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AN ADDITIONAL \$2m has been announced for the Great Southern Rail Trail Railway Precincts development (Leongatha and Korumburra), bringing the total project to \$6m.

This project will include significant public realm upgrades to the railway sites in Leongatha and Korumburra to improve the economic vitality of each centre and to assist in attracting visitors to the towns and to the overall shire.

The funding was allocated under round two of the state government's Regional Infrastructure Fund and will see an additional \$2m added to the Commonwealth Government's \$3m funding through the Building Better Regions Fund.

The South Gippsland Shire Council is

contributing \$1 million to this project, bringing the total to \$6 million.

The project was identified by South Gippsland Shire Council as a priority initiative.

The upgrades intend to re-imagine the use of the land within the Leongatha and Korumburra railway station precincts to enhance activity in the centre of the towns and increase community open space.

This upgrade includes:

- Delivering new public open space in Leongatha and Korumburra;
- 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.

The first element of the project to be delivered will be the construction of new car parking in the Leongatha precinct, which is set to commence in the coming weeks.

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

To view concept plans for the Leongatha and Korumburra railway precincts, visit southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

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Why Deb Leonard's not a 'Climate 200' candidate

THERE are 20 'Climate 200' candidates, partly funded by son-of-a-billionaire Simon Holmes à Court, running as 'independents' in this election but Phillip Island's Deb Leonard is not one of them.

But it's not for want of trying.

Deb Leonard was pre-selected by a Gippsland 'Voices' committee, made up of local people across the region.

And she admits to making contact with the Climate 200 group, to ask for funding support, because she supports many of their initiatives, but she didn't get funded or officially endorsed by the group.

She's on her own and plans to stay that way.

However, after the issue of the Climate 200 candidates received publicity at the weekend, we asked the following questions of Ms Leonard:

Q. Have you received any funding from Climate 200 or Simon Holmes à Court?

A. No, I haven't received any funding from either Climate 200 or Simon Holmes à Court. I did write to Climate 200 to request funding after being nominated by Voices for Monash as their supported independent candidate, as my policy platforms largely align with their values. However, they declined funding. They are giving me access to some software called 'Booth Roster' which is online software that helps campaigns roster their volunteers onto voting booths. They have also invited me to attend some of their online webinars aimed at providing independent candidates information and suggestions on running a campaign. I've attended a couple of these, which are quite interesting, and provide a range of information that party candidates already have at their disposal.

Q. What contact have you had with Climate 200, Simon Holmes à Court and any of his team members (Rob Oakeshott, etc)?

A. No contact at all with Si-



Disillusioned with politicians of all persuasions and motivated to have the community's voice heard, Deb Leonard is running as an independent in Monash.

mon Holmes à Court or Rob Oakeshott. I've had a meeting with Byron Fay and Barney Lewer of Climate 200 after I submitted my request for funding, and it was after this they offered to let me use the Booth Roster software and come to their webinars.

Q. Will you be preferring Jessica O'Donnell and Mat Morgan ahead of Russell Broadbent? Why?

A. I'm not planning to publish a full How to Vote card - my card will essentially say 'Put a 1 next to Deb Leonard, and make sure you number every other box'. My strong message to voters is that they as individuals are best placed to decide how their preferences should be allocated. They don't have to follow what it says on anyone's how to vote card. I want voters to be engaged, and think about which candidate will best represent their values. Given I'm running on a platform of transparency, I don't think it's fair to make preference deals that voters are not privy to. This election needs to be about people deciding for themselves what is

best for them.

Q. The TV program said Climate 200 was simply a front for the ALP (only running candidates in Coalition-held seats) with a radical climate change agenda. Is this true?

A. I don't know the workings behind Climate 200 or any ties to ALP! I am certainly not privy to that. My gut feeling is that Climate 200 is mainly a bunch of people that are sick of the current government not representing the people, and they have the money and the power to do something about it. I think like most of us, they're sick of the corruption in government and politicians pandering to corporate donors, and they are on a mission to try to change that.

'Disillusioned'

"I think the main reason that most, if not all of these climate conscious independents are running in coalition seats is because there is so much disillusionment about our current government," Ms Leonard said.

"It's probably less common-

place to be disillusioned with Labor because they haven't been in power for nine years. People in LNP seats are disillusioned with LNP so want to change that. People in ALP seats are disillusioned with LNP, so there's not much impetus to challenge their Labor seat.

"I'm running because I am extremely disappointed with our current government. I have voted Liberal in the past, but the Liberal Party I voted for was very different from the one we have today.

"I am also extremely disappointed that our current Member is not representing our community, so I am motivated to change that. He has not acted in accordance with our community values on issues such as marriage equality, COVID vaccinations or climate change, along a range of other issues.

"If that is not a motivation to offer our community a better option, I don't know what is."

Independent vows to represent communities

Independent candidate for the Monash electorate, Deb Leonard, has welcomed the announcement of the election date, saying that it finally gives people the chance to have their say at the ballot box.

Ms Leonard said that since commencing her campaign in January, she had been surprised of the level of animosity and disappointment in the performance of the two major political parties which had resulted in a warm reception for a moderate independent.

"It's time to take strong, positive action on climate change; it's time to put an end to corruption with government and it's time that we had a strong, independent candidate that will represent the communities of the Monash electorate," Ms Leonard said.

"I'm excited by the campaign over the next six weeks and look forward to meeting as many voters in that time to hear about the issues that are important to them," she said.

Housing affordability, then daylight, they say

IF YOU have the luxury of a roof over your head, possibly even with solar panels on top, you've got the luxury of saying that 'climate change' is the most important issue in this election.

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The most important issue in the May 21, 2022 election is 'housing affordability'.

That was the response by Rob Brown to the Sentinel-Times' call for top election issues after Scott Morrison called the election on Sunday.

"Housing affordability. then daylight!" Mr Brown said.

The need for an overhaul of aged care also rates highly.

Here's what a few others had to say:

- Joanna Johnson: Climate change, housing, healthcare.
- Alison Taylor: Climate change, biodiversity, regional access to services, aged care, domestic violence and education.
- Jen Young: Federal ICAC, investment in renewables, men's violence, gender equality, education investment. Health and Aged care investment. Housing system overhaul.
- Belinda Ogden: Climate change, environmental management, NDIS, aged care and education.
- Bill McIntosh: Very strange response group. Most people rate climate change very lowly, and most people produce CO2 like mad.

Early federal payment to councils

FIVE councils in the Monash electorate will benefit from the federal government's \$2.1 billion pre-payment on next year's Financial Assistance Grant to all councils across Australia, Monash MP Russell Broadbent announced.

Mr Broadbent said the early payment would give every council in Monash access to funds to help manage the cumulative impacts of the floods and COVID-19.

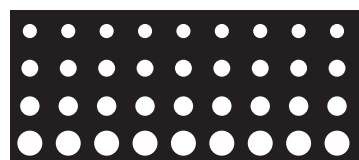
"The funding will target councils' top priorities and will ensure the needs of our local communities are met," Mr Broadbent said.

"This will provide a vital boost for our local communities, backing local jobs and economic growth while delivering lasting upgrades that will benefit residents for years to come."

Councils in Monash will receive the following payment:

- Bass Coast \$5,859,213.
- South Gippsland \$8,774,804.
- Baw Baw \$8,543,621.
- Cardinia \$9,759,056.
- Latrobe \$11,337,465.

Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister Kevin Hogan said the grants are untied in the hands of local government, "allowing councils to spend the grants according to local priorities".



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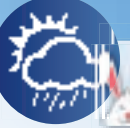
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IN BRIEF

Market day at Tarwin Lower

A HUGE market day will be held at the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Memorial Hall from 8am to 1pm on Monday, April 18.

Grab the kids or dog and come along to support local stall holders and participants.

All proceeds from the sausage sizzle and cake stall go towards the operating costs of the hall – with organisers’ major fundraising focus to replace the weatherboards before winter sets in!

Boolarra Community Day

THERE will be lots of activities to enjoy on Easter Saturday, April 16, at the Boolarra Community Day.

In Railway Park, from 9.30am to 10.30am, there will be an Easter egg hunt with heaps of chocolate eggs for the kids to collect. Thanks to Latrobe City for their support for the easter egg hunt. Please note, it’s best to keep your dogs on a lead or at home as chocolates are not good for our canine friends.

In Centenary Park, from 9am to 2pm, you can forage for a bargain at the car boot sale. Heaps of different items and plants on offer. From there, you can also purchase (for \$2) a map to the 16 local garage sales to be held on the day (9am to 2pm) throughout Boolarra. The hand-out will also include information about the bigger items on offer at the various garage sales.

From 11am to 2pm, in Railway Park, grab a barbecue sausage, have a chat with friends and compare bargains. Also, enjoy the free live music in the park from 11am. There will also be free giveaways throughout the day from Latrobe City.

The event is organised by the Boolarra Community Development Group and Latrobe City, with support from the South Ward Community Disaster Recovery Committee, to bring the community together. For more information contact Colin Brick on 0455 121 259.

Man swept away in flood waters

THE body of a Mirboo North man swept away in flood waters at Thomson was sadly located last Tuesday, April 5.

Police have been told the deceased driver and another man were in two vehicles when the first man, driving a Nissan Patrol, attempted to cross a river crossing near Sullivan Track about 1.30pm on Monday, April 4.

It appeared the driver, a 66-year-old Mirboo North man, got into difficulty as he tried to cross the swollen river when his car dropped in what appeared to be a deep section of the crossing.

Sadly, the 4WD was swept away and inundated with water.

Search and Rescue Squad divers located the driver inside his submerged vehicle last Tuesday.

A report will be prepared for the coroner.

Have your say on camping needs

BASS Coast Shire Council is seeking feedback from the community on the caravan and camping options that are available across the region.

Community consultation for this engagement will be held online from Friday, April 8 to Sunday, May 8.

Following engagement, feedback will be reviewed and a report presented to council for consideration in June.

During council’s December meeting last year, councillors were supportive of a strategic review into the shire’s camping needs.

Cr Bruce Kent put forward the motion at December’s meeting, which called on council to complete the strategic review and present a report back to council.

As part of the motion, the Dalyston Football Ground Committee of Management had requested consideration be given to conduct a six-month trial of caravan short

stays at the reserve.

Members of the community have also highlighted that the shire is lacking in RV friendly camp sites.

For more information or to provide feedback, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/camping.

Firefighters tackle French Island fire

MULTIPLE CFA crews were transported by barge to help battle an intense fire at Mount Wellington, French Island on Sunday, April 10.

Members from Wonthaggi, Dalyston, Bass and Kernot-Grantville brigades assisted French Island CFA with a fire burning in dense scrub.

In total, six CFA vehicles were on scene and approximately five hectares burnt.

CFA crews worked until approximately 9pm with assistance from Parks Victoria, who used heavy machinery to build containment lines that could be used to gain access to the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Kernot-Grantville CFA noted that while the fire season is over, fire authorities are seeing thick, dry scrub throughout Bass Coast, which meant the fire at French Island was able to take hold and took some time to extinguish.

The CFA also thanked Corinella barge for transporting firefighting appliances.

World Music Event in Inverloch

BASS COAST Refugee Sponsorship Group presents its inaugural World Music Event on Saturday, April 23, at the Inverloch Community Hub, with doors opening at 7pm.

Be inspired by the talent of local musician Aaron Lopez Freeman on guitar and vocals, and be entertained by Karavana Flamenca, whose Spanish/Romani, Turkish, South American and Aussie members use rumba’s progressive style

to create original songs that weave in Latin, traditional flamenco and Moorish influences.

Book a table with friends or purchase a single ticket to the cabaret-style event and join in this community celebration of our rich cultural diversity.

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Tickets \$50 and are available at trybooking.com/BXOZP

Oil spill in Cowes

EPA officers, working with council staff, spent several hours over two days at Cowes to investigate a series of possible sources of an oil slick on Blue Gum Drain lake, EPA Gippsland acting regional manager Stacey Clark has advised.

“The source of the spill has proved difficult to trace, but the search went as far as lifting sewer lids to follow any traces of oil back to a possible source.

“EPA also took the opportunity to inspect local businesses in the immediate area and offer compliance advice to several of them on measures that would trap a similar spill if it should occur.

“Spills of oil or fuel can also come from vehicles and residential sources, and EPA asks everyone to take care not to allow oil or other pollutants into gutters or drains because they all flow to local waterways such as the Blue Gum Drain lake and can become a hazard to the environment and people’s health.”

“Melbourne Water is providing support in the clean-up of a diesel spill at Shearwater Estate in Cowes and has crews on site undertaking these works,” a Melbourne Water spokesman added.

Members of the public can report pollution by calling EPA’s 24-hour hotline on 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842) or providing details online at epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution.

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Cr Sarah Gilligan, Russell Broadbent MP and the Venus Bay Community Centre team.



Russell Broadbent MP with Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Michael Whelan at Cowes SES.

Federal funding to prepare for large natural disasters

THE federal government says it's reducing the risk and minimising the impact to communities of large-scale natural disasters like floods and bushfires in Monash by directly funding three projects to the value of \$275,000.

The Preparing Australian Communities Program – Local stream is the first tranche of the Preparing Australia Program, which the government says is set to build the nation's resilience to natural disasters.

Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent said communities are best placed to understand their unique needs and how they can best improve their resilience and reduce their level of risk to natural disasters.

Projects to receive funding

under the program:

- \$195,000 to Venus Bay Community Centre for Community Resilience and Reliable Energy Feasibility Study at Venus Bay.
- \$44,000 to Bass Coast Shire Council for Crisis Management Preparedness Framework, Plan and Training.
- \$35,587 to Baw Baw Shire Council for Emergency Management Review and Planning for Noojee and Surrounding Areas.

"The whole idea of the resilience project is that small communities like these can still function during an emergency," Mr Broadbent said.

"If you lose power here, you lose telecommunications and water. This funding commits to a plan to be prepared."

The grant award to the Venus Bay Community Centre is the final piece needed as part of a \$317,000 project to identify the most appropriate way to gain energy resilience for Venus Bay.

The New Year's Eve fire at the entrance to Venus Bay and the power outages last year were a stark reminder of the vulnerability of living in a small community with only one access road.

The peninsula is at the end of the electricity line that travels from Wonthaggi and the community is susceptible to any outages along that line. The local phone tower is also susceptible so warnings may not be received in the event of an emergency.

This project, which will start in May, is the outcome of two years of work by the Venus Bay Community Centre board who have

partnered with experts Rakib Shah at Federation University, Heather Smith at Changing Weather and Morag Mackay from Mycelia Renewables. The project team will be seeking to identify the key elements of resilience from the perspective of residents, business owners, holiday makers and critical service organisations such as Emergency Services.

From this, the team will develop a resilience framework with a preferred reliable energy option complete with costings and a business plan.

A governance and advisory board will be established to oversee and guide the project. Upon completion, the community resilience and reliable energy framework will be made publicly accessible to support other vulnerable communities.

Labor launches Monash campaign in Corinella

JESSICA O'Donnell, the ALP candidate for the seat of Monash in the coming federal election, launched her election campaign recently with an evening for members and guests at the Fig and the Bay in Corinella.

Sixty-five people attended the evening to hear both Jessica and special guest, Shadow Attorney General Mark Dreyfus, address issues and outline policies they believe will benefit the electorate.

"Climate change being a key issue, Mark spoke of both the need for stronger action and the benefits and opportunities that will flow from that action," a statement from the organisers said.

"A lively Q&A session followed with both speakers canvassing pressing, local community issues that have been neglected over recent years. Jessica is keen to answer any questions or discuss any policy issues people may have, as the election draws near and would urge those interested to contact her office."

Call 0474 224 737, email jessica.o'donnell@vic.alp.org.au or visit the Facebook page, 'Labor 4 Monash'.

RIGHT: MHR for Isaacs, Mark Dreyfus, was joined by Labor candidate for Monash, Jessica O'Donnell, in Corinella.



\$300m in COVID payments, says MP

FOLLOWING the announcement of a date for the federal election, the office of Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent, yesterday told media he had sought information from the Parliamentary Library as to the expenditure of COVID-19 payments that have been distributed across the electorate.

"Residents of Monash received over \$300 million in payments such as the Coronavirus Supplement, Economic Support Payments, COVID-19 Disaster Payments, and the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment," the statement said.

The breakdown of financial support is as follows:

- **JobKeeper Payment:** In August 2020, the number of organisations claiming JobKeeper in Monash was around 5400.
- **Coronavirus Supplement:** The Coronavirus Supplement was paid to recipients of JobSeeker Payment, Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY Living Allowance, Partner Allowance, Widow Allowance, Special Benefit and Farm Household Allowance. In Monash, the total expenditure on the Coronavirus Supplement was \$128,095,711 between April 25, 2020, and April 9, 2021.
- **Economic Support Payments:** The government provided four lump sum payments for eligible payment recipients and concession card holders as part of its COVID-19 response – two \$750 payments and two \$250 payments. In Monash, the total expenditure on Economic Support Payments was \$96,416,500 as at April 2, 2021.
- **COVID-19 Disaster Payment:** The COVID-19 Disaster Payment was announced in June 2021 and provided support to those whose income was affected by state and territory government restrictions on movement or 'lockdowns' following COVID-19 outbreaks. Around 22,670 people received a COVID-19 Disaster Payment in Monash, with \$29,760,000 provided in payments as at January 2, 2022.
- **Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment:** There were 84,589 recipients of the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment, with \$139,685,000 paid in total to residents of the Monash electorate as at December 2, 2021. "These payments have helped save countless families and businesses from suffering severe economic loss during the COVID-19 Pandemic," the statement said.

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Cr Michael Whelan



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The current situation in the Ukraine highlights the plight of earlier waves of refugees to Australia, from other regions of the globe. As a country, our obligations under the UN Charter for refugees does not align with the track record of both sides of politics for the detention of refugees once they reach our shores.

I recently attended the Phillip Island branch of Rural Australian's for Refugees (RAR) fundraising dinner in Rhyll. With groups all over Australia, the Phillip Island RAR is made up of passionate locals, all working together to raise funds to support refugee families and advocate for their needs. More broadly, RAR wants to see government policy better reflect the values of society and for human rights policy to be enshrined in law, to protect the rights of people who seek asylum in

Australia. Bass Coast is a Refugee Welcome Zone and Council welcomes refugees and encourages the enhancement of cultural and religious diversity in our community.

In a fantastic way to support local refugees, on Saturday, 23 April, the Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group (BCRSG) is hosting the inaugural World Music Festival, which will be held at the Inverloch Community Hub. It will include entertainment by local musician Aaron Lopez-Freeman and group, Karavana Flamenca, as well as multicultural food tastings and a live auction. This event has been created to help celebrate Bass Coasts' cultural diversity, as well as to help support refugees to live in our welcoming Shire. You can book tables of eight, or individual tickets through www.trybooking.com/BXOZP.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter - I hope that the Easter Bunny is kind to you and your family and that you enjoy the long weekend. If you are travelling for the break, it's important to remember our roads are bound to be much busier, so plan ahead and allow plenty of time to get to your destination. Please stay safe.

Better education, not containment, says resident

By Nick Sinis

BASS Coast Shire is gearing up for its phased rollout of 24/7 cat containment, but one resident has described the measure as "overkill".

The introduction of cat containment was announced through the shire's Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2021-25.

Council defines cat containment as, "keeping a cat contained to a property and/or under its owner's control, in the same way that dogs are".

According to the DAMP, throughout 2022-24, council will develop a communication and education campaign to explain the benefits of cat containment.

The DAMP also states that cat owners, including the broader community, will be directly contacted to inform them on any regulatory changes.

While a cat containment 'working group' will be established.

"We are currently planning for the phased introduction of cat containment in our shire and a large-scale community education program will be carried out to support its implementation," council's CEO Ali Wastie said.

"This is expected to begin in July this year, and will involve working closely with the community, sharing and providing information, and facilitating and exploring opportunities to support easier access to cat enclosures. This process is expected to take at least 12 months,"



Photo by Dmitry Ulitin on unsplash.com.

she said.

"Having your pets registered and microchipped gives a higher chance of your four-legged friends being returned to you, if they end up in an animal shelter or vet clinic."

For information on how to register your pet, visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/pets.

San Remo resident Felicity Hillier said the measure was "overkill" and there were other strategies that could support responsible cat ownership.

"There's not really a good amount of education for cat owners leaving their cats inside at night between sunrise and sunset," she said.

"They can be outside but once the sun is going down, they should be inside because the problem with native animals, birds, etc, is that

cats have an advantage at night-time.

"But if they're kept inside at night-time, every night, then it becomes a habit and routine."

Ms Hillier, who has always owned cats and currently has two, said she's never had an issue with her felines killing native animals.

"The problem is that there are feral cats, but there's also unsupervised dogs; a lot of people don't lock their dogs up to the extent that they should," she said.

"I would be able to support a curfew, but 24/7?"

Ms Hillier also highlighted that purchasing cat cages can cost thousands of dollars and are impractical for smaller homes or units.

For more information on the DAMP, visit bit.ly/3rb3a04.

Council Update



Council Meeting 20 April

Council's next meeting will be held at 1.00pm, Wednesday, 20 April 2022 in the Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi.

Due to current social distancing requirements there will be limited gallery seating available and registration is required. Please RSVP at c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au. The meeting will also be livestreamed. Join here: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings. The agenda is released on Council's website on Thursday, 14 April at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings.

There is an opportunity in the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question please submit your questions in writing no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Planning and Environment Act 1987 Notice of Approval of Amendment C161basc

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C161basc to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme.

The Amendment rezones land at 2295 Loch Wonthaggi Road, Ryanston (Lot 3 on Plan of Subdivision 305196F) from the Public Use Zone to the Farming Zone.

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection or by contacting 1800 789 386 to arrange a time to view the Amendment documentation.

A copy of the Amendment can also be inspected, free of charge, during office hours, at Council's Customer Service Centre, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi and on Council's website, at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/c161.

Caravan and Camping Survey

Whether you've stayed with us before, or intend to in the future, we'd love to hear your feedback on caravan and camping options that currently exist across the Bass Coast region. You can provide your feedback using our online survey. Every voice counts and we want to hear yours, to provide us with information that we can consider when making decisions around accommodation in the future.

Consultation will take place online at www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/camping between Friday, 8 April and Sunday, 8 May.

Enquiries: Contact Vicki Tuchtan on vicki.tuchtan@basscoast.vic.gov.au or on the numbers below.

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BCH Ladies Auxiliary Mother's Day Fete

Saturday, April 23
9am – 1pm

Ambulatory Care, Wonthaggi Hospital

Enter via Graham Street, head west of the main building and look for the Ambulatory Care sign. Signs will be out on the day.

Raffle drawn at 1pm

1st prize: Shell fuel voucher \$100

2nd prize: Coles voucher \$50

3rd prize: Bunnings voucher \$20

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Turn off your lights so birds can fly to Alaska

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks is calling on the Island community to “turn off for take-off”, as one million Short-tailed Shearwater birds prepare to embark on their 16,000km voyage to Alaska.

Bright manmade light sources can be a fatal attraction for the fledgling seabirds as they learn to fly for the first time. Many shearwaters are drawn to street lighting and land on roads, presenting a danger to themselves and motorists.

It is expected the young shearwaters’ departure date will coincide with strong winds in late April or early May, although the exact date of the migration is still unknown.

In an effort to minimise casualties and fatalities of the chicks, Phillip Island Nature Parks has partnered with Bass Coast Shire Council, Regional Roads Victoria, AusNet Services, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the Victorian Ornithological Research Group and the local community as part of the Shearwater Rescue Program.

Phillip Island Nature Parks conservation manager Jessica McKelson said a specialist team was working to mitigate risks to the fledglings for their first flight.

She called on locals to help eliminate unnatural light



Phillip Island Nature Parks are asking residents and businesses in the flight path to switch off their lights as part of the ‘Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly’ campaign from April 19 until May 10.

sources and take extra care on the roads during the departure time.

“We are asking residents and businesses in the bird flight path to switch off their lights for our campaign, ‘Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly’, to give the young Shearwater chicks the best chance of a safe departure this year,” Ms McKelson said.

Each year, Short-tailed Shearwaters migrate to Phillip Island to raise their chicks. In mid-April, the adult seabirds start the journey back to the Northern Hemisphere, leaving behind their chicks to grow ‘adult’ feathers and begin their

independent migration weeks later.

As they learn to fly, the Shearwater chicks can be attracted to lights at night, landing on roads and causing a hazard for both themselves and motorists.

“This has been a particular issue with Shearwaters flocking to the San Remo bridge lights, so AusNet will switch off the lights for eight to ten nights during the peak departure period,” Ms McKelson said.

“We’re calling on locals in the bird flight path to join the cause and to switch off their lights to help protect these threatened

migratory seabirds.”

In addition, AusNet has installed 50 specialty streetlights to help reduce unnatural light sources during the migration period.

It comes as Phillip Island Nature Parks has significantly ramped up its efforts to protect the threatened migratory seabirds with the help of a grant from wildlife advocacy group, WIRES.

The funding is allowing the team to provide habitat restoration, a strengthened rescue capability, enhanced data collection and community education for the shearwaters.

Streetlight project nears completion

A BULK streetlight replacement project in South Gippsland is almost complete.

More than 1800 streetlights have been replaced with LEDs as part of the project, saving council up to \$160,000 each year and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 300 tonnes per annum.

The streetlight replacement project is being facilitated in conjunction with East Gippsland Shire Council and Wellington Shire Council, using collective buying power to reduce the cost of the project.

More than 5000 energy-efficient streetlights will be installed as part of the project, with the energy and capital cost savings across the three councils estimated to be \$9.4m over the life of the assets.

The new lights are estimated to be 86 per cent more efficient than what was previously installed. The remaining 270 inefficient streetlights in South Gippsland Shire will be replaced later this year.

The streetlight replacement project has been made possible with funding from the federal government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. This program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“In addition to the financial and environmental savings, improved streetlighting also helps residents feel safer in our local townships. I would like to thank everyone involved in delivering this project for thinking collaboratively and working with other councils to produce savings for our community,” Mayor Cr Mohya Davies said.

Monash MP Russell Broadbent said: “The bulk replacement project will see a saving of approximately \$9.4 million in energy and capital costs across all three councils over the lifetime of the assets. This saving will help councils redistribute funds where it really matters.”

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Di, Sue, Marina, Kearny and Ryan of The Cape Tavern are joined by Glenn of Dahlsens and Shaun and Rohan of Wilk-built to kick off The Cape Paterson Good Friday Appeal. C146_1522

Huge prizes on offer this Good Friday at The Tavern

IT WOULDN'T be Good Friday in Cape Paterson without the festivities at The Cape Tavern.

Since taking over seven years ago, The Cape Tavern Good Friday Committee of eight spend hours collating the incredible events and prizes on display, and it wouldn't happen without their dedication and organisation.

With prizes to giveaway, raffles, an auction, live music, good food and flowing drinks, you will not be disappointed.

Spearheaded by owners Mi-

chael and Sue, shaking the tins with local kids will kick off at 10.30am as the little ones hit the streets.

Back at the Tavern, the auction will kick off at 3pm and the raffle will be drawn throughout the afternoon and evening.

Purchase one raffle ticket for \$20 or three for \$50 and go into every draw.

"It's good to be back, having a Good Friday appeal after two years," Michael explained.

"Our last Good Friday in 2019 raised over \$42,000."

"Kerrie started the Good Friday appeal 20 years ago in Cape Paterson," Di added.

This year, the Good Friday appeal is back bigger than before, with local businesses jumping on board to support the committee's incredible effort.

With two holidays in Australia, crayfish, hampers, Yarra Valley wine packs, signed AFL jumpers, barbecue packs and artwork from local Wonthaggi and Inverloch artists, the raffle and auction are raring to go.

"It's about having a great day and getting the community together - raising money is a bonus."

Listen to the Laing Brothers of Phillip Island play live, eat fish until your heart's content and enjoy the endless supply of beer on tap with great staff, great vibes and a great community.

Bring a pocket full of cash and some change for the kids, and head down to The Cape Tavern this Good Friday - don't forget to book your table for lunch or dinner (or both!).

Sunday sips and sweet tunes

FROM the south coast of Merimbula, musician Kim Churchill took to the road to present the 'Fighter Tour', accompanied by artists Steph Strings, Steve Cousins and Maddy May, performing original blues, folk and rock music on Phillip Island.

Performing on the grounds of Phillip Island Winery in front of 500 people, Kim Churchill and his opening acts enticed those of all ages as they sang and danced, captivated by the creative talent before them.

The day was a sell-out with the audience keen to support live music and back the talent of young artists after their years of isolation and postponed shows.

The raw emotion in the lyrics was relatable for so many.

"I love being back on the road

and having a connection to local artists that have so much to offer, Maddy May - her music is like a hot tea on a rainy day and Steve Cousins... he has so much original talent," said Kim.

Steph Strings will accompany Kim on tour across Australia as they perform in Queensland, NSW and WA working together with other artists along the road.

"It's my biggest tour yet, set in a collection of beautiful venues that have become home to me over the years."

Along the way, each performing artist sell an array of various merchandise to support their musical journey with Kim retailing clothing, vinyl records and gratitude journals with personally signed notes of his story so far.



Cellist Josh accompanied musician Kim Churchill on the 'Fighter Tour', together making their mark on music, performing live at the Phillip Island Winery on Sunday. Z26_1522

Sunrise service at Eagles Nest

ONE day in April, a group of people will gather at Eagles Nest to be there for the sunrise that morning at 6.46am.

Why? Could it be that they all just like getting up early to watch the sunrise?

Or could it be that Eagles Nest is one of the few easily accessible places locally where people can watch the sun rise over water?

Actually, it's none of these. On Sunday, April 17, a group of Christians will gather at Eagles Nest to celebrate the rising from the dead of Jesus Christ an event that changed the world. It's called Easter Sunday - or by some, Resurrection Sunday.

Christians from all walks of life, from all denominations, will be there to celebrate together. If you would like to join in, please come. The celebration will start at around 6.15am but get to Eagles Nest early as parking can be hard to find.

Firefighters back a good cause

YOU might see firefighters back on the truck this year collecting for the Good Friday Appeal.

If you miss them, collection tins are available at local shops in both Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay, including the Community Centre.

Defining the Good Friday Appeal are the thousands of volunteers on fire trucks and at traffic lights, in pubs and clubs and at hundreds of events shaking the Good Friday Appeal tins as people open their hearts and wallets to support The Royal Children's Hospital.

With support from our wonderful community, the Good Friday Appeal can continue to help The Royal Children's Hospital provide world-class care to patients and their families.

Inverloch climate rally

A RALLY will be held at Inverloch this weekend with attendees being urged to call for a safe climate for the future as the election period draws closer.

Michael Borgas, a former CSIRO climate scientist, will be speaking at the event and will draw attention to the words of UN Secretary-General António Guterres about the IPCC report, released recently.

Also speaking will be Cr Michael Whelan, Mayor of Bass Coast Shire. The shire has previously declared a climate emergency and is aiming for net-zero emissions by 2030.

Dr Nola Maxfield is also expected to attend. Dr Maxfield will talk about the health implications of climate change, which the World Health Organisation has labelled "the single biggest health threat facing humanity".

The rally will be held on Saturday, April 16, from 10.45am to 12pm at the Inverloch Community Hub, 16 ABeckett Street, Inverloch. Check out the Facebook event titled 'Easter Rally for Climate'.



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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Music lovers of all ages, this is for you!

South Gippsland Shire Council alongside *The Hills Are Alive!* are hosting Reconnect, an all-ages music festival.

The festival will be held in Leongatha on 29 April between 4.30pm and 10.00pm at the Recreation Reserve and is an event not to be missed!

Featuring music by the Pierce Brothers, Jack Botts, The Grogans, Matilda Pearl, Janie Gordon and Professional Moose, you are sure to have a great time.

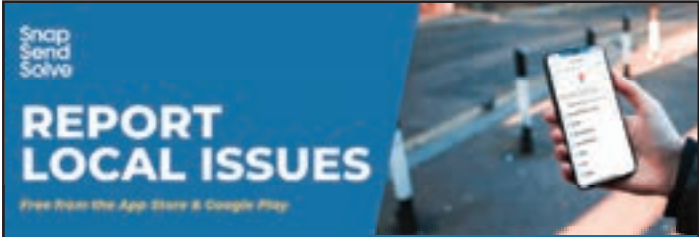
As this is an all-ages event, it will be alcohol, drug and smoke free to ensure

everyone can enjoy the event safely.

If you would like a lift to the event, buses will be running from Wonthaggi, Korumburra, Inverloch, Foster, Meenyan, Mirboo North and Leongatha. To make things easy, we've even got tickets available that include the bus fee, just let us know where you want to be picked up from! Tickets are \$10 for the event only and \$15 for event and bus.

To secure your tickets and for more information, please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8k5whn>



Customer Service Centre

Council's Customer Service Centre in Leongatha (9 Smith Street) is now open between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday. You can also get in touch with us via our website, email or Facebook.

If you see something that needs to be reported, you can submit a 'snap' in 30 seconds using Snap Send Solve. The app can be downloaded from iTunes or Google Play.

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COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 20 April 2022, 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Council conducts its meetings according to COVID Safe Plan requirements.

Please contact the Governance team for questions about Council Meetings.

ROAD RENAMING PROPOSAL – KOONWARRA Section – South Gippsland Highway – Koonwarra

- Part of South Gippsland Highway.



As part of Major Road Project Victoria's South Gippsland Highway Upgrade in Koonwarra, a section of the existing South Gippsland Highway will be made redundant due to the new alignment and access will be closed off to through traffic east of Caithness Road. The section of old highway will be retained to allow access for local residents. To allow for the transfer of the road from arterial road to municipal road, a new name must be given to the road.

Proposed Names

- **Barguss Road** – Robert Barguss died of illness as a POW on the Burma Railway on 12 January 1944.
- **Milsom Road** – Harry Milsom was in 2/22 Battalion at Rabaul and was executed by the Japanese as a POW on 8 March 1942.

South Gippsland Shire has been unable to locate existing family members to seek permission to use the proposed names and calls for consent from the family or requests family contact details from the community.

Members of the public can provide feedback on the names proposed by Leongatha & District Historical Society. Further information on the proposed names and location is available on Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/naming_roads_places_and_features

All name submissions must comply with *Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities – 2016*. All submissions must be received by COB Monday 2 May 2022.

WORKS THIS WEEK

For a list of upcoming works, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/works

NIPPARDS TRACK ROAD CLOSURE

Nippards Track, Foster between Lyrebird Lane and Hillcrest Road will be closed between Monday 11 April and Friday 22 April to repair slips from the October storm event. These works are being conducted by RRV.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Council has a number of vacant positions currently taking applications. Please visit Council's website for details:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/employment

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Road to be named after a veteran

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council draws on the expertise of the Leongatha & District Historical Society in identifying potential names for local roads.

That is the case with a section of South Gippsland Highway, Koonwarra, which needs to be renamed due to a change in its purpose.

As part of Major Road Projects Victoria's highway upgrade in Koonwarra, realignment of the highway will see the affected existing section closed to through traffic east of Caithness Road, becoming an access road for local residents.

Leongatha & District Historical Society has previously advocated for a Koonwarra road to be named after Robert Barguss or Harry Milsom, WWII veterans from the area who lost their lives while prisoners of war.

Their story was detailed in the March 22, 2022, edition of the Sentinel-Times.

Council has adopted the historical society's suggestion for the affected Koonwarra section of the highway, putting forward Barguss Road or Milsom Road as potential names and calling for public comment.

"Council works closely with the Leongatha & District Historical Society to select names that hold local significance," Merryn Quilford, from the council, said.

"Once we have some names for consideration, we send a letter and survey to affected residents and encourage them to let us know whether these names would be okay or not," Merryn said.

Other members of the public are also able to make submissions during the consultation process, which in this instance need to be received by close of business on Monday, May 2.

Those completing the submission survey can choose to nominate one of the current suggested names, Barguss or Milsom Road, or put forward their own name suggestion.

Council has requested any family members of Barguss or Milsom who live in the area to come forward. "Family approval for use of the names is sought if there are still members in the local area," Merryn said.

The names of some Leongatha lanes have been chosen due to previous research and advice provided by Leongatha & District Historical Society.

Those wishing to contribute to the naming survey for the soon to be repurposed Koonwarra section of the South Gippsland Highway are advised to visit South Gippsland Shire Council's website to obtain a form. Type 'Renaming Roads' in the search field, then select 'Current Projects'.

Permits discounted, footpaths cleaned

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is undertaking a number of initiatives to assist local businesses and communities to recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

Developed with funding support from the state government's Outdoor Activation Fund, the activities aim to support industries that were impacted by COVID restrictions and assist businesses to operate in a COVIDSafe outdoor setting.

The first activity to be delivered as part of the program is food registration discounts for 360 businesses. The discounts are a small but effective way to help businesses to reduce their operating costs. The total value of the food registration subsidies is approximately \$47,000. The cost of footpath trading permits for 2022-23 will also be reduced as part of the assistance program.

Another project already underway is the revitalisation of main street areas in Mirboo North, Korumburra and Foster. Using high-pressure cleaning equipment, a contractor has been busy cleaning footpaths and street furniture in the three towns, making them more inviting to use and complementing outdoor dining areas.

Mayor Cr Mohya Davies said the COVID-19 Outdoor Activation Fund helped council to undertake a number of projects that support local businesses and communities.

More activities are planned and will be delivered progressively over the next few months.



South Gippsland Shire Brass Band's two new life members receive recognition at the organisation's recent AGM. Pictured are local Councillor Adrian Darakai, new life members Ralph Christensen and Rod Coughran-Lane, and president Darryl Hunt.

Service to band recognised

THE vast contribution of two South Gippsland Shire Brass Band members recently received official recognition, with Rod Coughran-Lane and Ralph Christensen bestowed with life membership of the organisation.

Band president Darryl Hunt said that the life memberships honour the "distinguished and outstanding service" of both men.

Rod has been part of the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band for 20 years, being its musical director for the last six years.

"During the lockdowns, Rod kept the band alive by keeping the music up to us, spending countless hours working on arrangements and emailing them out to us, together with soundtracks," Darryl said.

Rod adapted to the pandemic's impact on the band.

"As numbers of players declined, he rearranged music to suit the smaller group," Darryl said.

Rod has displayed ongoing commitment to the band over the years, supporting its members to become better musicians, including working closely with those in the learners group.

That has meant earlier starts for him on Wednesday practice nights, despite living in Agnes.

Rod's dedication and hard work have previously been recognised, with him being named Band Person of the Year in 2020.

Ralph Christensen joined the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band in 1986, then known as the Woorayl Municipal Band, and he was previously a member of the Warragul Municipal Band from 1955, a staggering 67

years of service to the brass band movement.

His 36-year contribution to the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band has involved playing Soprano Cornet and Solo Cornet, along with many years of service on the band's committee.

"Soprano Cornet is not an easy instrument to play, and his musicianship has been enjoyed by many over the years," Darryl said of Ralph's musical contribution.

"In recent times, health problems have limited his commitment, but he always helps out whenever he can." The South Gippsland Shire Brass Band rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the old Leongatha Court House.

Anyone interested is encouraged to phone president Darryl on 0407 444 210 or just come along.



Kaye Illingworth, Gwenda Swan, Sally Matthews and Helen Ryritch presented the 2022 Creative Arts exhibition at Loch. Z01_1522

Another successful CWA exhibition

THE Country Women's Association of Victoria (CWA) Bass Group presented its 67th Creative Arts exhibition over two days at the Loch public hall last week, presenting individual and branch trophies and exhibiting the works and talents of their dedicated members.

On Friday, April 8, the exhibition was prepared for judging. Categories included knitting and crochet, craft and hobby work, needlework/embroidery/lace, preserves, pickles and relishes, home products, horticulture and

photography.

Judging of various craft, including horticulture and baked goods, were also awarded to junior members and family, friends and children of CWA.

Bass Group president and president of the Phillip Island Twilight, Sally Matthews, said the exhibition began in 1954 and now in 2022 the learning and teaching of various arts continues to bring the community together.

"Sharing and educating others is a part of being a member of CWA and we wel-

come all ages to join in order for CWA to continue helping vulnerable women and children," said Sally.

Craft group meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month and a virtual branch was recently formed to invite anyone from around Victoria, catering for those working, unable to travel or those who are time-poor and unable to attend in-person.

To learn new crafts, share your creativity and help women across Victoria, you too can become a CWA member by visiting cwaofvic.org.au.

Mayor's Message



THIS week, Council received some exciting news from the State Government – we were successful in receiving \$2 million in funding for the Rail Precincts in Leongatha and Korumburra. The funding has been allocated under the Regional Infrastructure Fund – Round Two and will be added to \$3 million from the Commonwealth Government's Building Better Regions Fund and a \$1 million contribution from Council. All up, \$6 million will be spent to upgrade these two precincts.

This is a great outcome for two of South Gippsland's largest townships and will not only help to draw additional tourists to our region, but also rejuvenate these spaces as the heart of town and a space for our community to come together. We have been waiting for this funding for a long time, but now that we have it, work can commence imminently. The first element of the project will commence in the coming weeks – that being the construction of new car parking at the Leongatha precinct.

A full list of upgrades that will be done can be found on Council's website <https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/gsr-precincts-development>

Music lovers of all ages rejoice! Council, alongside The Hills Are Alive!, will be hosting the Reconnect All-Ages Festival on 29 April at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve. It is an opportunity for music lovers of all ages to come together and celebrate attending live music again. Featuring cool sounds by the likes of the Pierce Brothers, this event is not to be missed. Tickets won't last long so make sure you secure yours today by heading to <https://tinyurl.com/2p8k5whn> Entry is just \$10 or \$15 for entry and a bus from one of the following towns: Wonthaggi, Korumburra, Inverloch, Foster, Meenyan, Mirboo North and Leongatha.

It was also great to hear the State Government's plans to build a new 24-hour ambulance station in Foster are progressing well. This three-bay station will be vital for the emergency health response in South Gippsland, particularly our more southerly townships. It will ensure we have the best facilities and equipment available so our amazing paramedics can continue to take care of our community.

Finally, I would like to once again encourage you to register to Your Say South Gippsland so you never miss an opportunity to share your thoughts on projects, plans and strategies that will impact our region into the future. There are lots of opportunities coming up that you certainly won't want to miss, so why not register now? You can do so at yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/register

Stay COVID-safe these holidays

BASS Coast residents and visitors can minimise the spread of the highly infectious subvariant of COVID-19 these April school holidays and Easter long weekend.

According to Bass Coast Health (BCH), the BA.2 subvariant is up to 70 per cent more contagious than the original BA.1 Omicron strain.

“Simple measures like wearing a proper fitting mask, staying at home and getting tested if you have symptoms, and avoiding crowded places, can mean the difference between getting COVID or being able to enjoy the school holidays with your family,” BCH CEO Jan Child said.

“The most important prevention, however, is for everyone to ensure their vaccination status is up-to-date which includes the third dose; if you’re eligible for a fourth winter booster, please get it.”

Ms Child is pleased to see more people receiving a booster in the region, with data from the Department of Health on April 6 showing that up to 75 per cent of the eligible population in Cowes had received a third dose, with 75 per cent in Wonthaggi, 80 per cent of Inverloch and San Remo, and around 55 per cent in Bass and Coronet Bay.

According to the Department of Health, as of April 6, up to 45 per cent of Wonthaggi children aged 5-11 had received a first dose and up to 25 per cent a second dose.

In mid-March, 15 per cent of Wonthaggi children had received a second dose.

In Inverloch, up to 60 per cent have had a first dose and up to 35 per cent a second, an increase from 20 per cent for a second dose in mid-March.

In the San Remo postcode, up to 70 per cent of children have now received a first dose and up to 45 per cent a second, a rise from 25 per cent in mid-March.

In Cowes, up to 55 per cent have had their first dose and up to 30 per cent a second.

In Bass and Coronet Bay, up to 60 per cent had received a first dose and up to 25 per cent a second, an increase from 15 per cent.

Fight for repairs

By Chloe Kent

HALINA Gwizdzil says she’s been fighting her insurance company over a property in Grantville for 17 years.

And, in that time, a minor earthquake and storm damage has expanded to the point fencing now prohibits entry to the bluestone house on the hill.

“In 2004, we refinanced... we were looking to run a part-time boutique bed and breakfast at Grantville. Our loan was approved, and the home was deemed in good order.”

However, in February 2005, Halina says this all changed when a ferocious storm hit Bass Coast.

“We came to do general maintenance on the property and witnessed uprooted trees and the main door was unopenable.

“We had no choice but to force the door open and then realised the walls were dislodged.”

She then lodged a claim with her insurance company, AAMI.

Halina and Kris stayed on AAMI’s case, and the couple paid for the trees to be cleared.

“Sometime later, another tree fell, breaking the fence. We made a claim and inquired about the previous claim status.”

AAMI proceeded to explore the cause.

This was 2007, near on two



Halina Gwizdzil lodged an insurance claim in 2005 following damage to her Grantville property. C10_1522

years after the initial damage.

Halina said a professional engineer was appointed to present an estimate.

“The engineer inspected the property and conducted a number of measurements. He explained the house would be reinforced, inserting special rods to support the structure.

“A short time later, we received a letter advising us that the repair works would not be conducted as the damage was caused by soil movement.”

But Halina disputed the soil movement argument.

Fast forward to now, following a plethora of storms and a couple of earthquakes, and

Helena says the home is in disrepair.

“My husband was ill, and I even fought for my life at one stage. This was meant to be our home - our retirement.

“We believe by placing ‘soil movement’ on the policy’s exclusion list, AAMI has guaranteed itself a win, regardless of other factors or circumstances.”

With additional damage to the house from later storms, including in 2013 and the 2021 earthquake, and new claims submitted, AAMI recently stated nearby trees damaged the footing to their house and thus Halina and

Kris were not covered under their policy.

In an email dated February 21, 2022, relating to builders and tradespeople entering the site, AAMI stated: “Unfortunately your claim was declined due to ground movement & roots of trees, shrubs and plants which are exclusions under the policy.”

AAMI has authorised a company to install propping to the ridge beam to provide vertical support, install bracing externally to the rafters to provide lateral support, install cord ties internally to provide lateral support and to remove all debris as a result of make-safe works.

“The make-safe was supposed to be completed soon after the earthquake took place – six months ago – to ensure the house did not collapse and it’s condition did not deteriorate.”

The latest correspondence from AAMI stated the temporary fencing would be removed on April 13.

“I want people to be very careful and check over their insurance,” Halina stated.

“We are standing here 17 years later with no house to move into and a caravan on loan from friends for us to live in.”

AAMI provided the following statement: “We cannot comment on the specific circumstances of this matter due to privacy matter requirements.”



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More ambos on the road amid concerns

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, says he is growing increasingly concerned by the ambulance and wider health care crisis in Victoria.

Mr O'Brien claims his office had received multiple calls and emails from residents who had spent upwards of 20 minutes on hold waiting to be put through to request an ambulance by the 000 operator, as well as others who had got through only to be told that there were no ambulances available.

"I have raised this issue in Parliament Question Time for the second time this month as the evidence continues to pile up," Mr O'Brien said.

"Most recently, I asked the Minister for Ambulance Services how much longer he intends to let this crisis continue before he ensures ambulances are available in country Victoria to help Gippslanders get access to the medical treatment they need."

Mr O'Brien was referring to an incident that occurred in Golden Beach last month when a resident needed an ambulance after suffering a severe anxiety attack.



While ambulance response times continue to cause concern, the state government has boosted resources throughout the South Gippsland region. Photo: AAP Image/Luis Ascui.

"The 74-year-old woman's friends called for an ambulance but was advised that no ambulance was available and she should call a taxi to get to hospital 30 minutes away," he said.

Mr O'Brien said this was off the back of similar accounts from residents of Yarram who were denied an ambulance earlier this month when an 82-year-old woman had a severe fall in the main street of town, and cyclists who were left on hold for over 20 minutes after an accident just

outside of Boolarra.

According to a state government spokesperson, the South Gippsland LGA has received a significant boost in Ambulance Victoria resources across Leongatha, Korumburra and Mirboo North and additional paramedics will be based at Yarram and Foster later this year.

"The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a significant and unprecedented impact on the health system and we ask the community to help Am-

bulance Victoria by saving Triple Zero (000) for emergencies," the spokesperson said.

The state government also highlighted the rolling out of new Medium Acuity Transport Services (MATS) in regional Victoria, including Wonthaggi.

MATS crews are dedicated for non-urgent calls to free up ambulances to respond to the most critical cases.

While the Korumburra ambulance branch has been upgraded to operate 24/7.

Flu vaccines mandatory for healthcare workers

FLU vaccination requirements for hundreds of thousands of healthcare workers will be rolled out state-wide.

Flu vaccination became a requirement for Victorian healthcare workers in 2020, however, the implementation was delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic and to allow staff to focus on COVID-19 vaccinations.

Healthcare staff in public and private hospitals, ambulance services and public residential aged care services will now have until August 15 each year to renew their flu vaccination.

Under the legislation, currently employed workers who aren't vaccinated by August 15 may face work restrictions or be redeployed to other parts of the health service.

Risk management strategies for unvaccinated workers include redeployment, alternative duties, or additional personal protective equipment requirements.

Termination of their employment may also be considered.

Prospective healthcare workers who aren't vaccinated by the deadline won't be eligible to take up a new role in a health service.

New ambulance station

MINISTER for Health Martin Foley and Member for Eastern Victoria Jane Garrett have announced planning is progressing on the new Foster ambulance station, with a site on Station Road preferred for the new station.

The 24/7 ambulance station will feature a three-bay garage for ambulances, two rest and recline areas for paramedics to recuperate, training facilities, a fully equipped kitchen and improved security and car parking.

The new station will

be built on the existing ambulance station block and the site of a former police station.

Delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA), construction will get underway once designs are complete and the paramedics from Foster are relocated to their temporary accommodation, a property at the rear of the current Ambulance Victoria station.

The state government is providing around \$249 million to upgrade and rebuild ambulance stations across the state.

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Lights, camera, action at Bass Coast Shorts

THE red carpet was laid, the fabric draped from the ceiling and the credits rolled.

It was opening night for the Bass Coast Shorts Film Festival at the Wonthaggi Union and Community Arts Centre.

"Bringing experience to Bass Coast Shire," Bass Coast Shire arts and culture leader, David Burrows, exclaimed as he opened the evening.

"Our goal is to provide a pathway of empowerment for stories of our region to be told."

Off to a cracking start, 12 films of varying length were showcased, with Uncle Kutcha Edwards taking to the stage for a moving omnichord piece before Daen Sansbury-Smith's film kicked off the line-up.

The brainchild of filmmaker and Canberra Short Film Festival director John Frohlich, Bass Coast Shorts gave individuals the opportunity to access local, interstate and international films, with attendees including Mayor Cr Michael Whelan and Australian filmmaker Nadia Tass.

"David (Burrows) lives and breathes the art world," Cr Whelan exclaimed.

"There are many great people here. We are on the cusp of some great things."

"And council is 100 per cent behind growing the arts in Bass Coast."

An opportunity for young artists to showcase their talents and enter the world of storytelling and filmmaking, short films

also provide the perfect opportunity for established artists to highlight social and environmental issues.

"To challenge and grow, exchange ideas," Cr Whelan said.

"Upset people with art – ideas need to be exposed. We need new water in the pond."

Music-inspired documentaries and animation, music videos, teenage lust, a documentary on life in the Himalayas, and heart-stopping non-narrative animation pieces were some of the 37 films across three sessions, with a special filmmaker clinic with Nadia Tass for 12 to 25-year-olds on Saturday.

"I hope we are here celebrating in 20 years' time," Cr Whelan concluded.



Kutcha Edwards played a moving piece prior to Daen's film Roll'n kicking off opening night at the Bass Coast Shorts Film Festival.



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The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, has criticised the state government for its management of rural roads locally.

Road condition drives division

By Nick Sinis

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, has slammed comments made by a Labor MP regarding the region's road conditions during a parliamentary debate recently.

He said there were crumbling road shoulders and dangerously rough surfaces in Gippsland.

"It seems Labor intend to hide behind band-aid fixes like reduced speed limits rather than admit that their underinvestment in country roads is the real issue," Mr O'Brien said.

In response, a government spokesperson said as a result of above-average rainfall across Gippsland for the past six months, this naturally, "increases the number of potholes that may normally occur across the network and can slow down the progress of other works".

"Our crews remain dedicated to ensuring Gippsland roads are up to scratch and repaired properly - almost 100 kilometres of repairs and rebuilding works have been completed between September 2021 and February 1 this year," the spokesperson said.

"These works are in addition to crews carrying out regular inspections of the road network to identify and repair hazards if and when they occur."

According to the state government, a further 165 projects across 120km of roads will be delivered between now and June this year.

A \$115 million upgrade is also being delivered for the South Gippsland Highway, realigning a stretch of the highway between Koonwarra and Meeniyan, locally known as the Black Spur.

Members of the community who encounter any hazards on roads, including potholes, can contact the Regional Roads Victoria hotline on 133 778.



Jim Gibbons, Evana Baxendale of Hartley Wells Betta Home Living, Jo Runciman of Leongatha Bowling Club and David Sasin receive their prizes from Hartley Wells Leongatha. C100_1522

Successful fundraiser with big prizes

THE Leongatha Bowling Club has been hosting its annual raffle for more than six years. And this year was no different, with one local individual and one local business taking home the major prizes. "On behalf of the Leongatha Bowling Club Sponsorship Committee, we would like to thank members and all the people who helped sell tickets," Jo Runciman smiled. "And, last but not least,

thank you to Hartley Wells Betta Home Living for donating the prizes. "It's a terrific fundraiser for Leongatha Bowling Club and very popular – you can always find something at Hartley Wells." Jim Gibbons took home first prize, winning a \$1000 Hartley Wells voucher. "It's absolutely fantastic. I brought the tickets for the donation, not to win. "I work local; it doesn't hurt

to support local and goes to a good cause." For Jim, the monies will be going towards new appliances for their recently renovated home. SG Offroad took out second prize - a TCL S615 Series Television. "A question of where the TV will now go," David Sasin of SG Offroad laughed. "In these times, it's cool to win and be amongst the community."

Looking after your child's eye health

By Leongatha Optometrists

MYOPIA, also known as 'short-sightedness', is rapidly becoming a serious public health concern. Myopia causes vision difficulties in the distance; this is due to an elongated eye that results in light focusing before the retina. Australia's leading Brien Holden Vision Institute predicts that half of the world's population will become short-sighted by 2050. COVID-19 lockdowns have resulted in less time spent outdoors and more time in front of devices. This has resulted in an increase in vision problems reported by children. A recent study reported a 400 per cent increase in short-sightedness during lockdown. This has been labelled "quarantine myopia" by optical professionals. Kids with myopia will have trouble seeing the board at school. It is known that kids with vision difficulties can fall behind their peers in schoolwork. Aside from vision difficulties, there are also health implications for myopic patients, due to their elongated eyeball. Myopic patients are at risk of developing ocular diseases such as glaucoma and cataracts. Patients with higher myopia levels are at an even greater risk. For kids, myopia tends to continue to worsen each year. With increasing public health concerns, myopia control options are now available to slow progression. MiyoSmart Lenses are a new technology for managing myopia in children. It has been proven to reduce the progression of myopia by up to 60 per cent. MiyoSmart lenses are only available to accredited independent optometrists. We are

pleased to be able to offer this lens option to our patients at Leongatha Optometrists. It is important for all children to have regular vision checks from an early age, and certainly during school years. Parents should look out for signs of their children squinting, reporting headaches, rubbing their eyes and getting close to objects and/or the TV to see. A visit to the optometrist will quickly show if there is a problem and a plan can be made to help. It is recommended children:

- Get a vision check – optometry visits are covered by Medicare and are painless and can even be fun.
- Get outside - at least two hours per day is essential for kids, especially before the onset of myopia. Time outdoors has been shown to help prevent myopia from progressing.
- Get some variety - reduce screen time or near-vision work and take breaks (remember the 20/20/20 rule – focus on something 20 feet away for 20 seconds every 20 minutes).
- Get further away - don't hold books or devices close to the eyes and adopt a Harmon working distance (closed fist to elbow).
- Get more sleep - ideally, more than nine hours per day for children. Staying up late in bed with a tablet or phone is a bad idea.

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Councillors back procurement review

WHILE a contentious topic at council's December meeting last year, the Bass Coast Shire Procurement Policy passed with relative ease at the recent March meeting.

When presented at the December meeting, the policy drew a heated discussion among some councillors who were hesitant to adopt it.

Concerns included the provision for the CEO to approve budget overruns that can be accommodated within the \$1 million approval limit, provided they do not exceed the lesser of 20 per cent or \$100,000.

As a result, a review of the policy was requested, as adoption couldn't be deferred due to a December 31 deadline, and for councillors to again consider the policy at a later date.

A council report stated a detailed review of the delegations provided within the policy was completed, including benchmarking thresholds with peer councils.

"It was found that Bass Coast Shire Council delegation levels are in line with the sector and support the effective delivery of the activities included within the adopted budget," the report stated.

During council's March meeting, there was little debate on the topic, with Cr Brett Tessari stating he was confident the policy had been "looked at from all angles".

Cr Ron Bauer, who raised concern at the December meeting, said after having discussions with council officers, he was now comfortable with the policy and supported it.

According to council, the shire purchases more than \$60m in goods, services and works each year to support service delivery and the maintenance and development of infrastructure.

"The policy applies to all contracting and procurement activities conducted by council and is applicable to council, council staff and other persons undertaking procurement on council's behalf," a report stated.

Pay boost for councillors

By Nick Sinis

BASS Coast Shire's councillors, including the mayor and deputy mayor, have received a modest increase to their allowances following a determination by the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal in March.

The Determination applies to all mayors, deputy mayors and councillors in all Victorian councils, and took effect from December 18, 2021.

The value of the base allowance payable to a council member varies depending on the role and the council allowance category assigned to the council, with Bass Coast defined as a category 2.

For Bass Coast, the mayor's allowance has increased from \$89,324 to \$96,470.

The deputy mayor has received a substantial increase from \$28,870, which was the same as an ordinary councillor, to \$48,235.

While ordinary councillor allowances have increased from \$28,870 to \$30,024.

The determination provides for further scheduled annual increases to allowance values until December 18, 2025.

The next increase will take effect on December 18, 2022.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said while councillors don't take on the role for financial gain, the increase was welcome as councillors deal with ever increasing workloads.

"Councillors through to the mayor all put in incredible



Allowances for Bass Coast Shire's councillors have increased following a determination by the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal. ns031222

hours," Cr Whelan said.

"There's a lot of work involved, and it doesn't reflect the work that really goes in if you were looking at it as an hourly rate.

"But the point is councillors don't do it for the money in my view... if you're doing it for the money, you would be looking for another job.

"You do it because you really want to make a difference in the community."

The Local Government Act 2020 transferred responsibility for determining allowances to the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal, which was requested by the Minister for Local Government to make its first determination.

Cr Whelan said council used to determine what rate would apply for allowances.

"It came through from the Minister as a determination and not something to consider," he said.

"We don't have a decision in relation to it... it has been made by the Minister.

"It used to come through as a bandwidth, depending on the size of the council.

"But this time it has come through as a set rate from the Minister already determined."


Cr Whelan noted that while the mayor's allowance appeared to increase substantially, this included a consolidation of superannuation.


"The deputy mayor also gets a big increase because they've recognised their role," he said.

"Previously, the deputy mayor was just paid as an ordinary councillor."

For more information on the determination, visit bit.ly/3urgC9g.


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The three maps (pictured) display different scenarios such as the effect of storm tide inundation and erosion while factoring in sea level changes over the next 80 years.

Preparing for the worst when it comes to erosion

DETAILED mapping as part of the Cape to Cape Coastal Resilience Project has been released to provide a base for authorities when determining the impact of coastal hazards.

Inverloch Region Coastal Hazard Assessment modelling has looked at both present-day conditions and predicted future changes, providing key data for developing a long-term plan based on science, technical assessments and community aspirations.

Informed by extensive analyses of the region's geological formation, local conditions, and historic and recent changes along the Cape to Cape coastline, the project team developed various computer models to simulate conditions of the local coastal, estuarine and catchment areas. These models assessed:

- Storm-tide.
- Waves.
- Sediment transport.
- Shoreline response (erosion / accretion).

Looking at both present-day

conditions and predicted future changes, such as rising sea levels and changing wind and wave climates, the models have been used to examine how the coastline might change and respond.

Six different sea level rise scenarios have been considered from 0.0m (present day), 0.2m (2040), 0.5m (2070), 0.8m (2100) and 1.1m and 1.4m (2100, based on recent global estimates).

The AEP detailed on the maps is the Annual Exceedance Probability which means on average, the probability of a storm event occurring in any given year.

A higher AEP means it is more likely the event will occur in any one year. The 10%, 5% and 1% AEPs have been modelled for the following time periods: present day, 2040, 2070 and 2100.

Hazard bands shown in the modelling provide an indication of areas potentially at risk from coastal hazard events, but do not represent a predicted loss of coastal land or loss or damage to values and assets.

"These hazard bands provide an indication of areas that may potentially be impacted by different coastal hazard types if no efforts were made to change how we manage these areas," DELWP Gippsland acting regional director, Heather Adams, said.

"They help us to identify focus areas for actions, by allowing us to quantify exposure, vulnerability and risk and inform strategic decisions for the future management of these areas.

"They are also attempting to predict possible conditions well into the future, so this means we have time to help carefully and proactively plan our response."

The maps are now available online for the community to view, and determine what interventions they want pursued.

This could involve beach renourishments, groyne structures, rock revetments or adaptation options relating to strategic planning.

Other scenarios that could be considered in the project include

whether roads, such as Bunurong Road, may need to be raised or relocated, or if certain areas would be deemed unsuitable for development.

The Cape to Cape Resilience Project is overseen by the Inverloch Regional and Strategic Partnership (RaSP), a partnership of nine land management agencies working collaboratively to adapt to climate change and address risks associated with the dynamic coastline at Inverloch.

Two wet sand fences were installed in 2019 at Bunurong Road and in front of the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club as interim management measures.

A geotextile sandbag revetment was also completed in May 2020 to provide additional medium-term management of the area adjacent to the Surf Lifesaving Club.

The Coastal Hazard Adaptation Actions survey will close on Sunday, April 24.

The results of the full Coastal Hazard Assessment will be shared in July 2022.

May finish date for Surf Parade path

THE next stage of the \$905,000 Inverloch Shared Pathway project along Surf Parade is progressing well and on track to be completed by the end of May, according to the local council.

This stage of construction will see the existing path extended from Veronica Street to Ozone Street.

The construction of the retaining wall and drainage pits is underway, while part of the concrete path was poured last week.

In addition to the 2.5-metre concrete path, fencing, retaining walls, bollards and landscaping, there will be a provision of 75 parallel parking bays in this section.

According to council, the project will bring the shire closer to completing its Wonthaggi-Inverloch Rail Trail.

"The 'big picture' plan envisages an alternative mode of transport from Inverloch to Cowes – Phillip Island via Wonthaggi using existing rail trails/shared pathways," council stated.

"In essence, providing an option to travel from one side of the shire to the other entirely using a separate off-road route."

The final stage of the path from Ozone Street through to the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club is being reviewed and will consider an appropriate design to comply with requirements of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Appropriate traffic and pedestrian control measures will be in place during the construction period, and road users may experience some short traffic delays during the works.

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A Kawasaki 'Ninja' 1000 motorbike like this one is said to have been ridden by Adrian Basham at 'astronomical speeds' on route to Paynesville after he is alleged to have murdered his wife in Cowes.

Suicide ride?

THE Melbourne Supreme Court heard from Adrian Basham's father, Jim Basham, last week.

He acknowledged during questioning by Crown Prosecutor Nanette Rogers that his son had told him he was travelling at "astronomical speeds", in excess of 200km/h, during his ride from San Remo to Paynesville on the afternoon of Monday, July 23, 2018.

The Kawasaki Ninja 1000, ridden by Mr Basham that day, is capable of reaching speeds of up to 245km/h.

Asked by Dr Rogers if his son had expressed any feelings to him when he arrived at the house or a bit later, Mr Basham senior said "yes".

"Yes, he did, he mentioned that he felt suicidal."

Earlier in the trial the court had heard Adrian Basham had been picked up by Bairnsdale Police for speeding that day, July 23, 2018, the day his estranged wife had died in suspicious circumstances.

The trial continues this week.

Re-enactment tests suicide theory

HOMOCIDE Police have staged a re-enactment of what they believe happened at the scene of Samantha Fraser's alleged murder at Cowes on Phillip Island in July 2018.

In a video sequence, filmed in the garage of Ms Fraser's Seagrove Way home in September 2019, police demonstrated how it would have been possible for Mr Basham to hang his estranged wife and use the remote-control from inside the garage to raise the door and escape.

The video was shown to the jury in the trial on Monday this week.

With the Informant in the case, Detective Senior Constable Luke Farrell playing the role allegedly performed by Mr Basham, he raises the garage door to the point where it is stopped by the rope wrapped around the door's tracks and then releases the door again.

He manages to slip out under the descending door before it closes again, leaving all doors locked, the pink remote still in its placeholder and Ms Fraser's body inside.

Police have been unable to find either the white top worn by Ms Fraser when she was seen on CCTV leaving the G'Day Tiger Coffee Shop on the day of her death or the distinctive hoodie top worn by Mr Basham when he visited his wife's home that day.

The trial continues in the Melbourne Supreme Court this week.

If you need support, talk to a GP or health professional. Support services include: SANE Australia on 1800 18 SANE (7263) or sane.org; Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36 or beyond-blue.org.au; Lifeline on 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au.



Adrian Basham is currently on trial in the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Cause of Phillip Island murder probed

THE Melbourne Supreme Court heard last Wednesday, April 6, that a 2cm x 2cm bruise on the centre of Samantha Fraser's chin, extending under the chin and on to the neck was "consistent with a punch being delivered under the chin".

You might call it an uppercut, a type of punch used in boxing, according to the Collins English Dictionary. An upward swinging blow delivered under the chin.

This was the likely cause of one of dozens of bruises and abrasions inflicted by Adrian Basham on his estranged wife in the garage of her home on the morning of July 23, 2018.

Mr Basham, who has been accused of his wife's murder, has already admitted to the assault, but has vehemently denied killing the Cowes mother of three.

There were also bruises above both eyes, a cluster of abrasions on the cheek, on the nose and the right ear.

There were other bruises on the arms and legs.

However, while the court heard a harrowing list of such injuries to the head, face, neck, upper and lower limbs of the deceased, from forensic pathologist Dr Sarah Parsons on Day 13 of the Phillip Island murder trial last Wednesday, including details of a discrete brain injury, it also heard that these were not the cause of death.

The cause of death, according to Dr Parsons, "is hanging in the setting of multiple blunt force injuries".

And as the court was told, during questioning by Crown Prosecutor Nanette Rogers, the small petechial haemorrhages found under the skin of Ms Fraser's neck are not necessarily from trauma but consistent with increased abdominal or neck pressure.

"Can they be seen with a hanging?" asked Ms Rogers.

"Yes, they're often seen in hangings," said Dr Parsons.

"Can they be seen with strangulation?"

"Yes," said Dr Parsons.

However, under questioning from both Ms Rogers and the defence counsel for Mr Basham, Ashley Halpen, there was no evidence to support the contention that Ms Fraser was strangled before hanging.

In fact, Dr Parsons, a highly qualified and experienced forensic pathologist at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, agreed it was more likely that Ms Fraser died by hanging than by strangulation.

"Is there any evidence of manual strangulation that you found, that is her being - her neck being compressed with the hands?" asked Ms Rogers

"No," said Dr Parsons.

Mr Halphen took the point further during cross examination of the witness, Dr Parsons.

Mr Halphen: And to clarify some of the latter parts of the evidence that you've just given, it's your opinion that the cause of death is hanging, correct?

Dr Parsons: Yes.

Mr Halphen: And that is as opposed to manual strangulation by the use of hands, correct?

Dr Parsons: Yes.

Mr Halphen: And you don't know whether Samantha Fraser was unconscious or not at the time of the hanging?

Dr Parsons: No.

Mr Halphen: Correct?

Dr Parsons: That's correct.

Mr Halphen: Now you found evidence of blunt force trauma to various areas including the head, face, neck, and limbs, is that right?

Dr Parsons: Yes.

Mr Halphen: And to be very clear, that was in your opinion a setting rather than a cause of death, correct?

Dr Parsons: Ah, it's possible that the deceased was

knocked unconscious due to the assault.

Mr Halphen: No, no. I'm not asking you... just a minute, Dr Parsons? Sorry. I'm not asking you about whether she was conscious or unconscious. What I'm asking you is that the blunt force trauma findings that you made to various parts of her body, you say were non-fatal injuries. Is that right?

Dr Parsons: Yes.

Mr Halphen: All right. Now, whether Samantha Fraser was hanged by another person, and you may or may not be aware, it's alleged that other person is the accused person, Mr Basham. So, whether she was hanged by him or whether she hanged herself, is something that cannot be determined from the examination you conducted, correct?

Dr Parsons: That's correct.

Mr Halphen: As such, you are unable to positively assert that Samantha Fraser was hanged by another person, correct?

Dr Parsons: That's correct.

Mr Halphen: And it is indeed possible given your involvement and the examination you conducted and the findings you made, it is possible that Samantha Fraser hanged herself, isn't it?

Dr Parsons: Yes.

Mr Halphen: As to the two possibilities, that is, whether she was hanged by another, or whether she hanged herself, it's not possible to state which of those possibilities is more likely, correct?

Dr Parsons: Correct.

M Halphen: So, that there's nothing in the pathology that makes one possibility more likely than the other?

Dr Parsons: No, there's not.

Mr Halphen: Is that right?

Dr Parsons: That's right.

The trial continued on Monday, April 11.

'Whodunnit' moment in Basham murder trial

IT WAS the 'whodunnit' moment that defence lawyer Ashley Halphen spoke about on the second day of the Phillip Island murder trial back on Wednesday, March 16.

Did the accused man, Adrian Basham, handle the rope that was found in a hangman's knot around the neck of his estranged wife, Samantha Fraser, in the garage of her Cowes' home on Monday, July 23, 2018, or didn't he?

Senior forensic officer at the Biological Examination branch of the Victoria Police Forensic Services Centre, Jenelle Heffernan, told the Melbourne Supreme Court on Tuesday last week that it was highly likely Mr Basham's DNA was found in three separate locations on the bloodied rope used to hang Ms Fraser.

In one of those locations, on the section of "untied rope", Ms Heffernan found it was "100 billion times more likely" that Sam Fraser's and Adrian Basham's DNA were both found on that part of the rope than if it was Sam's DNA and the DNA of two unknown people.

On the outer surface of the knot, Ms Heffernan found that it was 10,000 times more likely that the DNA found there was Mr Basham's and Ms Fraser's.

And on the loop below the knot, laboratory testing found that there were two contributions to the DNA profile that were found and that these were 1500 times more likely to be Mr Basham's and Ms Fraser's DNA than Ms Fraser and an unknown person.

It looked to be a key moment in the trial, especially after the prosecution had gone to great lengths to argue earlier that Mr Basham had not visited his former Seagrove Way home after Sam's parents, Trevor and Jannine Fraser, had moved in during December 2017.

The couple had permanently separated by then and an intervention order was put in place on April 28, 2017.

Mr Fraser said as much in answer to questions from Crown Prosecutor Nanette Rogers SC on Day 4 of the trial.

It was left to Amelia Beech for the defence to challenge the notion that the high likelihood of Mr Basham's DNA being on the rope proved he had a hand in hanging Ms Fraser.

While cross examining Ms Heffernan's evidence, Ms Beech repeated details provided to the court by the senior forensic officer herself, that it was possible for the DNA of one person to be transferred by someone else if they happened to come into contact with the blood, saliva or flaking skin of another person.

"So, what I want to ask you now, is you've given some evidence about an idea, or a concept principally known as secondary transfer. So, I think you gave an example of if someone bled on a lectern and you touched the blood, you might have their DNA on your hands without having touched the bleeding person," Ms Beech suggested, asking if it was possible to "collect" someone else's DNA.

"Yes, it's possible to collect," Ms Heffernan said.

"And there's nothing in the testing that you do that can distinguish between where the DNA's been deposited by secondary transfer or by primary transfer?" Ms Beech said.

"That's correct."

COVID-19 hits trial again

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to impact the Phillip Island murder trial in the Melbourne Supreme Court with both defence lawyers, Ashley Halphen and Amelia Beech, required to attend by video link on Friday, April 8.

Mr Halphen had already been isolating for seven days due to a positive result in his household but on the morning he was due to resume in person, last Friday, he tested positive for COVID-19.

Ms Beech had already tested positive and was isolating.

It follows positive COVID-19 test results for a member of the jury and an officer of the court earlier in the trial. Justice Taylor told the court, prior to a resumption of evidence last Friday, that she was confident the trial could continue, notwithstanding the unusual situation of having both defence counsels appearing by video link.



Kids as Catalysts expands to five primary schools

A TOTAL of 27 programs across Victoria will receive a share of \$5 million and capability building from VicHealth to support mental health, wellbeing and create social connections for Victoria's young people as part of The Big Connect.

The Big Connect partners include organisations from sports, active recreation, arts, culture, youth, health promotion, and community food sectors across Victoria with the programs chosen by young people, for young people.

Melbourne-based Kids Thrive will scale the award-winning Kids as Catalysts program to five Bass Coast primary schools.

The founders and co-directors of Kids Thrive, Dr Andrea Lemon and Andrea Rieniets, reflected that: "We are so grateful to be receiving this funding from VicHealth as it increases the positive impact we can have in the region, and the number of local kids who can benefit from Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts."

The Kids Thrive 'Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts' was brought to the region by the incredible team at Bass Coast Community Foundation who funded the Newhaven Primary School pilot last year and have committed to supporting the ongoing program.

"This VicHealth funding will really boost the program and allow us to employ local roles. This will make an even greater impact on all involved - children, schools, families, and the broader community. It's a win/win for everyone involved."

Last year, the Bass Coast pilot program saw around 80 per cent of students experience positive growth in their personal skills including their confidence, teamwork, empathy, respect and equity.



Students raised funds for a local community program.
Photo: Andrea Rieniets.



Students pitch components of their program as part of Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts.

thy, respect and equity.

They also showed improvement in their educational engagement, self-directed learning, and numeracy and literacy outcomes; strengthened leadership, community engagement skills and social awareness.

"It changes things significantly for them - how they feel about themselves and their sense of what they can do in the future," Sharyne Munday,

principal of Newhaven Primary School, expressed.

"One student actually said: 'I'm going to be the first person that goes to university in my family' because of the community action they did (volunteering to help local wildlife) and that's what she wants to do (help animals by being a vet)."

"It was this perfect link-in and she could see that this is where I need to go and hopefully she does."

For Kids Thrive, this funding means a further 240 students will be partnering with community groups to drive local change.

"Teachers at the five schools will be collaborating with our creative team to engage students in real-world learning, and we are very excited to be able to bring new local staff into the program."

"We will be looking for program facilitators, a community liaison role, and a program coordinator."

For students, the impacts are real and life changing.

"Anyone can do anything if they put enough effort into it. And it's good to help people even if you haven't been helped," a Grade 5 student of the 2021 program recalled.

"Just keep going and don't give up and something great will happen at the end," a Grade 6 student beamed.

"So many people in the community need help from kids like us," another Grade 6 student exclaimed.

Susie, a parent of one of the kids participating in last year's pilot, said: "One night Harvey did a turnaround and out of the blue said 'Mum, we're gonna change somebody's life!'."

"We would like to thank VicHealth for recognising the powerful impact of the Kids as Catalysts program; for building on the strength of local community giving through the Bass Coast Community Foundation; for supporting Bass Coast children and local schools to embed child-led change into their curriculum; for providing the opportunity for local employment, and ensuring this ground-breaking program can be sustained in the region."

"Kids Thrive is honoured to be supporting positive change in Bass Coast."



Inverloch's Harvey Welsford after just completing his first round of 2*2 at the Sale Speedcubers competition.

Racing to solve a Rubik's cube

SPEEDCUBERS from around the state, including Bass Coast, hit the town of Sale to twist and turn 3D puzzles of various shapes and sizes all weekend.

It was part of an official cubing event hosted and promoted by Speedcubing Australia, a not-for-profit organisation that manages World Cubing Association competitions.

There were 12 events over the two days and Harvey Welsford from Inverloch competed in eight of them, with Sale being his seventh official speed cubing competition.

Brock Robbins, also from Inverloch, was attending his second official competition and entered in five events.

Events included traditional Rubiks 3*3, 2*2 and 4*4 square cubes along with Pyraminx, Skewb, Megaminx, one-handed and blind solves.

Rubik's cubes, originally invented in 1974 by Hungarian Erno Rubik, took the world by storm in the early 1980s, becoming the most popular puzzle toy in the world.

In 1981, the first ever speed cubing event was hosted by the Guinness Book of World Records, with the goal being that competitors set their ultimate speed cube times.

Speed cubing competitions give entrants the chance to win titles, awards and prizes for being the fastest to solve cubes.

"It's exciting as our times are recorded so we also have an official World, Oceanic and Australian ranking," Harvey said.

"I love the solving but it is also a great way to meet new friends and challenge myself in a really fun and supportive place," he added.

Harvey and Brock set personal bests at Sale, completing sub 20 second solves in the 3*3 and Harvey completing the 2*2 in sub 5 seconds, all of which will significantly improve their World and Australian rankings.

Both boys are students at Bass Coast College and are so enthusiastic about getting others involved in speed cubing, they approached school principal Mike Shone for support in setting up a speed cubing club at lunch time and were given the go ahead to do so.

Cubing Club will run Friday in the library once school resumes.

For more information about speed cubing, contact Harvey Welsford on harveywelsford@gmail.com or Monique Wilson 0421 054 667.

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The Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club will be holding a display show this weekend.

Oldies but goodies to shine at car show

HISTORIC car lovers will be spoilt this weekend as the Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club (BCHAC) gears up for their Easter show.

This Saturday, April 16, the club will be hosting their display of vintage and historic cars at Apex Park, Wonthaggi from 8am to 2pm.

Entry is free, but a gold coin donation is appreciated, and the Lions Club will have a sausage sizzle and there will also be a coffee van.

BCHAC vice-president Keith Tonkin said the event was also a chance for anyone interested in joining the club to have a chat with members.

"We've got 250 members and 80 vintage cars and motorcycles," Keith said.

"The vehicles have got to be more than 25-years-old, but we've got cars up to 70 and 80-years-old.

"We have T-Model Fords, early Mercedes and there's a few American cars and imports as well.

"The amount of work these people put into their cars is phenomenal."

Mr Tonkin said many members strive to keep their vehicles as original as possible, and there were plenty of opportunities for people to get involved.

"It's a very active club; once a month we pick a pub and go there for lunch," he said.

"We also have a meeting once a month, and just recently we had the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club attend and do a demonstration."

For more information on the event, visit bchac.com.au.

'Smart' car parks from July

'SMART parking' sensors are expected to be installed in Cowes throughout April, with the overall project to be completed by July.

Bass Coast Shire plans to install 730 parking bay sensors in Wonthaggi and Cowes with the sensors to be supported by an availability app, which council claims will help drivers find a park faster.

The sensors will be installed at 375 on-street bays along Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street and The Esplanade, as well as 123 off-street bays at the Cowes Transit Centre car park.

Installation will occur between 7pm and 5am, except over public holidays or major events, to limit disruptions to drivers and businesses.

While 262 sensors will be installed at on-street bays in Graham Street and McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi.

The project will also include new street signage.

The technology can be used to aid with enforcement.

According to council, after installation and operational testing of sensors, LED signs and the guidance app, the project will go live in July this year.

However, the initiative has drawn considerable concern and criticism from the community, with some highlighting a lack of engagement.

Island Voice had previously questioned the project's transparency as well as the costs involved, both initial and ongoing.

Council had awarded the tender to install the sensors to APARC, while the project cost of \$300,000 was included in the shire's 2021/22 capital works budget.



Brent and Jo Carr with their 1958 Chevrolet Corvette, restored from a wreck by Brent. A10_1522

Classic cars in town



A lucky Korumburra Primary School student experiences the Summons Racing car. A05_1522



John Felder and Hugh Venables take part in the Korumburra time trial. A05_1522



Adam Troost and Laura Rossari with their 1967 Fiat Abarth. A09_1522

EXCITED Korumburra Primary School students and other locals enjoyed a visit from participants in the Targa Florio Australia event, who arrived at the town's showgrounds in an array of classic cars on Tuesday afternoon.

The fleet of over 60 vehicles was taking part in a four-day adventure, ending on Thursday at the Australian Grand Prix circuit in Albert Park.

Their arrival at the Grand Prix street circuit is timed to coincide with the first day of the Australian Grand Prix, with awards to be presented there to some of the Targa Florio participants in front of spectators.

Targa Florio has a proud history, having been established in Italy's Sicily in 1906, and is one of the world's leading events for classic car enthusiasts.

It has changed greatly over the years, once being a high-speed and dangerous open road endurance race in the mountains near Sicily's capital Palermo.

Now it's an opportunity for motoring enthusiasts to enjoy driving and viewing classic cars safely.

Upon arrival at the Korumburra Showgrounds, the vehicles took part in a time trial based on precision rather than high speed.

The time trial was held entirely within the showgrounds, with the course divided into sections.

Competitors drove over rubber strips, enabling them to be timed in each part of the course, with the aim to average particular speeds in each section.

Stopping is not permitted during the time trial, with time penalties in place for anyone doing so.

Such was the leisurely pace of the competition, a navigator was seen waving to the throngs of schoolchildren as they enjoyed the action and the variety of shiny cars from various eras.

Sydney's Laura Rossari and

Adam Troost were among the Targa Florio entrants, driving an appropriate vehicle for an Italian inspired event, a dazzling red 1967 Fiat Abarth, with Laura adding to the Italian flavour.

Adam commented on the "beautiful roads and stunning scenery," saying the drive through Leongatha to Korumburra was a highlight.

Another Sydney pair, Brent and Jo Carr, arrived in their gleaming 1958 Chevrolet Corvette.

"I bought it in 1992 in Sydney as a wreck," Brent said, estimating he did half of the restoration work himself.

Jo and Laura both assumed responsibility for navigating, helping dispel myths about women and maps.

It was a big day of driving, with entrants having left Flinders early on Tuesday morning.

The day concluded in Inverloch.

Not all the cars are straightforward to drive, with a green 1928 Bentley driven by Gary McMillan an example.

His navigator Wayne Fitzgerald, who also owns a vintage Bentley, explained that: "You have to drive every inch of the way."

"The gears are really heavy compared to modern cars," Wayne said, adding that they become increasingly challenging to manage as they heat up.

An aspect of the car that one needs to promptly adapt to is the placement of its pedals, with the accelerator in the middle rather than on the right.

Wayne said you only forget its placement once, with that time presumably frightening enough to ensure it doesn't happen again.

On Wednesday, Targa Florio participants again tested themselves with time trials at the Stony Creek Go Kart Track, then attended a community event at Mirboo North's Baromi Park. Wednesday's driving ended in Healesville.

Motorcycles flock to Mirboo North

AFTER a couple of unscheduled years off, the Mirboo North Motorcycle Show bounced back in style on Sunday, drawing a vast assortment of vintage and modern motorbikes and a terrific attendance.

Entrants arrived and left as they pleased, creating a changing display throughout the day. Band, The Reel Deal set the mood with some catchy folk songs before more modern musical offerings took over later in the afternoon.

Drouin's Tyson Brown was accompanied by young son Zane, with Tyler's Harley Fat Boy among the impressive bikes on display.

Tyson loved the show, particularly the chance to check out some "old school Harleys".

They were not the oldest exhibits though, with some rare centenarians on display.

Those included a 1913 EWB, manufactured in Melbourne by Edward Walker Brown, and a 1914 Alldays & Onions WWI dispatch riders' motorcycle.

The EWB is owned by Frankston's John Mepstead who was delighted to be given the opportunity to purchase the bike eight years ago, having been interested in it for 40 years.

Warragul-based Eric Bishop owns the Alldays & Onions bike, having bought it in New Zealand.

It was brought there by a farmer after the First World War, being stored in a shed for a long period.

"I stripped it down and rebuilt it from the ground up," Eric said.

With its seat beyond repair, he found a South Melbourne cobbler able to custom make a replacement.

Even the bike's acetylene headlight is in working condition, although the light it casts may not win the approval of modern-day authorities.

In contrast to many of the attendees at Sunday's event, Eric is not into motorbikes, but has a passion for restoring vehicles, often working on cars.

While he's never ridden the British Alldays & Onions bike, he said it would be a challenging experience, involving "100 percent riding and concentration".

While today's motorbikes have the advantage of modern brakes, the Alldays & Onions relies on a leather strap braking system to slow its momentum.

Another standout motorcycle at Mirboo North was a 1920 Armis owned by Croydon's Dan 'Shunter' Raeburn.

He explained that being made so soon after the end of WWI, the Armis name was derived from Armistice.

Based in Birmingham England, the Armis Cycle Manufacturing Company produced motorcycles between 1919 and 1923.

Despite his best efforts, Dan has been unable to find another Armis anywhere in the world.

Reservoir's Russell Pettigrew had a very different vehicle to display, a stunning red 1971 Yamaha that was declared the winner in the minibike section.

"It was a full nut and bolt restoration and everything was polished," Russell said, and that polish was displayed to advantage, gleaming in Sunday's glorious sunshine.

Stephen Wade of Venus Bay was colour coordinated with his bright yellow 'Bumblebee', an eye-catching Ural WWII replica motorbike and sidecar from Russia, built in 2015.

He takes tours with the bike, saying it runs beautifully.

Stephen loves coming to Mirboo North.

"It's great scenery, coffee and shops," he said of the town and its surrounds.

The Lions Club of Mirboo North was responsible for organising the motorcycle show, something that takes about a year to get together.

Keen motorcyclists Graeme Wilson and Brad Snell were among the organisers.

"We just wanted to make people smile and bring them together," Brad said, something that was undoubtedly achieved.

Graeme expected the number of entrants may exceed 1500.

There was a wide range of judging categories.

People also enjoyed riding displays, with impressive tricks on offer in a compact viewing area.



Drouin's Tyson and Zane Brown show off Tyson's impressive Harley Fat Boy. A35_1522



Stephen Wade with his 2015 Ural machine. A38_1522



Trick riding kept attendees entertained. A39_1522



Council has been awarded funding of almost \$300,000 to install four 50kW electric vehicle charging stations across the shire.

Four new charging stations

BASS Coast Shire has secured \$290,000 through the state government's Destination Charging Across Victoria (DCAV) Program.

Council will use the DCAV funding to install four 50kW DC destination electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Wonthaggi, Grantville, Inverloch and Newhaven by May 2023.

Council has also contributed \$140,000 from its Climate Change Action Plan budget towards this project.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said providing more EV infrastructure across the shire is a key action of the Bass Coast Climate Change Action Plan.

"In 2019, transport made up 29.7 per cent of all Bass Coast's greenhouse gas emissions, so supporting local EV charging infrastructure is an important step to help us reach our target of net-zero emissions by 2030," Cr Whelan said.

"Grantville has been selected due to its position on the Bass Highway. It is already a destination to break the journey to popular tourist destinations including Phillip Island and Inverloch.

"The Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre at Newhaven will provide people travelling in EVs with an opportunity to visit the centre and discover things to see and do right across the region and throughout Victoria, all while charging their EVs."

The EV charging station project will be delivered via a collaborative partnership between South Gippsland, Wellington and East Gippsland Shire Councils to ensure a coordinated Gippsland approach.

In 2018-19, Bass Coast's visitor economy was estimated to generate approximately \$549 million in direct visitor expenditure, equating to 5900 jobs, contributing to 43.9 per cent of the region's Gross Domestic Profit.

"As we continue to diversify what we can offer to better target domestic markets, providing infrastructure such as EV charging stations becomes even more critical to ensuring Bass Coast benefits from a thriving visitor economy long into the future," Cr Whelan said.

"We have a number of sites that could accommodate additional chargers in the future, as the uptake of EVs increases."

The DCAV program will install approximately 141 electric vehicle fast-charging stations at 116 key tourist destinations and high-use locations across Victoria.

Take a Prom cruise at Easter

THERE'S still availability for those interested in taking an Australian Tourism 2022 award-winning cruise around Wilsons Promontory with Pennicott Wilderness Journeys.

A winner of 14 Australian Tourism Awards for its tours in Tasmania and now at Wilsons Promontory, Pennicott Wilderness Journeys was the only operator which won two awards at this year's event.

You will discover the beautiful granite coastline and unique wilderness of the Wilsons Promontory National Park on one of these two-and-a-half-hour cruises in a world first, custom-built amphibious boat, designed for cruising waters in comfort and safety.

You can see iconic South Point, the southernmost tip of mainland Australia, and cruise into the waters of Bass Strait and Victoria's first marine national park.

Check out pennicottjourneys.com.au for availability.

Steve's paving the way for electric vehicles

BASS Coast Shire's very own Steve Fuery made history earlier this month when he crossed the Victorian Alps on an electric motorcycle for the first time.

Steve made the 450km journey from his home near Phillip Island to be the first person to make the crossing.

In doing so, he reached his aim of proving that the growing EV charge network is making long trips possible, while raising the profile of two-wheeled electric vehicles.

Steve made the journey over Mount Hotham to have his Zero DSR dual-sport electric motorcycle, made in California in the USA, join the Australian Electric Vehicle Association display at the Off-Grid Living Festival at Eldorado recently.

His motorcycle was alongside other electric vehicles



Bass Coast Shire Council's Steve Fuery has entered the history books after being the first to cross the Victorian Alps on an electric motorcycle.

and in a time of skyrocketing fuel prices, Steve expects more interest than normal.

"I always look forward to chatting with people about the bike at festivals and markets," he said.

"The question I hear the

most is, 'How far will it go?'

"On a single charge, I can get anywhere from 160 to 180 kilometres, depending on hills, headwinds and how hard I ride.

"There are websites like plugshare.com that show all

varieties of chargers on a map, so it's not that hard to work out how to get from place to place in rural areas."

On the decision to buy an electric over a petrol-powered motorcycle, Steve said it wasn't just the environmental and financial benefits that swayed his decision.

"People ride motorcycles because of the immense feeling of freedom you get from being in the wind and feeling the g-forces as you turn and accelerate," he said.

"The other major difference riding an electric motorcycle is that you feel and hear everything because you don't have an engine drowning out other sounds."

After the Eldorado Off-Grid Living Festival, Steve travelled home via the King Valley and then on to Woods Point and Walhalla.

Sentinel-Times COMMENT

Do they even know we exist in Monash?

OK THEY'VE called the election but down here in the supposedly insignificant seat of Monash (formerly McMillan) we're unlikely to see much if anything of the passing parade.

Our long-serving local MP Russell Broadbent has for many years fought the good fight in Australian Parliament, taking the issues of local constituents, local shires, local hospitals and sporting groups forward when help or funding was needed – the Mirboo North Swimming Pool an obvious example of a very timely funding announcement by Mr Broadbent being crucial in the spectacular outcome.

He's been prepared to stand up for individuals and small business when they needed support, and we can include his assistance for country newspapers in that. Thanks Russell.

He's also been prepared to take a principled stand, rightly or wrongly, on issues of the day and all-in-all done a thoroughly decent job.

But his wacky stance on vaccination and the response to the pandemic has damaged his legacy and likely his ability to even campaign in this election.

So, we won't see much of the incumbent and we're unlikely to see much of Sco-Mo, Albo or the other luminaries either which means no handouts to sweeten the task of voting.

So, no, the circus isn't coming to town.

But that's not the problem. The problem is what the politicians have done to the political process. Where do you start? The donations, the vested interest, the dirty deals for preferences, the corruption in government, the bad behaviour, the self-interest, the control by small, sectional interests... the list goes on.

A case in point, and it's not even a federal issue, is the process around the approval of a new draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy and associated landscape planning controls and who is well resourced enough, well connected enough to have a say.

Your time might be better spent taking an interest in what's being proposed for Bass Coast than what happens in the election. Check out the engage.vic.gov.au website. Submissions must be received by 5pm on Friday, April 29. The election on May 21 can wait.

Who is 'we', Mr Broadbent?

I recently dredged a pamphlet from my letterbox with a message from Russell Broadbent.

In it, he reminded us that: "The pandemic has been tough for everyone. By working together, we are getting through it."

I just can't remember Russell contributing anything worthwhile that helped this community cope with the COVID pandemic.

By the use of we in that sentence, Russell has implied that he assisted this community with the timely provision of vaccines and that he supported the other measures recommended by our public health professionals.

The trouble is, Russell and his LNP cronies have done nothing to help ordinary Australians face the challenges of our immediate future, whether it be provision of public education, health care, defence or transport. Well done, Russell.

Ted Minty, North Wonthaggi.

Vox Pop

Are you still worried about COVID?



Ian Drysdale
Leongatha

"I'm concerned. I've been triple vaxxed, but you're always wary about being in crowds, and I'm worried about the disruption to the education of my grandkids and other children."



Virginia Greville
Venus Bay

"No. I've had COVID, and it was very mild symptoms."



Milly Macphail
Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

"The most worrying thing was that if I got COVID I couldn't travel, either coming to Australia or on the way back."



Rona Murray
Leongatha area

"I have rheumatoid arthritis, an autoimmune condition; people don't realise there are other people who are still vulnerable to COVID."

Where we belong

Most days I take a quiet, reflective walk along the beautiful Corinella foreshore.

I observe the birds, such as the blue wren and new holland honey eater, as they flitter and forage in the bushes.

I breathe deeply to catch the scent of the season's blossoms, such as wattles in the springtime. I stand amongst the sheoaks and hear the wind whisper its eerie magic, catch the taste of salt on my tongue, and feel the waving soft grasses slip through my fingers. I am aware of my feet connecting with the ground and know that I too, belong in this place.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning has finally released its long-awaited draft landscape plan for the Corinella Foreshore Reserve.

We can join together in leading the character of protecting and enhancing this area's significant values, inclusive of its natural beauty, protected habitat areas, and Aboriginal cultural heritage. We have an opportunity to unite as a community, for a shared cause, which seeks to preserve our precious environment.

Take some time to walk along the foreshore. Notice the abundance of birds, the sounds of small animals foraging, butterflies flitting across the pathway, and the rich diverse flora which provides vital habitat for all of these precious creatures.

Ask yourself... what choices will I make so my children and my grandchildren can also engage their senses and feel the wonder of this environment? What choices will I make to ensure this environment thrives, and enriches future generations to come? Will I choose to:

- Preserve our last remaining intact Indigenous grass plain because this unique and important wildlife habitat is rapidly diminishing?
- Ensure habitat diversity (inclusive of trees), which provides the best chance for our birds, animals and plants to survive and thrive, maybe even return?
- Accept that nature is not neat and uncluttered, and in its intact form provides critical habitat?
- Abandon my desire for a water view in favour of providing a home for wildlife?
- Keep existing trees growing on or near cliffs in order to prevent soil erosion and minimise the impact of buffeting winds?
- Seek to understand the value of citizen science, learnings gained from careful and considered observation, so that I may acquire new knowledge and learnings?
- Honour the wisdom and knowledge of others, including those of our First Nations people who have continued to care for this land for thousands of years?

It is our individual and collective responsibility to protect and care for what we have. This is where we belong.

To have your say, go to bit.ly/3Drn1Ez.

Alison Normanton, Corinella.

Protect and strengthen democracy

In a few weeks, hundreds of thousands of Australians across this vast nation will gather at dawn to remember and recognise the service and sacrifice of members of the Australian Defence Force.

Anzac Day is a day for the Australian community to pause, reflect, give thanks, and celebrate those who have served and those who currently serve in defending the great freedoms and liberties we enjoy.

Across all three levels of government, many of our elected representatives will participate in ceremonies that honour the courage and sacrifice of past and present ADF members.

Each of us, whether a normal citizen or an elected representative, should surely be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy in this democratic nation.

With almost each passing day, news reports give clear evidence of repressed freedoms, eroding democracy, and encroaching tyranny in many parts of the world.

And each of us, whether a normal citizen or an elected representative, should feel a sense of duty to protect and to defend the precious and fragile democracy which we enjoy in this great country.

Our elected representatives claim to be the leaders of our community. They should understand that they have an even greater responsibility to protect democracy against encroaching tyranny than do we ordinary citizens.

But do they all understand that responsibility? Perhaps some do. Perhaps some do not.

So, after the ceremonies and the moving speeches of Anzac Day, how will our elected representatives demonstrate that they understand their responsibility to protect our fragile democracy?

More importantly, what actions will they take to protect and strengthen that democracy, not only at a national or at a state level, but also at our local government level?

Or will they take actions which erode and weaken the democracy of this great nation? Again, not just at a national or a state level, but right here at the local government level in our Bass Coast community.

For the sake of those who have sacrificed so much, and for the sake of us all, let's hope that they do fully understand their duty to protect and strengthen our democracy.

Kevin Griffin, Wonthaggi.

Making sense of shire numbers

Your article (Sentinel-Times, April 5) titled 'Projected \$5m surplus for council' reads like good news for those of us in the South Gippsland Shire and I guess most don't bother reading any further, let alone try to make sense of it - I'm trying.

Is the surplus only due to the (almost) \$10m decrease in projected capital works the article mentions?

Also, the article goes on: "The operating result shows the deficit as at December 31 is unfavourable to the forecast by \$0.55m. This variance is attributed to an overspend in employee costs across all areas of \$0.82m due to grant-funded labour costs including Working for Victoria and payment for the MAV Workcover Scheme."

So, does this almost \$1 million overspend come from being short-changed by the government or failures by our council?

Be nice to be able to make sense of these figures and not just assume more waste of public money is taking place.

Cr Gilligan is reported to say "that council will need to frugal and strategic as it develops a new council plan and budget".

Hey, if there is a \$5m surplus, ratepayers should receive a reduction in council rates!

Steve Finlay, Leongatha.

Have you registered to vote?

Q. How many eligible Australians are not yet registered to vote?

A: 657,839, according to the Australian Electoral Commission.

That's easily enough to determine the outcome of this election.

If you're 18 before the election, here's your chance to change the world... well, our part of it at least.

It's easy to register online at aec.gov.au/enrol.

But be quick; once the election has been called, you only have eight days to register.

Michael Nugent, Cape Paterson.

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.



The new graduate nurses were welcomed to Bass Coast Health by graduate coordinator Joanne O'Connor (third from left).

Graduates doing the rounds at Bass Coast Health

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is pleased to welcome the largest graduate nurse intake that the health service has ever had.

Sixteen graduate nurses, some who are local to Bass Coast and others who have relocated from within Victoria and interstate, started at BCH in February.

Graduate nurses will undertake either two six-month rotations, or three, four-month rotations depending on their discipline.

Rotations are undertaken in a number of clinical settings, including district nursing, emergency, sub-acute, acute, theatre and aged care, said BCH graduate coordinator Joanne O'Connor.

"I'm very excited and am

looking forward to the year ahead. We are blessed to have such an excellent calibre of graduates and we are so pleased to be able to provide excellent support around them," she said.

"Bass Coast Health is very focused on providing a positive training experience to our graduates with the hope they will continue to work with us, particularly given our growth with the Wonthaggi Hospital expansion project."

Megan Glacken is undertaking the Endorsed Enrolled Nurse program and relocated from Cairns in far north Queensland to join the BCH team.

"I wanted a location change and I found during the inter-

view with BCH that it was a supportive environment and its values of 'WE CARE' align with my own values," she said.

"I'm looking forward to experiencing all the rotations. At the moment, I'm in theatre and then I will go to sub-acute and then aged care."

Kristian Kumarich is also participating in the Endorsed Enrolled Nurse program, having relocated to the area from Dandenong.

"I came to Bass Coast Health because I was interested to see how a health service runs in a rural area.

"During my studies, I was in metropolitan health services that have extra resources and support each other," he said.

As part of the graduates'

early training, the new team members took part in a simulated CPR exercise with BCH emergency physician Dr Jonathan Henry.

The Learning and Development team at BCH has recently expanded significantly to provide more extensive support and learning across the organisation - not only in clinical areas but also for non-clinical staff.

This growth has also been supplemented with the expansion of the hospital's relationships with partners in universities and training centres.

For nurses specifically, BCH can employ a local student nurse into their service as a RUSON (Registered Undergraduate Student of Nursing).



LAMB Shanks and Chicken Stock

By Meg Viney

MAKING your own chicken stock is very easy and just as satisfying. It adds a delicious home-cooked flavour to food as well. If you have a slow cooker, so much the better.

Chicken stock

- 500g chicken thighs
- 2 carrots, chopped roughly
- 2 ½ litres of water
- 1 teaspoon salt.

Place all in slow cooker, cover and put on high for an hour, then onto low and cook for 24 hours.

Strain the stock, and remove the thighs to a bowl to cool, then remove the meat, discard the bones and treat your dog or cat to the meat. They adore it!

The stock can be frozen in smaller portions or use the lot to make minestrone soup (coming up soon).

Lamb shanks in the slow cooker

- 2 lamb shanks
- Olive oil
- 1 onion chopped finely
- Salt
- 1 cup fresh tomato sauce (see last column) or ½ cup pasta
- 3 carrots cut into chunks
- Bunch each of fresh thyme and oregano or a teaspoon of Italian herbs, dried
- 2 cups chicken stock
- White pepper to taste

Brown the shanks on all sides in a heavy pan, in the olive oil. Remove to the slow cooker. Add the carrots to the pan, add a little more olive oil and the onion. Add a good pinch of salt and cover. Cook on low for 10 minutes, until golden and aromatic.

Add the other ingredients - deglaze the pan and add it all to the slow cooker. Tear off a piece of foil which you lower to cover the shanks - this stops them drying out. Cover with the lid and cook for several hours until very tender.

Strain off the liquid and reduce it to a sauce, then pour back over the shanks and carrots. Mash/pasta/rice to accompany.

Thousands of walks and many more to come

ANDERSONS Inlet Probus Club were proud to mark 30 years since their walking group began at a special event last week.

They have clocked nearly 1500 walks across the three decades.

Almost 30 members of the walking group, which is combined with Inverloch Probus Club, met last Friday at the Inverloch Esplanade Hotel to celebrate the milestone.

The group was proud to honour its founding members, who are still actively involved, and highlight their achievements over the years.

The walking group started in April 1992, with 15 walkers and one dog going from Screw Creek and back.

The group has ensured their history is well preserved, with two photo albums filled with many outings across numerous locations.

Anyone is most welcome to join the group and there is no cost.

The 9am walk is around 5km, and the group meet on a Friday at the car park behind the Inverloch Environment Centre.

A less demanding walk commences from the

Albatross seat beside the Environment Centre at 9.30am.

The group then join with other past walkers for a 10.30am coffee and social chat at the Espy.

Please note there is no walk this week on Good Friday.

For more information, visit bit.ly/3DU0iRD.

RIGHT: Probus Friday Walking Group founding members Nancy Sand-ercombe (left), Roy Fischmann and James Kitson were proud to mark 30 years since the group started. ns061522



Sandra Pearce (left), Marg Paroissien, Ken Gray and David Paroissien enjoyed celebrating the Probus Friday Walking Group's 30th anniversary, which includes members of Andersons Inlet and Inverloch Probus Clubs. ns071522

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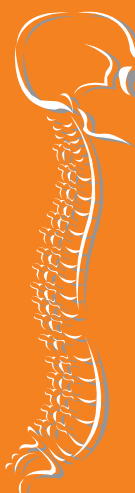
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Tarwin Lower's Fiona and Brian Dickson admired this 1928 Bentley during the Targa Florio's Korumburra stop. A02_1522



Korumburra's Bruce Stewart and Billy Thomas enjoy the Targa Florio in their town. A03_1522



Jade Proctor of Kilcunda and Bass Coast Shorts organiser, John Frohlich, embraced the large crowd and live music on Friday night. C159_1522



Fiona, Max and Marley Brown of Philip Island joined in the festivities of Bass Coast Shorts on Friday evening. C157_1522



Navigator Wayne Fitzgerald and driver Gary McMillan enjoy the challenge presented by this spectacular 1928 Bentley, pictured during their Targa Florio visit to Korumburra. A04_1522



Pam Stokes and Kaye Treloar of the Wonthaggi Owls branch volunteered their time on Saturday morning at the Loch Hall for the exhibition. Z09_1522



Eileen Callaghan of the Wonthaggi Owls won first prize in Class D, 'Bag-machine or hand sewn' for her hand-bag. She also showcases her work in ArtSpace under Ruby Cool Designs. Z07_1522



Annie Graham of the Grantville CWA branch sold homemade jams and sweets along with handmade pieces at the arts exhibition. Z04_1522



Donna Mossenton, president of the Wonthaggi Owls, welcomed visitors to the CWA exhibition at the Loch Hall on Saturday morning. Z08_1522

Snapped Out

Pictures of your and your friends at Targa Florio Australia at Korumburra, CWA's 67th creative arts exhibition and Bass Coast Shorts film festival.



Lyndale Secondary College's music team hosted Wonthaggi Secondary College kids for a day of collaboration, with Ethan from Lyndale and Georgia from Wonthaggi among those involved. Photo: Stewart Chambers/Pakenham Gazette.



Neil Rankine of Wonthaggi, Nola Maxfield of Wonthaggi and Mary Ellen Cantieni of Inverloch enjoyed opening night of the Bass Coast Shorts Film Festival. C156_1522



Tricia Szirom of Melbourne headed to opening night of Bass Coast Shorts Film Festival. C158_1522



Holly and Frankie Belsar of Kilcunda embraced the 12 short films on display during Friday's Bass Coast Shorts Opening Night. C160_1522



Gail Huitema of the Grantville CWA branch won first prize in the quilting by hand category at the creative arts exhibition with her blue and black toned quilt. Z02_1522



Gippsland Hills members of the CWA, Marion Dewar and Margaret Robson, visited the Bass Group exhibition in Loch on Saturday morning. Z05_1522



Glenda Minty of the Wonthaggi Owls won first prize at the 2022 CWA exhibition for her watercolour painting in the category 'Picture, in any other medium'. Z06_1522



Jacky Dow of the Grantville CWA branch proudly took home first prize in Class C for the wool embroidery category at the exhibition. Z03_1522

Serving up a barrel of laughs

THE hilarious comedy El Diablo finally comes to Wonthaggi and Yarram, after the show was cancelled twice in 2021 due to statewide lockdowns, and audiences are guaranteed laughs with another original serving by one of Gippsland's premier theatre companies.

Set in a high-class restaurant, the comedy centres on an ordinary couple experiencing fine dining for the first time.

"This is fish out of water, clash of cultures comedy, sending up the whole pretentious foodie thing, and shining a light on just how ridiculous gourmet dining actually is," says writer/director Phillip A Mayer.

"It's so much fun throwing normal people into this alien world where pompous, overblown and self-important people look down on them, as if they don't belong. It's something everyone can relate to, feeling excluded and judged."

The comedy started touring in November last year when restrictions were eased, and audiences immediately responded.

"We were presented with the extra hurdle of having to adapt rehearsals due to COVID, but it didn't stop us, and audiences obviously had a thirst for something funny because we've been selling out everywhere. Comedy needs physical interaction to develop, but the cast have been amazing, working to



The cast of El Diablo are ready for one spectacular night on April 23.

achieve the standard audiences expect from HT&E."

When average couple Paul and Maurine finally get a booking at the ritzy and popular El Diablo restaurant, they look forward to hobnobbing with celebrities and wealthy social elites, but their preconceptions are soon shattered, and their evening turns pear-shaped upon the arrival of so-called upper-crust couple Ian and Siobhan.

"This is a real square peg in a round hole situation, where normal average people meet pretentious entitlement, and the ensuing craziness is so much fun."

This new comedy by the

multi-award-winning HT&E Theatre Co. was inspired by an article during lockdown, where people were complaining about not being able to go to expensive restaurants.

"The entitlement of some people, with zero consideration for most people who were doing it hard, suffering without much support, was amazing, so we thought we'd explore that sense of privilege. It's part observational comedy, with a big helping of farce. We've had audiences in stitches watching the train wreck unfold."

"We're really excited to get back to Wonthaggi and our association with Wonthaggi

Theatrical Group. We've developed a great relationship with WTG and The Shed space and we're fortunate to have amazing local audiences who enjoy a good inappropriate laugh. We feel very lucky to be able to perform, as it's been difficult for live theatre over the last two years, and we hope people come out for a great night of laughs."

El Diablo is an engaging story with outrageous characters and social commentary.

"It's what everyone needs now, to get them back to live performance, something fun with some great messages."

The company have had hit Melbourne Comedy Festival shows, including Couples! and Table 17, and the award-winning Bogan Shakespeare.

"The cast are brilliant and have built a highly entertaining piece of comedy and made the characters very real and relatable. It's a treat for the actors to play these people and it's a treat for audiences."

El Diablo is showing at WTG's The Shed, State Coal Mine, Garden Street Wonthaggi for one night, Saturday, April 23. Tickets are available online at trybooking.com/BTOCI or by calling 0409 878 688. Tickets will be limited at the door. Also showing at The Regent Theatre, Commercial Road in Yarram on Saturday, April 30. For tickets, go to trybooking.com/BYHUI or phone 0418 585 285.

'Keeping up Appearances' in Foster

BACK in March 2019, the Foster Arts Music & Drama Association (FAMDA) staged a phenomenally successful production of 'The Vicar of Dibley' with sold-out houses and winning an array of awards.

It was co-directed by Tania Pell and Noel Stringer. After the COVID-induced frustrations of the last two years, they have been champing at the bit wanting to stage another play based on a popular British comedy.

They settled on the hilarious sitcom, 'Keeping up Appearances', which originally aired

on British Television between 1990 and 1995.

Created and written by Roy Clarke, its quirky characters made it a great success in the UK, and also captured large audiences in the USA, Canada, Australia and throughout northern Europe.

The nostalgic adulation accorded the series encouraged Roy Clarke to reintroduce the main characters in a 2014 made-for-the-stage play, placing them in freshly re-imagined situations where Emmet is directing a play in the local village hall

while an art exhibition is also in progress.

Whether you have fond memories of the TV series or are encountering these weird and wonderful characters for the first time, there will be laughter aplenty as FAMDA brings 'Keeping up Appearances' to the Foster stage from April 22 to May 7.

The floral Walton sisters will be out in force – snobbish Hyacinth, who wants to kick the Bucket in favour of a Bouquet, the deliciously zany Daisy with Onslow, her slothful husband, predatory Rose with a new beau

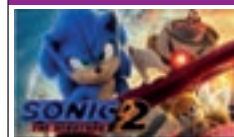
in her sights and the unseen but frequently cited Violet, all of them on tenterhooks wondering when they will next have to rescue their demented Daddy from yet another potential disaster.

A talented cast, drawn from Phillip Island to the Foster hills, will really bring these outlandish characters to life. To see all the fun and games unfold, book tickets online at famda.org.au or trybooking.com/BXTPN. Phone bookings are available through Main Street Revelations in Foster on 5682 1381.

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What's On This Week?

School Holiday Cinema



Sonic the Hedgehog 2

[PG] 1h50m

Tue 12 Apr 4.15pm
Wed 13 Apr 6.00pm
Thur 14 Apr 10.00am
Sat 16 Apr 2.20pm
Sun 17 Apr 12.15pm
Tue 19 Apr 12.15pm
Wed 20 Apr 10.00am
Thur 21 Apr 5.00pm
Fri 22 Apr 10.00am
Sat 23 Apr 5.00pm
Sun 24 Apr 12.15pm



Rabbit Academy

Mission: Eggpossible [PG] 1h16m

Tue 12 Apr 10.00am
2.15pm
Wed 13 Apr 12.30pm
Thur 14 Apr 12.45pm
5.15pm
Sat 16 Apr 12.30pm
Sun 17 Apr 3.00pm



Off The Rails [M] 1h34m

Tue 12 Apr 12.00pm
Sun 17 Apr 10.00am
Wed 20 Apr 5.30pm
Thur 21 Apr 12.20pm



The Bad Guys

[PG] 1h45m

Thur 14 Apr 2.45pm
Sat 16 Apr 10.00am
Sun 17 Apr 5.00pm
Tue 19 Apr 10.00am
Wed 20 Apr 3.15pm
Thur 21 Apr 10.00am
Fri 22 Apr 12.40pm
Sat 23 Apr 2.30pm
Sun 24 Apr 3.00pm



Uncharted [M] 1h56m

Tue 12 Apr 7.00pm
Wed 13 Apr 10.00am
Sun 17 Apr 7.30pm
Tue 19 Apr 5.15pm
Wed 20 Apr 12.45pm
Thur 21 Apr 2.30pm
Fri 22 Apr 7.45pm



The Batman [M] 2h55m

Wed 13 Apr 2.30pm
Sat 16 Apr 7.30pm
Tue 19 Apr 7.45pm
Wed 20 Apr 7.40pm
Sun 23 Apr 7.45pm



Dog [M] 1h41m

Thur 14 Apr 7.15pm
Sat 16 Apr 5.00pm
Tue 19 Apr 3.00pm
Fri 22 Apr 5.15pm
Sat 23 Apr 10.00am
Sun 24 Apr 5.30pm



The Duke [M] 1h36m

Thur 21 Apr 7.45pm
Fri 22 Apr 3.00pm
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Sun 19 June

10.45am
Bass Coast Fine Film Group
Parallel Mothers
[M] 2h03m [Spanish]
Venice Film Festival 2021
Best Actress: Penelope Cruz

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Sun 19 June

2.00pm Film Fundraiser
Support the SGRAR raising funds for an Afghan family currently in danger in Kabul with this film fundraising event. www.trybooking.com/BXRSP

Flee [M] 1h30m

[Danish, Dari, Russian, Swedish, French, English]
Flee tells the story of Amin Nawabi as he grapples with a painful secret he has kept hidden for 20 years.



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Scholars will be challenged to research topics that add value to the Victorian dairy industry, and will benefit from becoming members of the Nuffield alumni of more than 1500 members globally.

The 2014 recipient of the Gardiner Nuffield Scholarship, Gippsland dairy farmer Aubrey Pellett, said the experience had given him more confidence to look for solutions.

Since completing his Nuffield, Mr Pellett has also taken on several industry roles including chairman of Rural Financial Counselling Service Gippsland, deputy chair Bonlac Supply Company, director GippsDairy, and he was recently appointed as the farmer director on the Gardiner board.

Nuffield Australia will award up to 20 scholarships this year.

The scholarships are open to farmers, fishers and those in associated industries aged between 28-45. The bursary allows scholars to spend 14 weeks of travel over two years to study a topic important to the industry.

Nuffield Scholars also receive training in communication skills and personal and professional development.

Applications close on Friday, June 17, 2022. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed during July and August.

Successful recipients of the 2023 Nuffield Scholarships will be announced at the Nuffield Australia National Conference in Tamworth NSW in September.

For more information, visit nuffield.com.au.



Leongatha's Eleanor Patterson enjoyed a quick visit home recently.

Burra backs Eleanor

GIPPSLAND'S golden girl Eleanor Patterson returned home last week for a quick trip to visit family and her friends at Burra Foods.

Burra Foods is a proud supporter and sponsor of Eleanor, who is a Leongatha local and Australian High Jump Olympian.

Eleanor experienced success in March at the World Athletics Indoor Championships in Belgrade, where she jumped a personal best of 2 metres.

Not only was it a personal best, but she placed second at the event and set a new Australian indoor national record.

This is a huge achievement for Eleanor, who

has been working towards jumping 2 metres since she was aged 17.

Eleanor expressed her gratitude to the Burra staff for their ongoing support.

She was particularly grateful for all the messages she received from the Gippsland community and Burra Foods staff in the lead up to the Tokyo Games.

"I am a South Gippy girl through and through and those messages of support meant so much to me," she said.

Eleanor and her parents, Helen and Mark, visited the iconic Burra Foods factory in Korumburra, where they toured

the facility and spent time speaking with staff.

"The appointment of a brand ambassador was not an easy decision. We wanted someone who, like Burra Foods, values the community, is proud of where they come from and demonstrates our values of being focused, energetic, respectful, and collaborative," Burra Foods CEO Stewart Carson said.

"Eleanor is all these things and more."

Eleanor has since returned to Sydney, where she will continue her preparation for the World Athletics Championships and Commonwealth Games in July and August respectively this year.

Fined \$20,000

A GIPPSLAND livestock agent and producer has been convicted and fined \$20,300, plus additional costs of \$220.80, for actions which had the potential to undermine Victoria's livestock traceability system.

The agent pleaded guilty to a number of charges at Latrobe Valley Online Magistrates court on Wednesday, March 16.

This included the use of disbanded property identification codes, failing to properly record livestock movement information, not keeping copies of National Vendor Declarations and failing to produce documents.

The company was fined \$1100 without conviction.

When handing down the sentence, Magistrate Wallington noted that these offences were a systematic flouting of the system carried out in a deliberate and obvious way to increase profits. Two Gippsland producers also pleaded guilty to charges relating to livestock traceability offences, including misusing National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) ear tags.

The NLIS is Australia's system for identifying and tracking cattle, buffalo and bison for disease control, food safety and market access purposes.

It uses an electronic ear tag or device, marking each animal with its own, individual identification number.

It is vital the right NLIS tag is used, otherwise the correct breeding and life history of an animal will not be recorded.

Agriculture Victoria's Daniel Bode said the prompt detection of the offending and thorough investigation conducted by the department ensured potential risks to Victorian livestock and consumers were avoided.

Mr Bode said the outcome of the matters brought before the court served as a strong reminder the Victorian community takes biosecurity seriously.

For more information on NLIS, including training on how to use the system, please visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/nlis.

Anyone wishing to make a specific complaint in regard to livestock welfare or traceability breaches can contact Agriculture Victoria on 136 186 or aw.complaint@agriculture.vic.gov.au.

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Photography competition returns with a rush of entries

RURAL Aid's hugely popular Spirit of the Bush photography competition has returned.

More than 250 entries have already been received in the first week of the competition.

Rural Aid CEO, John Warlters, said it's encouraging to see how eager Australians are to tell the stories of the bush through photography.

"Now in its third year, our Spirit of the Bush competition just keeps growing," Mr Warlters said.

"The competition's popularity is a testament to how much our nation supports our primary producers.

"We're so excited to again choose a set of 12 ripper photographs for use in Rural Aid's 2023 calendar."

A Rural Aid panel will be tasked with the difficult job of choosing the most striking photos when the competition closes in May.

"We saw some breathtaking entries last year.

"Incredible photographs of mustering, fencing, kids playing and rural landscapes were just some of the images that made this year's calendar.

"Looking at country life through a camera lens is one of the best ways to give the wider public a glimpse into life on the land.

"I encourage anyone with a camera and a love for the bush to send their entries in," Mr Warlters finished.

Entries are encouraged via social media and through Rural Aid's website.

In addition to having their photos used in Rural Aid's annual calendar, winners will also receive a \$250 pre-paid visa card.

Entries can be made at ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush or by tagging #SOTB2022 in your Instagram or Facebook caption.



The 2021 Winning Entry by Anne-Maree Lloyd of Yaraka Queensland.

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In addition, Rural Aid offers free, confidential counselling to registered farmers and their family – catching up where they're most comfortable, whether it's on farm, in town, or over the phone.

Supporting their clients through all kinds of life challenges, Rural Aid counsellors come with an understanding of the unique needs of rural



Darren Devlin is the rural aid counsellor and community representative for Gippsland.

people, often providing support with practical strategies to help farmers refocus and get back on track.

"I believe that we are all trying to be the best we can and live the best lives we can with the tools we have," Gippsland Rural Aid counsellor and community representative Darren Devlin explained.

"However, most of us

have either been given the wrong tools or the tools we have been given are broken or in need of repair."

Darren has a strong connection to the Gippsland bush through his work as a counsellor and his volunteer efforts, having devoted 16 years to the Victorian Country Fire Authority.

Darren believes a preventative approach to health is an important factor in Rural Aid's work and enjoys helping others live a quality of life.

"Rural Aid not only provides for the physical and emotional needs of primary producers and their families following disaster, but Rural Aid is also taking a proactive approach to developing individual and community resilience."

Find out more at ruralaid.org.au or by calling 1300 327 624.

Solid result at store sale

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded around 3500 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale

There was some excellent drafts of grown steers on offer as well as a few handy lines of weaners but included more Xbred and dairy types than the previous sale.

Prices remained steady for the better quality types and eased a bit for the secondary and off bred breeds and dairy crosses.

Once again, the feedlots and northern orders dominated and purchased a good percentage of the yarding as locals buyers are cautious as the very dry conditions locally continue.

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, April 4, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x	\$22 to \$405
Friesian Bulls	\$40 to \$280
Friesian Heifers	\$350 to \$1030
Beef Bulls	\$70 to \$1060
Beef Heifers	\$65 to \$490

Number of Calves: 433

Number purchased to rear: 314

Please note date changes

Due the Easter Public Holiday, the calf market will be held on Tuesday, April 19.
Due Anzac Day, the calf market will be held on Tuesday, April 26.

MARKET REPORT

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Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, April 8, 2022

Grown Steers

D & G Seton 18 Angus	688kg	\$5.23	\$3600
A Lester 11 Hereford	676kg	\$4.88	\$3300
D & G Seaton 15 Angus	638kg	\$5.29	\$3380
B Carr 13 Angus	635kg	\$5.22	\$3320
BM & GH Missen 16 Angus	630kg		\$3320
A Lester 19 Hereford	625kg	\$5.02	\$3140
B Carr 13 Angus	607kg	\$5.27	\$3200
D&G Seaton 14 Angus	603kg	\$5.27	\$3180
J Embling 15 Angus	598kg	\$5.32	\$3180
Franklin Park 16 Angus	598kg	\$5.28	\$3160
J Lafferty 18 Angus	597kg	\$5.32	\$3180
J & K Honey, 10 Angus	596kg	\$5.23	\$3120
B Carr 10 Angus	593kg	\$5.26	\$3120
B Carr 14 Hereford	584kg	\$5.17	\$3020
P Fairy 10 Angus	580kg	\$5.20	\$3020
B Carr 14 Hereford	574kg	\$5.15	\$2910
Me&K Triantafyllou 17 Charx	572kg	\$5.17	\$2960
A & D Thomas 18 Angus	563kg	\$5.61	\$3160
Ajay Nom 14 Angus	558kg	\$5.41	\$3020
B&G Missen 17 Angus	554kg	\$5.55	\$3080
D&G Seaton 16	553kg	\$5.56	\$3080
Magarry P/L 17 Hereford	549kg	\$5.19	\$2850
J Lafferty 17 BB	538kg	\$5.48	\$2950
Ajay Nom 12 Angus	533kg	\$5.51	\$2940
S Membrey 12 Angus	515kg	\$5.82	\$3000
R & P Davis, 12 Brangus	509kg	\$5.30	\$2700
Whites Pastures 20 Angus	505kg	\$5.94	\$3000
I&V Wilson 18 Angus	500kg	\$5.88	\$2940
I&V Wilson 17 Angus	500kg	\$5.96	\$2980
J Lafferty 22 Hereford	489kg	\$5.82	\$2850
R.J MacKenzie, 25 Hereford	486kg	\$5.55	\$2700
J. Calder, 18 Angus	483kg	\$5.71	\$2760
I&V Wilson 20 Angus	476kg	\$5.84	\$2780
S Dunlop 11 Angus	468kg	\$5.64	\$2640
G & J Jans, 18 Angus	463kg	\$5.83	\$2700
V & D Vickers 16 Hereford	461kg	\$5.72	\$2640
A&P Anton 19 Angus	433kg	\$6.00	\$2600
R & J Atherton, 12 Angus	422kg	\$6.09	\$2570
E Gloster 13 BB	403kg	\$6.30	\$2540

Weaner Steers

M Brown 18 Angus	394kg	\$6.44	\$2540
Gippsbeef 16 Angus	378kg	\$6.50	\$2460
Gembrae Ag 23 Angus	372kg	\$6.34	\$2360
M&M Scanlon 20 Angus	352kg	\$6.47	\$2280
M Brown 21 Angus	344kg	\$6.39	\$2200
M & K Hall 10 Hereford	329kg	\$6.99	\$2300
A & C O'mara 8 Angus	321kg	\$6.69	\$2150
S Auteri 17 Angus	315kg	\$6.28	\$1980
Mirawah P/L, 32 Angus	310kg	\$7.41	\$2300
M&L Parry 21 Angus	310kg	\$6.45	\$2000
M&M Scanlon 22 Angus	305kg	\$6.95	\$2120
Gdm Property Services 18 Ang	274kg	\$7.51	\$2060

Heifers

R Crook 16 Angus	447kg	\$5.36	\$2400
G Thomas 10 Hereford	401kg	\$5.54	\$2220
Shottersveld P/L, 18 Hereford	396kg	\$5.55	\$2200
Gem-Brae Ag. 10 Angus	379kg	\$5.75	\$2180
P. Donat, 15 Char x	361kg	\$5.83	\$2108
Gippsland Beef 22 Angus	334kg	\$5.38	\$1800
A & C O'mara 22 Angus	317kg	\$6.60	\$2090
S Auteri 12 Angus	298kg	\$6.37	\$1900
S Auteri 11 BB	285kg	\$6.31	\$1800
Mirawah P/L, 14 Angus	283kg	\$6.50	\$1840
Gdm Property Services 19 Ang	266kg	\$6.50	\$1730

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R & J Atherton 15 AA/FF x	512kg	\$5.39	\$2760
J Thorpe 12 Friesian	581kg	\$3.46	\$2000
Prom View 17 Friesian	566kg	\$3.49	\$1980
T & J Waters 17 Friesian	516kg	\$3.60	\$1860
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The protection of Gippsland Lakes was shared with land managers all the way from Indonesia recently.

Sharing vital advice on waterway management

THE local experience of landholders, communities and government agencies working together to protect the Gippsland Lakes was recently shared with land managers from the Lake Limboto area of Indonesia.

Staff from the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's (WGCMA) Land Management Team shared the story of improving waterway health over the last twenty years.

The workshops were organised by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) as part of Australia's MoU with Indonesia on sharing water knowledge and focussed on exchanging case studies on Lake Limboto in Indonesia and Lake Wellington and the Gippsland Lakes more generally.

Populated by subsistence farmers, the Lake Limboto area is affected by sediment

and run off having a negative impact on waterway health.

"It was fascinating to see the challenges facing Indonesians which are in some ways similar to those faced here twenty years ago," said Lands Program coordinator with the WGCMA, Anthony Goode.

Shayne Haywood, manager of WGCMA's Land and Biodiversity Team, also joined Anthony Goode to discuss how Gippsland farm businesses

have been assisted to change practices.

Examples included reducing run off from paddocks entering waterways to mitigate negative impacts on the Gippsland Lakes.

The Indonesian delegates to the online forum were interested to hear more detail on a range of subjects, ranging from data management and decision processes to measuring the success of projects over several years.

Dairy prices – how high for how long?

FARMGATE milk prices have increased significantly across the world's major dairy export regions and further "upside" in milk prices remains, Rabobank says in its latest Rabobank Global Dairy Quarterly report.

The report says that even before the Russia-Ukraine conflict, global dairy commodity prices were "soaring" due to a global supply shortfall. And, it says, the major dairy export regions are grappling with poor weather or margin erosion from rising feed costs, resulting in a year-on-year deficit that was much worse than anticipated in 2H 2021.

As the shortfalls are unlikely to go away in the near term, Rabobank expects a continued decline in 1H 2022 milk production in the big seven dairy exporting regions – New Zealand, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, EU, US and Australia – of 0.7 per cent compared with last year's high level, before a mild recovery starting in 2H 2022 and into 1H 2023.

Farmgate milk prices have followed commodity prices higher worldwide, with more potential upside in some regions. Still, the rising costs of inputs, lack of labour, unfavourable weather and variable feed quality and prices continue to limit the production response by producers, the report said.

Globally, Rabobank is expecting dairy exports to slow in 2022, after growing by four per cent in 2021 despite all the supply chain challenges.

"The export growth seen in 2021 is unlikely to be repeated in 2022, as the supply deficit significantly reduces the exportable surplus from the Big-7 export regions," the report says.

High-priced dairy commodities could take "a bite out" of importers' appetites. Conversely, rising oil prices have supported Whole Milk Powder (WMP) prices in the past and the elevated food security risk could result in strategic buying activity.

The Dairy Quarterly warns inflationary pressure is running rampant around the world, with an increasingly worsening outlook, begging the question "How high for how long?" when it comes to dairy prices.

Rabobank expects dairy commodity prices will stay elevated through to the middle of the year amid the constrained supply. The longer-term outlook hinges upon consumer behaviour and normalised market conditions, both being very unpredictable.

Australia

Australian milk production is still declining as the season reaches the halfway point,

according to Rabobank senior dairy analyst Michael Harvey.

"As of January 2022, national milk production was 2.6 per cent behind the previous season," he said.

Mr Harvey said labour shortages and a wet spring/summer have been a drag on production.

Recent severe flooding impacting the northern NSW dairy region would negatively impact milk production to some degree.

Australian milk production should return to growth in 2022/23, Mr Harvey said, albeit from a low base.

Mr Harvey noted there has been a round of announced increases to milk pricing for Australian dairy farmers producing for the export sector.

"Stronger export returns are starting to flow through to the farmgate and there is potential room for further increases in both the current and the next season as dairy exporters capture the benefit of higher commodity prices, particularly skim milk powder," he said.

Rabobank's modelled farmgate milk price for southern Australia stands at AUD 7.65/kgMS for 2021/22.

Australian dairy farmers continue to enjoy good profitability, Mr Harvey said, but a margin squeeze looms. The cost of key inputs will be elevated for the next production season, eroding some of the

benefits of higher milk prices.

Mr Harvey said, "on a brighter note", the outlook for feed remains favourable.

"Most dairy farm operators will have a good feed wedge heading into winter and the new season," he said.

"There will also be a plentiful supply of supplementary feed available, but with elevated risk of higher prices. Producers will be eagerly waiting for a timely autumn break.

"And in a sign of healthy water availability for irrigation dairy farmers, allocations are at record levels in some systems in the southern Murray-Darling Basin."

Domestic market demand is expected to remain relatively stable, Mr Harvey said.

"Consumers face rising cost-of-living pressure, which will lead to a shift in food purchases and discretionary spending. But overall, the volume impacts to dairy sales are not expected to be material."

Mr Harvey said Australian dairy exports were strong in the first half of the season (July to December) despite supply chain issues.

"Total volumes were up 25 per cent, pushed higher by solid exports of milk powders and liquid milk. Total export returns were up 18 per cent over the period, underpinned by firming commodity pricing."

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With 100 per cent of entry fees going towards the Good Friday Appeal, whether fishing is a hobby or side thought, it's worth getting around this worthwhile cause.

A family fun weekend for all, there is a fantastic selection of door prizes - donated by local businesses - up for grabs, with the major prize a Phillip Island Helicopter Flight for Two.

Local restaurant vouchers and fishing and tackle packs are also amongst the mix.

Plus there are show bags, too! But be quick.

Last year saw 200-plus competitors from around Victoria compete and more than 50 per cent of those were kids.

So, it's anyone's game with fishing from boats, kayaks, jetties and beaches all fair game.

Individuals and family tickets are available over the phone or at Jim's Bait & Tackle's new abode at 90 Back Beach Road, San Remo.

Keep an eye on Jim's Bait & Tackle Australia socials for up-to-date details.

Grab your rod and don't be a doughnut this Easter!

Catch a fish at Walkerville

LUSH countryside and superb sandy beaches with magnificent coastal scenery, the Walkerville Bluewater Boat and Angling Club's annual Easter competition will be on again this Easter long weekend.

Held on Easter Saturday and Sunday, the daily weigh-in will be from 5pm to 6pm at the Walkerville Community Hall.

And with a barbecue to follow each evening, it is a sure-fire way to involve the whole family.

Prize categories on offer are:

- Overall: Heaviest whiting for the season; 1kg-plus whiting for the season; and mystery weight (over the two days).
- Saturday, April 16: Heaviest bag of three whiting; heaviest whiting; and heaviest flathead.
- Sunday, April 17: Heaviest bag of three whiting; heaviest whiting; and heaviest flathead.

With a raffle drawn on the final evening, do not miss your opportunity to win a Weber Baby Q, Crayfish and more.

For more information or to sign up, contact Ian Trease on 0427 644 386.

Fishing competition, egg hunt

JOIN the Venus Bay Angling Club on Easter Sunday 10am at Fishermans Road Jetty for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

With a barbecue over the Easter weekend, club members will be out and about talking to fishermen in the vicinity.

If fishing is more your style, join the Venus Bay Angling Club's Easter Fishing Competition over the four days from April 15 to 18.


Details at the clubhouse in Fishermans Road, Second Estate, Venus Bay.


Fishing Fun

these holidays



- TOP: Brodie displays his prized crayfish.
- MIDDLE: Last year, kids made up over 50 per cent of participants during the Easter weekend competition at San Remo.
- RIGHT: There's fun for the whole family at Walkerville with weigh-ins and daily prizes, so grab a rod and start catching.







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"Maybe I could do this or that," Tone explains when describing how the flavours come to fruition.

"Everyone's tastes are different. What creations could I actually make?"

"I started at Milawa Cheese Company and utilised sheep, goats and cow's milk – here I get to experiment.

"I was making the Kilcunda and wasn't paying attention; that is how the Coronet Bay has come along," Tone smiles.

Utilising native pepper berries, the Coronet Bay takes the Kilcunda spice up a notch.

Cutting curds and washes is all part of the process at Bassine.

"Loch and Westernport are soft cheeses, incredibly tasty and flavour-some, but they don't last as long as your harder cheeses.

"Draining the whey from the curd, we have Quark, which is sold in-store and is similar to cream cheese and is popular in Europe."

And Tone's favourite part of the job? Tasting the cheese!

"I also love seeing the satisfaction on customers' faces when they are eating – it's very cool. We didn't have windows at Milawa and having the appreciation visible is really rewarding."

And if recommendations in-store aren't enough to get you out of your seat and to Bassine, then the comments online certainly should.

"We're definitely coming back; I didn't know cheese could taste this good and I don't know what magic they used with the cappuccino," is one of the many reviews.

Bassine Specialty Cheeses are also proud to support and stock a wide range of local produce in their shop, from homewares, sculptures, hand-made pottery and chocolates to honey, garlic and chilli sauce.

Bassine's products are also proudly available for purchase at local IGAs and general stores across Gippsland and Bass Coast, and if that's not enough, many cafes and restaurants use Bassine's products in their cooking.

So next time you're out – ask if your milkshake is made with Bass River Dairies Milk – you won't be disappointed.

Open every day, including ANZAC Day, over the holidays and from Thursday to Sunday throughout winter, pop in and grab an ice cream, a glass bottle of milk (which comes with its own reusable perks) and be delighted and warmly welcomed by the team of 16 at Bassine Specialty Cheeses.

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It's all happening at Loch over Easter

WHEREVER you go, around Bass Coast and South Gippsland this weekend, the little towns and villages will be putting their best feet forward, many with events, but some, like the Loch Village will be doing what they do best, each and every weekend.

From brewing and distilling, to arts, antiques and fantastic food, it really has been the stopping off place of choice this summer and into autumn.

"There's been a fair bit going on before Easter at Loch, with the big CWA Exhibition last week and the market, and there's a lot going on afterwards as well, but the weekends have been going so well that we just concentrate on what we usually do while it's busy," said Graham Hastie of Caringtons of Loch.

"And our visitors, whether they are from Melbourne or locally, have really been finding us in good numbers on our return after COVID. It's been great to see."

There are expected to be 200 people at the Loch Long Lunch on Saturday, May 14, as an offshoot of the Loch Village Food and Wine Festival.

But you don't have to wait for that; get out and take a stroll down the main street of Loch over Easter and you'll find plenty to eat, drink and see.

ABOVE: Getting set for another big weekend at Loch, and the Loch Village Emporium, is Ethan Weissflog.



Easter bonnets *at Maru*

Treat yourself with an Animal Encounter these school holidays with dingoes, koalas, snakes and lizards all ready to say g'day.

THIS Easter Sunday, April 17, head down to Maru Koala and Animal Park for the kids Easter Bonnet Competition.

With great Easter Egg prizes (donated by Pannys Phillip Island Chocolate Factory) on offer, decorate your bonnet, hat or costume and parade around at 11.30am.

Judged on effort and creativity, prizes are split into four ages groups – 5 years and under, 6-8 years, 9-11 years and 12 years and above.

With eggs for all children make sure you don't miss out by registering at marukoalapark.com.au.

Afterwards, enjoy a fun-filled day at Maru Animal Park with an array of keeper talks, animal experiences and close encounters available.

Feed the kangaroos, listen to the wildlife presentation, race into the Tasmanian devil conversation or slither into the reptile talk.

Dingoes, emus, crocodiles, lizards, snakes, wombats, kookaburras, wallabies, tawny frogmouths and more ready to say g'day.

Rest your feet in the Homestead Bistro and hone into their special pancake menu, or one of the delicious

scones as you prepare for battle and a birdie.

Recharged head out to Pirate Pete's Mini Golf for a round with friends and family.

With yearly memberships available and the new all-inclusive ticket giving you access to the animal park, mini golf and kangaroo feed there has never been a better time to visit.

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Sharon showcases the delicious strawberries available as part of Macca's Farm's 'Pick Your Own' strawberries.

PETER and Angelika bought their dream farm 14 years ago, and what started as a hobby with the two enjoying the fresh air and relaxed country lifestyle has quickly grown to one of the most recognisable paddock-to-plate brands in South Gippsland.

As you drive into Macca's Farm you are welcomed by cows, piglets and bees, step out of the car and you will quickly spot Narima and Max (the puppies) ready to greet you as you enter inside.

Pick your own strawberries this Easter (until late May) and indulge in local delights.

Celebrating the produce store and café's fourth birthday, Angelika and Peter have created a foodies' oasis, stocking honey from the bees onsite, free-range meats and small goods raised on farm, hydroponic lettuce, herbs, and vine crops from the paddocks, local Gippsland cheese and dairy, chutneys, jams, crackers, chocolate, olive oil, seasonal fruit and vegetables... the list is endless – with all produce grown onsite or sourced from local producers.

"We are constantly trying to eliminate packaging and plastics," Peter explained.

"Our prices are competitive, and we bring nourishing, wholesome, clean produce in a true paddock-to-plate experience."

"We have our own full-time butcher and pride ourselves on our free-range, grass-fed Angus being 100 per cent additive, hormone and preservative free."

Enjoy the views and fresh air as you waltz through the strawberry fields and sit back on the porch as you catch your breath amongst 158 acres.

"We recently had fourteen piglets born and visitors can see them roaming around the fields."

Two-hundred-year-old heritage apples from the Strzelecki Ranges, Lemon Curd, fresh Horseradish, Burra Brewing Co larger, ales and pilsners, there is plenty to restock your cupboards with.

Overload your basket for the week and don't forget your four-legged friend with bones and dried liver treats also available.

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Always looking for team members, pop in store today and speak with Angelika or Peter to work with the incredible and dedicated team.



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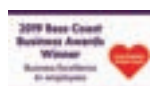
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Jack Botts is set to perform at the Reconnect Festival in Leongatha on Friday, April 29.



South Gippsland singer songwriter, Janie Gordon has been gracing the music scene for many years now and gained national recognition on The Voice.

The Pierce Brothers may not be local, but their music has filled the halls and venues across Gippsland for over a decade.



Reconnect 2022

IT STARTED on a hill 13 years ago.

With a two and four-year-old now bouncing on Aidan's lap, times have changed, but his passion and dedication for the music scene - in particular in Gippsland - has not waned.

If anything, it's morphed and transformed into an entity bigger than Aidan and his brother Rhett could have dreamed.

Bringing people back together and providing opportunities for local artists are among the main aims of the inaugural Reconnect Festival.

"Also, just as a social event, something fun and exciting and community-based," Aidan began.

"To be able to reconnect after the years we've all been through in terms of COVID.

"We were very aware that there's not a lot of night-time activities for young people.

"We grew up and had great experiences where we could go to lots of different things.

"We're passionate about giving young people that opportunity, that experience. We've been wanting to achieve something like this for a long time - it's been great co-creating with South Gippsland Shire."

Reliant on external funding is the only way festivals of this nature are possible.

"Unfortunately, making it work financially is the biggest challenge. There is only so much you can charge on a ticket to make it accessible for young people, and it doesn't go anywhere near covering the cost of running an event like this."

At \$10 a ticket and an additional \$5 for the buses, South Gippsland Shire and The Hills Are Alive have brought a dream to life for many young adults through the South Gippsland Shire

Council's Community Support Package and FReeZA.

"Council is excited to welcome live music back to South Gippsland with the Reconnect Festival and are proud to support our community in connecting once more," Mayor Cr Mohya Davies added.

"It's great and the response has been incredible - 600 tickets have sold to date," Aidan explained.

With buses available to and from all major townships, including Leongatha, Wonthaggi, Foster, Korumburra, Inverloch and Mirboo North, Reconnect is an all-ages event that is alcohol, drug and smoke free - the perfect opportunity for young and old alike to pop on their dance shoes.

"The events and arts industries, like many industries, have had such a challenging time," Aidan said.

"Bring entertainment back into the local area for attendees, but also for all the staff, contractors and artists employed by the event - it's really a wonderful thing to see.

"I think we did a great job as a society to navigate isolation. But it's definitely not, I think, something that's healthy long-term for us as humans and as community members.

"Generally, most people enjoy spending time with other people, and I think festivals and social gatherings are a great way to be able to do that."

But even with restrictions easing and festivals back on track, the pandemic brought challenges that unfortunately will not dissipate overnight.

"I think that's one of the biggest challenges right now. It's great events are coming back, but not everyone is at a point where they are comfortable to come back to large gatherings of people.

"And also, there's a lot of people who

already have a lot of tickets to shows backed up that they've been waiting for - for two years - that have been re-scheduled.

"We're definitely seeing across the board, and I don't mean just our organisation, but across the music industry as a whole - really, really low ticket sales, which is quite challenging, and also quite scary.

"A bunch of friends have gone out of business.

"A lot of events unfortunately get cancelled due to reality; for events to work, they need to sell tickets, and not a lot of people realise how expensive it is to run events.

"It's more expensive now than ever, but it is what it is and hopefully as we continue down the living with COVID track, more and more people will start to feel comfortable to go out and we will start to head back towards some form of pre-COVID normality."

Reconnect is not the only festival this month for The Hills Are Alive, with Gippsland Country Music Festival slated for April 23 at Mossvale Park.

"Coming from a regional area and being able to access live music is quite challenging, particularly live music of a certain scale.

"Acts that you may listen to and love you don't get the opportunity to see live because it's pretty rare they come out into the regional areas.

"And even when they do, it's much rarer that they're playing all-age shows.

"I think for young people in the area, it's such a great experience.

"It's a safe space where people can come, see live music and hang out with their friends.

"That's kind of what we grew up doing and loving most when we were in our teenage years and to be able to bring that back, it's just great.

"To come full circle, and the response to tickets is really exciting.

"It shows a lot of demand for this type of thing in our area and it's great to have different ages and different generations mixing and coming together."

In the music industry it's also incredibly rare a line-up for a festival comes together from the start.

"We're really lucky; it's one of those rare moments where the exact line-up that we originally wanted all happened to be available and interested, particularly with the two headliners in the Pierce Brothers and Jack Potts.

"They both tour internationally a lot and, for example, Jack Potts is currently touring Europe, and the Pierce Brothers leave for Europe in May.

"To have them at the same time is wonderful, and anyone who knows the brothers know they're arguably one of the best live bands in Australia - so much energy, so much fun."

And Jack Potts is arguably the fastest growing artist in Australia.

"He is just growing bigger and bigger every day and ticket sales are increasing all over the world - he's just a wonderful human and he's played down in Gippsland a few times now and had a phenomenal response.

"Then we've got other great bands like The Grogans, Matilda Pearl, and then two local artists Professional Moose of Wonthaggi and Janie Gordon, who a lot of people will know from Leongatha; to be able to welcome them to the Reconnect stage will be really special."

"Thanks to the South Gippsland Shire Council for being a driving force for bringing this type of event to the area.

"Hopefully it goes really well, we'd love nothing more than to see it become an annual event."

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Why you should visit 'Heesco Town'

DUE to the logistical difficulty of managing vaccination checking of the event space, the Tarra Festival Committee has regretfully decided to postpone the Tarra Festival for another year.

The plan is to hold their 50th anniversary festival in 2023.

But the good news is there's still a lot on in Yarram over Easter and the town is well worth a visit, especially on Easter Saturday, April 16.

The day features a Street Fair from 9am to 1pm in the main street of Yarram with Yarram's traders putting together a fun-filled day including Amazing Live Caricature Entertainment! You can line up and have your portrait done by this amazing artist in just a few minutes.

There's also a family fun day at the good old fashioned Country Fair at the Yarram Recreation Reserve on Saturday afternoon.

Activities include food trucks, motocross demos, carnival rides and side show alley games, community stands, trucks and vintage car displays, rock'n'roll dancing, live music, showbags, fairy floss, animal farm, pony rides, jumping castles, AFL Gippsland handball comp and finishing off with fireworks.

Ticket entry includes unlimited rides, live music, animals, the fireworks display, jumping castles, and more.

And don't miss the Easter Quilt Show at the Yarram Scout Hall and the Rotary Art Show in the historic Regent Theatre featuring more than 250 works.

There's also an Easter Monday Market at the Yarram Recreation Reserve.

ABOVE: A visit to Yarram over Easter is also a chance to see 'Heesco Town', featuring the many works of silo artist Heesco Khosnaran which have been painted on buildings around Yarram's central business district.



"Gymnastics empowers children with courage, resilience and determination to achieve anything."

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If a full school holidays program is not suitable, then indulge your kids in one of the two sessions daily.

Drop the five to seven-year-olds off and head for a coffee, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am to 11.30am or 12pm to 2pm, as the team teaches the fundamental movement patterns to your energetic kids!

For the little grooms and ninjas (1 to 5-year-olds) two one-hour sessions (9.30am and 11am) on Wednesday (parental assistance required) sees the littlest munchkins play, climb, jump, explore and learn.

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Rotating in small groups and snack breaks for re-energising, kids are guaranteed a fun-filled morning.

Whether you're from out of town or local, everyone is welcome over the school holidays (but make sure to book so you don't miss out).

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Whether redecorating, searching for a gift or updating your wardrobe, vintage pieces and new designs mean there is a unique, environmentally sustainable option.

"We have a common passion – the environment and sustainability," The Wonthaggi Market coordinator, Antoinette, explained.

"Not only are people supporting local, but we are different from other markets – we have contemporary second-hand fashion, whether you need a new outfit for a job interview, date or birthday party.

"You can walk in and walk out with a whole outfit.

"We are all very discerning about sustainability, therefore most of the clothes are cotton, linen or silk.

"Even the reusable face washers are made from 100 per cent cotton, which means at the end of their life down the track, they can go in the compost.

"Our creatives are thinking through the entire life of the items for sale."

Supporting 30 micro-businesses and winning the 2017 inaugural Bass Coast Business Innovation Award, The Wonthaggi Market is proud of how they collectively unite under one roof.

Celebrating what each does well and high-

lighting one another is part of the charm when you walk into 17 Korumburra Road.

Greeted with a smile and warm welcome, even Lola the dog has a role to play.

"Lola is in charge of customer relations," fellow micro-business owner, Annie McIlvenna, beamed.

"We are dog-friendly – as long as they are well mannered, both four and two legs are welcome inside."

"Kindness and support culture," Antoinette added. "We try to be accessible for all abilities and to be a safe place."

With a gold mine of goodies inside, Antoinette has even had requests from interstate social media users to purchase items.

"We posted a picture of a 1950s dress pattern on Facebook and was asked if we could send it to Queensland!"

Sustainably sourced wood also makes up Tom's handmade wood resin pendants, and reclaimed sea glass from Kilcunda find themselves in Antoinette's own jewellery designs.

Hand-painted upcycled furniture, pots given a new lease on life, handmade cards, antiques and one-of-a-kind fabric can be found in the nooks, whilst a bloke's section with old wooden tools and art corner rounds out an incredible space filled with unique, sustainable pieces.



Antoinette and the micro-business owners at The Wonthaggi Market look forward to welcoming you this Easter with plenty of unique pieces in their treasure trove.

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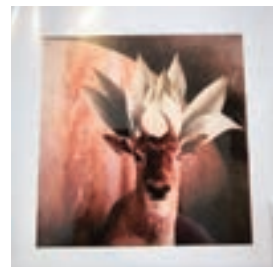
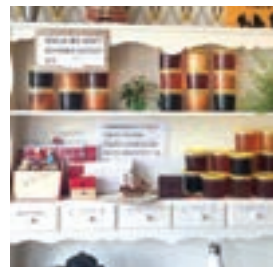
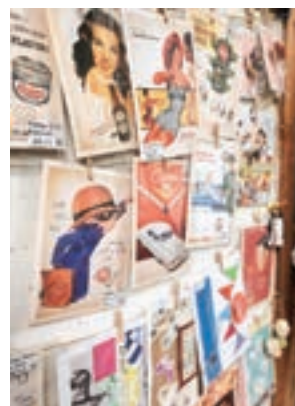
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Start the ride from Anderson (or Woolamai if you're on foot) with a scenic journey through rural farmland as the trail connects with the coast, then take a breather at Kilcunda. The beachside town is blessed with options for some good tucker.

Make your way down to Shelley Beach, living up to its name thanks to millions of tiny shells.

You're in for a treat as you head out of town with a crossing of the magnificent Kilcunda Trestle Bridge over Bourne Creek. Take a moment to admire the views toward rocky outcrops from the heritage-listed beauty.

You'll cross a road that leads down to the Mouth of the Powlett if you want to while away a few hours.

Next, you'll see the unmissable wind turbines of the Wonthaggi Wind Farm. These grand structures create a renewable energy source and power more than 6000 homes locally.

Continue on towards Wonthaggi. The bustling township has a thriving retail scene and a burgeoning cafe scene.

The 20km-plus fine gravel track through farmland, coastal bushland, historic coal mining reserves and rugged coastline is not to be missed and should be on everyone's to-do list – whether you're a local or visiting.

The Bass Coast Rail Trail also links to the George Bass Coastal Walk at Kilcunda, making it possible to walk from Punch Bowl in San Remo all the way to the centre of Wonthaggi.



Bruce Higgs and partner Simone Du Cane of Wonthaggi enjoy the Great Southern Rail Trail, pausing in front of the imposing Korumburra Station.

Great Southern Rail Trail

You can now ride from Korumburra to Leongatha

CONNECTIONS between South Gippsland towns continue to improve with the ongoing expansion of the Great Southern Rail Trail, enabling visitors and locals to explore the area by bike, on horseback, or walking.

It's a great way to visit towns once serviced by the Great Southern Rail line, appreciating their railway heritage while enjoying what they offer now.

The section of trail between Korumburra and Leongatha recently officially opened.

"This new section, along with the vast number of improvements that have taken place over many years, helps cement the Great Southern Rail Trail as one of our region's most important visitor attractions and community assets," Mayor Cr Mohya Davies said.

Bruce Higgs and partner Simone Du Cane of Wonthaggi were among the early explorers of the new section,

riding their eye-catching tandem bike.

They tackled the stretch from Korumburra to Koonwarra.

Those keen to explore the trail on two wheels have the option to reduce their exertion and cover more ground on an eBike.

Leongatha's Great Southern Ride bicycle store is ideally situated on Bair Street, close to the rail trail.

It's run by enthusiastic couple Paul and Amanda, with Amanda having grown up in Leongatha.

"Our service is personal, and we like to spend time with our customers," Paul said.

The business offers eBikes for hire or purchase, with hybrids and other styles available.

Hire rates are currently \$65 for a half day or \$100 for a full day.

Paul, Amanda, and employee Mary are happy to explain how the bikes work as well as providing advice on the Great Southern Rail

Trail and what is available in the area.

"It's a spectacular ride from end to end," Paul said of the trail, which is set to expand further.

With the opening of the section joining Leongatha and Korumburra, it is now possible to enjoy the 87km stretch of Great Southern Rail Trail between Korumburra and Port Welshpool.

Work is currently in progress on the section joining Korumburra and Nyora, with a couple of parts of that section already open.

As of early April, they are Bena to Loch (9.7km), and Berrys Road to Nyora (3.1km).

The 5.7km section between Korumburra and Bena is forecast to open in mid-2022, with the Loch to Berrys Road 2.5km section of trail expected to open between mid to late this year.

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LIVE BEATBOXING

RORY Fuery, aka ROO FOO, will be performing his unique beatboxing act live from 5pm to 6pm on Wednesday, April 13 in Cowes and Wednesday, April 20, in Inverloch. ROO FOO will be joined by the YMCA Bass Coast Skate Parks and YES Youth Hub Crew with a barbecue, skate gear and tips to get you started.

EGG HUNTS

Leongatha

THE Leongatha Golf Club will host an Easter egg hunt on Good Friday. Registrations for the hunt start at 10.30am, and the hunt begins at 11am. It is \$5 for a hunting licence and gold coin donation per person for the Good Friday Appeal. Fish and chip lunch available to purchase.

Venus Bay

JOIN the Venus Bay Angling Club on Easter Sunday at 10am at Fishermans Road Jetty for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

ART SHOW

THE Sandy Point Easter Art Show is on from April 16 to 18, 10am to 4pm, at the Sandy Point Community Centre. Go to sandypointcc.org.au/art-show.

FISHING COMPETITIONS

Venus Bay

JOIN the Venus Bay Angling Club's Easter Fishing Competition over the four days from April 15 to 18. Details at the clubhouse in Fishermans Road, Second Estate, Venus Bay.

San Remo

THE 6th Annual San Remo Easter Fishing Competition, hosted by Jim's Bait & Tackle, is back this year over the Easter long weekend. Keep an eye on Jim's Bait & Tackle Australia socials for up-to-date details.

Walkerville

THE Walkerville Bluewater Boat and Angling Club's annual Easter competition is held on Easter Saturday and Sunday, with the daily weigh-in from 5pm to 6pm at the Walkerville Community Hall. Contact Ian Trease on 0427 644 386.

EASTER SHEEP DOG TRIALS

THE Welshpool dog trials for beginners up to high-level competitors! Come along for a great family weekend and watch the champion working dogs in action. There also will be fun events you can watch or enter! Open for everyone, camping available, no need to prebook. Go to belokakelpies.com.au.

YARRAM STREET FAIR

EASTER Saturday features a Street Fair from 9am to 1pm in the main street. There's also a family fun day at the Country Fair at the Yarram Recreation Reserve on Saturday afternoon. And don't miss the Easter Quilt Show at the Yarram Scout Hall and the Rotary Art Show.

BOOLARRA COMMUNITY DAY

ON EASTER Saturday, April 16, there will be an Easter egg hunt, car boot sale, barbecue, live music and more. Contact Colin Brick on 0455 121 259.

MARKETS

Inverloch

THE Inverloch Rotary Easter Market is on this Saturday, April 16, from 9am to 1pm at the Andersons Inlet Angling Club.

Toora

THIS is your opportunity to buy a bargain and help support community programs. Located at Vi-Plus Factory from 8am to 1pm on April 16.

Prom Country Farmers Market

FARM fresh produce and more at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre Gardens (in the hall if wet) from 8am to 12pm on April 16.

Promontory Home & Produce Market

Markets run by Foster Rotary and Toora Lions with more than 150 stalls around the oval at Foster Showgrounds from 8am to 1pm at the Foster Showgrounds on April 17.

Tarwin Lower

A HUGE market day will be held at the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Memorial Hall from 8am to 1pm on Monday, April 18, with stallholders, a sausage sizzle and cake stall.

Yarram

THERE'S an Easter Monday Market at the Yarram Recreation Reserve.

Leongatha Community Market

THERE will plenty to browse at Community College - Leongatha Campus from 8.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday, April 23.

Mirboo North

THE vibrant community market is on Saturday, April 30, at Baromi Park.

Jumbunna Bush Market

Head to the Jumbunna Community Hall from 9am to 1pm on May 1.

HISTORIC CAR SHOW

ON SATURDAY, April 16, the Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club will be hosting their display of vintage and historic cars at Apex Park, Wonthaggi, from 8am to 2pm. Visit bchac.com.au.

FUN RUN AND WALK

COME down to Venus Bay on Sunday, April 17, with a shotgun start at 3pm from Venus Bay Beach 1. After the event, there will be food trucks, drinks and entertainment. Visit vbslsc.org.au/surf2cinq.

LANG LANG RODEO

THE Lang Lang Rodeo is back this year on Easter Monday. Come and bring the family for a fast-moving, action-packed day.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Gippsland Country Music Festival

WITH a jam-packed line-up, the Gippsland Country Music Festival will be held on April 23 at Mossvale park. Go to gippslandcountrymusicfestival.com.

World Music Event in Inverloch

BASS Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group presents its inaugural World Music Event on Saturday, April 23, at the Inverloch Community Hub, with doors opening at 7pm. Tickets \$50 at trybooking.com/BXOZP.

Reconnect, All-Ages Festival

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council and The Hills Are Alive! are pleased to present this concert on Friday, April 29, at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve. Go to bit.ly/3Jh08op.

HOSPITAL FETE

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Stopping for coffee *along the way*

WHEREVER you go in South Gippsland and Bass Coast, over the Easter break and right throughout autumn, there are dozens of great places to stop for coffee, a healthy lunch, or a more substantial dinner date.

The possibilities are endless but whether it’s a ride on the rail trail, walking the dog on the beach or simply a drive in the country to one of the region’s iconic small towns, it’s inevitable that a stop for coffee will be on the agenda.

Where will you find the best

brew? That’s up to you but you might try these stops for size:

- Mitch’s Latte Lounge, Wonthaggi Plaza
- The Grantville Pantry
- Kilcunda General Store
- BEANd San Remo
- 3925 Espresso Newhaven
- The Coffee Collective, McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi
- The Hicksborough Store & Café, White Road, Wonthaggi
- Silverleaves Store & Cafe
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- Number 9 in Leongatha
- The Local Inverloch
- The Pandesal Bakery in Meeniyan
- Kelly’s Bakery in Korumburra
- The Tiny Tea Pot, Korumburra
- Luscious Café, Korumburra
- Lamezleighs Café & Bar, Mirboo North

And that’s just for starters. Pick up a brew before going for a stroll around town, or after you’ve earned it with a ride or walk on the Great Southern Rail Trail.

One of their favourite places in the world is Loch village. There’s nothing that Gav and Ony of Black Rock enjoy more than going for a drive in the country and stopping off at Loch Village for a coffee and browse.

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Join the 'DRINKS TRAIL'

The last of the grapes have been picked, including these cabernet sauvignon grapes at Purple Hen Wines on Phillip Island, where winemaker Rick Lacey, and the other vineyards across the region, have thrown open their cellar doors for Easter.

RIGHT across South Gippsland and Bass Coast, the grapes have been picked, and the process of making great local wine in 2022 has begun.

So, there's a sense of celebration at the vineyards and cellar doors around the district and there's no better time, than over the Easter break, to get out there are join in.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Harman Wines at 612 Korumburra-Inverloch Road, Wattle Bank, is open for lunch, dinner or a drink from Friday to Sunday with live music every Sunday.
- Dirty Three Wines, Inverloch. The new vintage has been picked and processed and the decks have been cleared for wine and good times between now and Easter featuring Easter Sunday, April 17, with music by Dai Jones & Friends.

- Purple Hen Wines, Phillip Island. The grapes have been picked and pressed at Purple Hen Wines overlooking beautiful, tranquil Swan Bay near Rhyll. Call in and taste their Gippsland award-winning wines.

- Phillip Island Vineyard & Winery. This winery is set in a stunning rural setting on Phillip Island where you'll not only find great wines, but also a wonderful venue for everything from casual dinners to weddings and special occasions.
- Waratah Hills Vineyard. This award-winning winery on the road to Wilson's Promontory National Park is one of the southern-most vineyards on the Australian mainland offering wine tastings, cellar door sales, tasting plates and local produce.

For further inspiration, check out the

South Gippsland 'Drink Trail', not only taking you to vineyards in the area but also to brewers and distillers as well.

One of the most scenic drives in the region will take you past magnificent views of Corner Inlet and Wilsons Prom while depositing you at Gurneys Cider between Foster and Fish Creek.

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With Inverloch Food & Wine Tours, enjoy small group tours through beautiful scenery to reach equally picturesque cellar doors and farm gates.

Best of all, let them do the driving so you can sit back, relax and enjoy a glass of wine, or two...



Unique, vintage and homemade

THE small town of Kongwak features rolling hills and farmland, with a treasured vintage market open every Sunday between 10am and 2pm.

Situated in South Gippsland, only 18km from Wonthaggi, the weekly market continues to entice locals and visitors with the aroma of fresh coffee and homemade pastries.

All are welcome to stroll the many diverse second-hand boutiques and enjoy the alluring atmosphere with the sound of local artists including Nick Carver and the Mean Street Butchers performing live.

Market manager and founder of the Kongwak Market, Jane Seaholme, began the beloved market 20 years ago and today both original stall holders and fresh new faces welcome patrons along.

"Our stalls offer anything from a diverse range of plants, records, vintage clothes and fresh produce; you can join in on selling any homemade or second-hand goods, all are welcome," said Jane.

The weekly event has 30-plus stalls available and is plastic and smoke free. Stalls can be booked through Jane Seaholme on 0417 142 478.

ABOVE: Organiser of the Kongwak market, Jane Seaholme, provides her patrons with freshly-baked pastries and hot coffee on Sunday mornings.

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The Wolfe Brothers

EXCITEMENT is building around the second annual Gippsland Country Music Festival, locked in for April 23.

The Mossvale Park festival will be headlined by Kasey Chambers, The Wolfe Brothers, Travis Collins and Adam Harvey, with Darlinghurst, Taylor Moss, Mick Harrington, The Strzelecki Stringbusters, Bob Wilson Barkindji Man, Lee SonnyBoy Morgan, DJ Brat Paisley, and MC Ben Mastwyk.

Gates open for the Gippsland Country Music Festival at 11am, with a Welcome to Country kick-starting the event. Live music continues all day, with Kasey Chambers taking the stage at 8pm to close out the evening. The event also features line dancing classes from renowned local line-dance instructor Linda Pink, wood-chopping demonstrations, rides, market stalls and a host of delicious Gippsland food and drinks on offer, including a smokehouse barbecue and onsite bars.

For organiser and long-time Gippsland local Aidan McLaren, to see such incredible support thrown behind Gippsland Country Music Festival for a second year in a row means something very special to everyone involved on working on the festival.

"To sell-out the inaugural event so quickly was such an exciting moment," he says.

"For a long time we've felt like the Gippsland region deserved to have its own country music festival, and now that it's here, and people are loving it, we truly hope it is something that can continue for many years to come. To be able to welcome world-class country acts to the local region, while also providing opportunities to local acts is something we're really proud of."

The Gippsland Country Music Festival is not just about bringing the music to Gippsland, but also about showcasing everything that Gippsland has to offer.

"We hope the festival is huge for our Gippsland region, both economically and socially," says Aidan.

"Our ticketing data shows that a lot of people are travelling from outside of Gippsland to attend. The knock-on effects of this to local business is immense, as many of these people will be staying overnight in Gippsland and most likely exploring some of the other amazing places the region has to offer.

"The event itself also engages many local contractors and businesses. For our locals, having world-class artists performing on your doorstep is pretty special, however, the event also provides people a chance to connect with each other and share an enjoyable day out connecting with family and friends of all ages, and the local community.

"After the last two years we've all had, I think that's really important and something we're all looking forward to.

"For those from greater Melbourne and outside of Gippsland, be prepared to fall in love with Gippsland. Chances are once you've spent some time here and seen how great this place is, you'll soon be looking to make the move down permanently."

As for the local community, Aidan says the response they've received from the Gippsland region for the event has been phenomenal.

"The support from the community has been great, and it's been such a joy to have so many local people and organisations involved in the running of the event," he says.

For more information, please visit gippslandcountry-musicfestival.com.

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Real estate and insurance all in one place

THE focus on customer focus at Elders Leongatha has resulted in on-going growth across its insurance, real estate, and livestock sale sections, with the multi-faceted business shifting into their custom-designed Bair Street premises last week (Monday, April 4).

"All of our products are expanding, and we were wanting to upgrade our office, get more exposure and we needed bigger premises to house everybody," auctioneer and branch manager Rohan McRae said.

He praised TS Constructions for its handling of the project and its ability to tailor the premises to the needs of Elders and its customers.

That included the installation of many separate office spaces, and soundproofing in the walls and roof to eliminate echoes from the existing large building.

Rohan said consideration was given to creating an open-plan office space, but it was decided a more traditional layout would be best, ensuring privacy for clients.

Staff are excited about the move into a modern purpose-built facility that allows for further expansion of the businesses.

One side of the new premises is devoted to insurance, with the other houses real estate and livestock offices.

There is also a livestock workstation down the back.

Real estate sales agent Katrina Griggs is delighted about the move and the opportunity it creates to gain exposure for the business.

"We've got all new real estate displays

in the front window, which is very exciting, so a big fresh look," Katrina said.

She said some people missed the old premises due to their arcade location.

Jamie Hutchison is co-director of the Leongatha Elders Insurance franchise and has been actively involved in the transition to the new office.

"We've grown really quickly and don't have room for all of our staff in this office," Jamie said of the old McCartin Street premises.

The insurance business recently employed a new person and is advertising to fill another vacancy, with no room left in the old office to accommodate those additions to the team.

A move to the new spacious office will enable the team to work together efficiently, with room for further expansion.

The Elders Leongatha Insurance business recently won Elders' Insurer of the Year, a national award.

Elders also granted its Leongatha Real Estate branch 'elite status'.

While the business' customer appeal is demonstrated by its need for larger premises to accommodate its expanding number of staff, Elders has provided official endorsement of the Leongatha branch's customer outlook.

"We just won the Customer Satisfaction award, which is a national award with Elders," Rohan said.

Such recognition has been achieved despite the constraints of an outgrown setting, pointing to a bright future for customers and staff at Elders' new Bair Street office.



Co-director of Elders Insurance franchise Jamie Hutchison and real estate sales agent Katrina Griggs outside the new Bair Street premises. A03_1422

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Cape Paterson can expand and keep its character: agent

A PROMINENT real estate believes an ongoing controversial development at Cape Paterson should go ahead despite community objections.

The proposal seeks to rezone approximately 53 hectares of farming zone to a general residential zone at the town's northern boundary, which local agent Blair Hodges says will be beneficial for growth.

However, the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association (CPRRA) has long been opposed to the proposal and repeatedly called for a settlement boundary reduction.

The situation has come to a head after the release of the state government's Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) and the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), which didn't recommend a boundary reduction for Cape Paterson, including the proposed development area.

Mr Hodges argued that Inverloch was a prime example of a town that has undergone significant expansion but still largely retains its character and charm.

"Considering the expansion it has gone through... it hasn't lost its village atmosphere," he said.

"It's home to many families and if you drive around Inverloch, it has got a good feeling; there's no derelict homes and it's a very proud town.

"There's no reason Cape Paterson can't be the same."

Mr Hodges also highlighted the recently

By Nick Sinis

developed 'Eco Village' at Cape Paterson had greatly benefited the town.

"There are a lot of houses and people, but has it affected Cape Paterson? No."

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, who recently met with CPRRA to discuss the DAL, said her office had been contacted by numerous concerned residents.

"I get that the Cape community is absolutely fatigued by the whole planning process and its variations that started well over 10 years ago and I want to acknowledge their continued fierce effort and persistence to get good planning outcomes for their town.

"In terms of comparing it with retractions in other townships like Grantville or Newhaven, it is not like for like; they were due to inundations, coastal sea level rise, marsh conditions.

"All future planning amendments will need to be consistent with the SPP which sits so much higher than what is currently in place.

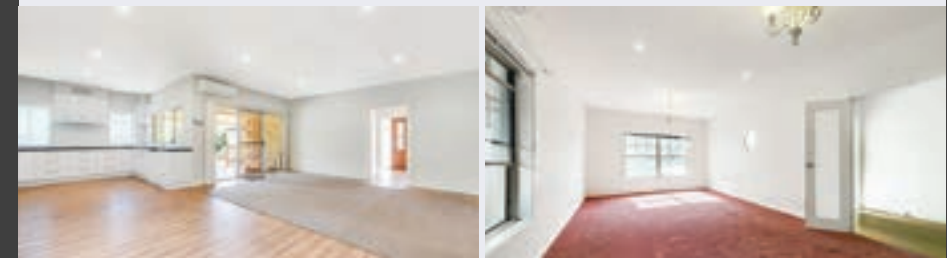
"I would think, as an example, a reduction in the number of dwellings, larger block sizes would be something the developers will consider in order to facilitate the native vegetation requirement and meet the requirements of the policy domains."

Public consultation is now underway on the draft SPP until April 29.

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Why don't you just buy a house?

By Kristen O'Loughlin

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STRUGGLING with increasing costs of the rental market? Finding it difficult to find a decent rental property within your budget? Worried about the insecurity of only being offered a short-term lease?

Boy, does PM Scott Morrison have the answer for you!

"This is about Australians getting into homes. The best way to support people renting a house is to help them buy a house."

Now, I usually like to take a neutral position when writing about the way politics affects the market, but this statement is easily one of the dumbest and most tone deaf ever said by a leader of our country.

The cost of living continues to increase at a rate that makes the ratio to wage gap grow by the day. Add to this the effects of food prices skyrocketing thanks to Australia's constant barrage of natural disasters, rising inflation and the war



in Ukraine, pushing petrol prices to a point where people literally cannot afford to fill their car up to drive to work. The extreme daily struggle of life is quickly becoming the "new norm" for everyone.

APRA has tightened lending, meaning even if you are one of the lucky ones managing to save some sort of a

deposit, it's still never enough to get your foot in the door.

It is no secret there is a serious affordable housing shortage in this country, and thanks to the pandemic and aforementioned conditions, we are also seeing the homeless rate across Australia surge at an alarming rate.

And what is the solution given from our illustrious

leader? Just go buy a house.

This probably shouldn't come as a surprise from a man who can't even tell you the cost of a loaf of bread. But the out of touch attitude of our PM to the very people who hold his future in their hands at present astounds me.

With interest rate increases on the horizon, renters who

are already doing it tough are about to find not living - but merely surviving - their biggest hurdle. While national residency property rental vacancy rates are at their lowest since 2006, with regional markets struggling much more than metro areas, renters will have no choice but to dig deeper into their pockets to hold onto their rental property if they're already lucky enough to have one.

To add to this hideous pressure cooker of a market, international borders are now opening and COVID restrictions easing, meaning local residents will also be competing against international students and workers coming back to the country, further fuelling demand in a market that currently only favours investors.

Unfortunately, the ongoing rental crisis is not going to be solved overnight, or by federal, state, and local governments all working on segmented solutions instead of working together.

And I'm no expert, but one thing I can say with 100 per cent certainty is the answer to Australia's biggest issue is not going to be solved by a \$20,000 government grant to go and buy a house.

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There are exposed beam ceilings, pine-lined throughout (so no painting ever!) and Solomit Acoustic ceilings throughout, thus providing natural thermal insulation and reducing noise.

Inside, the timber kitchen offers an electric oven with gas cooktop, Bosch dishwasher, double sink, and neat corner pantry, set alongside the dining room with windows capturing the northern aspect and sunshine.

The living area to the front of the home is spacious and has recently had glass double doors installed between the kitchen and dining space, allowing the choice

to have this space open or separated. In winter, enjoy the Norseman wood heater along with a reverse cycle air conditioner for comfort and ease when required.

The master bedroom adjoins the family bathroom, providing dual access use. The second and third bedrooms both have built-in robes.

The bathroom with shower, separate bath, and basin adjoins the laundry with separate WC room. Externally under roofline is the double drive-through carport, with an additional outdoor mudroom/washroom with second toilet and a fully lined storeroom - a great space that could easily be converted to a bedroom or office.

Out in the yard to the rear of the block is a double garage, workshop space, small vegetable garden and some fruit trees amongst the relics of the hen house.

There are earthy, raw, and natural timbers throughout this home, with lovely veranda space for outdoor entertaining. This truly clever and unique

home offers the next custodian an opportunity to enjoy, expand and love the home that George built.

It is within walking distance to the schools, a variety of shops and cafes, beautiful Baromi Park that offers monthly craft and produce markets, and the great sporting facilities this wonderful township of Mirboo North offers, including access to the Grand Ridge Rail Trail.

It is 25 minutes to the Latrobe Valley, 20 min to Leongatha and under two hours to Melbourne. Call Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate on 0429 045 632 to discuss further and arrange a personal inspection.



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Ray White – here when you need them

FROM humble beginnings in an old shed on a railway siding in the smallest of country towns, Ray White prospered.

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It has evolved into Australasia's most successful real estate business, with more than 1000 individual offices across Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, China, Hong Kong, the Middle East and Atlanta, USA.

And there are now offices across Bass Coast and South Gippsland, including in Wonthaggi, Foster, Inverloch, Leongatha, Cape Paterson, Phillip Island and Sandy Point.

The Foster and Sandy Point teams brought five decades of real estate experience under the Ray White banner, and they have been using the national capabilities of Australia's leading agency to continue growing the two businesses.

Sandy Point is only about two hours from Melbourne and is well-known as a seaside holiday destination. The Ray White Sandy Point office specialises in holiday rentals and with the addition of seachangers from Melbourne flocking to the town, director Peter Bellingham hopes to build the business to better serve the newcomers and locals of the area.

Meanwhile, through Ray White Foster, they have a clear goal to grow and expand the property management team and rent roll.

On Phillip Island, the local Island community is at the centre of everything they do. You'll find Ray White Phillip Island active and involved at all levels, supporting local sporting clubs, schools and businesses across the Island.

You can rest assured that they have the local

market knowledge and experience required to get you the best possible result. They offer an innovative approach, providing strategic and individualised marketing catered to your property.

Their property management team will go above and beyond to protect your investment and your return, while still providing a loved home for tenants.

In Inverloch, Fiona McMahon-Hughes and her family – including Fiona's father Kevin McMahon and her daughter Olivia Hughes – set up a new real estate business as part of the Ray White Group in 2020.

Between the three, they brought more than four decades of real estate and business experience to the people of Inverloch.

Although Inverloch is a well-known holiday destination, lots of young people and families have moved to the area attracted by the beautiful natural environment as well as good schools, kindergartens and other services.

With Ray White being a long established and successful family owned and led business, it was an easy decision for Fiona to join their group.

In Wonthaggi, the well-known PBE Real Estate team, now headed by Adam Mabilia and Chris Wood, recently made the transition to the Ray White Group in partnership with Ray White Inverloch, headed up by Fiona.

Within the office, the team have brought decades of experience to the Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson area but will now be backed by the global reach, brand recognition and superior support offered by Ray White.

Wonthaggi boasts a wide spectrum of properties from new builds through to unit complexes and everything in between, including miner's cottages and acreage.

Meanwhile, Cape Paterson and Kilcunda are

most well-known for coastal retreats and luxury residences.

There have been some exciting changes happening at Ray White Leongatha, and owners Mick Hanily, Jason Harris and Kasey Bowman could not be happier with how it has all come together.

Following the change from Stockdale & Leggo to Ray White in December, the Leongatha office recently received a full revamp and is now a sophisticated and modern space that complements the Ray White brand, and what it stands for.

There has also been the introduction of some fresh faces in the office, with Rebecca Wylie joining the property management team as well as David Trotman and Paige Matthews joining the sales team.

Ray White is still a family-owned business, now spanning residential, commercial and rural property as well as hotels, marine, property management and property funds investment. When you choose Ray White, you're choosing more than 120 years of experience across thousands of agents around Australia, Asia and New Zealand.

Ray White created a business his family took pride in. A pride reflected in a determination to keep testing its potential. Forever expanding with new members and new services.

Ray's philosophy was simple and enduring. He and his subsequent leaders had a basic test for everything they did and do. An overwhelming desire to bring benefits to whom they transacted business with and to all those that trusted their careers to the 'Ray White' name.

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Coastal lifestyle on an acre

IF YOU'D love watching waterbirds swimming peacefully in the neighbouring dam while you enjoy a relaxing breakfast or spending your evenings listening to a symphony of pobblebonk frogs as you watch breathtaking sunsets over Phillip Island, this is your opportunity to secure the perfect coastal lifestyle property.

Boasting sweeping ocean views of the eastern channel and beyond, all the way out to Pyramid Rock, 'Bunjil Waters' is a superbly positioned and thoughtfully-designed one-acre property in San Remo that is far enough from the hustle and bustle of town to feel like your own private oasis, but within easy walking distance to beaches, shops, as well as both primary and secondary schools.

Perfect for a large family, entertaining, or just relaxing, this property is versatile enough to do it all in comfort and style.

The central feature of the house is the enormous open plan kitchen, dining and living area. Overlooking the neighbouring dam, and with ocean views from nearly every window, this zone is equipped with a walk-in pantry, stone benchtops, breakfast bar, quality stainless appliances and a 1500mm designer wood heater.

The indoor living spaces flow seamlessly into the outdoor entertaining areas.

The undercover west-facing deck is ideally positioned to enjoy dinner or a quiet beverage as you watch the sunset over the water.

The open, north-facing deck is perfect for hosting, with plenty of room to seat a dozen or more guests and a plumbed-in gas connection point to make outdoor cooking and barbecuing a breeze!

After a fun-filled day, retire for the night to your separately zoned master bedroom, fully equipped with a walk-in robe and ensuite.

The other members of your family can choose from one of four bedrooms in the

home's southern wing. These are serviced by the second bathroom, and an additional separate third toilet.

Across the way from the master bedroom is a sixth bedroom, complete with its own walk-in robe. With a window that shares the ocean view, it is spacious enough to make an additional private living space, or large home office.

Additional features include:

- 6.5-star energy rating.
- Dual tank solar-boosted hot water system.
- Double-glazed windows throughout.
- 2.7m ceilings throughout.
- Powered 6m x 4.5m workshop (with its own ocean view), complete with electric roller door.
- Two plumbed-in outdoor gas points, ready to hook up the barbecue or build your own outdoor kitchen.
- Central split system heating and cooling.
- Large two-car garage with twin automatic panel-lift doors.
- Ample indoor and outdoor storage.
- Original 9m x 4.5m shed, currently utilised as a crafting space and pottery studio.
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Lake Wattle Bank

IN AMONGST the thriving and dynamic locality of Wattle Bank is this established gem with all the necessary work done.

With established trees, sheds and a pool, all you have to do is move in!

Situated at 615 Lynnes Road with blissful privacy, this home is sits on a sublime allotment of approximately 6.8 acres in Bass Coast, one of Victoria's fastest growing rural municipalities.

Lake Wattle Bank is an established home in a neighbourhood zoned Rural Living, with blocks in the area averaging five acres or more. Being less than a 10-minute trip from Wonthaggi and Inverloch, you're ensured that privacy and space will be a constant without sacrificing easy access to education, health care, shopping, and the region's beautiful beaches.

Whether it's the views over the man-made lake or looking out towards the rolling hills from the poolside, this lifestyle oasis has it all. The property itself is surrounded by well-established trees and open space, creating a sense of privacy and a tranquil country feel.

A welcoming lounge and dining area features a large, exposed brick open fireplace which flows into a modern kitchen with timber floors and stone benchtops overlooking the pool and surrounds.

The home features four bedrooms and two bathrooms.

One bedroom is located just off the kitchen/dining area, taking in the northern sunshine. The

spacious master bedroom is partnered by a renovated ensuite, and features built-in robes, whilst the adjacent two bedrooms are equipped with linen cupboards and built-in robes, serviced by the second bathroom.

A short walk out the back door at the eastern side of the property leads to a 6m x 12m detached garage with roller doors on either end for ease of access to ample storage of tools and machinery.

In addition, a separate 6.3m x 7m double lock-up garage located right next to the house for undercover parking of vehicles. The property is serviced by two large rainwater tanks, enabling you to say goodbye to water rates and bills.

Just a few footsteps out of the kitchen, the door opens to a well-covered, north-facing wide veranda accompanied by a solar-heated inground pool with detached and undercover outdoor living.

Absolutely ideal for warm nights, you can relax and take in the ambience that comes with a property of this nature.

2.75ha

615 Lynnes Road, **Wattle Bank**

For Sale \$1.385m

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INVERLOCH 31 High Street

A PRIME LOCATION ACCOMPANIED BY SEA VIEWS

- 200m walk to beaches and street
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and 2 living areas
- North east elevated deck with a water view

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WONTHAGGI 123 Chisholm Road

THE WAVES AT CUTLERS BEACH

- Set on 5 acres is this rare lifestyle property,
- A short walk to Cutlers Beach
- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large living/dining, well-appointed kitchen and large office space

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INVERLOCH 4 Scott Place

HIDDEN GEM IN PEACEFUL LOCATION

- Solid brick home on a generous 887m2 block
- 3-bedrooms, one bathroom
- Raked ceilings, exposed beams and 2 undercover patio areas

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INVERLOCH 39 Bayview Avenue

POSITION PERFECT

- Close to Inverloch's shops, cafes and beaches.
- Two generous sized bedrooms, one-bathroom, open dining / kitchen and living area
- Low maintenance yard with a garden

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INVERLOCH Unit 8/18 St Kilda Street

DREAMING OF YOUR OWN HOLIDAY APARTMENT?

- Situated across the road from the Andersons Inlet beach and the adjacent foreshore reserve
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- Open plan kitchen, living and dining

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Dramatic ocean views

Your ultimate coastal vantage

LOCATED on The Esplanade in Surf Beach, this home is perfect for those who have been searching for the best location while also offering benchmark quality and superb ocean views.

This home's striking architectural design takes advantage of its elevated corner location to provide unparalleled views from Cape Woolamai to Pyramid Rock.

On the ground floor, there is a landscaped covered side entry, two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchenette, laundry and living area. This level is completely self-contained and offers its own separate entrance - ideal for visiting family or grown-up kids.

Upstairs is all about you and that wonderful view, with a huge open plan living space with a real cook's kitchen, a generous living area for big comfy couches and sliding doors that lead you out to a

veranda that takes in the home's amazing position.

The master bedroom is large and is unapologetic in the fact that it has the best outlook in the house. Its generous size allows for a king-size bed with plenty of extra room. Add to this a dressing room and a beautiful ensuite, and now you're starting to get the picture.

This level also has an indoor/outdoor entertaining area with a heated personal hygiene bath/spa.

Extra features include a massive three-bay garage with secure entry into the home. The garage is big enough to house all the toys plus a mezzanine storage area and room for a workshop.

The property also features:

- Three-car wide concrete driveway to the garage for added off-street parking for you and your guests.

- Garden shed with front and back yard access.
 - Plantation shutters.
 - Large deck area wraps around the front of the home with glass balustrades.
 - Built-in study with swivel desktop so you can work facing the view and swivel out of the way when not in use.
 - Large two-door Samsung fridge plumbed in for ice and water.
 - Three air conditioning units.
 - Coonara wood fire heater.
 - Westinghouse appliances.
 - Dishwasher.
 - Great internet speed (the node is directly across the road).
- It is situated on a large (approx.) 655m2 allotment.
- Call Alex Scott & Staff Cowes on 5952 2633 and they would be pleased to arrange a private viewing.

Established entertainer's delight

THIS quality-built family home is so beautifully presented it is a pleasure to offer it to the market.

Red clinker brick construction and absolutely full of character, it boasts a fabulous central family living environment, hostess kitchen with dining adjacent and access out to the perfect al fresco living space.

Inside, there is a zoned master suite with spa equipped ensuite, two other double bedrooms and a smaller bedroom/nursery or study, family bathroom and separate laundry.

Whether you want to spend time in the garaging/carport/workshop areas or the stunning gardens.

Solar panels, hardwood floors and wood heater keep you cosy while outside the patterned concrete drive and brick garden features complete this pearly of a home.



















3 **2** **3** 655m²

43 Batman St, **Surf Beach**
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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

ANZAC DAY QUIZ

1. **[\$100]** In what country is Gallipoli located? A. Armenia. B. Bulgaria. C Greece. D. Turkey.

2. **[\$200]** What was the birthplace of the “man with the donkey” John Simpson Kirkpatrick? A Scotland. B. England. C. Australia. D. New Zealand.

3. **[\$300]** When did the first ANZACs land at ANZAC Cove? A. April 25, 1914. B. April 25, 1915. C. April 25, 1916. D. April 25, 1917.

4. **[\$500]** When did World War 1 end? A. April 25, 1918. B. June 30, 1918. C. October 5, 1918. D. November 11, 1918.

5. **[\$1000]** What is a Catafalque Party? A. Ceremonial guard. B. Returned servicemen’s reunion. C. Turkish engagement party. D. Get-together after battle.

6. **[\$2000]** Who was Kemal Ataturk? A. Turkish author. B. First Turkish President. C. Turkish commander at Gallipoli. D. Revolutionary Turkish statesman.

7. **[\$4000]** Why is the red poppy a symbol of sacrifice in WW1? A. It grows in England. B. It is the floral emblem of the ADF. C. It grows like a weed in European war zones. D. It’s a common funeral flower in Europe.

8. **[\$8000]** When did the ANZACs leave Gallipoli? A. December 20, 1914. B. April 25, 1915. C. December 20, 1915. D. April 25, 1916.

9. **[\$16,000]** Why were Australian soldiers called ‘Diggers’? A. Ex-gold diggers in early army. B. Due to trench-digging activities. C. Another name for convicts. D. Reputation as dour fighters.

10. **[\$32,000]** In which country did the Australians do their training before embarking on the ships that transported them to Gallipoli? A. Algeria. B. Egypt. C. Sudan. D. Libya.

11. **[\$64,000]** How many ANZACs were killed on the first day of the Gallipoli battle, April 25, 1915? A. 500. B. 1000. C. 1500. D. 2000.

12. **[\$125,000]** When was the ‘Unknown Soldier’ buried in the Australian War Memorial? A. 1918. B. 1945. C. 1972. D. 1993.

13. **[\$250,000]** How many people were killed or wounded at Gallipoli? A. 250,000. B. 300,000. C. 350,000. D. 400,000.

14. **[\$500,000]** What was the AE2? A. Key battle in Gallipoli campaign. B. Australian submarine involved at Gallipoli. C. Australian-England forces at Gallipoli. D. Name of Gallipoli battle plan.

15. **[\$1,000,000]** Who wrote the poem ‘In Flanders’ Fields’? A. Laurence Binyon. B. Charles Sorley. C. Wilfred Owen. D. John McCrae.
15. D. John McCrae. 14. B. Australian submarine involved at Gallipoli. 13. D. 400,000 (142,000 Allies, 250,000 no known grave). 12. D. 1993 (November 11, likely). 11. B. Egypt. 10. B. Egypt. 9. C. December 20, 1915. 8. C. December 20, 1915. 7. C. It grows like a weed in European war zones. 6. A. Ceremonial guard. 5. A. Ceremonial guard. 4. A. Ceremonial guard. 3. B. Sunday, April 25, 1915. 2. B. Sunday, April 25, 1915. 1. Turkey. 2. B. England (Born South Shields England 1892, of Scottish parents, moved to Australia in 1914). 3. B. Sunday, April 25, 1915. 4. A. Ceremonial guard. 5. A. Ceremonial guard. 6. A. Ceremonial guard. 7. C. It grows like a weed in European war zones. 8. C. December 20, 1915. 9. C. December 20, 1915. 10. B. Egypt. 11. B. Egypt. 12. D. 1993 (November 11, likely). 13. D. 400,000 (142,000 Allies, 250,000 no known grave). 14. B. Australian submarine involved at Gallipoli. 15. D. John McCrae.
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GOSH, time is rushing on. We are already through a quarter of the year where we are rewarded with the Easter break and ANZAC Day. Looking into the crystal ball on weather forecasts from the BOM dartboard (just joking)... it will be autumnal weather. By that we hope it means that we'll be having crisp mornings and calm sunny days with cosy evenings inside.

Tonight is 'Women's Stories' at Mitchell House. If you are reading this before 4pm you may be able to book yourselves in. It's on at 7.30pm. Our guest speaker is Caroline Donohue the coordinator of the Wonthaggi Mother's Day Classic Fun Run. Caroline experienced and recovered from breast cancer in 2009 and for the last 10 years has been coordinating the terrific local fundraising event to raise awareness and support research into breast cancer.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the Classic Mother's Day Fun Run with walk/run events being held at over 70 locations across Australia. Once again, Caroline will be spearheading the Wonthaggi event on Sunday, May 8, with a 5km walk / run through the wetlands. Come along and hear Caroline's inspiring story, learn about the Fun Run origins, the tremendous work they do and how you might get involved or support next month's event. To register your interest in attending the 'Women's Stories' evening please contact Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre on 5672 3731.

Now to be sure, if you are looking to coming along to the Fxixt Café this month you will find that it is not on and has been deferred to next month. The upside of this is that it gives you plenty of time to book in your item. Remember, we do have to match your item to a fixer and so, have a good chance of getting it back to you in working order. The second desired outcome is that it doesn't go to landfill, yay! So, put in your diary Fxixt Café on Sunday 15th May, 11am to 1pm at the Harvest Centre, walk over Apex Park from Mitchell House or drive beyond the Big W Car Park past the Goods Shed.

So, coming up on Wednesday, April 13, is the Free Community Lunch. Our new chef Emma is cooking up a storm. Come along and enjoy good food while meeting new people or re acquainting yourself with old friends or bringing another along to enjoy a meal out together whilst having a chat with others. It's on at 12noon and you'll need to book ahead. So call us on 5672 3731 to book in.

Look out for our 'Money Go-Round for Free' session coming up on Wednesday, April 20, 10am to 2pm, free food and a goodie bag is provided. It is a good place to gain information, acquire tools and resources and hone your skills on money management around bills and living costs. It's important to RSVP before the day. Please say if you have dietary requirements or allergies so we can cater appropriately.

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

PEACE of mind can be hard to come by – especially in times like the last two years. Mindfulness and meditation can help maintain focus and even improve productivity.

BCAL's Mindful Living for Wellbeing course was started in response to people having difficulty with lockdown, delivered entirely online via Zoom. The course is now being relaunched as an in-person course. The sessions will give positive, practical, tried and tested solutions, aids and practices to assist with wellbeing in personal and professional lives.

Even if you don't think it's for you, it's surprising how helpful the practices can be. A participant in the earlier course said, "I was a sceptic. I didn't really know what mindfulness was but I am definitely a convert now."

The new version of the course is one of several new programs on the BCAL website right now, where you can see the full range of term two courses.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

There was a happy mix of social and work time last Thursday morning, as volunteers got together for a regular garden catch up.

They moved barrow loads of compost and manure onto depleted growing beds, watered new seedlings and cleared out the last of the old tomato plants and the remaining, unripe fruit.

Garden volunteers are keen to use every bit of the garden's harvest, and those with preserving and cooking expertise chatted about making pickles and green tomato chutney, as well as harvesting and processing the garden's olives.

The chance to share recipes, cooking and gardening tips along with the regular chores is just one aspect of the community garden's appeal. There's always time for a friendly exchange as the jobs get done.

You can find out more about what the garden has to offer you or your group by contacting tgordon@westnet.com.au or by visiting the garden on a Thursday morning between 10 and noon, to see what's happening. The garden welcomes all ages, all abilities, beginner and more experienced gardeners.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies' Easter gift shop in the Plaza Walk Arcade is open now.

Traditionally, the Woodcrafters have done shows and sales at Phillip Island over the Easter weekend. Since some of these events are not yet back to normal, the group is opening their pop-up shop for the first time outside of the Christmas season. You can see all aspects of their creations there, and even take some home.

One example of their crafts is segmented turning. Recently, the segmented turning group has been experimenting with new designs including shades for light fittings. It's a unique way to light a room and also creates some beautiful patterns.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggi-woodcrafters.com.au or pop in at the shop.



MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

AS IT is school holidays, Milpara is closed until Tuesday, April 26, with the exception of Centrelink; Tuesday 10am to 2pm, Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 1pm. Emergency Foodbank can be accessed during Centrelink Hours.

Now is a great time to sit down with a cuppa and check out our term two program. It is available via our website milparacommunityhouse.org.au and online bookings are already open.

We are excited to have a few new things in term two, including Sunshine Spreaders, Social and Public Speaking, Soup Lunch, Divine Healing Workshop, Polymer Clay Workshops and Learn to Sew is now outside of school hours.

Jess from Elder Rights Advocacy will be a regular face at Milpara when we open for Term 2. She is running an Elderly Rights Advocacy Information/Question session on Thursday, May 1, and Tuesday, May 17, at 1pm. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what they can do for you or your loved ones. Jess will be available Fridays for one-hour appointments; bookings will be essential for this free service and you must bring your Medicare Card.

Milpara is planning on a showcase for Neighbourhood House week May 9–15. We are inviting people who participate in a Milpara activity to consider sharing their work for this event. If you are interested, email Belinda.milpara@outlook.com with a photo and dimensions by April 26.

Wishing everyone a safe and chocolaty Easter. See you all in term two.

Comfort in full days

Ps Darren Evans
Wonthaggi Christian Life Centre

ON APRIL 5, 2022, I woke up at 4.40am.

I laid on my bed and the worries of life and the decision-making processes tormented me. I hadn't realised that 60 minutes had gone by when at 5.40am I heard the beautiful song of a magpie and then God reminded me of a bible verse in Matthew chapter 6 verses 26 and 27: 'Look at the birds of the air, they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they and which of you by worrying can add a single day to your life'.

So, I got up and prayed and thanked God for the things we had and started my day.

I had to go to the laundry mat to dry my wet work pants, come back home to my 12-year-old son who was staying back from school for the day. I then got dressed with my now dry pants and headed out for the day. My son told me he needed some tracksuit pants for school, a haircut and some lollies for a school excursion.

When we got to the Wonthaggi Plaza, he announced he didn't need the track pants anymore as he won't have PE again till next term. So, I'm standing there in disbelief asking the question, "Why am I standing here in the middle of Kmart in the plaza if you don't need tracksuit pants?" I said, "No, we're buying some".

We went from there to the coffee shop to get a yummy bacon and egg roll, but the shop wasn't open yet. 8.30am we're off to the barber shop and found out that they didn't open till 9am. From there my son and I went to an old house that we are renovating and found out we have some problems that need to be rectified.

Finally, later my son got a haircut at about 2.30pm after numerous attempts. Still early in the day and I'm starting to get on top of things. Then I receive two emails reminding me of some paperwork that needed to be finalised; I'm thinking I'll get onto that later.

A job came through really late in the afternoon that we weren't prepared for I now have to prepare for that as it is going ahead tomorrow.

Just last week the land next door that we were hoping to buy and have been looking after for the past 13 years is going up for public auction and just a few hours ago we saw a notice at our church of the intentions to put up six dwellings so our church will be pulled down.

And then to top it off, the paperwork that I had to follow up, my wife told me she threw it out when she did a big clean-up. We can all start our days full of worry, problems and busyness.

The difference is that the Lord had already prepared me with His word and His word is true and brings comfort for these kinds of days. You may have a lot of problems and worries in your life. If you learn to trust in Jesus, He too can give you comfort when your days are full.



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LEONGATHA Secondary College

RECEPTIONIST POSITION

Leongatha Secondary College is seeking an efficient, enthusiastic and reliable new staff member to join our Education Support Team as College Receptionist. This is an administrative role that includes accounts receivable whilst providing administrative support to the College community.

A fixed term, part time position, role is a 0.6FTE time fraction, working over 5 days/week. Working hours proposed are 10.00am – 3.00pm each day. Contract 02/05/2022 – 23/06/2023

Full role description can be found under Job Vacancy 1273373 via (ROL) DET Recruitment Online. All applications are to be submitted via DET Recruitment Online and include cover letter, CV and response to selection criteria.

Applications to close April 18, 2022

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Applications close:
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For further information please contact Nancy Crismanich (5611 4000)

WARATAH BEACH CAMP

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Full Time Position

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Applications close: Friday, April 22, 2022

Mirboo North Secondary College

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12 month fixed term position
Commencing: Monday, May 9, 2022
Full time | Job ID: 1273902

Please submit your application through Recruitment Online, addressing the key selection criteria, via www.education.vic.gov.au

Applications close: Friday, April 15, 2022

Individuals with the aptitude, experience and/or qualifications to fulfill the specific requirements of the position are welcome to apply.

For further information contact
Acting Principal: Bernadette Cropper
Phone: 5667 9000

Leongatha Community Preschool Centres Inc.
Allora Kindergarten & Hassett Street Preschool

Early Childhood Educators – Relief Work

Position type: Casual Relief Teachers
Location: Leongatha

About the Centre/Service:
Our Kindergarten operates from two centres – Allora Kindergarten and Hassett Street Preschool. Our sessional kindergartens run both 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs. Our Hassett Street Preschool also runs Stay N' Play an after kinder care program. Our programs are innovative, child directed and engaging. WE have been educating children in Leongatha for over 75 years.

Work Days of the Role:
Monday to Friday (as required)

Description: We are looking for a casual relief teacher to work at both Hassett Street Preschool and Allora Kindergarten on an as needs basis.

Requirements:

- VIT Registration
- Certificate 3 Diploma and/or Bachelor

Industrial Agreement/Award:
Victorian Early Childhood Teachers and Educators Agreement 2020 (VECTEA)

Contact: Manager -
Andrea Clifford on 5662 2547 or
leongatha.preschools@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

Applications close:
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Bus Drivers wanted (Casual)

South Coast Bus are seeking experienced Heavy Vehicle Drivers for casual positions. The vacancies will be covering school runs and general charter from our Cowes or Wonthaggi Depots and suit those with previous exposure to driving heavy vehicles, with bus industry experience an advantage but not essential. There is plenty of work for the right candidates.

The successful applicant must be good with people, able to follow instruction and hold at least a MR license. You will be required to obtain a passenger endorsement (drivers certificate) and working with children check card if they don't already have one.

Please send your resume to
Brendan Hickman on email:
operations@southcoastbus.com.au
or post PO Box 946, Cowes, 3922

LB0173



Agricultural Sales Representative

Leongatha - Permanent / Full Time

We are seeking an additional Sales Representative living in the area or that is willing to move.

About the role

- Represent Chapman Machinery Service in the sale of new and used Agricultural and residential machinery
- Represent our range of brands – Fendt, Massey Ferguson, Valtra, Iseki, Kubota, Krone and more
- Complete trade appraisals
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- Actively pursue new business opportunities in the field
- Maintain honest, long term and reliable customer relationships
- Attend sales training/events/field days
- Assist customers with financing options
- Delivery of whole goods including operation training and aftersales care

Essential Requirements:

- A huge passion for state of the art machinery and farming
- Strong communication skills
- Proficient in computer software systems – CRM, Microsoft, sales software
- Able to operate and demonstrate latest technologies
- Professional Presentation

Desirable requirements:

- HR Truck licence
- Forklift Licence preferred but not essential
- Qualified Diesel Mechanic /Technician highly regarded but not essential

What's in it for you?

- Base salary and commissions
- Be a part of a growing, people driven and inclusive business
- Vibrant team environment
- Brand training
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- Opportunity to work with established brands
- Company vehicle, laptop and phone provided

The successful applicant will be mechanically minded with Agricultural sales experience.

Please call Elyse Chapman
03 56623 973 to discuss further

Please email your cover letter
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or send to

58 Yarragon Rd, Leongatha VIC 3953.

LB0201



PCA positions available (Must have experience)

Banfields Aged Care is part of a family-owned Australian Aged Care Group Pty Ltd (AAGC), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, Phillip Island a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90-bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

As a PCA, your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care as directed by a Registered Nurse.

Casual and permanent part-time contracts are available for these positions.

Applicants must have a positive and professional work ethic with dedication and commitment to high quality care.

Essential criteria:

- Certificate III or IV in Aged Care.
- Current National Police Check.
- Demonstrated knowledge/ability in providing safe quality personal care to consumers and ensuring the rights of consumers are respected.
- Compassionate and empathetic person.
- Excellent communication skills - both written and verbal.
- Efficient time management skills.
- Must have flexible availability and be reliable.
- Ability to travel to Cowes on Phillip Island.
- Current evidence of influenza vaccination.
- Both COVID-19 Vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

What you can expect from us:

- A friendly, social & collaborative team
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- Support from management and ongoing development and education opportunities

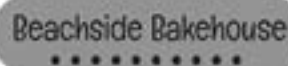
Desirable:

- Previous experience in Residential Aged Care.

****We are a non-smoking facility.****

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call:
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on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to emay@banfields.com.au

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6am Weekdays (4 shifts per week)

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(Monthly 3-day weekend available)

Ability to make and bake pastries, cakes, slices, and bread products. Good eye for detail – and able to work efficiently.

Bakery Shop Assistants

Casual Positions Available

Ability to work weekdays and weekends essential. Must have a 'can do' attitude and ability to multitask and work in a fast-paced environment. Job tasks – food prep, coffee making, customer service.

Call Steve on 0408 515 606 or
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LB0162



We are currently in growth mode and have up and coming OUTAGES that require the following trades and professionals as follows:

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- RIGGERS
- FITTERS

MECHANICAL ESTIMATOR

Based in Morwell office and experienced in all aspects of Estimating within industrial projects. Maintenance related projects would be an advantage.

STORES SUPERINTENDENT

Based in one of our client sites in Morwell, this is a 6 month contract and suitable for a professional who has overseen major store operations, must have excellent communication skills and the ability to manager stores resources effectively and efficiently.

For further information on the above opportunities please contact
Nick Costabile in our Morwell Offices on
0418 346 232 or email your updated CV to
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LB0205



VACANCIES

The Nature Parks is seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our team:

- Cleaner / Ground Services - Full Time
- Visitor Engagement Ranger - Part Time
- Food and Beverage Attendant - Casual
- Chefs/Cooks (all levels) - Casual

If you desire to join our dynamic and inclusive team please visit:

www.penguins.org.au/about/employment/current-vacancies/

Employment for Hospitality positions are via Delaware North.

LB0204

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ESTATE OF JULIE SHARP LATE OF 5 MIRIAM COURT, INVERLOCH, VICTORIA

CREDITORS, next-of-kin and others having claims in respect of the estate of the deceased who died on 19 February 2022 are required by the executors, Andrew John Paton and Sharon Margaret Bartlett, to send particulars to them, care of the undermentioned Solicitors by, 16 June 2022 after which date the executors may convey or distribute the assets having regard only to the claims of which they then have notice.

**MAHONS with Yuncken & Yuncken,
Solicitors,
177 Surrey Road, Blackburn, 3130
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LB0195

PUBLIC NOTICE

Customer Service Centre reopening soon

Westernport Water wishes to advise that our Customer Service Centre at our Newhaven office will reopen to the public on Tuesday 19 April 2022, between 8.30am- 5pm.

If you plan to visit, please note we can no longer accept cash payments. All cash payments may be made at the Post Office. Please follow all safety instructions that have been put in place and do not visit if you are feeling unwell.

Further information can be found by visiting westernportwater.com.au or by contacting us on 1300 720 711.



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THE POOWONG CEMETERY TRUST

The Poowong Cemetery Trust is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified members of the community who would be interested in becoming honorary trust members. Women and those from a diverse background are actively encouraged to seek appointment.

Cemetery trust members are appointed by the Governor in Council for a term of up to five years on the recommendation of the Minister for Health. Cemetery trusts are responsible for the proper and efficient management of the public cemeteries under their control, including planning for future cemeteries services and the preservation of local history.

Being appointed to a cemetery trust provides successful applicants with a unique opportunity to develop their competencies as a board member. The Department of Health provides free governance training to all trust members.

Current trust members whose terms of appointment are due to expire may apply for reappointment as part of a competitive selection process.

More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at: <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/cemeteries-and-crematoria/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments>

To register your interest please contact The Poowong Cemetery Trust as follows within two weeks of the date of this advertisement:
The Poowong Cemetery Trust contact details: 5659 2341

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards and committees reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. This includes appropriate representation of women, people of all ages, Aboriginal people, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, gender diverse and intersex people.

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Shooter brings home first from nationals

ALISTER Gammaldi of Wonthaggi Gun Club took home first place at the Australian Double Barrel Championships held in Wagga Wagga NSW last week. Alister shot a personal best with 182/183 in the shoot off for the overall winning A Grade place. The following day, Alister rounded out the collection with an A Grade first place in the National Single Barrel following an intense shoot off. Well done Alister from all the committee and members of the Wonthaggi Gun Club.

RIGHT: Alister Gammaldi took home a first in A Grade at the Australian Double Barrel Championships and National Single Barrel.



Nepean Gun Club member Blake Sokaluk scored 46/50 for the C Grade win for Saturday's Double Barrel.



Hecta Crawford of Nepean took out the overall win with a 50/50.

Shooting down the line

APRIL 9 was dedicated to the late Ashley De Ross – a true gentleman to the sport, a friend and a dedicated member to the Wonthaggi Gun Club. The weather was warm, the breeze was smooth, it was the perfect conditions for Wonthaggi Gun Club's Down-The-Line Championship. Split into two sections, the championship saw the 25 Pair Double Rise event and the Ashley De Ross 50TGT Double Barrel Championship. The Double Rise saw Cranky McCall take out AA Grade, Andrew Suckling – A Grade, Darren King – B Grade, Blake Sokaluk – C Grade, Logan White – Junior, Dakota Suckling – Ladies and Charlie Galea – Veteran. Ashley De Ross 50 TGT Double Barrel Championship saw Hecta Crawford of Nepean Gun Club take out the overall with a 50/50. David Macgregor – AA Grade, Charlie Galea – A Grade, Darren King – B Grade, Blake Sokaluk – C Grade, Logan White – Junior, Cindy Hyde – Ladies, Norman Court – Veterans. Key sponsors for the day were the De Ross Family and Glen Gary Gun Shop. The cake shoot was won by Bucky with Stuart Allen and Peter White taking out 2nd and 3rd respectively. The next shoot at Wonthaggi is on May 14 – Ash De Ross Memorial Shoot.



David Macgregor took out AA Grade for the 50 TGT Double Barrel on Saturday.



50TGT Double Barrel Champion Charlie Galea secured a 49/50 for the A Grade win.



Darren King of Korumburra Gun Club took home B Grade 50TGT Double Barrel.



A2: Shaun Tessari (captain's award), Mitch Davey (batting average), Stewie Beaumont (cricketer of the year) and Sam Liddle (bowling average).

Top awards for Wonthaggi cricketers

Wonthaggi Club Cricket Club held its presentation night on Saturday, April 9, at The Clubhouse Wonthaggi.



C1: Chase Krause (captain's award), Liam Sawyer (batting average and cricketer of the year), Chris Fraser (bowling average). Absent: Andot Mankhong (captain's award).



A1: Alex Geyer (bowling average), Emmet Dempsey (captain's award) and Ryan Thomas (batting average and cricketer of the year).



B2: Matrix Chisholm (captain's award), Jai Williamson (captain's award and bowling ave.), Drew Herbert (cricketer of the year) and Kevin McLean (batting ave.).



Bernie Maloney award - club champion, Kevin McLean.



U17: Lucas McRae (coaches award), Matrix Chisholm (bowling average and cricketer of the year) and Harry West (batting average and senior coaches award).



Kirk Studham award - best club person, Luke McGuirk.



Jan Klain of San Remo holds up her first squid from the Women in Recreational Fishing Squid Session at San Remo Jetty. C1_1422



Women in Recreational Fishing Squid Session at San Remo Jetty saw Sharlene Brown of Korumburra catch her first squid. C4_1422

Cast a line, ladies

MOVE over blokes; the ladies are in town and ready to have a go.

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced angler, there is no better fun to be had than with other women on the water.

The 'Fishing Nanna', as she calls herself, Amanda Keilar is one angler inspiring other women to jump on board and give it a go.

"I come from a generational background of commercial fishing. My grandmothers were recreational fishers, so I guess you could say it's in the blood," Amanda explained with a smile.

"My earliest memories are of taking fish to San Remo Co-Op with my grandfather Les Wildes from Corinella."

A leader for Women in Recreational Fishing Network (WIRF), Amanda jumped on board after noticing their core values aligned with hers, and that of her Ladies Fishing Charters San Remo.

Friendship, community, new skills and adventure are just some of pieces women can expect from WIRF, with webinars allowing them to upskill and invitations to events also posted through their Facebook page.

All skill levels, ages and backgrounds have the opportunity to share in their passion for fishing.

"I see my role as inspiring and empowering ladies to back themselves and give it a crack."

"It puts joy in my heart to witness someone catch their first fish."

Run in conjunction with Island Off-shore Charters, Amanda's charters started with friends and family before quickly building to friends of friends, sisters-in-law and then strangers – the floating host, a 51-year-old, 11-metre timber beauty hand-built in San Remo by Stewart Garner.

"It's so good to see more and more women getting into fishing, buying kayaks and boats."

"I hope one day it becomes 50-50 with just as many girls out there as blokes."

Whether you want to learn how to fish or you're an experienced angler looking for likeminded women, grab your rod and join Amanda on one of her charters or at one of the local Women in Recreational Fishing events.



It takes two to hold this beast up.



The ladies relax as the boat heads back to shore after a successful #WearpinkforKatie ladies fishing charter in support of angler Katie Classon.



Amanda's charters include delicious nibbles on the waves.



Carol Christensen was delighted with her catch.

Around the Bay

EASTER is coming and the school holidays are already here, and it's generally the last chance for most to have a bit of a holiday while the weather is still reasonable.

With the Rhyll boat ramp still closed, remember to arrive at Newhaven or Cowes with a bit of patience because it will be busy.

The Easter Good Friday fishing competition is on and as well as entries coming in, we have had several customers come in and donate to the prize pool. We posted a list about a week ago which has changed several times since with the addition of prizes and a few categories have been added. You must catch a fish to win the category or secret weight prizes but everyone that enters goes into the hourly prize draws and with more than 100 prizes to be won, it's worth entering just for that. Entries must be in before 2pm Good Friday and fishing goes from Friday morning to Monday lunchtime, so plenty of time to get out for a fish.

Over the weekend, we send out regular texts not only to let people know who has won the hourly draws but to give you information about the competition, additional categories, special draws and to promote our sponsors who make this competition possible. It's because of our generous sponsors we are also able to donate 100 per cent of the entry money to the Royal Children's Hospital. The shop will be open at 6am every day over the Easter weekend.

The reports we did get over the last couple of weeks have been good, with the quality fish mostly whiting with a handful of calamari and snapper. The quantity of fish belongs to salmon, especially in the bay, where we have had large schools chasing the even bigger schools of bait. They have been reported from most of the channels and off Cowes but also from across the corals. Mixed up with

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

the salmon is plenty of Tailor and you just don't know what you have got until it gets to the boat because they will both take the same lures.

Whiting reports have almost all come from the shallow water of late which could be a little to do with the southeast winds which make the deeper spots uncomfortable and difficult to anchor. With the tuna disappearing, the traffic has slowed in Cleeland Bight and we have seen more whiting from there again. The most consistent area has been under the sand hill but if it is a little quiet there and conditions allow, head over to the gutter on the other side to the back of Foots and give it a try. Don't forget your squid jigs as the calamari are in the same spots. The whiting in Dickies Bay have been at the Maggie Shoal end then across the top around Reef Island, Bass River; we also had a report or two from Corinella. Most of the whiting were very good size and consistent size while numbers were ok.

Calamari from the same areas in the boats but more reports from the land with the ordinary weather, jet-ties during the day and beaches early and late. Not as many snapper during the week but several showed up over the weekend. Gardiners Channel to Elizabeth Island the best with a lot of smaller pinkies across the corals. Gummies also in the same spots but not too many of any size across the corals and only a couple reasonable ones from in the channel. The best reports from the last couple of weeks would have to be the kingfish being caught in the bay. While they haven't been 1m-plus fish that you see offshore, several have been a respectable 70cm-plus and very close to the boat ramp, live bait or whole Californian squid.

TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Cowes +28, Inverloch +30, Newhaven +1.03, Corinella +1.08, Port Welshpool +1.28, Tarwin Lower jetty +3 hours.
The times stated are Australian Eastern Daylight Time (24 hours clock).

TUESDAY April 12	WEDNESDAY April 13	THURSDAY April 14	FRIDAY April 15	SATURDAY April 16	SUNDAY April 17	MONDAY April 18
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At Wonthaggi, ladies B Grade singles runner-up Merryn Guilford with champion Wendy Donohue.



At Wonthaggi indoor bowls, Friday winners John Rook, Jan Clark and Teresa Ireland.



Wonthaggi bowls turkey triples winners Michael Ramon, John Newcombe and Kevin Brown.



Best one game at midweek went to Luke Monckton (3), Elaine Williams (L) and John Nicholson (S).



Midweek bowls winners Sue Wright (2), Michael Saunders (L), Robyn Coulson (S) and Barry Johnson (3).



Midweek bowls runners-up Michael Dady (2), Sue Stansfield (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Chris Coulson (L).

INVERLOCH

NOMINATIONS for positions around the club for the next year are now closed. Many thanks go to the club members that have been nominated for positions. A reminder that the Annual General Meeting is on April 13 at 7.30pm.

Don't forget Friday night meals are a chance to enjoy a fantastic meal and great company. To avoid disappointment, book early.

Items are still required for the garage sale to be held on Easter Saturday. Please see club email on this. Bowl Over Cancer Day is on Thursday, April 28. Please see club email on this also.

Thursday Social Bowls took place with an easterly wind that provided for some interesting bowls behaviour. The eventual winners on 2 wins and 31pts were Laurel Lee (skip), Macl Scott and Jon Justin. Runners-up on 2 wins and 30pts were Terry Seaward (skip), Karen Orford, Jeff Curwood and Graeme Dunlop.

MONDAY, April 5, was our final summer program event - mixed pairs. Winners were Alan Hanks & Annie Lye (Meeniy-an/Leongatha) with Tony & Marianne Sudborough visitors from Croydon runners-up. The encouragement award went to locals John Cocking & Avril Van Wamel. Thanks to our sponsor Wayne Cook (Invy Hotel).

Our second Meeniy-an monthly meal is on Wednesday, April 20. Names for catering as soon as possible please. There are still a few club matches which need to be completed before presentation night on Friday, April 29.

Nominations are now open for committee positions. The AGM is on Wednesday, May 11.

Our Winter weekly bowls begins on Monday, May 2.

WINNERS: Robyn Coulson, Barry Johnson, Sue

Wright and Michael Saunders.

Runners-up: Sue Stansfield, Laurie Bell, Michael Dady and Chris Coulson.

One-game winners: John Nicholson, Luke Monckton and Elaine Williams.

Midweek bowls was played at Koo Wee Rup with 28 very happy bowlers.

We welcomed two new players and they enjoyed themselves very much and will be back. As usual, the scores were high. With only one two-game winner, the scores were as follows winner 36pts, runners-up 24pts, one game winners 22pts. I think it is a sign of things to come for midweek as we have some excellent bowlers.

A big thank you to David Talbot and Gwen Jeffrey who helped out in the kitchen and David in the bar; also thank you to Delia Cave who baked beautiful muffins for our morning tea. A great midweek member and enthusiastic bowler.

Thank you to the members who brought in items for the free raffle table. We had a lovely arrangement of products. Next time we will be playing at Lang Lang, as usual 10am at the club for a 10.30am start. BYO lunch. Everyone welcome. Come and give us a try; you will not be disappointed. For more information or to register, please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974 the night before or come early on the day. See you on the green.

THIS week we had our turkey triples on Wednesday with a smaller number of teams but 22 is still a good number.

On a day where the wind was a factor as the day went on, bowlers had to be aware of their lines.

There was one team that did not have a problem with the conditions and they were a mix of Wonthaggi and Phillip Island bowlers. That team was Michael Ramon from Wonthaggi, John Newcombe and Kevin Brown from Phillip Island. They had a fine score of 4 wins and 49 shots.

The runners-up were a team from Inverloch being Mick Cosgrove, Ron Burge and Mick Coram with a score of 4 wins and 28 shots.

The team with the best winning score overall was Trevor Teer and Rob Aitken from Wonthaggi and Gavin Butler from Inverloch with a score of 21 shots to win on a count-back.

Thursday saw a good number of bowlers playing in three bowl pairs. Good to see bowlers taking advantage of the good morning conditions.

Saturday saw a good number of bowlers take to the greens on a fine day with a very gentle breeze. The format for the day was three bowl pairs. There were two teams that were two-game winners. The winners on the day was the pairing of Ray Hin and Lex Milkins with a score of 2 wins and 34pts. The runners-up were Allan Ireland and Ken Gage with a score of 2 wins and 31pts. Happy birthday to Arthur Parker who celebrated his 70th birthday recently.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday is a special Easter Bunny Hop day with a few Easter Eggs and a lot of fun at 1pm.

ANOTHER successful week of bowling with a total of 54 players over the week.

Tuesday's winners with a plus 6 winning both their games were Pat Novak, Jan Milkins, Jeanie Slocombe and Fred Demenech.

Coming second on plus 4 with a win and a draw were Jim Rodhi, Phillip Fowler and Brian Newman.

Friday's winners on plus 19 winning both their games were John Rook, Jan Clark and Teresa Ireland.

Runners-up on plus 9 with one win only were Judy Sweetnam, Marg Morgan, Helen Rook and Jeannie Slocombe.

KORUMBURRA

TUESDAY, April 5 - stableford (33 players).
A Grade: Roland Rees (10) 40 Points. B Grade: Murray Webb (20) 34 Points. NTP: 1st Roland Rees, 7th Brian Pope, 10th Ian Cash and 13th Ian Gibson.
Thursday, April 7 - stableford (14 players) winner Chris McConnell (18) 40 Points. NTP: 1st Steve Duffield, 10th Brian Clabby and 13th Tim Cameron.
Saturday, April 9 - 4BBB Championships round one, sponsored by Sean Bowler and Dean Crelin. Scratch winners: Roy Fleming and Steve Rose 71. Handicap winners: Jacob Wrigley and Zac Scholte 59 net. NTP: 1st Ian Gibson, 7th Steve Rose, 10th Peter Johnson and 13th Terry Maskell.

Ladies

THE weather remained fine for the golfers last Wednesday and the club welcomed our newest member, Maree Wittingslow, who put in a second card towards gaining her handicap.
Well done to Heather Grist (21) who won A Grade, the April monthly medal and the fourth qualifying round of the Silver Spoon with a net score of 69. Jenny Blackmore (28) was close behind with 70 net.

The winner in B Grade was Karen Sorrell (40) with a great score, 71 net and Trudy Olden (38) was runner-up with 75 net.
BDTL winners were Kerri Besley (18), 71 net, Judy Webb (23) and Merrissa Cosson (11), both 75 net on a c/b. Merrissa also had the lowest scratch score, 86.

Marg Harper (42) won the nine-hole comp with a nice 16 pts.
NTPs went to Kath Welsh, (KD's Hair voucher), Kerri Besley, 10th and Heather Grist, 13th (Pure Fitness voucher).

Next Wednesday, 13th April is the second round of the Gloria Burgess event.

Saturday's weather was glorious for the seventeen out on the course. Judy Webb (22) had a terrific 40 pts to win A Grade and Johanna van den Heiligenberg (10) had an incredible back-nine, with 37 off the stick, to be runner-up, 36 pts on a c/b. Chris Rickard (25) won B Grade, 38 pts and Kath Welsh (31) was runner-up, 36 pts. BDTL went to Shelley Snooks (17), 36 pts and Lee Clements (17), 34 pts on a c/b. Lee was NTP on the 1st and Judy was closest on the 13th green.

The pennant finals were at Wonthaggi last Monday and we take our hats off to all the golfers throughout South Gippsland who participated and made the season so friendly, enjoyable and competitive. Many thanks to all the clubs who hosted matches and ensured all was in outstanding order for the visitors. Korumburra was very pleased to have Sections 2 and 3 in the final and were rapt when Section 3 took the flag home, after a close win over Phillip Island, 3/2. Section 2 had an even match too, but went down 2/3 to Woorayl. Well done to Meeniyen for being the Section 1 winners against Leongatha. Well done to all involved with administration and all participants as there were many new friendships formed and some great golf played.

LEONGATHA

FIFTY-TWO golfers played in Tuesday's stableford with the top score going to John McInnes with 40. Our very own club president won nearest the pin on the 16th with an impressive distance

of 0.38m.

A Grade winner: John McInnes with 40pts. Runners-up: Ian Murchie 37pts on a countback.
B Grade winner: Bert Borg. Runners-up: Ian Miller.
NTP: 14th Ian Murchie at 1.67m; 16th Ken Smirk at .38m
Congratulations to Lianne Adamson who was this month's monthly medal winner with a score of 71 on a c/b.
A Grade winner: Lianne Adamson with 71. B Grade winner: Patricia Owen with 73. C Grade winner: Fay Quilford Lianne Adamson with 71.

The overall winner of the nine-hole competition was Michelle Roberts with a score of 18pts.
Thursday saw 73 players in our stableford event, kindly sponsored by the Inverloch Espy Hotel.
A Grade winner: Mark Lafferty with 35pts. Runner-up: Michael Westaway with 35pts.
B Grade winner: Stephen Foster with 39pts. Runner-up: Liz Hodge with 35pts.

C Grade winner: Gary Mcgrath with 38pts. Runner-up: William Howson with 35pts.
NTP: 14th - David Forbes with 1.5m; 16th Jeff Brewer with 1.1m.
Saturday's stableford saw 73 golfers enjoy wonderful conditions with Trevor Rick taking out the top score with 39.

A Grade winner: Trevor Rickard with 39. Runner-up: Rebecca Thomas with 38.
B Grade winner: Wayne Keen with 36. Runner-up: Peter Brownlie with 35.
C Grade winner: Andy Bassett with 38. Runner-up: Lynda Bassett with 37 c/b.
NTP: 14th Rebecca Thomas 1.3m; 16th Ross Mcrobert 2.6m.

Ladies

THERE was a slightly smaller field this week for the April monthly medal as several players took the opportunity to play in a stableford event. This event has been created to ease the newer players into playing stroke at a later stage.

A very excited first-time winner of a monthly medal was Lianne Adamson with a 71 net. Life member Pat Pease presented Lianne with her medal.
Fay Quilford had 73 net to win B Grade and Trish Owen was the A Grade winner. Down the line balls: Ann Blundy 74, Evelyn Indian, Anne Bowd and Glenyce McRobert 75 and Wendy Parker, Bronwyn Debenham and Libby Christison all on 77.

Five women entered the stableford event with new player Karen de Groot (47) winning with 35 points.
Nine women competed in the 9-hole stableford event. Michelle Roberts won with 18 points and Bev Reinhard 17, Jill Moor 15 and Maria Bell 13 all won a ball down the line.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, April 7 - stableford. Winner: J Hughes (17) 38pts c/b. DTL: J McFarlane 38, T Bradshaw, W Warner 36pts. NTP: 4th M Payne, 16th J Hughes. Birdies: 6th J McFarlane.
Saturday, April 9 - stableford. A Grade: S Mills (9) 38pts. B Grade: R Pentland (17) 38pts c/b. DTL: N Bracecamp 37, R Robbins 36, J Mc Farlane, J Smeriglio 35. NTP: 4th G Shandley, 6th R Robbins, 13th G Shandley, 16th J Kidd.
Birdies: 4th J Smeriglio, G Shandley, 6th R Robbins, R Matthews, 16th R Robbins.

PENNANT

Ladies

THE finals of the South Gippsland Golf Women's Pennant season were held at Wonthaggi Golf Club last Monday.
The top two teams in each of the three divisions were: Leongatha and Meeniyen equal on points but Leongatha ahead on games in Section 1; Woorayl 2 points ahead of Korumburra in Section 2 and Korumburra with a significant lead from Phillip Island in Section 3.
The Section 1 winners, their sixth consecutive after a 47-year drought, were Meeniyen Golf Club defeating Leongatha 4 games to 1.
Interesting to note that the team were the same as in 2016 when they broke the drought: Andrea Thorson (captain), Dot Christie, Veronica Park, Irene Holm, Sheila Constantine, Susan Straw and Heather Poletti.
Woorayl had a hard-fought match with Korumburra, to win 3 games to 2, in Section 2. Captain Elly Berryman commented on the wonderful camaraderie amongst all the players in the district throughout the pennant season. Woorayl relied on just five players for their Pennant season and so very strict adherence to social distancing was strongly enforced. Team members were: Marg Tuckett, Inge Giliam, Elly Berryman (captain), Janet Thompson and Jo Fennell.

Section 3 Pennant winners were Korumburra defeating Phillip Island 3 games to 2. Captain Jenny Blackmore, playing in her first pennant final, congratulated Wonthaggi on the presentation of their course. The winning team members were Beryl Brown, Sherrin Solly, Jenny Blackmore (captain), Barb Twite, Julie Brannaghan, Kath Welsh and Chris Rickard.
The SGG women's match committee extended its thanks to the Wonthaggi Golf Club and captain Jan Beaumont for hosting this event. Wonthaggi Golf Club was also called upon for the two previous weeks matches when one of the courses became unavailable.
The next SGG women's event is the Singles Championship at Leongatha Golf Club on Monday, May 16.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results April 7 - 18-hole stableford, SR 71.
Winner: Colin Banks 37. Runner-up: Chris Wilkinson 36. Ball sweep: Mick Bourke 34, Glen Turner 32, Peter Magnussen 32, Ian McNish 31, and Graeme Campbell 31.
Eagle: Ian McNish 7th.
Nine-hole stableford, SR 36.
Winner: Bill Howard 16. Runner-up: Secondo Tiziani 15. Ball sweep: Jim McEachern 15.
April 9, stableford, SR 71.
A Grade: Peter Dell 37. B Grade: Allan McLean 43. C Grade: Bailey Harvey 41. Ball sweep: Ross Yann 40, Bill Fennell 39, Fraser West 39, David Garry 38, Peter Magnussen 38, Rod Walker 37, Phillip Studham 37, Graeme Crawford 37, Nathen Tessari 36, and Dale Burgess 36.
Eagle: Ross Yann 1st.
NTP: Ben Clark 2nd, Peter Dell propin 8th, Rod Walker 13th, Gary Kirk money hole 17th, Ross Yann 4th, Daniel Crellin 2nd shot 5th.



South Gippsland Golf Women's Pennant Section 1 winners, Meeniyen Golf Club, Heather Poletti, Shiela Constantine, Irene Holm, Veronica Park, Andrea Thorson (captain), Dot Christie and Sue Straw.



South Gippsland Golf Women's Pennant Section 2 winners, Woorayl Golf Club, Marg Tuckett, Inge Giliam, Elly Berryman (captain), Janet Thompson and Jo Fennell.



South Gippsland Golf Women's Pennant Section 3 winners, Korumburra Golf Club, Beryl Brown, Sherrin Solly, Jenny Blackmore (captain), Barb Twite, Julie Brannaghan, Kath Welsh and Chris Rickard.



At Leongatha, Karen de Groot (stableford competition winner), Trish Owen (A Grade), Fay Quilford (B Grade), Lianne Adamson (monthly medal) and Pat Pease (life member).

Ladies

WHILE the opening conditions looked very ominous, no rain eventuated.
We just had our normal "friendly" winds to add to the challenge of the day. We had 26 players for a game of counting all our strokes and puts. There was one clever person Christine Hamilton who walked away with the monthly medal and B Grade event with a great 99(29) 70 net. Congratulations.
A Grade was won by Catherine Bolding with 93(19) 74 and Lisa Brusamarello won C Grade with 110(36) 74. Best scratch score: Marg Johnson 87. Putting: Sev Piasente 29 putts.
NTP: Simone Lindsay won both 2nd and 8th, and Sev Piasente was the closest on the 17th.
BDL: Sev Piasente 73, Andrea Grenville 75, Marg Johnson 75, Anne Poulton 76, Geraldine Prentice 77.

WOORAYL

Ladies

It Was lovely to see many happy faces at our April monthly medal generously sponsored by Sue and Les Wakefield.
Monthly medal and A Grade winner was Heather Sullivan with a score of 96-27-75. B Grade winner was Jo Fennell with 113-33-78 on a countback from Marg Tuckett. BDL: Anne Poole 77, Marg Tuckett 78. Best 9 out: Carol Johnson 39.
NTP: 8th Anne Grist, 11th Jo Fennell and 17th Heather Sullivan. The NTP winners were happy with their Easter eggs as prizes.
The course was turkey mad today with gobblers galore with Bev Bridge on 7th and 11th, Sherrill Winkler on 15th, Tricia Berryman on 11th, Anne Grist birdie/gobbler on 13th and Jo Fennell on 6th.
Our captain Jo Graeme congratulated our winning pennant team. Great achievement for our Woorayl ladies who were each presented with a bouquet of flowers.



Come and try croquet

THE Korumburra Croquet Club had a come and try day on April 5 with the hope of getting a few more members.

“We had two ladies come for a try, Alice and Helen, and we would like to thank them for coming and we hope they had a good time,” Norma Sutcliffe, from the Korumburra Croquet Club, said.

“Croquet is a great game for men and women; it’s a great way to make new friends and we would like to invite anyone who would like to play with friendly and happy people.

“We have practice days on Tuesdays from 10am to 12pm and on Saturdays from 1pm to 3pm.”

‘Roughy’ joins Hawks’ mates in \$1m win

JARRYD Roughead’s history with the Hawthorn Football Club has continued to pay dividends for the four-time premiership player and two-time all Australian.

Last Saturday, April 9, the three-year-old filly he part owns with some of his former Hawks mates, El Patroness, stormed home on the rain-affected Royal Randwick course to grab one of the biggest Group One races of the Sydney Autumn Carnival, the 2400m Star Australian Oaks.

And she saluted at the terrific price of \$27 for the win, of which dozens of his local football mates reportedly enjoyed a share.

El Patroness was superbly ridden by the in-form jockey Damian Lane and prepared in fine style for the important event by Danny O’Brien.

Among those in the Balmerino Racing Partnership which owns the horse are (manager: J S Rosham), C Mathieson, P Prendergast, D T & Mrs J O’Brien, J Gunston, J Ceglar, L Shiels, J Roughead and L M B Twenty Two (manager: L Breust).

Leongatha Table Tennis

THE Leongatha Table Tennis junior competition is starting with a come and try day on April 20 at the stadium in the Leongatha Recreation Reserve. Start time is 4pm, and it will run until 6pm.

This year they will have two former A Grade players to help you improve your game. Please wear flat soled shoes; bats and balls supplied.

After round 5, A Grade standings are as follows in order of points, rubbers and games: Mickey Mouse 10 40 134, Elmer Fudd 10 37 129, Minions 6 36 104, Daffy Duck 6 30 98, Captain Marvel 4 34 121, George of the Jungle 0 28 115.

Leading players: Case DeB 16, Dirk H 15, Michael C 15, Bryce H 14, Zac D 14 and Neil C 13.

Swimmers off to Adelaide



Five of the seven swimmers heading to Adelaide: Sophie McKenzie, Skye Munro, Rahni Matheson, Sienna Matheson and Mostyn Lumsden, with coach Dylan Muir.



Milla Laub will be competing on April 15 in 50 Freestyle.



Trinity O'Keefe will be competing on April 14 in 100 Breaststroke.

SEVEN South Gippsland Bass swimmers will join 1800 athletes at the most anticipated swimming events of the year in Adelaide, at the South Australia Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

First up from April 11 to 18 is Swimming Australia’s 2022 Australian Para and Age Swimming Championships, followed by the Australian Swimming Championships from May 18 to 22.

Rahni Matheson, Trinity O’Keefe, Milla Laub, Sienna Matheson, Mostyn Lumsden, Skye Munro and Sophie McKenzie will all represent the club at the national competition in their respective ages.

Achieving national qualifying times is the dream and goal of many swimmers and these seven made it a reality! Everyone from SGB will be cheering them on. The swimmers are in good hands, with coach Dylan Muir there to assist.

SGB would also like to thank the Gippsland Sports Academy for supporting all the Gippsland swimmers attending the nationals.

Here’s when the local swimmers will be competing:

- Day 3, April 13 - 200 Breaststroke - Rahni Matheson.
- Day 4, April 14 - 200IM Rahni Matheson; 100 Breaststroke Trinity O’Keefe.
- Day 5, April 15 - 50 Freestyle Milla Laub; 100 Breaststroke Sienna Matheson.
- Day 7, April 17 - 50 Fly Mostyn Lumsden; 200 Breaststroke Sienna Matheson; 200 Breaststroke Skye Munro.
- Day 8, April 18 - 50 Breaststroke Rahni Matheson; 100 Breaststroke Rahni Matheson.
- May 17 – Open Sophie McKenzie.

Auskick’s back and better than ever



Wonthaggi Auskick is back and promises to be bigger and better than before.

AFTER a two-year hiatus, Wonthaggi NAB AFL Auskick is back and ready to be bigger and better than before.

And it wouldn’t be the AFL without a pre-season warm-up. Join AFL Victoria as they pop down to Wonthaggi on April 19 at 10am for a free Auskick warm-up session.

Then, grab your pack in preparation for the Auskick season starting at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on April 27 at 4.30pm for the nine-week program.

From basic drills to getting fit and keeping active, Wonthaggi Auskick is about having fun and not taking life too seriously.

With packs including a backpack, footy, flag and junior membership to the kid’s club of picking – signing up is worth it just for the goodies. Head to play.afl/auskick to sign up.

A bit too old for Auskick but keen to help – reach out to Jake (jakekuyper@hotmail.com) and become a volunteer today.

Auskick for all in Inverloch

INVERLOCH kindergartners were treated to an exciting Auskick session last week, giving them the chance to have fun while learning about football.

Inverloch Auskick will run from 5.30pm to 7pm weekly, commencing Friday, April 29.

Hosted over 10 weeks, plus presentation day, NAB AFL Auskick gives kids the opportunity to explore the world of AFL, build football skills and learn to play in a safe and super fun setting.

Inverloch’s Auskick will also include a mothers/carers day celebration session where the kids take on their mums in a game; and likewise, a dads/carers session; superhero, crazy hair and socks themes; Tug of War games; pie nights, sausage sizzles and hot dogs; plus, the team is working on some Saturday half-time action with the local football teams.

Offering mixed sessions from kinder to grade 3 for boys and girls, and an all-girls group, Inverloch coordinator Big K has created opportunities for all to have a go.

With NAB Auskick available at Inverloch, Wonthaggi, Dalyston, Tarwin Lower, Bass, Phillip Island, Nyora, Poowong-Loch, Korumburra Bena, Leongatha, Meeniyah, Fish Creek, Foster and Toora, there is a club nearby.

For more information or to volunteer in Inverloch, phone Big K on 0408 281 953. For all other clubs, visit play.afl.



Kinder kids from Inverloch had a great time learning the basics of AFL thanks to the Inverloch Auskick team. ns041522a

SOCCER SEASON BEGINS



Soccer is back for season opener

DROUIN Dragons, Inverloch Stars, Korumburra City, Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights, Mirboo North United, Phillip Island Breakers, Prom Coast Pirates, Trafalgar Victory, and Wonthaggi United Football Clubs were all back on field on Sunday.

With men's, women's, Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 17s teams hitting the green, it was time to show off the hat tricks, crosses and volleys.

With some fantastic offence and defence, spectators were treated to what promises to be a brilliant season in 2022.

It's not too late to join; contact your local team today. Clubs are also welcome to send reports to news@sgst.com.au.

Juniors – Leongatha

Playing against Drouin, the U12s drew 1-1, U14s lost 2-7, U17s girls won 6-2 and the U17s mixed lost 1-3.

Reserves – Leongatha

Missing significant numbers this week, Leongatha Knights Reserves relied on the support of U17s players Luke Murphy, James Heneghan and River Thomas to take on Drouin in the first round of the Gippsland Soccer League. An unfortunate penalty early in the game saw the Dragons take the lead and a subsequent goal towards the end of the half saw them 2 goals up at half time. Dominant play from the defence led by player of the match, Goal keeper Chris Gale ensured that no more goals were conceded. Though a number of shots were set up over the course of the game, it was Jack Bainbridge controlled possession and shot that put a score on the board for Leongatha to end the game with a 1-2 loss.

Women – Leongatha

Leongatha Knights women's team continued their dominant run from last week's preseason tournament win to secure a strong result of 11-0 in their favour. Goal scorers included, Gabby Bastick, Sarah Doolan, Kathy Zacharopoulos and Kiera Williams. Maddy Herbert made her debut with the senior squad subbing in as Goal keeper at the 25 minute mark. Tammy McCaughan celebrated her fiftieth game playing for the club.

Seniors – Leongatha

GSL round 1 saw LKFC take on league giants Drouin Dragons at their home ground. Having put in a strong pre-season the Senior Mens team were keen to test the waters against their usually dominant opponents. An excellent pressing pace saw

Leongatha take the lead with a combination play in the box that resulted in new recruit Aidan Hall slotting in his first goal for the club. Leongatha continued to keep the pace strong through the half, denying Drouin the room to move. It was a wonderful shot from outside the 18 yard box that saw winger and player of the match Henry Mbuthia score his first senior goal for the club. Captain PJ O'Meara followed 10 minutes later with his own confidently struck goal into the bottom left corner. Though no further goals were scored in the second half, Leongatha continued their dominance by consistently shutting down space when possession turned over. A dangerous tackle against midfielder Sam Bainbridge saw a red card shown to a Drouin player leaving them down to ten players for the remainder of the game, with the Knights taking the win 3-0. A special mention to goal keeper Charlie Dougherty for his steady hands and clean sheet.

Gippsland FC – Under 15s

Sunday's match for the Gippsland FC U15s against Berwick City pretty much summed up the team's Qualification Round for 2022. Only 11 fit players were available for GFC, some players required to isolate and another four regulars out with injury. Meanwhile our opposition arrived from Berwick with a full squad and primed to take home the points and boost their goal difference. This unhappy coincidence has occurred too often so far this season.

The lads who were able to take the field this week battled manfully and for long periods were able to keep Berwick at bay, frustrating their efforts. However, the dam wall could only hold out for so long and our opposition were able to score a pile of goals at regular intervals. A 0-7 score line at half time would end up a 0-12 full time score.

For Gippsland stand in keeper Tanna Leicester came up with some amazing saves, Noah Jackson, Luca Dicorleto and Angus Dempsey battled hard in defence.

The season proper gets underway May 1st. The GFC U15s squad will be seeded in the Third NPL Division and with a full list will be looking forward to an improved showing for the rest of the year.

Gippsland FC – Under 16s

There were goals galore in the first half of the Under 16 match against Berwick. At half time the scores had Gippsland down

2 goals to 4. Gippsland was the first to get a score on the board, when a ball was rebounded back by the Berwick keeper, straight at the feet of Ronald Kong, who slotted it through. Only minutes later, Berwick levelled the scores and then scored again in the 15th minute.

Gippsland were not done, despite requiring a few of the under 15s to fill spots due to illness. It was one of these young guns, Spencer Boughton, who scored Gippsland's second goal.

The second half was hard fought. Despite Brody Demagistris scoring a goal in the 61st minute, Berwick, with fresh legs held on to win the game 6-3.

The Under 16s have had a hard introduction to the 2022 season. They have been hit hard by injuries and Covid. Not for one week have they been able to field their entire squad. Thankfully the under 15s have always stepped up and shown great maturity playing against the bigger bodies of the opposition.

They look forward to the season proper beginning and hopefully having the full use of their squad.

Gippsland FC – Under 18s

The last grading game for the u18s took place in windy and hot conditions at Trafalgar as Gippsland FC took on Berwick.

Gippsland started the better of the two teams and it wasn't long before Julian Colantuono found the back of the net giving the home team a well-earned lead. A quarter of an hour later and with his first touch of the game, Hayden Berton would score Gippsland's second goal as the boys looked to press home the advantage. Shortly after and following several more chances, Tana Betera would score Gippsland FC's third goal giving them a handy lead going into halftime.

Berwick came out strong in the second half and piled the pressure on the home team. Berwick would score a much needed goal which gave them some hope of getting back into the game. Gippsland FC held firm however, finishing the game on top with a comfortable 3-1 win.

The home team came out hard in the second half, desperately trying to get a goal back. Brodyn Taylor was creating chances as was Harry Bettridge and with the rest of the Gippsland FC team lifting it seemed like a matter of when, not if they scored. Dandenong Thunder held on though handing Gippsland FC a 1 nil loss.

Next games: Sunday, May 1, 2022 – round one draw currently under development.



In the Leongatha Seniors match, player of the match went to Henry Mbuthia for his strength on the left wing.



In the Leongatha Under 17s girls match, Anna Heneghan outruns her Drouin opponents.



Lacy McNaughton and Brandyn Clifford were key players in the U14s defence.



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Morrison goes back-to-back at Nyora in state title

PAKENHAM racer Ally Morrison, a member of the Nyora Raceway Incorporated, has gone back-to-back in winning the Ladies Standard Saloon Victorian title.

Morrison was followed by her teammate, Felicity Roycroft, with both driving for Brad Hill Motorsport. Langwarrin racer Zoe Young finished in third in the event held on the last weekend in March.

Damien Miller won the important Sports Sedan Robert Bickham Memorial, a man whom he knew, and Daryl Hickson got an important Dirt Modified shakedown victory before the upcoming Dirt Modified Victorian title at Nyora in late April.

The Ladies Standard Saloon title was the main event of the evening. It was the second time in succession that Nyora hosted the annual title with many of the Nyora member women putting a lot of effort into the presentation of the event and the rewards that come with competing and performing well.

Morrison's team owner Brad Hill gave her a teammate this year so that he had two chances of being the winning car owner after securing Roycroft to drive his own car after he and Morrison built a brand-new car for the champion.

Zoe Young was the first to win a qualifying heat race with Jaimi Barber coming second by less than a second. Morrison won the third by more than six seconds with Roycroft winning the last just in front of her teammate by .418 of a second.

Fifteen drivers started the title race, with Roycroft and Morrison at the front then Young, Barber, Ellen Vagg and Nicole Vaughan making up the top six starters. Morrison moved to the lead on lap one. At the five-lap distance, Morrison was leading Roycroft, Young, Barber and Allana Ardley with Vagg already out of the race after an incident. A further five laps in and the positions remained the same and again when they reached the 15-lap mark.

It took until lap one for the next change in the top five when Ardley exited the race and Vaughan moved into fifth spot.

When the race reached the end, with Roycroft having tried everything she could to pass Morrison, the teammates finished one and two with Morrison, Roycroft, Young, Barber and Vaughan being the official top five placings.

Robert Bickham was a Nyora Raceway member and was last living in the South Gippsland area when he passed away. The memorial race is contested by many that knew of the man. Damien Miller, who went on to win the race this year, was one of those men who knew of him. In qualifying racing leading into the feature event, Brendan Miller, Dale

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Smith, Jacob Blencowe, Smith again, Scott Angus, Damien Miller, Jeff Blencowe, Andrew Jordan, and Jamie Paull all took victories.

Damien Miller, who had won at Alexandra Speedway the week before, and Dale Smith started the feature race from the front row with Brendan Miller, Simon Bent, Paull, and Jeff Blencowe filling up the next two rows.

Five laps into the race and Damien Miller led Smith, Bent, Angus and Paull. On lap 13, Smith moved to the lead only for Miller to snatch it straight back and at lap 15 as Bent pulled out of the race, Damien Miller led Smith, Angus, Paull, and Jordan.

Paull exited the race with a mechanical issue on lap 20 and Smith found himself way down in the pack after race incidents and action, leaving Miller leading Angus, Jordan, Jacob Blencowe, and Jeff Blencowe. At the finish line, Miller took the win from Angus, Jordan and Jeff Blencowe in front of his son Jacob.

Meanwhile, in Dirt Modifieds, Daryl Hickson finished ahead of Tyler Scott and Brett Clarke who won back in January at Nyora. Troy Scott was fourth and Brent Hough fifth. Sean Lister visited from out of town and took the win in Unlimited Sedans ahead of Pakenham boys Travis Ramsdale, Corey Ramsdale, Daryl Nicolson and Anthony McKean.

In the Division 2 Hot Rod class, Trent Wilson defeated Rhys Lansdown, Bobby Devine, Ben Crittenden, and Terry Crittenden.

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Life membership for Lafferty



Mark Lafferty (centre) is congratulated by the other life members in attendance, including Gary Sauvarin, Troy Williams, Kristian Gray and Ivor McLennan.



Trophy winners, from left, Sam Vagg, Aydan Williams, Jim Jeffrey, Sumudu Sameera, Jack Ginnane, Mark Lafferty, Troy Williams, Lachie Wright and Gary Sauvarin.

THE Imperials Cricket Club held its end of season presentation night on Saturday, April 2, at its clubrooms.

The highlight was the awarding of life membership to Mark Lafferty.

Playing 279 games, scoring over 5500 runs and taking over 260 wickets, he has been a fantastic contributor to the club both on and off the field. He is now the 10th life member of the Imperials.

The Imperials were also well-represented at the LDCA awards night, with four players making the teams of the year, including A1 - Jack Ginnane, Sumudu Sameera and Dimithri Perera, and B1 - Gary Sauvarin.

The trophy winners on the evening were:

- Jack Ginnane (A Grade Batting, COTY, Club Champion and Fennell/Sauvarin Medalist).
- Sumudu Sameera (A Grade Bowling).
- Sam Vagg (B Grade Batting).
- Jim Jeffrey (B Grade Bowling).
- Gary Sauvarin (B Grade COTY).
- Troy Williams (Best Clubman).
- Lachie Wright (Duck Award).
- Aydan Williams (Rising Star Award).

Imperial juniors wrap up cricket season

THE Imperials Cricket Club held its junior presentation night on Friday, April 1. There was a great turn up by players and family members to celebrate a fantastic year. A nice barbecue with salads and drinks kept the crowd well fed.

RIGHT: From left, back, under 15s coach Troy Williams with players and trophy winners Campbell Reid, Asher Hamlett, Tom Taylor, Isaac Bolge, Sam Holt (Bowling Award), Josh Gale; front, Noah McLennan, Cameron Bruce (Coaches Award), Klayton McGrath (Most Improved), Aydan Williams (Batting and Cricketer of the Year Awards), Leevi Lidstone (First Year Player). LDCA Team of the Year representatives: Aydan Williams, Sam Holt and Klayton McGrath.

RIGHT: Under 12s coach Kristian Gray with trophy winners Harvey McLennan, Mack Katz, Anthony Callaghan, Hugo Fennell, Taj Houston and Rhys Grist.



Zoe to compete in state speedway title



Zoe, 13, has previously won Quickest Chick at the Junior Series.



Zoe Hunt will race it out in her VN Commodore this weekend at the Victorian Speedway State Titles.

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Wonthaggi local Zoe Hunt is set to compete at the Victorian Speedway State Titles this Easter weekend at Alexandra Speedway.

As a member of Nyora Raceway and sponsored by Haymes Paint Shop Wonthaggi, Wheel Heat, Ramsdale Wreckers and LARK Towing & Transport, Zoe will race it out over Good Friday and Easter Saturday in a VN Commodore.

Zoe has previously won Quickest Chick as part of the Junior Series three times.



Ryan Gardner of the Bulldogs is tackled by Mitch Crowden of the Dockers during the round 12 AFL match between the Fremantle Dockers and Western Bulldogs at Optus Stadium in Perth, Sunday, June 6, 2021. Photo: AAP Image/Gary Day.

The Bulldogs defender who is owed an apology

GARRY Lyon admits he may have underestimated Western Bulldogs defender Ryan Gardner.

To many footy critics, one of the Dogs' major weaknesses in recent times has been the apparent lack of key defensive options.

Alex Keath is considered the club's main tall in the backline with support from Zaine Cordy, who has also been tried forward, as well as Gardner, who has played 24 games since he was picked up in the 2019 mid-season draft.

At times Gardner has been harshly judged by outsiders looking in, but he has also mixed his

By Andrew Slevison

form which resulted in his omission from last year's Grand Final side after playing the Elimination, Semi and Preliminary Finals.

In the much-needed Round 3 win over Sydney this year, the 24-year-old delivered one of his best performances in Dogs colours which prompted an apology of sorts from Garry Lyon.

Speaking on SEN Breakfast, co-host Tim Watson alluded to the regretful acknowledgement of error.

Watson said: "You said to me this morning that you had an apology to make to somebody.

"Do you want to go ahead with it?" Lyon replied: "I did, absolutely I did."

"It was to Ryan Gardner, the backman for the Bulldogs.

"He played a super game on Buddy Franklin and because the game was last Thursday, I never got to talk about it Friday. I meant to get to it on Monday and Tuesday and kept forgetting.

"I didn't think he was capable of playing as well as he did.

"In the past I didn't think he was the answer to their defence or didn't think he was part of their best defensive setup. So, I apologise."

What is holding up the contract extensions?

By Sam Edmund

ESSENDON'S desire to secure longer commitments from its brightest young talents is holding up the confirmation of new deals.

Nik Cox, Archie Perkins and Zach Reid remain the only players from the top 10 of the 2020 national draft yet to have re-signed beyond their initial two-year contracts.

The exciting trio, taken by the Bombers with selections eight, nine and ten 18 months ago, underpin the club's re-birth under Ben Rutten after the departure of senior players Joe Daniher, Adam Saad and Orazio Fantasia.

Essendon is in negotiations with the management of Cox, Perkins and Reid. There is no danger of any of them switching clubs and all three have verbally committed to staying at Tullamarine and are happy at the club.

Sources said there is no haggling over money, but that as things stand, there is a snag over the length of the

contracts.

The Bombers are attempting to secure longer deals for the blossoming trio, but there is some reluctance from the management teams of the just-turned 20-year-olds to over-commit given their expected rate of improvement.

The second contract for a top-end draft pick – after the standard two-year deal to enter the competition – can be a complicated one.

Sydney wanted to tie pick 4 Logan McDonald to a four-year contract before the young key forward signed for two.

The Swans did tie up their fifth pick, Braeden Campbell, for three more years.

Essendon is also in positive talks with 2016 No.1 draft pick Andrew McGrath over a new contract, while young midfielder Sam Durham has signed a two-year deal after joining the club via last year's mid-season rookie draft.

Munster contract offer concerns

By Lachlan Geleit

IS THE Storm disrespecting Cameron Munster by offering the star five-eighth a cut-price deal to stay in purple?

That's the sentiment of a raft of ex-Storm players, according to The Sydney Morning Herald's Andrew Webster.

Those murmurings come after the club moved to sign up the likes of Harry Grant, Jahrome Hughes and Xavier Coates on significant deals, effectively proving that Munster is fourth on their priority list.

Reports have suggested that the club have tabled Munster an extension on considerably less than the reported \$1.1 million he currently earns a year, and Webster doesn't understand why the club is chasing such a pay cut.

"I've actually spoken to former Storm players and others about this, and they

think it's a huge lack of respect for Munster," Webster said on SEN 1170 Mornings.

"(They should've told their squad) if they wanted to stay together, 'Be prepared to take less so Cameron Munster can stay'."

Webster believes the Storm have offered Munster a deal worth near around \$750,000 a year, while the Dolphins could come in with a deal worth well in excess of that – at \$1.2m.

"The haircut the Storm want him to take is apparently enormous, around 400 (thousand) a year," Webster said.

Munster is contracted until the end of the 2023 season with the Storm, meaning he will be free to negotiate with rival clubs from November 1 this year.

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Boolarra 34 d MDU 26
Foster 22 lt Fish Ck 36
Mirboo Nth 70 d Hill End 42
N'Borough 34 lt Toora 57
Yinnar 56 d Tarwin 32
Thorpdale 26 lt Stony Ck 33

B GRADE

Boolarra 52 d MDU 48
Foster 25 lt Fish Ck 48
Mirboo Nth 49 lt Hill End 28
N'Borough 43 lt Toora 63
Thorpdale 27 d Stony Ck 24
Yinnar 66 d Tarwin 13

C GRADE

Boolarra 22 lt MDU 37
Foster 9 lt Fish Ck 55
Mirboo Nth 41 d Hill End 36
N'Borough 34 d Toora 32
Thorpdale 19 lt Stony Ck 26
Yinnar 32 d Tarwin 29

D GRADE

Boolarra 24 d MDU 23
Mirboo Nth 39 d Hill End 12
N'Borough 27 d Toora 22
Yinnar 59 d Tarwin 10

17 & UNDER

Mirboo Nth d Hill End 15
N'Borough 36 d Toora 22
Yinnar 39 d Tarwin 18

15 & UNDER

Mirboo Nth 38 d Hill End 11
Boolarra 30 d MDU 16
Thorpdale 39 d Stony Ck 15
N'Borough 10 lt Toora 33

13 & UNDER

Foster 18 d Fish Ck 16
Mirboo Nth 22 d Hill end 8
Boolarra 46 d MDU 3

» LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Toora	167.65	4
Mirboo North	166.67	4
Fish Creek	163.64	4
Boolarra	130.77	4
Stony Creek	126.92	4
Morwell East	0.00	4
Tarwin	0.00	2
Yinnar	0.00	2
Thorpdale	78.79	0
MDU	76.47	0
Foster	61.11	0
Hill End A Grade	60.00	0
Newborough	59.65	0
B GRADE		
Fish Creek	192.00	4
Mirboo North	175.00	4
Toora	146.51	4
Thorpdale	112.50	4
Boolarra	108.33	4
Morwell East	0.00	4
Yinnar	507.69	2
Tarwin	19.70	2
MDU B	92.31	0
Stony Creek	88.89	0
Newborough	68.25	0
Hill End	57.14	0
Foster	52.08	0
C GRADE		
Fish Creek	611.11	4
MDU	168.18	4
Stony Creek	136.84	4
Mirboo North	113.89	4
Newborough	106.25	4
Morwell East	0.00	4
Yinnar	110.34	2
Tarwin	90.63	2
Toora	94.12	0
Hill End	87.80	0
Thorpdale	73.08	0
Boolarra	59.46	0
Foster	16.36	0
D GRADE		
Mirboo North	325.00	4
Newborough	122.73	4
Thorpdale	105.88	4
Boolarra	104.35	4
Morwell East	0.00	4
Yinnar	590.00	2
Tarwin	16.95	2
MDU	95.83	2
Stony Creek	94.44	0
Toora	81.48	0
Hill End	30.77	0
17 & UNDER		
Newborough	163.64	4
Fish Creek	0.00	4
MDU	0.00	4
Morwell East	0.00	4
Tarwin	0.00	4
Yinnar	0.00	3
Toora	61.11	0
Hill End	28.30	0
15 & UNDER		
Mirboo North	345.45	4
Toora	330.00	4
Thorpdale	260.00	4
Boolarra	187.50	4
Fish Creek	0.00	4
Morwell East	0.00	4
Yinnar	0.00	4
MDU	53.33	0
Stony Creek	38.46	0
Newborough	30.30	0
Hill End	28.95	0
13 & UNDER		
Boolarra	1533.33	4
Mirboo North	275.00	4
Foster	112.50	4
Tarwin	0.00	4
Toora	0.00	4
Fish Creek	88.89	0
Hill End	36.36	0
MDU	6.52	0

SPORT | NETBALL



Chloe Cengia played strong with great pressure against Kilcunda Bass. Z25_1522



Kilcunda Bass's Georgia Burston shows her athleticism and brings it up the court. Z22_1522



Mirboo North A Grade shooter Ebony Best received a high pass in the goal circle.



Jordan Kennedy launches another attack from the last line. Z24_1522



Mirboo North's D Grade Kat Smith lines up against Hill End's shooter.



Koo Wee Rup's Teagan Davies pulls down the intercept and moves the ball straight through the middle. Z16_1522



Mirboo North's wing attack Tarni Bartlett of C Grade moves the ball up court in preparation for a goal.



B Grade Lexi Andrews stands tall over her Hill End opponent as they go for a goal.

LEONGATHA

UNDER 15: Award 1 - Katie Turton, sponsored by Rusty Windmill. Award 2 – Lara Gill, sponsored by Bakers Delight. Sale 32 def Leongatha 27. Hot one out there today. Everyone played a ripper of a game; scores were tight throughout the match, but we just fell short in the last quarter. Go Parrots.

Under 17: Award 1 - Jade Hall, sponsored by Serafinos. Award 2 – Lily Hume, sponsored by Bakers Delight. Sale 43 def Leongatha 21. Tough game and conditions. Started off well but couldn't hold on. Hot out there but everyone gave it their all.

C Grade: Award 1 - Jude Renolds, sponsored by AW Smith and Son. Award 2 – Ash Payne, sponsored by Rusty Windmill. Auction Player: Jude Renolds. Sale 19 def by Leongatha 44. Hot conditions today, the team had a strong start and adjusted well to opponents' play. We worked well as a team and kept our intensity throughout the whole game.

B Grade: Award 1 – Stacey Gilliam, sponsored by RSL. Award 2 – Zarli Rogers, sponsored by AW Smith and Son. Auction Player: Stacey Gilliam. Sale 26 def by Leongatha 60. Great team game in the heat today girls. We know how important fitness is and today all of your hard work paid off. Awesome last quarter, pushing towards the team goal.

A Grade: Award 1 - Lauren Redpath, sponsored by Serafinos. Award 2 – Laura Higgins, sponsored by Sweet Life. Auction Player: Taylah Brown. Sale 20 def by Leongatha 74. Fantastic team game today in very warm conditions. A big congratulations to Laura for her 150 + 10 games today. Sale put up a great fight and pushed all the way to the end. Well done!!!

MIRBOO NORTH

A GRADE: Mirboo North 70 Def Hill End 42. Best: Jessie Holland (Mirboo North Hotel). Coaches: Louisa Pratt (Foodworks). It's great to be back! Hill End really pushed us for the full 4 quarters. We ran hard in the heat and everything we have been working on in preseason showed. An exciting year ahead for the girls!

B Grade: Mirboo North 49 def Hill End 28. Best: Emma Evans (Lamezleighs). Coaches: Lexi Andrews (Foodworks). It was an awesome first game and the girls did awesome to run out the whole game in the heat!

C Grade: Mirboo North 41 def Hill End 36. Best: Gemma McCormack (Foodworks). Coaches: Jayne Blackford (Jimmy Jams). Awesome first game in this hot weather. Great to see things we have been working on in pre-season are coming out on court.

D Grade: Mirboo North 39 def Hill End 11. Best: Kat Smith (Intersport). Coaches: Sydney Blackshaw (Foodworks). With a brand-new team on court today we all played hard in the sun. Trying different combinations, we all adapted, was exciting to take out our first win.

Under 17: Mirboo North 53 def Hill End 15. Best: Tarni Bartlett (Foodworks). Coaches: Sophie McGrath (Canteen). Awesome first game. We played so well as a team and everyone should be super proud of today's efforts.

Under 15: Mirboo North 37 def Hill End 11. Best: Tyla Peters (Foodworks). Coaches: Marley Wallace (Canteen). Great first game all of us. We adapted to changes well on the court and patience played a key role in our game style. The team will continue to develop, and we are very excited to see what this team holds for the remainder of the season!

Under 13: Mirboo North 23 def Hill End 8. Best: Noah Bradley. Coaches: Zali Budd. Well done everyone for an awesome first game. We were light for numbers, but nobody would've known otherwise the way the team played. Different combos and positions, but the kids all played together amazingly as a team! The team needs to keep working hard at training on the basics.



Grace Green passes to Skye Hancock in A Grade, where Poowong took on Longwarry. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Abby McNally celebrated 150 games for Poowong at the weekend. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Nyora goal defence Paige Barry intercepts this pass in D Grade. Photo: Sheryl Walters.



Wonthaggi Power's Bella Anderson gets the jump on her Warragul opponent in B Grade. A21_1522



Nyora's Milla Buchanan doesn't give her front position up despite a heavy knock. Photo: Sheryl Walters.



In B Grade, Freya Scapin tries to get a pass away to a Wonthaggi teammate under fierce pressure from Pippa Cook of Warragul. A22_1522



In C Grade, Wonthaggi's Jemma Gilmour gets airborne to apply pressure to Warragul's goal shooter Ava McGarrity. A18_1522

ELLINBANK

» RESULTS

A GRADE		17 & UNDER	
Ellinbank 45	It Trafalgar 48	Ellinbank 42	d Trafalgar 36
Longwarry 47	It Poowong 53	Longwarry 32	It Poowong 35
Catani 41	d Nyora 29	Catani 31	It Nyora 34
Buln Buln 40	It Lang Lang 52	Buln Buln 37	d Lang Lang 29
Yarragon 10	It Neerim Sth 90	Yarragon 29	d Neerim Sth 16
B GRADE		15 & UNDER	
Ellinbank 62	d Trafalgar 39	Ellinbank 26	d Trafalgar 23
Longwarry 41	It Poowong 45	Longwarry 28	d Poowong 16
Catani 44	d Nyora 31	Catani 0	d Nyora 0
Buln Buln 70	d Lang Lang 32	Buln Buln 33	d Lang Lang 7
Yarragon 20	It Neerim Sth 64	Yarragon 44	d Neerim Sth 3
C GRADE		13 & UNDER	
Ellinbank 50	d Trafalgar 12	Ellinbank 7	It Trafalgar 18
Longwarry 52	d Poowong 12	Longwarry 27	d Poowong 10
Catani 31	d Nyora 23	Catani 30	d Nyora 14
Buln Buln 37	d Lang Lang 27	Buln Buln 7	It Lang Lang 23
Yarragon 18	It Neerim Sth 54	Yarragon 17	d Neerim Sth 7

» LADDERS

A GRADE			17 & UNDER		
Neerim South	565.38	8	Poowong	120.59	8
Nilma Darnum	390.00	4	Nyora	109.80	8
Ellinbank	152.94	4	Buln Buln	N/A	8
Lang Lang	132.39	4	Nilma Darnum	145.00	4
Trafalgar	106.67	4	Yarragon	108.89	4
Catani	101.41	4	Catani	108.00	4
Nyora	92.94	4	Ellinbank	93.98	4
Poowong	68.87	4	Longwarry	91.23	0
Longwarry	88.35	0	Trafalgar	85.71	0
Buln Buln	51.38	0	Lang Lang	N/A	0
Yarragon	17.86	0	Neerim South	46.15	0
B GRADE			15 & UNDER		
Ellinbank	230.34	12	Buln Buln	1314.29	8
Buln Buln	180.00	8	Yarragon	390.91	8
Catani	127.42	8	Catani	516.67	6
Nilma Darnum	233.33	4	Longwarry	416.67	4
Neerim South	158.62	4	Poowong	88.89	4
Nyora	97.40	4	Ellinbank	87.18	4
Poowong	45.90	4	Nyora	4.26	2
Longwarry	83.15	0	Trafalgar	88.46	0
Trafalgar	62.90	0	Nilma Darnum	45.24	0
Lang Lang	60.00	0	Lang Lang	20.31	0
Yarragon	36.67	0	Neerim South	2.91	0
C GRADE			13 & UNDER		
Ellinbank	459.09	8	Longwarry	168.97	8
Longwarry	272.22	8	Catani	148.48	8
Catani	175.68	8	Trafalgar	257.14	4
Nilma Darnum	333.33	4	Nilma Darnum	127.78	4
Neerim South	202.50	4	Yarragon	116.67	4
Buln Buln	109.26	4	Ellinbank	77.27	4
Lang Lang	57.75	0	Buln Buln	71.05	4
Nyora	49.35	0	Lang Lang	161.54	2
Yarragon	31.73	0	Nyora	63.46	0
Poowong	30.10	0	Neerim South	59.46	0
Trafalgar	24.00	0	Poowong	37.84	0

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» RESULTS

A GRADE		17 & UNDER	
Warragul 26	It Wonthaggi 31	Warragul 21	It Wonthaggi 38
Maffra 54	d Bairnsdale 26	Maffra 41	d Bairnsdale 39
Morwell 50	d Moe 43	Morwell 30	d Moe 19
Sale 20	It Leongatha 74	Sale 42	d Leongatha 21
Traralgon 37	It Drouin 43	Traralgon 43	d Drouin 17
B GRADE		15 & UNDER	
Warragul 19	It Wonthaggi 32	Warragul 15	It Wonthaggi 46
Maffra 45	d Bairnsdale 28	Maffra 55	d Bairnsdale 31
Morwell 33	It Moe 36	Morwell 48	d Moe 13
Sale 26	It Leongatha 61	Sale 32	d Leongatha 27
Traralgon 63	d Drouin 26	Traralgon 64	d Drouin 9
C GRADE		13 & UNDER	
Warragul 41	d Wonthaggi 25	Warragul 20	d Wonthaggi 0
Maffra 54	d Bairnsdale 21	Maffra 9	It Bairnsdale 61
Morwell 28	d Moe 23	Morwell 8	It Moe 20
Sale 19	It Leongatha 44	Sale 0	d Leongatha 0
Traralgon 27	It Drouin 29	Traralgon 31	d Drouin 12

* Due to technical issues with the result website, no ladders could be supplied this week.

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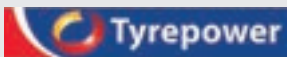


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Adam Ware	21
Rod O'Neill	21
Katherine & Darren	20
Kris Baker	20
Phil & Cathal	20
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Liam Sawyer	19
Carl Lindsay	18
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Keith Kelly	18
Leigh & Taryn	18
Phil Hardy	18
Sam Turner	15



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RND 2

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB



80



65

NYORA CATANI

Nyora 5.1 7.6 9.11 11.14 (80)
Catani 4.0 5.2 6.4 10.5 (65)

GOALS, Nyora: Taylor Gard, Travis Stewart 2 each, Jesse Heylen, Lucas Lee, Ben Lineham, Max Mattock, Adam Pugh 1 each.

BEST: Travis Stewart, Taylor Gard, Jordan Anderson, Jack Rosenow, Angus McGillivray, Ben Lineham.

GOALS, Catani: Lachlan Free 5, Riley Marshall, Chris Power, Joshua Seppings, James Williams, Tom Williams 1 each.

BEST: Michael Ralph, Lachlan Free, James Williams, Brett Williams, Thomas Keily, Riley McDonald.

RESERVES

Nyora 4.2 6.5 11.7 15.8 (98)
Catani 1.0 1.0 5.0 6.1 (37)

GOALS, Nyora: Adam Jamieson 4, Trent Breen 3, Jono Hewitt 2, Carson Bourke, Matt Layton, Tim Miller 1 each.

BEST: Jarred Pearsall, Jono Hewitt, Blake Kahan, Adam Jamieson, Matt Layton.

GOALS, Catani: Josh Broman, Blake Ellis 2 each, Brad Stone 1.

BEST: Bryce Scoles, Shaun Donnelly, Travis Broman, Blake Ellis, Max Chesterfield.

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



56



51

LONGWARRY POOWONG

Longwarry 1.3 4.5 6.8 8.8 (56)
Poowong 3.2 4.3 5.6 7.9 (51)

GOALS, Longwarry: Angus Adamiak, Lachie Spinks, Jake Stewart 2 each, Russell Lehman, Braydon McKHugh 1 each

BEST: Jake Stewart, Cole Cook, Daniel Pullen, Russell Lehman, Lachie Spinks, Seth Ashton

GOALS, Poowong: Alex Doria 2, Joshua Harvey, Kurt Newton, William Robertson, James Scott, Mitchal Whiting 1 each

BEST: Jayden Sullivan, William Robertson, Kurt Newton, Jared Mills, Alex Doria, William Lumby

RESERVES

Longwarry 3.4 9.9 14.14 21.16 (142)
Poowong 1.0 1.0 1.1 2.1 (7)

GOALS, Longwarry: Leigh McDonald 7, Peter Harrison 6, Hayden McCarthy 2, Matt Kouris, Nick Mascadri, Kye Osseweyer, John Werner, Paul Williams 1 each

BEST: Leigh McDonald, Bailey Osseweyer, Kye Osseweyer, Nick Mascadri, Corey Davis

GOALS, Poowong: Gary Miller 1

BEST: Jake Peacock, Brodie Ardley, Darcy Loughridge, Jerome Cawcutt, Brian Jefferis

FOURTHS

Longwarry 5.2 9.10 15.15 19.19 (133)
Poowong 1.0 1.0 1.0 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Longwarry: Cody McInnes, Tyler van der Heyden 5 each, Jake Knights, Clancy Pope, Charlie Townley 2 each, Jeremy Comley, Jack Gilbert, Connor Wills 1 each

BEST: Cody McInnes, Clancy Pope, Tyler van der Heyden, Charlie Townley, Josh Downes, Jake Knights

GOALS, Poowong: Rory Nettle 1

BEST: Rory Nettle, Ryder Dowlan, Anthony Orsini, Kohen Mandemaker, Henri Bott, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Trafalgar 11.13.79 d Ellinbank 8.6.54
Buln Buln 15.8.98 d Lang Lang 8.10.58
Neerim South 10.11.71 d Yarragon 5.4.34

RESERVES

Ellinbank 12.9.81 d Trafalgar 7.3.45
Lang Lang 10.8.68 d Buln Buln 5.13.43
Neerim South 20.21.141 d Yarragon 0.1.1

THIRDS

Ellinbank 9.14.68 d Longwarry 8.3.51
Buln Buln 17.9.111 d Lang Lang 4.5.29
Neerim South 18.20.128 d Yarragon 2.9.21

FOURTHS

Lang Lang 7.7.49 d Buln Buln 5.7.37
Yarragon 9.15.69 d Neerim South 3.6.24
Ellinbank 9.6.60 d Trafalgar 6.4.40



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Nyora celebrates two wins

NYORA travelled to Catani on Saturday and came away with solid wins in both the Seniors and Reserves leaving coach Dylan Heylen delighted the whole playing group could share in the success of the day.

“It was a fantastic effort by both teams this week – two from two. It’s been a while since that’s happened for Nyora,” said Heylen.

And he was pleased to see the form of several in the Reserves in particular, who will be pressing for a senior call-up.

“There were some great games by a few of the boys in the Reserves game which will make selection difficult after the break,” he said.

“The Reserves had six changes from the week prior so hopefully they can get some consistency with players and their availability. I think they could have a really successful year if they stick together.

“It was a good win by them this week, but it’ll be a lot tougher next game against Buln. However, I’m sure they’re looking forward to the challenge.”



Dylan Heylen manages to get a kick off before his Catani opponent has the chance to intercept. Photo: Sheryl Walters.

The Nyora Reserves started out in control, kicking 4.2 to Catani’s single goal. They extended this in the second quarter but didn’t have it all their own way in the third, with Catani putting on four goals to the Saints’ five.

The Saints were still winning at the stoppages, but Catani made good use of their attacks to add some welcome scoreboard-pressure.

Nyora ran out easy winners,

kicking four more goals in the last quarter led by Adam Jamieson with 4 and Trent Breen 3.

The Seniors started slowly again this week, allowing the home team Catani to steal a bit of a march on them before settling down and ultimately going to the first break with a slender 5.1 to the Blues’ 4.0.

The second quarter was a tighter affair with both teams finding their match-ups and a

pretty hot contest for the ball at the stoppages, but Nyora managed to extend the lead to a handy 16 points by half time.

On a perfect day for footy, Nyora started to set up more scoring shots in the third quarter but didn’t get value for effort.

“Our inaccuracy in front of goal let us down in the third quarter again. We had plenty of opportunity to kick away but couldn’t capitalise,” said Heylen in review.

“It was really good to see us getting the shots on goal, last year this is where we struggled the most but when we can start kicking a positive score, we’ll be a lot more competitive,” he said.

“I was really rapt with the effort from the boys though. They came at us hard in the last quarter and we stood strong. The monkey is off our back now, first win out of the way, hopefully a few more in the next few weeks.”

Heylen also praised Catani for the presentation of the ground.

The goal scoring was shared with Travis Stewart, Taylor Gard and Scott Pugh.

Longwarry over the line by a late goal

By Geoff Wyatt, Poowong FNC

POOWONG travelled to Longwarry on Saturday in warm conditions with the ground in good condition.

Poowong’s coach was unavailable, so Reece Attenborough stepped in for the day and did a good job, and spoke well to the team.

Poowong kicked to the Pakenham end and were first on the board with Will Robertson goaling followed by a goal to Alex Doria who was giving Poowong another target up forward.

Longwarry came back with a goal followed by Alex Doria kicking Poowong’s third and his second. The game was again being played between both defences and at quarter time Poowong held an 11-point lead.

The second quarter started with Longwarry pushing hard but managed two points and a shot out of bounds but finally they added their second quickly followed by another with good play out of the centre and then received a free kick for their fourth.

Poowong lifted with a good goal from James Scott, but unfortunately another shot from Poowong went out of bounds. Two points the difference at half time, with Longwarry in the lead.

The second half would be down to which teams’ defence



Pat Harmes takes a spectacular grab for Poowong. Photo: Jeff Tull.

cracked first. Poowong opened determinedly but only managed two points on the scoreboard and one out of bounds but Longwarry managed a goal from a snap, then a goal bounced through followed by three points to open up a 15-point lead.

Poowong fought back with a goal to Mitch Wighting with Longwarry’s late shot out of bounds but they managed to hold an eight-point lead at three-quarter time.

Though the scores were low, there was some great football being played with good passes, great marks, hence the last quarter was

expected to be a bottler.

Poowong came out determined to win and started with two goals: one a kick off the ground by Kurt Newton followed by a great goal from Josh Harvey, giving Poowong the lead.

Play was frantic by both teams, Longwarry was first to score with a goal and the lead. Poowong were determined; a snap shot by Jack Hazendonk went out of bounds then a couple more shots for points levelled the scores.

Poowong had a chance when Matt Cozzio received a free kick at centre half forward but only managed a point but this gave Poowong a one point lead

with little time left.

Play was bottled up at Longwarry’s centre half forward with both teams trying to get the ball clear; a free kick was paid to Longwarry in front and Longwarry goaled, the siren sounded with spectators and players bewildered by the free kick, but Longwarry over the line by five points.

There’s no game over the Easter weekend, and the following week we welcome Catani hoping to get on the board.

The Seconds were a patched up team with eight new players from round one; they all tried hard and many Poowong stalwarts stepped up on the day. Though well beaten on the day, with the single goal kicked by Brian Kelson, they had opportunities but could not finish off against a strong Longwarry team.

The Under 16s were undermanned with school holidays but at least they had a game with all players trying hard - no scores available.

Training is of a Thursday night with juniors at 5.30pm followed by the Seniors. If anyone is looking for a game, teas are every Thursday night. Contact Ted Attenborough 0407 597 341.

Volunteer of the Week goes to Jeff Tull. Great job with the camera in both netball and football.

Volunteers are always appreciated if you’re looking to support local football.

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ROUND 2

SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	2	0	177.61	8	Neerim South	2	0	1146.67	8	Neerim South	2	0	1030.43	8	Longwarry	2	0	551.35	8
Longwarry	2	0	171.43	8	Lang Lang	2	0	500.00	8	Ellinbank	2	0	196.97	8	Ellinbank	2	0	153.85	8
Lang Lang	1	1	168.42	4	Longwarry	2	0	380.00	8	Longwarry	1	1	131.33	4	Neerim South	1	1	182.61	4
Yarragon	1	1	158.82	4	Ellinbank	2	0	228.81	8	Buln Buln	2	1	81.88	4	Lang Lang	1	0	132.43	4
Trafalgar	1	1	146.30	4	Nyora	1	1	122.76	4	Lang Lang	0	2	25.43	0	Yarragon	1	1	97.89	4
Buln Buln	1	1	123.58	4	Yarragon	1	1	48.70	4	Yarragon	0	2	19.35	0	Trafalgar	0	1	66.67	0
Ellinbank	1	1	86.09	4	Buln Buln	0	2	57.58	0	Poowong	0	0	0.00	0	Poowong	0	2	26.42	0
Nyora	1	1	71.75	4	Trafalgar	0	2	55.56	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Buln Buln	0	2	24.50	0
Poowong	0	2	86.14	0	Nilma Darnum	0	2	17.57	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Catani	0	2	37.85	0	Catani	0	2	15.20	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	2	13.86	0	Poowong	0	2	10.71	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0

Stony Creek off to a flying start

STONY Creek kicked off its season with an emphatic 38-point win, a victory that was as good as it gets for the Lions.

Winning has been like gold for these two teams in recent years so the chance to open the account in the 2022 season with four premiership points was seen as crucial by both.

The Blues at home had been happy with their pre-season and appreciative of the numbers that had made the effort in the weeks and months leading up to this day.

Equally, the Lions with some new faces, both junior and those more experienced, had given the visitors the belief a

win first up was most certainly possible.

Stony Creek coach Jai Acardi said it was a great start to the season for their boys at Thorpdale against some good opposition.

"After a really even first half we were able to pull away, even though to their credit they pushed us to the end, the placing for both our sides (Seniors and Reserves) is that it was our first real hit out of the season as two individual teams and although we took a while to gel once we got going, we had some really good passages of play."

Thorpdale coach Ray Pickering said it was a very good,

tight first half of footy but they cost themselves a two-to-three-goal lead at half time with some undisciplined acts.

"Second half we couldn't sustain our structures and fitness, allowing Stony to get on top and run over us in the end," Ray said.

"Stony have recruited very well and are much improved from 2021 and will scare some good teams this year. We have some positives to take out of the first half going into round two v MDU."

There is a long season that awaits both of these teams, but there's no question that they will be a headache for many opposition teams in 2022.



The Stony Creek Seniors belted out their song following a round one win against Thorpdale.



Mid Gippsland netball players and officials join Madi Browne who is wearing a white shirt in the back row. A12_1522

Mid Gippsland launches season

WITH excitement building ahead of the long-awaited return of footy and netball, league and club representatives gathered at the Morwell RSL on Monday, April 4, to launch the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League (MG-FNL) season.

High-flying past Melbourne footballer Russell Robertson, and retired Australian Diamonds netball star Madi Browne entertained attendees, with MC and league publicity officer Rob Popplestone eliciting interesting stories from both guest speakers.

Robertson recalled the 'basket case' Melbourne Football Club was, describing the contrast with the current Demons squad and their ability to play for each other and make sacrifices.

Browne spoke of the disparity between elite level men's and women's sport when she started playing netball for the Melbourne Kestrels.

She signed a contract for just \$200 a game, while

fellow Geelong citizen Shaun Higgins was drafted to AFL club North Melbourne, signing a \$60,000 contract.

During her chat with Popplestone, Browne also recalled her father's disgust at her decision to represent Collingwood's netball side, given his many games for Geelong Football Club.

Popplestone also spoke to new Tarwin coach Troy Hemming who said recruiting has gone smoothly, with bringing more locals to the club his focus.

"The club culture is really good and if we keep getting locals, we'll stay stronger for longer," Hemming said, noting recruiting has proved much simpler than people told him it would.

He's excited by his new challenge at the Sharks as the season gets underway.

Attendees enjoyed the chance to catch up for a social evening with a sense of normality that will hopefully carry through to a full season of footy and netball.



New Tarwin coach Troy Hemming chats to MC Rob Popplestone. A11_1522



Rob Popplestone and Russell Robertson enjoy their banter on stage. A13_1522

Tarwin team effort secures the win

IT WAS a terrific start to the season for Tarwin, managing to manufacture an eight-point win away from home against a Yinnar side that prides itself on being hard to beat at any time let alone the first game of the year.

The Magpies, like most, have set their sights on finals football once again in 2022, but also realise that the expected improvement by many teams in the competition will mean that playing at the pointy end

of the season cannot be taken for granted.

Yinnar coach Daniel Taylor said their intensity was off early, which put them on the back foot for most of the day.

"To be fair, I thought we were lucky to be still in the game at three-quarter time as Tarwin was clearly the better side.

"We rolled the dice and fought it out but came up short unfortunately. I was proud of the fight back but disappointed with

how we started and now we have a big game in a fortnight against Morwell East."

Tarwin, with new coach Troy Hemming at the helm, had enjoying footy as a first priority with winning a very close second.

"It was a great start by our full squad... very impressed with our new players coming into our club and our local veterans turning back the clock," Troy said.

"We showed great fight for four quarters, we trained our game plan all pre-season and the boys stuck to it.

"Yinnar were a good outfit and kept coming all day, and we wish them all the best for the season, but it was a team effort for Tarwin."

Tarwin will now meet fellow first round victors, Stony Creek, with both clubs wanting to make it two from two.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 1

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



STONY CREEK THORPDALE

Stony Creek	3.0	8.2	11.6	16.8 (104)
Thorpdale	4.0	8.3	9.4	10.6 (66)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Rhys Dixon 4, Darren Granger 3, Ossy Brennan, Cooper Cary 2, Tully Bernaldo, Anthony Dyke, Hayden Funnell, Tom Stone, Byron Wilson 1 each

BEST: Tom Stone, Sam Bright, Tully Bernaldo, Darcy Atkins, Sam Marriott, Hayden Bull

GOALS, Thorpdale: Shannon Pickering, Jason Fahey 2, James Holland-Burch, Cougar Millsom, Jarrah Burgess, Jake Tabone, Brayden Hunt, Thomas Poulton 1 each

BEST: Michael McMahon, Matt Richardson, Mitchell Gorman, Jason Fahey, Joel Monger, Shannon Pickering

RESERVES

Stony Creek	4.3	7.6	11.8	13.8 (86)
Thorpdale	1.1	4.2	4.4	4.4 (28)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Jarrad Byrnes, Brendan Hayes, Andrew Richardson, Dylan Zuidema 2, Jack Edmondson, Nick Svenson, Andrew Verboon, Angus Wright 1 each

BEST: Tylah O'Connor Linke, Dylan Zuidema, Andrew Richardson, Rohan Baudinette, Angus Wright, Jack Edmondson

GOALS, Thorpdale: Daryle Brennan 2, Corey Celima, Mick McIntosh 1 each

BEST: Lachie Ray, Dan Hammond, Corey Celima, Andrew Irwin, Aaron Robinson, Thomas Mackenzie

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB



TARWIN YINNAR

Tarwin	5.1	9.5	14.10	16.13 (109)
Yinnar	3.1	7.3	11.3	16.5 (101)

GOALS, Tarwin: No players named.

BEST: Ben Ellen, Matt Zagni, Nathan McRae, Lachlan Schreurs, Tom Vanderkolk, Daniel Houston

GOALS, Yinnar: Harrison McColl 6, Ben Cheffers, Matt Moseley, Mark Quigley 2, Zac Cantrill, Liam Eade, Daniel Johnson, Mitch Renwick 1 each

BEST: Harrison McColl, Liam Eade, Ben Cheffers, Blake Van Der Meer, Dean Johnson, Brendan Chapman

RESERVES

Tarwin	2.3	6.3	9.3	12.6 (78)
Yinnar	3.0	3.1	5.4	8.4 (52)

GOALS, Tarwin: Khy Blizard, Nick McRae 2, Flynn Brosnan, Tyson Hanegraaf, Shaun Silver, Tom Williamson 1 each

BEST: Tyson Hanegraaf, Alexander Chadwick, Harrison Cumming, Noah Bee-Hickman, James O'Sullivan, Jonathan McMicking

GOALS, Yinnar: Daniel Webster 3, Timothy Hutchinson, Jayden Leicester, Jamie Winters, Jayden Embry 1 each

BEST: Lachlan Alexander, Max Hendrikse, Elijah Lappin, Daniel Webster, Player, Jayden Embry

THIRDS

Yinnar	5.5	11.11	18.13	26.19 (175)
Tarwin/FC	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1 (1)

BEST, Yinnar: Zac Schill, Clancy Mills, Archie Mills, Lachlan Bell, Ethan Sultana

BEST, Tarwin/FC: No players named.



Liam Nash tried to get a kick away before the tackle.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

	85		51
HILL END		MIRBOO NORTH	

Hill End	2.3	7.6	9.7	12.13 (85)
Mirboo North	1.4	4.5	6.8	7.9 (51)

GOALS, Hill End: No players named.
BEST: Aaron Fawcett, Luke Failla, Robert Fiddelaers, Ryan Ladson, Ambu Uliando, Justin Rea
GOALS, Mirboo North: No players named.
BEST: Josh Taylor, Beau Peters, Harrison Mahoney, Joel Lambourn, Jordan Cummaudo, Rhys Kratzat

RESERVES

Hill End	4.3	5.7	8.11	9.14 (68)
Mirboo North	0.0	2.2	3.3	6.4 (40)

GOALS, Hill End: Phillip Town 5, Jack Duncan, James Balfour, Joshua Hammond 1 each
BEST: Richard Horton, Alex Jenkinson, Phillip Town, Rowan Kelly, Seth Dawson
GOALS, Mirboo North: Andrew Soplakow 3, Isiah Terrick, Taj Wilkins, Beau Melbourne 1 each
BEST: Shane Peters, Isiah Terrick, Taj Wilkins, Jake Brown, Beau Melbourne, Patrick Lewis

THIRDS

Mirboo North	4.5	12.7	17.13	12.18 (144)
Hill End	1.0	2.2	2.3	3.3 (21)

BEST, Mirboo North: Beau Melbourne, Jesse Chila, Jack Couper, Max Woodall, Harrison Reville Gent, Blake Peters
BEST, Hill End: Iachlan answer, Damon Russell, Ryley Cumiskey, Liam Cumiskey, Mustafa Glibanovic, Mark Ferguson

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

	140		39
NEWBOROUGH		TOORA	

Newborough	4.7	10.12	15.18	20.20 (140)
Toora	2.1	5.1	5.2	6.3 (39)

GOALS, Newborough: Josh Pearce 5, Peter Ainsworth 4, Joshua Bland 3, Joshua Hecker, Jack Robinson, Zachary Skinner 2, Alex Skinner, Daniel Smith 1 each
BEST: Peter Ainsworth, Luke Webber, Patrick Charles, Josh Pearce, Joshua Bland, Joshua Hecker
GOALS, Toora: Aron Rhodes 2, Ryan Archer, Joseph Platt, Ryan Ponton, Jack Weston 1 each
BEST: Matthew Ponton, Jack Weston, Peter Grant, Ryan Archer, Jonathan Pintus, Kristian Harper

RESERVES

Newborough	2.1	7.3	10.4	14.7 (91)
Toora	1.3	3.4	4.7	7.8 (50)

GOALS, Newborough: Patrick Frendo, Rohan Richards 3, Samuel Lodge, Matt Rowlings 2, Jay Fleming, Mathew Leicester, Jake Pullar, Will Troy 1 each
BEST: Rohan Richards, Jake Bowden, Mathew Leicester, Tyler Mander, Warren Hester, Thomas Downey
GOALS, Toora: Lukas Jenkins 3, Casey Ferguson 2, Leigh De Boer, Callan Walker 1 each
BEST: Luke Anedda, Lukas Jenkins, Jake Mabilia, Jackson Moore, Marc Stone, Linden Dyson



Mirboo North's Jacob Blair breaks away from the pack.

Hillmen dominate final term

TIGERLAND is no longer Hill End's hoodoo ground after the visiting Hillmen overcame Mirboo North by 34 points in round one of Mid Gippsland football on Saturday.

Not since 1999 had a Hill End senior team beaten the mighty Tigers at Mirboo North and sung its theme song.

Mirboo North wore black armbands in honour of Tigers true, Wally Carter and Kaitlyn Kennedy, following their passings during the off season.

The match was also livestreamed into 500 television sets across Australia and abroad, with commentary from Joe Piper and Ang Cannizzo.

Things started badly for the locals with teenager Jedd Felmingham taken to hospital after a heavy knock in the opening minute of the match.

The ball flew from one end of the oval to the other with speed and gusto that saw Hill

By Rover, Mirboo North FNC

End take a five-point lead into the quarter-time huddle.

Mirboo North was bleeding promising youngsters Nick Cummaudo, Beau Peters and Tyron Stevens in their introduction to the rigors of senior football.

Early in the second quarter, Peters stoically repelled a Hill End forward advance that resulted in rugged forward Liam Bartlett snapping truly for Mirboo North's second goal to put the Tigers a point in front.

A few minutes later, playing coach Josh Taylor extended the Tigers' lead to eight points after marking strongly overhead, then side-stepping an opponent with a brilliant 50-metre kick that split the middle of the big white sticks.

The Tigers were 14 points clear, 11 minutes into the second quarter and looking the goods.

Suddenly, there was a momentum shift and Hill End took control everywhere with clean marking, lots of pace and accurate scoring that saw them add four unanswered goals in 16 minutes to give it a handy lead of 19 points at the main break.

Consistently prominent for Hill End through this period were Aaron Fawcett, Robert Fiddelaers, Luke Failla and Ryan Ladson.

It seemed the Hillmen had finally grasped the structures and execution processes of their geometrically-designed and geographically-aligned game plan.

Nothing was going right for Mirboo North as another leak in defence allowed the hard running Dane Fawcett to boot Hill End's eighth goal, five minutes into the third quarter.

When Jack Battersby went down with an ankle injury, Mirboo North was left with only one rotation on its

interchange bench.

The Tigers were fighting hard, with rearguard majors from Ben Campbell and Liam Nash closing the gap to 11 points.

But disaster soon struck again for Mirboo North, when Aaron Fawcett intercepted a short pass out of Mirboo North's flustered defence for Hill End's ninth goal and a 17-point advantage at three-quarter time.

Apart from a late major by Mirboo North's Ethan Woodall, Hill End dominated the final quarter with three well-coordinated goals from relentless ball movement against an exhausted opponent.

Overall, the magnitude of Hill End's exactitude was compelling and challenged every part of Mirboo North's intestinal fortitude.

Obligingly, the Tigers kept battling away with no heads dropping or shoulders slumping.

Bulldogs cruise to easy victory over the Magpies

A STATEMENT was wanted to be made and indeed a statement was made by an impressive Newborough side, with the Bulldogs cruising to a better than 100-point victory, and in doing so, raising the eyebrows of many clubs in the MGFNL competition.

New coach Craig Skinner had been working on this week from as far back as July 2021, carefully selecting the players he wanted to be part of a culture at Newborough, a culture he knew had been successful previously at the Bulldogs.

The visiting Toora team, under new coach Matt Ponton, were hopeful they might be able to catch the home side off guard in round one and kick start a winning culture, but unfortunately for the Power it wasn't to be.

Newborough coach Craig Skinner said: "It was tight early in the perfect conditions and was going to come down to who could last the longest and have the least injuries, thankfully in the second half it was us. Experience of Webber down back and Jibba Ainsworth forward

were good for us. Happy for a week off before taking on Mirboo North which will be compounded by them coming off a loss, not many sides are going to experience Mirboo North on the rebound so we will spend two weeks getting ready for that."

It was a consistent, workmanlike performance by Newborough, who extended their lead at every break kicking four, six, five and five goals respectively in each quarter slowly pressing their opposition into submission.

Toora coach Matt Ponton

said they played really good football in spurts, but unfortunately for not long enough.

"Newborough proved to be the fitter side and ran all over us in the second half.

"We have lots to work on but all the cobwebs and the realisation has set in for players that we must play for the full 120 minutes... we will improve and be more competitive."

Improvement is what we can expect, probably from both sides, which all points to a most enjoyable and competitive season.

Boolarra too strong

IN THE battle of the Demons, it was the home side that made the most of their opportunities and ground their way to a satisfying 15-point victory.

Boolarra certainly had some tongues wagging prior to the season starting on the back of some impressive recruiting that included AFL premier-ship player Brent Guerra and NGFNL best and fairest Ricky Cochrane, just to name a couple of almost a dozen new faces.

On the other hand, MDU decided to keep their focus on local juniors with the hope that some could be fast tracked into having a senior impact.

The visiting Demons' younger players certainly would have learnt a lot from the experience, with wasted opportunities probably the most obvious area of improvement.

MDU coach Peter Harris said: "The boys battled well for most of the day; with our young kids showing the way, we controlled the footy in the first half but failed to apply scoreboard pressure, and Boolarra were able to take some chances in the third and fourth, being too strong in the end."

Boolarra coach Tony Giardina said it was a tough game.

"MDU played all over us in the first half but their bad kicking for goal kept us in it; after half time the boys lifted and fought hard for the win," Tony said.

Both of these teams would have their sights set in climbing their way up into finals contention, and every win therefore is absolutely crucial. For Boolarra, they will know exactly where they stand when they meet a quality Hill End outfit in the week after Easter, and for MDU, they will get their chance when they clash with Thorpdale.



It was the battle of the Demons on Saturday as Boolarra took on MDU. Photo: Phil Smith.

Fish Creek's final surge to steal the win

ALTHOUGH there have already been some new rivalries created since the merging of the Alberton League into the MGFNL, the old rivalries are still very much alive and they don't get any more intense than between Foster and Fish Creek.

It appeared that Foster were going to kick their season off with a win at three-quarter time when the Tigers led by some 17 points, but Fish Creek staged a sensational surge in the final 30 minutes to steal a win by less than a kick in a terrific start to

their season.

There hadn't been a lot of news coming out of Foster in the off season, whereas Fish Creek have in fact managed to bring back a couple of home-grown footballers, complementing quite a number of juniors who were introduced to a finals-like atmosphere to start their senior careers.

Foster coach Sam Davies conceded it was a tough loss after leading all day.

He said a lack of depth after a couple more late outs probably caught them in the end.

Kicking for goal was prob-

ably the difference, with both sides having opportunities in the first half, but Fish Creek wasting many of those and trailing at the major break by 15 points despite both teams hitting the scoreboard on eight occasions.

In the third quarter, the visitors added another one goal and four behinds while the home side's accuracy of two goals from two attempts extended their lead to a healthy, but not a match-winning, lead.

Fish Creek's ability to snatch a victory from what

seemed defeat is enough to suggest that the Kangaroos are the real deal once again in 2022.

Fish Creek's John Danckert said it was a gutsy win, being behind all day until when it mattered.

"An exciting finish with a kick to decide the match; luckily for us, it missed and we scraped through," he said.

"We realise Foster were missing quite a few players - that said, we were too. We will be looking forward to the week off and getting back on the home deck against Toora."

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS										ROUND 1				
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Newborough	1	0	358.97	4	Fish Creek	1	0	11000.00	4	Yinnar	1	0	17500.00	4
Hill End	1	0	166.67	4	Stony Creek	1	0	307.14	4	Mirboo Nth.....	1	0	685.71	4
Stony Creek	1	0	157.58	4	MDU	1	0	251.72	4	MDU	1	0	263.64	4
Boolarra	1	0	135.71	4	Newborough	1	0	182.00	4	Foster.....	0	1	37.93	0
Tarwin	1	0	107.92	4	Hill End	1	0	170.00	4	Hill End.....	0	1	14.58	0
Fish Creek.....	1	0	103.77	4	Tarwin.....	1	0	150.00	4	Tarwin / Fish Creek.....	0	1	0.57	0
Foster	0	1	96.36	0	Yinnar.....	0	1	66.67	0	Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Yinnar	0	1	192.66	0	Mirboo Nth.....	0	1	58.82	0	Newborough	0	0	0.00	0
MDU	0	1	73.68	0	Toora	0	1	54.95	0	Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	0	1	63.46	0	Boolarra	0	1	39.73	0	Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Mirboo Nth.....	0	1	60.00	0	Thorpdale.....	0	1	32.56	0	Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	1	27.86	0	Foster	0	1	0.91	0	Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	1	Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0					

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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>> FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

>> FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

	55		53
FISH CREEK		FOSTER	

Fish Creek	1.3	3.5	4.9	7.13 (55)
Foster	3.1	6.2	8.2	8.5 (53)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Darcy Berryman 3, Thomas Cameron, Trevor Hooker, Matthew McGannon, Jai Stefani 1 each

BEST: Matthew McGannon, Thomas Cameron, Ryan McGannon, Trevor Hooker, Pat Pekin, Lachlan Gale

GOALS, Foster: Billy Flavelle, Zak Maynard-Barrett 2, Jake Chaseling, Matthew Clark, Michael Green, Brendan Neville 1 each

BEST: Billy Flavelle, Brendan Neville, Tim Wigney, Matthew Clark, Jake Thornell, Josh Toner

RESERVES				
Fish Creek	3.3	8.11	10.17	15.20 (110)
Foster	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 (1)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Liam Edgelow 7, Aaron Ireland 2, Jessie Baker, Ben Corrie, Cody Robertson, Owen Straw, Darby Walker, Tim Walters 1 each

BEST: Liam Edgelow, Darby Walker, Ben Corrie, Matthew Pocklington, Aaron Ireland, Owen Straw

BEST, Foster: Reghan Lewis, Jedd Davy, Jaxon Lewis, Ollie Cox, Khy Davy, Jai Prain

THIRDS				
Morwell East	0.2	2.6	5.10	8.13 (61)
Fish Creek	0.4	0.4	1.6	2.6 (18)

GOALS, Morwell East: K. Chapman 4, I. Terrick 3, P. Repniks 1

BEST: M. Simpson, C. Silver, T. Blaney, J. Birchall, C. Effenberg, S. Kumar

GOALS, Fish Creek: W. Hannon, L. Hillman 1 each

BEST: L. Marr, R. Lavarda, L. Hillman, B. Manicaro, J. McNeil, A. Brewer

THIRDS				
Yinnar	5.5	11.11	18.13	26.19 (175)
Tarwin/FC	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1 (1)

BEST, Yinnar: Zac Schill, Clancy Mills, Archie Mills, Lachlan Bell, Ethan Sultana

BEST, Tarwin/FC: No players named.

MDU	2.3	4.7	5.7	7.16 (58)
Foster	2.1	2.1	3.3	3.4 (22)

BEST, MDU: Eddie Colwill, Finn Dunn, Kayden Scrimshaw, Angus Kemper, Tadhg Dennehy, Thomas Neal

BEST, Foster: Caeleb Garlick, Jaxon Lewis, Player, Reghan Lewis, Jake Matheson, Kurtis Storr

>> MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

	57		42
BOOLARRA		MDU	

Boolarra	0.1	2.3	7.6	8.9 (57)
MDU	1.5	2.9	4.10	5.12 (42)

GOALS, Boolarra: J. Kennedy 3, D. Thorson, S. Hawkins 2, J. Hoy, T. Harris, W. Stewart, T. Brew, C. Krohn, B. Martin 1 each

BEST: Ricky Cochrane, Aidyn Sheers 3, Jack Charlton, Joel Mason 1 each

GOALS, MDU: Ryan Giliam 2, Toby Goss, Stephen Hawkins, Aaron Trease 1 each

BEST: Ryan Giliam, Thomas Corry, Connor Krohn, Mitchell Hooper, Brendan Tomada, Jarrod Hoy

RESERVES				
MDU	0.3	1.10	5.14	9.19 (73)
Boolarra	2.3	2.3	3.5	4.5 (29)

GOALS, MDU: Benjamin Heppell 4, Sean Pearce 2, Jake Brydon, Brenton Faltum, Jacob Proctor 1 each

BEST: Jake Bromley, river Carroll, Brenton Faltum, Fraser Kelly, Spencer Chadwick, Jacob Proctor

GOALS, Boolarra: Baylen Riley, Eddy Stanton, Billy Mazou, Jayden McCormack 1 each

BEST: Ashley Thornton, Alex Devonshire, Thomas Holley, Luke Lewis, Thomas Beamish, Eddy Stanton

THIRDS				
MDU	2.3	4.7	5.7	7.16 (58)
Foster	2.1	2.1	3.3	3.4 (22)

BEST, MDU: Eddie Colwill, Finn Dunn, Kayden Scrimshaw, Angus Kemper, Tadhg Dennehy, Thomas Neal

BEST, Foster: Caeleb Garlick, Jaxon Lewis, Player, Reghan Lewis, Jake Matheson, Kurtis Storr

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 2

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

PARROTS

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LEONGATHA

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SALE

Leongatha 2.3 6.8 12.13 15.19 (109)
Sale 3.0 4.1 4.4 6.6 (42)
GOALS, Leongatha: Jack Hume 4, Aaron Hillberg 3, Jack Ginnane, Aaron Heppell, Jake van der Pligt 2, Luke Bowman, Mason McGannon 1 each
BEST: Cade Maskell, Tom Marriott, Will Littlejohn, Aaron Hillberg, Cameron Stone, Jack Hume
SALE, Sale: Jayden Allison, Brad Dessent, Jarrod Freeman, Jackson Glenane, Kane Martin, Nathan Whitford 1 each
BEST: Jack Leslie, Will Leslie, Lachlan Todd, Cooper Whitehill, Jackson Glenane, Jonty McGuiness
RESERVES
Leongatha 0.1 6.4 7.10 11.14 (80)
Sale 2.1 2.2 2.2 2.3 (15)
GOALS, Leongatha: Reegan Kemp 3, Tallin Brill, Jarrod Stewart, Lachie Wright 2, Ned Hanily, Nathan Trotto 1 each
BEST: Ned Hanily, Jarrod Stewart, Timothy Sauvarin, Ben Perry, Ricky O'loughlin, Jake Mackie
GOALS, Sale: Brad Smith 2
BEST: Shane Fyfe, Mitch Bown, Ethan Dyer, Zak Russell, Mason Benson
THIRDS
Leongatha 2.0 5.3 9.5 13.6 (84)
Sale 3.1 3.2 4.6 9.9 (63)
BEST, Leongatha: Lachlan Gill, Ty Hall, Thomas Hanily, Trent McRae, Jett Clark, Xavier Bolge
BEST, Sale: Josh Butcher, Zane Waixel, Benjamin Hall, Mason Annear, Charlie Wilson, Jack Cantwell
FOURTHS
Leongatha 1.1 3.7 5.8 9.11 (65)
Sale 2.2 4.4 6.6 7.6 (48)
BEST, Leongatha: Jhett Brown, Jude Fixter, Eli Pitts, Clayton Quaife, Max Sheahan, Hugh Livingstone
BEST, Sale: Harry Tatterson, Jack Cantwell, Jason Reid, Kobe Schoenmaekers

Late goal to end in a draw



Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair drives his team forward during the first term. A27_1522

From page 88
Power players were suddenly finding space and Warragul seemed to be a spent force, but that proved deceptive, with the Gulls becoming an increasingly potent attacking force and piling on goals.
Warragul led by 7 points deep in time on, but a Wonthaggi behind tightened up the contest and gave the Power hope of getting back on level terms.
The Gulls then paid the price for hesitancy in defence, with Wonthaggi laying a powerful tackle that earned a free kick.



Competition was fierce throughout the day between Wonthaggi and Warragul. A28_1522

WONTHAGGI POWER FOOTBALL CLUB

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WARRAGUL

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Wonthaggi 3.4 9.6 13.8 16.10 (106)
Warragul 4.1 8.3 10.6 16.10 (106)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jack Hutchinson 4, Jordan Staley 3, Jack Blair, Ryan Sparkes, Jakeb Thomas 2, Noah Anderson. Troy Harley 1 each
BEST: Aiden Lindsay, Mitch Hayes, Jack Hutchinson, Shannon Bray, Tim Knowles, Jack Blair
GOALS, Warragul: Jed Lamb 6, Brayden Fowler 3, Lane Ward 2, Cooper Alger, Will Hatfield, Nicholas Mulqueen, Mitch Nobelius, Chris Raso 1 each
BEST: Sean Masterson, Cooper Alger, Chris Raso, Sam Whibley, Mitchell Smart, James Davidson
RESERVES
Wonthaggi 20.15 (135)
Warragul 5.5 (35)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana 5, Lachlan Burns, Mitchell Davey, Kieran Mohen, Andrew Murray, Elliot Staley 2, Brayden Duve, Josh Waters, Jaxon Williams 1 each
BEST: No players named
GOALS, Warragul: Anthony Alderuccio 2, Tyran Lord, Charlie MacLean, Jordan Murphy 1 each
BEST: Lucas Monacella, Lachlan James Smith, Anthony Alderuccio, Brayden Notman
THIRDS
Warragul 11.11 (77)
Wonthaggi 3.6 (24)
BEST, Warragul: Lachlan James Smith, Luke Garner, Nathan Whitten, Patrick Carpenter, Heath Jinks, Tom Stern
BEST, Sale: Hunter Tiziani, Reeve Moresco, Luke Speed, Max Evans, Cooper Lindsay, Kyle Yann

Parrots charge home to win against Sale

HOST Sale hung in the contest until the long break, trailing Leongatha by just 19 points at that stage, but the Parrots charged home in the second half, booting nine goals to two to set up a 67-point win.
The Magpies' first half competitiveness was partly attributable to accuracy around the big sticks, with Sale managing an efficient 4.1-25 to Leongatha's 6.8-44.
While Sale had six goal kickers for the match, none registered multiple majors.
In contrast, five of the Parrots' seven goal scorers booted more than one major.
Jack Hume led the way for the winning side with four goals, while teammate Aaron Hillberg slotted three majors.
Jake van der Pligt, Aaron Heppell and Jack Ginnane were the Parrots' other multiple goal scorers with two apiece.
Cade Maskell, Tom Marriott and Will Littlejohn were named Leongatha's best.
Maskell was the Gippsland Live radio team's player of the day, impressing with his display across halfback.
"He took a heap of intercept marks and was able to start a lot of our ball movement," Leongatha coach Trent McMicking said of Maskell's decisive contribution.
Jack and Will Leslie battled hard for the beaten Magpies, being Sale's best contributors.
Brad Dessent provided Sale with an impressive start to the game, nailing an accurate set shot after being awarded a free kick in a ruck contest.
Fellow Magpie Jarrod Freeman marked strongly on the lead soon after, with his kick sailing through for another goal to give Sale a 12-point advantage to the delight of the home fans.
The first term became a hard-fought but somewhat scrappy affair, with the umpires' whistles seeming to blow incessantly at times and many players around the footy.
A 50-metre penalty resulted in Heppell being marched to Leongatha's attacking goal square and he booted the Parrots' second major, giving them a narrow lead.
However, Sale's accuracy enabled it to hold a 3-point advantage by quarter time.
McMicking was impressed with the intensity of the contest.
"It looked like two quality sides going hard at it, and it was an in-and-under battle," he said of the competitive start, in which players gave their all in hot conditions.
After the first break, Leongatha began to seize control, with Sale's solitary second-quarter goal its only major between the first term and three-quarter time.
By the last change, the Parrots had assumed a 57-point lead.
McMicking outlined how he felt his side was able to get on top after quarter time.
"I thought our ball movement was the key to it and we were able to run and carry a bit more," he said.
The Parrots' coach was delighted with his side's ability to nullify Sale's intercept marking, something he identified as one of the Magpies' strengths.
Despite the increasing margin in Leongatha's favour, McMicking felt Sale remained competitive around the ground but the Parrots were able to create more opportunities to score.
A mixture of some last term inaccuracy from Leongatha and Sale's determination to fight out the game held the final margin to a more respectable one than seemed likely at the start of the last term.
Leongatha is one of just three teams to have won both its 2022 matches, but its handsome percentage of almost 180 has it sitting behind top-of-the-table Maffra and second-placed Moe.
The Parrots will enjoy a well-earned Easter rest before a challenging away clash against Wonthaggi and will hope to rectify their at times wayward kicking for goal.

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS			
Maffra	19.12.126 d	Bairnsdale	10.13.73
Moe	16.17.113 d	Morwell	5.12.42
Traralgon	28.14.182 d	Drouin	9.7.61
RESERVES			
Maffra	25.12.162 d	Bairnsdale	0.3.3
Morwell	15.9.99 d	Moe	6.10.46
Drouin	13.9.87 d	Traralgon	7.2.44
THIRDS			
Maffra	6.15.51 d	Bairnsdale	3.10.28
Moe	8.12.60 d	Morwell	8.6.54
Drouin	8.9.57 d	Traralgon	6.12.48
FOURTHS			
Maffra	7.18.60 d	Bairnsdale	8.2.50
Moe	18.15.123 d	Morwell	0.1.1
Traralgon	20.13.133 d	Drouin	1.2.8

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 2

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Maffra	2	0	245.45	8	Maffra	2	0	5925.00	8	Warragul	2	0	527.50	8	Traralgon	2	0	642.86	8
Moe	2	0	206.00	8	Leongatha	2	0	888.00	8	Maffra	2	0	158.21	8	Moe	2	0	457.89	8
Leongatha	2	0	178.72	8	Wonthaggi	2	0	250.65	8	Traralgon	1	1	196.61	4	Maffra	2	0	151.04	8
Wonthaggi	1	0	105.10	6	Morwell	1	1	112.15	4	Wonthaggi	1	1	140.74	4	Bairnsdale	1	1	216.18	4
Traralgon	1	1	195.00	4	Drouin	1	1	73.95	4	Drouin	1	1	93.20	4	Leongatha	1	1	65.71	4
Morwell	1	1	65.50	4	Moe	1	1	68.24	4	Bairnsdale	1	1	92.31	4	Sale	0	1	73.85	0
Warragul	0	1	82.41	2	Bairnsdale	1	1	34.97	4	Leongatha	1	1	65.65	4	Warragul	0	1	72.55	0
Bairnsdale	0	2	66.84	0	Warragul	0	2	44.21	0	Moe	1	1	40.43	4	Drouin	0	2	24.77	0
Sale	0	2	55.36	0	Sale	0	2	41.30	0	Morwell	0	2	85.71	0	Morwell	0	2	4.09	0
Drouin	0	2	27.94	0	Traralgon	0	2	23.58	0	Sale	0	2	38.51	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	00.00	0

Mahoney dominates against the Dees

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK'S Toby Mahoney bagged seven majors on Saturday to see the home side take the win by 49 points against Koo Wee Rup.

The Sea Eagles were feeling optimistic going into the match, following a round one win by 49 points against Korumburra-Bena, while Koo Wee Rup were also eager to add another to the board.

For the Sea Eagles, it was an impressive all-round effort despite starting out with a few more behinds than they'd like.

But they quickly tightened up their game and gradually increased the margin, from 11 points at the first break to 12, then 20.

Despite this, Koo Wee Rup weren't giving in – a win was attainable, they thought. Last time the two sides did battle, the Demons were up by 24 points at the main break before succumbing to the Sea Eagles.

But there would be no come-from-behind victory this time around.

Ramping up pressure in the last term, the Sea Eagles booted eight goals – more than what the Demons scored in the first three terms – to total 18 majors.

Toby Mahoney, who was also named among the side's best, was responsible for eight of those while Tom Hams and Tristan Van Driel slotted three each, alongside another five goalkickers.

The 49-point win boosted the Sea Eagles up one spot on the ladder to second.

So, they'll certainly be celebrating when it comes to Thursday night dinners, with parmas on the menu this week, before taking on Cora Lynn, who are yet to record a win, on Easter Saturday at Inverloch.

Meanwhile, Koo Wee Rup will rest up ready to travel to Nar Nar Goon the following weekend in the split round.



Inverloch Kongwak's Marcuss Toussaint and Koo Wee Rup's Broadie Yapp fly up for the bounce. Z12_1522



Inverloch Kongwak's Tristan Van Driel takes the mark and leads straight for goal in the first quarter against Koo Wee Rup. Z10_1522



Inverloch Kongwak's Ethan Park leads from the scramble and handballs down the line in the second quarter. Z13_1522

Giants brave against the odds at Tooradin

AS INVERLOCH found the week before, Tooradin-Dalmore are a very serious contender in the Seniors, Reserves and Thirds in 2022 and the Korumburra-Bena Giants were far from despondent about their performance against this strong, metro-fringe club in the Seniors at Tooradin on Saturday.

It was a classic case of if you didn't look at the scoreboard, especially up until three quarter time in the Senior game, you would have said the Giants were right in it, such was their attack on the ball and share of possession.

In fact, the Tooradin coach said as much at half time,

saying the Gulls had got much more than they bargained for.

Certainly, Tooradin got better value for their attacking moves, kicking 7.1 to 2.1 in the first quarter but as the Giants locked down on their opponents in defence, especially the likes of Zach Walker, Darcy Hargrave and Bailey Patterson to name a few, they restricted the Gulls' efforts in the second quarter, while kicking three goals to four.

Paul Fermanis, either up forward where he kicked three, or in the midfield, was a winner for the Giants, who also welcomed his brother Wade McDonald for his first game.

Dan Brown in the ruck, Troy Brown at half forward and Tyler Newton in the ruck and marking around the ground were others doing well for the visitors.

But, ultimately, the bigger, more experienced bodies of the Tooradin-Dalmore players took over in the second half, easing clear of the Giants with a modest three goals to nil in the third quarter but blowing the final result out with eight goals to three in the last.

It would be a mistake to read the result as easy for Tooradin, however, it's a team that's certain to make the finals this year and the up-coming contest between Dalyston and

Korumburra-Bena at Korumburra on Saturday, April 23 (under lights) could provide a better guide to where the Giants are this year.

The Gulls' big, talented Reserves side played like premiership favourites, kicking 33 goals to the Giants' one (who kicked the Giants' goal please?) and their Thirds were just as strong, again shaping as the West Gippsland flag favourites.

But, heroes of the day, the Giants' Fourths were superb, winning 10 goals to one with the likes of Finn Donohue, Raph Jefferis, Tommy Burgess, Jake Fowles, Ben Fort and Mitchell Croatto all good in a team effort.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 2

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

119 70

INVERLOCH-K KOO WEE RUP

Inverloch-K 3.5 6.8 10.10 18.11 (119)
Koo Wee Rup 2.2 4.8 7.8 10.10 (70)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Toby Mahoney 7, Tom Hams, Tristan Van Driel 3, Dylan Clark, Shem Hawking, Ethan Park, Thomas Wyatt, Gareth Park 1 each

BEST: Corey Casey, Ethan Park, Toby Mahoney, Dylan Clark, Xavier Hughes, Lewis Rankin

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Jason Wells 5, Nathan Voss 4, Ethan McDonald 1

BEST: Matthew Voss, Travis Bindley, Jason Wells, Ethan McDonald, Riley Battams, Jake Smith

RESERVES

Koo Wee Rup 2.2 6.3 8.5 10.7 (67)
Inverloch-K 3.2 7.6 8.9 9.12 (66)

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Matthew Drommel 4, Benjamin Miller, Ryan Wilby 2, Troy Dolan, David Ramos 1 each

BEST: Mitch Alderson, Matthew Drommel, Player, Samuel Cox, Cody Miller, Ryan Wilby

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jake Staley 4, Harrison Campbell 2, Jasper Kempster 1 each

BEST: Harrison Campbell, Malachy O' Flynn, Jake Staley, Dylan Taylor, Jarvis Pryor

THIRDS

Inverloch-K 6.2 9.8 15.11 21.17 (143)
Koo Wee Rup 0.0 0.1 1.1 1.1 (7)

BEST, Inverloch-K: Lucas Harmer, Taite Cumming, Tyson Bolam, Ashton Hewitson, Callan O'Flynn, Jack Rowe

BEST, Koo Wee Rup: Kobee Dore Wilson, Dante Di Pietro, William McDonald, Tyson Twite, Tyler Evans, Corey Lucas

FOURTHS

Inverloch-K 10.13 (73)
Koo Wee Rup 5.2 (32)

BEST, Inverloch-K: Rem Dal Pozzo, Willem Duursma, Jobe Scapin

BEST, Koo Wee Rup: Zak Banks, Mack Brown, Levi Ducasse, Cullen Anderson, Lachlan Bertone, Ethan Neill

KORUMBURRA-BENA FOOTBALL CLUB

149 53

TOORADIN-DAL KOR-BENA

Tooradin-D 7.1 11.4 14.11 22.17 (149)
Kor-Bena 2.1 5.3 5.5 8.5 (53)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Adrian Gileno, James Trezise 4, Lewis Hill, Matthew Livermore, Kristopher Sabbatucci, Julian Suarez, Piva Wright 2, Brad Butler, Brad Lenders, Brent Macaffer, Adam Oxley 1 each

BEST: James Trezise, Kristopher Sabbatucci, Brent Macaffer, Cooper Shipp, Brad Butler, Lewis Hill

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Paul Fermanis 3, Jye Celebrine, Tyler Newton 1 each

BEST: Zach Walker, Darcy Hargrave, Paul Fermanis, Daniel Brown, Troy Brown

RESERVES

Tooradin-D 10.3 16.5 27.8 33.14 (212)
Kor-Bena 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.1 (7)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Lauchlan Gregson, Jason Kestle 7, Justin Smaluch 4, Joshua Trezise 3, Jordan Csincsi, Johnny Duff, Jordan Jones, Laurence Kazinoti, Jake O'Donnell 2, Trent Adams, Thomas Bethune 1 each

BEST: Jordan Jones, Lauchlan Gregson, James Wheeler, Johnny Duff, Laurence Kazinoti, Jason Kestle

GOALS, Kor-Bena: No players named.

BEST: No players named.

THIRDS Tooradin-D 24.16 (160)
Kor-Bena 4.2 (26)

BEST, Tooradin-D: Jehi Esler, Anthony Mirauta, Jack Hamilton, Charlie Shinnars, Xavier Shinnars, Jordyn Boyd

BEST, Kor-Bena: Curtis Bailey, Hamish Boys, Jack Crocker

FOURTHS

Kor-Bena 3.3 3.9 7.16 10.20 (80)
Tooradin-D 0.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 (7)

BEST, Kor-Bena: Finn Donohue, Raph Jefferis, Tommy Burgess, Jake Fowles, Ben Fort, Mitchell Croatto

BEST, Tooradin-D: Daniel Ahern, Koby Peck, Aaron Knight, Harrison Hardy, Seth Lawler, Lenny Goldberg

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 3

Inverloch-Kongwak v Cora Lynn
Phillip Island v Kilcunda-Bass



Zak Vernon was chaired off the ground by his teammates after the Bulldogs took home the win. Photos: Carol Ratcliff/Phillip Island Football Club Images Facebook page.

Impressive Dusties fall to the Bulldogs

THE Seniors match between Phillip Island and Warragul began with Zak Vernon being recognised for his magnificent 100 Senior games for the Bulldogs.

Bulldogs identity and famous son Jess Gizza ran through the banner with Zak to bring the team onto the ground – think that Zak might be one of Giza’s favourites! With Damo Holmes and Kai Mackenzie returning to the Seniors, the Bulldogs looked primed in the beautiful conditions.

The game started in perfect conditions, with the Bulldogs attacking the Chapel Street end goals. Frustratingly for the coaching panel, a period of early domination resulted in a string of behinds, with the occasional foray forward for the Dusties. After 15 minutes, the Dusties led by 12 points (two goals) to five (all behinds.). Zak Vernon was busy in milestone game, and Daniel Pearce was leading from the back. Late in the quarter a sudden rush of straight kicking saw the Bulldogs move ahead!

The second quarter saw more sustained domination in the middle, with Cam Pedersen and Jaymie Youle bringing in the Taylors (Bill and Ben) and the returning Kai (Duck) Mackenzie into the fray. Jack (Bison) Taylor began to roam the forward line – covering the absence of Max Blake - and Harry (H) O’Brien started to run riot all over the ground. A late flurry from the Dusties saw the lead reduced to a solid 21 points. After 31 minutes of play, it became clear the ever-faithful PI siren was suffering from heat exposure, with timekeeper Don



Man of the moment Zak Vernon showed he was team first when he had the perfect chance to slot a goal, only to unselfishly pass on the certain goal late in the quarter.

having to almost hang out the timekeeping window to get the quarter stopped!

The third was all the Bulldogs. Jordy Patullo showed the faithful why he is so highly regarded by the coaching panel with a couple of sensational goals. That man Pedersen stepped up for a couple and Harry O’Brien continued on his way.

Man of the moment Zak Vernon (with three points to his name) showed he was team first when he had the perfect

chance to slot a goal, only to unselfishly pass on the certain goal late in the quarter. The defence led by Daniel Pearce, and Jason (Sauce) Tomada, locked down any of the Dusties entries and the lead headed out to eight goals, with the heat certainly being applied to the opposition.

At three-quarter time, it was clear the heat was taking its toll. Requests for water, drinks, cool towels were granted, requests for a quick visit to the esky were not! The Dusties had

come to play and were not going to just give up. They fought out an impressive last, outscoring the Doggies to reduce the end margin. An intriguing sideline being the Seniors and Reserves scoring exactly the same score! Coincidence or planning of a greater being?

With Zak Vernon chaired off the ground by his teammates, it was time to celebrate after the game with an excellent win against a much-improved opposition!

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 2

>> DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

>> KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

 75	 68
KILCUNDA-BASS	DALYSTON

Kilcunda-Bass	3.2	6.5	9.7	11.9 (75)
Dalyston	3.2	6.3	8.4	10.8 (68)
GOALS, K-Bass: Marcus Baxter 3, Nathan Foote, Taylor Gibson 2, Lleyton Cartmel, Cam McKenzie, James Phillips, Jack Soroczynski 1 each				
BEST: Taylor Gibson, Nathan Foote, Cam McKenzie, Benjamin Eddy, Jake Weightman, James Phillips				
GOALS, Dalyston: Adam Amin 7, Musa Amin, Mason Storr, Hayden Wallis 1 each				
BEST: Adam Amin, Brendan Walsh, Louis Armstrong, Curtis Muffett, Omar Ashkar, Jye Loughridge				
RESERVES				
Dalyston	3.5	4.7	9.9	13.10 (88)
Kilcunda-Bass	2.0	3.3	3.6	3.6 (24)
GOALS, Dalyston: Moomen Amin, Robert Davey 3, Ben McRae, Stewart Beaumont 2, Adam Banks, Owen Lindsay, Shoaib Akbar 1 each				
BEST: Stewart Beaumont, Robert Davey, Moomen Amin, Ben McRae, Jy Hull, Shoaib Akbar				
GOALS, K-Bass: Zach Gorsuch, Isaac Sinniah 1 each				
BEST: Robert Taylor, Anthony Jerrard, Travis Stuckey, Luke Dosiak, Zach Gorsuch				

FOURTHS				
Kilcunda-Bass	3.0	3.0	5.2	5.3 (33)
Dalyston	0.1	1.5	1.5	3.8 (26)
BEST, K-Bass: Trent Cartmel, Thomas Bartels, Jye Sutherland, Jack Kennedy, Tyge Silvester				
BEST, Dalyston: Harry Howell, Aiden Hooper, Bailey Anderson, Sebastian Ori, Beau Ransom, Jaxon Foon				

>> PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

 89	 59
PHILLIP ISLAND	WARRAGUL-IND

Phillip Island	2.6	6.11	11.12	12.17 (89)
Warragul-Ind	2.0	4.2	4.6	8.11 (59)
GOALS, Phillip Island: Jordy Patullo 3, Orlando Kane Gillard, Harry O’Brien, Cameron Pedersen 2, Brendan Kimber, Alexandrew Redmond, Eli richards 1 each				
BEST: Cameron Pedersen, Harry O’Brien, Daniel Pearce, Mark Griffin, Jaymie Youle, Zak Vernon				
GOALS, Warragul Ind: Mason MCGarrity 2, Bailey Beck, Todd Beck, Shane Brewster, Anthony Bruhn, Adrian De Sando, Nic Visser 1 each				
BEST: Luke Walker, Todd Beck, Bailey Beck, Nic Visser, Corey Micari, Shane Brewster				
RESERVES				
Phillip Island	3.5	7.8	10.12	12.17 (89)
Warragul Ind	1.3	2.4	3.4	3.7 (25)
GOALS, Phillip Island: Liam Dayson 4, Harry Anderson, James Nicolaci 2, Blake Christopher, Finlay Cousins, Matthew Freeman, Hayden Smith 1 each				
BEST: Tarquin McMillan, Liam Dayson, Arie Cook, Harry Anderson, Hayden Smith, Jack Opitz				
GOALS, Warragul Ind: Stephen Joyce, Travis Maher, Dylan Smith 1 each				
BEST: Tyler Irving, Todd Watson, Matthew Willis, Mark Bradley, Darcy Norton				

FORUTHS				
Phillip Island	5.2	8.3	9.4	11.7 (73)
Warragul Ind	1.1	2.4	3.4	3.5 (23)
BEST, Phillip Island: Benjamin Allsop, Zac Tepper, Alixander Tauru, Tom Logan, Declan Burton, Arli Fleming’s				
BEST, Warragul Ind: JMax Arceo, Charlie O’Garey, Daniel Caffieri, Timothy Niven, Noah Muller, Cooper Walton				

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 2

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Tooradin-D	2	0	287.91	8	Tooradin-D	2	0	4650.00	8	Inverloch-K	2	0	2538.46	8	Kilcunda Bass	2	0	248.48	8
Inverloch-K	2	0	181.67	8	Phillip Island	2	0	206.45	8	Cora Lynn	2	0	300.00	8	Inverloch-K	2	0	235.85	8
Nar Nar Goon	2	0	152.59	8	Koo Wee Rup	2	0	177.50	8	Garfield	1	0	1060.00	4	Bunyip	1	0	360.00	4
Phillip Island	2	0	132.11	8	Inverloch-K	1	1	210.84	4	Tooradin-Dal	1	0	615.38	4	Phillip Island	1	0	317.39	4
Warragul Ind	1	1	118.58	4	Bunyip	1	1	142.86	4	Koo Wee Rup	1	1	136.36	4	Kor-Bena	1	1	171.19	4
Bunyip	1	1	106.80	4	Cora Lynn	1	1	117.05	4	Nar Nar Goon	1	1	36.64	4	Warragul Ind	1	1	135.00	4
Koo Wee Rup	1	1	85.08	4	Dalyston	1	1	103.03	4	Phillip Island	0	1	60.00	0	Koo Wee Rup	1	1	89.81	4
Kilcunda-Bass	1	1	62.43	4	Nar Nar Goon	1	1	86.79	4	Bunyip	0	2	33.55	0	Garfield	1	1	60.15	4
Cora Lynn	0	2	87.34	0	Warragul Ind	1	1	74.78	4	Kor-Bena	0	2	9.22	0	Dalyston	0	2	62.24	0
Dalyston	0	2	81.76	0	Garfield	0	2	50.00	0	Dalyston	0	0	0.00	0	Nar Nar Goon	0	2	46.90	0
Garfield	0	2	44.56	0	Kilcunda-Bass	0	2	10.08	0	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0	Tooradin-D	0	2	10.85	0
Kor-Bena	0	2	41.53	0	Kor-Bena	0	2	7.17	0	Warragul Ind	0	0	0.00	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0

>> IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS			
Bunyip	15.13.103	d	Cora Lynn 13.10.88
Nar Nar Goon	17.16.118	d	Garfield 9.8.62
RESERVES			
Cora Lynn	10.6.66	d	Bunyip 7.7.49
Nar Nar Goon	12.9.81	d	Garfield 7.3.45
THIRDS			
Cora Lynn	18.9.117	d	Bunyip 4.3.27
Garfield	16.10.106	d	Nar Nar Goon 1.4.10
FOURTHS			
Garfield	10.13.73	d	Nar Nar Goon 7.6.48



Late goal to end in a draw

AN ENTHRALLING contest ended in a fitting draw, with home team Warragul's last-term surge appearing to have won the Gulls the match before Wonthaggi hit back deep in time on splitting the points.

Power coach Jarryd Blair was relieved to salvage something from the match but was disappointed his side let a 20-point three quarter time lead slip.

That was despite Wonthaggi nailing the first goal of the final term.

Addressing his players after the game, Blair asked them to consider whether their preparation during the week was up to scratch, or "did we think it was just going to happen?"

Power's playing coach noted there were "so many uncharacteristic moments" during the match.

He stressed that anyone in the league can win and you have to be on your game every week, suggesting too much was left to too few Power players, particularly skipper Aiden 'Foxy' Lindsay.

"He's forever working hard and whatever we ask him to do, whether it's half forward, halfback or in the middle, he goes and gets it done," Blair said of Foxy.

Nineteen-year-old Noah Anderson also won the coach's praise.

"He's a smart player and he works hard to get to good spots and creates opportunities for us," Blair said.

Although disappointed Power didn't finish the job in the final term, Blair paid tribute to the Gulls for their fighting effort.

"They were able to get guys out, kept the ball moving and they've got some good tall players who were able to take some marks," he said.

By Andrew Palocz

Jed Lamb was a prominent forward target for Warragul throughout the day, booting early goals to help the Gulls get the jump on the Power and continuing to be menacing on the scoreboard.

His goal from close range, after earning a free kick, put Warragul 7 points ahead during time on in the final term, after the Gulls stormed back from 26 points down early in the quarter.

Surprisingly, Lamb's six majors for the match weren't enough for him to be named in Warragul's best.

Sean Masterson was declared the Gulls' best, with his solid game including some key defensive efforts to thwart the Power as the game went down to the wire.

Big Sam Whibley was gallant in the ruck all day for Warragul presenting a major challenge for Power opponents, such as Toma Huther, but they stuck at the task well.

"He's a really solid player and kept us on our toes all day," Blair said of Whibley.

After a first half in which little separated the sides, Wonthaggi looked to have broken free when Josh Bates marked and goaled five minutes into the final term, finishing off an impressive chain of passes from his teammates.

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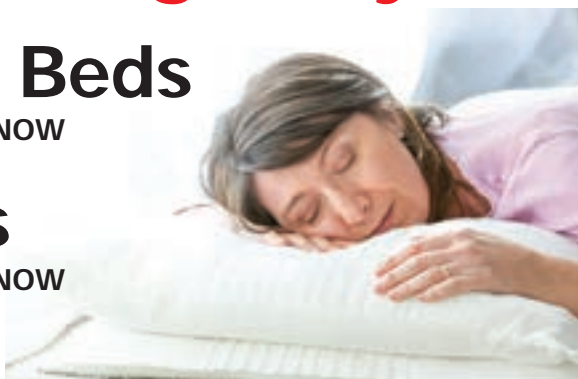
RIGHT: Wonthaggi's Fergus O'Connor and his Warragul opponent compete during the first quarter. A26_1522



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