 1*, N Thatcher 0*

Bowling: B Maguire 0/14, G Lomagno 1/14, L Walker 0/31, J Myors 0/13, H Sorensen 1/13, L Holderhead 1/2, M Whiteside 1/2

OMK - 1ST INNINGS: G Lomagno 26, T Walker 18, L Walker 7, A Sorensen 12*, L Holderhead 6, B Maguire 26*

Bowling: A Luke 0/21, R Luke 0/17, G Hynes 0/20, P Loos 3/15, M Grieve 0/13, ML Cavigan 1/11, L Sinclair 0/8

Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE

Blake Smith was the only Cougar to take a wicket on Saturday. B12_5122



Inverloch captain Warren Stewart plays a beautiful shot for four in his side's win over Koonwarra. B13_5122



Koony' captain Kevin Thorne bowls at Inverloch on Saturday. B14_5122

Inverloch do it easily over Koony

• C Grade, Division 1

IN A playoff between first and second on the C grade division one ladder, Inverloch hosted Koonwarra L/RSL at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Stingrays were in dominant form once again, showing they're simply a cut above reaching 70 runs before losing their first wicket, but they didn't stop there!

Captain Warren Stewart (53* from 54) again went unbeaten with a classy half century and Jason Dennerley (80* from 35) dispatched the ball to all parts on his way to an unbeaten half century himself, including nine fours and five sixes to see Inv' finish 1/170 after their 20.

Blake Smith's (1/29 from 4) wicket the only one for Koony' on the day, they had a tough afternoon with the bat, going down by 81 runs after finishing 6/89.

Shane Peterson (35 from 56) top scored but it wasn't enough as Katrina Burgoine (2/11 from 3) had another great game with the ball.

Cobras cruise to the win

KORUMBURRA hosted MDU at Poowong Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

Unfortunately, they couldn't quite combat the Cobras bowling and lost regular wickets on their way to finishing 8/72 after their 20 overs.

Cale Schwennesen (19 from 25) top scored while Glen Barrett (5/9 from 4) had a day out, claiming a beautiful five wicket haul.

In reply, the Cobras did it with ease, reaching the Demons total without losing a wicket (Cameron Smith retired not out) inside 15 overs.

Sharks get over Club

PHILLIP ISLAND welcomed Wonthaggi to Reece Plumbing Park in Rhyll and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

Thanks to a bright start from skipper William Speed (30 from 31) they were able to post 6/101 after their 20 overs, as Deane Mani (3/21 from 4) bowled brilliantly.

In reply, the Sharks too got a good start from their openers as Gavin Excell (28 from 34) top scored and was assisted by Wade Paterson (19* from 17) and his skipper Michael Cleary (17* from 17) who both finished unbeaten to see Island to the seven-wicket win.

• C Grade, Division 2

Town over Killy Bass

KILCUNDA BASS hosted Leongatha Town and the Sharks won the toss and chose to bat first.

In a tough showing, Joe Reilly's (25) was the clear standout as his side were dismissed for 76 as Yuthil Ratnaike (4/15 from 4) turned it on with the ball.

In reply, Town got into a touch of bother in their innings but were able to avoid any real crisis to reach the total with six wickets to spare.

Travis Strybosch's (30) knock at the top of the order proved to be a great base as Hunter Bettles (2/27 from 4) battled hard with the ball in the six-wicket loss.

Diggers get it done

GLEN ALVIE welcomed OMK to Dallyston Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Alvie got a great start out of Pieter Loos (54 from 46) who's half century proved to go a long way towards their score of 4/92.

George Lomagno (1/14 from 4) did well with the ball for the Diggers who, in reply, managed the score quite easily thanks to decent knocks from Lomagno (26) and Thomas Walker (18) at the top of the order and Ben Maguire (26*) at the end.

Loos (3/15 from 4) backed up his strong innings with a great spell with the ball in the six-wicket loss.

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Jack Keating plays a shot on the front foot for Phillip Island in their win over OMK. B11_5122

Demons cruise through Stingrays

• B Grade, Division 1

MDU hosted Inverloch at Meeniyian Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and sent the visitors in to bat first.

Uncharacteristically, the Stingrays lost multiple early wickets and unfortunately the trend continued throughout their innings as they managed just 9/94 from their 20 overs.

Amad Mujtaba (21 from 10) continued his good form, top scoring in a low scoring innings, Jake Palmer (3/19 from 4) was the pick of the bowlers for MDU.

In reply, the Demons absolutely cruised to the total, punching on 82 runs before even losing a wicket, however, they did lose 3/8 in a brief Stingrays fightback as young spinner Josh Williams (3/17 from 4) jagged all three.

However, the hosts were good enough to still pull off the win by seven wickets, Colin Knox (28* from 36) and Matt Martin (54 from 40) were the standouts.

Eddy and the Imps dominate OMK

OMK hosted the Imperials at Outtrim Recreation Oval, and the hosts won the toss and sent the visitors in to bat first.

Unfortunately, though they were made to regret that call as the scintillating form of Nick Eddy (121* from 65) continued, blasting a remarkable unbeaten century off just 65 balls, including 10 fours and seven sixes!

Gary Sauvarin (60* from 44) also batted with great form as the Imps posted a mammoth first innings total of 1/222 thanks to the Sauvarin – Eddy partnership of 182!

Barry Wyatt (1/32 from 4) claimed the only wicket for OMK.

In reply, the runs did not come as easy for the Diggers who were in all sorts of trouble early, falling to 8/36!

Fortunately, they were able to recover and avoid being dismissed, to finish 8/99 after their 20 overs thanks to a strong innings from Shane Taylor (46* from 30).



Sharks captain Connor Epifano plays one off his legs at Outtrim on Saturday. B10_5122

• B Grade, Division 2

Island edge out OMK

OMK welcomed Phillip Island to Outtrim Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Diggers looked to score quickly but this meant they lost wickets on regular occasions throughout their innings, on their way to 8/117.

Scott Handley (25 from 28) top scored at number seven, as Geoff Odgers (2/17 from 4) was the pick of the bowlers for the Island.

In reply, the Sharks got off to a shaky start losing their skipper Connor Epifano (3), but his side were good enough to soldier on and reach the OMK total five wickets down, thanks to some strong batting from the middle order.

Andrew Finlayson (29 from 24) top scored in the win, while Odgers (22* from 21) backed up his great spell with the ball by finishing off the chase unbeaten.

Nerrena escape Sharks chase

NERRENA welcomed Kilcunda Bass down to Nerrena Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

In a steady innings, Gerard Murphy's (27*) unbeaten knock and team high score saw his side finish 5/91 after their 20 overs.

Rohan Duff (2/21 from 4) was the standout with the ball for the Sharks.

In reply, the visitors gave it a red-hot crack, taking it down to the last over of the match but unfortunately the run out of Neil Grant saw them fall agonisingly short, losing by one run!

Dawson's knock sees Town over Alvie

GLEN ALVIE hosted Leongatha at Glen Alvie recreation reserve and the hosts won the toss and sent the visitors in to bat first.

After a troublesome start, losing 3/21, Town were able to resurrect their innings on the back of Wil Dawson's (63) half century that included five fours and five sixes!

They finished on 6/130 and Jarrah Standish (3/21 from 4) was the pick of the bowlers for Glen Alvie.

In reply, The Alvie just couldn't find the same rhythm, as their top order all found starts but couldn't convert, seeing them finish 6/72 and fall 58-runs short.

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

MDU 3/95 d Inverloch 9/94

Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: B Debono 17, B Phillips 6, J Williams 7, R Harris 0, A Mujtaba 21, H Butcher 8, J Richardson 0, D Cashin, 13, J Dugard 8, W Williams 3* Bowling: P Vine 1/25, J Palmer 3/19, C Knox 1/27, Z Bright 2/6, C Hoober 0/10, T Zukovskis 0/6

MDU - 1st INNINGS: C Knox 28*, M Martin 54, T Zukovskis 4, Z Bright 2, J Fox 2*

Bowling: J Richardson 0/19, J Dugard 0/11, A Mujtaba 0/18, D Cashin 0/12, J Williams 3/17, W Williams 0/8

Imperials 1/122 d OMK 8/99

Imperials - 1st INNINGS: GA Sauvarin 60*, MD Lafferty 32, N Eddy 121*

Bowling: N Creed 0/27, MW Andrew 0/60, R Foster 0/22, B Wyatt 1/32, SM Taylor 0/40, D Creed 0/36

OMK - 1st INNINGS: S Matthews 1, B Wyatt 0, MW Andrew 0, N Creed 18, D Creed 1, A Busana 0, SM Taylor 46*, C Quaife 1, L Bourke 0, R Foster 26*

Bowling: J Jeffery 2/12, N Eddy 3/8, A Casey 2/20, KB Gray 0/8, C Bruce 1/18, B Van Rooy 0/14, KT Materia 0/16

Nerrena 8/109 d Koon L/RSL 7/87

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: D Baldi 0, L Roberts 6, J Kelly 10, D Symmons 31, C Baudinette 13, MB Croatto 1, Z Trease 21*, WB Croatto 6, JA Checkley 7, T Harris 4*

Bowling: PA Buckley 2/18, M Cooke 1/11, A Drury 1/31, M Boswell 2/18, E Charles 1/19, B Cary 1/5

Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS:

B Anderson 13, M Cooke 0, C Harwood 12, N Grimes 25, J Leeden 0, B Cary 7, A Stanley 21, M Boswell 1*, PA Buckley 3*

Bowling: D Symmons 1/11, JA Checkley 1/24, WB Croatto 2/9, Z Trease 1/14, T Harris 0/12, B Salmon 0/14

Korumburra - BYE

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

Phillip Island 5/118 d OMK 8/117

OMK - 1st INNINGS: R Quaife 15, O Fitzpatrick 11, R White 3, J Greenwood 24, B Hayes 2, L Jones 10, S Handley 25, D Elford 13, D Jeffries 3*, P Harper 5*

Bowling: H Arceo 2/19, G Odgers 2/17, D McCausland 1/14, T Allan 1/17, A Tolley 1/29, J Huther 0/15, C Epifano 1/4

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS:

C Epifano 3, A Finlayson 29, JR Keating 21, D McCausland 10, A Tolley 3, G Odgers 22*, T Allan 23

Bowling: O Fitzpatrick 1/14, R White 0/27, J Greenwood 1/20, D Jeffries 2/16, D Elford 0/17, R Quaife 0/13, S Handley 0/7

Nerrena 5/91 d Kilcunda-Bass 90

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: B Gannon 9, MJ Croatto 17, R Elava 11, G Murphy 27*, RL Giliam 3, P Joseph 4, C Dougherty 12*

Bowling: R Duff 2/21, JA Hibbs 0/15, SJ Leman 1/8, K Anand 0/10, C Peckett 0/23, H Tiziani 1/10

Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNING:

P Miller 8, A McBride 10, SJ Leman 28, B Joseph 5, M Grant 0, R Gardiner 0, JA Hibbs 0, K Anand 1, R Duff 11, N Grant 8, H Tiziani 6*

Bowling: C Dougherty 2/21, RL Giliam 0/10, A Gannon 2/10, P Joseph 1/20, DM Grigg 3/10, P Johnston 1/13, R Jefferis 0/6

Town 6/130 d Glen Alvie 6/72

Town - 1st INNINGS: M Hardy 0, N Fixter 7, L Ashton 3, L Bowman 29, L May 8, W Dawson 63, D Goss 2*

Bowling: J Standish 3/21, W Hynes 0/10, L McRae 0/19, L Gooch 0/10, A Brown 0/16, J Burke 1/21, V Gopal 0/25

Glen Alvie - 1ST INNINGS: J Burke 10, V Gopal 15, J Standish 11, A Brown 20, JA Tiziani 0, J Brown 5, D McGuirk 6*, L Gooch 0

Bowling: L Ashton 0/13, C Rickard 1/14, F McLennan 0/20, N Fixter 2/6, L Bowman 0/4, L May 2/5, E Smith 0/10

Club - BYE



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A1: Harry Hoekstra (Koonwarra L/RSL) **76** ; Tom McQualter (Inverloch) **4/25**

A2: Jaydan Tregear (K-Bass) **92*** ; Harshika Fernando (Korumburra) **3/9**

B1: Nick Eddy (Imperials) **121*** ; Nick Eddy (Imperials) **3/8**

B2: Wil Dawson (Town) **63** ; Daniel Grigg (Nerrena) **3/10**

C1: Jason Dennerley (Inverloch) **80*** ; Glen Barrett (Korumburra) **5/9**

C2: Pieter Loos (Glen Alvie) **54** ; Yuthil Ratnaike (Town) **4/15**

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OMK's Thomas Wyatt sends one down the Thompson Reserve pitch. B04_5122



Stingrays all rounder Andrew Donohue plays a strong defensive stroke in his side's win over OMK. B05_5122

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Team	Points	%
A GRADE, Division 1		
Nerrena	60	1.4839
Phillip Island	60	1.2162
Town	60	1.1830
OMK	60	1.1101
Inverloch	54	0.9732
Club	36	0.8555
Imperials	36	0.8399
Koonwarra L/RSL	18	0.4908
A GRADE, Division 2		
Korumburra	66	2.5913
Phillip Island	60	1.2738
Kilcunda-Bass	48	0.9343
Foster	48	0.8447
Club	48	0.7245
Nyora	36	1.0609
MDU	36	0.8985
Glen Alvie	30	0.6373
B GRADE, Division 1		
Nerrena	60	2.2230
Koonwarra L/RSL	48	2.0074
Inverloch	36	1.7277
OMK	36	1.2891
MDU	36	0.7388
Imperials	12	0.5107
Korumburra	0	0.2698
B GRADE, Division 2		
Nerrena	60	1.4705
OMK	60	1.3323
Town	48	1.2033
Club	36	0.9443
Phillip Island	24	0.8123
Kilcunda-Bass	12	0.8041
Glen Alvie	0	0.4630
C GRADE, Division 1		
Inverloch	48	6.5178
Phillip Island	36	1.0012
Koonwarra L/RSL	36	0.8124
Club	24	1.6416
Korumburra	24	0.7577
Nyora	24	0.5160
MDU	12	0.6070
C GRADE, Division 2		
OMK	72	1.9602
Town	54	1.5298
Kilcunda-Bass	48	1.2740
Koonwarra L/RSL	24	0.3935
Glen Alvie	18	0.5866

Town too good for Koony

• A Grade, Division 1

SATURDAY marked the final round of cricket before the Christmas break in the LDCA as games were shortened to 40 overs a side (for both A divisions) and 20 overs a side for both B and C divisions, and they did not disappoint.

Coming off a strong revenge win in Round 7 over the reigning premiers, Leongatha were focused on going into the break with another win as they hosted Koonwarra at Scorpion Park.

The visitors won the toss and chose to bat and despite being in early trouble at 2/10 managed to dig in and reach a respectable score of 8/163 thanks to some strong partnerships throughout the middle order.

Most notably, the Cougars skipper Ben Walsh (41) put on 64 runs with young gun Harry Hoekstra (76) who top scored for his side, belting eight fours and two sixes along the way.

With the ball, it was Mudassar Riaz (3/21 from 8) doing damage once again for Town.

In reply, the hometown Scorpions lost a couple of wickets along the way but remained in control, reaching the Koony's total with six wickets to spare, Ron Abeysinghe (54) and the ever-reliable Amila Ratnaike (59*) both starred with half centuries in the chase.

Hoekstra (3/22 from 6) backed up his thrilling innings with the bat with a couple of wickets with the ball, showing what a great talent he is.

The Cougars will face the Imperials after the break, while Town will head down to Outtrim to face OMK.

Island claim

Semi Final rematch

IN A rematch of last season's Semi Final, Wonthaggi welcomed Phillip Island down the road to Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Sharks got off to an absolutely dominant start, flying out to 145 before losing their first wicket as Jarrod Black (57 from 72) was run out, ultimately halting their run rate.

Club were able to claim the big wickets of Daniel Mock (17 from 26) and Shiran Rathnayake (15 from 14), but the reigning premiers were still good enough to reach 9/220 after their 40 overs.

Joel Brann (2/26 from 8) was the pick of the bowlers again for Wonthaggi.

In reply, Club did not get off to the most desirable start, losing their captain and star opener Ryan Thomas without scoring, they then stumbled again, falling to 3/25, before briefly recovering but ultimately never found a rhythm to their innings.

Stewart Beaumont (65 from 102) was a shining light for the hosts with a fine innings, but they unfortunately still went down by 71-runs, finishing 9/149.

Stingrays prevail in an instant classic

INVERLOCH welcomed OMK down the road to Thompson Reserve as the home side looked to make it two wins against the Diggers who won the toss and chose to bat first.

In an interesting and even first innings, several visiting batters

were able to get strong starts but were unable to convert them into big scores, as the 73-run stand between Thomas Wyatt (33 from 72) and Daniel Lloyd (42 from 64) was easily their largest as they finished 9/146.

Lloyd top scored for OMK while Tom McQualter (4/25 from 8) bowled beautifully, particularly at the death for Inverloch.

In reply, the Stingrays looked in control on the home deck despite losing Jack Butcher and Andrew Donohue for low scores, they were able to put key partnerships together but in the end were not able to hold them for as long as they'd have wanted as the match turned into an instant classic.

After managing just six runs from the next two overs, the hosts still required 15 runs and now just had 18 balls to do it, they lost Jake Dennerley soon after, with 13 still to get.

However, with two big shots, all the OMK hope was dashed from their minds, as McQualter (10* from 15) belted a four and incoming batter Kade Joske (6* from 2) hit his second ball for six as the Diggers skipper caught it but stepped over the line.

Inverloch prevailed by four wickets in a thriller to end the first half off the season, but OMK got the last laugh, as they sit one spot ahead of the Stingrays in fourth place.

Imps win a thriller

THE Imperials hosted the surging Nerrena at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve, and the hosts won the toss and chose

to bat first.

Both openers made starts but were unfortunately dismissed as the Imps were in a touch of trouble at 2/45 early, but that never worried them.

Captain Jack Ginnane (39 from 56) and Sumudu Sameera (54* from 78) wrestled back the momentum with a 76-run partnership to get their side up and over the 100-mark.

Ginnane then lost his wicket, but Sameera continued on to help the hosts finish 4/158 after their 40 overs, Ryan Clark (1/24 from 8) was the best with the ball for Nerrena.

In reply, the Nerrena innings got off to a shaky start as Ginnane claimed the huge wicket of Mitchell Clark (5 from 11), making it the first time this season he hasn't scored at least 50.

This undoubtedly pumped up the Imps who looked to feed off the momentum and they did so, taking regular wickets as the visitors tried their best to battle on through the carnage, they reached 4/31 before Tim Wightman (49 from 87) and Luke Gilham (48 from 70) began to repair their chase.

The pair put on 81-runs before Wightman was dismissed one run short of a half century.

The visitors only managed two runs in the first five deliveries of the final over, but a wide on the second ball meant they had one last chance, needing four runs from the final ball.

Sensationally Josh Trease (2) was run out on the final delivery, seeing his side fall just two runs short of the win that would have seen them go a game clear on top of the table.

A GRADE

DIVISION 1

Inverloch 6/147 d OMK 9/146

OMK – 1st INNINGS	
J Cuman b JB Dennerley	2
E Lamers b A Donohue	30
K Brann c T McQualter b A Donohue	5
T Wyatt lbw b A Donohue	33
J Lamers lbw b T McQualter	2
D Lloyd c & b CW Asbury	42
RL Williams b T McQualter	1
J Hayes b T McQualter	5
Z Lamers not out	6
N Auddino b T McQualter	4
Extras (nb 1, w 9, b 2, lb 4)	16
Total 9/146 (40 overs)	

Bowling: CW Asbury 7-0-1-30 (1nb, 1w), JB Dennerley 6-0-1-38 (3w), A Donohue 8-3-3-11 (1w), T McQualter 8-1-4-25 (4w), J Donohue 5-1-0-16, R Newman 6-1-0-20

Inverloch – 1st INNINGS

J Butcher lbw b T Wyatt	10
J Strickland b PJ Dell	20
A Donohue c RL Williams b Z Lamers	6
D Newman c RL Williams b N Auddino	38
W Taberner st D Lloyd b N Auddino	20
JB Dennerley c K Brann b J Lamers	3
T McQualter not out	10
K Joske not out	6
Extras (nb 8, w 19, b 0, lb 7)	34
Total 6/147 (38.2 overs)	

Bowling: RL Williams 4-0-0-16 (8w), T Wyatt 4-0-1-23 (1nb, 8w), Z Lamers 4-0-1-6 (1nb, 2w), E Lamers 8-2-0-21 (1w), PJ Dell 8-2-1-13, J Lamers 7-0-1-45 (4nb), N Auddino 3-1-0-2-16 (2nb)

Imperials 4/158 d Nerrena 156

Imperials – 1st INNINGS	
L Rogers b R Clark	11
T Sauvarin c H Funnell b T Wightman	32
J Ginnane c H Funnell b M Clark	39
S Sameera not out	54
D Perera run out (S Vagg)	17
L Wright not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 2, b 2, lb 1)	5
Total 4/158 (40 overs)	

Bowling: J Trease 7-1-0-25, LJ Giliam 2-0-0-14, R Clark 8-1-1-24, T Wightman 8-0-1-28, T Gannon 4-0-0-15 (2w), D Berryman 3-0-0-12, M Clark 8-0-1-37

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS

M Clark c D Perera b J Ginnane	5
R Clark c S Sameera b L Wright	13
H Funnell c D Perera b J Ginnane	0
T Wightman run out (D McLennan)	49
T Gannon b L Anderson	0
LJ Giliam run out (L Anderson)	48
S Vagg c D Perera b L Wright	11
D Berryman run out (L Wright)	0
J Renden not out	11
C Salmon c J Ginnane b L Wright	1
J Trease run out (L Rogers, D Perera)	2
Extras (nb 0, w 10, b 1, lb 5)	16
Total 156 (40 overs)	

Bowling: L Wright 8-1-3-21, J Ginnane 8-1-2-31 (6w), L Anderson 8-1-1-30 (2w), T Sauvarin 4-0-0-24, S Sameera 8-2-0-13, AR Williams 4-0-0-31 (2w)

Phillip Island 4/220 d Club 9/149

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
J Black run out (M McCall, J Sheerin)	57
L Cleland c M McCall b J Sheerin	71
DP Mock c J Sheerin b J Brann	17
SL Rathnayake c RG Thomas b J Brann	15
T Keily not out	28
EM Richards not out	8
Extras (nb 2, w 13, b 0, lb 9)	24
Total 4/220 (40 overs)	

Bowling: R Birkett 7-0-0-42 (2nb, 7w), J Brann 8-1-2-26 (1w), J Hull 6-0-0-35 (3w), M McCall 5-0-0-28, A Geyer 6-0-0-34 (1w), J Sheerin 8-0-1-46 (1w)

Club – 1st INNINGS

RG Thomas c L Cleland b S Kirton	0
S Beaumont c J Black b S Kirton	65
M Waller lbw b T Keily	6
J Brann c & b T Keily	6
M Thomas st J Black b SL Rathnayake	18
A Geyer c J Black b SL Rathnayake	16
J Sheerin c S Kirton b C Keerthisinghe	6
J Hull b C Keerthisinghe	2
R Birkett not out	17
J Sheerin c J Black b S Kirton	0
M McCall not out	10
Extras (nb 1, w 2, b 0, lb 0)	3
Total 9/149 (40 overs)	

Bowling: S Kirton 8-1-3-24, T Keily 8-0-2-37, M Royal 8-0-0-45 (1nb), SL Rathnayake 8-1-2-29, C Keerthisinghe 8-3-2-14 (2w)

Town 4/166 d Koonwarra L/RSL 8/163

Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS	
BF Davison c B Hanrahan b M Riaz	2
I Darshana c R Abeysinghe b M Riaz	4
B Walsh b M Madusanka	41
J Rushton c M Madusanka b A Ratnaike	11
H Hoekstra b A Ratnaike	76
K Weeranga run out	3
I Wickramasinghe b M Riaz	0
S Hughes b A Ratnaike	5
J Hughes not out	4
Extras (nb 0, w 10, b 2, lb 5)	17
Total 8/163 (40 overs)	

Bowling: M Riaz 8-1-3-21 (2w), D Hume 4-0-0-17 (1w), M Madusanka 8-0-0-23 (1w), O Vimalarathna 4-1-0-13 (1w), A Ratnaike 7-1-3-37, DL Polwaththa Gallage 5-1-0-13 (1w), L Gill 3-0-0-22 (3w), R Abeysinghe 1-0-0-10

Town – 1st INNINGS

J Giardina c J Rushton b H Hoekstra	18
B Hanrahan c I Darshana b H Hoekstra	10
R Abeysinghe c J Rushton b I Wickramasinghe	54
A Ratnaike not out	59
M Madusanka c J Hughes b H Hoekstra	10
DL Polwaththa Gallage not out	1
Extras (nb 0, w 12, b 0, lb 2)	14
Total 4/166 (34 overs)	

Bowling: K Weeranga 8-0-0-38 (3w), J Thomas 6-1-0-21 (3w), H Hoekstra 6-0-0-22 (1w), BF Davison 2-0-0-13, I Wickramasinghe 8-1-1-43 (4w), J Rushton 3-0-0-24 (1w), I Darshana 1-0-0-3



Jacob Whiteside goes for a big shot in his side's win over Nyora on Saturday. B08_5122

Cobras outclass Nyora

A Grade, Division 2

KORUMBURRA welcomed Nerrena down the road to Korumburra Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and sent the Cobras in to bat first.

The hosts' innings looked promising but at 2/73, after losing Inshaka Siriwardena (26 from 44) it all went downhill as momentum started to shift.

Nyora recovered well to reign in the Cobras' innings, taking 8/62 to see the hosts finish 10/135.

Tom Crocker (31 from 68) top scored for 'Burra while Henry Dolphin (3/12 from 6) was the best with the ball for Nyora.

In reply though, Nyora found it incredibly tough, losing their first two wickets without scoring and never really recovering after that, losing by 45 runs as they finished 9/90 after their 40 overs.

Harshika Fernando (3/9 from 8) caused carnage with the ball for the Cobras, they'll now face Glen Alvie after the break, while Nyora will host Phillip Island.

Club openers set up successful chase

KILCUNDA-BASS hosted Wonthaggi at Bass Recreation Reserve and the Sharks won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Sharks lost two wickets before reaching 10 runs as a team, but this did not impact them as it should have, as Jaydan Tregeair (92*) and his skipper Ashley Larcombe (48) put on a blistering 113-run stand.

Tregeair's innings helped the hosts finish 4/179 after their 40 overs as he finished unbeaten, only eight runs shy of a century.

Luke McGuirk (2/24 from 7) was the pick of the bowlers for Wonthaggi.

In reply, Club looked as if they'd cruise to the total, finding their way to 92 before losing their first wicket as Emmet Dempsey (60 from 50) and Harry West (30 from 82) got off to a great start.

The Sharks were able to



Nyora captain Henry Dolphin broke open the Cobras' innings with two wickets in one over. B07_5122

come back and take a few wickets, but they couldn't deter the visitors enough to steal the win. Wonthaggi reached the total six wickets down.

Club's four wicket win highlighted by Dempsey's brilliant half century, while Todd Smith (2/47 from 8) tried his best for Kilcunda-Bass.

The Sharks face off with MDU after the break, while Club host Foster.

Tigers smash Alvie

FOSTER welcomed Glen Alvie down to the Foster Golf Club and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

They lost several wickets early but were able to recover to reach 169 where they lost their final wicket, Benjamin East (52) and the middle order produced some great support as Stephen Kennedy (3/17 from 4.3) was the pick of the bowlers.

The hosts reached 8/144 after their 40 overs as David Wolmersley (29 from 37) top scored, Sam Bright (2/22 from 8) was the best with the ball for MDU.

In reply, the Demons didn't have anywhere near as much trouble finding the runs, reaching the total with seven wickets in the sheds, behind their captain Joel Sinclair's (68* from 79) unbeaten half century.

Tom Niven (1/38 from 6) tried his best with the ball for the Island but were all unable to go on as the Demons took wickets with enough regularity to halt any rhythm the Sharks may have had in their innings.

The hosts reached 8/144 after their 40 overs as David Wolmersley (29 from 37) top scored, Sam Bright (2/22 from 8) was the best with the ball for MDU.

A GRADE

DIVISION 2

Foster 169 d Glen Alvie 89

Foster – 1st INNINGS	
J Gay b MA Dakin	5
J Toner b N Findlay	1
M Jones c W Luke b N Findlay	0
P Grant c A Dakin b RV Sinclair	36
AJ Pattie c D Williams b Scholz	11
B East c MA Dakin b L Harris	

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Last year's Grand Finalist's Phillip Island and Leongatha Town are hot on Nerrena's heels. B02_5122



Nerrena have surged to the top of the ladder in A grade division one this season. B01_5122

LDCA reaches the halfway point

AFTER a wet and whacky start to season 2022/23, the Leongatha District Cricket Association (LDCA) has reached the halfway point of their season and produced some thrilling, high-quality cricket along the way.

Each of the LDCA's six divisions have produced a mixed bag of results, and all currently have several clubs chasing a place atop their respective division ladders at the Christmas break.

As it stands, in A grade division one, FOUR teams top their division, all with 60 points thanks to each winning five matches, leading the four, only on percentage surprise packet Nerrena, closely followed by the reigning premiers Phillip Island who has 2021/22 Grand Finalist's Leongatha Town right

By Aiden Box

behind them in third, then it's last season's wooden spooners OMK in fourth.

After a tough 2021/22 season that saw them finish second last, Nerrena's resurgence has been a happy sight for the club, led by the breakout season from division leading run scorer Mitchell Clark who has amassed a phenomenal 397 runs at a remarkable average of 79 including two centuries and three half centuries in six matches.

Clark has been backed up by the amazing season of Tim Wightman, who goes into the Christmas break as the division's leading wicket-taker with 16 wickets at an average of 12.

As it stands in A grade division

two, its Korumburra who sit on top of the ladder at the halfway mark, with 66 points from their five wins and one drawn match.

Closely behind the Cobras in second sits Phillip Island on 60 points, with their five wins, while third to fifth are only separated by percentage as Kilcunda Bass in third leads Foster who are in fourth and Wonthaggi in fifth each with four wins.

Leading Korumburra's surge has been top order batter Inshaka Siriwardena who has incredibly surpassed the 400-run mark, scoring 403 runs at an average of 67 from just five matches, leading the division!

Leading A2 with the ball as it stands, is Foster's Josh Toner who's taken 21 wickets at an elite average of 10 from six games,

they'll be hoping his form continues as they look to climb the ladder in 2023.

At the halfway point, B grade division one is led by Nerrena who sit one game clear atop the table with their five wins, followed by Koonwarra L/RSL in second with four wins, OMK (third), Inverloch (fourth) and MDU (fifth) all have 36 points with three wins apiece.

Leading Nerrena's bright first half of season 2022/23 has been the form of opener David Baldi who has made 204 runs at an average of 39 from six matches.

With the ball, it's Koonwarra L/RSL's Josh Thomas who leads the division in wickets with 11 at a great average of six from five games.

As it stands, in B grade division

two, it's a two-way tie at the top of the ladder with OMK just edging out Nerrena who both have 60 points from their five wins, behind them sits Leongatha Town with four wins and 48 points, and Wonthaggi with three wins and 36 points.

Leading the Diggers stellar start has been the form of opening batter Robert Quaife, who has notched 238 runs at an average of 39 from six matches.

Leading B2 with the ball is Kilcunda Bass' Chris Peckett with 11 wickets at an average of 13, Town's Ethan Smith also has 11 wickets on the season so far, they'll both be looking for more scalps in the second half of the season as their teams look to climb the ladder.

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