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Fire twirlers entertained crowds on Saturday evening as part of the Winterfest celebration. Full story on page 5.

NEW HOSPITAL ALMOST THERE

By Nick Sinis

THE Wonthaggi Hospital expansion continues to progress with the project expected to be completed in November and handed over to Bass Coast Health (BCH) in late December this year.

Almost 200 workers have been present at the site each day building a new emergency department, four theatre operating suites, a recovery and central sterilising area, a 32-bed combined surgical and paediatric ward and a new radiology precinct.

The Sentinel-Times was given an in-depth tour of the incredible four-storey

building and an explanation of key aspects of each area.

Guiding the tour was BCH's director of infrastructure, Wimal Kirinde and director of service development Kerryn Griffiths.

Ms Griffiths was quick to point out that the new entrance to the hospital will feature a map of South Gippsland, with place makers for each town.

"This is to promote a sense of place," she said.

"There will also be a drive-through drop

off at the front entrance, and short-term parking."

As the group entered the new emergency department (ED), they explained it will feature 24 beds including for short stay and fast track areas.

"(Fast track service) is an operation during high seasonal activity when we have lots of people who can't get into GPs but need that service," Ms Griffiths said.

"Short stay is for patients who aren't quite ready to be discharged home and need to be watched a bit longer."

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Bass Coast Health's Wimal Kirinde and Kerryn Griffiths joined by representatives of Kane Constructions, who are the main works builder. Ns023122

New hospital ready for November deadline

From page 1

A new feature of the ED includes a behavioural assessment room, where patients who may not be able to control their behaviour can be kept safely.

The ambulance loading bay with now feature six bays, which is currently at two, and will be undercover.

As the tour progressed, Mr Kirinde showcased another first for the hospital, with four isolation rooms being built.

"Currently we don't have any isolation rooms; they're true negative pressure isolation rooms," he said.

"If we have got any infectious patients, we can close the door and the room will function as an isolation room."

Mr Kirinde added that 'pandemic designs' were also incorporated into parts of the hospital, meaning air won't be circulated back into the main areas helping stop transmission.

Another key aspect of the first level will be the new front foyer, with Aboriginal artwork to feature prominently.

A café and shop will also be developed, subject to additional funding.

Mr Kirinde explained that while funding of \$115 million was for the first stage of the



Bass Coast Health's director of infrastructure, Wimal Kirinde and director service development Kerryn Griffiths standing in what will be the new foyer area of the expanded Wonthaggi Hospital. Ns013122

project, further stages are dependent on future government funding.

"There will be another 32-bed medical ward, a 32-bed subacute ward and an outpatient's area with consulting rooms," he said.

"As well as a pharmacy and pathology.

"For that... the first thing for us is to get the funding announcement and then start the designs.

"The design process takes about 18-24 months and then construction can begin."

Second level

The tour then progressed to the second storey, which features the surgical ward and state-of-the-art operating theatres.

"The only (operating) theatres closest to us in this size is Casey Hospital, even Frankston (hospital) doesn't have theatres this size," he said.

The theatres will incorporate audio-visual systems for surgeons, with screens surrounding each angle from where the surgeon may be working.

"(One of the rooms) has

audio-visual capacity to transmit to other hospitals or universities," Ms Griffiths said.

"So, if we want to do any teaching with permission from the patient, we can livestream from this theatre into a university lecture hall.

"Or if something happens and we need to get specialised help from outside, they can see what's going on and help guide and direct."

It is expected the hospital will have the capacity to treat 26,000 extra emergency patients every year.

Time to make a plan for homelessness

QUANTUM Support Services is calling for more support for social housing this Homelessness Week, August 1-7.

Acting chief executive Cindy Pullar said more than 500 people were experiencing homelessness in Gippsland on any given night, with over 116,000 Australia-wide.

"After two years of unrest and continually increasing living costs, we are seeing more people than ever seeking support," Ms Pullar said.

"Our inner Gippsland local government areas have experienced some of the highest rent increases in the state in the past 12 months. This increase has led to more people becoming homeless due to affordability issues."

"We need a sustainable funding stream to add security for social and affordable housing. It won't solve homelessness, but it could contribute greatly," Ms Pullar said.

Alongside the ever-increasing homelessness figures, new analysis of rental data by Everybody's Home reveals Gippsland rents surged by 8.2 percent, over a three-year annualised change, to the top three in regional Victoria; with rent averaging \$389.74.

By comparison workers in retail or health care saw an average wage increase of only 2.3 percent.

Social housing availability has shrunk in Australia from 4.8 percent of all homes in 2011, to 4.2 percent in 2021.

While according to the PropTrack Home Price Index July 2022, in regional Victoria, property prices fell -0.32 percent in July and are now -1.14 percent below their price peak.

Although, prices are still up 44.4 percent from March 2020 levels, for Gippsland annual growth is sitting at 17.44 percent with a median dwelling value of \$564,000.

Fire safety reminder after false alarm

CFA was notified to reports of smoke and a smoke alarm operating in Cape Paterson recently.

CFA vehicles from Wonthaggi, Inverloch, and Dalyston brigades attended and declared the incident to be a false alarm.

"It was just a false alarm, the neighbour heard a smoke alarm go off and saw some smoke, so they called in the fire," Wonthaggi CFA lieutenant Jamie Moresco said at the scene.

Despite the area being cleared of any fire danger, CFA noted that the incident also serves as a reminder for the community to always investigate further before reporting a fire, to avoid resources being allocated to false alarms.

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6 Day Weather Forecast

SOUTH GIPPSLAND



TUE | Aug 2

Possible shower.

Wind AM: NW 20-30km/h

Wind PM: N 30-30km/h

8° **16°**



WED | Aug 3

Showers increasing.

Wind AM: N-NW 20-30km/h

Wind PM: N-NW 30-45km/h

9° **18°**



THUR | Aug 4

Showers easing.

Wind AM: N-NW 20-30km/h

Wind PM: Light

10° **17°**



FRI | Aug 5

Showers increasing.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: NW 15-25km/h

8° **16°**



SAT | Aug 6

Showers.

Wind AM: NW 15-20km/h

Wind PM: NW 15-20km/h

7° **14°**



SUN | Aug 7

Shower or two.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h

6° **13°**

IN BRIEF

Cookie Dough a success

WONTHAGGI North Primary Schools Billy G's Cookie Dough fundraiser was a hit with \$1104 raised with 276 tubs of the irresistible cookie dough sold.

Student William was the Cookie Dough 'Champion' selling 70 tubs.

Wonthaggi North would like to thank everyone who participated in the fundraiser.

Temporary closures of rail trail

FROM Monday, August 1, until 5pm, Thursday, August 4, (weather permitting), the project team will concrete the final section of footpath where the Great Southern Rail Trail has been diverted at Minns Road.

During this time, the sections of the Great Southern Rail Trail that intersect with the new highway in Koonwarra will be closed.

While the trail is closed, a bus service will run on the hour and half hour from Meenihan and Koonwarra for walkers and cyclists.

'Chitty Chitty vax bus here soon

THE schedule for the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit's (GRPHU) mobile vaccination bus has been confirmed for August.

Active COVID positive cases in Gippsland remain relatively steady, according to the GRPHU, with just over 49 in hospital and 311 receiving care under the COVID Positive Pathways program but they are encouraging people to stay up-to-date with vaccination.

The free Chitty Chitty Jab Jab bus is set to visit the following locations locally:

Bass Coast:

- Friday, August 5 Wonthaggi Town Hall: 10am - 2pm
- Saturday, August 13 Marine Parade San Remo: 10am - 2pm
- Friday, August 19 Wonthaggi

Town Hall: 10am - 2pm

- Thursday, August 25 Wonthaggi Town Hall: 10am - 2pm
- Tuesday, August 30 Wonthaggi Town Hall: 10am - 2pm

South Gippsland

- Tuesday, August 9 McIndoe Park Leongatha: 9.30am - 3pm
- Saturday, August 20 Baroombi Park Mirboo North: 9.30am - 3pm.
- Wednesday, August 31 McIndoe Park Leongatha: 9.30am - 3pm

Car rolls at St Clair

A DRIVER was lucky to escape serious injury after his vehicle rolled at St Clair along Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road last Wednesday (July 27) at 10.55am.

Emergency services believed the 57-year-old male left the side of the road and clipped a tree, causing the 90s model Mercedes Benz sedan to roll.

The driver didn't suffer any serious injuries but was taken to hospital as a precaution.

Ambulance Victoria, Bass Coast Highway Patrol and Wonthaggi CFA attended the scene.

As the winter weather continues, always be mindful and drive to the conditions.

Foster Police reach out after tragedy

FOSTER Police have been praised for reaching out to the local community following the tragic death of local man, Paul Doran, 39, in the town's main street on July 22, allegedly as a result of a fight.

Last Tuesday, they invited members of the public "to sit down, have a coffee and share what's on your mind", providing three opportunities; at the Lyrebird Café from 10am-11am, at the Kitchen Table from 11.30am-12.30pm and at the Latte Dah Foster from 1pm to 2pm.

They also provided a mobile police van in the main street, giving people the opportunity to drop in.

Feedback on the Bass Coast Eyewatch Facebook page was positive:

- Linda Morse: What a great way to reach out to the community. Congratulations Foster Police.

- Kell M Simpson: This is great such a small community and lovely place. Well done

- Izzy Kay: I love this initiative.

The initiative was also welcomed by the family of the deceased man.

- Linda Moss: I would personally like to thank the Foster Police and the people of Foster for the love and support shown for my son Paul at this tragic time! RIP my beautiful boy Forever 39.

Police explained why they were taking the unprecedented opportunity:

"In light of recent events in the Foster community, Foster police are wanting to reassure the community that we live in a safe and welcoming place.

"Whilst all resources are being utilised to investigate the current incident of Friday July 22, local Foster members are heavily focused on the welfare of the local community and assisting in any way possible."

Police investigations are ongoing. If you have information, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Attempted burglary in Foster

AN ATTEMPTED burglary was made over the weekend to access the rear door of the Foster Basketball Stadium leading to the gym.

Any witnesses or individuals with information are urged to call Foster Police Station on 5682 2407 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Theft increases in South Gippsland

THEFT is on the rise in Bass Coast and South Gippsland as individuals tighten their belts.

Hitting soft targets including motor vehicles, shops and rural properties, police have also seen an increase in gas cylinders reported stolen around Venus Bay from holiday homes.

Farmers are being told to keep a particular eye out for their livestock, and farm machinery including motorbikes, tractors and excavators – don't leave keys in the machinery/ vehicles and lock gates.

Individuals are encouraged to lock cars, be vigilant and keep an eye out.

If you notice anyone acting suspicious contact your local police immediately and note the registration, description of vehicle, and description of the alleged offender or suspicious person.

Individuals are also encouraged not to leave valuable items in their car especially in view including iPad and mobile phones, install good lighting around your home or business, and where possible install CCTV.

Do you know about graffiti in Leongatha?

GRAFFITI is on the rise in Leongatha with police urging individuals with information to call Leongatha Police Station on 5662 2285 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

The public toilets near the Shire Office, skate park toilets and the old train station have been the main targets.

P-plater caught doing burnouts

A YOUNG male red p-plater in a ute was intercepted after allegedly performing burn outs at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve on Saturday (July 30).

The accused will subsequently face court at a later date.

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A winter celebration at Mirboo North

MIRBOO NORTH kicked off with their first Winterfest on Friday evening in what was a spectacular display of fire, ice, light, art, food and drink across three days.

Expecting typical winter conditions, the team had carefully planned for rain with giant tipis, but what ensured was crisp beautiful weather in the hilltop village, if not a bit fresh.

After two years of the pandemic, the team behind the Mirboo North Arty Gras: a festival that was developed to nurture the Mirboo North Art Show with a parallel celebration of arts, culture and community, took the opportunity to bring celebration and community back to life in the long cold dark days of winter.

"Over the last two years we haven't been able to get together as a community to celebrate," Kelly McCarthy explained.

"We felt COVID was a good opportunity to reinvent the festival, and we wanted to move it to winter so that we

had something to celebrate. "We've had a fantastic turnout."

Funded by South Gippsland Shire with many community and local business sponsors, the festival was a hit amongst locals and visitors alike.

Winterfest also retained the beating heart of Arty Gras, its street parade, adapting to Winterfest with a lantern parade on Saturday evening.

Drawing participants from a diverse collection of community groups, businesses and entertainers, traffic was diverted as individuals, families and groups hit Ridgeway in a spectacular display of light, as the sun set to the west.

Boolarra Primary School, Mirboo North & District Community Bank, and Calvary Strzelecki House were amongst the parade alongside Baromi Park.

RIGHT: Locals Lorelei and Ruth show their lanterns flickering between the colours of the rainbow. C48_3122



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Students set their eyes on the future

BASS COAST COLLEGE year nine students worked the room last Thursday as they asked the fun, hopeful and often hard questions of industry professionals.

A merging of ideas from the Youth Advisory Council, Nicole Milner of Bass Coast South Gippsland LLEN and Andrea Evans-McCall of Country Universities Centre hosted a spectacular and engaging day of Speed Career Conversations.

"The aim is to introduce young people to a wide range of available jobs, broadening their horizons and encouraging them to aim high," Nicole said.

Providing students an understanding of the world of work, Victoria Police, Parks, Federation University, Bass Coast Health, YMCA, Bass Coast Shire, GippsDairy and Curr were amongst real



Harvey, Alastair, Sam, Henry and Spencer participated in Speed Career Conversations where they met industry professionals. C14_3122

estate agents, financial advisors, midwives, blacksmiths and support worker volunteers explaining their role, their salaries and even the cons to their job, as well as the positives in short 10-minute round robin groups.

"Exposing young people to a range of career pathways," Andrea said.

"Statistically young people follow in the footsteps of their parents, grandparents, siblings, neighbours, because that is what they are

exposed to.

"(Today) we're talking about different options – they have to start somewhere."

And whilst some students wanted to be engineers, social workers, psychiatrists and tradespeople, the Sentinel Times is proud to report that there is even a budding young journalist and filmmaker in the mix.

"It's fun to talk to different people and discuss different jobs," Ace said.

With both Dudley and San Remo Campus students in attendance the day was broken into two halves, with one group participating in the career conversations, and the second receiving a tour of the senior campus, before flipping after lunch.

"I really enjoyed (today)," year 9 student Tallulah said.

"It was great learning my way around."

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An aerial view of the recently completed works along Murray Street and Biggs Drive in Wonthaggi.

Traffic back to normal at Murray Street and Biggs Drive

WORKS along Murray Street and Biggs Drive intersections have been recently completed.

The project began in May after council appointed contractors SR Excavations Pty Ltd and A1 Asphalt Pty Ltd to carry out the pedestrian safety upgrade works.

Multiple detours have been in place at both

streets while works were underway, with the project seeing the construction of:

- A central median strip
- A pedestrian refuge to shorten distances for pedestrians crossing the roads
- A path for trucks to travel along Billson Street and Biggs Drive.
- A path for trucks to

turn left into and out of Murray Street (east).

- Improvements to street lighting
- Traffic island built along the centre line of Biggs Drive/Billson Street

The \$650,000 project was funded by the Federal Blackspot Program 2021/22 and Growing Suburbs Fund.

Council Update



Proposed Road Discontinuance: Public Notice Inviting Submissions Under Section 223

Council, acting under clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), proposes to discontinue the road known as Back Lane Walker Street, Dalyston (the road) which runs approximately 57.4 metres south from Mary Street, Dalyston through to Victoria Court. The area of road to be closed is approximately 255m² and is shown outlined on the plan below.

The road is no longer reasonably required for general public use and, if discontinued, Council may retain or sell the land from the roads to the abutting landowners.

Council gives public notice of the proposal pursuant to Sections 207A and 223 of the Act. Interested persons are invited to make a written submission to Council no later than 5.00pm on Friday, 2 September, 2022. Submissions on this proposal will be considered in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.

Written submissions quoting reference F20/5144 must be addressed to Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi, 3995, emailed to basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au, or delivered to the Council office at 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi.

Any person making a submission and requesting to be heard in support of their written submission is entitled to appear in person, or may be represented by a person acting on their behalf before a committee comprised of Ward Councillors. After considering all submissions, Council will decide whether or not to discontinue the roads or any part of them. Enquiries to Vicki Tuchtan, Coordinator Property: property@basscoast.vic.gov.au or on the numbers below.

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Higher rates expected for many property owners

ADDITIONAL assistance, including a \$10 reduction in the annual waste charge, will be given to residents and landholders to pay their rates, following the completion of annual property assessments.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said there was no doubt that many residents were feeling the pressure of cost of living increases as a result of higher interest rates, as well as power bills, petrol and food prices going up.

"Bass Coast Shire Council is determined to work hard to keep costs down which is why Council has announced that the annual waste charge will be reduced by \$10 per property this year," he said.

These assistance measures include reduced interest for ratepayers who find themselves in financial hardship, and whose property in Bass Coast is their principal place of residence. There are also flexible payment options for ratepayers who are struggling financially and find it easier to make weekly or fortnightly payments.

Cr Whelan said many property values on the Bass Coast had increased substantially over the past 12 months due to COVID-19 restrictions being a catalyst for migration from Melbourne to the regions, plus remote work arrangements making regional and country lifestyles practical and appealing.

The State Government has approved a rate cap of 1.75 per cent.

Annual property valuations are determined by the Victorian Valuer-General and form the basis of the local govern-

ment rating system.

Unlike land tax which is based on a fixed percentage of value, property valuation increases do not allow Council to raise additional rates.

Valuation changes are used for the purpose of distributing rates between properties within the Shire.

This results in different rating outcomes which are based on different revaluation experiences for properties within the Shire.

Council has maintained average rates increases at the 1.75 per cent cap set by the Minister. This means that some rates will increase by less than 1.75 per cent and some will increase by more than the cap.

Of all the properties in Bass Coast Shire, 14,984 properties will receive a rates increase either in line with the rate cap or below it. 18,178 ratepayers will pay more than the rate cap.

Property values were assessed on January 1, 2022, by the Valuer-General and are largely based upon research and analysis of property sales and leasing transactions that took place throughout 2021.

If any ratepayer has an objection to their rates notice they can lodge an objection to the State Government within two months of receiving the Notice of Valuation.

Ratepayers/landowners are encouraged to lodge objections electronically via the online Rating Valuation Objections Portal at ratingvaluationobjections.vic.gov.au.

\$9k in fencing to protect viaduct bridge

KILCUNDA Community Association (KCA) has welcomed the installation of fencing to help preserve the iconic but aging Kilcunda Viaduct Bridge.

Works have included:

- Minor clearing of the existing vegetation to allow for fence installation
- Installation of bracket mounts and footing
- Installation of 2m high spear top fencing
- Installation of prohibition signs

Fencing will be on both ends of the Viaduct bridge

"The KCA welcomes the commitment from the council to work with the community to preserve this historical bridge, as it is one of the remaining features of our history," KCA president Andrea

Bolch said

"We encourage all Kilcunda people to take an interest and get involved in the community engagement process, and we hope the council will ensure that any of the safety or preservation measures taken are in keeping with the environment, in which it is situated and is not an eyesore."

However, Ms Bolch said the association has concerns about the 'unpleasant' black fencing erected, stating there was no opportunity for public input before it was implemented.

The project is a part of the shire's 2021/22 Capital Works Open Space Program and was fully funded by council at a cost of \$9000.

Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



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If your sporting club or community group needs a bit of extra funding to complete a project, host an event or improve your facilities, there is still time to get your application in for Round 2 of our 2022 Community Grants Program.

You can apply for funding of up to \$5,000 in the general, festivals, celebrations and events, minor capital works and climate action categories. If you need a bit more funding, we also offer grants of up to \$10,000 in each round, for up to three major projects and one climate action project. Visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/grants for more information or to apply.

Anticipation builds over new Korumburra Community Hub

WITH the Korumburra Community Hub development progressing well, it is expected that a range of local services and organisations will begin sharing the facility from early next year.

The new centre will accommodate library services, Milpara Community House, Korumburra Senior Citizens Club, and Korumburra and District Historical Society.

Future provision for council services has also been factored into the building's design.

Multi-purpose meeting rooms and consulting rooms will feature in the new facility, with a modern kitchen enabling catering.

Wall space will be available for Rotary Art exhibitions and other displays.

With its roof recently completed, Korumburra Community Hub is on course to be finished by late this year, despite setbacks with the availability of materials and staffing challenges.

As well as her role as a councillor, Jenni Keerie is manager of Milpara Community House.

She looks forward to Milpara having access to modern fit-for-purpose facilities and expects improved efficiencies in relation to costs such as power.

The Community House has operated at its current location



The Korumburra Community Hub development is on track.

for about 30 years.

While excited about Milpara's impending move, Jenni said there is still work to be done to prepare for the shift.

"It's a great opportunity but it comes with its own challenges because our method of business operation needs to be revised," Jenni said.

"We rely on generation of income (to provide our services), so we need to factor in how that's going to work with the overarching governance model of the site itself."

However, much thought and planning has already taken place, Jenni explained.

She arrived at the

Community House in 2013 and said there had been discussion of an eventual move to a hub home a few years prior to that.

"There was a recommitment by the Committee of Governance to become one of the lead tenants at the Community Hub when it was time for it to be constructed," Jenni said of what occurred after her arrival.

"So it's something we've been working towards since 2013, actually taking steps, and we've been involved in trying to identify the spaces we could use, getting better training facilities and meeting room

spaces for a broader range of opportunities for the community," she said.

While the Community Hub's building structure and wall framing are complete, there is plenty of work remaining ahead of the project's expected pre-Christmas finish.

The remaining tasks include wall cladding, solar power system installation, plaster boarding, installation of windows, painting and floor finishes, along with metal work such as handrails.

Services fit-off and commissioning will be required.

Landscaping will also take place.

Power outage at Wonthaggi Hospital on August 2

A POWER outage at the Wonthaggi Hospital this Tuesday, August 2 will impact most aspects of service delivery including radiology, surgery and maternity, which will be closed or on bypass.

The Emergency Department will operate as usual.

But it's short-term pain for an important gain as the hospital switches over to the mains power in the new hospital building.

A spokesperson for the hospital provided the following details:

"As part of the Wonthaggi Hospital expansion upgrade, we're switching over the power supply on Tuesday, August 2," said a spokesperson for Bass Coast Health.

As a result, the hospital and Kirrak House will be without mains electricity from 5am-7am, and 5pm-7pm.

"From 7am-5pm, we will be operating with generators.

"On the day, Radiology (apart from ultrasound) will be closed.

"Pathology will be open for outpatients as per usual.

"Emergency Department will operate as per usual. Chemotherapy services will operate as per usual. Haemodialysis will operate at slightly different hours.

"Visitation to Acute Ward will be permitted as per the rules on the day.

"Maternity services will be on bypass from the evening prior and throughout the day.

"Surgery will be cancelled. Most outpatient clinics will be transferred to Cowes (patients to be advised).

"There will be lighting operating in the main front carpark and Emergency Department carparks.

"We thank everyone for their understanding and patience, and apologise for any inconvenience caused."

The hospital's main reception will still be contactable by phoning 5671 3333.

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In the first year of the Program (2022-23) Grant Funding will be available to selected participants following an application process. The Program will focus on the establishment of suitable tree species and planting regimes that best integrate with the agricultural enterprise and the unique natural and built elements of the property and its surrounds. These plantations will be used as demonstration sites for future potential participants.

Grant applications open on 11 July 2022 and close on 12 August 2022.

FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT
VICFORESTS WEBSITE:
<https://www.vicforests.com.au/vicforest-management/farm-forestry>

OR EMAIL
vfs.farmforestry@vicforests.com.au

Island residents not so satisfied with shire

HOW satisfied are you with the performance of the Bass Coast Shire Council over the past 12 months?

Pretty satisfied, according to an important annual survey, especially if you're in the 18-34 age group, but not so much if you come from Phillip Island.

In fact, Island residents consistently rated the Wonthaggi-based Bass Coast Shire Council lower than anyone on the mainland.

The results are in for the 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey and overall, it's pretty good news for the shire's administrator, according to the 400 or so local people who participated in the important performance poll.

On the 'Overall Performance' rating, those surveyed said council slipped slightly from its 2021 rating of 59/100 to 57/100 in 2022.

But not only is a drop of 2% not a statistically significant change, a spokesman for the shire said it was also reflective of a decrease across the 'Large Rural Councils' sector.

"The results are down right across the sector with the decreases experienced by Bass Coast comparable to other Large Rural Councils," said a spokesperson for the council.

A breakdown of the results demonstrates the sector wide drop."

In fact, you might even say, Bass Coast went slightly against the trend of marking similar councils down.

Where Bass Coast's Overall Performance rating went down by 2% to 57%, the average for Large Rural Councils was down by 3% to 55% this year.

On seven of the eight categories, respondents to the survey rated Bass Coast Shire Council either better than the average for similar councils or at least equal.

The only exception was its performance on Waste Management which the survey marked down 1% to 63% compared to last year, and the shire was slightly under the average for Waste Management across Large Rural Councils at 65%.

And compared to its neighbour, South Gippsland, coming off a sacked council in June 2019 and two years of state-appointed administration, Bass Coast continues to be rated more highly by its residents, but with South Gippsland making significant gains in the past 12 months, after a new council was put in place.

Here's how Bass Coast and

South Gippsland shires were rated by their residents in the annual satisfaction survey:

- Overall Performance: Bass Coast 57, South Gippsland 49, Large Rural 55
- Value for Money: Bass Coast 48, South Gippsland 44, Large Rural 48
- Overall Direction: Bass Coast 47, South Gippsland 51, Large Rural 47
- Customer Service: Bass Coast 69, South Gippsland 66, Large Rural 67
- Waste Management: Bass Coast 63, South Gippsland 63, Large Rural 65
- Sealed Local Roads: Bass Coast 54, South Gippsland 42, Large Rural 45
- Community Decisions: Bass Coast 53, South Gippsland 48, Large Rural 51
- Consultation & Engagement: Bass Coast 51, South Gippsland 44, Large Rural 51

According to individual responses, Phillip Island residents gave the lowest score of any residents in the shire to Overall Performance, Value for Money, Overall Direction of Council and Waste Management, possibly reflective of the red-bin saga on the Island.

The Islanders also didn't like how the shire council was going with Community Decisions and Consultation.

The Bass Coast Shire Council's Customer Service team received an excellent rating across the board of 69%, ahead of South Gippsland on 66% and the average for similar councils of 67%, but the survey noted that people aged 50-64, men, and those living in the Westernport Ward weren't quite so pleased.

Non-residents of the shire predictably didn't have a problem with the condition of Sealed Local Roads in Bass Coast, while local residents marked the shire's performance on roads down, however, the overall response on local road maintenance was still pretty good at 54%, well ahead of the rating for similar councils at a poor 45%.

So, all-in-all, Bass Coast fared well in the independent survey, coordinated by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions on behalf of Victorian councils, with the only caveat being the level of dissatisfaction with the shire on Phillip Island.

The Bass Coast Shire Council is yet to release the full report, providing a summary only for the Sentinel-Times last Friday.

Services	South Gippsland 2022	South Gippsland 2021	Large Rural 2022	State-wide 2022	Highest score	Lowest score
Overall performance	49	47	55	55	Aged 18-34 years	Aged 50-64 years
Value for money	44	43	48	53	Aged 18-34 years	Aged 50-64 years
Overall council direction	51	45	47	50	Strzelecki Ward residents	Tarwin Valley Ward residents
Customer service	66	56	67	68	Tarwin Valley Ward residents	Coastal Promontory Ward residents, Aged 50-64 years
Waste management	63	61	65	68	Aged 65+ years	Aged 50-64 years
Community decisions	48	46	51	54	Strzelecki Ward residents, Aged 18-34 years	Coastal Promontory Ward residents
Lobbying	45	46	51	53	Aged 18-34 years	Aged 50-64 years
Consultation & engagement	44	44	51	54	Aged 18-34 years, Tarwin Valley Ward residents	Aged 50-64 years
Sealed local roads	42	43	45	53	Aged 65+ years, Strzelecki Ward residents	Aged 50-64 years

Why we're more satisfied in South Gippsland

THE South Gippsland community has been asked to rate the performance of its local shire council over the past 12 months and the results from a key independent survey are in.

With the turmoil of the former council's dismissal, in June 2019, and two years of administrators behind it, the community likes what it is seeing so far from the new council.

They rated the Overall Performance of the shire council at 49/100, as against the Large Rural Council average of 55/100 but that was 2 percentage points up on the previous year, and only 1% shy of its best performance rating, in 2012, of 50.

Drilling down into the level of community satisfaction with the Overall Performance, only 24% said the shire's performance was either "poor" or "very poor" as against 30% the previous year.

Those surveyed gave a big tick of approval for what council has done to improve 'Customer Service', up from 56 in 2021 to a score of 66 out of 100 in 2022, and the 'Overall Direction of Council' earned high praise as well, up by six points to 66 in the past year and by 21 points since the community was surveyed in 2019.

It was enough for the council to declare, in its latest 'In the



Know' community bulletin, that council is "heading in the right direction".

"Other positive indicators for South Gippsland Shire Council were that of the nine key areas, six areas were improved, one remained the same and two dropped by one point," said council.

When former Local Government Minister Adem Somyurek asked the Parliament to dismiss the council for at least two years "to enable the disruption of patterns of councillor conflict, re-establishment of trust with council staff and the repairing of damage to the Council's community standing".

And it appears that's exactly what's happened.

Here's how you rated your council in 2022

- Overall Performance 49 (Large Rural 55)

- Value for Money 44 (Large Rural 48)
- Overall Council Direction 51 (Large Rural 47)
- Customer Service 66 (Large Rural 67)
- Waste Management 63 (Large Rural 65)
- Community Decisions 48 (Large Rural 51)
- Lobbying 45 (Large Rural 51)
- Consultation & Engagement 44 (Large Rural 51)
- Sealed Roads 42 (Large Rural 45)

The results from the annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey, coordinated by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions on behalf of Victorian councils, were published this week.

A minimum of 400 local residents and ratepayers in each municipality are selected at random for the survey.

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Public consultation on the framework is open until 15 August 2022 and we want to hear from you to help plan this key part of Victoria's energy transition.

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Grantville growth sent back to the drawing board

BASS Coast Shire's recent meeting presented a proposed development plan at 10-20 Grantville-Glen Alvie Road, Grantville.

The development plan received two submissions to take into consideration when councillors were asked to endorse it.

The proposed development plan included:

- A road down the centre of 10-12 Grantville-Glen Alvie Road to provide access to future residential lots
- A second road bisected by the property boundary between 14-16 and 18-20 Grantville-Glen Alvie Road to provide future access to future residential development on these properties.
- A 3-metre-wide reserve generally along the southern boundary proposed to provide direct pedestrian access to the existing reserve connecting Brazier St and Bass Highway to provide access to the future retail area.

However, Cr Clare Le Serve raised an alternative motion on the application stating that council should refuse to endorse the proposed development.

"At this stage I raise the alternative motion on the grounds that the proposed plan does not appropriately avoid and minimize the loss of native vegetation and the road



Proposed development plan at 10 – 20 Grantville-Glen Alvie Road, Grantville. Z07_3022

layout does not provide an acceptable road network to adequately service all three lots to which it applies," said Cr Le Serve.

"We seek good planning for the community of Grantville, and it is for these reasons that I put forward this application at this stage. I agree we need a development plan overlay for this area; however, this doesn't address the private waste service and private road infrastructure.

"There is no evidence in the current proposal that

14-16 or 18-20 are interested in this subdivision or for it to go ahead in the near future. I acknowledge there will be trees planted in the subdivision, but I believe that with the small block sizes, that residence will be unlikely to be able to plant trees in their backyard.

"At this stage the 20x300 sq meter lots doesn't give a good outcome to the whole area, and I don't know whether CFA emergency services will have access to the properties. Waste services can't access the proposed allotments and all

ratepayers should have access to Bass Coast waste services."

Council's planning department confirmed that they worked with the developer on this proposal, but that 'it isn't ideal', as the turning circle proposed isn't sufficient for emergency service and waste management services to access the small blocks.

In which case private waste management would need to be sorted.

Based on the concerns, Cr Le Serve's alternative motion was carried.

Start date for Wilsons Prom revamp closer

A NEW and improved visitor experience at Wilsons Promontory is another step closer with a contractor now appointed to design the upgraded visitor precinct and accommodation hub.

Eplus Architecture has been appointed as principal consultant on the \$23 million Wilsons Prom Revitalisation project, which will rejuvenate the information centre and its connections with surrounding visitor spaces and facilities.

The upgrade includes Tidal River, which is home to the park's roofed accommodation, campground, toilets and amenities, cafe, general store and other facilities.

The funding will also deliver new walking experiences, including a Telegraph Saddle trail to connect Tidal River and Mount Oberon, and an upgrade of the Wildlife Circuit.

Parks Victoria will be engaging with Traditional Owners and specialist consultants throughout the project.

Wilson's Promontory is one of Parks Victoria's most popular sites, with visitor numbers rebounding to pre-pandemic levels, with an estimated 197,700 visits in summer, up from 178,353 during summer 2020-19.

Works will be delivered during 2023 and 2024, with the project expected to generate 54 jobs and bring over \$11 million into the regional economy.

This project is being funded as part of the \$633 million Visitor Economy Recovery and Reform Plan.

For further information visit: parks.vic.gov.au/projects

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Municipal Public Health And Wellbeing Plan

The Draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan is open for feedback.

This draft Plan aims to be used by Council and organisations that work closely with us to support improving the health and wellbeing of our community.

The Plan brings together community priorities for health and wellbeing, the work of Council and local organisations, and local health and wellbeing data to identify priorities and strategies for the next three years.

During the engagement for our Community Vision and Council Plan, we heard loud and clear how important health and wellbeing is to our community, so we are glad to have a draft ready for your feedback.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 17 August 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.

WORKS THIS WEEK

For a list of upcoming works, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/works

The plan includes:

- Five priorities—all of which align with the Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan, and local organisation strategic and work plans.
- A range of strategies to guide how organisations will work to improve health and wellbeing over the course of the plan.
- A localised population focus with some strategies providing additional focus on some population groups experiencing greater inequity in health.

To have your say before Sunday 7 August, please visit:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/mphwp

STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

Please be advised that AusNet will be undertaking streetlight works next week.

Streetlights are likely to be impacted in:

Bena - Sunday 7 August: 10.00pm to 11.00pm and 4.00am to 5.00am

Nyora - Monday 8 August: 10.00pm to 5.00am

Works may be impacted or rescheduled due to weather. For more information, please contact AusNet.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/332 – Design & Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge and Elevated Walkway at Leongatha Rail Precinct

A pre-tender meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 August at 11.00am at South Gippsland Shire Council Offices. All submitters are requested to attend.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

I Sent a Postcard



I Sent a Postcard is an initiative to celebrate local artists and to express - through art - their COVID19 experience. As part of the project artists created postcard-sized designs based around the themes: Isolation, Connection and Emergence. These designs have now been printed on to postcards and are being distributed across the Shire.

Pick up your free postcards from local art galleries, cafés, libraries, Council reception, Prom Country Visitor Information Centre, Coal Creek Community Park and Museum and neighbourhood houses.

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Wednesday 24 August 2022.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

HARD WASTE COLLECTION BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Bookings are now open.

All South Gippsland residential properties are eligible to receive one collection at a fee of \$145 per property. A reduced rate of \$51 applies for pension card holders.

Bookings can be made online at:

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Albanese holding back offshore wind energy

FOR all the bluff and bluster about renewable energy, the Albanese Government has been accused of holding back massive investment in Gippsland's offshore wind energy sector.

Star of the South Acting Chief Executive Erin Coldham says the company is progressing with onshore and community consultation aspects for its 200 turbine wind farm.

But until the Federal Government declares Gippsland an Offshore Wind Development Zone, the company can't begin key on-water works.

Developers of four of the five wind farms planned off the Gippsland coast have received State Government funding for their scoping and early planning, after a target of nine gigawatts of offshore wind energy was set earlier this year.

But the new Federal Government is dragging the chain.

Another health service goes Global

AUSTRALIAN healthcare software provider, Global Health Limited has announced that it has secured a contract with Latrobe Community Health to provide a range of software solutions.

They include providing MasterCare EMR, Data Warehouse, MasterCare Connect, e-switch integration and Referral Net SMD to the largest community health agency based in Gippsland.

It follows the recent provision of new IT services to Yarram District Health Service. Global Health also has Bass Coast Health on its books.

The contract value is approximately \$360,000 in annual recurring revenue over five years, with 2 x 2 year extensions. The contract also secures approximately \$1.2M in professional services over the next two years.

Calling all Gippsland mothers affected by climate change

A NEW Australian research project is investigating how mothers are affected by climate change, particularly environmental disasters such as fires and floods.

Researchers are seeking mothers from the Gippsland region in eastern Victoria to participate in interviews that will examine how climate change is impacting their emotions, experiences and decisions.

Mothers who live in the Gippsland region and have children aged between 0 and 18 are eligible to participate, and will receive a \$50 voucher in exchange for a one to two-hour interview via Zoom, at a time that is convenient to them.

Participation will help researchers better understand and support mothers during a time of rapid environmental change.

The project, titled *Mothering in Crisis: Family, disaster and climate change*, is led by historian Dr Carla Pascoe Leahy, who is a Lecturer in Family History at the University of Tasmania and an Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne.

Dr Julia Hurst (Lecturer in Indigenous History, University of Melbourne) and Dr Anisa Puri (Research Assistant, University of Melbourne) are co-investigators.

The research is funded by Melbourne Climate Futures at the University of Melbourne.

Anyone interested in participating can register their interest by contacting Dr Carla Pascoe Leahy at carla.pascoeleahy@utas.edu.au.



South Gippsland Shire councillors display the total value of Community Grants allocated.

Celebration of Community Grants

COMMUNITY organisations from across South Gippsland Shire will be able to carry out much-needed projects with assistance from council's Community Grants Program.

Recipients recently celebrated at a grants presentation night in Leongatha's Memorial Hall, the first such event held since 2019 due to Covid, with a whopping 44 organisations receiving funding.

More than \$220,000 was allocated to support community initiatives, projects and events, with that funding provided through rounds 1 and 2 of the 2021/22 Community Grants Program.

Community volunteer

and not for profit organisations can apply for Community Grants, which are divided into three categories.

They are:

- Minor and major projects and equipment
- Planning and development reports
- Festivals and events

"The Community Grants Program is the most direct way that Council supports our community to pursue their projects," Mayor Mohya Davies said.

While she acknowledged it takes time and effort to apply for a grant, Mohya said that funding provided through the Community Grants Program makes the South Gippsland region better by benefiting

communities.

Strzelecki Lions Club president Russell Jones attended the grants presentation, expressing delight at \$4,000 funding allocated to the club for a new generator.

That will be used for markets and for the upcoming Dairy Expo at Korumburra.

Grants ranged from \$1,200 through to \$10,000.

Round 1 of the Community Grants Program for 2022/23 is now open and closes Wednesday 31 August.

For more information, please contact Sophie Bolding on 5662 9200 or visit southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

Council outreach sessions a success

SOUTH Gippsland Shire is kicking goals with the local community.

We saw that in the improved public response to the annual community satisfaction survey, where only 24% of people thought the council's 'Overall Performance' wasn't up to scratch.

And councillors, at the first of seven out-reach sessions, last Saturday, July 30 in Korumburra, Cr Jenni Keerie and Cr Nathan Hersey, continued to hear a favourable response.

"We had a few specific issues, one about a water course problem where we were able to provide some details of local community groups with experience in the area, and we can also put them in touch with the

relevant government agencies," said Cr Keerie.

"Some wanted to know how they could make progress with a planning issue they had but most people just wanted to come up for a chat, and to say how relieved they were that the council had put all the drama behind it and were just getting on with it," she said.

Over the next few weeks, South Gippsland's councillors are hitting the road to hear from anyone and everyone about anything and everything!

It will be a good opportunity for our community to drop in for an update or a chat. No need to book, just show up at one of the locations below:

Food Store (back room) - Councillor Hersey.

• Friday, August 5, 1.30pm to 2.30pm at Bread and Pickle Cafe, Meenyan - Councillor Hersey and Councillor Rae.

• Saturday, August 6, 9.30am to 10.30am at Poowong Cafe and Takeaway - Councillor Hersey and Councillor Keerie.

• Thursday, August 11, 7pm to 8pm at Nyora Hall - Councillor Felton and Councillor Hersey.

• Friday, August 12 10am to 11am at Koonwarra Store - Councillor Hersey and Councillor Rae.

• Friday, August 12, 12.30pm to 1.30pm at Lamezleigh's Cafe and Bar, Mirboo North - Councillor Hersey, Councillor Rae and Councillor Williams.

Deputy Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



THIS week you will notice a series of events starting around the Shire we are calling *Catch Up with a Councillor*. Intended to facilitate casual conversations between Council and community. I hope you will be able to find a session that is convenient for you. See the dates below, with more to be added in the coming weeks:

- Friday, August 5, 9am to 10.15am - Loch Village Food Store (back room).
- Friday, August 5, 1.30pm to 2.30pm - Bread and Pickle Cafe, Meenyan.
- Saturday, August 6, 9.30am to 10.30am - Poowong Cafe and Takeaway.
- Thursday, August 11, 7pm to 8pm - Nyora Hall.
- Friday, August 12, 10am to 11am - Koonwarra Store.
- Friday, August 12, 6pm to 7pm - Mirboo North & Community Foundation's Co-Space, 96 Ridgway.

These meetings provide an informal opportunity where you can talk directly to Councillors about anything that might be happening in your community right now. Come along with your ideas and suggestions, complaints and concerns. If you would prefer to send us an email or have a chat over the phone, every Councillor has their contact details listed on Council's website www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

In other news, we released our community satisfaction results for 2022 this week. The Community Satisfaction Survey is conducted annually by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions on behalf of most local governments in Victoria.

The survey results show Council is doing well in a number of key areas, and the changes we are making are supported by our local community. We still have improvements to make, and I am confident that by working together and through listening to feedback from our community, we will continue to grow and improve our Shire.

The area South Gippsland Shire consistently scored lowest in related to roads. This is a major challenge for our Shire, but one we are dedicated to addressing and improving for our ratepayers and residents. In June this year, we committed an additional \$900,000 per year on roads and increasing the bitumen road footprint in South Gippsland. All of these outcomes are a result of positive community engagement with Council, and I thank those who take the time to fill in surveys come to meetings and write emails. South Gippsland is being shaped by those who show up. All your thoughts and feedback are the foundation upon which plans for the future of the Shire are made, and I am excited for our community as we see the physical outcomes and improvements come out of all these plans in the next few years.

If you would be interested in reading the summary of results, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/community-satisfaction

In exciting news for South Gippsland, the Victorian Government has announced who will be completing an essential upgrade to the visitor precinct and accommodation facilities at Tidal River, as well as some wider walking trail infrastructure upgrades across Wilsons Promontory. The Prom is a vital piece of our tourism puzzle and the investment that is scheduled for it is something to be celebrated.

We know that South Gippsland is a fantastic place to live, work and enjoy. As we strive to improve and promote our region, I am sure that more people will see the benefits of visiting our wonderful area.



Parents and students are invited to attend the Senior Program Information Sessions this week to gain insight into the VCE and VCE Vocational Major options available. C28_3122

All welcome for Senior Program Sessions

BASS Coast College is hosting their Senior Program Information Sessions this week.

Designed for students and their parents to gain insight into the programs available at the Wonthaggi Campus, it's also an opportunity for individuals to hear about the new VCE Vocational Major which is replacing the traditional VCAL structure.

"The senior program is changing dramatically next year," Ross Bramley, Wonthaggi Campus Principal said.

"VCAL as it is currently known is phasing out at the end of this year and is being replaced by VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM).

"The two-year VCE Vocational

Major program is designed to still allow students to have the strong elements of the VCAL program such work placement, but it also opens the scope for those students to potentially complete some VCE subjects.

"And gives students an opportunity to explore their areas of passion and interest."

The new program, whilst overseen by the education department, is allowing autonomy within the school.

"Bass Coast College has been doing a lot of planning around the VCE Vocational Major. That includes looking at openings to give a greater breadth of subject opportunities to students who wish

to move into the VCE Vocational Major next year.

"We have information nights coming up and strongly encourage parents and end of year 9 and 10 students to attend; they will get the most up to date information and find out all the implications so students can make a well-advised decision about their future pathway.

"From a school perspective we want to thank our local businesses and trades people who are willing to take on work placement students, so those students can get good experience and learn some really valuable skills and knowledge.

"And we ask that any local businesses or tradespeople who are

potentially interested in taking on a VCE Vocational Major student for workplace next year to please contact the senior campus on 5611 4000 for further information.

"Some businesses haven't offered their workplace because they don't have enough information or don't know enough about the program. We can give them all the information, and if they feel that's something they would like to pursue we can put them in touch with a student who's interested in that area."

The information sessions will also explain to students the process of selecting subjects for the 2023 school year, and the new updated VCE VM curriculum.

"The VCE VM has a new updated curriculum as well, which is trying to reduce some of the overlapping of information and allow students a greater breadth of learning experiences.

"I want to congratulate our staff; I've got groups of teachers, some of these in their own time, who are working really hard on developing a viable and engaging curriculum for our VCE VM program next year and developing the most up to date VCE curriculum.

"I hope it will lead to more opportunities for schools to become flexible in their offerings to students and provide students with more pathways into the future."

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WHAT'S ON

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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— SATURDAY —

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SENIOR PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSIONS

These information sessions are essential for students and their parents to attend in order to gain insight into the programs available at the Wonthaggi Campus and the process of selecting subjects for the 2023 school year. In particular, with the phase out of VCAL across Victoria at the end of 2022, these sessions will be critical for students and their parents to gain an understanding of VCE and the VCE Vocational Major options for their Year 11 & 12 years.

Year 9 into Year 10 Information Sessions

Monday, August 1 at 7pm

@ San Remo Campus (Specialist Building – Library)

of Bass Coast College

Tuesday, August 2 at 7pm

@ Wonthaggi (Senior) Campus (Library) of Bass Coast College

Year 10 into Year 11 (Senior Programs) Information Session

Thursday, August 4 at 7pm

@ Wonthaggi Arts Centre (Graham St)

These sessions are open to current BCC students and prospective students for the 2023 school year. Please note that students who attend an information session may be given preference to access programs and subjects.

Local woman becomes \$2m richer

A YOUNG South Gippsland woman is thanking a last-minute decision to grab a ticket into the weekend's TattsLotto draw for her "life-changing" \$2.1 million windfall.

The Victorian held one of the 14 division one winning entries across the country in TattsLotto draw 4281, drawn Saturday, July 30.

Each division one winning entry pocketed \$2,142,857.15.

"It's changed my life," the winner in her 20s declared when confirming her win with an official from The Lott.

"I only ever buy a ticket every now and then. I've never really won anything."

"But this ticket I bought about 7pm on Saturday night at the last minute before the draw closed.

"I'm glad I did!"

"Before I went to bed on Saturday, I just had a feeling I should check my tick-

et. And it was a winning ticket."

"I got no sleep after that."

"I'm wanting to build my own house, and now I can mortgage-free. I might be able to upgrade a few plans for the house too."

"It's a great feeling."

Her winning 36-game QuickPick entry was purchased online at thelott.com – the official home of Australia's lotteries.

The winning numbers in TattsLotto draw 4281 on 30 July 2022 were 17, 21, 12, 26, 8 and 42, while the supplementary numbers were 35 and 13.

Across Australia, there were 14 division one winning entries in TattsLotto draw 4281 – three each from New South Wales and Western Australia, two each from Victoria, Tasmania and Queensland, and one each from South Australia and the Northern Territory.



Get active and be pain free at Inlet Foot Clinic

INLET Foot Clinic opened the doors to the new private practice in February 2022, servicing the community of Bass Coast, South Gippsland and surrounds.

Owner and podiatrist Erin Bright has been practicing podiatry for over 15 years, with extensive experience consulting in acute settings as well as consulting and volunteering in the private and public sector.

Following a lifestyle change for Erin and her family, she began working with Bass Coast Health after moving to the coastal town of Inverloch.

She saw an opportunity in the growing regional town and made the decision to set up Inlet Foot Clinic.

"I saw the opportunity to open a new practice after managing my own clinic previously in Carlton North. I enjoy private practice and love working in a family-owned clinic within the small country community," said Erin.

At Inlet Foot Clinic, Erin assists patients with general nail care, corn and

callus treatment, ingrown toenail management including nail surgery, wart assessment and treatment, diabetic foot assessment and management, strapping and taping, footwear assessment and advice, as well as child and sports podiatry.

Amelia Tobias, the senior orthotist with Ortho Advantage, also consults from the clinic one day a week.

Amelia's focus is orthotic management for complex neuromuscular conditions.

"Our objective is to get our patients back to managing their daily routine pain free," said Erin.

"Initial consultations are available for new patients without a referral, or review. Extended primary care referral consults are available with the opportunity for a Medicare rebate. I am happy to consult with patients from the department of veteran affairs and NDIS."

Appointments can be made online or by contacting 7066 5434 and queries can be emailed to info@inletfootclinic.com.au



Podiatrist Erin Bright of Inlet Foot Clinic opened the private practice in Inverloch in February 2022. The clinic provides podiatry services for adults and children to keep them active and pain free. Z01_3122

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Urgent appeal for volunteers

LIFELINE Gippsland joins a range of local organisations reporting a critical shortage of volunteers.

Recently published census data reveals that there has been a 19 per cent decline in formal volunteering since 2016.

The reduction in volunteers surged when the pandemic reached Australia, and many volunteers have not returned.

This has caused significant problems for Lifeline Gippsland, who receives approximately 25 per cent of the funding required to operate Lifeline's 13 11 14 Crisis Line.

To make up the funding shortfall, the organisation operates six charity retail stores across Gippsland and relies upon the goodwill of volunteers to keep these operational.

Lifeline Gippsland CEO Michelle Possingham stated, "Volunteers are the backbone of our organisation, and the current shortage of volunteers across our warehouse and retail stores has significantly restricted our ability to raise vital funds to ensure that no one has to face their darkest moment alone."

In 2022 calls to Lifeline's 13 11 14 crisis line reached record-breaking levels, and demand remains high.

Ms Possingham reports that this increase coincided with a decrease in the number of queries received about becoming a crisis phone volunteer.

"There is a common misconception that you have to be experienced in mental health to become a volunteer on the phones," Ms Possingham said.

"Lifeline provides world-class training and ongoing support to all phone volunteers, and people with a wide range of life experiences join us in supporting people/are part of the volunteer team that support people through difficult times."

"If you've ever thought about volunteering, now is the time. We have a wide range of volunteer roles available across retail, warehousing, driving, events and crisis phone support. You are invited to join an organisation that has served the Gippsland region for 54 years. Put simply - we need your help," said Ms Possingham.

"If you want to learn more about volunteering with us, you can visit the Lifeline Gippsland website – www.llg.org.au or call our friendly team on 51363 500.



New Chair of Newhaven's College Board - David Jobe.

David ready to take on new role

NEWHAVEN College is proud to introduce its Board Chair, David Jobe.

Newhaven College's Board of Directors are responsible for the college's governance.

The role of chair takes a special person. One who is passionate about excellence in teaching and learning, is encouraging and respectful of ideas, and represents the school in our community with dignity and enthusiasm.

David Jobe joined the Newhaven Board in 2015 and in 2021, took on the role of chair.

Greg Price, who had been chair for 10 years, left big shoes to fill.

David has embraced the role with both energy and a sense of responsibility.

"Newhaven has given so much to me. It allowed me to be the first in my family to attend university. It has educated my sons. It remains an integral part of our community," he said.

David reflected on his time at Newhaven College at the original Boys Home Road campus.

"It was a close-run thing that the school even got off the ground in the early days. It was running on a shoestring," he said, but some of his memories of those early days are priceless.

"On hot days, our teacher, would pile us all into the back of his station wagon and we would go down to Cape Woolamai back beach for a swim at lunch times. Of course, there is no way the board would sign off on that now, but on reflection, that same sort of spirit that was created during the school's founding is still here today. The sense of community created by the student's different backgrounds produces a sense of empathy and understanding that helps define us as a school."

David was a Papworth Prize recipient and dux of the school in 1987.

He went on to serve as a Pilot Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force and was manager of The Continental Phillip Island, before founding Southern Sustainable Developments, a locally-based company developing residential land projects with a focus on environmental sustainability.

"In my experience, in three very different careers so far, the things that have helped me the most have been curiosity, passion, critical honest thinking, a sense of humour, and persistence. These were all part of Newhaven values forty years ago, and they remain part of Newhaven's values today," David said.

Looking to the future for Newhaven College, David is optimistic.

"We are fortunate to have an energetic and capable Principal with a strong background in best-practice education, and a board of highly professional people who each bring important perspectives. My role is to bring out those perspectives to inform our decision-making for the long-term benefit of our students, the College as a whole, and our community," he said.

When addressing Newhaven College students, David's message is clear:

"To students, particularly in senior years who may be wondering about your futures, which path to choose and what skills you will need, be quietly confident that the values you learn and the character you develop at Newhaven will help you make the most of whatever challenges, surprises and opportunities your future holds because sometimes life doesn't work out exactly as you plan. It's much better."



Celebrating at Powlett River Primary School: School principal, Wendy Nicol with students, Phoenix and Evelyn (front row), school leader and Bass Coast young leader, Matilda, school captain, Radha and Bass Coast young leader and school captain, Josh (back row) with State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale.

Powlett River Primary set for almost \$500k upgrade

BETTER facilities are on the way for students at Powlett River Primary School with the appointment of a builder for the school's important upgrade thanks to the state government.

State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale recently announced Modus Projects has been appointed to deliver a much needed new and modern amenities block, that better supports accessibility and hygiene.

The government has provided \$495,665 to go towards this project.

"We're really excited this project is finally starting," Powlett River Primary School principal, Wendy Nicol said.

"There have been delays over the last 18 months due to COVID. We had hoped to upgrade our staff toilets and facilities as well but with the increase in costs over the last 12 months across the building industry; the VSBA has

told us that is not possible.

"We're waiting on the next capital works grant to come up and we'll apply in the hope to upgrade staff facilities."

"The builder and architect have visited the site, and we anticipate the works on the student facilities will start soon."

"We're also crossing our fingers as we wait for the announcement of the Inclusive Schools Fund. We applied earlier this year to upgrade

our playground.

"It's a popular grant but we're hopeful. We had a strong application, and it would be a great asset to the whole Dallyston community as so many families use our facilities after school and on weekends."

The state government is ahead of schedule in its commitment to deliver 100 new schools between 2019 and 2026, with 75 new schools opening between 2019 and 2024.

Intrastate visit to Wonthaggi's Harvest Centre



Students from Carey Baptist Grammar descended on Wonthaggi's community gardens on Wednesday. C02_3122

STUDENTS from Carey Baptist Grammar popped into Wonthaggi Harvest Centre on Wednesday as part of their Year 8 camp curriculum.

What kicked off as a phone call to Mitchell House to see how the students could get involved in the community, resulted in 70 odd students descending on the gardens ready to get their hands dirty and feet wet.

Co-ordinator Jessica Harrison and Caylie Holtz were on hand with Harvest Centre

volunteers to run the students through an array of activities including succulent planting – which students could take home, preparing bee baths and learning about pollination, stone art, creating a strawberry patch and moving mulch.

"We want them to have a hands-on experience and to see how you can help others," Caylie said.

After visiting the State Coal Mine, Jessica welcomed students and explained how the community gardens came

to be.

"We wanted to teach them that gardening means much more..." Jessica said.

"What's great about here is that we are in the centre of town."

After the sessions students took donated goods and excess crops up to Mitchell House.

Students also visited Phillip Island and Churchill Island, Western Port Woodlands and Caldermeade amongst other places during their rural camp activities.

Better playground and gym for Newhaven primary

NEWHAVEN Primary School students are enjoying upgraded facilities thanks to recent state government funding.

State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale announced works are now complete on the \$109,125 senior playground and gymnasium upgrade at the primary school.

This formed part of the government's minor capital works fund from the Victorian School Building Authority. Works included:

- Replacing senior play equipment in the yard with a slide, rock climbing wall and flying fox.

- Installation of brand-new shade sails to cover both the senior and junior play equipment.

- Installation state of the art electronic basketball rings in the sports gymnasium.

The school also plans to upgrade the line markings in the sports gymnasium to match the new basketball rings.

The Victorian Budget 2022/23 invested \$41.8 million in the Minor Capital Works Fund to improve learning spaces as well as the condition and character of schools.



Newhaven Primary School's senior playground was upgraded after receiving government funding.



The Wonthaggi Sing for Fun group has had to put activities on hold due to the winter wave in COVID-19 numbers.

COVID resurgence is nothing to sing about

PEOPLE love to sing, according to the facilitator of the Wonthaggi Sing for Fun group, Jacqui Paulson, but over the past few months, the COVID-19 pandemic has really started to bite again.

After two years of cancelled rehearsals and the occasional rehearsal outside when the weather was right, the local singing group thought they were back up and running early this year.

But the rise in COVID numbers locally, and the need to stay safe has forced the cancellation of both rehearsals and performances.

"We were booked to go to the Gippsland Accapella Festival at Tyers on Saturday, August 13, but we had to pull the plug on that and a week later, the organisers cancelled it anyway," said Jacqui.

"At our last singing day, at the Dalyston Hall, we had 30 come along for rehearsal and we've got 120 on our mailing list, so

people really love to sing, but it's just been so difficult these last few years.

"You can't sing in masks and it's hard to get venues where the audience is far enough away to make it safe to perform.

"And there's also the issue of staying away when you're sick. You have to stay away, not just until you feel better, but until you don't have symptoms.

"We've been able to do some instrumental events and we've got a 'music mayhem' coming up at the Wonthaggi Library in September but we may have to wait to start singing again."

Few activities spread COVID-19 as effectively as singing.

And since the Skagit Valley Chorale in northwest Washington state experienced one of the first and most famous super-spreader events in the world, at a rehearsal on March 10, 2020, everyone knows about singing

and COVID.

This was well before vaccines, mind you, but of the 61 people who came out to rehearse, within a few weeks, 52 were diagnosed with COVID-19, several people were hospitalised, and two of the choir members died.

The choir has since been the subject of a hate mail campaign and have had trouble getting back together.

The local Wonthaggi Sing for Fun group has been more circumspect.

"We've basically had to call things off again for a while but we're looking forward to being able to sing at the Wonthaggi Carols by Candlelight," said Jacqui.

"At least we can rehearse outdoors for that,

as we have done in the past couple of years and the event itself is outdoors as well."

The Department of Health recorded 298 deaths in Victoria in the past week.

Drugs and Ketamine – the new go to

THE Australian Institute of Health and Wellness (AIHW) has released Australia's attitudes and perception towards drugs report, and whilst some of the statistics were expected there are some surprises.

Focusing on Latrobe – Gippsland (which covers Eastern Victoria including Phillip Island) 76 per cent of people thought it should not be a criminal offence to possess cannabis for personal use this is compared to 77 per cent across Victoria and 78 per cent across Australia.

Over time the statistics show a jump of 16 per cent since 2010 for the legalisation of cannabis (23 per cent to 39 per cent) whilst 10 per cent of individuals would try cannabis if it was legal and available.

Forty-seven per cent of people said no action or warning should be given if someone was found in possession of cannabis, with 30 per cent recommending individuals be referred to a treatment or education program.

For the first time in 2019, cannabis had a higher level of personal approval of regular use by an adult than tobacco (20% compared with 15%).

However, it is a different picture when it comes to other illicit drugs.

46 per cent of people surveyed thought those caught with ecstasy should be referred to a treatment or education program with that figure jumping to 51 per cent for hallucinogens and heroin, surprisingly it dropped to 45 per cent for methamphetamines.

Gippsland also had lower support at 47 per cent for pill testing compared to a national 57 per cent; 34 per cent were opposed, and 19 per cent opted for neither.

Reducing the harm of illicit drugs most supported law enforcement above education and treatment.

Onto the legal drugs, 62 per cent of individuals approved the restricting of electronic cigarettes in public places, 81 per cent of people supported stricter enforcement of law against supplying tobacco to minors and 24 per cent opposed a tax increase on tobacco to pay for health measures.

As stated by AIHW, 'analysis on the National Drug Strategy Household Survey from 2019 found that over 1 in 10 had smoked tobacco daily, and 2 in 5 had used an illicit drug in their lifetime.'

The National Drug Strategy Household Survey (NDSHS) collects self-reported information from people across Australia.

The release also comes at a time when police are seeing more Ketamine on the streets.

Ketamine is commonly associated with medical practitioners and veterinarians as a dissociative that has analgesia and anaesthetic properties.

Developed in the mid-60s 'K' as it is referred to on the street, is sold as a white powder in recreational use, though liquid in its original form.

K has a total duration of between 1-2 hours with the hangover and after effects lasting between 1 and 3 hours on average.

Side effects can include loss of consciousness, nausea, seizures, amnesia, paranoia, nightmares, delirium and psychosis.

For more information on the report visit aihw.gov.au or for further information on Ketamine and illicit substances visit dancewize.org.au.

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On Sunday afternoon a pod of whales was spotted feeding and playing out the back of the Cape Paterson Bay Beach. Quite close to shore a handful of lucky people watched their display. Photo: Glenn Sullivan

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COMMENT

Are we ready for Constitutional change?

Indigenous Australian singer and songwriter, Kutcha Edwards, takes a keen interest in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland area.

And a few years ago, while playing a gig in The Glade at Inverloch, he said frankly that he wasn't sure whether the broad sweep of the Australian population was ready for a treaty statement, or even the proposed 'Voice' changes to the Constitution outlined by the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese last week.

We're not sure what Uncle Kutcha's position is now but it's a very important question to ask, how ready are we to support change, as a failure to pass the proposed variation by referendum could set the issue back for many years, as we saw with the republic question.

In general terms, most Australians are proud of our indigenous heritage, the stories, the 45,000 years of history, the culture, the art, the sporting ability, the involvement at all levels and how it enriches us as a nation.

But the fact is that it's only been in recent years that we've begun to understand that there are 500 different Aboriginal communities and hundreds of languages.

At the time, Kutcha said he thought a more extensive education program was needed before we went to referendum.

And while the conventional wisdom is that you have to keep a referendum question simple for it to have any chance of passing, there are many unresolved issues that should be addressed now as well including the republic issue, whether or not we celebrate Australia Day on January 26, the appropriateness of the flag... many equally important issues as the indigenous voice question.

The other thing we must have, before spending millions of dollars on a referendum doomed to failure, is bipartisan support. If you don't have support on both sides of politics, it's got no hope.

Is it time to hold a referendum on the following question: "Do you support an alteration to the Constitution that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice?"

No, not now, not without community education, not without bipartisan political support, not without a proper explanation and not in its present form.

Voters' needs to weigh heavily

After a brief chat to one of your reporters in Wonthaggi (recently), the following issues for some voters will loom large including:

- better medical and dental specialist services, more trained staff for the growing aged population in the absence of fast rail and road transport to Melbourne for specialist services;

- better roads free of potholes, and level so as able to carry more heavy traffic at higher speed levels so it doesn't take 3 hours and a 300 km round trip duration to Melbourne;

- better roads especially from Wonthaggi to Anderson, from Cowes to San

Vox Pop

What do you want to do when you leave school? Do you think you can pursue it in Bass Coast?



Lockie

Year 9, Bass Coast College
"An electrician and yes."



Sienna

Year 9, Bass Coast College
"I think the food industry, a chef. I could get a job in Bass Coast in a restaurant, there are plenty of job opportunities."



Harvey

Year 9, Bass Coast College
"Go to university and study engineering... or maybe computer sciences. I could do it remotely but don't think it would be as good as on campus."



Tallulah

Year 9, Bass Coast College
"I want to be a social worker. Yes."

Remo, from Anderson to Tooradin and all branches off the South Gippsland Highway;

- better sporting facilities for the aging population, not just school kids;
- better COVID management and other pandemic and flu seasons events, than past track record of last three years;
- better government with less branch stacking, less internal corruption, less "look at me" and more real action beneficial outcomes;
- less billions spent on railway crossing removal, tunnel stop and start infrastructure building and change that adds hardly any perceptible benefits to the citizen;
- less taxes - lower land taxes, lower car registration costs, lower rates, lower energy and fuel costs, for better outcomes and better value add improvements to all;
- more, not fewer, police stations and police presence where needed most, on time, on cue, on the ball;
- more shops occupied than for lease;
- more money making more Gippsland, Phillip Island museums, airfields more attractive, more accessible;
- more relocation of auto and aerospace industries to Gippsland;
- better jetty facilities and faster ferry services from Cowes to mainland and connecting rail to Melbourne.

Greg Jarosch, Cowes

Time to split

As long-term owner of a property firstly at Cape Woolamai and last 22 years in San Remo, like many on Phillip Island, San Remo and the waterline area, to read local press on Bass Coast Council, it really is past the time to split the Bass area into two different Local Government Areas.

Last council elections were affected by COVID lockdowns, and the majority of owners were unable to cast their vote, as many owners in this area have two properties totally different to areas like Wonthaggi, where most owners are residents.

Once this State Election is over in November, it will be the time for this community to decide what they want their local council area to be like.

We've seen in the past with issues like the proposed Skate Park in San Remo, a council totally out of touch with the community it supposedly represents.

Rubbish collection every January is another disaster; promises made to fix the issue were blocked by councillors not affected.

Maybe an administrator being appointed for two years is an option while a review is carried out.

Chris Day, San Remo

Perfect storm for building industry

Much has been written in the media after several established building and construction companies have been liquidated this year due to rising material costs, supply chain delays, and labour shortages.

This perfect storm is causing mounting pressure on our industry.

The vast majority, if not all, of the state's builders, are experiencing a challenge to their profitability. We are calling it a profitless boom.

However, the number of building and construction insolvencies in 2022 must be put into perspective.

While several high-profile builders have gone into liquidation this year, insolvencies are still relatively low compared to pre-COVID levels.

The building and construction industry recorded 541 insolvencies in 2019.

This dropped to its lowest point of 311 insolvencies at the end of 2020.

Unsubstantiated claims by some industry commentators that "up to 50 per cent of small builders could go to the wall in the next 12 months" do not appear to be based on hard evidence.

Master Builders Victoria (MBV) has consistently advocated that the best way to protect consumers and help prevent further insolvencies is to protect builders.

Many builders in the residential sector have signed fixed-priced contracts.

Unlike other products like fuel and food, these unforeseen price increases cannot be passed on to consumers.

If builders cannot pass increases onto clients, there is a risk of insolvency, and clients may end up with half-finished homes.

That's why MBV has continued to advocate to the Victorian Government to include rise and fall clauses in domestic building contracts.

In the meantime, we urge all clients to be kind and patient with builders – everyone is doing their best in exceptionally challenging circumstances.

We remain confident that the building and construction industry will overcome these challenges and continue to be the cornerstone of Victoria's economy.

Rebecca Casson, CEO Master Builders Victoria

Grateful for community support

I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone in Victoria who supported The Smith Family's 2022 Winter Appeal.

At a time when Victorians continue to face COVID challenges and ongoing economic instability, we've been humbled by their tremendous generosity.

This show of support could not have come at a more necessary time, with the fallout from COVID still impacting children's education, particularly those experiencing poverty.

We know that financial disadvantage creates barriers for learning, and our recent family survey found parents and carers continued to be worried about their children falling behind at school, during ongoing disruptions and the after-effects of extended periods of home learning.

The Smith Family's vision is a world where every child has the opportunity to change their future – and our programs equip students with the knowledge, skills, and aspirations they need to unlock their potential.

With the donations received, The Smith Family will provide extra learning and mentoring support to an additional 3879 Victorian children and young people during terms three and four.

These include an out-of-school reading program and our after-school learning clubs.

We know these evidence-based programs work because we measure the progress of students to ensure they are benefitting.

Parents, students and teachers tell us that our programs are helping children to be more confident and engaged at school, improve their learning outcomes, and become more aware of study and career opportunities post-school.

In the last year, our programs reached around 180,000 children and young people nationally. And with more young Australians in need of support than ever before, we want to extend this reach to 250,000 in the next five years. But we can't do this vital work alone, and that's why community support is crucial.

So, to everyone who generously contributed to our Appeal, I say a great big thank you.

Anton Leschen, General Manager, Victoria, The Smith Family

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.

Alan embodies the 'Spirit of CFA'

POUND Creek Fire Brigade were rejoicing after firefighter Alan Price swept home the 2022 Spirit of CFA Senior Award.

The Spirit of CFA Awards recognise outstanding achievements and significant contributions made by CFA staff and volunteers to CFA, local communities and the State of Victoria.

"I try to fly under the radar as much as possible," Alan laughed.

"I accepted in good faith because that's one of the things about being a volunteer, we don't get paid. It's recognition for all the people in CFA... and various people that have mentored, helped and enabled me.

"Anything I have done somebody did it before me, I am just following in a path somebody else has blazed – I hope the legacy I've left is that someone else is following me."

Presented by CFA Chief Executive Officer, Natalie MacDonald, in Ballarat this year, the Senior Award pays tribute to a CFA member over the age of 60 who inspires and mentors others through their commitment to their brigade and community and consistently demonstrates collaboration, initiative and leadership.

"I could not think of a better person to nominate for the Spirit of CFA Award," Pound Creek Captain Ivan Smith said.

"Everyone seeks advice from Alan – he is one of the most qualified volunteer firefighters in Gippsland."

It was November 1981 when Alan signed up with the Pound Creek Fire Brigade, a mere five years later he was 1st Lieutenant and in 2016 he received his 35-year service medal.

"Back in November last year we received an email for nominations, I felt that we had one such member," Ivan explained.

"I enlisted the help of Chris Buxton, Tim Rock, Jill Price and Walter Aiche to contribute information on his achievements – Alan was indeed a



Alan Price received his Spirit of CFA Senior Award from CFA CEO Natalie MacDonald. Photo: Blair Dellemijn of Uniform Photography.

worthy candidate."

Peter Vanzuyden and Andrew Mutton put their heads together and collaborated with Ivan in submitting the nomination.

Alan's involvement in the CFA has included roles as Group Officer (2004-08), Deputy Group Officer (1996-04 and 2008-10), Captain (1988-96), Captain Mentor (ongoing), Strike Team Leader and Trainer, and ICC Centre Leongatha Co-ordinator.

"As Captain he co-ordinated the design and build of the CFA Station and Community Hall at Pound Creek," Ivan added.

"He always goes out of his way to welcome new members to the Pound Creek Community."

Apart from his hands-on fire-ground experience, Alan has also played an integral role on the many Incident Management Teams he has been involved with and has been a highly sought after and dedicated Logistics and/or Planning Officer, both throughout Victoria and interstate.

"He has continuously been

involved in brigade and group cluster training, and he regularly volunteers for any brigade working bees or fundraising events, in particular the Pound Creek Australia Day Celebrations – a local community event which support the efforts of the brigade."

Alongside his CFA accomplishments Alan is also credited with Anglican Church Wonthaggi Community meal project, food bank, Community Hardship Loan Scheme and conducive in starting the Anglican Church Inverloch Opportunity Shop.

"Within the broader community, Alan is a Church Warden and Parish Councillor, and was instrumental in getting the Church Community Meal project off the ground, and he is still involved in working weekly for the Second Bite Food program."

Wonthaggi Pony Club's president and groundsman, Alan also designed a cross country course, undertaking the earthworks using his own machinery that attracted competitors

from all over the region.

He also holds the position of Chairman of the Fulham Kairos Chapter, which helps run four-day courses inside the Fulham Corrections Centre. Through the Kairos programme, Alan has been visiting inmates twice a month for the last 12 years (up until COVID restrictions).

"My wife and daughters have enabled me to have the time to go and do all those things – they've milked the cows and kept the operation working at home," Alan said.

"Jill has been my biggest support and much appreciated life partner."

Jill often asks the 72-year-old why he still gets up at all hours when the pager goes off and Alan's answer is simple, 'it's not about the times that everything's all right, it's the times you get down and save something.'

"Seahaven's always stood in my mind. We've had lots of calls there over the years for alarms, and we've been there twice for fires – the laundry fire, where you saw how serious it could be and the real fire, where all the damage was done.

"We lose sight of that sometimes – probably 60 per cent of Pound Creek's turnouts are stopped."

From local alarms and fires to campaign bushfires around Australia, Alan's community could not be prouder of his achievements.

"His leadership skills are second to none, and his devotion to service and willing assistance to other CFA personnel within the district and CFA as a whole is truly exemplary."

"On behalf of the Pound Creek Fire Brigade members I would like to congratulate Alan for his outstanding contributions to the CFA and Community," Ivan smiled.

"Peter says when he came to Pound Creek, I gathered him up and mentored him – I think that's the role of every volunteer," Alan concluded.

Rail bridge tenders called

THEY said it should have been replaced when the old, dilapidated pedestrian bridge linking Bair Street to the railway station was torn down decades ago.

And now, it seems the Council has turned full circle and is calling for tenders for the 'Design and Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge and Elevated Walkway at the Leongatha Rail Precinct.'

Not only is the bridge seen as a vital link to the bus transit station and Great Southern Rail Trail but it will also facilitate better use of the parking spaces within the rail reserve.

Tenders close on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

Koo Wee Rup rail return?

THE 'Restore Rail' lobby group wants to see the reconstruction of the railway line between Clyde and Koo Wee Rup, with a station at Tooradin to improve public transport and ease traffic congestion in the area.

They've launched a parliamentary petition, looking for 6000 signatures and are seeking commitments from political parties ahead of the November election.

"The buses in the area are a disaster, they mismatch with each other, and people forget there's a perfectly good rail corridor in their backyard," said Travis Mitchell of Restore Rail.

The sticking point is the designation of the area, for planning and development purposes, as the Westernport Green Wedge whereby residential development is discouraged to protect valuable farmland.

Birds released

SEVENTEEN critically endangered, eastern bristlebirds have been released in a remote part of Wilsons Promontory in the hope of establishing a colony there.

The birds, which have been impacted by the east-coast bushfires, were captured in the Booderee and Fervis Bay national parks in mid-April and delicately moved the 850km to Wilsons Prom recently.

The bristle birds may not be entirely alien to the Prom with naturalists' records recording sights and sounds of the birds between the 1880s and 1970s.

Buffeted by the roaring winds of Bass Strait, the southern tip of the Prom is believed to be an area least impacted by climate change.

Workshop for renters

A RENTERS Rights workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 10, from 2-3pm at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House, 6 Murray Street.

Jessica Harrison from Housing Matters, who is organising the workshop, said "Many renters are anxious due to rising rents and difficulties with finding alternative housing if the owner sells."

"People are putting up with cold and sub-standard accommodation."

"At the workshop we will cover what to do if you are threatened with eviction, rent increases, ending of leases and bonds and crisis support."

"We are volunteers, but we can refer you to free professional legal and financial help if you need it."

Book for the free community meal at 12pm and/or the workshop by calling Mitchell House 56723731.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/437987427851380

Bulk buy for hot water systems and save on bills

COSY HOMES co-ordinator Jessica Harrison is inviting local homeowners with old, inefficient water heaters to join others in replacing the heaters with the latest solar heat pump technology.

"Heat Pumps use 80 per cent less energy than storage water heaters," Jessica explained.

"Have a look at your electricity bill – if your off-peak usage is high, this will be the amount being used to heat your hot water."

Through state government funding, Cosy Homes began as an idea between Jessica and Aileen Vening in 2021, as a way of making both rentals and owned homes more energy efficient, less draughty and warmer in winter.

"We still have the volunteers who trained with a professional energy auditor and retrofitter."

"We're hoping we can continue with Cosy Homes in a smaller capacity and continue to encourage people to look at their electricity bills to make sure they're on the best offer."

With the government's \$250 Power Saving Bonus available until June 30, 2023, now is the time to not only compare your bill but also investigate if there are easy ways to help reduce

your bill, one of which is your hot water.

Cosy Homes is ready to help individuals bulk buy a new solar heat pump system and make use of the discounts available.

"At the moment we have a group of six people who are going to be installing the Earthworker Heat Pump."

"If you club together for purchase, installation costs are lower."

"Earthworker Heat Pumps come with a 15-year warranty on the stainless-steel tank and a high performing CO2 heat pump. They are manufactured in Morwell, so maintenance and replacement parts are easy."

"Local electricians are contracted to install the heaters, so you are supporting local jobs."

Winter has been particularly hard for people on fixed incomes this year, and Jessica has been delighted to receive positive feedback from individuals they've helped.

"Cosy Homes volunteers are working hard to prepare local homes for winter. We have carried out 19 energy assessments and draught proofing for Bass Coast householders."

"There are many improvements you can make at zero cost."

- Make sure your curtains reach the floor and that cold air isn't rising behind the curtains; roll towels above your curtains to keep cold air out.
- Use door snakes to prevent draughts through your front and back door.
- If you've only got good heating in one room, make sure that room is as draught proof as possible.
- Add extra insulation in your roof cavity – ensure the insulation does not touch the roof itself.
- Purchase covers for your exhaust fans that only open when extracting.

There is an energy checker kit available to borrow at the library, which includes a temperature gauge and energy checker.

For more information or to join in the bulk buy email Jessica at cosyhomes2122@gmail.com.

To apply for the Power Saving Bonus head to compare.energy.vic.gov.au.



Christina Mann admires new draught proofing on her front door, with Jessica Harrison from Cosy Homes.

Working towards a brighter, inclusive community

THE Tessellating Hub is a disability service managed by Vern Carr and Jemma Howard, whose objective is to create a safe environment for all abilities and support each person to feel a sense of belonging within themselves and in their community.

Growing up, Jemma felt privileged to have known and learnt from many people with different abilities.

Now a paediatric occupational therapist, Jemma is passionate in building a support network that provides services and support, to not only the individuals but their families.

The Tessellating Hub currently offers paediatric occupational therapy, goal directed disability support and parent coaching.

"Tessellating means different shapes coming together evenly, therefore our aim is to bring together specialised people and create services that encourage awareness and community inclusion, such as all abilities sporting events and social family events," said Jemma.

"We strive to create a collaborative therapy service that supports the whole family, and we see the importance of delivering a therapy service that empowers both the child, their siblings and their parents. We're passionate about working alongside our clients to achieve their goals."

Occupational therapists focus on social and play skills, communication and confidence, emotional regulation and behaviour, sensory processing, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, attention and eating.

Working collaboratively with childcare, kindergartens, schools and extra circular activities, Jemma may work with an individual during one-on-one sessions, observing the child within their environment, as well as assist the child's parents and teachers to identify any difficulties that may impact their learning, or participation, and come up with strategies to overcome any challenges.

The Tessellating Hub also offer disability support to support the implementation of goals into the person's daily routine and to assist with their participation within their community.

Networking with other OT's and specialists, Jemma is continually developing programs and events to connect individuals and families with one another through exploring and play.

For more information on community events follow The Tessellating Hub on Facebook or to see how an occupational therapist, family coaching or goal directed support worker can assist your child, email jemma@tessellatinghub.com



Paediatric occupational therapist Jemma Howard of The Tessellating Hub teaches Aluka safe ADL cooking skills in the kitchen. Z03_3122



Two-year-old Asher learns how to improve his cutting skills with tips from paediatric occupational therapist, Jemma Howard. Z04_3122

Your local providers



Ray and Lynda Bergin enjoyed the activities at the Christmas in July celebration held by Interchange Gippsland.

Supporting participants and families

INTERCHANGE Gippsland is a not-for-profit community service organisation that supports people with a disability and their families across Gippsland.

Interchange Gippsland provides individual, and group support as well as support coordination from all locations.

Operating for over 30 years in the Gippsland region, Interchange Gippsland strive to create and encourage an inclusive society; providing support to people with a disability and their families to help them thrive together.

Interchange Gippsland's chief executive officer Rebecca Massaro said we aim to provide choice to our groups ranging from school holiday programs for children aged from five to 12 years, camps for children 13-17 years and social groups for 18 years plus; inclusive of skill development and recreational fun.

"We pride ourselves on the support offered to the entire family, because being a registered and active participant with Interchange Gippsland gives the family access to our connecting families free



Ray Bergin joins in on the annual events that support the entire family to help the community build valuable connections.

annual events, aimed at carers, guardians and siblings," said Rebecca.

"All our support events aim to connect the community by assisting carers to make connections and form relationships with others in similar caring roles."

Available events include family camps, siblings' camps, family fun days, carer retreats as well as educational opportunities including wellbeing walks and wills and estate discussions with professionals

for friendly and supportive advice.

"Our recent Christmas in July event welcomed participants and their families to come together to celebrate with a dinner, dancing and games. We are in the process of organising our next four-day carer wellbeing retreat, so keep an eye out for further information," said Rebecca.

To find out more about how Interchange Gippsland can support your family, call 1300 736 765.

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Foxy House in Kongwak delivers boutique respite accommodation in the South Gippsland Hills providing a tailored and personalised service to give participants the best level of care. Z10_3122

Respite care in the South Gippsland hills

FOXY House is a disability service provider in regional Victoria that have recently opened their new respite accommodation in the picturesque hills of South Gippsland, providing group support and in home support for a range of NDIS participants.

Owner and director of Foxy House, Teena Ferguson and her team of highly qualified and experienced staff have designed day activities and respite care to provide a tailored and personal service to give their participants the best level of care.

The new respite accommodation in Kongwak opened in May, welcoming those 18 years and over to the tranquil homestead set in the hills of South Gippsland featuring four private rooms, an indoor conservatory, a fully equipped kitchen and acreage of serene gardens.

"Inviting our participants and their families to the new property has been uplifting, they have warmly embraced the new accommodation and we strongly assure parents and family members that their loved ones are receiving the best of care," said Teena.

"I am passionate about respite care as the level of support we provide is not only helping those with a disability but supporting their family members, here in Kongwak we are building strong connections and friendships."

The highly qualified team of disability support workers, residential managers and program managers all

have extensive experience in all direct services, including respite, day activities and in home support and at Foxy House, families are provided with ongoing support to set and reach specific goals for the people they support.

"Our services are inclusive and beneficial for every participant during each visit; they are building bonds with one another and forming friendships that are invaluable," said Teena.

"Our programs are designed to always put our participants first, to give them the best possible experience and the best possible care and support."

The respite care available in Kongwak is accessible to encourage family support and is inclusive of day-to-day activities including, painting, cooking and gardening, focusing on the strengths of the participants and encouraging independence and social interaction.

"Our care is built around the trust of families, and we operate to support their loved ones in the best possible way, to assist those who are most vulnerable and need specialised care," said Teena.

"Our focus is on each resident and their experience and about keeping families together."

To find out more about NDIS funding and planning, or to enquire about how Foxy House can support your loved one, call 0408 132 617 or email contact@foxyhouse.com.au



Kyla, Christopher and Sam enjoyed their day activities at Foxy House in Kongwak on Friday, enjoying some time together in the sunshine. Z11_3122



Emma attends Foxy House and shares in the day activities at the newly established Kongwak location painting a new piece with the committed friendly team. Z08_3122



Kelvin enjoys his time at Foxy House in Kongwak sharing in day activities with the friendly participants and welcoming staff. Z09_3122

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 Foxy House



A life 10,546 miles apart

THEIR lives started in England, Fergus O'Connor on property, Deb rambling in the countryside.

"I grew up in the centre of the town," Deb explained.

"But because the beautiful countryside was within walking distance and my parents loved rambling, we would often go out walking. Keeping to the footpaths crossing people's farms..."

As a young man, Fergus was the only boy in the first horse course offered at Warwickshire College of Agriculture.

"Growing up I won show classes around England, I didn't come from a racing background, I grew into it."

"In Rutland, the bloke I worked for was a dealer. He would buy horses that had gone off, we'd re-educate them by hunting, race them and then sell them for a lot of money."

"I was hunting two or three horses a day, five/six days a week throughout the hunting season."

"I hunted with the Belvoir, the Cottesmore and North Warwickshire, and Prince Charles would come out because he was treated like a normal person; I used to get on with him really well."

Going around the county shows, the Horse of the Year and Wembley, when working for a showman, Fergus would also go on to meet Princess Anne when she shared their tack room.

"When I worked in Rutland, the captain used to sell the horses that weren't good enough for her overseas."

"Peter Greenall, now Lord Daresbury, came to the captain, and said I want you to make me leading rider; for his 21st birthday he got £21 million from his uncle."

"People here don't understand that old money and

wealth.

"I think that's why I like Australia, because there's no tugging of the forelock."

In an illustrious career, Fergus' found himself in Australia.

"My best mate's father was chairman of the milk marketing board in the UK and had a big dairy milking 350 in the 70s."

"With a partner he owned farms at Three Springs in Western Australia. My mate went to work on one in '74, and I went to work just down the road; that's how it all started," Fergus said.

Building a career amongst cattle and horses, Fergus returned home in the late 70s where he met with Deb at a pub in Kent.

It was 1980 and England was economically depressed at the time.

"I was a head lad in a really good racing stable, but I could come and work here as a stable hand and get four times the wages."

"Doing what I did then you had no path forward, you couldn't have bought your own house."

"I came back out to Australia and got a job in Mornington."

Fast-forward 30 years, their own properties on the peninsula and the trainer counts multiple race wins under his belt.

Amongst wins abroad and nationally on Supreme Knight, Nuhaka, Ranginamu, Lorrie's Luck, Jon Ledecky, Bouncing Rhythm, and Ima Tycoon, Fergus also counts winning at Oakbank and Warrnambool on 'Delgence'; first up for 14 months and hadn't had a canter.

"We found out how to train him. All he used to do was trot in the water at Dromana Beach – that's what he wanted."

"I've always been involved with animals," Fergus ex-



ABOVE Deb and Fergus amongst their cattle in the rolling hills of Berrys Creek. Photo: Farmers for Climate Action.

RIGHT: Built by Fergus, in summer Deb enjoys swimming off her new platform in the pristine waters.



plained.

"I worked in Rutland as a head lead in a racing stable. I also worked in Wales milking dairy cows."

"It's very different; with horses you really work with the individual and with cattle, you tend to work with the herd; encouraging their social groupings."

A vocal advocate for the environment, rotational grazing and treading your own path, Fergus and Deb underpin the importance of natural water resources and happy animals.

"Our beef grading is good but also the way we farm and the way we look after the animals."

"It's part of being a stockman, you recognise your animals, whether it's a dog, a sheep or a pig..."

"When I was in Three Springs, they used to get guano from Nauru. The bloke I worked for, Terry, said to me, 'I don't know what we're going to do, the price of guano has doubled'; it was 1975."

"How do you know how much to put on?", he looked at me and said, 'we just put it in the combine.'

Terry arranged a soil test at the 20-year-old's suggestion.

"He didn't have to use guano or nitrogen for 11 years because they'd been chucking it on in such vast amounts."

Even local farmers have come to appreciate their work.

"They've had hay off our property and because it's got so much Clover through it and other things, the cattle love it."

"A farmer down the road said to me, 'Sparky, I thought you were mad when I first came to your place and saw you planting all these trees, but I can now see what you've done and it's fantastic.'"

In addition to improving the soil quality and carbon levels, the pair have also planted over 17,000 trees.

"My dad was a member of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and I can remember when I was 12/13 going tree planting."

"I think if you grow up like that, you might go away from it, but it's still in you."

"When we came here, we just did the same thing (we did on the peninsula)."

"A lot of our trees are from Landcare – the last lot, which were planted 12 months ago, were supplied by Mirboo North Secondary School and the kids came out with their teacher, Allen Risseley."

"The kids absolutely loved it, and they were lovely."

"We can produce cattle quicker because they're warm in winter and cool in summer. From the trees alone, we've reduced our emissions by over 50 percent and doubled our production."

The filtration from the trees and shrubs means the runoff from the paddocks and natural spring is potable, in fact it's the highest grade for natural water you can get.

"The people who had this before had dairy heifers and instead of pumping the water they just cut the fences and let the cattle ruin the waterways."

"You also lose 20 percent of your production if your cattle are drinking dirty water," Fergus explained.

"Since we've fenced it off, and planted the trees, we've had all the wildlife come back – the frogs, bird life, Strzelecki crayfish... The wildlife is there, it just needs protecting so it can blossom."

Their advice for other farmers is simple.

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- # 2 – Plant trees
- # 3 – Fence off your dam



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PLANTING 1000 native plants to encourage biodiversity and establish a healthy corridor for threatened species was on the agenda on Saturday, June 18, along the Great Southern Rail Trail in Jeetho.

More than 40 people attended the event, which was part of South Gippsland Landcare Networks (SGLN), Connecting People to Nature – Pedal and Plant project. The day focused on planting along the Great Southern Rail Trail to promote mental and physical well-being for the community.

Loch-Nyora Landcare group demonstrated a range of different planting methods, including the use of a pottiputki to various participants from children to a recumbent bike rider from Wonthaggi, and other rail trail passers-by.

Participants who planted 15 or more plants on the day were given the opportunity to go into the raffle for a local produce hamper.

Renae Worboys a Jeetho local was the lucky winner and took home a basket that included Hill Top Hives honey, balm, Olive Twist Olive Oil, wine from South Gippsland Wine Company and Gippsland Wine Company and other items.

South Gippsland Landcare Network's Connecting People to Nature – Pedal and Plant project is funded by Nature's Own, Landcare Australia and the Electrical Trades Union. It is also supported by the South Gippsland Shire Council; Loch-Nyora Landcare Group, Jeetho Hall Committee, Latrobe University, South Gippsland Wine Company, Hilltop Hives, Gippsland Wine Company, Smoulders Revegetation, Landcare Australia, and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

Milestone birthday for Garden Club

THE Poowong Garden Club will mark its 50th birthday with a flower and photo show to be held on Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11 at the Poowong public hall.

Everyone is welcome to this event which will include the official opening with wine and cheese and cutting of the birthday cake on the Saturday night, followed by the hall being again open to the public on the Sunday.

The flower show will feature 28 different floral sections, while the photo show will have six different sections. There is also a primary school children section.

The community is encouraged to enter in the flower or photo competitions. All welcome. Please contact Linda Harvey 0439 979 831 for further information.



Liam and Joe of Bass Coast College heard from an array of professionals last Thursday. C08_3122



Lockie, Jethro and Michael of year 9 attended Speed Career Conversations at Bass Coast College. C09_3122



Lyra and Darcee were all smiles at the Speed Career Conversations. C10_3122



Annabelle, Elisha and Zoe heard from social workers, emergency services and professionals across multiple industries. C11_3122



Students Tom and Kohda listen to the round robin of guest speakers. C15_3122



Jasper, Ocean and Sam enjoyed a day at the senior campus with their mates. C17_3122



Year 9 students Hazel and Patrick rounded out the final session on Thursday asking questions of their guest speakers. C19_3122



Ashton, Oscar and Aleyah round out a jam-packed day at Wonthaggi Senior Campus. C21_3122



Keira, Gracie and Louise enjoy a day hearing from an array of Bass Coast and South Gippsland professionals. C23_3122

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Speed Career Conversations at Bass Coast College



Year 9's Josh and Archie discuss their aspirations for future careers with industry professionals. C16_3122



Chilli, Charlotte and Bridie complete their surveys at the end of the afternoon Speed Careers Conversations. C18_3122



Byron and Deacon heard from Senior Constable Megan Krause regarding the Victoria Police. C20_3122



Year 9's Ryan and Will finish their survey after the last round of guest speakers. C22_3122



Jai and Oscar had an information filled day at Bass Coast College Senior Campus. C25_3122



Year 9 students Lachie, Caleb and Noah prepare for the final formalities after a day at the senior campus. C26_3122

No shortage of inspiring speakers

INVERLOCH VIEW Club was honoured to host Gaye Hamilton, Senior Australian of the Year 2022, as guest speaker at their July lunch meeting.

Gaye grew up on dairy farms in South Gippsland, moving to Melbourne to study and begin her long and varied career.

Gaye has a long history of community work in the Western suburbs of Melbourne, returning to Gippsland over the years before finally retiring and moving to Inverloch 18 months ago.

Beginning her career as a teacher, Gaye moved on to working in educational programs at the zoo and the museum.

She is currently on the board of Victoria University and is very involved with programs for men and women, via the Western Bulldogs Football Club.

The Western Bulldogs Football Club also has a scholarship program, supporting disadvantaged young people in the western suburbs of Melbourne to pursue their education.

VIEW clubs support children in need throughout Australia by raising funds for The Smith Family.

Guest speaker for the August meeting is Nina Barry-Macaulay, who will speak about Women for Change.

Inverloch VIEW club meetings are held at the Inlet Hotel in Inverloch.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 23, at 12pm.

For more information, please contact club secretary, Heather Wright – 0412 463 344

Exciting exhibition coming to Korumburra

ART Connect South Gippsland is putting on an exhibition in September titled 'A Historical and Artistic Perspective of Karmai'.

The exhibition will be held at Rotary Federation Art Gallery in Korumburra, and runs from September 2-30.

Opening night is September 2, at the gallery.

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Don't forget the Inverloch Jazz Festival will be held this weekend.

Inverloch Jazz Festival kicks off this weekend

POPULAR local band, the Streeton Court Big Band will kick off this year's Inverloch Jazz Festival as the opening act at the special Friday Jazz Concert on August 5.

Also featuring at the concert is one of the best traditional jazz bands in the country, the Riviera Jazz Band followed by a return of the two great singers, Anita Harris and Pippa Wilson performing together as the Two Swingin' Pitches.

Over the weekend, the festival will feature a mix of all-time crowd favourites along with quite a few bands new to the festival.

Around 180 jazz musicians performing in 40 bands will be participating in this first winter staging of the festival.

Some of Australia's

leading jazz artists will be performing over the weekend including jazz vocalist Sarah MacLaine, saxophonists Ron Anderson and Roger Clark, pianists Jon Wade and Rory Clark, and jazz composers/performers David Galea (originally from Queensland) and Malayan-born Ade Ishs (now residing in Tasmania).

Over the past few years, it has become noticeable that younger people are turning to jazz as their preferred music.

The choice of playing a wider range of instruments has generated appeal together with the freedom offered through improvisation and interpretation of old and original tunes.

It is interesting to note

that several leading Australian universities, including both Melbourne and Monash Universities, now offer serious courses in jazz performance and jazz education.

Over past years the festival has presented special programs about the nature of jazz, and this year will feature a special jazz percussion and drum workshop to be held at 10 am on the Sunday.

Future years will see the introduction of master classes during the festival, particularly aimed at young performers, together with providing support for music programs in local schools.

For more information and tickets visit: www.invyjazz.com

WONTAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

What's On This Week?

Wonthaggi Wednesday

The Alphabet of Awesome Science

Wed 3 Aug 10.00am / 1.00pm

Adults \$25.00 / Child or Concession \$20.00

www.trybooking.com/BXSCF



Wonthaggi Primary School Fundraiser

Fri 5 Aug 6.00pm Minions: The Rise of Gru

Adults \$15 / Child \$10 / Family \$35

www.trybooking.com/CBFHR



COMING SOON

The Australian Bee Gees Show - LIVE

Wed 17 Aug 8.00pm

www.trybooking.com/BJOBV \$52.50 / \$57.50



BUNKASAURUS by Bunkpuppets

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHOW at Cinema Prices

Thur 22 Sep 2.00pm

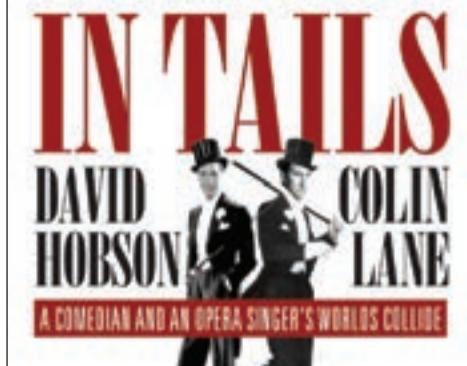
www.trybooking.com/BXSDY



David Hobson & Colin Lane "In Tails"

Sat 17 Dec 8.00pm

www.trybooking.com/BZUPA \$64.95 / \$69.95



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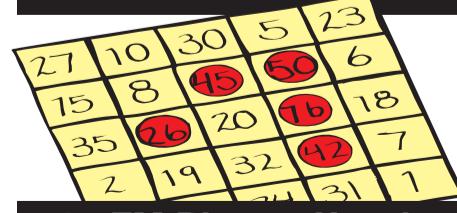
Find the full calendar of events and sessions on our website



WONTAGGI BINGO



Workmen's Club Thursday nights



Eyes down at 8pm

Raffles, Door prizes,
Lucky number jackpot

3mFM Bingo... Now both Wednesday & Thursday

30 Games! Volunteers needed to help make our Bingo even better!

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THE BCAL Sustainability Series is in full swing. The Workshop Series includes a series of practical applications of sustainable gardening practices such as propagation of new plants from old, water resilience and natural pest management. The facilitator is Rick Coleman who has expertise in many areas including permaculture. The first session was well received by the participants.

The Living Sustainably short course focuses on the overarching principles of living sustainably in the context of both the international Sustainable Development Goals, Australia's commitments, Bass Coast Shire Council's initiatives within the Climate Change Action Plan and our own lives.

At the BCAL Pathways Expo on Friday, September 2, the Sustainability Series will be officially launched by Deputy Mayor, Cr Leticia Laing at 1pm. Everyone is welcome. There will be food trucks for lunch and longer, mini-workshops you can get involved with, an art and photography exhibition, information booths from local employment and/or disability support providers and, of course, information on the variety of courses run at BCAL.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit www.bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

The broccolis are doing well at the mid point of the cool season, with early plantings producing heads ready to pick and newer seedlings popping up.

They're happy thanks to the garden's well prepared soil, which was topped up with manure, lots of compost and a little dynamic lifter.

And they have friends nearby in the shape of companion plants, think dill, sage, lots of nasturtiums and lettuce.

According to the experts at Sustainable Gardening Australia they also like a regular feed of worm juice and/or liquid fish fertiliser around this time.

The broad beans are also thriving. Most of the garden regulars have put some in and it's looking like a bumper spring harvest.

Find out more about participating, as well as what's happening at the community garden by contacting tgordon@westnet.com.au or visit on a Thursday between 10 and noon to get involved.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies are boasting an increase in their membership – 4 new people started this week and they're all women!

New Woodies participating in classes or sessions are supported by an expert/supervisor as they learn the uses of the different tools and all the safety requirements necessary. The new members are in the furniture making group and they will learn a variety of techniques, including carving and scroll sawing, to help them create the piece they have designed – but only after they have completed an 'apprentice' piece to practically apply techniques they are learning.

If you have an interest in making things with wood, please get in touch and consider becoming a member of this welcoming and inclusive group.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or call in at the workshop.

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

IT'S WET, wet, wet (a good name for a band) and it looks it will be like this for a while.

Wet winter mornings require great resolve to leave our cosy beds and go forth to meet the day.

And yet ... and yet we can look forward to coming over to Mitchell House where there is many a cheery face and so many activities and groups to welcome us to become involved and enjoy.

The Chess Group is on every Monday afternoon from 2 to 4pm, plenty of time to show your maverick streak to out strategize your opponent. Exercise your brain and put it towards your good health.

Have you ever done circle dancing? An activity which guarantees that you meet people and perhaps have a quick chat (if you're not too puffed) before you move on? They meet Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4pm.

Our Ukulele Group meet on Thursday mornings, 9.30am to 12noon. Come along and have a great time working up some great music.

The AA Support groups meet on Thursdays, 4.30 to 6pm and Saturdays, 11am to 1pm.

A good fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help others achieve sobriety.

Call Teri on 0416 866 699 for the Thursday group and for Saturdays, call Steve on 0431 700 085. Al-Anon helps family and friends of alcoholics to recover from the effects of living with a person whose drinking is a problem.

They now meet on Fridays 10.30am to 12noon. Call Karen on 0409 354 038.

If you have any excess produce that you are looking to pass on to others, consider the Seed/ Veggie and Produce swap, on Saturday, August 13, 11am to 1pm.

It's a Learn Share Activity and is held at the Harvest Centre. Not only that but you may find something you'd like to take home.

It's also a chance to swap tips and ideas too.

WNC members are a gold coin donation and others \$6.

Look out for this opportunity every second Saturday of the month.

To get to the Harvest Centre is just a short walk across Apex Park from Mitchell House, which is on Murray Street or you can access it by car from the back of the Big W car park, past the Goods Shed.

Just a little note here. If you become a WNC member, \$10 per individual, \$15 per family for the year, then all Learn Share Activities are a gold coin donation and we have lots of LSAs.

And not only that but you also get our 'The Grapevine' newsletter which comes out each term.

Call Mitchell House on 5672 3731 for more information and keep up to date with all of our activities through our Facebook page, at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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www.wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com



The team at Spencer's Unlock Real Estate want to ensure you are not the next target by offering to fact check potential scams.

Scammers targeting real estate

GIPPSLAND's median rent in the first quarter of 2022 to March was \$370 a week, a quarterly change of plus 2.8 per cent and annual change of 10.4 per cent.

And with vacancies remaining tight in June, it's no surprise scammers have again hit the real estate market.

"We have seen quite a few posts even in our local communities for fake rental properties," Jo Spencer, owner of Spencer's Unlock Real Estate, stated.

"As an administrator, I've probably deleted three or four posts in the last couple of weeks (from the Nyora Community Notice Board)."

Jo is warning members of the public to be vigilant when applying for private rentals.

"If something seems too good, or too easy - it might just be."

"Scammers are advertising properties through social media, and I believe also on the likes of Gumtree, though I haven't seen it myself."

The scams are simple.

"Anyone who is interested in the property they get to contact them directly; they've usually got an excuse

as to why you cannot inspect the property.

"They'll approve you over messages or emails and have you sign a 'lease' and pay your first month's rent and bond prior to viewing – it all looks legit."

Once the scammers receive the monies they disappear.

"People think they've secured a rental in what is a very hard market – they're preying on very desperate people who perhaps don't have anywhere else to go."

"Someone commented on (one of my Facebook posts) saying it happened to them as well. The poor people turned up to the house and knocked on the door. The person who owned the house didn't know anything about it – the scammers had pulled their address."

Keeping safe in a vulnerable market, Jo's tips are straightforward.

"Going through a real estate agent is a much safer option."

"There are a lot of people that do manage their own rentals and that is totally fine but seeing the property in person is the first step."

"We are always happy to

help, to cross check names or fact check for you if you think you're caught up in something like this.

"There is no protocol saying you need to pay money prior to seeing a property or even signing a lease, and you should definitely inspect the property to make sure it's real, it exists and that it actually suits your needs."

As administrator on the Nyora Community Notice Board Facebook group, Jo deletes the posts as she sees them or as they are reported, but in a community with hundreds of Facebook groups and pages, other social media platforms and websites, she doesn't have control over anywhere else.

"It's quite sad that people are preying knowing that there's very desperate people out there."

"For some people having secured a home and then realising they haven't, is worse than the actual financial loss."

The team at Spencer Unlock Real Estate are contactable on 5655 1531 and are happy to cross-check private rentals or assist in finding a rental.

• FAITH FACTOR

'Freedom'

Wonthaggi Christian Life Centre, John Williams

humans were created in the image of God.

That God has given each one of us a plan and purpose for our lives.

When we try to exercise the supremacy of our thoughts and freedoms over God's intended plans for us, we can begin to live in a state of conflict and disillusionment because our version of freedom, truth and justice is only as valid as the next person's beliefs.

We fail to live within the truth of God's plan for us.

Jesus says I am the Way the Truth and the Life.

The Bible also says that following God's truth for our lives sets us free to become all that we were ever meant to be (John 8:31-32).

It is a pathway to freedom greater than ever imagined as we begin follow the one who loves us and created us.

This should not be a crushing burden for us but liberating.

It is pathway to become all the more like him loving His plans and loving others.

This is our journey of faith.



'Mount Mardan'

ELDERS Rural Services Australia Limited are offering to the market 'Mount Mardan' which is 153 acres of superb grazing land situated in Mardan.

With numerous home sites that offer majestic views this outstanding property is ideal for fattening or breeding cattle and sheep or would make an excellent dairy turnout property.

Virtually 100 per cent tractorable, this gently undulating to undulating property boasts a highly productive combination of red and grey soil profiles.

The property is well fenced into six paddocks and is watered via dam plus a spring that pumps to a header tank and troughs.

A solid steel construction hay machinery shed is well positioned, plus there is a further two-sided shed which can be used for hay or other storage.

A set of timber cattle yards are suitable for loading and unloading livestock with easy road access.

'Mount Mardan' is well positioned just seven kilometres to Mirboo North and 20 kilometres to Leongatha.

For further information, contact Don Olden 0417 805 312 or Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083.

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligence-checklist

Land

153.95 acres

100A Holmes Road, **Mardan**

For Sale \$1.7 - \$1.87 Million

Agent Elders

Don Olden 0417 805 312

Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083



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'MARDAN' FATTENING/BREEDING PROPERTY | 286 AC

MARDAN



- 286 acres in 2 titles (155 acres & 131 acres)
- Well-appointed 2-bedroom weatherboard cottage
- Highly productive red & grey soil
- Machinery, hay & sundry shedding & cattle yards
- Suited to cattle fattening/breeding or dairy turnout
- Mirboo Nth 7km, Leongatha 20km, Melbourne 2 hrs

Price \$2.85 - \$3.15 Million Elders Web ID: 300P54527

'HILLCROFT' FINE COUNTRY LIVING | 8.45 AC

KARDELLA SOUTH



- Stunning & secluded home boasting panoramic views
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 spacious living area
- New 2-bay shed, workshop, woodshed & sheepyards
- Cottage garden, fruit trees & raised veggie beds
- Numerous tanks for water supply plus 2 dams
- Korumburra & Leongatha 10 minutes, 1.5 hrs Melbourne

Price \$1.3 Million Elders Web ID: 300P39678

STYLISH HOME ON 1 ACRE IN TOWN

KORUMBURRA



- 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom renovated home
- Stunning well-appointed kitchen, updated appliances
- Wood heater and split system reverse cycle
- Generous sized deck, overlooking the backyard
- Double garage, dog run plus garden shed
- Large paddock ideal for a horse or sheep

Price \$920,000 Elders Web ID: 300P6268

COMFORTABLE HOME, LOVELY RURAL OUTLOOK

MIRBOO NORTH



- 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom renovated home
- Split system reverse cycle & wood heater
- Plans for extension to expand home
- 3.2kw solar system feeds into grid
- Single carport, garden shed and chook pen
- Established fruit trees, raised veggie beds

Price \$535,000 Elders Web ID: 300P40553

Elders Korumburra
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Don Olden 0417 805 312

Sharon Turton
(Property Manager)
0439 383 091

Elders Leongatha
37 Bair St - Ph 5662 3523
Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083



Where eagles soar

BEAUTIFULLY positioned atop of Whitelaws Track with panoramic views as far as the eye can see.

Set on approximately 5600m² with no direct neighbours, manicured lawns and a couple of paddocks to keep a few sheep or perfect for a horse.

The home is neatly presented with an open plan living, solid fuel heater, a reverse cycle, and from every window of the living area you can enjoy that magnificent vista.

Both bedrooms feature built-in robes.

Outside is a 6m X 9m lock up shed with concrete flooring and power, large woodshed, a small garden shed and an orchard.

This property is the perfect getaway where you can enjoy the peace and quiet of the countryside and at the same time take in a panoramic view.

2 | 1 | 2 5600m²

495 Whitelaws Track, **Stony Creek**

For Sale \$750,000

Agent Ray White Leongatha

Michael Hanly 0417 311 756



For Sale

2 Oneill Street, **Leongatha**

PERFECTLY POSITIONED BUNGALOW

- Open plan kitchen/living/dining
- 5 bedrooms, master with BIR & ensuite
- Deck, bungalow & big yard, rear lane access
- 980sqm block just 800m to CBD

Mick Hanly 0417 311 756

\$650,000



For Sale

12 Eden Crescent, **Leongatha**

PRIVATE & CONVENIENT

- Sun filled kitchen adjoining living & dining
- Master BR with BIR's, ensuite & rural views
- Downstairs is a private office/kids play room
- Alfresco area, neat yard with fruit trees

Jason Harris 0417 640 079

\$630,000



For Sale

19 Radovick Street, **Korumburra**

1920'S CHARM & CHARACTER!

- Tastefully updated, retaining period features
- 150m to CBD
- Undercover area overlooking backyard
- Rear lane access, carport & front verandah

Paige Matthews 0418 794 468

\$650,000



Michael Hanly



Jason Harris



Paige Matthews



Dave Trotman



Ray White Leongatha

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15 Bair Street, Leongatha

raywhiteteleongatha.com.au



For Sale

28 Farmers Road, **Dumbalk**

PEACEFUL & PRIVATE

- Open plan & updated kitchen/meals
- 2 generous bedrooms with BIR's
- Long carport & 10m x 5m lock up garage
- Undercover alfresco, solar panels & fruit trees!

Paige Matthews 0418 794 468

\$430,000



For Sale

127 Isabella Boulevard, **Korumburra**

FIRST CLASS FAMILY LIVING

- 2 year old quality residence opposite the park
- Deluxe kitchen overlooking open living/dining
- 2nd living adjoining the covered outdoor area
- Solar system, veggie garden & double garage

Jason Harris 0417 640 079

\$699,000- \$739,000



For Sale

6 Allison Street, **Leongatha**

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

- BV home with possibility to subdivide (STCA)
- 3 bedrooms with BIR's & spacious kitchen
- Dbl carport & low maintenance backyard
- Located only 500m to the main street

Jason Harris 0417 640 079

\$470,000-\$500,000





Former Anglican Church up for grabs

OFFERING a unique opportunity to secure an historic building in the quaint township of Toora, which is currently experiencing an exciting renaissance, with a number of new businesses opening and new residents moving in, 7 Dutton Street has attracted a surge of interest.

Originally established in 1892 on land that was donated, the Church is a shining example of the pioneering spirit.

Fundraising within the community extended the building in both 1910 and 1912 and every item within the building has been provided by residents – from the pews to the magnificent stained-glass window.

For over 130 years, the building has been used for the celebrations and ceremonies of the ever-changing population.

The building features a stunning vaulted timber ceiling supported by exposed trusses atop the brickwork.

The acoustics within the main building are exceptional and have created a flurry of interest from musicians and artists.

A multi-purpose room which includes a basic kitchen and toilets adjoins the main church along with a large entrance lobby.

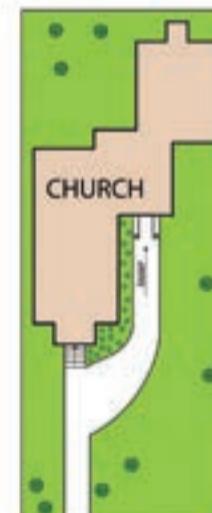
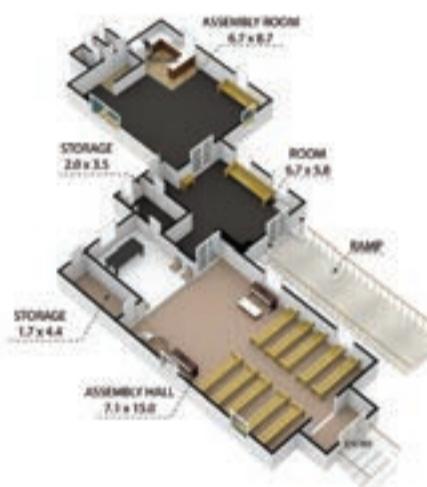
With the township zoning, this area offers an opportunity of converting into a dwelling (STCA). Situated on approximately 952m block in a quiet residential street the property is being sold via expressions of interest, due August 19, 2022, with a price guide of \$450,000-\$500,000.

Inspections are as advertised or contact Andrea Adams at SEJ on 0429 822 801.

1 | 1

952m²

7 Dutton Street, **Toora**
Expressions of Interest
Price Guide \$450,000-\$500,000
Agent SEJ Real Estate
Andrea Adams 0429 822 801



YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE
& LIVESTOCK SPECIALISTS

POOWONG EAST



- 125 acres / 50.89 ha
- Blue gum grazing country
- Secure water & high rainfall
- Great shedding & Stock yards
- Terrific home sites
- Ideal beef cattle property

ANOTHER WANTED

COMING SOON!



- Tucked away in a valley in the picturesque hills is a special gem
- 60 productive acres, a perfect mix of flats, undulating to rolling grazing
- Well sheltered property with natural springs & excellent fencing
- Charming post war built W/B home that offers comfort and opportunity
- Set in its own established garden that has its own stories to tell
- 10 minutes from Mirboo North on a bitumen road

\$1,290,000 - \$1,350,000

MOUNT ECCLES



- 72.5 acres / 29.33ha grazing
- Exc. Shedding, barn, storage
- Separate studio with great views
- Former cattery – options here
- 4 bed, 2 bath, family home

SOLD





Quiet location close to golf club and Silverleaves beach



CENTRALLY located in the Shearwater Estate, with its spectacular wetland areas and boardwalks, it is only a short walk to the Phillip Island Golf Course and the popular Silverleaves beach.

This home is situated in a quiet court, opposite a beautiful park, and is ready for you to move in and enjoy.

Comprising three bedrooms, master with ensuite and walk in robe, central family bathroom, a study, a spacious open plan living area with kitchen and dining area.

Central ducted heating and cooling, as well as ceiling fans provide year-round comfort.

The living area opens out to a fully enclosed alfresco area with high quality sliding cafe blinds and an outdoor heater, providing a wonderful outdoor area that can be used all year round.

An established low maintenance garden, fully fenced backyard and double garage, with secure access into the home, as well as roller door access to the backyard completes the picture.

Whether you are looking for permanent living, a holiday home, or an investment property, this property is sure to impress.

Features:

- 24 solar panels power a 5kw system
- Ducted heating and cooling
- Ceiling fans
- Secure, fully fenced backyard

3 | 2 | 2 409m²
3 Parkridge Close, **Cowes**
For Sale \$790,000 - \$830,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Maree Malloy 0408 316 715
Chase Watters 0423 272 819



Foreshore frontage, uninterrupted bay views!

ALEX Scott & Staff Grantville are proud to present for sale, this rare opportunity to purchase a waterfront seaside cottage with uninterrupted Western Port Bay views, at 78 Foreshore Road, Jam Jerrup.

This is a genuine chance to secure a rare foreshore frontage property so close to Melbourne but with absolute peace and tranquility and bay views to die for. Don't miss out!

Jam Jerrup is a true hidden coastal village gem, only 25 minutes to the south east suburbs and 25 minutes to the nature attractions and beaches of Phillip Island.

It is superbly located on Western Port Bay with direct access onto the water for kayaks, stand up paddleboarding, swimming, fishing, leisurely walks along the beach and possibly the best sunsets you can imagine all from your front deck.

Property features:

- A large foreshore frontage, 652sqm allotment.
- A two bedroom, tastefully renovated weatherboard cottage.
- Open plan living, dining and kitchen area with front deck access.
- West facing front deck with stunning bay views and sunsets.
- Woodheater and A/C split system for all year round comfort.
- Immaculate front lawn and garden area complete with native trees and front picket fence.
- The stunning rear garden has fruit trees, vegetable patch, pathways and is bordered at the rear by farmland.

2 | 1 652m²

78 Foreshore Road, **Jam Jerrup**

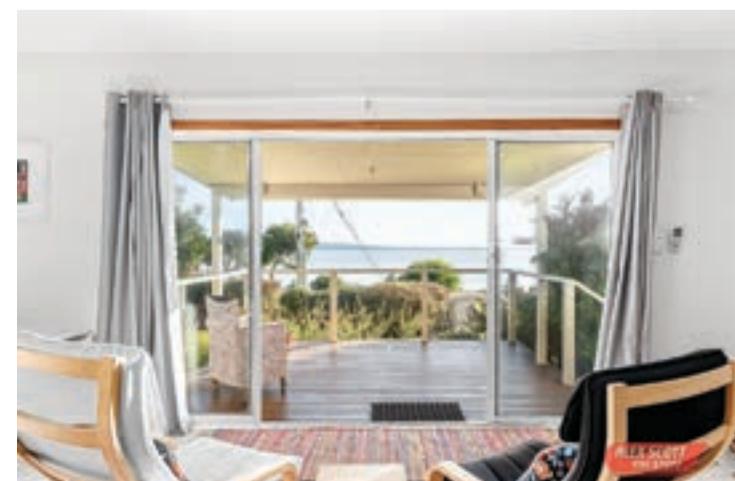
For Sale \$790,000

Inspection By appointment only

Agent Alex Scott & Staff

Greg Kane 0477 020 267

Nathan Cleeland 0497 114 568



LEONGATHA



Unit 3/4 Miles Lane

- 2 Bedroom, 1 bathroom
- 1 lock-up garage
- Close to CBD

\$385,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



T for Tyres

- Business for sale
- Excellent leasehold premises.
- Long term security of tenure.

\$450,000 plus Stock

Contact: Korumburra Office

COWES



52b Walton Street

- Extensively renovated home
- Central Cowes, close to schools
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car garage

\$850,000-\$890,000

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



17 Brook Street

- Handy location, 3BR, 2 Bathroom home
- Generous rear yard and good shed
- Excellent entry level buying

\$449,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

MEENIYAN



1 Ross Street

- Beautiful cottage on large block
- 2 bedroom, 1 bath + shed
- Ideal central location near CBD

\$595,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



19 Riflebutts Road

- Like new, 4 bedrooms, 2 bath
- Open plan living, 2nd living area/home office
- Ducted nat. gas heating, secure yard

\$620,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

WIMMBLEDON HEIGHTS



6 Emerson Way

- Centrally located on Phillip Island
- Great investment opportunity
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 car garage

\$720,000-\$750,000

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



26 Wallace Street

- North facing 3BR clad home
- Fantastic block (potential subdivision)
- Large workshop to rear with lane access

\$550,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



Unit 2/29 Jeffrey Street

- Stunning 2 storey apartment
- Beautiful upgrade throughout
- Close to CBD & schools

\$455,000 - \$485,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



54 Shellcot Road

- 713m² block with site cut
- Adjoining Daisybank Estate
- NB: dirt piles soon to be removed

\$235,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

COWES



3 Parkridge Close

- Shearwater Estate, short walk to Golf Club
- Open Plan living, kitchen & dining
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 car

\$790,000-\$830,000

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



88B Broome Crescent

- Full size residence on manageable block
- 2 living areas, 3 Bedrooms
- Direct rear access to park land

\$565,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



20 Koonwarra Road

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Carport and lock up shed
- Low maintenance, close to CBD

\$530,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



26 Hillcrest Way

- Immaculate 3 bdrm home on 1.25 acres
- Stunning rural views, edge of town
- Ensuite, private setting, ent. & shedding

\$950,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

CAPE WOOLAMAI



29 Bunya Drive

- Luxurious home in Woolamai House Estate
- Short 100m walk to the safe bay beach
- 4 BRs, 2 bathrooms, 2 car garage, pool

Expressions of Interest

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



7 Royal Court

- Best location, walk everywhere!
- Beautifully maintained quality home
- Large living zones, 3 BR, 2 Bathrooms

\$725,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA

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Christie Nelson 0407 812 904

Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

COWES

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Brian Silver 0407 347 509

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Maree Malloy 0408 316 715

WONTHAGGI

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Mick Chambers 0418 349 783

Phil Hanley 0417 140 508



QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

COMMONWEALTH GAMES TRIVIA

- [\$100] Described as 'the moment of the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games, who won the women's marathon? A. Lisa Ondieki. B. Kerryn McCann. C. Jessica Stenson. D. Krishna Stanton.
- [\$200] At the first Empire Games, in 1930, which was the only event to have women competitors? A. Athletics. B. Golf. C. Swimming. D. Show Jumping.
- [\$300] To the nearest 500, how many medals will be awarded at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games? A. 500. B. 1000. C. 1500. D. 2000.
- [\$500] Other than Australia, which of these countries has not competed at all Commonwealth Games? A. England. B. New Zealand. C. Canada. D. India.
- [\$1000] Who won Australia's first medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games? A. Ariarne Titmus. B. Mollie O'Callaghan. C. Madison Wilson. D. Matt Hauser.
- [\$2000] Who is Canada's youngest-ever swimming world champion? A. Nancy Garapick. B. Kylie Masse. C. Summer McIntosh. D. Penny Oleksiak.
- [\$4000] Where was the first Commonwealth Games held? A. London. B. Edinburgh. C. Cardiff. D. Hamilton (Canada).
- [\$8000] Which of these Australian cities has not hosted a Commonwealth or Empire games? A. Adelaide. B. Sydney. C. Melbourne. D. Perth.
- [\$16,000] Who founded the Commonwealth Games? A. UK Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald. B. King George V. C. John Jacob Astor. D. Bobby Robinson.
- [\$32,000] Who won Australia's first Commonwealth Games Gold Medal? A. Bobby Pearce. B. Noel Ryan. C. William Whyte. D. Alex Hillhouse.
- [\$64,000] Who was the youngest Australian to win a Commonwealth Games gold medal? A. Ian Thorpe. B. Eleanor Patterson. C. Cathy Freeman. D. Jenny Turrall.
- [\$125,000] How many gold medals did Australia win at the last Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast? A. 50. B. 60. C. 70. D. 80.
- [\$250,000] Other than shooters, which Australian has competed at the most Commonwealth Games? A. Steve Moneghetti. B. Rhonda Cator. C. Susie O'Neill. D. Leisel Jones.
- [\$500,000] How many consecutive times (prior to Birmingham) has Australia won the Men's 4 x 200 metres Commonwealth Games gold medal? A. 10. B. 11. C. 12. D. 13.
- [\$1,000,000] Which Australian competitor has won the most Commonwealth Games medals? A. Phillip Adams. B. Bruce Quick. C. Emily Seebohm. D. Susie O'Neill.

Quiz answers: 1. B. Kerryn McCann (died of cancer in December 2008). 2. C. Swimming (in 2022 there were more medals for women than men). 3. D. 2000 (1875 medals in 1974). 4. D. Rhodes Callister (5 in badminton, 3 in 1974). 5. D. 80. 13. B. Rhodes Callister (5 in badminton, 3 in 1974). 12. D. 80. 13. B. Rhodes Callister (5 in badminton, 3 in 1974). 14. D. 13. 15. A. Phillip Adams (shooter). 16. A. 10. 17. C. Summer McIntosh. 18. D. 2000 (1875 medals in 1974). 19. D. Bobby Pearce (rowing). 20. A. Phillip Adams. 21. B. 1000 (swimming). 22. C. 1500 (swimming). 23. D. 2000 (1875 medals in 1974). 24. C. 500 (shooting). 25. D. 1000 (shooting). 26. C. 1500 (shooting). 27. D. 2000 (shooting). 28. C. 1500 (shooting). 29. D. 2000 (shooting). 30. C. 1500 (shooting). 31. D. 2000 (shooting). 32. C. 1500 (shooting). 33. D. 2000 (shooting). 34. C. 1500 (shooting). 35. D. 2000 (shooting). 36. C. 1500 (shooting). 37. D. 2000 (shooting). 38. C. 1500 (shooting). 39. D. 2000 (shooting). 40. 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Putting up biosecurity signs and restricting access should be part of your FMD protection plan, according to Melina Bath MP.

Update your biosecurity plans, says Melina Bath MP

AS SOMEONE born and raised on the farm, the mere talk of a potential foot and mouth disease outbreak sends a shudder through Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath.

Which is why she has been on the front foot, seeking higher levels of border protection and also encouraging livestock producers to take best precautions.

This week, Ms Bath is encouraging farmers to update their biosecurity management plans to better protect their

properties from a possible outbreak.

"The foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak in Indonesia is causing serious concern for our farmers and the wider community and we must all be on alert," said Ms Bath.

"Every effort must be undertaken by all levels of government to stop the spread of FMD, but it's also important for our farmers to utilise their farm entry for disease control and the community to understand the risks.

"I am encouraging farmers to complete a biosecurity management plan if they haven't already done so to minimise risk to animal welfare, their livelihood and food security.

"A robust biosecurity

management plan should contain measures to identify, prevent, eliminate or minimise the biosecurity impacts relating to livestock.

"An important part of the plan includes visual signage on farm entry points about unauthorised farm trespass and informs authorised visitors they are entering a biosecurity zone."

For further information on developing a farm biosecurity management plan visit <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity>



Photo: Agriculture Victoria

Be on guard for foot and mouth disease

DUE to recent concerns from some landholders, Bass Coast Landcare Network (BCLN) wishes to assure landholders and members that they take biosecurity issues seriously.

BCLN stated they are watching the advice and direction from relevant authorities on the potential spread of foot and mouth disease from Indonesia.

"We currently have protocols in place, in line with government guidelines, to ensure staff returning from Indonesia do not visit farms for at least one week period after arrival," BCLN stated last week.

"We are already washing down cars between attending properties, and are

prepared to implement further measures including sterilizing vehicles between attending properties and footbaths for volunteers or staff entering properties.

"We encourage landholders to implement their own farm biosecurity measures if they haven't already, more information on this can be found on the links below."

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases/foot-and-mouth-disease/practical-biosecurity-steps-on-your-farm>

VFF Foot and mouth disease webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FByeBSkP6Pk>

MARKET REPORT

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CLAAS Harvest Centre 

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, July 25, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x	\$22 to \$100
Friesian Bulls	\$30 to \$160
Friesian Heifers	\$50 to \$690
Beef Bulls	\$50 to \$440
Beef Heifers	\$25 to \$410
Number of Calves:	527
Number purchased to rear:	176

Leongatha Prime Sale

Wed, July 27, 2022

Bullocks

14 Ferguson CT Longford	583.6	500.6	2,921
12 Frawley B Sale	687.9	495.6	3,409
4 Van Kuyk PM & AK			
Wonga Wonga	652.5	487.6	3,181
13 Kirk JK & KP Jeetho West	735.4	481.6	3,541
1 Codarlas	680.0	479.6	3,261
12 Schellekens J & A Wonthaggi	773.3	477.6	3,693

Steers

1 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	380.0	537.6	2,042
1 Daly MB & AC Tinamba West	325.0	520.0	1,690
1 Frawley B Sale	415.0	519.6	2,156
1 Dunne J Hazelwood	370.0	480.0	1,776
1 Bland HR & JA Woranga	460.0	440.0	2,024
2 McNaughton DC & LJ			
Fairbank Via Korumburra	517.5	430.0	2,225

Heifers

1 Daly MB & AC Tinamba West	395.0	565.0	2,231
12 Frawley B Sale	408.8	519.6	2,123
1 Christensen T & JA Glengarry	490.0	483.6	2,369
3 Dunne J Hazelwood	316.7	480.0	1,520
10 Bordonaro PS SP & WA			
Kooroaman	556.5	448.0	2,493
3 Beamish NG & KL Mirboo Nth	505.0	446.0	2,252

Cows

1 Taylor T 1 Inverloch	315.0	3,220	10,143
1 Wiltshaw Engineering			
Services Pty Ltd Ventnor	640.0	401.6	2,570
1 Balbo S & Tan C Yarram	565.0	400.0	2,260
11 Chua Ai-Leen Nagambie	660.5	398.6	2,632
1 Russell M & C Glen Forbes	675.0	397.6	2,683
1 Thomas KJ & Schwab AK			
Mirboo	570.0	397.6	2,266

Bulls

1 Yarli Pastoral Field	1,135.0	362.0	4,108
1 Codarlas	865.0	360.0	3,114
1 Crooke R Rosedale	1,015.0	358.0	3,633
1 Christensen T & JA Glengarry	1,200.0	356.0	4,272
1 Matheson DJ & H Woolamai	870.0	350.0	3,045
1 Sinn John Longworry	515.0	350.0	1,802

Vealer Bulls

1 Hanley T Wonthaggi	385.0	377.6	1,453
1 Ketelea Past Toora	575.0	327.6	1,883
1 Hanley T Wonthaggi	460.0	277.6	1,276
2 Howlett MK & LG Glengarry	330.0	233.2	769
4 Brickle AJ Leongatha	251.3	188.6	473

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE CLEARING SALE

**Friday, Aug. 19, 2022
at 10am**

A/c F. Tuchtan & G. Wood
GLEN FORBES

Full listing next issue or
www.alexscott.com.au &
Facebook: **Alex Scott & Staff - Livestock**



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LARDNER PARK BI-MONTHLY DAIRY SALE

An established regular market for all
classes of dairy cattle held on the
1st & 3rd Friday of every month.

NEXT DAIRY SALE:

**Friday, August 5
at 11am**

**A/c - T.J Santucci - Drouin South -
1st Stage Dispersal**

25 - In milk Holstein cows having calved
from May to freshly calved. Large framed
with majority on 2nd-4th lactation being
bred using Glomar Stud Sires by Medallion,
Merit, Roumare, Planet & Quantum. Current
Production Avg 23ltrs, 3.7BF, 3.0Prot,
125,000 BMCC. Grass Only. No Bale Feed.

A/c - C & M Young

38 - Absolute outstanding Holstein &
Holstein Jersey cross heifers due to Jersey
Valentino son from 12th August

- Heifers purchased as yearlings from Mark & Trisha Hammond's wonderful low cell count, high production herd of 700 cows average 8,500L
- A.I. sires include: Lambda, Firenze, Macca, Samuri, Lumi, Kimball
- Large frame heifers in superb condition with exceptional udders

A/c - Kooratong Pastoral - Dispersal line

4 - Holstein & 16 Jersey X heifers springing to Red Angus bull

ATTENTION FARMERS

Please ensure all entries are booked in
with your agent prior to sale.

Following Dairy Sale: Friday, August 19

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Terry Ahearn
0438 562 816

Darryl Adams
0408 385 872

Neil Darby
0418 595 265

Michael Robertson
0429 104 467



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Bronte pursues her leadership goals

BRONTE Gorringe was sponsored by the DemoDAIRY Foundation to attend the Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program and says the week reignited her desire to tell her story in agriculture.

"Consumers want to feel involved in agriculture and not just the romanticised idea of it, they want to see the everyday - not every story has negative connotations," she said.

"We see so many things that are amazing in our everyday lives that other people don't; we see new animals born, swans building nests on dams, paddocks turn from dust to a beautiful deep green, but we often get lost in the mundane of the day-to-day when we should reflect and admire the good things too."

Ms Gorringe has always aspired to be a leader and the Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program has strengthened her passion.

"I would highly recommend this course for any individual at any age or stage of their career," she said.

"There was something for everyone and a lot of key



Bronte Gorringe wants to share her love of agriculture with the world and says there's a good story to tell.

takeaways that I will be trying to implement going forward."

"Marcus Oldham is known for its outstanding agricultural education program, and the presentation of this Rural Leadership Program was no exception."

An assistant agribusiness

advocate for the Cows Create Careers school program.

Ms Gorringe was one of 27 emerging agricultural leaders taking part in the program.

"It was exciting to see the number of people who worked within the dairy industry, both on-farm in their own businesses and those in the wider supporting agricultural and dairy service industries."

She was particularly impressed by the speakers on emotional intelligence, Indigenous Australia, and engaging with the public.

"We spent a lot of time learning to understand why people behave the way they do, the art of presenting feedback, the characteristics of an admired leader, the difference between management and leadership and our personal values."

DemoDAIRY Foundation is keen to sponsor more people in the farming industry to attend this course.

More information can be found at demodairy.com.au/scholarships-and-grants/ or from DDF secretary Ian Teese on 0427 358 987 or itag@bigpond.com.

Capturing the benefits of an upgraded solids trap

FOR Longwarry dairy farmers Graeme and Michelle Worth upgrading their dairy effluent system has paid off in more ways than one.

As well as improved dairy effluent management, the new system has resulted in significant labour savings in the day-to-day management of the farm, as well as fertiliser cost savings.

With technical advice from

Agriculture Victoria and support from Melbourne Water's Liveable Communities Liveable Waterways incentive program, Michelle and Graeme upgraded their effluent system to include a second trafficable solids trap, a single effluent pond, and an effluent mainline.

Agriculture Victoria Dairy Extension Officer, Benita Kelsall said the upgraded system now enables solids from both the

dairy yard and the feed pad to go through two solids traps prior to entering a storage pond.

Mr Worth said prior to the upgrade they were applying effluent every day to one or two paddocks, and it was a very labour-intensive system with the pump and the pipes often getting blocked.

"We were having to clear blockages in the system on a fairly regular basis, however,

with the new system we only need to clean the two traps out once a year."

Dairy effluent is particularly high in nitrogen and potassium, which helps to replace the nutrients that have been removed in the fodder.

For technical resources, advice and training in effluent and manure system design and management visit the Agriculture Victoria website.

Landcare Network release new deer control resource kit

SOUTH Gippsland Landcare Network have released a Deer Management Information and Resource Pack to assist landholders in South Gippsland to better understand and tackle the growing feral deer problem.

The release of the pack follows a series of community meetings and events around Mt Best and Cape Liptrap at which concerned landholders, deer experts and shooters discussed the impacts deer are having, their high reproduction rates and the need for urgent and sustained control.

Some important facts, presented at Mt Best Hall by Shannon Evendon from the National Deer Management Coordination Team, are:

- Deer populations double every two years with no control.
- Feral deer have almost doubled their range in the past 20 years.
- To maintain a current population, 34-50 per cent of the population must be culled every year.
- Feral deer consume 1.8 to 3.6 times that of sheep, depending on the deer



Local Mt Best landholders Andrew Barker and Graham Ross, with Johannes Wenzel (Cardinia Deer Management Coalition) and Nick Stephens (South Gippsland Landcare Network), who all contributed to Deer information sessions at Mt Best Hall recently.

species.

- Areas exposed to high densities of feral deer have 30-70 per cent less understory.
- Deer consume four times more plant material/day as adult swamp wallabies.

A good representation by shooters at these events also

enabled landholders and shooters to discuss what a safe and effective control program looks like, and ways to address illegal shooting.

Nick Stephens, facilitator with South Gippsland Landcare, stated "We know deer are becoming a bigger and bigger problem in the area,

and recreational hunting is just not keeping pace with their reproduction and expansion."

"It's pretty scary; we had a field day with ecologists on a property at Cape Liptrap. They were saying 'Where are all the groundcover plants? Where are the understorey species?' Everything from the ground to 2m high had been smashed by deer in some areas."

"Our aim is to get as many landholders as possible linked up with safe and responsible shooters, or shooting deer themselves as often as possible, especially does (females)."

To help this process the digital information pack includes facts on the impacts of deer, ways to monitor deer using your phone and a landholder agreement template (and checklist) to enlist recreational shooters on your land.

To request a copy of the Info Pack email: nick.stephens@sgln.net.au or go to the 'Projects' Page at www.sgln.net.au and look for South Gippsland Deer Action Group.



Bass Coast Shire Council prides itself on its stunning natural environment and draws tourists from around the world. When the Council discovered the region had only 14 per cent of native vegetation cover left across the Shire, the Biolinks Plan was born.

Bass Coast's wildlife corridors preserving the environment and economy

By Sarah Vella and Diana Whittington, Bass Coast Shire Council

Originally published in Council (councilmagazine.com.au)

BIOLINKS are wildlife corridors that connect pockets of native vegetation and allow animals to move between these areas freely, increasing the genetic diversity in breeding populations and preserving natural flora and fauna.

Community members and landholders identified 200 biolinks across the Bass Coast Shire Council.

Bass Coast Shire Council introduced the Biodiversity Biolinks Plan in 2018, to assist in linking conservation works across the Shire and providing an avenue for community involvement in restoring the landscape.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan explained the challenges Bass Coast faced, and what spurred the development of the plan.

"We discovered there was only 14 per cent of native vegetation cover across the whole Shire. This is very low. In addition, Bass Coast is home to 153 species of plants and animals that are classified as under threat or endangered."

To understand why 14 per cent is alarming to this coastal Council, Mayor Whelan quotes a phrase often heard in the Bass Coast, "Our environment is our economy".

"Our enormous tourism industry is heavily reliant on our environment."

"The internationally acclaimed attraction, the Phillip Island Penguin Parade, showcases to the world the importance we place on conservation," Mayor Whelan said.

Local landowners embracing biodiversity

Alongside many locals, farmer Paul Spiers and landowner Dave Sutton provided input to the Bass Coast Shire Council Biodiversity Biolinks Plan in 2018.



Lace Monitors are some of the many species flourishing in the Bass Coast Council's Biolinks.

Mr Spiers has described the transformation of his land as "like magic", following the fencing off of a creek bed, the removal of blackberries from his farm and the revegetation of his land.

While Mr Spiers admits each landowner will have a different reason for revegetating their landscape, for him the provision of habitat and increased biodiversity were key.

"I've been walking on this land for 30 years, from when it was a weed patch. It's now a cool temperate rainforest that provides a home for so many beasties," Mr Spiers said.

The beasties Mr Spiers is referring to includes birds, insects and mammals that have returned to his property in droves.

Think Local, Act Global is a little too big and pretty depressing for Mr Spiers, whose advice to those interested in environmental protection is "Think local, act local. If we can fix thousands of microclimates that will make a huge difference".

Mr Sutton, who is also Chair of the Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group, renourished his land over five years; revegetating

16ha and creating a biodiversity hotspot in a surprisingly short period of time.

"Our land is now home to wallabies, echidnas, kangaroos and over 45 native species of birds," Mr Sutton said.

"Biolinks allow animals to move between areas and increase the genetic diversity in breeding populations.

"They are critically needed and it's important that both substantial east to west links and north to south links are created."

Collaboration is key

The project's collaboration with the local landowners has been critical to its success, alongside the commitment of multiple stakeholders including Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Landcare Network, Westernport Water, Melbourne Water, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and the Bunurong Land Council.

The project enables a widespread area with different owners to be revegetated in a planned approach, working in unison with the Bass Coast Landcare Network, one of the biggest Landcare networks

in Australia, which engages local farmers to revegetate their properties, select the correct vegetation for each location and organise community volunteers to plant the sites.

The Biolinks program also assists in engaging agriculture properties to help make waterways more resilient to local flood risk and climate change by increasing the amount of native trees and plants in the landscape.

Council, in conjunction with Victoria University and the Bass Coast Landcare Network, have also set up a monitoring program.

As the video monitoring equipment was installed by Mr Sutton and Diana Whittington of Bass Coast's Council, the pair stumbled across a threatened species – a Lace Monitor.

"We had just put up the camera and were walking out of the bushland when I heard a rustle in the bush," Ms Whittington said.

"I asked the others if it was a wallaby, but then we saw it climbing up a large gum tree and realised it was a Lace Monitor.

"They have a nasty bite if surprised so we kept our distance."

"It was fantastic to see and great to know there were more of them around the property happily breeding in the tree hollows."

Future plans

As the project's revegetation works for 2022 continue, there are 46 landowners signed up to do works.

"This is the largest number of landowners we have had participating in the Biolinks program since its inception," Ms Whittington said.

"We will plant 125,000 indigenous plants across this Shire, with the assistance of the Bass Coast Landcare Network, volunteers, school students, community members and landowners. It's a great project to be a part of."

Nextgen Landcare online forum

DO YOU know a young person aged 12-18 who is making a difference for the environment?

Get them involved in the NextGen Landcare Youth Forum!

An action-packed online event the forum aims to get youth inspired, connected and empowered to take action for the environment.

Join the team at Intrepid Landcare along with Landcare legend Costa Georgiadis on Tuesday, August 23 from 10.30am to 2pm.

Landcare are inviting young people aged 18 and under to submit an expression of interest to share their story or local project at the Forum.

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Special brother to Jack (dec.), Robert and Arthur Thorpe.

Dearly loved by all the extended family.

DEATHS

COLE, Alexander Kingsley:
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DEATHS

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If you would like to be part of our team please submit your resume to manager@korumburramedical.com.au

Applications close Tuesday, August 9, 2022

LBC0806

SITUATIONS VACANT**West Gippsland Healthcare Group**

A vibrant culture with a strong community focus

Public Relations Manager

Permanent Full Time or Permanent Part Time

Managers & Administrative Workers Enterprise Agreement HS4 or HS5
\$83,657 to \$92,856 p-a- pro rata part time
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We have an exciting opportunity to join West Gippsland Healthcare Group in the role of Public Relations Manager. Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, you will be responsible for maintaining, improving and enhancing the West Gippsland Healthcare Group's corporate image.

You will also be required to promote our services and coordinate fundraising activities, as well as having responsibility for managing media and other public enquiries. This is a rewarding and diverse role and presents a great opportunity for someone with a passion for public sector/community public relations.

Further details and how to apply:

Please visit wghg.mercury.com.au to see the full advertisement, view a position description or to apply for this role. If you have any further queries, please contact **Audra Fenton, Acting Chief Executive Officer on (03) 5623 0631.**

Applications close Thursday 18th August 2022.



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SITUATIONS VACANT

Light Engine Mechanic Required

Full time position for qualified light engine mechanic available (motorcycle mechanic or third year apprentice also considered) Located in Cowes. Immediate Start.

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Newhaven College is an independent co-educational school on Phillip Island offering quality education for students from Prep to Year 12.

Human Resources Manager

Full-time

For details on requirements, duties and responsibilities, visit our College Website www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/about/work-at-newhaven

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Applications close 4pm, Wednesday 17 August 2022

and should be submitted to katrina.lawrence@newhavencol.vic.edu.au

Newhaven College is a child safe environment. Every child has a right to be safe, and at the College we have a zero tolerance for child safety risks (including child abuse and reportable conduct). As such, preferred applicants will be subject to child protection screening, background and reference checks, verification of identity checks and must adhere to the College's child safe practices, as outlined in the Child Protection Program policies available on the College website.



Current vacancies

Registered Nurse/ Midwife – Acute/Subacute/Emergency/Midwifery Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual – Closing dates (please refer to website)

Food Services Supervisor Permanent Full Time – Closes 07/08/2022

Integrated Family Services Practitioner Permanent Full Time – Closes 13/08/2022

Data Reporting Business Lead Permanent Full Time – Closes 12/08/2022

Speech Pathologist – Grade 2 Permanent Full Time – 13/08/2022

To find out more about working at Bass Coast Health and to apply, visit the Careers page on our website or contact our HR team on hr@basscoasthealth.org.au or 5671 3151

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ARE YOU A GROUP FITNESS INSTRUCTOR?

We are looking for someone to facilitate 2x over 60's exercise groups. Please note 1 session is chair based. Tuesdays 10am & 11am. Shadow shifts will be provided.

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ALEX SCOTT AND STAFF PROPERTY MANAGER

Full time

Our Inverloch office is expanding rapidly and we wish to appoint a dynamic experienced Property Manager to become a full time member of our progressive rental department.

You should possess excellent customer service and communication skills, as well as qualifications and experience in property and real estate management.

Proficient computer skills, the ability to multi-task and a passion to grow the business are essential.

Excellent package and above award remuneration.

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APPLICATIONS BY EMAIL TO: joginn@alexscoff.com.au or contact Jo Ginn on 0417 552 642 7 a'Beckett Street, Inverloch, 3996

JA20824

MCCARTINS DUTY MANAGER

Full time

McCartins Hotel is seeking an experienced, highly motivated individual to join our management team. You will help oversee day to day operations in our successful and vibrant hotel as well as lead a highly motivated and driven group of individuals.

The ideal candidate will have relevant skills as well as the drive to continue to learn daily all there is to know of our operations, standard of service and quality of product.

These skills are as follows:

- Minimum two years' experience in hospitality, customer service and or the gaming industry in a management or supervisory role is desired but not essential.
- You must possess initiative, a hands-on approach to all things and the ability to lead and direct staff as is seen fit.
- A passion to provide quality customer service and display high standards in the delivery of food, beverage, gaming and entertainment.
- Must hold a current RSA and gaming licence or be willing to obtain one
- The ideal candidate will be punctual, clean and presentable.

Weekends and nights are an essential part of operations here at the hotel and both will be required of the right candidate upon starting. Full training in designated areas will be ongoing as well as any support needed from management.

Full time package starts at 60k + super.

If this sounds like you or someone you know send through your resume to mitchd@mccartins.com.au

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Much hardship and difficulty is caused to jobseekers by misleading advertisements placed in the employment columns.

Our Positions Vacant / Situations Vacant columns are reserved for advertisements which carry a specific and genuine offer of employment.

Ads for 'Business Opportunities', 'Commission Only/Sales,' training courses and employment services should be submitted under those headings.

Placing misleading job ads is an offence against the ACL and all advertisements are subject to the publisher's approval. For further advice contact the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on 1300 302 502 or Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Bus Drivers wanted (F/T & Casual)

South Coast Bus are seeking experienced Heavy Vehicle Drivers for both F/T & casual positions. The work will be covering a mix of scheduled runs as well as general charter from our Wonthaggi or Cowes Depots and suit those with previous exposure to driving medium rigid 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 licence. 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 call 5951 4600 or send your resume to Brendan Hickman on email: operations@southcoastbus.com.au or post: PO Box 946, Cowes, 3922

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Community Bank Cowes

Home Lending Specialist

Do you enjoy making a difference?

- Can you listen and talk with people?
- Are you passionate about delivering real service and solutions?
- Permanent Full time position
- Located in Cowes

Join us in walking the talk when it comes to supporting our customers, giving back, and making our communities a better place to live. As a Home Lending Specialist, you'll provide outstanding service to our new and existing customers by tailoring solutions to meet their financial needs.

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HB9574



Human Resources Officer

We are seeking a Human Resources Officer to undertake recruitment, provide HR advice and support, implement HR policies, and perform various other HR functions. Full-time or part-time available.

For more information about this role, please refer to www.coldonhomes.com.au/work-with-us/ To apply, please send your cover letter and resume to rani.bucello@cv-bp.com.au or call 5672 0606 with any queries.

Applications close: Friday, August 19

LB0389

Chef

THE CAPE TAVERN - Full time

The Cape Tavern is looking for an experienced full time Chef to join our established kitchen team.

We are a busy family run business in Cape Paterson and we have a strong focus on our local community.

If you have a passion for food and the ability to work as part of a team in a fast paced environment then we would like to hear from you.

A rotating roster with some weekend work will be offered along with a competitive package to the successful applicant.

Send your resume to Michael Capetavern@westnet.com.au

GD039

Boning Room Leading Hand

The company and role:

Greenham Gippsland currently has a vacancy at our Moe facility for a Boning Room Leading Hand.

This is a fantastic opportunity for an experienced Boning Room Foreman or Leading Hand to join an established beef processing company located in Moe Gippsland. Working alongside the leadership team you will be responsible for managing all staff functions and production flows in the Boning department.

About you:

- Are you a seasoned boning room employee who has been a leading hand or boning room foreman or supervisor?
- You will have previous experience in beef processing
- Ideally you will have exposure Aus-Meat Standards and HACCP procedures
- "Hands on" management style with a positive attitude and excellent verbal communication skills
- You enjoy working as part of a team, are collaborative and share ideas.
- You thrive in a diverse, fast paced environment where customer satisfaction is a priority

The Position:

- Reporting to the Boning Room Supervisor you will be responsible for ensuring that beef is boned, sliced, and packed to company, customer, and regulatory requirements.
- Payment based on hours worked with overtime applicable.
- Ability to implement production schedules and analyse production data
- Training and guidance to staff on correct techniques, quality, and regulatory standards
- Ensuring that staff are following safe work practices and H & S policies and guidelines
- Completing documentation as required.
- Great Opportunity for career development
- Leadership Position
- A diverse role, highly supportive and inclusive management culture which encourages autonomy
- Experience in a leading hand, boning room foreman or supervisor position highly desirable however not essential, experience boner or slicer looking for career advancement also available for the right candidate
- Hourly rate
- Excellent pay rate \$\$\$ +Super + Overtime

All successful applicants will undergo a physical functional capabilities assessment and pre-employment drug and alcohol testing. All Greenham sites are drug & alcohol-free sites, and all Greenham employees are Q-fever & Covid 19 vaccinated.

If this sounds like the role for you and you're keen to explore this new opportunity, all you need to do is please contact Boning Room manager Ph:03 5127 4000 or alternatively email your Resume/Cover Letter to recruitment@greenham.com.au



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SITUATION VACANT

Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit

TOURISM MANAGER

Full Time Position

The Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit is looking for a highly motivated individual with excellent leadership, business acumen, customer service and communication skills to fill the role of Tourism Manager.

Reporting to the General Manager, this role will be responsible for management of the day-to-day operations of our Visitor Centre and Go-Karts.

Key responsibilities include managing all aspects of our daily tourism operations; leading, motivating and developing staff to deliver a strong customer experience; growing revenues, finding efficiencies, and increasing profitability; and overall administrative and financial management of the department.

For position description and closing date
please visit our website:
www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au
Please email resume and cover letter to:
info@phillipislandcircuit.com.au



Tel: 5952 2710
www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au
[e:info@phillipislandcircuit.com.au](mailto:info@phillipislandcircuit.com.au)

LB0385

We are seeking experienced Commercial Cleaners for a department store in Wonthaggi

The candidate must be:

- Professional and reliable
- Someone who takes pride in their work
- Attention to detail
- Well groomed
- Self-motivated
- Must be able to operate an auto floor scrubber

Hours of work: Monday to Sunday shifts
6am to 11am

Please forward your resume to
admin@fcsfacilityservices.com.au
Contact Jason 0411 515 059



Office Administration/ Secretary

An established business with over 60 years in the building industry, Coldon Homes is the most active new home builder in South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

We are seeking a suitable candidate to undertake office administration, secretarial duties and provide support to all departments of the business. This role forms part of a well organised team and requires the following skill set:

- Strong organisational skills with the ability to prioritise and manage a number of tasks simultaneously;
- Ability to communicate effectively with clients, contractors and building authorities;
- Accuracy in preparation of building contracts, specifications and documentation;
- Ability to manage front of counter and phone enquires in a pleasant, professional and efficient manner; and
- Experience with Microsoft software.

To apply, please send your cover letter and resume to rani.bucello@cv-bp.com.au or call 5672 0606 with any queries.

Applications close: Friday, August 12.

SITUATION VACANT

Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit

FOOD & BEVERAGE CATERING ASSISTANT

Permanent Full-Time Position

We are seeking a dedicated Catering Assistant to work across our catering outlets & associated hospitality functions at the Circuit.

The successful applicant will possess exceptional customer service skills and have previous experience in safe food handling.

The hours of work will be according to requirements of the position including some weekends, public holidays and functions as required.

For full position description please visit our website: www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au.
Please email resume and cover letter to emma.nash@phillipislandcircuit.com.au



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www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au
e:info@phillipislandcircuit.com.au

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PHILLIP ISLAND GIPPSLAND
An Australian Government Initiative

Expression of Interest Board Director

Gippsland Primary Health Network is looking for new Board directors; people who will be as committed to meeting the health needs of our diverse region as all those who come under the PHN banner.

The investment in our work has never been more important so we need people who are community-focused and not afraid to bring new ideas to the table.

Our vision is for a measurably healthier Gippsland. Every day, we work hard to achieve this. The health needs of our regional community, especially vulnerable people and those at risk of the poorest health outcomes, depend on it.

We are unashamedly outcomes-focused. We are a tight-knit organisation which constantly pushes above its weight, made possible through our resolve to work as a team. It takes innovative and creative people to ensure we provide the right services at the right time; services that make a difference. You will help us identify new opportunities, coordinate and support health services and commission new services.

Our board directors are also responsible for ensuring governance and oversight of Gippsland PHN's legal and financial accountability and statutory requirements, as well as compliance with funding deed requirements.

We need diversity of knowledge, expertise and experience. This may be in some of the following areas:

- Strong governance skills/experience
- Financial
- IT systems and/or data management
- Primary Health Care
- Legal
- Community commitments in Gippsland

We are seeking two elected Directors and one appointed Director to join us in November 2022. If you believe you are up for the challenge to help us achieve our vision, you are encouraged to apply.

How to apply

Review online information and complete documents available at <https://www.gphn.org.au/about-us/board-directory-vacancy/>. For more information please contact Steve Morgan (Company Secretary) by email at company.secretary@gphn.org.au or by phone on 0417 937 982.

Applications Close:
5pm Wednesday, August 17, 2022

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Service Manager Agriculture

Premium brands - Fendt, Massey Ferguson, Valtra, Iseki, Kubota, Krone

We require a service manager for our busy workshop who is a strong leader with proven experience in training and managing a team.

Key responsibilities:

- Compliance of work safety standards
- Managing the day to day operations of the Service Department
- Mentoring apprentices
- Maintaining strong customer relations
- Coordinate bookings and rosters maintaining a productive workflow
- Liaise with sales and parts departments for parts ordering and pre-delivery timeframes
- Service invoicing
- Assisted diagnostics
- Department reporting

Essential Requirements:

- Diesel Technician qualification with extensive experience in repair of agricultural equipment
- Proven management skills and experience in leading teams
- Strong diagnostic skills in hydraulics and electronics systems
- Must have proficient computer system skills; experience in Eclipse and workshop diagnostic tools highly regarded
- Excellent communication skills
- Manual Driver's licence
- Carry out over time during harvest season and peak periods
- Forklift Licence

The successful applicant will be a leader, with strong interpersonal skills who can build solid relationships with our staff and customers.

Please email your
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Grade 2

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Podiatrist

Grade 1 or Grade 2

(depending on experience)

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For more information, visit our website at: https://southgippslandhospital.com.au

Volunteer Transport Program

Expression of Interest for Volunteer Drivers. Enquires to Annie Pearce, Community Engagement Officer, via email Annie.Pearce@sghs.com.au

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Anais Siby of Woolamai helps with the tree planting on National Tree Day. C42_3122

Trees for future generations

THE rain held off on Sunday as thousands of people across Australia put their walking shoes on and got their hands dirty for National Tree Day by PlanetArk.

And whilst the official tally is still being calculated across Australia thousands of native plants were laid locally in Gippsland.

Three Creeks Landcare teamed up with Bass Coast Landcare in planting 3000 natives along Bridge Creek, a tributary of Kugerungmome (Powlett River).

From Hawkins Rd to the Mouth of the Powlett Road, an estimated 5.5km journey was undertaken on foot.

Filling in the gaps, building on the connectivity along the river Bass Coast Landcare's NRM Project Coordinator Jye Anderson explained was the purpose of the day's plantings.

"The group have been planting onto the banks of the river and filling in the understorey on trees with mixed damp forest planted upstream, swampy riparian woodland and swamp scrub downstream."

As part of the Kugerungmome Partnership Program with West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Sunday's planting forms part of year two of the three-year Bass Coast Shire biolinks plan.

Nick Siby of Three Creeks Landcare followed with the trees finding the holes the kids had created.

"Finally linking up plantings over the last 35 years," Nick said.

"We've seen wildlife we haven't seen here before (today) – including a baby wombat and mother."

"Seen what (plant species have) worked and what hasn't – it's a continuous learning."

In Inverloch, Inverloch Scout Group and Ambulance Victoria were amongst the 50 registered adults (plus children) that joined hosts South Gippsland Conservation Society on Saturday at Thompsons Reserve and Ayr Creek Reserve with tubes supplied by Wonthaggi Seed Bank.

"We brought our spring planting forwards for National Tree Day," John Cuttriss, Projects Convener, said.

Filling in the understorey for bird habitat amongst the Manna Gums 1000 trees were planted at Thompson Reserve in one hour.

"Additionally, 700 trees were planted at the backup site in Ayr Creek Reserve at Royal Parade by SGCS and Inverloch residents.

"We have another planting day coming up in spring when the other natives will be ready (date TBA) – for more details join our newsletter or visit our Facebook page."



Ethan was in charge of digging the holes on Sunday along Bridge Creek. C43_3122

Staff desperation drives international worker solution

FARMERS who previously haven't considered contracting overseas workers are exploring the possibility, or taking active steps to do so, in order to deal with the current labour shortage.

Attendees at a Leongatha event run by the Local Network Group South Gippsland with sponsorship from the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCs) Gippsland, learned more about the process of engaging and supporting overseas workers from Hill End dairy farmer Aubrey Pellett.

He outlined the lengthy process involved in securing workers and getting them to the farm.

So far it has taken about six months, with his two workers expected to arrive within the next couple of months.

It has been a much longer timeframe than Aubrey expected.

While many people view overseas workers as potential cheap labour, Aubrey explained that his new employees will come to Australia as part of the 482 temporary visa scheme, which exists to fill skilled worker shortages.

"It's not the cheap option," Aubrey said, explaining extensive efforts were made to find suitable available workers within Australia.

"We will pay the same wages (as for locals) and there are additional costs for visas and recruitment," he said.

Originally from New Zealand, Aubrey has been dairy farming at Hill End for 20



Anthea Day and Trevor Saunders came to learn more about arranging for overseas workers for their dairy farm properties. A02_3122

years, and he and partner Jacqui Morrison are keen to establish more flexibility and improved work life balance.

They attempted to find local workers to enable them to set up a seven-day-a-week milking roster but the recruiting business they used was unable to find anyone suitable.

That prompted them to enlist the services of a recruiting firm that specialises in overseas workers.

"I was impressed by the quality of the people they put forward," Aubrey said.

He has changed his outlook on staff shortages.

"There is no shortage of people to work on a dairy farm, but it's just that they don't live in Australia," Aubrey said.

A Filipino man with dairy

farm experience in Japan and a Kenyan man who has been working in the Saudi Arabian dairy industry for a number of years, will move to the Hill End farm after impressing in their Zoom interviews.

"They're both very experienced and have a similar type of qualification to ag science in this country," Aubrey said.

Aubrey and Jacqui are looking forward to their arrival.

The new workers will share a house on the farm, with everything to be ready for them when they get there.

They won't be charged for accommodation in the fully furnished home, with power bills to be paid for them, once again demonstrating it is not a cheap option.

Aubrey expects some new

challenges to arise once the workers arrive, but is happy to take those in his stride.

Shady Creek dairy farmers Anthea Day and Trevor Saunders milk a little over 1,000 cattle in total at their two properties and have significant unmet staffing needs.

All up, they need eight workers, including filling two permanent positions.

The search to fill those two roles began prior to the arrival of Covid.

"Staffing's a massive issue and everyone wants their work life balance and you just cannot get enough staff," Anthea said.

The couple are keen to find people who want to work, and came to the information session to learn more about the process of hiring employees from overseas.

Having seen dairy farm set-ups in a number of countries, the Anthea and Trevor were impressed with the Filipino workers they encountered during a stay in New Zealand, their strong work ethic and reliability.

They noted those workers were highly qualified.

Trevor Saunders and partner Anthea Day came to the information session to learn how the process of employing overseas workers operates, including how to recruit them, pay them, what needs to be supplied and what the visa requirements are.

They also wanted to learn about what support is available should any problems arise.

Clear skies for inaugural artisan market

A NEW market bringing together talented local artisans hit Jumbunna on Sunday aptly named the Artisan Market at Jumbunna.

A community initiative by residents, and talented artisans themselves, the team realised there was a gap in the local offering and decided to do something about it.

"The artisans make and design their own products, with beautiful homemade wares," one of the co-ordinators Annie Rivera explained.

"It creates a focal point for visitors to find out and purchase wares from local talented artisans and creates a vehicle for artisans to market their creations."

Stallholders on Sunday included Monika Barbian Art, Under the Coral Tree, Bev's Crochet, Kate Made It, Venus Bay Men's Shed, Keith Hulsman, Jan's Plan, Krinklewood Soaps, Inspired by Nature, Defiance Distillery, Dharma Suds, Rockinghorse clothing, Filarello, Jumbunna Succulents, Tickled Pink Art Studio, Sugar N Spice, Marty and Me, Flower fixation, Isadorable, Powlett Gallery, Let's Yarn About Beads and many others, including freshly made soup, coffee, home-made jams and baked goods.

And of course, a delightful snag barbecue.

The market will be held every quarter (four times a year), with all proceeds going to the Jumbunna Hall.

For details on future markets visit Facebook @artisanmarketjumbunna, to participate email artisan.market.jumbunna@gmail.com.



Jan was on hand with her nursery goods raising monies for Jan's Plan which supports Cambodian children through education. C35_3122



Kate of Korumburra's Dharma Suds was on hand to liven bath time for the children (and adults) with brightly coloured and delicious smelling bath bombs and soaps. C34_3122



Defiance Distillery were on hand to take the chill of the fresh Sunday morning with the ever-popular Honey Rye Whiskey amongst rum and gin options. C33_3122



Jessica McKelson, conservation manager Phillip Island Nature Parks.

New research into treating mange in koalas

A TEAM of scientists is undertaking a study to treat mange infections in koala populations, testing whether a simple, single dose of a drug used to successfully treat the skin disease in wombats could also be administered to koalas.

The research is being led by the University of Sydney in partnership with Phillip Island Nature Parks, Zoos Victoria, and the University of Tasmania.

Rates of mange infection have risen in certain parts of Victoria and South Australia.

It is hoped this research will support further medical conservation efforts around the country.

This new research will draw on the expertise of leading koala scientists to determine whether Bravecto™ (Fluralaner) can be administered to suffering koalas.

The information will be used to recommend to veterinarians and wildlife carers the most effective dosage rate for Bravecto™, with the hope that koalas will only have to be treated once to minimise stress.

Prof. David Phalen from the University of Sydney School of Veterinary Science said mange is a terrible disease creating significant animal welfare concerns.

"The purpose of this joint investigation is to develop an effective and minimally stressful treatment for mange in koalas that can be used by veterinarians and wildlife carers," Prof. David Phalen said.

Jessica McKelson, Conservation Manager at Phillip Island Nature Parks, said this project will provide a better

understanding of required health and medical care to support rehabilitation of rescued koalas and koalas in the wild.

"At the Koala Conservation Reserve, we see our role as protecting, growing and supporting wild koalas and that's why we are excited to be a part of this project to help ensure their long-term survival," she said.

The research was possible thanks to a \$750,000 grant for a range of koala health research projects from the Australian Government.

Citizen scientists saving South Gippsland koalas

By Anda Banikos

genetically robust, so they can adapt and be resilient in the face of change.

Anthony Amis and Michelle Baxter of the Strzelecki Koala Action Team (SKAT) are working with university researchers and citizen scientists to ensure the survival of our unique koalas.

Last Tuesday, they shared their progress and plans at the Prom Area Climate Action (PACA) webinar. PACA is the Gippsland group of the Australian Conservation Foundation and SKAT is part of Friends of the Earth, Melbourne.

Michelle explained that the key threats to the koalas are logging, more extreme bush fires and storms due to climate change, habitat loss, animal attacks and disease.

As koalas move from one habitat site to another, they are vulnerable to foxes, dogs and car strike. The koalas need corridors, so they can move safely between patches of habitat.

A handful of animals had been taken to French and Phillip Island in the 1890s, where they bred rapidly.

Koalas on mainland Victoria and SA were almost extinct by the 1920s due to hunting for their pelts. The last bastion was South Gippsland and the Strzelecki Ranges.

The island koalas were then re-introduced to mainland Victoria and SA, where they continued to breed rapidly, which has led to overbrowsing.

The concern with the re-introduced koalas is that they have very little genetic variation, so are more susceptible to disease and the environmental impacts of our changing climate.

The Strzelecki koalas are

Their range extends from Grantville in the west to Sale in the east and from the South Gippsland coast, north to the Princes Highway.

It is estimated that there are only 1500 - 2000 Strzelecki koalas left.

They need to be protected. Currently, they have no specific legal protection under either State or Federal Law.

Victorian State Law does not protect Strzelecki koalas, because it currently does not recognise different genetics within the same species.

However, the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC) includes sub-species genetics, so the SKAT team have nominated the Strzelecki koala for listing.

The nomination was submitted in March, they are waiting to hear back whether it has been successful.

In the meantime, the SKAT team are continuing their campaigns to map the distribution of Strzelecki koalas, identify preferred trees, en-

courage community awareness and protect koala habitat.

Anthony gave a great insight into scat surveying.

Scats are koala poop and are a reliable way of checking for koalas, which can be hard to spot above the leaf canopy.

Together with academic researchers and citizen scientists, the SKAT team have developed a Strzelecki koala map <https://strzkoala.australianmap.net> and a list of preferred trees.

The SKAT team are constantly updating the map and are keen to hear from anyone who has seen a koala (or scats).

Email anthony.amis@foe.org.au, or visit Friends of the Strzelecki Koala on Facebook to log your sighting and stay up to date with koala sightings and news.

The SKAT team will be running an information session and scat finding workshop in Inverloch on Saturday, August 27.



Around The Bay

By Jim's Bait and Tackle

ANOTHER tough few weeks for getting reports with only a handful of people actually fishing but very few reporting catches, telling us they only got a handful so not a lot to report.

What some people forget sometimes is any catch is a good catch and always better than someone else that has been out.

Calamari fishing is relatively new and for the first few years we were in the shop, we hardly saw any at any time of the year.

We kept about 10 different colours of squid jigs and nobody had heard of dedicated Egi rods and if you caught a calamari, it was almost considered a by-catch. How different things are now, 40cm whiting are expected and even 1kg whiting are not too surprising.

Calamari is a targeted species and have created a whole new generation of fishermen who just target them.

Most of the reports over the last couple of weeks has been from those using baited jigs, especially from the land with those in boats using a mixture of baited and artificial.

From the reports the best time has been that hour before and after high tide from everywhere.

Even the boats have found that to be the best time with the odd one reported from outside that time of the tide.

Nowhere has stood out more than the other and most of the usual calamari areas have been producing.

The only other land-based reports we have had were from the surf beaches with several salmon reported.

Woolamai at ANZACS the better, I think because it's usually the cleanest when we have a bit of rough weather.

Kilcunda beaches produced less but bigger salmon, cemetery being the best beach but still difficult between the drifts of kelp.

There was a couple of reports also from the other island beaches at the Colonnades and Smiths and a handful from Inverloch.

The reports were a mixture of bait, bluebait and pilchards, and lures, 40g the best in a blue or white.

The whiting numbers were as expected but the average size probably a little better.

As has been the case over winter, the reports came from areas close to the ramps as people not wanting to travel too far in case the weather picked up.

While it doesn't sound all that good, opportunities to chase them has been minimal with plenty of wind holding you side onto the tide or just too strong to even think about fishing the whiting areas.

It's a great time to come into the shop with our new season's stock turning up over August.

We are slowly filling up the shelves with our normal stock lines but with plenty of new products as well.

It's also the time to bring in all those reels you need servicing or re-spooling and that rod that needs a repair.

Maybe you are hanging off because money is a little tight which is understandable but, bring them in, leave them with us and pay it off or pick it up when you are ready.

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	August 2
2.34am	1.44m
8.28am	0.46m
3.19pm	1.64m
9.08pm	0.64m

WEDNESDAY	August 3
3.16am	1.46m
9.01am	0.50m
3.50pm	1.64m
9.41pm	0.58m

THURSDAY	August 4
3.58am	1.48m
9.38am	0.55m
4.21pm	1.62m
10.15pm	0.52m

FRIDAY	August 5
4.41am	1.49m
10.17am	0.61m
4.53pm	1.59m
10.49pm	0.46m

SATURDAY	August 6
5.29am	1.50m
11.00am	0.68m
5.27pm	1.55m
11.27pm	0.42m

SUNDAY	August 7
6.20am	1.49m
11.44am	0.76m
6.03pm	1.51m
12.30pm	0.85m
6.46pm	1.46m

Email us your fishing photos
news@sgst.com.au

Community grant supports PICAL Food Pantry

THE Bass Coast Community Foundation (BCCF) visited Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) recently to deliver well needed funds to support the ongoing costs of the Phil Dixon Food Pantry.

The weekly food hampers that the Pantry gives out, also include pre-cooked complete meals.

Hampers include a range of kitchen and pantry staples, along with meals prepared by PICAL volunteers, using ingredients from their own Community Garden, surrounding supermarkets and from many local produce donors.

Over the last two and a half years, PICAL has assisted more than 26,000 people who needed help with issues ranging from homelessness, unemployment and poverty, through to mental health problems and women escaping family violence.

PICAL's Phil Dixon Emergency Food Relief Pantry has remained open every weekday throughout the entire COVID pandemic and beyond.

Operated by volunteers, over the past two and a half years, it has received almost 14,500 visits from people who struggle to put food on the table, equating to around 110 people who need help to feed their household each week.

Executive officer for the Foundation, Sarah Bourke said the Community Grants aim to help local eligible organisations identify and address areas of need and disadvantage through evidence-based early interventions, and help build resilience, well-being, and opportunities for Bass Coast residents.

All Community Grants are funded by the generosity of the Foundation's donors from the Bass Coast community.

Since 2002, the Foundation has donated more than \$1 million to local projects to make local communities stronger, more resilient, and healthy.

Current areas of focus include reducing the incidence and risk of homelessness and housing stress, and increasing aspirations of young people and opportunities for local women and girls.

For more information about the Foundation go to www.bccf.org.au or follow them on Facebook and LinkedIn pages.

New PICAL home taking shape

ON SITE works are progressing for Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre's (PICAL) new centre.

PICAL, which is currently located on Church Street in Cowes, will vacate its site to make way for the new Phillip Island Community Hospital.

According to Bass Coast Shire, the modular style building will be constructed off site ready for installation at Warley Avenue.

As of late July, works have included wall, floor and roof framing, electrical, mechanical and plumbing rough-in, screw piles installed and service connections underway.

Further works are expected to ramp up in September, including civil works and installation of the modular buildings.

The new building is expected to be finished in November this year.

At its May meeting, council also voted in favour to amend the Blue Gum Reserve Master Plan, to incorporate a PICAL's community garden which is located at their current site.

The total cost for the construction of the community garden was estimated to be around \$278,000.

PICAL will contribute \$38,764 towards the project, with the remaining \$239,300 to be contributed by council.



Phil Dressing, Debbie Barber, Ash Beaumont and Paul Fry made Steve's dream a reality when he moved home. C04_2922

Community chips in for Steve's home

STEVE Barber of Cowes had a stroke 10 years ago, but little did he know his biggest battle was yet to come.

"He had been complaining of a sore back, backwards and forwards to the doctors – X ray, scans; they put it down to a disc issue and inflammation from an old injury," Debbie Barber explained.

"What they didn't realise was that it was actually an infection which was attacking his spinal cord."

For six weeks Steve was on strong antibiotics and anti-inflammatories.

"On Friday morning, I got a call. 'I can't feel my legs. I can't move.'

Three ambulances and two fire trucks assisted in the hour's long narrow staircase rescue.

"Frankston hospital took one look at him and rang the Alfred."

Rushed to the Alfred, Steve was operated on – the infection had spread from the spinal cord to the spine.

Debbie and her partner, Ernie, spent weeks staying in the city by Steve's bedside.

Two days before Christmas, Steve was advised it unlikely he would ever walk again – it was 2019.

On nuclear medicine, Steve was transferred to Caulfield rehab and after six weeks came off the antibiotics.

Two weeks later the pain and infection were back.

Fracturing bone, vertebrae were now floating around Steve's body. Rods and screws were inserted to stabilise his spine.

In all Steve spent 11 months between hospital and rehab with a third relapse in the mix.

When he was finally released in October, Debbie arranged short term accommodation through NDIS and his case worker.

"Through all of this we were still hopeful Steve would be able to come home with a little bit of care and a few modifications."

The social worker, occupational therapist and physiotherapist sat down with Debbie and explained that Steve would not be



Steve Barber, Debbie Barber, Ernie Lopes, project manager Craig Bennett and carpenter Zac Bennett. Z02_2722

able to go home – there were no viable modifications that could be achieved with the house.

"The social worker was adamant on putting him into shared housing.

"It wasn't what Steve wanted and I said, I will turn hell and high water if you want to come home."

With Steve requiring round the clock care, it made financial sense for Debbie and Ernie to move into the main house and to build a unit for Steve; and so started the search for a suitable unit.

"We went to Bendigo and Ballarat looking and pricing everything up but unfortunately the bank would not extend our mortgage – I was only working part time to help care for Steve..."

Steve's life turned around when Phil Dressing from Vietnam Veterans Museum (where Steve had volunteered) and Paul Fry (from CYC where Steve had previously worked) joined forces, putting a proposal to Ash Beaumont at Ecoliv to see if they could help in any way, shape or form.

"Our son Aaron is a plumber, and he was prepared to do all the plumbing work and roofing, our son in law, Chris, an electrician, was prepared to donate all his time."

Selling their carport and caravan, \$7500 through Gofundme donations and a fundraising evening at Phillip Island Lawn

Bowls, they were able to raise enough money to kick off Steve's self-contained unit.

Ash Beaumont, Ecoliv, offered his services free of charge and put it out to his team and suppliers to see who might be able to assist and how.

Craig Bennett stepped in as the leading foreman.

"He went above and beyond – this man came out on weekends with his own son, Zac, digging and marking.

"Because of the urgency, as Steve's accommodation ceased on December 28, it was built on site."

With the specialised equipment closing for Christmas on December 23, time was of the essence as permits were approved, surveyors visited and works started.

Alongside Ash and Craig, Zane Mattock undertook the concreting. Neil McRae assisted with the footings and Paul McKenzie took rein as project coordinator.

The surveyor discounted his fees, Tradelink supplied the kitchen sink and basin free of charge, PKB provided tiles at cost, Wonthaggi Flooring provided a discount on the lino, Capeview Joinery also provided a discounted and purpose designed kitchen cabinetry, and Noel Burrell of DTM Communications set up the specialist electrics.

Plasterers, painters, tilers all pitched in.

Other businesses contributed at varying degrees including Beaumont Building Design, Tulum Windows, Bowens and Always Cool Air Conditioning.

On November 5, the foundations were just getting started, six and a half weeks later Steve moved in.

"Steve was positive the whole way through," Paul smiled.

The space an ode to what can be done when the community join forces.

"We were the conduit," Ash Beaumont explained.

"Every aspect people pitched in – tradies, suppliers."

Even the ramp, poured the day before, by Zane was done through community kindness.

Steve could finally enjoy a home cooked meal.

"I love cooking – and being able to cook was a very important part of coming home," Steve said.

"Travis (from Capeview) fitted the kitchen – he made sure I could move around, get under the sink and kitchen benches – it's absolutely brilliant!"

State of the art electrics mean Steve can control everything on his phone, whilst a beautiful interior colour combination, pitched roof and lighting create a home.

"It was an emotional day," Steve smiled.

"I'll never forget I drove up the ramp and burst into tears – it's unbelievable."

Steve had on occasion only been able to peer through the front window and even that included getting bogged.

Arriving home in time for Christmas meant Steve could enjoy time with the kids and grandkids from basketball to ten pin bowling – even Steve's beloved lawn bowls club have set up a wheelchair and specially built ramp.

"The effort everyone put in was amazing – thank you," Debbie said.

"Now I can do this journey in comfort knowing nothing is going to stop me," Steve beamed.

"I'm home!"

Local golf clubs receive much needed funded projects boost

MINISTER for Community Sport Ros Spence has announced the State Government is investing over \$400,000 towards golf course infrastructure projects from Leongatha to Barwon Valley.

Funded projects include more than \$37,000 towards a water saving fairway irrigation system at Mirboo North Golf Club as well as \$10,000 towards an upgrade of the practice facilities at Leongatha Golf Club.

Golf in Victoria contributes an estimated \$883 million to

the state's economy and supports 6900 jobs with more than 300,000 Victorians playing golf at more than 350 courses across the state.

Mirboo North Golf Club president Robert Clark spoke to the Sentinel Times recently on the recent funding his club has received.

"It was required to finish the irrigation system to the golf club, which also helps utilise the reclaimed water from the sewage authority so it's a win for them and us," he said.

"It's great to get the funding,

it'll be great for the club and for everyone that uses the facility because it'll be watered better, and things will grow better which is great."

Clark also explained how the funding will also help other clubs in the town.

"The main that runs through us, we're going to upgrade that as well, because it supplies water to the recreation reserve so it's a win for them as well, it's not just us, it's the cricket club, soccer club, it's great for the whole town," he said.

FOSTER

Ladies

FOSTER ladies played the short course on Wednesday but evidently it was still a hard slog.

Winner was Karen Saunders with 32 points.

NTP: 17th Elise Nudelman and BDTL Barb Britten.

Judy Bacon fresh after a few weeks off won the 9 holes with 11 points.

Raffle winner Pam Mathers. Next week August 10, Stableford.

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's competition

Thursday, July 28

Stableford (7 Players)

Pete Van Agtmaal (17) 32 Points

NTPs: 1st Peter Johnson, 10th

Greg Wilson and 13th Pete Van

Agtmaal

Saturday, July 30

Sponsor: Drummond Golf

Stableford (32 Players)

A Grade: Barry Kerr (13) 38

Points. B Grade: Dale Wyhoun

(24) 39 Points

NTPs: 1st Neil Spargo, 10th Ro-

land Rees and 13th David Gow

LEONGATHA

STABLEFORD July 26.

A-Grade winner: Craig Hutchinson with 39 points. R/up: Russell Williams with 32 points

B-Grade winner: Bradley Hines with 39 points. R/up: Ron Findlay with 35 points.

NTP 14th: Norm Hughes at 1.5m. 16th: John Cadd at 4.17m

9 Hole Front Nine Stableford, July 27.

1st: Glenys Day with 18 points

2nd: Glenyce McRobert with 17 points.

NTP second shot 7th: Helen Mackenzie.

Thursday Stroke July 28.

A-Grade winner: Norman Hughes with a score of 68 on a countback. R/up: Antony Gedye with a score of 68.

B-Grade winner: Ron Findlay with a score of 69. R/up: Malcolm Legge with a score of 73.

C-Grade winner: Angus Hume with a score of 70. R/up: Paul Luck with a score of 75 on a countback.

NTP 14th: Rod Mackenzie at 2.55m. NTP 16th: Russell Williams at 2.3m.

Congratulations to Paul Deery for his Eagle on the 8th.

John Westaway Memorial Ambrose Pairs.

After an absence of three years due to COVID lockdowns the John Westaway memorial, Ambrose pairs was contested Saturday in what can only be de-



Korumburra A Grade winner: Barry Kerr (13) 38pts with men's captain Roland Rees.

scribed as a perfect winter's day.

A field of 56 pairs set out to see who could walk away with the trophy on the day, the event is one of the club's stand-alone honour board competitions. John had a long and proud involvement with the club being both a past President and Club Champion, and amazingly shot under his age on 13 occasions.

The winners on the day were Andrew Smith and Barry Wright with a great score of 60.75 nett winning from Terry Lund and Damien Symmons who were the runners-up with 62 nett.

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3rd Place: Rod Hopcraft and Mark Lafferty with a score of 64.56 nett

NTPs: 14th Hole Norm Hughes 50cm, 16th Hole Terry Lund 100cm

Ladies

DUE to the unfavourable forecast the scheduled Par event last week was changed to a much more popular nine-hole Stableford.

The fifteen competitors just finished before the downpour. Glenys Day kept the ball on the fairway and finished with 18 points, just pipping Glenyce McRobert on 17 points.

Down the line balls were won by Marianne Leaver and Helen Mackenzie 16 points, Joc Howson 15, and Libby Seebeck and

Jill Moor on 14 points on a count back from few others.

Helen Mackenzie was closest to the flag, second shot, on the 7th hole.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, July 28, Stableford.

Day winner: R Thompson, (25), 37pts.

DTL: T Bradshaw, 35 and T Whitelaw, 34pts.

NTP: 6th S Duff,

Birdies: 16th, S Duff

Saturday, July 30, Stableford (Mulligans Day).

A Grade: G Renwick (12) 39 pts

B Grade: R CLark (18) 42pts

DTL: S Hill-Smith 41, N Whichello 39, N Rutledge 38, S Mc Kenzie 37 c/b

NTP: 4th N Whichello, 6th M Thompson, 16th, S Mills

Birdies: 4th, R Clark, N Whichello, R Scurlock,

Least Mulligans: R Scurlock (2)

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results July 30, S.R 71.

Competition type: Par

Winners: A Grade Daniel Crelin 0, B Grade Simon O'Halloran +3, C Grade Kevin Loughran -3.

Men's results July 28.

Competition type: Stableford 18-hole, SR. 71

Winner: Mick Bouke 35

Men's results July 28.

Competition type: Stableford 9-hole, SR. 36

Winner: Norm Burne 18

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Inverloch Bowls winners' Jeff Curwood, Mal Marshall, Judy Parker and Steve Snelling.

INVERLOCH

THURSDAY Social Bowls saw 24 players brave cooler weather conditions to take to the greens.

Six teams of fours fought it out for the day's honours.

Only two teams managed two wins for the day.

The winning team on 34 points was skipped by Mal Marshall, Lead was Judy Parker, second was Jeff Curwood and playing third was Steve Snelling.

Runners-up on 31 points was the team of Bruce Corrigan (skip), Nell van Grunsven, Karen Orford and Doug Archer.

MIDWEEK

THURSDAY, July 28, mid-week bowls was played at San Remo with 22 happy bowlers.

Winners 36 points, runners-up 35 points, one game winners 18 points.

Next week we will play at Koo Wee Rup 10am at the club for a 10.30am start.

Please be on time BYO lunch.

Everyone welcome, for more information please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974.

WONTHAGGI

SATURDAY saw a perfect day without a cloud in the sky with a gentle breeze.

A good number of bowlers took to the greens with one visitor from Phillip Island.

We had teams of three and



Wonthaggi's Pat Novak, Heather Stone, Allan Ireland and Lia Smith

CROQUET | SPORT

Wonthaggi Croquet news

WONTHAGGI Croquet Club had two representatives compete in the Quarry Hill, Bendigo doubles and singles tournaments held from July 13-15.

The now well-tuned pairing of Virginia Wheeler and Neil Warburton once again came up trumps, by winning the doubles with four wins from their five games.

Virginia then backed up to finish runner-up in her singles event, winning five from seven games.

Neil subsequently entered the Leongatha doubles on July

23-24, of where he teamed up with Janine Sisson from the Mornington club to win their section by winning five of their seven games.

Tom Lacey, whilst travelling through NSW, timed his (and Sue Baker's) journey to coincide with the NSW Golf Croquet Division two singles tournament held over three days at the Ballina club on the North East coast of NSW from July 15-17.

Tom finished fourth in the Plate playoffs. A great result against some stiff opposition.

Woolamai Beach Lifesavers nominated in state awards

WOOLAMAI BEACH Surf Life Saving club members will be celebrating at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins this weekend, as finalists enjoy the Life Saving Victoria's Awards of Excellence 2022.

Four members and one program are amongst the finalists with the evening celebrating the best in Victorian life-saving, by recognizing the outstanding achievements and contributions by lifesaving volunteers, members and those working across the aquatic industry.

"The Awards of Excellence are an opportunity to recognise and thank our volunteers, members and aquatic industry colleagues who go above and beyond in their roles in drowning prevention and water safety," Life Saving Victoria general manager - People, Emma Atkins said.

"In 2022, we are excited to introduce two new awards, the Inclusion Award and Club Nipper Program of the Year Award, allowing us to further acknowledge the diverse impact of our lifesaving activities."

"On behalf of Life Saving Victoria, I congratulate all our nominees and finalists on being recognised at this high level and thank you for your service. No matter how large or small your role is, it contributes to saving lives and helping to keep people safe in, on and around Victorian waterways."

Amongst the finalists Woolamai Beach is nominated for Nipper Club Program of the Year, and Charles Tuchtan for the Nipper Program Volunteer of the Year awards. Sofia Hungerford is a finalist in the Youth Lifesaver of the Year (14-17-year-old) category, and Ryan Box and Joshua Williams as finalists in the Youth Lifesaver of the Year (18-21) category.

"The club is very proud of these members and their nominations," Woolamai Beach president, Jason Close said.

"Whether they win or they are runners up we are really proud of the time and passion they put into lifesaving at Woolamai Beach."

Ella Arnold (Inverloch SLSC), Liam Maragnio (Cape Paterson SLSC), Venus Bay Patrol 2, Charlie Crawford-Rust (Cape Paterson SLSC), Lucy Tate (Inverloch SLSC) and Jackson Comrie (Inverloch SLSC) are amongst other local finalists across Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

Do one thing to prevent drowning

FIFTY-THREE individuals lost their life to drowning between 2021 and 2022.

On a mission to raise awareness of the many ways drowning can be prevented, the second annual World Health Organization (WHO) World Drowning Prevention Day was held last Monday.

Life Saving Victoria are encouraging everyone to do one thing to prevent drowning, from making safe decisions when we're around the water, to starting a conversation with a loved one or proactively equipping ourselves and those around us with safe water skills.

Their tips for staying safe are:

- Actively supervising children around water.
- Learning swimming, water safety and lifesaving skills.
- Wearing a lifejacket when boating, rock fishing or paddling.
- Swimming at a patrolled location wherever possible.
- Avoiding alcohol and drugs around water.

Anyone can drown, nobody should. What will your 'one thing' be to prevent drowning? Doing one thing can make the difference to save a life.



Phillip Island Shortboarder Harry de Roth will head north to Port Macquarie to represent Victoria at the Australian Surf Championships. Photo: Kately Shearer | Surfing Victoria.

Locals head north for Australian Surf Championships

SURFING Victoria is proud to announce the Victorian State Surfing Team Members for 2022 that will head to Port Macquarie next month for the Australian Surf Championships.

The prestigious event has not been run since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and will bring together more than 500 surfers to the NSW Mid North Coast for the 17-day event starting August 5.

Phillip Island's Harry de Roth will be flying the flag for not only Phillip Island but also Victoria in the Open Men Shortboard divisions in Port Macquarie.

"I'm frothing to get up there and represent Victoria," de Roth said.

"I'm going to try and make it into a road trip and enjoy the coast along the way. I've never surfed in Port Macquarie and from the clips I've seen of Matt Banting over the years it looks very, very fun!"

Victoria will have surfers in 35 divisions across the 17 days in disciplines such as Shortboard, Longboard, Logger and Bodyboard.

Australian Surf Championships | Port Macquarie, NSW August 5 - 22.

August 5 - Opening Ceremony for the Australian Shortboard Titles

August 6 - 10 - Australian Shortboard Titles (Further division scheduling to follow)

August 10 - Opening Ceremony for the Australian Longboard Titles

August 11 - 19 - Australian Longboard Titles (Further division scheduling to follow)

August 20 - Australian Para Surfing Titles (All divisions on standby)

August 21 - 22 - Reflections Holiday Parks Australian Bodyboard Titles (Further division scheduling to follow)

Full event information can be found at australiansurfchampionships.com

Victorian State Surfing Team:

Shortboard
Open Men: Harry de Roth (Phillip Island), Open Women:

Eva Bassed (Sandy Point), Kahunas Men 045: Arthur McKenzie (Phillip Island), Grand Kahunas Men 050: Arthur McKenzie (Phillip Island).

Longboard

Under 18 Junior Men: Tate Russell (Phillip Island), Under 18 Junior Women and Open Women: Niamh Moore (Phillip Island), Grand Masters Women 040: Jacque Chambers (Phillip Island) and Natalie Van Der Heyden (Phillip Island), Legends Men 065: Graeme Burgan (Cowes).

Logger

Under 18 Junior Men: Tate Russell (Phillip Island).

Good luck to all our local competitors.

Venus Bay makes waves on national stage



Victorian athletes in action.

men's mass rescue (Timmings, Hugh Knights, Ella Arnold, Sophie Glasson), open women's rescue (McAlear, Webb, Woolf) and the open women's mass rescue (McAlear, Webb, Woolf, McCroriston and Arnold, Glasson, Timmins, Ali-

sha Rowden).

Hickey and Woolf also competed in the Interstate Championships, which saw the nation's best drivers, crews and patients selected to represent their respective states in the open state and under 23 development teams.

They teamed up with Nicholas Vouk, Lachlan Hirth, Ava Robinson (South Melbourne Life Saving Club) and Brydie Logan (Williamstown Swimming and Lifesaving Club) to place fifth in the men's teams rescue, and Woolf joined Jasmine McJames-Court, Lauren Harrop and Georgie Park-Beard (Elwood LSC) to place sixth in the women's mass rescue.

This helped Victoria place second overall with 49 points, behind Queensland (51 points).

In addition to athletes, 17 Victorian officials were selected in safety and emergency management, judges, supervisors, starters, appeals, competition liaison, announcing, powercraft and scrutineering roles.

This included Venus Bay members Elliot Amalos, holding the Surf Life Saving Australia officials' scholarship, and Elise McCroriston.

Gippsland FC match reports

U13s metro – Gippsland Vs Dandenong Thunder

The under 13s played their third of four consecutive home games against equal top side Dandenong Thunder, and looked to avenge the 3-1 loss from round 1.

The Gippsland boys didn't start well and went 2-nil down early on by failing to close down the Dandenong striker for the first goal and then, a misplaced pass in front of goal gifted Dandenong their second and gave Cristian Guarascio in goal no chance. Archer Mallia was showing his class each time he took possession of the ball and the Dandenong players struggled to deal with him.

Gippsland's second half performance was much better, and they pulled one back after a well weighted pass from Mallia for Henry Knight to slot home a well worked goal. Knight had another chance to get the local boys back into the game however after great individual work, he missed the target when it mattered. Zach Semmens then hit the inside of the post as Gippsland began to dominate.

However, things turned quickly, and Dandenong scored two more to finish 5-1 winners. Player of the match went to Archer Mallia with strong performances from Henry Knight and Fraser Smith.

U15s JBNPL – Gippsland Vs Dandenong City

It is always tough football when Gippsland FC and Dandenong City face off.

Gippsland was to make the brightest start, quickly on the board through Aiden Rodriguez taking an excellent one on one chance. Gippsland would continue to dominate the half



Gippsland FC's Jett Koppen (U13).

with quick ball movement and strong team orientated play. They would consolidate their lead later in the half with goals from Spencer Boughton and Jesse Dugard, both on the end of some excellent lead up play. 3-0 at half-time Gippsland's way.

The second half saw Dandenong come out with more vigour determined to get back in the game, however, Gippsland worked their way back on top creating several attacking forays into Dandenong's half. Pressure continued to mount on Dandenong as Gippy gained control. This pressure would see the visitors concede an indirect free kick right in front of goals. Hen-

ry Wynne put the result beyond doubt with the kick. Gippsland running out winners 4-0.

U16s JBNPL – Gippsland Vs Goulburn Valley

The return battle of the regional teams in the South-East division of the Under 16 N.P.L. occurred on Sunday when Goulburn Valley came to Morwell to play Gippsland FC.

Gippsland struck early with Rinnan Trenton scoring his first goal for G.F.C. in the early minutes of the game. Trent Frost cut the ball into the box, allowing Trenton to tap the ball into the net.

Minutes later Trent Frost

had Gippsland out to a two goal lead when he intercepted a pass. At half time G.F.C. led two goals to one.

In the second half Ronald Kong was able to score from a penalty kick after he was pushed in the back. He scored again minutes later taking Gippsland to a 4-3 lead.

Gippsland fought hard but Goulburn Valley levelled scores in the dying minutes with the final result being an 4-4 draw.

U18s JBNPL – Gippsland Vs Goulburn Valley Suns

Ice cold conditions greeted the players as Gippsland took on Goulburn Valley Suns at LCS.

The traveling GV Suns were given an early wake up call when Gippsland had a guilt edged chance inside the six yard box. Gippsland were creating some great chances but just couldn't find the net for the opener.

GV Suns settled into the contest, controlling the ball well and creating chances of their own.

GV Suns would find the opener with a great individual effort being too much for the Gippsland defence. Gippsland came out strong in the second half and with Tana Betera and Charlie Cockell seeing more of the ball a goal seemed likely.

The equalizer finally arrived thanks to a wonderful strike from Harry Bettridge who saw an opening from a corner and slotted the ball home.

The game was in the balance with 25 minutes left however try as they might both teams couldn't find the winner with the game ending in a one all draw.

Gippsland FC 3 def Mornington FC 0

Festival of superkarts set for a superb weekend

THE final round of the 2022 ZuCoins Australian Superkart Championship will rock the Phillip Island circuit this weekend (August 5-7) with four races for each of the five classes of the Superkart championships.

The speed of these ground-hugging missiles must be seen to be believed with lap times of the International Class Karts quicker than a V8 Supercar or GT Sports car, and equal to that of the two-wheeled MotoGP machines around the 4.45km layout.

With almost 100 entries the action and excitement will be intense.

Unlike a Supercar, drivers are literally millimetres off the bitumen and sit in the open, increasing the sensation of speed.

The premier 250cc International Superkart class utilises extremely potent twin-cylinder, two-stroke machines with six gears, capable of speeds of over 250kmh. Additionally, there is the ultra-competitive 125cc Open Gearbox class, the 125cc Max Heavy and 125cc Max Lightweight classes and the Honda 125cc Stock class.

The Superkart Championship will be held over three days, with practice on Friday and qualifying and the four races for each class, on Saturday and Sunday. Entry is free including the pits, with on-track action commencing at 9am, each day.

Korumburra City soccer results

P-Island v Korumburra City

KORUMBURRA City (women) travelled to Phillip Island on Sunday, on a windy but dry afternoon.

Phillip Island won the toss and elected to kick with the wind, again Korumburra could only muster 10 players, so it was going to be a long afternoon on a large pitch.

However, it was Korumburra that applied the early pressure with a few early chances on the Philip Island goal.

But 15-minutes in Phillip Island broke the Korumburra defence with a swift counter attack and excellent finish.

The remainder of the first half remained cagey, with both side having chances from set plays.

Just before half time Korumburra conceded a penalty, Phillip Island converted to take a 2-0 lead into half-time.

The players switched around for the second half second half started, Korumburra pushed for a goal, the ball agonisingly close on a number of occasions but Phillip Island stayed solid at the back.

The fresh legs from Phillip Island opened us some other opportunities for them to stretch their lead and Korumburra managed a consolation goal late, but the final score was a win for Phillip Island 5-1.

Men's

At 3pm the senior men's game kicked off in what was to prove a very eventful game.

At the 30-minute mark the dead lock was broken when Riley Olden smashed a ball into the goal from outside the 18-yard box. Korumburra had other chances, but the Phillip Island defence held strong.

In the second half, Phillip Island were allying some pressure of their own when the ball broke and a through ball was laid on to Liam Richards who was one on one with the keeper and coolly slotted it home for a 2-0 lead.

Shortly after Phillip Island conceded a penalty which Liam Richards slotted home, and the frustration started to build in the Breakers.

As frustration increased the challenges got wilder, unfortunately another late challenge resulted in two more players with head injuries having to be removed from the field and the altercations afterward resulting in a red card of a Korumburra player.

The match was played out with Burra scoring a couple more goals to win the game 5-0.



Leongatha Knights defender Mandy Bongers steals the ball from her opponent.



Finn Clunie kicks the ball up field for Inverloch Stars during the Under 14 mixed. C29_3122

Reserves win 5-4

In an important fixture contributing to the decider of fourth position on the GSL ladder, the Leongatha Knights knew they needed to perform in this game. Unfortunately, the Knights were missing a number of their usual players but were thankful to the Under 17s who stepped up for the match.

With James Heneghan scoring a goal in the first minute of the match the outlook appeared positive. A follow up goal from Tom Murdoch who bested the defence to take on the GK one v one set the match in LKFC's

favour. A corner from Brian Gannon that found the head of captain Stu McNaughton and a strike from midfielder Charlie Dougherty followed by a second from James Heneghan saw the Knights lead 5-2 at half time. However, with some substitutions from the Inverloch bench, the tone of the game shifted with LKFC put under pressure to deny the home team. With Inverloch scoring another two goals, Leongatha nervously saw out the end of the game with some fantastic defensive work from centre team Jarryd Bongers and Colin Devenish. Player of the match went to Brian Gannon.

Seniors draw 2-2

Sitting on top of the GSL ladder, the LKFC were determined to maintain their position and went out strong against a composed Inverloch senior side. Much of the match was played out in the midfield as players from both sides battled for possession. An unfortunate defensive mistake saw Inverloch hit the back of the net first. Followed by another concession from the home side's corner play. Despite being 2 down early in the game, the Knights never lost their strength in combination

play. A fantastic finish from player of the match Jethro Alison saw Leongatha get on the score sheet heading into half time. The second half brought dominate play from Leongatha as Inverloch scrambled to keep the Knights out of goal scoring range. It was an excellent finish from midfielder Dan Thomas that levelled the score as Leongatha continued to battle for the game winner. Whilst some excellent shots were delivered the Knights were unable to find what they needed and settled for taking home the single point from a draw.

Leongatha Table Tennis results

LEONGATHA table tennis (season 2) got off to a slow start on the July 19, due to the cold weather and COVID related issues.

Week 2 saw the season really kick into gear with some hard fought matches.

The theme for team names this season is lollies.

A Grade: Chupa Chups 7-21 def Fantales 4-17

Jaffas 12-42 def Frogs 4-14, Snakes 16-49 def Team 3 2-9, Bye: Polly Waffles

After round 2 standings are (points/rubbers/games) Snakes: 4/16/49

Chupa Chups: 4/13/ 41, Jaffas: 2/12/42, Polly Waffles: 2/6/19, Frogs: 0/8/26, Team 3: 0/7/27, Fantales: 0/4/17

Leading players: Michael C 6, Case DeB 6, Dom M 5, Braden A 4, Kevin D 4, Andrew F 4

Wonthaggi make it to State Championships

CONGRATULATIONS to Braden, Callum, Andy and Jeremy - four Wonthaggi Table Tennis Club teenage players, who are headed to the State Secondary School Table Tennis Championships.

Last week they played together for Wonthaggi Secondary College in a final match against a Traralgon secondary school, winning a place to compete at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in the State Secondary School Table Tennis Championships in August.

The Wonthaggi boys did a clean sweep with a 6-0 win. Well done boys.

Wonthaggi Table Tennis local A1 competition commenced last week with some very hard-fought close matches.

John Colomiere, Leanne Costello and Fred Debono (Elephants) came back from 4-1 down to win 5-4. Fred and Leanne won the deciding doubles with the match score at 4 all. The match initially looked to be 'in the bag' for Michael Steenberger, David Kimmens and Andrew Freemantle (Warthogs), but it was not to be.

Four players ended the night unbeaten (Brad Andrew, Warren Wilson, Paul McCahey and Sean Michael).

Semi-finals this week:

A1 finals- top team Cavaliers (Braden Andrigutto, Paul McCahey) are through to the grand final after their 5-0 win last week against Pointers (Warren Wilson, Trish Denier).

The semi-finals will be Blue Heelers (Dirk Holwerda, John Colomiere) v Sausage Dogs (Brad Andrew, Jake Stivic).

The A2 team of David Kimmens and John Colomiere (Spuds) have gone through to the grand final. The semi-finals will be Cabbages (Leanne Costello, Jason Mayer) v Sprouts (Trish Denier, Tom Koster)

Juniors' social night is going well with David Kimmens and Trish Denier on Thursdays from 6.00 pm. All abilities welcome. Coaching available and equipment provided. Cost \$3pp per week.

Social table tennis for adults is on Wednesdays from 12pm. All welcome - all ages.

The memorial service to celebrate the life of long time WTTA member Judith Wright is on Thursday, August 4. It will be held at the Kilcunda-Bass Football/Netball Club Rooms, Hade Avenue Bass, commencing at 11 am.

Judith's service will be live streamed visit handleyanderson-funerals.com.au for the link.

See notice in Sentinel-Times.



Newly capped swimmers Isobel, Bec, Amalia and Emily celebrate with coach Sam after their first race.

Local swimmers heat up the pool in Ballarat

IT WAS a cold, early start in the mornings up in Ballarat, but that did not phase the South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimmers, many of whom have waited over two years to get back into the pool for the Victorian Short Course Championships.

SGB fielded a team of 44 swimmers, who achieved qualifying times to compete, making SGB the fourth biggest team at the meet.

Swimmers ranged from 9-year-olds in the under 11s to the open section.

SGB featured regularly on the podium on both days, with a number of swimmers medalling including two relay teams who both finished with second place medals.

Racing against other fast swimmers provided a challenge for the SGB swimmers, who all stood up to the challenge taking time off their personal bests and getting times under their current goal with several gaining a state time, which qualifies them to enter the State Age competition the next of couple of weekends at MSAC.

Coach Dylan, who also was among the competitors, spoke to the swimmers at the team meeting Sunday morning about how well they have bounced back from disappointments.

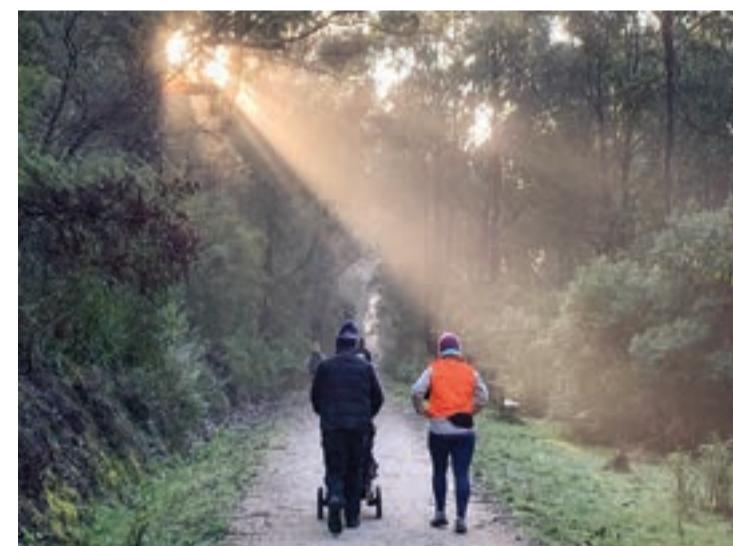
"In swimming as an individual sport, there's no team effort to hide behind, it's up there on the screen in black and white your result, it makes it hard, but the ability of so many of you to bounce back yesterday was fantastic," he said.

"We have come and really pushed ourselves and are sit-

ting up there close to the big clubs on the leadership table."

One of the team highlights for many was the duel in the pool between coaches Dylan and Caiden in neighbouring lanes in the 50m breaststroke, with Caiden taking out the honours.

For the experienced swimmers, the meet was a chance to practice against some close competition, before the State Short Course Championships and the School sport Australia Championships in Queensland in the coming weeks.



Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun held their 103rd event over the weekend.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

DESPITE a cold start the sun did eventually shine through the tall straight messmates on the Grand Ridge Rail Trail at Mirboo North for their 103rd parkrun event.

A small group of 20 runners and walkers started off on the 5km course behind the famous Grand Ridge Brewery along the long-ago decommissioned railway line.

Right on cue and just before 8am there was a warm welcome and run briefing by Run director Katrina Palmer... with the comment "if you get to Boolarra you've gone too far!"

The course is a quite narrow, but very picturesque and peaceful out-and-back parkrun through a rainforest of gum trees and tree ferns.

Rod Huffer was first over the line with a time of 20.40.

With only his 3rd run at GRRT, Rod is only 4 off his 200th parkrun.

First female over the line was Heather Farley, a keen parkrunner with 263 parkruns under her belt with a time of 26.26.

First timer Jen Briscoe enjoyed the walk with the pram brigade bringing up the rear with Tail Walker Liz Radcliffe.

Giants short on courts

KORUMBURRA Bena is keen to end its unwanted status as the only West Gippsland Football Netball Competition Club to have just one competition-standard netball court, but needs funding to achieve that goal.

While the club technically has a second court, it is of little use, the Giants grants officer Nadine Smith explained.

"We use it for warmups, but it doesn't have the (required) three metre run off, it's got holes in it and is slippery," she said of the decrepit indoor relic.

The lack of a second competition court is an impediment for Korumburra Bena when it comes to securing

finals at its ground.

"A lot of the clubs have D grades and under 11s and to be able to have the second court to run them at the same time, we just can't do it," Nadine said.

The dilapidated indoor court restricts what players are able to do safely during their warmups.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien said it is unfair for Giants netballers and their opponents having to put up with sub-standard facilities and is advocating for funding to make a second competition court a reality.

"This is something I'm continuing to work on with the club, trying to find the funding," Danny said.



Korumburra Bena takes on Nar Nar Goon on the Giants' only competition-standard netball court, a situation the club is keen to change. A06_3122



The tributes flowed for Wonthaggi Power netballer Courtney Young from all levels after she achieved 250 A Grade games for the club at the weekend. Photos: Paul Landells.

Powerful role model notches up 250 games

OVERWHELMINGLY, Courtney Young is a strong advocate and role model for the value and importance of football netball clubs to a community.

And it's one of the main reasons why she stays involved, with the same amount of drive and willingness to pass on her experience and love of the game and the club to others.

"I think football-netball clubs are just so important to individuals and to the community, providing that support system, the opportunity to prepare and play sport together and to learn to live in a community, to contribute and to enjoy it."

"I just love the Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Club and the people around it and the opportunity to be involved and to support this excellent group of young girls we have coming through now was one of the main reasons I wanted to come back after having children."

"We thought we had the young group that could come through and play finals in A Grade, if they stuck together, and hopefully this is the year that we'll be able to do that."

Last Saturday, Courtney Young passed a significant milestone in the sport when she reached the 250-game mark and the tributes and congratulations have come thick and fast, not just from her clubmates on the day, but also from Power's opponents on Saturday, Morwell, and also on social media in the days following.

On her netball:

- "She plays how everyone should. She's fearless and courageous and she always puts her body on the line," said Chloe Marshall.

- "I guess one thing sticks out to me is Court's work rate to get the ball back after a missed shot or turnover. Unbelievable and something I try to instil into my juniors," Fiona Cengia.

- "No matter where I throw it, even if it's an off-pass, I know Courts will come out of nowhere and receive it," Ellie Bates.

From the community:

- **Carmel Birkett:** "The word 'awesome' is just a drop in the ocean when it comes to 'Courts'. I have had the pleasure of watching and coaching you for many years. One of a kind when it comes to Power Netball and the many league representatives you put your hand up for, or been selected for. Team of the year several times, tournaments, championships etc. Love what you do."

- **Nathan Cant:** Congratulations



Courtney Young in action for Wonthaggi Power during her 250th A Grade game on Saturday.

Courts! Amazing achievement

- **Brooke Scapin:** What a superstar you are on and off the court. Congratulations. 'Courts Young' you are simply the best
- **Bernadette O'Mahony:** Congratulations Courts Young. A great achievement.
- **Abby Tranter:** Such a role model, Courts!

There could not be a better role model or contributor to the sport of netball locally and anyone who has played against, played with, or been coached by 'Courts' can recognise that.

"It was really nice for the Morwell girls to stop their preparations and come across and make a presentation to me as well."

"I think that says a lot about our sport and the friendships and respect that grows up. I've known quite a few of those girls through playing and representative teams. I think Courtney Garth is the only one who was playing but there are quite a few others in that group I know, so that was nice."

In actual fact, Courtney Young has played many more than 250 games of netball, if you put in the junior games, representative and tournament games, somewhere closer to 400, or even more.

But getting to 250 A Grade games is quite an achievement.

Courtney has played most of those games in her customary goal attack role, arguably the toughest spot on a netball court, but she played a lot as GD in juniors and can happily swing into the key defence role as needed.

It's where she believes Morwell has built its dominant position in the A Grade competition this year, with a very strong defence, posting a strong 45 to 27 victory on Saturday against the fifth-placed Power.

Courtney lists her individual high-

lights over her career to date as the 2009 premiership win against a very talented Dalyston team in 2009 and two state-wide, representative wins as captain of the Gippsland team, both finals played as curtain-raisers to Melbourne Vixens' games at Hisense Arena.

In one of those wins with Gippsland she was named MVP.

She's been runner-up best and fairest in the Gippsland League twice and won 11 club best and fairests, but it's the involvement across the whole club, including coaching and "giving back to the sport" that she values equally among her highlights.

Asked what she loves most about the sport and why she stays involved, Courtney said she loves the competitive nature of the sport, the need to drive your own fitness to reach the desired standard, the toughness of it as well, and then also the team aspect of it and how you have to rely on others to be your best.

"I love the club too, the opportunity to play sport, the social side as well and the opportunity to help others to get the best out of themselves."

For the support she has received over the journey, Courtney thanked her parents, Neil and Judy, for the amount of travelling they have done over the years, she thanked her husband Phil for looking after the kids while she trains and plays, and her coaches and teammates.

"I've had a lot of really good coaches, both locally and at representative level, and you get something important from all of them."

Courtney thoroughly enjoyed her day on Saturday, apart from the result of course, and now it's on with the job of securing a place in the finals over the rounds that remain, against Bairnsdale and Moe, both winnable games for Power A Grade.



Zara in action recently.

'Gatha tennis star bound for Missouri

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"She felt like she really wanted to give it a crack, we went through a gentleman in Traralgon Glen Kirstine, he was excellent he's an agent for athletes that want to do college sport, his business is Collegiate Connections.

"He sources out opportunities, then you sort through those, get in contact with the colleges, they interviewed us, and we interviewed them, there was about eight different universities.

"Then from there you see what's a good fit for you and talk to the coach get in contact with their team, Zara had to send a lot of footage of her shots, they have to like her play, then we got this offer from the university."

Zara will have to balance living and studying at the University, while also representing them in their tennis program, competing against other colleges in their division.

"It's part academic and part sport scholarship, over there you have to study because they're still pretty big on their grades, if you don't perform in the classroom, you can get dropped from the tennis team," Zara said.

"There's eight to 10 girls in the team and they rank from one to 10 and we travel around and play other colleges in our division and conference."

Zara said she looks forward to the challenge of ensuring her performances both on court and in the classroom are excellent.

"School officially starts on the August 22, so I'll have orientation for the first couple of days to get settled into my dorm, move all my stuff in and meet my roomies, then it's straight on court," she said.

"I want to just get over there, settle in, meet the girls and really just make sure my form is really strong so I can slot into the team nicely and train hard, stay really focused and start out strong."

"I'm looking forward to a new environment, to train in and new people to play against and hit against, new advice from the coaches, I'm looking for a change because

obviously I've lived here my whole life, so I'm keen to go see life over there."

Managing new challenges and tests are exactly what Zara loves most about the game of tennis, which she likened to life itself.

"I love how you can be in a team but it's also individual, being on court it can really test you; you never know what's going to be thrown at you or what your opponent is going to be like," she said.

"Everyone that you play, plays different so having to adapt to different situations in the heat of the moment and playing in the sun is nice."

Zara had a long list of thank yous to give out, obviously starting with her parents and Warren expressed his gratitude to those locals that have assisted his daughter along the way too.

"Mum and dad, obviously my coaches Matt Pocklington, Graham Charlton and Aidan Fitzgerald (Gippsland Sports Academy), the people from the Leongatha club they've always pushed me, especially the older ones, giving me opportunities, I've always been the youngest."

"Her Saturday team, all the local players she's played with and against, a lot of local players have put a lot of time into her, playing with, and against her, she's been in A grade since she was 14 and they've really helped," Warren said.

Zara will compete with girls from all over the world from America and several parts of Europe, and for anyone wanting to follow her journey, she explained how they can do so.

"You can get online on the William Woods website, you can livestream my matches, support the William Woods Facebook, social media is probably the biggest one," Zara said.

"There might be some young girls out there just go 'if she can do it, I can do it' so it'd be really good to get more young girls involved in tennis," Warren added.

The 18-year-old will arrive in Fulton, Missouri on August 14 and will commence playing and studying the next week.

A GRADE

Fish Creek 55 d Foster 27
 Mirboo North 76 d Boolarra 44
 Morwell East 69 d Hill End 33
 Newborough 67 d Thorpdale 41
 Tarwin 74 d Stony Creek 16

B GRADE

Fish Creek 45 d Foster 35
 Mirboo North 72 d Boolarra 22
 Morwell East 58 d Hill End 29
 Newborough 61 d Thorpdale 27
 Tarwin 44 d Stony Creek 32

C GRADE

Fish Creek 55 d Foster 12
 Mirboo North 39 d Boolarra 31
 Morwell East 48 d Hill End 27
 Newborough 30 d Thorpdale 15
 Tarwin 37 d Stony Creek 18

D GRADE

Mirboo North 41 d Boolarra 15
 Morwell East 31 lt Hill End 44
 Newborough 50 d Thorpdale 21
 Tarwin 19 lt Stony Creek 21

17 & UNDER

Morwell East 65 d Hill End 30
 Tarwin 49 d Stony Creek 17

15 & UNDER

Mirboo North 35 d Boolarra 21
 Morwell East 22 lt Hill End 40
 Newborough 7 lt Thorpdale 40

13 & UNDER

Fish Creek 14 d Foster 12
 Mirboo North 38 d Boolarra 16

» LADDERS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Mirboo North	178.91	60
Toora	179.36	58
Morwell East	194.52	56
Yinnar	155.82	54
Fish Creek	115.03	44
Newborough	111.20	44
Boolarra	89.62	32
MDU	100.58	28
Tarwin	94.60	28
Hill End	75.13	20
Foster	52.35	16
Stony Creek	31.08	12
Thorpdale	53.49	8

B GRADE

	%	pts
Morwell East	160.41	62
Mirboo North	179.91	58
Toora	175.66	56
Yinnar	154.25	52
MDU	115.57	40
Fish Creek	104.17	40
Newborough	103.38	36
Boolarra	94.35	36
Hill End	79.91	22
Stony Creek	60.16	18
Foster	63.71	16
Thorpdale	53.34	12
Tarwin	52.14	12

C GRADE

	%	pts
MDU	232.22	64
Newborough	162.78	58
Yinnar	142.19	50
Toora	123.68	50
Morwell East	149.45	48
Mirboo North	135.41	46
Tarwin	110.23	30
Fish Creek	100.20	28
Boolarra	84.77	26
Hill End	84.54	26
Stony Creek	62.48	18
Thorpdale	48.67	8
Foster	20.33	8

D GRADE

	%	pts
Yinnar	199.17	62
Mirboo North	185.54	54
Morwell East	148.75	52
Hill End	130.00	52
Newborough	107.29	48
Toora	107.33	42
MDU	82.46	34
Tarwin	57.75	28
Boolarra	56.10	28
Stony Creek	63.17	24
Thorpdale	52.46	16

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
Mirwell East	214.52	62
Mirboo North	135.12	60
Fish Creek	133.98	52
Yinnar	139.86	48
Tarwin	110.36	46
Newborough	101.12	40
Toora	87.53	34
Boolarra	93.65	32
Stony Creek	43.01	24
Hill End	47.72	18

15 & UNDER

	%	pts
Yinnar	221.53	60
Thorpdale	217.84	60
Mirboo North	177.13	52
Toora	198.92	48
Boolarra	155.56	48
MDU	101.54	40
Hill End	100.96	36
Morwell East	50.44	28
Newborough	45.60	24
Stony Creek	35.11	24
Fish Creek	41.49	20

13 & UNDER

	%	pts
Mirboo North	100.00	64
Boolarra	75.00	56
Hill End	75.00	56
Toora	62.50	52
Fish Creek	40.00	40
Foster	25.00	40
Tarwin	14.29	40
MDU	11.11	32

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Stony Creek makes a pass. Photo: Gerard Bruning



Goal attack Gemma Thomas had her eye in throughout Saturday's match against Cora Lynn. C61_3122



Mirboo North's Jessie Holland (A Grade) in the heat of the game. Photo: Annie Holland



Fish Creek's (B Grade) Emily Wilson looks for the next pass.



Goal keeper Olivia Bramley prepared to intercept a ball intended for Cora Lynn. C59_3122

WEST GIPPSLAND

» RESULTS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Dalyston	49 d	Cora Lynn 34
Inverloch-K	73 d	Garfield 22
KWR	34 d	Warragul 57
NNG	51 d	Kor-Bena 38
Phillip I.	45 lt	Tooradin-D 67

B GRADE

	%	pts
Bunip	27 d	K-Bass 18
Dalyston	46 d	Cora Lynn 13
Inverloch-K	68 d	Garfield 12
KWR	35 d	Warragul I. 18
NNG	10 lt	Kor-Bena 57
Phillip I.	52 d	Tooradin-D 27

15 & UNDER

	%	pts
Bunip	27 d	K-Bass 20
Dalyston	20 d	Cora Lynn 0
Inverloch-K	40 d	Warragul I. 23
KWR	24 lt	Kor-Bena 31
NNG	34 lt	Tooradin-D 16

13 & UNDER

	%	pts
Bunip	13 d	K-Bass 4
Dalyston	9 lt	Cora Lynn 36
Inverloch-K	33 d	Garfield 29
KWR	35 d	Warragul I. 15
NNG	41 d	Kor-Bena 23
Phillip I.	30 lt	Tooradin-D 32

D GRADE

	%	pts

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Nyora's Georgia Tuckey (B Grade) looks for options. C63_3122



Wonthaggi Power got their cheerleading on in between A and B Grade on Saturday. C63_3122



Power's Jess McRae (C) intercepts the ball in Saturday's game against Morwell. C64_3122



Dalyston were there to win on Saturday and that's what they did, as Bella Schmidt secured the ball for another point. C60_3122



It's all hands up as the ball rebounded in the goal circle for Wonthaggi Power. C65_3122



Courtney Young (GA) jumps for the rebound as it's knocked out of play. C67_3122



Stony Creek attempt to intercept as Tarwin looks to secure. Photo: Gerard Bruning

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» RESULTS

A GRADE

Buln Buln 29 It Trafalgar 59
N-Darnum 60 d Nyora 34
Neirim Sth 52 d Lang Lang 26
Catani 37 It Ellinbank 59

B GRADE

Buln Buln 62 d Trafalgar 54
N-Darnum 78 d Nyora 39
Neirim Sth 53 d Lang Lang 31
Catani 36 It Ellinbank 56

C GRADE

Buln Buln 37 d Trafalgar 0
N-Darnum 52 d Nyora 19
Neirim Sth 34 d Lang Lang 27
Catani 23 It Ellinbank 43

» LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neirim South	295.18	60	Trafalgar	203.46	52
Trafalgar	149.81	52	Poowong	134.67	44
Nilma Darnum	167.62	46	Catani	131.58	44
Ellinbank	143.95	44	Ellinbank	111.24	42
Lang Lang	114.45	40	Lang Lang	109.68	36
Catani	94.54	28	Buln Buln	104.79	32
Buln Buln	82.68	26	Longwarry	99.61	26
Nyora	67.57	16	Nilma Darnum	72.79	24
Longwarry	73.61	12	Yarragon	87.57	20
Poowong	65.86	12	Neirim South	51.56	8
Yarragon	36.43	4	Nyora	46.67	8

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Ellinbank	252.48	60	Longwarry	214.86	58
Buln Buln	163.46	52	Buln Buln	185.25	44
Trafalgar	144.05	40	Yarragon	185.07	40
Nilma Darnum	132.04	40	Catani	133.68	40
Neirim South	157.03	38	Trafalgar	128.52	38
Catani	108.73	36	Ellinbank	133.81	36
Lang Lang	94.48	34	Poowong	114.58	30
Nyora	64.57	16	Nilma Darnum	99.06	30
Poowong	50.00	12	Lang Lang	34.81	12
Longwarry	52.35	4	Neirim South	20.72	8
Yarragon	38.90	4	Nyora	0.00	0

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Nilma Darnum	211.86	56	Trafalgar	219.69	56
Ellinbank	209.38	52	Nyora	131.54	44
Longwarry	182.86	48	Longwarry	134.60	40
Buln Buln	135.48	44	Yarragon	144.36	36
Neirim South	125.54	44	Lang Lang	114.13	34
Catani	102.99	36	Catani	95.89	34
Lang Lang	75.65	20	Nilma Darnum	105.79	32
Trafalgar	68.02	14	Buln Buln	85.64	32
Nyora	59.08	14	Neirim South	65.84	12
Poowong	45.89	4	Poowong	48.26	10
Yarragon	37.96	0	Ellinbank	43.98	6

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» RESULTS

A GRADE

Traralgon 74 d Bairnsdale 35
Wonthaggi 27 It Morwell 45
Warragul 60 d Sale 10

B GRADE

Traralgon 52 d Bairnsdale 30
Wonthaggi 35 It Morwell 56
Warragul 51 d Sale 33

C GRADE

Traralgon 42 d Bairnsdale 33
Wonthaggi 20 It Morwell 39
Warragul 32 d Sale 31

» LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Morwell	170.88	62	Sale	173.73	64
Leongatha	160.75	48	Traralgon	172.51	60
Moe	128.95	44	Wonthaggi	121.63	42
Traralgon	109.19	40	Morwell	101.35	34
Wonthaggi	110.03	34	Drouin	90.89	30
Drouin	108.65	32	Leongatha	100.80	28
Warragul	91.82	24	Maffra	95.44	24
Maffra	81.65	16	Bairnsdale	96.35	22
Sale	57.25	12	Warragul	58.94	8
Bairnsdale	50.67	0	Moe	48.10	0

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Leongatha	185.52	60	Maffra	180.09	58
Traralgon	152.78	48	Traralgon	287.30	56
Moe	127.36	48	Sale	225.91	56
Maffra	125.66	48	Leongatha	166.58	38
Bairnsdale	75.99	28	Bairnsdale	113.72	28
Morwell	102.15	24	Morwell	84.04	28
Drouin	80.24	18	Wonthaggi	99.05	24
Wonthaggi	70.21	18	Moe	37.57	12
Warragul	74.22	12	Drouin	24.67	6
Sale	67.64	8	Warragul	24.82	2

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Maffra	165.27	60	Traralgon	279.47	64
Leongatha	180.51	52	Sale	284.58	60
Morwell	125.45	42	Bairnsdale	177.99	48
Traralgon	114.97	42	Wonthaggi	101.97	36
Warragul	104.09	34	Maffra	100.00	28
Drouin	85.37	32	Leongatha	80.20	28
Sale	79.80	16	Moe	51.95	16
Wonthaggi	71.58	16	Warragul	47.79	16
Moe	81.75	12	Morwell	50.17	12
Bairnsdale	59.06	6	Drouin	42.26	4

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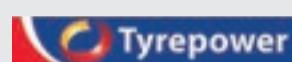
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Patrick Dangerfield calls for countdown clock on screens during games

By Nic Negrepontis

GEELONG star Patrick Dangerfield has called for a countdown clock to be on the scoreboard during games.

Players are kept in the dark as to the time remaining during a quarter, with coaches needing to relay the time left via runners and signs on the bench.

This was very evident when Richmond's Noah Cumberland played on as the siren sounded after taking a mark 50m out from goal, just needing to score to win.

"I was actually looking up when the first digital clock was invented, 1961 it was, yet in an AFL game, with all the technology that we have, we still have team members and staff holding pieces of paper on the sideline saying, '30 seconds to go,'" the AFLPA President told SEN's Whateley.

"I just think it's pretty pedestrian that we don't exactly have the information that we can see straight away. I don't think it detracts one bit from the game itself and as a supporter if you don't want to look at it, don't look at it, but it's something that's pretty valuable for us as players."

"It just doesn't make sense to me that we have staff on the side of play holding up signs."

"I don't think it attracts that much that we can't have a countdown clock."

"I remember my early pre-season days at Adelaide and our conditioning staff at the time ... we would do sets without knowing what the end reps were because he could always fall back on 'during a game you don't get a clock, so we're just going to run you and you have to attack every single rep until we say that and that's bloody hard to do."

"I'm not sure why there is anyone who opposes it. I don't think it's a unique thing in our game like 'wow, that's pretty special to have'. Surely it's something we can look at going forward."

"I don't buy into the idea that the players will look at it and the game will be dull. At the moment the game is as exciting as it has ever been ... the game is in great shape, I don't think it would in any way detract from that."

Dangerfield and the Cats will be looking to solidify their spot on top of the ladder when they host St Kilda on Saturday night.



There are reports that former Carlton defender Liam Jones, is looking join the Western Bulldogs. Photo: AAP Image/James Ross

Jones decides on preferred AFL club for 2023

FORMER Carlton defender Liam Jones wants to join the Western Bulldogs, reports SEN's Sam Edmund.

Edmund understands that a three-year deal is in the works for Jones to return to the Bulldogs for 2023, the club where he began his AFL career.

Jones retired from AFL football last November after choosing not to follow the AFL's COVID-19 vaccination mandate.

The 31-year-old played in the QAFL for Palm Beach Currumbin in 2022.

"Liam Jones has made his decision," Edmund told SEN Mornings.

"The 31-year-old defender, who stepped away from Carlton after refusing to adhere to the AFL's COVID-19 vaccine mandate, has decided where he wants to play next year."

"Liam Jones wants to go back to where it all began at the Western Bulldogs."

"Rival clubs have been informed by the Jones camp – thanks, but no thanks. The rebounding backman wants to

head back to the Whitten Oval.

"This hasn't been confirmed by the Dogs I need to stress, but I'm told this is a three-year deal for Jones that he will accept in his return to the top level."

"He's 32 come February, Liam Jones, so it's a pretty big show of faith from the Bulldogs."

"How Liam Jones gets back to the Dogs, who knows. I'm not even sure the Dogs even know at this stage how this would come to pass because it is a test case."

"Jones, as we know, retired in November last year in the face of the no jab, no play mandates. Under existing rules, players who retire can't re-join the competition for 18 months."

"The Dogs and Jones' management, they're seeking an exemption here."

The Blues are pursuing compensation for losing Jones at the end of last season.

Jones has played 161 AFL games – 66 with the Dogs and 95 with Carlton.

Where Essendon needs to strengthen in trade period

FORMER AFL list manager Matt Rendell is confident Essendon will play finals in 2023, providing they get busy in the off-season.

After yet another slow start to the season, the Bombers have improved in the second half of the year.

They fell agonisingly short of making it four wins in a row when falling to Collingwood recently.

One of their biggest problems, especially to start the year, was their inability to kick winning scores. With Cale Hooker and Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti both retiring after combining for 67 goals last year, Essendon lost plenty of firepower.

Eight times this year they've

By Seb Mottram

kicked 72 points or less, including a four-game stretch of less than 55 points between Rounds 9-13.

Despite an improvement in recent games, Rendell still hopes to see the forward line bolstered in the off-season.

"Their biggest problem at the moment is they're relying on Peter Wright and Harrison Jones," he said on SEN's The Sporting Capital.

"Jones is going to be a future star obviously, but he's still a young kid playing in that second key role, really, he's more suited as a third tall."

"But what they really need is a gun forward, they haven't got one since Tippa (McDonald-

Tipungwuti) retired, they miss him badly."

Peter Wright has been a revelation for the Bombers to average 2.5 goals a game this year, while Jones has kicked 11 majors in eight games.

Ben Rutten has also dealt with an undersized backline throughout 2022.

Jayden Laverde, Brandon Zerk-Thatcher and Jordan Ridley are currently the side's three key defenders.

Rendell further called on Adrian Dodoro's list team to go after a bigger key back, suggesting that will get them right into the finals mix.

"They've got a really good young key back in Zach Reid, but I think if they're going to cause some havoc next year,

and I think they can, they need to try and get a senior key back," he added.

"James Stewart did a really admirable job last year but hasn't been about this year... I think they had a really poor pre-season, and they paid the price for it, but they've shown what they can do."

"They should make the eight next year I would have thought, with any luck with injury."

Reid and Stewart are both plying their trade in the VFL, with the latter swinging forward to kick 14 goals in his last four games in the reserves.

The club has already highlighted plans to be active in the 2022 trade period, however, they're unlikely to trade their first-round pick.

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Dylan Heylen looks for an option amid the action.



Nyora's Scott Pugh pushes past his opponent.

Nyora pushes hard to solidify win

THE senior game was a tight contest in the first half on a terrific sunny day at Darnum.

Nyora held a 16-point lead at half time with Dylan Heylen leading from the front and being in charge.

Travis Stewart in the ruck was holding his own against ex Nyora ruckman Nick Carrigy.

Other players to be performing well were Nick Fairbank, Kel Rigby and Aiden Simmonds.

In the third quarter, Nyora broke loose kicking nine goals to two with Taylar Gard and Marvin Sellars kicking three each for the quarter.

Travis Stewart took a hangover and helped himself to two goals for the quarter, while Jesse Heylen was among the action playing on ball as was Adam Pugh.

In the last quarter, Nyora kicked away again, scoring a very good win with all play-

ers contributing across the ground.

Reserves

This game was an excellent game with both sides toing and froing.

Nyora held a small lead at the third quarter break.

Darnum kicked early goals to put their noses in front before Nyora bounced back with Trent Breen kicking a late goal. Nyora winning by four points.

But Darnum hadn't finished kicking a late goal in the last two minutes to hold a two point lead.

From the centre, Nyora got a quick break and drove forward with Trent Breen marking 30 metres out in front.

The siren went with Nyora two points down. Trent held his nerve to slot it through the middle for an after the siren goal, Nyora winning by four points.

Reminder for Poowong supporters

POOWONG play Neerim South at Neerim South next weekend.

On Thursday night the club has a dinner for Life Members and Sponsors in the rooms.

Contact Ted Attenborough 0407 597 341 if attending.

Karingal overthrow undermanned Breakers



Tess Wingfield assesses her options.

THE Breakers ventured to Karingal for a double header with the Karingal men's side as part of the WorkSafe Country-Club Program.

With a large crowd behind them the home side got off to a better start kicking two goals in the first quarter.

This lead would prove to be match winning with the wet and boggy conditions making for a hard slog and low scoring contest.

The Breakers defence worked tirelessly all game and managed to stop Karingal scoring another goal after quarter time.

Stacey Poke, Hannah Mills and Chelsea Connell once again led the way with their fierce attack on the ball and ability to get in the right position.

Immy Bradfords pressure and multiple efforts were impressive in the midfield along

with Tess Wingfield who was strong at the clearances and a great target coming out of defence.

A late second quarter goal from Kate Caughey gave the Breakers a sniff going into the main break.

Going into the match undermanned, the Breakers were down to 16 players in the third quarter but battled hard until the end.

Coach Bianca Helmuth-Pask was happy with the team's endeavour and effort, highlighting players such as Georgia Sharp and Ella Cargill who stepped up in different roles.

Final score: Karingal 2.6-18 def Bass Coast 1.1-7

The Breakers are hosting a pride March for last match of the home and away season Sunday August 7, 11am at Dalyston

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NYORA

NILMA DARNUM

Nyora 3.4 5.7 14.11 19.13 (127)
Nilma Darnum 1.2 3.4 5.5 6.9 (45)

GOALS, Nyora: Taylor Gard 5, Travis Stewart 4, Marvin Sellers 3, Jesse Heylen, Adam Pugh 2, Dylan Heylen, Angus McGillivray, Kallon Rigby 1 each

BEST: Travis Stewart, Taylar Gard, Dylan Heylen, Adam Pugh, Jesse Heylen, Marvin Sellers

GOALS, Nilma Darnum: Nathan Campbell, Harley Lacunes, Harry Moore, Christopher Cameron, Malcolm Hunter, Stanton Till 1 each

BEST: Jeremy Jarred, Oxley Huson, Harry Moore, Nathan Campbell, Ben Giles, Nick Carrigy

RESERVES

Nyora 2.2 4.3 6.4 8.7 (55)
Nilma Darnum 1.1 4.1 5.2 8.3 (51)

GOALS, Nyora: Trent Breen 3, Darren Jameson 2, Aiden Cumberland, Dylan Harkin, Shaun Lamb 1 each

BEST: Shaun Lamb, Aiden Cumberland, Lincoln Brock, Trent Breen, Dylan Harkin, Darren Jameson

GOALS, Nilma Darnum: Robert Campbell 1, Ezra Slade 1 each

BEST: Robert Campbell, Benjamin Miron, Ryan Wyley, Garry Hallam, Corey Wright

» IN OTHER GAMES

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Buln Buln 11.12.78 d Trafalgar 4.5.29
Neerim South 18.17.125 d Lang Lang 7.9.51
Ellinbank 17.20.122 d Catani 2.3.15

RESERVES

Trafalgar 9.8.62 d Buln Buln 7.4.46
Neerim South 10.12.72 d Lang Lang 4.3.27
Ellinbank 35.20.230 d Catani 0.1.1

THIRDS

Neerim South 24.23.167 d Lang Lang 1.0.6
Buln Buln 12.6.78 d Ellinbank 10.11.71

FOURTHS

Trafalgar 5.8.38 d Buln Buln 3.5.23
Neerim South 8.16.64 d Lang Lang 2.3.15

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SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	15	0	389.48	60	Ellinbank	14	1	488.15	56	Neerim South	13	1	865.61	52	Longwarry	13	1	447.01	52
Buln Buln	12	4	208.94	48	Trafalgar	13	2	273.09	52	Ellinbank	10	4	155.03	40	Yarragon	12	1	339.26	48
Trafalgar	11	4	198.43	44	Neerim South	12	3	504.58	48	Buln Buln	8	6	76.50	32	Neerim South	9	5	160.01	32
Poowong	10	5	196.51	40	Lang Lang	11	4	273.64	44	Longwarry	6	7	73.46	24	Ellinbank	8	5	118.32	32
Ellinbank	9	6	171.17	36	Buln Buln	10	6	255.20	40	Yarragon	4	10	37.28	16	Lang Lang	4	9	59.44	16
Lang Lang	8	7	146.32	32	Longwarry	8	7	154.96	32	Lang Lang	0	12	32.82	0	Trafalgar	4	9	41.55	12
Longwarry	7	8	95.18	28	Poowong	5	10	60.04	20	Poowong	0	0	0.00	0	Poowong	2	11	37.41	8
Nyora	6	10	65.89	24	Yarragon	5	10	58.41	20	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Buln Buln	2	13	31.62	8
Yarragon	5	10	81.62	20	Nyora	5	10	42.12	20	Trafalgar	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Catani	1	15	27.32	4	Nilma Darnum	1	14	10.66	4	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	15	15.72	0	Catani	0	16	7.11	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0

McMicking's game 300 highlights Shark's victory

IT WAS a big day down at Shark Park, with both teams having a lot to play for.

For the home team, it was a milestone game for a favourite son, 300 games for Ed McMicking, while the away team had a big game ahead, trying to take down the ladder leaders to keep their finals hopes alive.

Both teams were putting out high amounts of pressure around the ball, with Noah Bee-Hickman and Hayden Funnell seeing a lot of early ball for Tarwin and Stony Creek respectively.

With Tarwin at one end peppering the goals, it took 21 minutes for the first goal to be kicked, a strong punt from Funnell, putting the Creek in front by a singular point but with spirits high into the break.

However, whatever was said at the break to the Sharks came well and truly through, they knew they wanted blood.

Finding their first for the game three minutes in from a solid kick from Cooper McInnes, one of his three for the day, they started to dominate within the midfield, finding a groove and flow that showed why they were the team to beat.

The Stony defence had their work cut out for them, with Matt Brown and Jacob Byrnes showing fight and pressure, but it's all they could do, heading into the main break 26-points down.

With the premiership quarter coming up, both teams knew they had to put in an effort, with Stony hunting, and Tarwin trying to put their foot down.

The class and ball movement of Tarwin, coupled with the pressure around the ball allowed them some free flowing and fast paced footy, putting the mids and back for the



Tarwin and Stony Creek fought hard on Saturday, but it was ultimately Tarwin who would end up on top. Photos: Gerard Bruning

Creek under the pump.

The battle of the midfield was strong, however, with the likes of Tom Vanderkolk and Darcy Atkins doing battle, but with polish they have had all season, it was Tarwin's quarter, finishing with four goals to enter the final change 55-point ahead.

Stony looked to get some pride back into their game, kicking two early quarter goals, including one to returning veteran Chris Verboon.

But it was the favoured son of the Sharks, Ed McMicking who stole the show in the last, kicking three goals, including the cheeky sealer from right in front to put his stamp on what will be a memorable game for both him and the club, ending with the win by 63 points.

With top of the table wrapped up now, the minor premiers head down to Toora, while the Lions head across for the Rumble in the Jungle at Foster, in what should be tough fight for them.



Tarwin and Stony Creek clash for possession.

Tough battle and tough loss for Fish Creek

By Rob Popplestone

FOR Foster, finals were basically locked away prior to their journey to Fish Creek to take on the Kangaroos.

But what was still being worked on was some fine tuning with a talented squad, who are hoping to be even better in a few weeks' time.

The home side with nothing to lose, but a giant scalp to take; the question was, could they catch the Tigers napping

group to absorb the pressure.

"We finish off the year with a couple of home games, firstly against Stony Creek who have nothing to lose."

It was probably one that got away from Fish Creek.

John Danckert, Fish Creek coach said, "We flew out of the blocks (today), some inaccuracy in front of goal in the first quarter cost us an early lead. The Foster boys were just

better for longer (today).

"We showed signs of what might have been for us. We head into the bye now with one to play against Mirboo North."

With just a fortnight of matches remaining, there still remains plenty of possibilities for many sides, and the fact is that clubs don't even need to be in finals contention to have a huge impact on how the top six settles.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 16

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Tarwin.....	12	2	199.30	56	Newborough.....	15	0	389.12	64	Mirboo North.....	16	0	300.23	64
Newborough.....	11	4	159.97	48	Toora.....	13	1	350.84	60	MDU.....	10	6	154.57	40
Foster.....	10	4	140.21	48	Yinnar.....	11	3	350.26	52	Yinnar.....	9	7	163.44	36
Boolarra.....	9	4	122.43	46	Tarwin.....	11	3	220.54	52	Foster.....	9	7	111.24	36
Morwell East.....	9	5	126.55	44	MDU.....	9	5	131.82	44	Hill End.....	2	13	31.48	8
Hill End.....	9	5	116.91	42	Boolarra.....	8	6	103.64	40	Tarwin/Fish Creek.....	2	14	26.69	8
Yinnar.....	7	7	176.74	36	Morwell East.....	7	7	113.10	36	Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0
Stony Creek.....	7	7	95.68	36	Stony Creek.....	7	7	109.53	36	Newborough.....	0	0	0.00	0
Mirboo North.....	6	8	69.48	32	Hill End.....	4	11	51.69	20	Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0
Fish Creek.....	6	9	83.58	28	Fish Creek.....	4	10	41.18	20	Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0
MDU.....	4	10	76.58	24	Mirboo North.....	2	12	44.11	16	Thorpdale.....	0	0	0.00	0
Toora.....	1	13	38.21	12	Thorpdale.....	2	13	28.05	12	Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale.....	1	14	46.50	8	Foster.....	0	14	13.48	8					

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND
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» TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

» STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

89 **23**

TARWIN

STONY CREEK

Tarwin 0.6 4.10 8.15 12.17 (89)

Stony Creek 1.1 1.2 1.2 3.5 (23)

GOALS, Tarwin: Cooper McInnes, Jonathan McMicking 3, Nick Anderson, Noah Bee-Hickman, Jake Cochrane, Ben Ellen, Wade Haysom, Julian Patterson 1 each

BEST: Matthew Williams, Nathan McRae, Noah Bee-Hickman, Nicholas Battersby, Fergus Warren, Jack Vanderkolk

GOALS, Stony Creek: Hayden Funnell, Chris Verboon, Byron Wilson 1 each

BEST: Hayden Funnell, Chris Verboon, Matt Brown, Ossy Brennan, Sam Marriott, Julian Stone

RESERVES

Tarwin 0.1 5.2 8.5 10.7 (67)

Stony Creek 1.2 2.4 3.5 4.5 (29)

GOALS, Tarwin: Bryce Litchfield, Nick McRae 2, Nicholas Anderson, Tomi Brosnan, Tyson Hanegraaf, David Leggo, Dale Marsden, Royce Patterson 1 each

BEST: Bryce Litchfield, Tyson Hanegraaf, David Leggo, Daniel Cardy, Brenton Taber, Tomi Brosnan

GOALS, Stony Creek: Lucas Byrnes, Glenn Gray, Brett McKnight, Ryan McKnight 1 each

BEST: Jesse Harris, Nick Svenson, Adam Atkins, Glenn Gray, Joshua Wyhoun

THIRDS

Foster 4.2 6.2 12.5 15.8 (98)

Tarwin/Fish Creek 1.0 2.2 2.6 2.7 (19)

GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Creek: Maximus Fenton 2

BEST: Maximus Fenton, Tom Millton, Lane Bowman, Jackson Morgan, Rory Standfield, Max Maverick Woodham

» FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

» FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

88 **69**

FOSTER

FISH CREEK

Foster 3.1 5.4 10.8 13.10 (88)

Fish Creek 1.6 5.8 8.8 10.9 (69)

GOALS, Foster: Tom Bartholomew 6, Michael Cooke 3, Oliver Callcott, Billy Flavelle, Michael Green, Alex Kane 1 each

BEST: Oliver Lemchens, Tom Bartholomew, Jake Thornell, Todd Bastion, Brendan Neville, Billy Flavelle

GOALS, Fish Creek: Tom Kercheval 3, Trevor Hooker 2, Jake Anderson, Jack Hayes, Sam McGannon, Colin McPhee, Jordan Shaw 1 each

BEST: Ryan McGannon, Kairon Dorling, Tom Kercheval, Jack Hayes, Matthew McGannon, Jake Anderson

RESERVES

Fish Creek 1.1 7.2 9.2 12.5 (77)

Foster 0.1 0.3 1.4 3.6 (24)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Jake Staley, Ryan Williams 4, Josh Harry, Liam Howard, Brock Stefani, Owen Straw 1 each

BEST: Liam Howard, Owen Schnoor, Ryan Williams, Owen Straw, Aaron Ireland, Tyler Williams

GOALS, Foster: Jason Midwinter 3

BEST: Sam Payne, Brad Coates, Jaxon Cripps, Brodie Prain, Jason Midwinter, Jesse Thornton

THIRDS

Foster 4.2 6.2 12.5 15.8 (98)

Tarwin/Fish Creek 1.0 2.2 2.6 2.7 (19)

GOALS, Foster: Reghan Lewis, Zak Maynard-Barrett 4, Will Roffey 2, Caleb Garlick, Darby Hoskins, Flynn Lomax, Jack Rathjen, Zaciaria Sinopoli 1 each

BEST: Jack Rathjen, Khy Davy, Darby Hoskins, Zak Maynard-Barrett, Will Roffey, Zayne Lewis

GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Creek: Maximus Fenton 2

BEST: Maximus Fenton, Tom Millton, Lane Bowman, Jackson Morgan, Rory Standfield, Max Maverick Woodham

» IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Morwell East 11.5.71 d Hill End 9.10.64

Newborough 19.17.131 d Thorpdale 7.7.49

RESERVES

Morwell East 18.13.121 d Hill End 6.10.46

Newborough 25.11.161 d Thorpdale 0.1.1

THIRDS

Yinnar 17.9.111 d Hill End 2.1.13

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In an incredible show of agility, Wonthaggi's Ryan Sparkes rotates mid-air and intercepts the ball intended for Morwell's Tyler Hillier. C76_3122



Ryan Sparkes handballs the Sherrin in Saturday's match against Morwell. C79_3122

Wonthaggi shows class against Morwell



Tim Knowles pushes the ball down the field against Morwell. C77_3122

WHILE Morwell started brightly, snapping the game's opening goal and looking sharp around the ground, Wonthaggi assumed control as the first quarter progressed and never relented.

It became a surprisingly one-sided affair, with the Tigers' 1-point win over Wonthaggi in round 7 suggesting a good contest was on the cards.

After sweeping aside the Tigers by 69 points, the Power now sits third on the ladder, just percentage behind second placed Sale, having not been defeated in the last four rounds and building confidence ahead of the finals.

While Morwell threatened a couple of times early in the second term, the Power backline held firm.

Harry Dawson then marked on the lead, nailing his set shot from well inside the arc, going on to finish among Wonthaggi's best and notching three goals for the day, along with some handy work around the ground.

Morwell showed a glimmer of a revival midway through the second term with a couple of quick goals, but Power coach Jarryd Blair snuffed out the Tigers' brief momentum with

a goal on the run.

Blair's classy passing was instrumental in other Wonthaggi goals, and his solid contribution throughout the day was acknowledged in the side's best players list.

Ryan Sparkes was at his damaging best for the winning side throughout the contest, often driving Power into attack and willing as usual to get in and win the hard ball when the situation called for it.

He capped off his excellent onball work with a couple of goals in a best on ground display.

Brandon McDonald scored three of the Tigers' seven goals for the day, with fellow Brandon, McAuliffe the beaten side's other multiple goal-kicker with a couple.

McAuliffe was named Morwell's best in a match with no standout performers for the Tigers.

Wonthaggi's onball brigade dominated proceedings, with Mitch Hayes featuring prominently alongside Sparkes and Blair.

Dawson was by no means a lone target up forward for Power, with Troy Harley and Jack Hutchinson evenly splitting eight goals between them.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

» WONTHAGGI POWER FOOTBALL CLUB

120 **51**



Wonthaggi 6.1 10.8 15.10 18.12 (120)

Morwell 1.3 3.5 6.7 7.9 (51)

GOALS, Wonthaggi:

Troy Harley, Jack Hutchinson 4, Harry Dawson 3, Ryan Sparkes 2, Jarryd Blair, Mitch Hayes, Toma Huther, Travis Krause, Hunter Tiziani 1 each

BEST: Ryan Sparkes, Mitch Hayes, Jarryd Blair, Harry Dawson, Toma Huther, Steven Scott

GOALS, Morwell:

Brandon McDonald 3, Brandon McAuliffe 2, Riley Lopreste, Nathan Noblett 1 each

BEST: Brandon McAuliffe, Burkeley Macfarlane, Riley Lopreste, Max Linton, Ryan Hearn, Judah Leak

RESERVES

Wonthaggi 3.0 6.2 10.6 14.10 (94)

Morwell 0.0 0.2 0.2 0.4 (4)

GOALS, Wonthaggi:

Blake Cornelis 4, Mitchell Davey, Ry Ennoss 3, Elliot Staley 2, Tyson Andriguetto, Tom Davey 1 each

BEST: Jye Gilmour, Riley Lindsay, Ry Ennoss, Mitchell Davey, Thomas Murray, Elliot Staley

BEST, Morwell:

No players named.

THIRDS

Morwell 2.1 4.2 8.2 13.4 (82)

Wonthaggi 3.2 4.6 6.7 7.8 (50)

GOALS, Morwell:

Tom Gray 4, Jet Hodges, Ruot Nguoth 2, Moni Eliaser, Jarvis Kirk, Alex Lovison, Brandon Rigby, Joshua Seymour 1 each

BEST: Alex Lovison, Tew Jiath, Tom Gray, Jet Hodges, Moni Eliaser

GOALS, Wonthaggi:

Jackson Baker, Reeve Moresco 2, Charlie Dawson, Ethan Dickison, Jai Williamson 1 each

BEST: Jai Williamson, Charlie Dawson, Jackson Baker, Matrix Chisholm, Nathan Gundrill, Reeve Moresco

» IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Traralgon 20.14.134 d Bairnsdale 4.10.34

Sale 25.12.162 d Warragul 8.7.55

RESERVES

Traralgon 22.18.150 d Bairnsdale 4.1.25

Sale 10.11.71 d Warragul 5.7.37

THIRDS

Bairnsdale 9.7.61 d Traralgon 4.5.29

Warragul 6.9.45 d Sale 5.8.38

FOURTHS

Traralgon 24.16.160 d Bairnsdale 0.1.1

Warragul 10.12.71 d Sale 2.6.18

Leongatha, Maffra, Moe and Drouin to play

remainder of Round 16 on Saturday August 6.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 16

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha*	15	0	234.03	60	Wonthaggi	15	1	321.48	60	Maffra*	14	1	189.63	56	Traralgon	14	0	657.96	56
Sale	11	5	151.54	44	Leongatha*	14	1	481.45	56	Warragul	11	4	195.11	44	Maffra*	11	2	237.23	44
Wonthaggi	10	4	145.06	44	Maffra*	12	3	446.08	48	Bairnsdale	10	6	129.04	40	Warragul	11	3	199.06	44
Traralgon	10	5	156.72	42	Sale	9	7	116.53	36	Moe*	10	5	88.70	40	Leongatha*	6	7	78.61	24
Maffra*	8	7	118.17	32	Morwell	6	9	66.55	26	Drouin*	9	6	123.28	36	Drouin*	6	7	66.34	24
Morwell	8	8	91.38	32	Bairnsdale	6	9	60.02	24	Traralgon	9	7	122.79	36	Bairnsdale	5	9	78.00	22
Moe*	7	8	81.88	28	Moe*	6	9	49.55	24	Morwell	5	11	84.57	20	Moe*	5	9	67.59	20
Warragul	3	12	54.57	14	Traralgon	5	11	76.09	20	Leongatha*	5	9	69.77	20	Sale	3	10	61.59	14
Bairnsdale	2	14	56.94	8	Warragul	3	12	50.87	14	Wonthaggi	3	13	55.67	12	Morwell	0	14	16.92	0
Drouin*	2	13	50.98	8	Drouin*	1	13	22.22	4	Sale	2	14	59.73	8	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0

Magpies fight hard but fall to Cobras

DALYSTON welcomed Cora Lynn down the highway to sunny and clear conditions on Saturday, looking to send them back with an upset.

After an even start through the first five minutes, Daly's younger Max Connell got on the end of a pass from Jack Legione and lined up with a chance to kick his first senior goal.

From 35 metres out in the pocket, Connell made no mistake, bagging the first of the match and his career.

Although the Cobras found their mojo soon after.

Tristan Fernandez-Phillips weighted his pass nicely to their spearhead Nathan Gardiner for the visitors first.

However, the Magpies were playing with confidence and star Curtis Murfett picked up the crumbs and knocked it through.

Scores were level at the first break, both sides managing 14-points.

The visitors bagged the first of the second term, thanks to some strong work by Gardiner to get rid of his opponent and snap truly on the goal line.

Although the 'Pies replied moments later through young gun Hayden Wallis, thanks to the slick hands of Connell in his third game.

Gardiner continued to be an issue for the Dalyston defence, finding his third major, before Jeremy Monckton got himself into the action with a goal.

Daly's again were good enough to prevent the Cobras to continue their run on, Murfett and Connell were massive up forward, creating plays for their teammates to finish off, this time Mason Storr the beneficiary.

Gardiner just could not be stopped, kicking his fourth for the game before Machaya bagged his second and the Cobras finished the term with three in a row.

Cora Lynn skipper Jaxon Briggs got his side going coming out of halftime, finishing off a great handball chain with a major to extend the margin.



Curtis Murfett was a live wire in Saturday's match against Cora Lynn. C68_3122

After battling hard for over 15 minutes, Daly's were finally able to reply, finding a goal of their own to Storr, thanks some hard work nullifying the Cobras attack and a long booming kick from Monson inside 50.

In a low-scoring quarter, the Cobras were able to hold their lead at 34-points.

Cora Lynn went coast-to-coast to begin the final term and finish it with a goal, before Gardiner slotted his fifth on the back of a long pass from Luke Ryan.

Fernandez-Phillips made it two in a row with his second, before Gardiner made it a sensational six and put the result beyond doubt.

Dalyston did muster two unanswered goals to finish the game, in another respectable fight, one of which to young second-gamer Stewart Beaumont.

Cora Lynn eventually taking the chocolates with a 52-point win, they'll look to back it up next week when they host Koo Wee Rup, while Daly's will eye off a win when they head to Garfield.



Moomen Amin protects the ball against Cora Lynn in a goal for goal first quarter at Dalyston. C72_3122

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 16

» DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

99 DALYSTON **47**

CORA LYNN

DALYSTON

Cora Lynn 2.2 9.7 10.9 14.15 (99)
Dalyston 2.2 4.3 5.5 7.5 (47)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner 6, Tristan Fernandez-Phillips, Cory Machaya, Matthew Ryan 2, Jaxon Briggs, Jeremy Monckton 1 each

BEST: Luke Ryan, Jeremy Monckton, Nathan Gardiner, William Thomas, Timothy Payne, Tristan Warkuss

GOALS, Dalyston: Mason Storr 2, Musa Amin, Hayden Wallis, Curtis Murfett, Stewart Beaumont, Max Connell 1 each

BEST: Matthew Howell, Curtis Murfett, Mason Storr, Brad Monson, Michael Marotta, Max Connell

RESERVES

Cora Lynn 5.4 11.4 15.9 16.14 (110)
Dalyston 1.0 2.1 2.1 2.2 (14)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Luke Foreman, Hayden Spierings 3, Jayden Frazer, Bradley Parker, Sean Wilson 2, Lynden Banting, Oskar Knight, Jake Ross, Max Wolbers 1 each

BEST: Lynden Banting, Matthew Ferguson, Liam Taylor, Jake Ross, Sean Wilson, Jayden Frazer

GOALS, Dalyston: Jackson Brooker, Robert Davey 1 each

BEST: Reece Jones, Dean Wylie, Jack Sheerin, John Jones, Robert Davey, Ben McRae

THIRDS

Cora Lynn 6.7 13.9 14.16 19.24 (138)
Dalyston 0.0 0.0 1.1 1.1 (7)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Connor Gilbertson, Max McDermott 4, Ryder Milne, Ryley Potter, Oliver Sail 2, Bailey Brougham, Logan Fox, Owen Hartley, Ethan Middelhuus, Jacob Percy 1 each

BEST: Max McDermott, Ethan Middelhuus, Rylan Parker, Connor Gilbertson, Matthew Tralagan, Kade Perkins

GOALS, Dalyston: Keyva Kay-Darts 1

BEST: Keyva Kay-Darts, Ryan Gray, Bailey Anderson, Levi Jones, Sebastian Ori, Jesse Booth

» KORUMBURRA-BENA FOOTBALL CLUB

165 KOR-BENA

NAR NAR GOON

KOR-BENA

Nar Nar Goon 3.2 10.11 19.13 25.15 (165)

Kor-Bena 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Dermott Yawney 9, Jake Smith 4, Mitchell Homfray 3, Trent Noy, Flynn Parker 2, Brendan Hermann, Bradley Homfray, Kyle O'Sullivan, Jeconiah Peni, Cooper Pursell 1

BEST: Kyle O'Sullivan, Trent Armour, Dermott Yawney, Jake Smith, Luke Bettio, Brendan Hermann

BEST, Kor-Bena: Alaster Bradley, Matt Kennewell, Zach Walker, Jay Walker, Darcy Hargrave, Josh Hargreaves

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon 6.5 10.11 18.14 26.17 (173)

Kor-Bena 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 (6)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Nicholas Bransgrove 10, Ryan Doolan, Daniel Mason, Matt Saunders 3, Anthony Young, Jai Hamilton, Jeffrey Poels, Zac Smith 1 each

BEST: Nicholas Bransgrove, James Hoefer, Jai Hamilton, Darcy Young, Anthony Young

GOALS, Kor-Bena: No player named.

BEST: Jed Harris, Aussie Gardiner, Isaak Fox, Henry Bird

THIRDS

Nar Nar Goon 6.2 6.5 9.5 15.7 (97)

Kor-Bena 0.1 1.1 3.2 4.2 (26)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Connor King 3, Trishane De Silva, Kristopher Johnston, Kody Seing, Campbell Sheedy 2, Brody Allen, Lachlan Pryor, Nathan Swan, Connor Van Der Werf 1 each

BEST: Connor King, Trishane De Silva, Josh Dellaquila, Lachlan Pryor, Nathan Swan, Sam Coleman

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Nash Beavis, Mitchell Croatto, Tadgh Gannon, Charlie Moller 1 each

BEST: Max Donohue, Tadgh Gannon

FOURTHS

Kor-Bena 1.2 4.4 4.5 5.8 (38)

Nar Nar Goon 1.0 1.0 2.1 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Max Donohue, Ben Fort, Jake Fowles, Nathan Halliday, Daniel Whelan 1 each

BEST: Tarkyn Walker, Max Donohue, Tanner Walker, Tommy Burgess, Jake Fowles, Tadgh Gannon

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Kyron Smith, Wil Taylor 1 each

BEST: Chace Parker, Toby Cramer, Jack Allchin, Jack Murphy, Jesse Smith, Mason Walker

Future hopes for Korumburra Bena despite dirty day

WHILE Korumburra Bena wasn't expected to threaten finals-bound Nar Nar Goon, the extent of the Goon's victory was a surprise, albeit against a severely depleted Giants outfit.

Korumburra Bena's only score, a behind, came in the first quarter.

In an injury-riddled season, the Giants' depth was again stretched, continuing to enlist the services of some who would normally play reserves footy.

Under 18s Luke and Kodie Walker and Joel Cuman backed up their morning appearances in the thirds by turning out for the afternoon's senior action.

Unfortunately, Cuman suffered a knock to the body during the earlier game and couldn't get through the senior battle, having to call it a day during the second term.

James Dunn, who was to

captain the reserves this year has played just one match at that level for the season as he continues to shoulder senior playing responsibility.

In a positive for the future, Korumburra Bena's under 16 team saw off host Nar Nar Goon by 25 points, suggesting there is crucial young talent coming through for the Giants.

There is an emphasis on developing young talent within the club and providing opportunities at a higher level, Korumburra Bena football operations manager Mat Walker said.

"Even if we had good numbers, we would have been making sure that under 18s players played with our senior group, regardless, to help with that transition moving forward," Walker said.

In the senior's action, the Giants won plenty of the footy but

their attacking forays broke down, with Nar Nar Goon able to move the ball swiftly to the other end and create ample scoring opportunities.

Korumburra Bena started the day positively, despite its lack of impact on the scoreboard.

"We got off to a good start and were really committed, and then from about halfway through the second quarter the heavy conditions didn't assist our lighter-framed bodies compared to the senior Nar Nar Goon guys," runner Walker said.

While the weather was perfect on Saturday, the ground was a hard slog from recent rain with some ankle-deep patches of mud.

Walker gave credit to Nar Nar Goon for its ability to deliver the high standard of footy it displayed in the challenging conditions.

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Bunyip 9.5.59 d Kilcunda-Bass 7.13.55

Cora Lynn 14.15.99 d Dalyston 7.5.47

Inverloch-Kongwak 18.15.123 d Garfield 3.0.18

Warragul Industrials 10.12.72 d Koo Wee Rup 10.10.70

Nar Nar Goon 25.15.165 d Korumburra-Bena 0.1.1

Phillip Island 11.8.74 d Tooradin-Dalmore 7.12.54

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» PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

**74****TOORADIN-DAL**

Phillip Island 4.4 6.5 8.8 11.8 (74)

Tooradin-Dal 1.2 4.7 5.9 7.12 (54)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Max Blake 3, Orlando Kane Gillard 2, Cameron Brown, Harry O'Brien, Jordy Patullo, Eli Richards, Jack Taylor, Zach Wagner 1 each**BEST:** Jason Tomada, Cameron Pedersen, Eli Richards, Jack Taylor, Max Blake, Cameron Brown**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** Stewart Scanlon 2, Liam Adams, Brady Egan, Blake Grewar, Julian Suarez, Trent Adams 1 each**BEST:** Brent Macaffer, Liam Adams, Dylan Paarberg, Cooper Shipp, Steven Robb, Brady Egan**RESERVES**

Tooradin-Dal 1.4 3.1 5.12 7.15 (57)

Phillip Island 0.2 1.2 3.4 4.5 (29)

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Dylan Wilson, Timothy Lenders, Corey Provan, Bailey Webb, Mathew O'Day, Jordan Jones, Joshua Trezise 1 each**BEST:** Mathew O'Day, Bailey Webb, Dylan Wilson, Corey Provan, Toby Weinzierl, Michael Hobbs**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Harry Anderson, Blake Christopher, Liam Dayson, Connor Thompson 1 each**BEST:** Arie Cook, Jack Opitz, Cooper Logan, Will Taylor-Eagles, Rob Linford, Blake Christopher**THIRDS**

Tooradin-Dal 2.1 6.1 7.2 11.3 (69)

Phillip Island 1.2 4.4 7.7 7.8 (50)

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Anthony Mirauta 4, Darcy Wright 2, Jordyn Boyd, Tadhg O'Riordan, Panos Papas, Ben Sellings, Charlie Shinners 1 each**BEST:** Anthony Mirauta, Jack Hamilton, Cooper Bassett, Panos Papas, Xavier Shinners, Darcy Wright**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Sunny Mattock 2, Finn Cashman, Brayden Kleverkamp, Tyce Kleverkamp, Dylan Susic, Ben Taylor 1 each**BEST:** Jack Papas, Hunter Clarke, Yianni Caffieri, Thomas Niven, Ben Taylor, Kohen Beaumont**FOURTHS**

Phillip Island 4.2 6.3 10.8 15.12 (102)

Tooradin-Dal 0.0 0.1 0.1 0.2 (2)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Jack Huther, Zac Walker 3, Daniel Caffieri, Benjamin Chihotski, Finn O'Brien 2, Noah Muller, Charlie O'Garey, Max Taylor 1 each**BEST:** Daniel Caffieri, Jack Huther, Zac Walker, Noah Muller, Leo Savona, Max Arceo**BEST, Tooradin-Dal:** Kasy Deren, Shannon Wakefield, Vasili Papas, Chayse Campbell, Jaxon Dowel, Aaron Knight**THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

» ELLINBANK ROUND 18

Nilma Darnum v Trafalgar
Neerim South v Poowong
Lang Lang v Nyora
Yarragon v Ellinbank
Buln Buln v Longwarry
Catani - BYE

» GIPPSLAND ROUND 16

Leongatha v Maffra
Moe v Drouin

» WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 17

Bunyip v Phillip Island
Cora Lynn v Koo Wee Rup
Garfield v Dalyston
Korumburra-Bena v Kilcunda-Bass
Tooradin-Dalmore v Nar Nar Goon
Warragul Industrials v Inverloch-Kongwak

Bulldogs hand Seagulls first taste of defeat



The Bulldogs and Seagulls clash for the ball. Photo: Carol Ratcliff

WITH returning players Holmes, Blake and Jackson added to the last weeks winning side providing added confidence, the day started with a wonderful, animated intro by coach Vernon using a footy-ground layout with witches-caps for players.

Just as well it was indoors as the wind sure had arrived, that wonderful northerly straight off the bay.

The Bulldogs started brilliantly, with quick goals straight up.

With the second goal, the footy cleared the wonderful new nets and lodged permanently in the Cypress trees at the scoreboard end.

Focusing on the game, a complete reversal of form from game 1 at Tooradin was evident.

The Bulldogs dominated the first and headed into quarter time with a 20-point lead which should have been 26 but for an on-the-siren goal to the Seagulls.

The second continued as the first, with a couple of early goals, and a 32-point lead.

But good sides fight back, and the Seagulls lifted their intensity and fought their way back into the contest.

Replies from Stewie Scanlon and Liam Adams reduced the margin, and another after-the-siren goal to Julian Suarez cut the margin back to 10 points at the major interval.

With the intensity so high it was giving the stats man writer's cramp from recording tackles and pressure acts, the third was intense.

When Scanlon struck again, with a brilliant set shot from the forward pocket at the four-minute mark of the third, the Seagulls were back within four points and appeared to have all the momentum.

The Dogs steadied with huge goals to Max Blake and Noosh Kane Gillard giving the Bulldogs a 17-point advantage.

Brady Egan from the Gulls closed the gap to 11 points just a minute into the final term.

A comical mix up between Sauce Tomada and Cam Pedersen in the centre (although it wasn't comical at the time) resulted in a turnover goal to Liam Adams, and the Gulls had closed to two points at the 16-minute mark.

Max Blake booted a long goal which opened a 14-point margin.

The icing on the cake with a centre clearance ending with Noosh Kane Gillard, who kicked a 40-metre (or was it 60!) goal on the run - directly in front of the Phillip Island faithful - to begin some joyous celebrations.

So life-giving breath returns to the league competition with the Gulls first loss for the year, whilst the search continues for that missing Sherrin.

Sea Eagles make easy work of visiting Stars

INVERLOCH KONGWAK hosted Garfield on Saturday and the sides were greeted with a sensational afternoon's weather.

Sporting a recent history of making things hard for themselves against teams below them on the ladder, the hosts looked motivated and ultra-focused to put this one to bed early.

And that is exactly what they did, the winless Stars going scoreless for the first term in an absolute clinic from the Sea Eagles.

Young gun Jenson Garnham bagged the first of the game and started a run of eight unanswered goals for IK, including a magnificent three for Tom Hams.

Garnham's second for the quarter capped off the perfect start, his side leading by 53-points at the first break.

Fan favourite Lachlan Johnson slotted the first of the second term from the pocket, igniting celebrations from his mates up on 'ressie hill'.

Garnham's thrilling tackle on centre wing then led to Corey Casey's first major and a nice intercept from Marcus Toussaint created a chance for Casey to bag his second, and he made no mistake.

However, he wasn't done there, the Sea Eagles chained up with hands, tip-toeing the boundary line on the far wing before star Oscar Toussaint laced an amazing kick inside

By Aiden Box

50 to Casey for his third!

Toby Mahoney got himself into the action with his first as IK started to really press hard, but the young Garfield side stuck to their guns and were able to nail their first of the game 20 minutes into the second term.

Although the quarter belonged to Casey, who finished it off with his fourth for the term to extend the Sea Eagle lead to 84-points at the main break.

The third quarter was easily the Stars' best defensively, they were able to finally stop the flood of goals and hold the dominant hosts to just 1.6, as the teams fought out a stalemate for over half the quarter.

The hosts led by 96-points at three quarter time.

It was apparent to just about everyone in attendance that the Stars had little to no chance of reeling in the fast-starting Sea Eagles, Mahoney's second major opened proceedings in the final term.

Clint McCaughan finished off another successful day for IK with a goal, his side running out winners to the tune of 105-points.

The Sea Eagles will look to be potent again next week as they face a tough road trip to Western Park to visit the Dusties, while the Stars will search for their first win when they host Dalyston.



The rucks go at it in the middle. B02_3122

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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» INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

123 **18**

INVERLOCH-K

GARFIELD

Inverloch-K 8.5 14.6 15.12 18.15 (123)
Garfield 0.0 1.0 1.0 3.0 (18)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Corey Casey 4, Jenson Garnham, Tom Hams 3, Toby Mahoney 2, Dylan Clark, Joe Soumilas, Shem Hawking, Todd Mackie, Clinton McCaughan 1 each

BEST: Ethan Park, Corey Casey, Tom Hams, Marcus Toussaint, Jenson Garnham, Oscar Toussaint

GOALS, Garfield: Zac Soutar 2, Joel Batson 1

BEST: Zac Soutar, Angus Emery, Jake Thomas, Matt Jones, Finn Hower, Rhys Murphy

RESERVES

Inverloch-K 6.1 8.5 11.9 16.11 (107)
Garfield 0.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 (24)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Zachary Caughey 4, Dylan Taylor, Andre Toussaint 3, Patrick Jobling, William Hetherington 2, Stuart Kilsby, Callum McKenzie 1 each

BEST: Campbell Scott, Dylan Taylor, Josh Williams, Andre Toussaint, William Hetherington, Jasper Kempster

GOALS, Garfield: Mathew Zuccolo, John Zaccari, Jesse La Frantz, Sam Downes 1 each

BEST: Zane Harper, Mathew Zuccolo, Matthew Bow, Jesse La Frantz, Cory Whelan, Oliver Whibley

THIRDS

Inverloch-K 1.6 3.9 7.11 9.11 (65)
Garfield 0.0 0.1 0.1 2.4 (16)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jack Butcher, Hayden Lindsay, Jed Rosenow, William Turner 2, Jack Duff 1

BEST: William Turner, Callan O'Flynn, Blake Green, Tyson Bolam, Ashton Hewitson, Sasha Allen

GOALS, Garfield: Will Pickering 1

BEST: Levi Reid, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Toby Talbot, Bailey Deveny

FOURTHS

Inverloch-K 2.1 3.3 4.4 5.12 (42)
Garfield 1.0 3.3 4.6 4.7 (31))

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jett Garnham, Mitchell Ward 2, Jobe Scapin 1

BEST: Archie Terlich, Jasper Cousins, Zak Box, Jordan Bertacco, Tate Rigby, Luke Williams

GOALS, Garfield: Cody Miller 2,

Aaron Braaksma, Theo Zaccari 1 each

BEST: Taijen Koesmans, Bailey Hill, Cody Miller, Jake VanDenBerghe, Theo Zaccari

» KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

59 **55**

BUNYIP

KILCUNDA-BASS

Bunyip 2.2 2.3 4.5 9.5 (59)
Kilcunda-Bass 2.5 4.8 5.10 7.13 (55)

GOALS, Bunyip: Dylan Gallasch, Daniel

Helmore 2, Ashleigh Allen, Jack Blahey, Curtis

Jenkin, Tahj Murphy, Aaron Paxton 1 each

BEST: Chris Thuring, Matthew O'Halloran, Ryan

Quirk, Jack Blahey, Jeb McLeod, Curtis Jenkin

GOALS, K-Bass: Taylor Gibson 3, Yillber Zijai 2,

Marcus Baxter 1

BEST: Nathan Foote, Dale Gawley, Taylor Gibson, Benjamin Eddy, Daniel Mock, Anthony Daraio

RESERVES

Bunyip 3.4 12.5 15.10 20.14 (134)
Kilcunda-Bass 0.0 0.1 1.1 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Bunyip: Lucas Archer, David Bates 6, Jason Williams 5, Blake Cann, Campbell Knight, Riley Simpson 1 each

BEST: Jake Buckingham, Lucas Archer, David Bates, Jack Tomkins, Jason Williams, Blake Cann

GOALS, K-Bass: No player named.

BEST: Michael Gatherum, Anthony Jerrard, Lachlan De Kleuver, Jordan Osborne

FOURTHS

Bunyip 2.2 3.3 5.6 11.9 (75)
Kilcunda-Bass 0.2 0.2 0.2 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Bunyip: Declan McFarlane 4, Brody

Turner 2, Ethan Cooke, Cam Jenkins, Chevy

Lacunes, Tyler Lovell, Ethan Marson 1 each

BEST: Ben Osborne, Declan McFarlane,

Ethan Marson, Cam Jenkins, Tyler Lovell, Chevy Lacunes

GOALS, K-Bass: Matthew Dakin 1

BEST: Thomas Bartels, William Campbell, Nicholas Slavovic, Jye Sutherland, Angus Rosenow, Trent Cartmel

GOALS, K-Bass: No player named.

BEST: Michael Gatherum, Anthony Jerrard, Lachlan De Kleuver, Jordan Osborne

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Warragul Ind 10.12.72 d Koo Wee Rup 10.10.70

RESERVES

Koo Wee Rup 9.5.59 d Warragul Ind 2.8.20

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind 10.9.69 d Koo Wee Rup 6.4.40

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Tooradin-Dal	15	1	290.11	60	Tooradin-Dal	16	0	869.52	64	Inverloch-K	11	2	488.11	3.38	Inverloch-K	15	0	586.67	4.00
Phillip Island	14	2	206.17	56	Nar Nar Goon	14	2	228.62	56	Tooradin-Dal	11	2	268.45	3.38	Phillip Island	13	1	534.80	3.71
Inverloch-K	13	3	192.17	52	Phillip Island	12	4	252.57	48	Cora Lynn	10	3	186.27	3.08	Warragul Ind	12	3	336.18	3.20
Nar Nar Goon	12	4	188.38	48	Koo Wee Rup	11	5	230.48	44	Garfield	9	4	235.57	2.77	Kor-Bena	10	5	171.12	2.67
Cora Lynn	10	6	135.77	40	Cora Lynn	11	5	216.67	44	Phillip Island	9	4	173.81	2.77	Garfield	8	6	100.15	2.29
Warragul Ind	10	6	131.74	40	Bunyip	10	6	203.95	40	Nar Nar Goon	5	8	89.30	1.54	Bunyip	7	7	119.72	2.00
Bunyip	7	9	98.35	28	Inverloch-K	9	7	146.67	36	Kor-Bena	4	9	46.46	1.14	Koo Wee Rup	6	9	68.36	1.60
Koo Wee Rup	7	9	91.54	28	Warragul Ind	5	11	68.49	20	Koo Wee Rup	3	10	80.68	0.92	Kilcunda-Bass	4	10	38.90	1.14
Kilcunda-Bass	5	11	58.86	20	Dalyston	4	12	43.93	16	Bunyip	3	10	43.01	0.92	Nar Nar Goon	3	12	37.75	0.80
Dalyston	2	14	42.43	8	Garfield	2	14	45.50	8	Dalyston	0	11	6.63	0.00	Dalyston	2	11	39.45	0.57
Kor-Bena	1	15	31.65	4	Kilcunda-Bass	1	15	13.43	4	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00	Tooradin-Dal	0	15	10.43	0.00
Garfield	0	16	33.46	0	Kor-Bena	1	14	10.55	4	Warragul Ind	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

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Zara Littlejohn and her long-time coach Matt Pocklington. B01_3122

'Gatha tennis star bound for Missouri

LEONGATHA'S Zara Littlejohn is taking her talents across the world this month after accepting a scholarship to play collegiate tennis in the United States.

Following years of hard work both on and off the court, Zara will fly to Missouri and attend William Woods University where she will become a student-athlete, studying exercise science and playing tennis for the 'Owls'.

Speaking with the Sentinel-Times last week, Zara explained what got her into the sport and her early days playing tennis.

"My dad has always had a big influence on me, he's always played tennis and our family

By Aiden Box

is very tennis orientated and I grew up at the courts since I was young watching dad," she said.

Her proud father Warren was also alongside for the interview and gave an insight into the early talent that Zara was.

"We were out at Leongatha North, just a little country courts about half a minute up the road from us, I played there, and Zara played junior tennis there, in C grade juniors," he said.

"We won the flag," Zara added.

As she grew, Zara started playing at Leongatha Tennis Club under coach Matthew Pocklington and her career

really started to kick off, as she explained.

"Since I was young Matthew Pocklington (South Gippsland Tennis coaching) has always been my coach playing here (Leongatha), then I went over to Traralgon and got coached by Graham 'Woofa' Charlton," she said.

"And then I progressed on and did squads and Gippsland Sports Academy and Gippy Elite for a few years and then went on to Tennis Australia zone squads."

Although she was clearly excelling on the court at all stages of her career, the offer to play in the States didn't come without hard work.

"There's so many strength and

conditioning coaches, we'd be sweeping water off the courts, it's exhausting," Zara said.

"Especially after finishing school, it is hard to watch your friends go off to uni' and parties when you've got to be up Sunday morning at 7am drive an hour to squad, train three to six hours and then drive home."

The process off-court has been just as dedicated and deliberate as the Littlejohn's explained.

"It's a pretty big process to go through, through those Tennis Australia zone squads, if kids get to a certain standard they create opportunities to follow a college tennis dream and Zara really pushed it," Warren said.

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Bowen Gough excelled in his first Commonwealth Games. Photo: AAP Image/Dave Hunt

Bowen does Bass proud in Birmingham

BOWEN GOUGH from Bass has made the region proud over the weekend in Birmingham competing in the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Gough is a talented swimmer, especially in the stroke of Butterfly and competed in the 200m men's event at the games on Sunday, after winning it at the Australian Nationals earlier this year (with a personal best time), qualifying him for his Commonwealth Games debut.

He flew through his heat, being the first to touch with a time of 1.57, earning him a place in the final.

Taking lane six, Gough walked out for his first Commonwealth Games final confident that his best could have him on the podium, however it wasn't to be.

Despite a really strong second 100 metres, Gough just missed the medals, finishing fourth by .07 of a second, with a time of 1.56.84.

A remarkable result regardless, for a man in his first Commonwealth Games, he has accomplished an incredible feat.

After just three days of events, Australia sat atop the medal tally for the games with 32 total, and 11 gold.

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