



Leongatha to come alive for Daffodil and Floral Show

The 64th Daffodil and Floral Show is set to make its return in Leongatha this week. Leongatha Horticultural Society committee member and secretary Wendy McDonald and Rodney Emmerson, who started planting daffodils since he was a young boy, have been busy preparing, with Rodney's prized possessions to be featured in this year's show.

WILD VARIATIONS IN YOUR RATES

BASS Coast and South Gippsland shire homeowners or farmers expecting to see a slight, 1.75 per cent increase, in their rates' bill in line with the 'rate cap' when notices arrived on their kitchen tables in the past week may have been in for a shock.

It all comes down to how much the value of your property has

risen compared to other rate classes for farms, commercial and industrial property.

A house in the sought-after beachfront location of Waikiki Crescent, Smiths Beach where the 'Capital Improved Value' has increased by 51.67 per cent in some cases in the past year, has attracted an 11.24 per cent increase in rates.

Whereas the owners of a shop in Wonthaggi's McBride Avenue, where values have stagnated, have welcomed a reduction of \$280 in rates.

For other commercial property in Wonthaggi, rates were virtually the same as last year.

A modest house in Inverloch, valued by the shire's assessors at \$525,000 last year, rising in value

to \$730,000 this year, an increase of 39% over the 12 months, was virtually on the dividing line, with the total rates' notice only up by \$32, broken down as follows:

- Rates: \$1530.66 (\$1500.92 last year)
- Garbage charge: \$492.08 (\$500.92)
- Fires services levy: \$155.69 (\$144.98)

• Total: \$2178.43 (\$2146.82).

But, once again, it has been farms with a view, that may have been hardest hit this year.

According to the Bass Coast Shire Council, an example of how rates have moved on the mainland, is an increase in value of 47 per cent, for a rates' increase of 7.72%.

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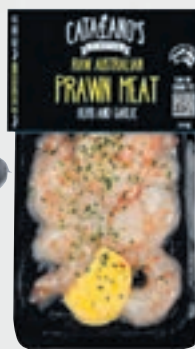
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COUNCIL BRIEFS

How MAV gets out millions

COUNCIL watcher, Graham Jolly, used Bass Coast Shire question time last week to ask how much of the \$136 million Municipal Association of Victoria budget did the local shire contribute.

It's interesting to note that while the shire's annual subscription to the MAV cost \$87,769 in 2020/21 and \$88,673 in 2021/22, the shire also gets its public liability insurance through the peak body at a cost of \$414,023 and \$447,953 were paid in 2020/21 and 2021/22.

There was also \$599,400 paid in 2021/22 to the MAV WorkCare scheme (now discontinued). Who knew we were paying them that much?

How high can a hotel go?

WILL Bass Coast Shire enforce its three-storey height limit on buildings along Thompson Avenue in Cowes when some of these proposed hotel developments hit the council table.

Linda Marston of the Island Voice group wanted to know when she posed a question to last Wednesday's council meeting, but she'll be none-the-wiser for the answer.

Response: Council will make a decision on the amended plans supplied through the VCAT process at a future Council meeting.

Who does Council barrack for?

What can be done by council to provide funding to the Kilcunda Bass Football Netball Club to update infrastructure similar to what has occurred with facilities at Inverloch, Wonthaggi, Phillip Island and continuing at Dalyston?

It was a question posed by Melissa Dagg at last week's council meeting, to which the council replied with good news: "Following the recent installation of new netball courts and oval flood lighting at Bass Recreation Reserve, Council intends to undertake further capital upgrades at the Reserve in coming years and in 2022/23, will work with the Reserve Committee and user groups to complete a detailed design for a new Netball Pavilion."

Last chance for business awards

BASS Coast businesses have until Sunday, August 28 (this Sunday) to complete their entry form and enter the 2022 Bass Coast Business Awards.

In the past, these awards have successfully highlighted the great things local business is doing, and you could be a part of it.

Go to the shire's website and enter at <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/business-awards>



A Melbourne based property developer hopes to restore the old Newhaven boys home and bring it back to its former glory.

Grand plans for historic boys' home

A MELBOURNE based property developer has an ambitious \$20m plan for Newhaven's old boys home site and hopes to retain and restore much of the heritage buildings.

Omni Property Group owner Brian Amatruda hopes to transform the site at 54-61 Forrest Avenue, Newhaven into a future tourism destination and restore it to its former glory.

Mr Amatruda said the group had recently been endorsed by Bass Coast Shire for meeting the requirements of a planning permit which was the result of VCAT hearing more than a decade ago.

"At this stage we're looking at what we're going to do with them," he said.

"Our intention is to preserve the building, so we would look at an amendment to the permit.

"We want to do a full restoration of the boys home."

Mr Amatruda highlighted he was disappointed that the site had been damaged or destroyed by vandals, but has now installed security measures to prevent further vandalism.

"It's one of the most prominent heritage buildings on the Island and the most grand... it deserves a full restoration," he said.

"As we go further, we've

been working with Bass Coast Shire and Heritage Victoria and will have a meeting with residents to show them our plans.

"We will get community feedback and from there we will make a plan of what we actually do."

Mr Amatruda added he envisions that the site could become an incredible tourist destination, with access for the general public to explore the grounds and even an app that explains each section of the building and its former use.

"It would most likely have a café in the building and people could enjoy the whole grounds," he said.

Contribute to our democracy

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Wild variations in your rates

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Now that may not sound like much, but if the value of the farm was \$3 million, increasing to \$4.4 million, the farm owner would be up for a \$500 plus increase in rates.

Farm rates campaigner, Bill Cleeland, the Bass Coast VFF Vice President believes the whole rating system is shot.

"Take the owner of a \$4 million house in Toorak, they might be paying \$1000 in rates but the owner of a \$2 million house in Cowes could be paying closer to \$5000. It just doesn't make sense," Mr Cleeland said.

"Fortunately, our rates haven't gone up much this year. But when you've got a situation where farm rates are going up on the basis of whether the farm has a view or not, regardless of how productive it is, there's something seriously wrong with the system.

"Why farmers have to pay \$6000, \$7000, \$10,000 or more in rates because of the speculative value of the property, not its value as a commercial farming enterprise is beyond me."

Growth boosts Bass Coast revenue

COUNCIL rates have been a topical subject of late with rates' notices arriving in the past few weeks.

However, while the shire expects to collect \$69.711 million in rates and charges this financial year, an increase in revenue of 4% (not 1.75% rate cap), up to half of that will come from new rates and supplementary rates.

Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association President Kevin Griffin asked about the difference between the rate cap level of 1.75 per cent and why the shire would actually be collecting more than that his year at the council meeting last week.

Response: "Bass Coast Shire is a growing municipality and there is an increase in the number of properties that are charged rates associated with this growth. The average rates increase that can be charged per property is capped at 1.75%. As the number of properties that can be charged rates has grown, it is expected that the total revenue will be greater than 1.75%. The value of residential properties has also increased at a greater value than other property types (such as farms, commercial and industrial) and this means that residential properties will also need to contribute a greater proportion relative to previous years."

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IN BRIEF

Fatal collision
at Foster North

EMERGENCY services responded to a fatal two-car collision in Foster North yesterday (Monday, August 22).

It is believed one of the vehicles was making a right hand turn from Foster-Mirboo Road onto the South Gippsland Highway, when it collided with an oncoming vehicle at about 7.20am.

The driver of the first vehicle, a woman in her late 70s from Woorarra, sadly died at the scene.

The driver of the second vehicle was taken to hospital with minor injuries.

The exact circumstances surrounding the collision are yet to be determined and an investigation is ongoing.

The South Gippsland Highway was closed in both directions between Falls Road and O'Gradys Ridge Road.

Anyone who witnessed the crash, with information or dashcam footage is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au.

Man charged after
fatal collision

MAJOR Collision Investigation Unit detectives have charged a man following a fatal collision in Welshpool last year.

Emergency services were called to the South Gippsland Highway to reports a truck and car had collided about 2pm on November 25, 2021.

A 77-year-old Toora woman who was the passenger in the car died at the scene while the driver, a 78-year-old Toora woman, sustained serious injuries.

The driver of the truck, a 29-year-old Roxburgh Park man, sustained minor injuries in the incident.

After an extensive investigation he was charged with dangerous drive causing death,

drive manner dangerous cause serious injury, drive in a manner dangerous, careless driving and fail to keep left of centre of road.

The accused faced the Melbourne Magistrates' Court on August 22, 2022.

Burnouts at Yarram
Secondary College

YARRAM Police are investigating reports of criminal damage as a result of a vehicle performing burnouts at the Yarram Secondary College in the early hours of Monday morning August 22, at approximately 1.40am.

Yarram Police would like to hear from anyone with information relating to this offence and would ask that all residents in James Street and the surrounding area with CCTV, to check their footage for any vehicles driving between the hours of 1.30am and 1.50am.

Yarram Police can be contacted on 03 5182 5033.

Arrest in Yarram for
intimidating behaviour

YARRAM Police arrested a 54-year-old Yarram man for a recent spate of intimidating behaviour near the Yarram CBD.

The male was charged and remanded with 15 offences including stalking, intimidating and harassing witnesses and breach of bail conditions.

The male was remanded to appear at the Sale Magistrates Court at a later date.

Any witnesses to the incidents are encouraged to contact Yarram Police on 5182 5033 or Crimestoppers (1800 333 000)

Vigilance around
floodwaters

BASS Coast Police would like to remind members of the public not to drive through floodwaters whether on sealed roads or not.

With the recent floodwaters

cutting off roads, individuals are reminded to stop putting themselves at risk and refrain from crossing, in particular Venus Bay Road.

Youths arrested
for graffiti

LEONGATHA police have recently arrested youths for graffiti damages and thefts in the local town.

South Gippsland Water
storages completely full

THE first week of August saw all South Gippsland Water's storage levels reach 100 per cent full for the first time in 2022.

This has remained steady after another week of sporadic rain.

South Gippsland Water's managing director, Robert Murphy said that this places us in a good position to take on the dryer periods of the upcoming summer months.

"Last week, from the August 6 to August 12, South Gippsland Water's storages recorded 6mm at Lance Creek, which services Korumburra, Poowong, Loch, Nyora, Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson; 3mm at Ruby Creek, which services Leongatha; 7mm at Deep Creek, which services Foster and 10mm at Battery Creek, which services Fish Creek" he said.

"Even with our storage levels at 100 per cent, Victorian Permanent Water Saving rules still apply. "Always remember to water your gardens between 6pm and 10am, sweep and not hose down pathways and driveways, and install trigger nozzles on all outside hoses."

Can't get no 'satisfaction'

THE Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association has called on the Bass Coast Shire to release a full copy of the 2022 Community Satisfaction

Survey.

Treasurer of the BCRRA Graham Jolly has written to the shire this week, noting that while limited details have been released to the local media, there was no comment about the important annual survey at last week's council meeting.

"I am contacting you to request an electronic copy of this year's Community Satisfaction Survey 2022 prior to the September 21 Council meeting," Mr Jolly said.

Jab bus on its way

THE Gippsland Region Public Health Unit (GRPHU) has been inundated with requests for the schedule for our mobile vaccination 'Chitty Chitty Jab Jab' bus for the remainder of August.

Here are some local times:

- Wonthaggi (town hall): Thursday, August 25 and Tuesday, August 30 10am-2pm.
- Leongatha (McIndoe Park): Wednesday, August 31 9.30am-3pm.

Or see the GRPHU Facebook page for updates.

Shared path for Foster

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council has obtained funding by the Transport Accident Commission's (TAC) local government grants program to investigate a possible shared path along Station Road, Foster.

The path, which will run between Pearl Park and the Great Southern Rail Trail, will aim to help keep people safe as they walk or cycle in the area.

This location has been selected because it provides a direct connection between the Great Southern Rail Trail and the heart of Foster, as well as providing opportunities to connect with other important locations in the town.

Locals are being asked for their feedback via the council website.



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Shetland Heights Road, from Penniwells Drive to Potters Hill Road, will be sealed with works anticipated to begin in February next year.

Tenders sought for Shetland Heights Road

BASS Coast Shire is seeking tenders from contractors for the upgrade and sealing of Shetland Heights Road at San Remo.

Council is upgrading the unsealed section of Shetland Heights Road, from Penniwells Drive to Potters Hill Road.

The tender period opened on Wednesday, August 17, and closes on Wednesday, September 14 at 2.00pm.

Construction is expected to commence in February 2023,

with the project to be completed in June that year.

Upgrades will include the installation of new pavement and sealing of the road, a new concrete footpath as well as the installation of kerb and channel at selected locations and associated drainage.

Council had been investigating a road and drainage upgrade the road since 2019, which included consideration of a Special Charge Scheme.

However, the project was

made possible after the shire received \$1.85 million through the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

According to the shire, works undertaken so far include Geotech, feature survey, cultural heritage management plan and road safety audit.

"We expect the design process, including costings, will be completed in the coming months," council's Engage website stated.

"The crest along Shetland

Heights Road and the associated intersection of Small Court will be reviewed through the detailed design stage of the road and drainage upgrade project planned for Shetland Height Road.

"A raised platform intersection, pedestrian refuge and right turn lane are some of the options being considered at the moment. Lowering the crest will depend on underground service impacts and avoiding steepening driveways."

Easy vote for Thompson Avenue three-storey building

BASS Coast Shire councillors looked favourably on a three-story mixed-use building and rooftop application during their August 17 meeting for 150 Thompson Ave.

Brought before councillors due to the build exceeding \$3 million, the application received no objections or submissions by local residents.

The subject site is located within the main commercial centre of Cowes and according to a shire report, is sufficiently placed to provide access to necessary community services and facilities.

The mixed-use nature of the proposal provides for a new ground floor retail tenancy within the commercial area, whilst providing for a variety of dwelling sizes in the apartments located on the first and second floor.

The ground level will consist of one retail space (302sqm) and 33 parking spaces, including 12 double car stackers.

Level 1 will consist of eight two-bedroom apartments and three one-bedroom apartment, whilst level 2 will host seven two-bedroom apartments and four one-bedroom apartments.

The rooftop will be 145sqm of communal open space for tenants, and the proposed site layout is placed to maximise solar energy.

Vegetation to the rear of the existing lot will be removed, along with demolition of all existing buildings on the site.

All councillors were in favour of the planning application, other than Cr Ron Bauer who raised concerns about the precedent the fourth rooftop storey would set, given the existing three-storey build restrictions.



A new three-storey development with rooftop has been successfully approved by Councillors.

Be prepared for more wild weather across the region

FURTHER rain is expected this week in the sodden South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires.

Both Leongatha and Wonthaggi are likely to receive rain every day through until Thursday according to the Bureau of Meteorology, with a high chance of showers.

Weather is expected to brighten up from Friday, although there is still a slight

chance of a shower in Wonthaggi then.

Both shires are anticipated to have sunny mild conditions on the weekend.

A few South Gippsland roads remained closed on Monday.

While Armstrongs Road (Meenyan) and Stewart and Dunlops Road (Middle Tarwin) are closed due to water, four other roads are expected to remain out of action for

some time after being hit by landslips.

They are Clarkes Road (Hallston), Grand Ridge Road (Trida), Main South Road (Poowong) and Sanders Road (Ranceby).

Members of the public are encouraged to monitor multiple sources to stay informed, including:

- www.emergency.vic.gov.au
- VicEmergency Hotline - free-

call 1800 226 226

- VicEmergency app
- Facebook or Twitter (#vic-floods)
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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



COUNCIL is developing a Neighbourhood Character Study, a Housing Strategy, and a Residential Development Framework to help manage future population growth.

This predicted population growth presents a challenge for Council. We will need to adequately plan for future growth, and we also need to ensure that appropriate planning policies and controls are in place to protect the valued attributes within our townships. We want to hear from you as part of the development process.

For more information about the project and to provide your feedback, visit www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodcharacterhousing or, attend a drop-in session with Council's Strategic Planning Team this week – all the details are on the website.

It is wonderful to see drive from the community itself when it comes to renewable energy. The Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System, a Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) and Energy Innovation Cooperative (EI Coop) project, supported by Council, will offer greater reliability in electricity supply for the Island, especially during peak holiday periods and could potentially slash power bills.

The 'Big Battery' has been installed near the village of Wimbledon Heights and is part of the vision for Phillip Island to be carbon neutral and 100% renewable by 2030.

This project proves how important climate change is to our community, and everyone who lives on Phillip Island will benefit.

With cost-of-living front of mind, the ability for communities to harness natural resources to produce and store power will hopefully make a real difference to household bills. Clean, green power is what people want, and I'm sure this project will help inspire similar schemes in other communities across Victoria.

Congratulations to TRPI also on their presentation at the recent New Energy Conference on Ensuring communities are part of the New Energy Journey. I was also excited to hear about the green hydrogen projects being developed in Gippsland.

Finally this week, I would like to say a big thank you to all of our Teams involved in managing the flooded roads we experienced last week, following an absolute deluge of rain. Water rose over a number of roads, with some needing to be closed – all of which was managed safely and efficiently.

Please remember, if you are on the road and it's flooded, forget it.



Shire needs almost 10,000 more dwellings to accommodate growth

The Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan area has been identified as possibly increasing the overall capacity of residential land by an additional 3373 lots, once approved by the Minister for Planning.

BASS Coast Shire has released its long-awaited Neighbourhood Character Study, Housing Strategy, and Residential Development Framework which could set the future of the shire's growth.

With the population expected to grow to almost 50,000 residents by 2036, the demand will see the need for almost 10,000 additional dwellings.

The more than 100-page Bass Coast Residential Market, Demand and Supply Assessment report, undertaken by Urban Enterprise, was unveiled at last week's council meeting, with councillors adopting the strategies and assessments.

According to shire documents, the Neighbourhood Character Study involves a detailed assessment of neighbourhood character in Bass Coast's residential areas and the preparation of preferred character objectives, and design guidelines that will guide the character of new residential developments.

The Housing Strategy will be a long-term plan to manage housing growth and change across all residential areas in Bass Coast. It will identify what housing needs are required, where housing growth will take place and changes to residential density.

While the Residential Development Framework will balance the outputs of the

Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study to identify minimal, incremental, and substantial change areas for all residential settlements.

The three strategies will also build on the state government's State Government's draft Statement of Planning Policy, as part of the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project.

The draft policy proposes changes to the settlement role / categorisation of several towns as well as the introduction of 'Protected Settlement Boundaries' to all settlements.

The report indicates that 534 – 656 additional dwellings will be required per year over the next 15 years, with the overall capacity of residential zoned land in Bass Coast townships suitable for occupation by new dwellings estimated to be 4952 lots.

The Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) area (specifically the land that is still within the Farming Zone), was identified as possibly increasing the overall capacity of residential land by an additional 3373 lots.

The PSP will guide the development of a new growth area in Wonthaggi, and identify what infrastructure is needed to support the growing community, such as roads and community facilities, and land for employment and retail.

The Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) had prepared a draft amendment to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme to include the PSP as an incorporated document.

Tranche 1 of the Wonthaggi North East PSP Standing Advisory Committee Hearing concluded on April 16, 2021, while Tranche 2 of the hearing concluded on June 23, 2022. The Standing Advisory Committee is preparing to submit to the VPA.

Approval by the Minister for Planning is expected in late 2022, followed by the finalisation of the plan.

It is estimated in the report that more than one-third of the existing housing stock is used primarily to accommodate non-residents, including holiday homes and holiday rentals, and the number of active listings for holiday rentals (including Airbnb) has increased strongly in recent years.

While the median house price in Bass Coast during 2021 was \$699,000, growing from \$540,000 in 2020, with the highest medians currently in Inverloch (\$890,500), Cowes (\$876,500), Kilcunda (\$870,000) and San Remo (\$850,000).

"The mainland is projected to accommodate the majority of population and dwelling growth over the next 15 years, with substantial growth projected in Wonthaggi, Inverloch

and the Waterline townships," the report states.

"Once the Wonthaggi North East PSP is finalised, Wonthaggi is estimated to have in excess of 38 years of land supply, while some parts of the municipality such as Cowes, Phillip Island overall and Inverloch are likely to have less than 10 years of supply available.

"Once the Wonthaggi North East PSP is approved, the market segment seeking regional centre housing will be well catered for if this new land can be efficiently and cost effectively brought to the market by developers. It is important that a variety of housing types are delivered in Wonthaggi."

Have your say

The shire has begun community consultation with feedback closing on Friday, September 16, 2022.

In-person sessions will be held on:

Friday 26 August 2022
11:00 am – 01:00 pm- Inverloch Community Hub

Saturday 27 August 2022
09:30 am – 11:30 am- St Philip's Anglican Church, Cowes

Saturday 27 August 2022
01:30 pm – 03:30 pm- San Remo Recreation Reserve

For more information and to provide feedback online, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodcharacterhousing

Council Update



Have your say on Neighbourhood Character and Housing

Council has started preparing a Neighbourhood Character Study, a Housing Strategy, and a Residential Development Framework to manage housing change and growth over the next 15 years, and as part of this are seeking community input.

Visit www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodcharacterhousing or use the QR Code to use the interactive map and complete the survey.

Or, you can come along to one of our information sessions:

- Friday, 26 August.....11.00am – 1.00pm, Inverloch Community Hub
- Saturday, 27 August.....9.30am – 11.30am, St Philip's Anglican Church, Cowes
- Saturday, 27 August.....1.30pm – 3.30pm, San Remo Recreation Reserve

If you have any questions please contact Council's Strategic Planning Team on the numbers below, or email strategicplanningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

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Kenny's ready to be challenged by his Long Run for a cause

TOORA'S Kenny Hughes will be pounding along sections of the Great Southern Rail Trail (GSRT), raising funds for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) this September.

He is participating in 'The Long Run', the organisation's campaign to raise awareness of the disease and generate funds to help men survive prostate cancer.

While The Long Run sets the modest target to "run, walk or wheel 72 kilometres in September", Kenny is sure to cover significantly more ground.

Last year he ran a total of 370km throughout September for The Long Run, raising a bit over \$3,300 and is keen to beat those figures this time.

"I'd always planned to go from Port Welshpool to Leongatha, which is 72km," Kenny said.

When The Long Run challenge popped up on Facebook, encouraging people to cover exactly that distance, he couldn't resist, particularly with the chance to assist a good cause.

He and a friend tackled the trail over a long weekend.

"I'm going to see how many kilometres I can do," Kenny said of this year's plans.

While already contemplating taking on the run from Toora up Mount Best, he is



Kenny Hughes looks forward to tackling the challenge of 'The Long Run', raising funds for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

also encouraging others to set further September missions for him.

"I'm happy to take on a challenge," Kenny said, explaining that may entail someone offering to donate a specific amount to the cause if he can achieve their target.

PCFA says that 72 percent

of men who develop anxiety or depression as a result of their prostate cancer diagnosis will not seek help to improve their mental health, accounting for the unusual distance of 72km being chosen as The Long Run target.

"Together we can ensure these men are supported for

the long run," the organisation states.

Just like last year, Kenny will encourage others to join him as he tackles sections of the GSRT.

People can follow Kenny's progress on his online page for The Long Run and his Facebook page.



CEO to stay in top job for five more years

BASS Coast Shire Council CEO Ali Wastie contract was formally extended for a further five years this week.

Councillors have endorsed Ms Wastie's continuation in the position, which sees her contract extended until February 17, 2028.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said that Ms Wastie is an in-demand executive.

"This is shown by the Minister appointing her as the Chair of Alpine Resorts Victoria recently. This appointment has occurred because of the excellent job she has done here in Bass Coast," Cr Whelan said.

"The synergies between the roles are strong and these outside links bring with them incredible access. Ms Wastie's renewed five-year contract gives stability to Bass Coast and for the many projects we have underway."

Ms Wastie said that she is thrilled to continue to serve Bass Coast Shire Council as Chief Executive Officer and lead a highly capable and passionate organisation.

"Bass Coast is a very special place that has its natural environment and communities at its heart," Ms Wastie said.

"It is a privilege and honour to work alongside a progressive Council who is committed to making Bass Coast the best it can be."

"I look forward to progressing an ambitious Capital Works Program, our focus on our customers and providing services that respond to our growing communities' needs and aspirations," Ms Wastie concluded.



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The vaccine dilemma facing volunteers

THE debate is raging on both sides. Volunteers wish to return to their voluntary emergency service roles and emergency service organisations are required by law to follow the pandemic public health orders, and as such, worker vaccination requirements.

To date emergency services workers are still required to be triple vaccinated, which includes Victoria State Emergency Services, Country Fire Authority and lifesaving services.

Volunteers are frustrated at what they believe are inconsistent restrictions.

“I have been a CFA volunteer for over 20 years,” one volunteer, who wished to remain anonymous, explained.

“I have chosen not to be triple vaccinated.

“I cannot assist at a fire or a motor vehicle accident. I cannot attend meetings. I cannot undertake training... I cannot step foot inside my station. I am definitely not allowed on or near the truck.”

Though as the individual highlighted, they could attend the MCG and stand with 80,000 unmasked spectators, they could also meet up with any number of their fellow volunteers at any venue, as long as it wasn't CFA business.

“But I can't stand in a smoke-filled paddock with a P2 mask at the end of a hose thirty metres from a member on a pump.”

The individual's statement comes as organisations across the shire and state are screaming for more members.

“There's a percentage who remain unvaccinated because they reasonably objected to being compelled to take vaccines that only have provisional TGA approval and regard their right to informed consent and bodily autonomy as actually rather important,” they stated.

“There are those who had adverse

reactions especially to their second doses. And others who see that the virus is basically endemic and as even triple-dosed people can contract and transmit the disease, maybe it's time to let the adaptive immunity of otherwise healthy individuals do what it's been designed to do by millions of years of evolution.

“Their (state government) whole approach has long been disappointing and has created undue strain on dedicated volunteers who are all – whether they've had one, two, three or no vaccinations – totally committed to their local communities.”

In light of members across emergency services wishing to return, until the public health orders change, organisations have to remain firm.

“CFA's number one priority is the health and safety of our members and the broader community,” a spokesperson for the CFA stated.

“CFA is required to follow the Pandemic Orders to ensure emergency service workers are fully vaccinated (boosted) with an approved COVID-19 vaccination.”

CFA and Life Saving Victoria (LSV) wouldn't confirm how many volunteers have been stood down or are currently inactive.

CFA stated that, ‘CFA's ability to respond to incidents has not been affected.’

While LSV stated, “Life Saving Victoria's vaccination requirements remain aligned with those set out by the Victoria State Government for emergency services workers,” LSV CEO Cath Greaves said.

“The overwhelming majority of our workforce has taken up the opportunity to get vaccinated against COVID-19. We do not anticipate any difficulties in meeting our patrol and search and rescue responsibilities for the Victorian community this season due to vaccination concerns.”



State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP with Minister for Environment Lily D'Ambrosio.

Projects to preserve coastal areas

LOCAL organisations have received funding of up to \$10k through the state government's Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program.

State Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale MP is thrilled that \$1 million has been awarded to fund projects that improve management and adaptation to coastal hazard risk in line with Victoria's Resilient Coast – Adapting for 2100+.

Locally, the successful grant recipients include:

- OzFish Unlimited - \$9810 - Turning the Tide for Westernport Mangroves, sequester carbon, filter nutrients, and provide coastal protection and habitat. They will also host two community planting days at Rhyll, Phillip

Island, generating community stewardship of the local mangrove environment.

- Harmers Haven Residents and Ratepayers Group - \$9980 - This project seeks to manage and control the invading weed Boneseed. This is a Weed of National Significance.
- Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Coastcare Group - \$10,000 – for Coastal Reserve Interpretive Trail Signage and interactives will be placed at Surfies Point and along the boardwalk.
- Phillip Island Land Alliance (PILA) - \$9935 - auspiced by Landcare the PILA is a collaborative group of 12 community-based environmental, land and coastal

care groups, each with long and sustained beneficial works supporting Phillip Island environmental repair and restoration.

- Victorian National Parks Association for the Phillip Island Great Victorian Fish Counts - \$9971 - This project will deliver four events on Phillip Island which has internationally significant wetlands, seals, whales, dolphins and plenty of fish.
- Friends of the Prom - \$9650 for the development of a Group Strategic Plan for Future Volunteer Capacity.

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15 September to 14 October	Shuttle buses running
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Councillors stamp on accusations

SOUTH Gippsland Shire councillors Scott Rae and Mick Felton have spoken out, insisting matters are not finalised behind the scenes prior to being formally voted on by councillors at public meetings.

Both took the opportunity to make their points at Wednesday's council meeting, with Cr Rae adopting a light-hearted approach to deliver his message.

He brandished a rubber stamp, following recent suggestions councillors have been rubber stamping their decisions based on the advice of council staff.

Cr Rae declared his accompanying ink pad to be long-since dry.

"Nobody's used it for a while and I didn't see anyone pick it up to today, so we're not rubber stamping anything," he said, amusing many of those present.

One wit in the public gallery pointed out that Cr Rae himself had just picked up the stamp.

Cr Felton took a more direct approach to the voting issue, referring to accusations of councillors "making decisions in closed settings".

"I can straight out say this, and I'm happy to do an affidavit, happy to do a stat dec or swear on my mother's life that does not happen," Cr Felton said.

"I'm sick of hearing it and it is wrong, and the decisions are made as per the Local Government Act."

He added that councillors make

decisions in public meetings when matters are presented for voting, taking the advice of council staff into account.

"When it comes to voting on the day, what you haven't seen is the questions we have raised, the additional information we have sought, and when we make a decision, we make it based on all relevant information," Cr Felton said.

He issued a challenge to those asserting otherwise.

"For those that continue with their rubber stamp and voting behind closed doors rubbish, if you've got evidence to prove it, I suggest you go through the normal chain and make your complaints," Cr Felton said.

"It's starting to get a little bit frustrating," he added.

The councillors' comments follow the July council meeting and the controversial decision not to sell a piece of council-owned land in Mardan Road Koorooman to the adjoining landowner to establish a cattle underpass.

The proponent of that initiative, Warren Lester, argued council is acting as a Board, with decisions already finalised prior to councillors' public votes.

He pointed to the high number of unanimous councillor votes, with only a couple of decisions dividing councillors since their election late last year.



Cr Scott Rae refutes suggestions that councillors rubber stamp decisions. A01_3422

South Gippsland land rezoned

TWO parcels of land, one in Leongatha and the other in Fish Creek will no longer be zoned as Public Park and Recreation areas, having been previously identified as surplus to South Gippsland Shire Council's open space requirements.

The Minister for Planning has approved an amendment to the South Gippsland Planning scheme, with 6A Warralong Court Leongatha to be rezoned to the General Residential 1 Zone, while 15 Old Waratah Road Fish Creek will be classified Township Zone.

A permit has also been granted by the minister, removing the reserve status (Public Open Space) from the Leongatha title.

Councillors voted in March to submit the proposed amendment to the Planning Minister for approval.

As previously reported in the Sentinel-Times, that followed over 40 objections to the rezoning of the two pieces of land, and the subsequent referral of the proposed amendment to an independent panel.

The panel's report recommended the amendment should be adopted by council.

Many objectors to the proposed reclassification of both blocks wished to see them retained as open space.

However, council has previously described the Fish Creek site as "undeveloped grassland", also highlighting its suitability for other uses.

"Its size, configuration, topography and location near the town centre add to its development potential," council stated.

The Leongatha site was also described by council as undeveloped, with its irregular shape deemed unsuitable for use as an open space.

A copy of the amendment can be inspected through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection or at the Leongatha office of the South Gippsland Shire Council located at 9 Smith Street, with inspection free of charge.

The amendment approved is C124sgip.



Wonthaggi Open Day, Join In!

Wednesday 31 August 2022

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

New Opportunities for Feedback

This year, our community have been providing feedback like never before. We now have two more opportunities for you to get involved and make your voice heard:

Domestic Animal Management Plan

We want to hear your thoughts on cat curfew, dogs on leads, de-sexing, animal registration to help us update our Domestic Animal Management Plan. The Plan is a four-year document that provides a strategic approach toward the promotion of responsible pet ownership and animal welfare. There are a number

of ways you can provide feedback on this Plan including an online survey, written submission, face-to-face engagement events and an online workshop. Those who participate in the survey also have the chance to win a \$200 hamper full of local produce.

Foster Shared Path

The other engagement opportunity is more localised. The project is the Foster Shared Path which will run from Pearl Park to the Great Southern Rail Trail along Station Road.

Providing your feedback now will help frame some concept designs that will be released once this initial engagement is over. You can provide that feedback in a number of ways including an interactive map where you can place additional points of interest and an online survey.

To have your say on either or both of these projects before 11 September 2022, please visit:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Council Chambers, Leongatha)
Wednesday 21 September,
2.00pm

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Council conduct its Meetings according to COVID Safe Plan requirements.

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

RFT/331 – Road Realignment – Gardner Lane, Poowong VIC 3988

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 30 August 2022.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

RATES NOTICES

Rates notices will be starting to hit your letterbox or inbox this week.

Due to the popularity of South Gippsland over the past year, many homes have increased in value, particularly in coastal areas. To help answer your rates questions a dedicated FAQ page has been created. Please visit:

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Framework in place to boost affordable housing in South Gippsland Shire

SOUTH Gippsland Shire councillors expressed the importance of tackling the region's housing crisis for those most in need when formalising the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy 2022 at Wednesday's council meeting.

As outlined in last week's Sentinel Times, South Gippsland Shire requires a substantial increase in the availability of affordable housing for those on very low to moderate incomes, including social housing.

To be classified as 'affordable housing', there must be an eligibility requirement and allocation process to ensure those in need can purchase or rent housing at a cost that enables them to meet other living expenses.

A household's rent or mortgage repayments should generally be no more than 30 per cent of household income in order to be considered affordable.

Social housing is the most common type of affordable housing, with rent set as a proportion of household income, and such housing is generally owned by the State Government or not-for-profit organisations.

The newly adopted strategy sets a framework to address the complex challenges involved.

It acknowledges the need for council to advocate to State and Federal Governments, and work with others such as developers, the community housing sector and peak bodies to deliver more affordable housing.

"We cannot address the shortage of affordable housing on our own and South Gippsland Shire Council will build partnerships with service and housing organisations to advocate for sustainable levels of funding," the plan states.

With an estimated current shortfall of at least 420 affordable homes across South



Cr Jenni Keerie highlighted the value of having a framework in place to guide council as it promotes the establishment of much-needed affordable housing in South Gippsland Shire. A05_3422

Gippsland Shire, addressing the issue is a major focus and challenge.

The Social and Affordable Housing Strategy outlines three key ways in which South Gippsland Shire Council intends to positively influence the delivery of affordable housing in the region.

Advocacy, engagement and the formation of partnerships is one of the trio of major initiatives.

Leveraging the land use planning system to the extent practicable is another.

Providing incentives and opportunities, including making council-owned land available where appropriate is the other significant facet of council's approach to meeting the affordable housing requirement.

Council recognises that the dispersed nature of South Gippsland townships discourages investment in affordable housing, and intends to advocate for a change in funding so that people can stay within their communities and access relevant support structures.

"The dispersed nature of

South Gippsland communities, and the State Government policy settings that encourage investment in social and affordable housing in metropolitan or regional cities mean there is a significant underinvestment in social housing in South Gippsland," council states.

Council will incorporate the Affordable Housing Strategy into the South Gippsland Planning Scheme, providing affordable housing opportunities and clear objectives to achieve them.

"South Gippsland Shire Council recognises that there are opportunities within the planning system to negotiate affordable housing outcomes for current and future residents and we will use all available planning scheme levers to generate more affordable housing," the plan states.

Additionally, the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy provides a means for assessing the suitability of council-owned land for affordable housing.

Location is an important consideration, both in terms

of the demand for affordable housing in the area in which such land is situated, and the level of access to important services its position would provide.

Cr Jenni Keerie outlined the significance of the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy during Wednesday's meeting.

"I believe it's the first time consideration of social and affordable housing has been put into a particular framework for consideration and advocacy," Cr Keerie said.

"It's not for South Gippsland Shire Council to provide the social and affordable housing for our area, but what we can do is advocate and make sure that areas are identified as locations for social and affordable housing."

She believes the new strategy will offer council the guidance required for its advocacy to higher levels of government and its establishment of partnerships to address the need for affordable housing.

While councillor Sarah Gilligan said the need for affordable housing is prevalent across Australia and elsewhere, she believes its focus on providing local housing for local people is critical.

"This policy captures the uniqueness of the way our towns operate and how important our small communities are," Cr Gilligan said.

Cr Nathan Hersey spoke of the challenges the lack of a major town in South Gippsland Shire presents.

"Often we don't have a straightforward option for social and affordable housing because we don't have all of those services in one location like other areas have and we don't have a centralised population," he said.

The Social and Affordable Housing Strategy is supported by an Action Plan, which sets out actions, responsibilities and time frames.

Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies



IT is great to be back after a much-needed break to Western Australia. Exploring Australia and getting some sun has left me feeling refreshed and ready to continue serving my community.

I would firstly like to thank Deputy Mayor Nathan Hersey for filling while I was away. I feel he led our community well and used the weekly message as a helpful tool to keep you informed of current happenings.

Wednesday was Council Meeting day, and it was exciting to hear about all the work the Councillors have done in my absence. My favourite part of Council Meetings is often hearing what everyone has been up to over the course of the month. We also adopted a very important strategy for South Gippsland at this month's meeting – the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy.

This strategy highlights the underinvestment that has taken place in South Gippsland on this issue and how Council is seeking to address it. While Council cannot deliver affordable housing to those who need it, we can advocate to the relevant authorities to get something done. Part of the recommendations in the strategy is to make amendments to the Planning Scheme where appropriate to incorporate the strategy and ensure the investment we attract can be utilised.

I hope that this is the first of many positive steps in our region on this issue. If you are interested in reading the strategy, you can find it at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/strategies

I also have some exciting engagement opportunities to share with you all this week. The first of these is the Domestic Animal Management Plan.

This is just the beginning of the process for this plan, so we are collecting vital community feedback on key issues in this area. There are a number of ways that you can provide your feedback during this stage including an online survey, written submission, face-to-face engagement events and an online workshop. Those who participate in the survey will be in with a chance to win a \$200 hamper full of local produce.

The other engagement opportunity is the Foster Shared Path project. This project has been made possible by grant funding received from the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and will allow Council to investigate a possible shared path along Station Road in Foster. The aim of this project is to improve the safety, security and amenity of pedestrians and cyclists that use that section of road while also considering the current and future demand of residents. Like the Domestic Animal Management Plan, we have no set plans, which gives you the ability to tell us what you want to see in draft concept designs that will be released once this initial engagement is over.

If you are interested in lending your voice to either or both of these projects, please do so before Sunday 11 September 2022 by visiting Council's engagement platform: yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Finally, I would like to extend my best wishes to those who have been affected by the wet weather we've had over the past week. We also know that many roads didn't cope well with the weather, however I would just like to take this opportunity to implore you remain patient with us on getting these fixed. A little kindness and understanding goes a long way for all of us.



Members of The KernArt Prize at left, Mandy Taylor, Adam McLeod, Janice Orchard and Rob Parsons present their donation to help children to Bass Coast Health's Kristen Yates-Matthews and Sally Phillips.

KernArt Prize art show raises \$5k for Bass Coast Health

THE children of parents with mental illness and other life challenges will benefit from a donation from The KernArt Prize art show held at Kernot.

The show committee donated \$5000 raised at the 2021 show to Bass Coast Health (BCH) to enable children from disadvantaged families to

access school camps, music lessons, sporting activities and more.

BCH will distribute the funds to families who access such BCH services as counselling and social work.

KernArt Prize president Adam McLeod said, "We want to ensure the children of parents with mental illness

do not miss out on school excursions and camps, and the many fun community activities other children may be able to access readily."

The last KernArt Prize was held in April 2021 as an online event due to the COVID Pandemic and associated lockdowns and restrictions.

This year, the show will

return to a physical event on the Melbourne Cup weekend. The Kernot Community Hall will host the art show from Friday, October 28 to Sunday, October 30, with the official opening at 7pm on the Friday.

To learn more, visit the KernArt Prize Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kernartprize>

Five-storey apartment to go up in Cowes

A MELBOURNE-based developer Samuel Property has lodged plans for a multi-million apartment complex in Cowes at 6-12 Warley Avenue.

The developer has put forward plans for a five-storey apartment project, which will offer just over 90 apartments ranging from one to four-bedroom.

The plans have been lodged with Bass Coast Shire, with the project to also include more than 100 carparking spaces, 20 visitor spaces, as well as bicycle and motorcycle spaces.

Article apology

The Sentinel-Times would like to apologise for a remark relating to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) stated in an article published in the August 9, 2022, edition in the article, titled 'The team of Bernie and Don'.

The Sentinel-Times apologies for this sentence and for the distress it caused.

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Controversial Mirboo North development likely to proceed

A PROPOSED Mirboo North development that sparked 29 objections, along with hostile online posts, appears set to proceed.

Councillors voted at Wednesday's public meeting to issue a note of decision to grant a permit for the development of the land at 9 Wanke Road that will feature a dwelling and ancillary outbuilding.

"There is a common theme amongst the objections that the proposed dwelling, by virtue of its design attributes, is to be used for purposes other than a dwelling," council's Planning Delegation Report states.

While the proposed dwelling includes two bedrooms, a lounge room, laundry, bathroom and kitchen, it also incorporates a detached habitable outbuilding, comprising four additional bedrooms, each with an ensuite.

The buildings are intended to be connected by decking extending along the eastern part of the dwelling.

Objections included suggestions the development will be used for purposes such as drug rehabilitation, or housing disadvantaged youth recently released from prison.

While the number of objections received led to the application being presented to council for a decision, councillors were restricted to voting on the residential proposal before them and not speculating on future use of the development.

"Council is bound to consider the application as presented, and cannot make



Cr Adrian Darakai was surprised by the emotional response to a proposed development at 9 Wanke Road Mirboo North. A02_3422

assumptions as to how the land may or may not be used at some future point," the report says.

However, possible future uses of the land concerned drew emotional responses from some on social media.

Angry comments and speculation prompted administrators of the Mirboo North Community Noticeboard to remove a post on the proposed Wanke Road dwelling, explaining the reasons for that decision.

"This is in part due to the contentious and divisive nature of many of the comments, including inappropriate foul language, and partly due to the vast amount of speculation occurring which has caused greater angst amongst our community, and on this page," a May post stated.

Furthermore, it was noted that the community page administrators have no evidence of any future specific uses of the proposed dwelling,

despite being subjected to speculation otherwise.

At the August council meeting, Councillors Adrian Darakai and Nathan Hersey expressed surprise at the emotional response generated by the proposed development.

"Parts of Mirboo North have been ablaze, despite the torrential rain we've been having," Cr Darakai said of the at times heated reactions.

He added there is a fine line between scepticism and hysteria, having made it clear that he is supportive of healthy scepticism.

Cr Hersey expressed support for people having their say on the issue, and stressed that those who wish to take the matter further will now have to appeal to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, having 28 days to do so.

However, he stated his belief that councillors are right to support the development.

"It's quite clearly seen under the planning rules in South Gippsland as a dwelling and had there been no objections this application would have gone through without any issue, apart from the regular checks and balances that go with any property that's being built," Cr Hersey said.

"The objections were often of a more personal nature, rather than a factual basis."

There are 12 conditions attached to the permit now intended to be granted for the Wanke Road development.

They relate to fire safety, wastewater management and erosion control measures.

Locals raise incredible \$9k for Smith Family

THE Smith Family would like to thank the people of Bass who helped support their local Ampol Foodary in raising \$9000 to help Australian children living with disadvantage through the annual Winter Appeal.

Ampol Foodary Bass was named among the best performing stores in the state, among 800 participating service stations nationwide.

Through direct donations and proceeds from the sale of a range of in-store items, customers have helped Ampol contribute more than \$370,000 to The Smith Family, which will help aid the charity's out-of-school Learning Clubs.

The Smith Family's Victorian General Manager, Anton Leschen said the charity was overwhelmed by the Bass community's generosity in helping

support this year's Winter Appeal.

Learning Clubs are a safe, supportive, out of school hours environment where primary and secondary students can access resources and participate in learning activities.

The children get help for their homework, and support to develop their literacy and numeracy skills. Clubs are held in schools, libraries and

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Dairy cattle still had to be milked and fed with Lee Kirkus and his neighbour Trevor Bertrand needing to use the flooded Inverloch-Venus Bay Road to access stock and their property well before traffic returned on Saturday.

Floods: Here we go again!

THE Bureau of Meteorology is warning that even small amounts of rain, including the 15ml-20ml, or up to 40ml in the area in the past 24 hours, could be enough to boost floodwaters again.

We hope not after Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay were cut off for the best part of a week last week, the first time in a decade there has been such a lengthy isolation for the two towns due to floods.

The rain started the previous Sunday night, and it barely stopped until Wednesday morning when the sun popped out and you could see the extent of the 'shock' floods across Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

The Tarwin River, in particular, from the hills above Leongatha, through Meeniyah and out through Tarwin Lower, was one of the hardest hit.

But the Powlett River and smaller local streams also broke their banks, with water from paddocks also covering the other access to Tarwin Lower, Walkerville Road.

Flooding on the Buffalo-Tarwin

Lower Road, through Middle Tarwin, also caused problems for those trying to access Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay.

But, through the determination and ingenuity of local traders and supplies... the mail, the fuel, the groceries and the produce still got through to the district supply centre at Tarwin Lower, initially via Meeniyah, Fish Creek and Walkerville, but in the following days, with some people using Buffalo-Waratah Road as well.

The team at IGA at Tarwin Lower, in particular, have earned the community's high praise for going to great lengths to get the fresh bread in, the fresh fruit and veggies, the papers and all the rest.

"I've done about five loads in now from Inverloch," said IGA's Luke Kelly last Wednesday.

"But it's certainly been a pain having to go all the way around," he said, still managing a smile as Tracey de Merlo arrives to help him unload the supplies even including fresh flowers.

Tash and Tiarni at The Bird and

the Wolf Café were surprisingly busy on Wednesday too, but they continued to serve up a storm of fresh-made breakfasts and lunches, with plenty of coffee on the go for locals and the workers passing through.

Even Matt Russell showed up with a tanker load of fuel from John Duff, also having to take the long way around to get to Tarwin Lower.

The only thing, it seems, that didn't get through, were the school buses to Leongatha, but that didn't worry young Clara and Alessandra Western who usually would have been in at school at St Laurences but enjoyed a sit-down lunch at the café with Beth Winterhalter.

Lots of residents, especially the newer residents of Venus Bay, struggled to find their way home however, driving up for a look at the floodwaters on the Inverloch side of the Tarwin Lower Bridge before trying the closed Buffalo-Tarwin Lower Road and ultimately going all the way around via Fish Creek or up the 'Ten Mile' as they call the Buffalo-Waratah Road.

School crossing 'urgent' says Round Table

LAST Thursday night the Korumburra Round Table held its August Round Table meeting. Here is President Pee-Wee Lewis' report.

Once again, we welcomed Christian Stefani, Manager Economy Community and Investment at the South Gippsland Shire Council, to our meeting for a comprehensive update on council projects in Korumburra. It was great to hear that the Community Hub project remains on track, despite the weather and some delays in materials.

For those keenly watching what's happening up at the railway station, a great deal of restoration work is currently under way, including concrete re-stumping and electrical rough-in.

A crucial meeting is being held this Friday, August 26 at 6.30pm at the Korumburra Meeting Rooms, where the 'story so far' of this redevelopment will be told, and then those present are invited to come back and pitch an idea for the future of this treasured historical site.

We also had quite an animated discussion about the traffic situation in Princes Street, outside the entrance to the Karmai Children's Centre.

There is currently no crossing at this site, and there have been several near misses not only when children are crossing between parked cars to attend Karmai or the primary school, but also when they are being

walked to and from St Josephs, for before and afterschool care.

Despite a 15-month email trail of desperate pleas from the Operational Manager of Karmai, the Primary School Council President and now the Primary School Principal, council has decided to seek funding for a 'traffic study' so that they can determine what should be done.

Karmai and KPS want better signage and a manned crossing further down the hill; not another study. Surely we can do better than this.

It was also terrific to get an update from John Davies on the Korumburra Men's Shed, which has now entered into a lease with VicTrack to use the big shed on the railway site.

This dynamic local group had outgrown its location in the goods shed, with 45 current members, and the move will allow the group to continue to grow, although they will require other tenants in this building to help pay for concrete flooring, toilets, and other necessities.

And finally, the KRT welcomes Kim O'Connell as new Team Leader at Coal Creek. Kim has a wealth of experience in the cultural and heritage industries, and will oversee the fence work currently underway, the latest plans for the bush tramway, and more of the very popular paranormal tours, for those who are after something completely different!



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South Gippsland Shire Mayor Mohya Davies and fellow councillor Scott Rae having a look around the Linton Court Retirement Village recently.

More units under construction at Linton Court Retirement Village

A FURTHER two units are well under way at the Linton Court Retirement Village in Foster.

The builder Brent Casbolt has indicated the units will be completed by around March 2023.

The supply issues that are affecting everyone in the building game at present have delayed things a little, but the works are going along steadily.

Shire Mayor, Mohya Davies visited the site with fellow councillor Scott Rae last week, and they were very impressed with the developments at the village, and the standard of the units.

The two units under construction are in addition to another three units that were only completed and occupied in March 2022.

Linton Court is a community Retirement Village run by a fully voluntary local non-profit body whose charter is to provide affordable top quality living accommodation for older members of the community looking to enjoy an independent retirement lifestyle.

The village takes its name from local residents Ted and Lydia Linton who had the forethought to initiate this project in 1970 and donate land to get it going.

On completion of the current two units the village will have 27 units on the site which is in McDonald St, Foster - within easy walking distance (about 300 metres) of the town centre.

As the retirement village is a non-profit undertaking the financial arrangements are very generous.

Residents acquire the right to occupy their unit for a small ingoing contribution.

All maintenance work is dealt with by the Committee and paid for from the reasonable maintenance charges paid by residents.

This means that residents can enjoy life without worrying about building upkeep, lawns, etc – the usual things that can make things harder as we grow older.

The committee has delayed allocating the latest units till a clear timetable to completion was available, and will be allocating the second of these units in the near future. Units are not allocated simply based on time on the waiting list – many other factors are considered.

If anyone wishes to be considered for the unit still to be allocated, they should make contact as soon as possible.

The unit that is to be allocated is a 2-bedroom unit.

It has 2 spacious bedrooms, a well-appointed kitchen and a large living area.

All units thoughtfully incorporate many extra features that make for easy living – a dishwasher, oven, drawers and cupboards shelves kept a little off floor level, open non-cubicle shower, reverse cycle air conditioner, carport adjacent etc.

Anyone interested is welcome to have an inspection.

Simply contact Hon. Manager Lloyd McKenzie on 0439 559579.

Byron's greatest shave

ON Saturday, November 26, after two years of growing his beloved mullet, 10-year-old Byron Humphry will take on the World's Greatest Shave mission and raise funds to provide vital support and care for those affected by blood cancer.

The event will be hosted by the San Remo Hotel Motel from 2pm until 5pm, where The Lang Brothers will perform live; with raffle prizes to be won and all funds donated to the leukaemia foundation.

Byron's cherished mullet has him recognised by friends and family as joe dirt and the gangster llama but after two years of maintenance, Byron willingly made the decision to donate his hair to those going through cancer treatment.

"I wanted to donate my hair to make a wig for those who have lost their hair in treatment, but when I found out I could raise funds to help patients and families I decided to take on the World's Greatest Shave," said Byron.

With a target of \$5000, Byron's aim is to raise enough money to fund three months of laboratory costs for a research project to discover better treatments for blood cancer, but already raising over \$1100 Byron has raised enough to give a regional family a free place to stay close to treatment in the city for a week.

Byron's mother Tammy Humphry said like so many of us, Byron has had too many friends and family diagnosed



Ten-year-old Byron Humphry is known for his well-groomed mullet, and he has willingly taken on the World's Greatest Shave mission to shave for blood cancer on November 26.
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with cancer and with Byron's decision for the mullet to go, they are proud of his courage in supporting the leukaemia foundation.

"By supporting Byron you'll be funding vital research to help others survive blood cancer, whilst too improving their quality of life," said Tammy.

"By taking part, you are ensuring blood cancer patients have access to the right information, support and care they need to fight the disease as well as someone to turn to every step of the way."

Throughout the afternoon, Byron's father Kirk will take on

the mission to shave his head and moustache whilst inviting others to either shave or cut their hair on the day to stand in solidarity with the 110,000 fellow Australians that are currently living with the disease.

Leukaemia Foundation CEO, Mr Chris Tanti said, with the incidence of blood cancer continuing to grow, we cannot afford to sit by and allow this cancer to increasingly wreak havoc on families across Australia.

"Today, 50 Australians will be newly diagnosed with blood cancer such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma, and

by 2035, that number is expected to double to 100 people each day," he said.

"The leukaemia foundation is on a mission to defeat the disease. Together with our brave and big-hearted shavers, we believe it is possible to achieve our goal of zero lives lost to blood cancer by 2035."

To support Byron, scan the QR code and directly donate.

Visit www.worldsgreatestshave.com/donate and type in Byron Humphry or visit the San Remo Hotel Motel on Saturday, November 26 at 2pm and witness the flying mullet go to a good cause.

Spending too much on consultants? Don't ask us!

WE'RE told the Bass Coast Shire Council will spend \$2 million on consultants this year, and a further \$2 million the following year, getting outside advice.

Cr Les Larke wants to know if we're getting value for money.

It seems a fair question to ask, and allegedly, after trying to get the information directly from the shire's administration, he brought the query to council last week via a Notice of Motion.

Some of his colleagues liked it, most didn't.

Cr Larke explained: "Engagement of consultants is projected to cost council in excess of \$2 million in 2021-22 and again in 2022-23. The objective of this motion is for transparency purposes and from a due diligence perspective, to understand the nature and quantum of the outlays and to improve how the integrity and value-for-money of consultancy engagements are demonstrated and how the application of policy, if any, in relation to these types of arrangements is overseen."

In other words, are we getting value for money for what we spend on consultants, and is it measured and reported?

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times this week, Cr Larke explained his concern, claiming the shire would record underlying losses of a total of \$8 million in the next three years, and was projecting its debt to balloon out to \$44.6 million, over the next three years.

While reserving his opinion on the MAV's call for a review of the 1.75% rate cap, he said he believed there was a lot councils could do to trim operational expenses, before looking to increase rates beyond the cap.

It's a topical issue with annual rates' notices arriving on kitchen tables across the shire in the past few weeks.

While it's difficult to tie down exactly what the operating position will be, in the preamble to the 2022-23 Budget, Council said the following: "The Budget projects an operating surplus of \$2.2 million for 2022-23 and a balanced funding statement position. An adjusted underlying deficit of \$3.4 million is largely attributable to significant one-off landfill rehabilitation works totalling \$4.1 million..."

The Notice of Motion prompted spirited debate.

Cr Ron Bauer was supportive:

"I will be honest, I wouldn't have worded this motion in quite these terms. However, what I believe Cr Larke is trying to achieve with this motion is to make the council officers more accountable for the money that is being spent on outside consultants and external advice," said Cr Bauer.

"The implementation of this motion would demonstrate that the money spent is value for money," he said, noting that council could incorporate such an initiative when revising its budget, something he believes the shire needs

to do in view of the changing economic conditions around inflation and interest rate rises.

Cr David Rooks wasn't at all supportive, neither was Cr Leticia Laing.

Cr Rooks said he was "frustrated" that Cr Larke hadn't discussed the issue of consultants with his fellow councillors first and put three questions to him, asking if the community had raised the issue with him, what he wanted the report for, and how long he thought it would take to compile.

Despite complaining he hadn't had time to research the issue, Cr Rooks said he believed it would take two to four weeks to compile the report and that there were 1000 invoices to check through.

"Maybe we'll need to get a consultant in to do the work," he said.

Cr Rochelle Halstead asked for some additional information and was told by the shire's General Manager Business Transformation, Wayne Mack, that the administration didn't report on specifically what services consultants provided.

Cr Leticia Laing was scathing of Cr Larke's request.

"It's worrying for me as a councillor to be asked to allocate an unbudgeted amount of resources and ratepayer funds to develop a list of indistinct line items on emotion about consultants," he said.

"There has been little collaboration on developing

this motion and it's unfortunate that I have to listen to the summing up before I can make up my mind.

"The framework asked for in this motion is, from what I've been able to understand, inconsistent with the local government better practice guide and model budget released by Local Government Victoria.

"It is also inconsistent with the Australian Accounting Standards as authorised by the Australian Accounting Standards Board."

Cr Laing went on to say that she didn't believe the investigation proposed by Cr Larke would deliver any value for the time and resources needed. She also noted that Cr Larke didn't even vote in favour of the budget.

In closing the debate, Cr Larke said those councillors who had spoken against his motion had missed the point. He said it was about establishing whether the appointment of outside consultants was well planned, effectively procured, well managed and comprehensively evaluated.

He said, from his own research, the proper policies for appointing and evaluating the use and value of consultants was not in place at Bass Coast Shire.

When the vote was taken, Crs Kent and Bauer agreed to investigate the use of consultants but Crs Laing, Le Serve, Rooks, Tessari, and Whelan didn't think it was worth the time and effort.

Raising money and positivity drives Liz

LIZ Duthie has spent her life giving back, from Relay for Life's to Australia's Biggest Morning Tea's.

It started 20 years ago, with a focus the last 14 years on Australia's Biggest Morning Tea's – that grew into lunches.

"I lost my brother-in-law at 39 with a brain tumour," Liz said.

"I think over the years I always wanted to do something to help raise more money."

Moving to Bass Coast from Blackburn seven years ago, the Inverloch resident has hosted an event five years out of the seven.

"I've always been a part of groups that raise money – mostly for cancer. Fourteen years ago, I decided to do something myself.

"In Blackburn I belonged to a craft group there, and they always did a big morning tea and that's where it really started.

"I love raising money and I love the positivity of the people. I can go into different shops, for example, Redgie's Café, they always give sandwiches and Little Wren, she gave me a voucher.

"I do two hampers and because I started off with morning tea, I always do a teapot."

Collecting teapots in her travels, Liz recalls a rather special year when she found both a cow and a cat teapot.

"I fell in love with a cat, and I knew two people coming to my big morning tea. One was a farmer, and she brought a lady with her, who just loved the cat... She said to her friend, 'I

think I like that' and bid on it.

"Everything's donated. The whole thing is knowing that very few people will say no, you get a couple who for different reasons are unable to, which is fine. Everybody loves it."

Until this year, Liz's teas and lunches have also been free to enter.

"I know if you're going to spend \$20, then that's what you're going to spend."

"This year was a first year that I charged, and I decided \$10 was fine."

Hosted at the bowling club for the second year, an announcement the week prior during a fortnightly dinner saw members from Bass Coast Health Auxiliary jump on board with monies raised going towards new cancer equipment at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Upon entering the Inverloch Bowling Club, Liz was greeted by a member of the auxiliary who was collecting monies.

"I'm doing all my stuff picking up food and I said to my husband, you'll be there before me but I should be there about 12, for 12.30 start, and when I got there one of the ladies from that auxiliary was sitting taking the \$10 from each person."

"I'd never asked, and she says this is what we do."

"I'd seen there were a lot of cars in the carpark, knew there were quite a lot of people there, and she said, 'I've just counted the money so far and we've taken \$570.'"

Fifty-seven people had turned up in support of Liz's Biggest Lunch and with the assistance of the auxiliary they raised \$3100 on the day.

With ideas circulating around what Liz will plan next year, she is not giving any secrets away just yet.

"I do like doing it in my house."

"Usually, I'm not allowed in the kitchen the last two years my husband has cooked the soups – we had four soups this year."

"He loves pumpkin, so we had a pumpkin and carrot, pumpkin and sweet potato, leek and potato and then I said we'll do a Scotch broth because that's one of our favourites."

"In Melbourne he had a good veggie garden, and he would make a lot of soups."

Mixing it up at her lunch in 2019, Liz even shaved her head for the cause.

"It was quite special. My husband's a barber, but he didn't want to do it, so I said to our son Andrew do you want to do it because your dad won't do it?"

Throughout winter, Liz could be seen in a collection of different beanies, her favourite a multicoloured one.

And whilst Liz hasn't kept track of how much she has raised over the 14 years – there is no denying her fundraising efforts have certainly made an impact both at the Cancer Council Victoria and Wonthaggi Hospital.



Liz Duthie has proudly been serving up Australia's Biggest Morning Tea/Lunch for over 14 years. C02_3422



Liz alongside the prize winner for the best dressed footy supporter, 'Pud' the St Kilda supporter and his wife Yvonne at the 2019 Big Lunch.

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\$10m for new Vietnam Veterans Museum

THE State Government is investing \$10 million to help deliver a new purpose-built site to house the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island.

The investment will support the museum to modernise its exhibitions, increase visitor capacity and improve visitors' understanding of the Vietnam War and its impacts.

It will also enable the museum to better engage with the veterans' community and its volunteers.

The museum's new \$37m site will be located at 24 Churchill Road, Newhaven and will replace their current location at 25 Veterans Drive, Newhaven.

The museum will be used to permanently display and store the collection of more than 40,000 items of memorabilia and artefacts.

The development consists of the main building with a total area of 4206sqm containing exhibition areas, visitor services spaces and support area spaces.

The exhibition spaces are contained in approximately one half of the building and include three areas; a central theme area, a supporting theme area and an indoor memorial space.

Approximately half of the building will consist of visitor service spaces, support spaces and plant.

The visitor services spaces include ticketing, retail, reception, café, training, meeting and function rooms and amenities.

Externally the development includes 60 car parking spaces, an additional overflow parking area to accommodate 30 spaces, bus parking area, special purpose spaces, commemoration garden and several event spaces.

The new site is vacant agricultural land that is used intermittently for cattle grazing.

Last week also marked the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966, where Australian soldiers fought one of their fiercest battles of the war at a rubber plantation near the village of Long Tan.

The government is investing \$200,000 in the Supporting Those that Served program – funding of \$50,000 will ensure that the stories and history of Vietnam Veterans will be digitally recorded, with \$150,000 in grants for ex-services organisations to provide wellbeing support.



An artist's impression of the new National Vietnam Veterans Museum.

Vietnam veterans honoured in Leongatha

LEONGATHA RSL president Geoff Cooper led a brief but important Vietnam Veterans Day service on Thursday, commemorating the 56th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

The acknowledgement of the sacrifice made by those who served in Vietnam contrasted starkly with the often hostile reception veterans of that war faced when they returned home.

Vincent Campisi was in action at the Battle of Long Tan on August 18 1966 as a rifleman and machine gunner with the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR), and vividly recalls the experience.

He reflected on that time prior to the start of Thursday's service.

"At Long Tan I had to go through all our men that got killed and count and it was a bit traumatic," Vincent said.

That was far from the end of his time in Vietnam with 6RAR and 1RAR.

"You have to deal with it, and I had another six months in Vietnam," Vincent said of the aftermath of Long Tan and the need to complete his 12 months' service.

When he returned to Leongatha it was to a cold reception.

"I wasn't welcome at the RSL and I wasn't welcomed home by any community," Vincent said.

Tony Kamphuis was also at the service, having been stationed in Vietnam as a Lance Corporal from 1968 until 1969.

He explained that during the period in which Vietnam veterans were returning to Australia, RSL sub-branches were run by WWI and WWII diggers, many of whom didn't view the Vietnam campaign as a war despite the horrific sacrifices made.

Current Leongatha RSL secretary Noel Laing told the Sentinel-Times of the transformation in how the organisation views Vietnam veterans,



Leongatha RSL president Geoff Cooper and Vietnam veterans Tony Kamphuis and Vincent Campisi prior to Thursday's service. A03_3422

acknowledging there is still work to be done to mend bridges.

"The aim is getting some of them back to the RSL and enabling them to take a bit of control," Noel said.

Tony, in his role with the 17th Construction Royal Australian Engineers (RAE), was responsible for helping ensure water purification plants were operating efficiently, a critical responsibility.

"You remember the blokes that didn't come back and also those who have passed away since coming back," he said of the significance of Vietnam Veterans Day.

Commencing the service, president Geoff reflected on the loss of life at the Battle of Long Tan.

"We're assembled here to honour the memory of 18 of our soldiers killed and 25 wounded; on this day in 1966, 105 soldiers of D Company, 6th Battalion RAR came

into battle against approximately 2,500 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers," Geoff said.

"In 1987, Prime Minister Bob Hawke designated the 18th of August as Australia's official Vietnam Veterans Day and the day commemorates the Battle of Long Tan, but honours the service and sacrifice of all Australians who served in the Vietnam War."

Geoff spoke of the loss of 521 Australian service personnel during the nation's 10-year involvement in the Vietnam campaign, noting over 3,000 were wounded.

Secretary Noel laid a wreath on behalf of the Leongatha RSL sub-branch, with Vincent doing likewise on behalf of Vietnam veterans.

Bugler Phil Richards of the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band played a stirring rendition of the Last Post on an instrument that belonged to his wife's grandfather.



Secretary Noel Laing places a wreath on behalf of Leongatha RSL while Battle of Long Tan veteran Vincent Campisi looks on. A04_3422

Korumburra flies the flag on Vietnam Veterans Day

ON THURSDAY, August 18, the community commemorated on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966.

It was a time to remember the sacrifices of the 521 Australians who died, the 3000 who were officially wounded and many others who were impacted in the "unpopular war" as it was often called after the event.

But most of the 60,000 Australian ex-service personnel who served were pressed into representing their country overseas in the Vietnam conflict and came back severely impacted by what they saw and became involved in, between 1962 and 1972.

One of them was a medic, Frank Morris of Chelsea, whose wife Jan moved to the Korumburra area a few years ago.

And according to Jan, it wasn't just the injuries to the

soldiers that he was called upon to deal with.

"But that's war isn't it," Mrs Morris said.

"He definitely struggled with it when he came home, PTSD and ultimately cancer. He paid a high price.

"It's still hard to accept how they were treated when they came home, spat on in Sydney when they marched in, and criticised by the politicians of the day. They were forced to go," she said.

Jan Morris and wife of Korumburra RSL President David Jackson, Maryanne Jackson, laid wreaths at the Korumburra Cenotaph on Thursday, August 18, at a service for Vietnam Veterans' Day, acknowledging the 60,000 Australians who served and the 3000 who were wounded, remembering particularly the sacrifice of the 521 Australians who were killed.



Jan Morris, whose husband was a medic in Vietnam during the war, and Maryanne Jackson, wife of Korumburra RSL President David Jackson had the honour of laying the wreath on Vietnam Veterans Day on Thursday, August 18.

Keeping patrons safe with the Liquor Accord and what it means for you

OVER the coming weeks and months blue stickers will continue to appear at licenced venues across the region as local liquor forum members work together to keep the community safe.

By attending these venues, from clubs, pubs, restaurants and bottle shops you will be in safer hands.

With multiple forums across Gippsland, Sergeant Barry McCoy of Wonthaggi Police invited the Sentinel Times to step inside the world of liquor licensing, regulations and the accord.

Wonthaggi & District (Bass Coast) Liquor Forum meets quarterly to review, discuss and develop strategies to improve the operation of licenced premises, reduce alcohol related harm and issues, and improve enjoyment of licenced venues for patrons.

With more than 80 liquor forums across Victoria including Wonthaggi, South Gippsland and Phillip Island, it's in licenced venues best interest to jump onboard.

"There will always be licenced venues that see more trouble than others simply due to the patrons that attend those venues," Sergeant McCoy said.

"It will always be that way but if we can work with the venues, together we can make a difference in the community.

"Not tolerating anti-social, violent behaviour from patrons."



Liquor Forum members Matthew Adams of The Wonthaggi Club and Dave Peters of The Caledonian Hotel are two participating venues looking to increase patron enjoyability. C28_3222

There are two formal ways licensed venues keep you safe from drunk, violent or quarrelsome persons – the barring order and banned persons list.

The Barring Order is enforced under Victoria Police legislation and individuals receive a notice and fine, which can be issued by the licensee themselves or police. Once served with a Barring Order, the individual must leave the venue and its vicinity (20 metres of the venue) and cannot return until the Barring Order expires. Victoria Police also have the option to formally charge a barred patron with an offence.

The Banned Persons List is administrated under the relevant local liquor accord and gives the option to police and licensees who are signatories of the accord to ban an individual for a specific, determined period. Under the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998, licensees and police may agree to ban a troublesome patron from all licensed premises in the participating accord region. The individual receives a letter.

Both the above are not taken lightly, but they are steps taken by venues and police to ensure patron safety across the board and noted by Sergeant McCoy both barring

and banning notices should not come as a surprise to the individual.

"Individuals are aware of their behaviour," Sergeant McCoy stated.

"Often they're upset but once they calm down they know what they did was unacceptable, won't be tolerated and there will be consequences."

Banned reoffenders will also find themselves under heavier penalties with the minor assault first occurrence jumping from a three month ban to six months for second offence and 12 months for their third offence.

Alongside Victoria Police members of the relevant liquor forum are also keen to introduce behaviour change programs that will allow individuals to shorten their banning period once completed; showing they have changed.

"The liquor accord is about building a relationship between the police, licensed venues, the relevant shire and Liquor Control Victoria representatives, working together and being proactive and ensuring community safety."

Remember every licensee can refuse entry to any person and has the right to ask any person to leave their licensed premise, it is an offence in itself to refuse to leave.

Next time you're out, look for the blue Liquor Forum Member sticker in the window to know your safety is their priority.

DAMP open for feedback

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is set to update its Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) and is seeking community feedback, being particularly keen to hear residents' views on cat curfews and dogs on leads.

The DAMP provides a strategic approach to promoting responsible pet ownership and animal welfare and is a four-year plan.

Other key topics being considered include de-sexing, litter bags, animal businesses and animal registration.

Feedback can be provided via an online survey or written submission at Your Say South Gippsland by visiting yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

An online workshop will be held on Thursday September 8 from 7pm until 8pm. Registration can be made via the Your Say platform.

There will also be four in-person engagement events where you can have your say.

Sessions are:

Foster:

Thursday September 1, from 9am until 11am in the alleyway next to Foster Foodworks, or at the Visitor Information Centre, dependent on the weather.

Mirboo North:

Thursday September 1 from 12pm until 2pm at the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation

Leongatha:

Tuesday September 6 from 9am until 11am in the foyer of the Memorial Hall

Korumburra:

Tuesday September 6 from 12pm until 2pm at the Korumburra Meeting Room

Residents who participate in the survey have the option of entering a draw to win a hamper of local produce to the value of \$200.



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Paul Latham of Loch Bowling Club and Darren from Healthguard FirstAid.

Opportunity to help in Loch

THE Loch community was thrilled to have raised money to repair their old defibrillators at the Loch Reserve.

The Loch Reserve had a defib in the clubrooms with access by a locked door code. As it turned out the defibrillator had a flat battery and out-of-date pads.

The Loch Bowling Club had a defib with a decent battery, but the pads had expired in 2014.

The service station also had a well maintained defib, but it was kept in a worn out bag and cabinet and locked away out of opening hours.

Opportunity Lochs organised inspection of the units by Heathguard First Aid and funded the replacement parts and the cabinets where needed.

Opportunity Lochs is now supporting some volunteers to complete a CPR course. Loch is now a safer place.

Bone appétit

BONES play many roles in the body. They provide structure, protect organs, anchor muscles and store calcium.

While it's important to build strong and healthy bones during childhood and adolescence, you can take steps during adulthood to protect bone health, too.

Your bones are continuously changing, where new bone is made and old bone is broken down. When you're young, your body makes new bone faster than it breaks down old bone which increases bone mass.

Most people reach their peak bone mass around the age of 30.

After that, bone remodeling continues, but you lose slightly more bone mass than you gain.

How likely you are to develop osteoporosis - a condition that causes bones to become weak and brittle, depends on how much bone mass you attain by the time you reach the age of 30 and how rapidly you lose it after that.

The higher your peak bone mass, the more bone you have "in the bank" and the less likely you are to develop osteoporosis as you age.

Hence, some examples of ways to prevent or slow bone loss are:

- **Intake of Calcium and Vitamin D**

If you happen to walk down the vitamin aisle in a pharmacy, you will tend to see Calcium and Vitamin D products placed side by side or even combined in a single tablet for convenience. This is because they work together to protect your bones. Calcium helps to build and maintain bones, while Vitamin D helps your body effectively absorb calcium. So even if you're taking enough Calcium, it could be going to waste if you're deficient in Vitamin D. They can be found naturally in many food sources such as dairy products, tofu, and eggs. But if you are



finding difficulty getting enough Calcium and Vitamin D from your diet, there are options commercially available in the form of supplements.

- **Being physically active**

Like muscle, bone is living tissue that responds to exercise by becoming stronger. Young women and men who exercise regularly generally achieve greater peak bone mass than those who do not. After that time, we can begin to lose bone. Exercising can also help us maintain muscle strength, coordination, and balance, which in turn helps to prevent falls and related fractures. Weight-bearing exercises, such as walking, jogging, and climbing stairs, are great forms of exercise that can help you build strong bones and slow bone loss.

- **Avoiding smoking and excessive alcohol intake**

Smoking affects the body's ability to absorb calcium, leading to lower bone density and weaker bones. This is so as the nicotine in cigarettes slows the production of the bone-forming cells that are so crucial to healing. Excessive alcohol intake can decrease calcium absorption and affect vitamin D metabolism, which can impact bone density.

If reading the above has got your curious bone tingling, our friendly team at our Terry White stores are always happy to have a conversation with you about your bone health.

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that's real chemistry



Leongatha Horticultural Society committee member and secretary Wendy McDonald was thrilled to get a sneak peek at Rodney Emmerson's daffodil garden, which will be featured in the upcoming Daffodil and Floral Show. Ns033422

Rodney's love of daffodils continues to blossom

FOR Leongatha's Rodney Emmerson, growing and caring for daffodils has been a lifelong affair.

A well-known face at the Daffodil and Floral Show, Rodney has been growing the flower since he was a young boy.

The Sentinel-Times was lucky enough to visit his property just outside of town, where a group of cheeky kangaroos were enjoying the morning sun right on top of his prized possession.

But he was quick to remark that should they eat the flowers; their stomachs may be in a lot of pain later!

"I started planting daffodils in a big way in 1957," he said.

"I planted some in 1955

but they all died from eelworm because I didn't know anything about it.

"If you don't take care of them, they will cark it, if you don't know of that disease they will die.

"You plant them apart from everything."

One of the patches was planted in 1958 on his family's property and has been ongoing ever since, with the other one planted in 1962.

Featuring in his plot is the poeticus variety, known for its beautiful white petals, as well as other colourful variants.

Rodney has been busy preparing for the upcoming show but admitted he does need a bit of extra help these days.

He hoped to harvest his

daffodils over the weekend but said it all depends on the weather and perfect timing.

Rodney is also the only entrant in the Daffodil and Floral Show who can claim that he has entered in every competition since its inception in 1948 - making this year's competition the 64th - a very impressive achievement.

At the Memorial Hall, four ladies from the Leongatha Horticultural Society have volunteered their time to 'stage' the daffodils.

The flowers are groomed, labelled and displayed in an appropriately sized bottle or vase, in such a manner that will showcase the bloom's most attractive aspect.

Excitement at Leongatha's Daffodil Festival

THIS Saturday members of the Leongatha CFA will be on hand with some fun and exciting activities and demonstrations.

Operated by qualified firefighters the public will be able to watch a burn table in action.

Equipped with miniature houses, individuals will be able to understand firsthand how fire behaves and watch as the cardboard homes are destroyed.

If getting involved is more your cup of tea, jump on the interactive VR set and experience a virtual fire

extinguish.

Members will also have the information trailer to hand and be able to discuss everything from fire safety in the home to smoke alarms and your fire plan.

"We are just volunteers from the community," Community Engagement and Safety Officer, Andrea Davis said.

"I'm a mum of three, aged 40 and work for Saputo, I never thought I'd be a firefighter.

"I wanted something different, to help my community and to challenge myself that

was not normal."

With Leongatha proudly boasting at least six female members, Andrea is keen to get the message out that young or old, you're never too late too try your hand at being a volunteer firefighter.

"I never thought I'd be a firefighter let alone on the BMT (Brigade Management Team).

"It doesn't take experience to join and become a firefighter."

Speak to Andrea and the Leongatha CFA Brigade at the festival for more information.

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2022 Daffodil Festival



The Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show will be held across August 25, 26 and 27.

Exciting events and guests to feature at Daffodil show

THERE IS a lot of buzz around the streets of Leongatha as the community count down the days to the opening of the 64th Daffodil and Floral Show.

Keen-eyed residents will have noticed the drifts of daffodils blooming abundantly in the streetscape and the colourful promotional posters adorning many of the local retailer's windows.

The committee is proud to acknowledge the involvement of local artist Melanie Caple,

whose creative and artistic expertise has produced such a delightful tribute to the 'spring themed' festival.

As the guest of honour, Melanie will officially open the show on Thursday, August 25, at 2.00pm, at the Leongatha Memorial Hall.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to see her original painting that was commissioned for this event.

Coinciding with the Saturday show, the town centre will be lively with The Leon" Gather"

Street Festival from 9.00am to 1.00pm - featuring market stalls, kid's activities, food trucks and street music.

There will also be a car club display in the Safeway carpark, a book sale and delicious, sweet treats at the church, along with the Rotary Art Show at Mesley Hall.

Leongatha Community House will also be having a stall in the main hall as well as offering a free Devonshire tea at the Community House on Friday 10am - 2pm.

Dates:

August, Thursday 25, festival opens 1.30pm with the official opening at 2pm closing 5pm;

Friday, August 26, 9am - 5pm; and

Saturday, August 27, 9am - 4pm.

For more information, visit leongathahorticulturalsociety.com.au/daffodil-festival/

Street festival ready to hit the town

THE Leongatha Daffodil Street festival is pleased to be on once again for their sixth year.

On August 27, from 9am until 1pm, Bair Street will be full of makers, creators, delicious food trucks and several rides to keep children of all ages busy.

There will be over 70 exhibitors, showbags, rides, live music, displays and open days.

Ride the waves on a mechanical surfboard; enjoy a theatre experience in a 9D movie truck; get lost in a huge maze; jump on the back of a horse on a beautiful carousel; or swing around on a chair or plane.

Come along and learn about Aussie wildlife - the first show starts at 9am.

Then catch up with the SES and see what work they have been doing, especially recently with all the crazy weather events. The Leongatha Car Club will have a display as well.

Visit the Leongatha fire brigade and check out their burn tables.

The surf lifesaving club of Victoria will be displaying some of the amazing equipment they use to protect us while we enjoy the water.

The garden club has an extraordinary display each year with entries from all over (including a youth category) to explore in the memorial hall.

St Peter's church will have their flowers in praise display.

Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show

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Artwork by Melanie Caple

Leongatha Daffodil Street Festival

Saturday 27th
August 9am - 1pm
Bair St Leongatha

- ★ Markets stalls with over 70 Exhibitors
- ★ Animals of Aus show
- ★ Colouring competition
- ★ SES Display
- ★ Fire Brigade open day
- ★ Live music
- ★ Surf life Saving Display
- ★ Biketoberfest
- ★ Floral Exhibition @ Memorial hall
- ★ Flowers in praise @ St Peters
- ★ Leongatha Car Club Display

★ RIDES

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- Chair o Plane
- Aussie Castle
- Mechanical surfboard
- Fun Maze

Leongatha Business Association

Help save Port Welshpool's past

A REVITALISED Port Welshpool Museum will open later this year, with members of the public urged to contribute to its collection of local information and images at a 'History Gathering Day' being held on Wednesday, August 31.

"We feel there's a lot of people with photos in albums, drawers and boxes and they just sit there and they're valuable to the history of the area," the museum's secretary Janet Taylor said.

"People can come along and bring their photos and tell us a story that goes with them or share their memories of the area."

Local photographer, Keith Haycroft will be on hand to copy historic photos people wish to share.

People can donate original photos if they wish.

Janet said that when older family members pass away, the younger generation often has no idea who is in old photos and may throw them out.

"It's sad to think they can be destroyed when we need to preserve the history," Janet said of the images that tell a story of the local region's past.

Local historian, Cheryl Glowrey, who is based in Toora, will be at the History Gathering Day helping organise the collection and preservation of information and photos.

"She is well known in the area for her history books," Janet said of Cheryl.

While the museum is keen to hear about any local history, Janet provided some subjects of interest.

"Areas we are excited to learn about are Promair, Peterson's knife factory, camping at the Port and on the Prom, school days, what happened to the fishing fleet that once called the Port home, and the families that helped to make this great community," she said.

Promair operated a commercial passenger and freight air service from a private airfield at Welshpool, providing flights between there, Flinders Island and the Tasmanian mainland, as well as connecting to Melbourne's Moorabbin Airport.

Peterson's knife factory was located on the corner of Turnbull and Lewis Streets in Port Welshpool, with the museum having little information on the business.

"His knives and garden equipment were renowned all over the world," Janet said of the business' glory days.

On a more leisurely subject, Janet reflects that many people have great memories of holidays at Port Welshpool despite the lack of today's more luxurious accommodation, and the museum would love to learn about people's experiences.

Janet mentioned that local school photos are always of interest.

"The school got moved a couple of times and burnt down," she said.

The history of Port Welshpool's individual houses is also of significance to many.

"There are a lot of new people in the town and people come and buy houses and then wonder what their history is, and some of them have great history," Janet said.

The museum building was once Janet's home, donated by her father Arnie Smith, and displays the family's old fishing boat, the Janet Isles, built in Williamstown in 1914, with people encouraged to share stories of fishing trips aboard her.

With major renovations taking place at the Port Welshpool Museum, the History Gathering Day is being held at the town's ferry terminal.

History Gathering Day details:

When: Wednesday August 31 from 1pm until 3.30pm

Where: Port Welshpool Ferry Terminal situated on Lewis Street opposite the hotel



Maureen Harley's "Kassiani SDH" for @marvinsminkdresage was created using pastel pencils.



'Mangroves', a mixed media work is a finalist in the National Capital Art Prize.

Toora artist a finalist in National Capital Art Prize

THE annual National Capital Art Prize is back and on Monday finalists were announced for the Australia-wide competition.

Toora resident, Maureen Harley was amongst the selection, one of two Gippsland based artists, with her beautiful mixed media artwork on hot pressed, water colour paper titled 'Mangroves' in the brand-new Sustainability Prize category.

Reflecting the complex and multi-faceted layering of this beautiful eco system, Maureen's work of art in the new category, based on the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, ticked a multitude of boxes.

"All my friends are having a ball with this – they're voting like mad and keep sending me these funny emails, re: the voting. It's just been good fun all around," Maureen said.

"I have some very special people in my life that have been really wonderful in sharing all this excitement with me, so it wouldn't be without them."

The competition aims to ignite the passion and courage of artists across the country, many of whom lost the opportunity to display and sell their work during 2020-2021.

Maureen may be new to the arena of art prize competitions,

having spent most of her working life as a mental health nurse, but being creative is in her blood.

"I always liked art at school," Maureen smiled.

"I didn't do it a lot when I left school, I got busy living life, bringing up kids, working and later nursing – life took me in a different direction.

"When I was in my 30s, I put a couple of things in the local art shows when I was living in Leongatha... I got back into my art more seriously the last three or four years."

Maureen's sister, Trudi, an award-winning artist in her own right, supplies Maureen's creative endeavours through her art supplies Atelier Art in Williamstown.

"She's very supportive, she's always the go to person and the pair of us have a great time together with our art."

Between commissions, particularly pet and horse portraiture, Mangroves came to fruition.

"My first go to is coloured pencils, but this piece is mixed media – it was something different.

"I get these ideas; this one had been floating around in my head. I was about quarter of the way through it, and I was flicking through the art prize almanac."

At the new sustainability category, Maureen's eyes widened.

"Mangroves would fit that category. I checked and yes, they meet about six or seven criteria, so I thought 'oh well, I'll pop it in.'

"I sold a piece locally at one of our little art shows very recently and that sort of encouraged me to put this in."

An enthusiastic sister helped break the news of her nomination after telling Maureen to check her emails over the weekend.

"She rang and said, 'have you checked your emails'. I said, 'it's not until Monday', and she said, 'they usually let the finalists know beforehand'.

"I had a look. Wow! Here was my little message telling me that I was a finalist.

"There was much dancing and singing and crying because it's a huge deal. I was very excited. I'm still very excited!"

With a passion for drawing birds and animals, particularly horses, the equine enthusiast will head off on a road trip to Canberra in the next few weeks with her sister for the announcement.

"I've just started drawing other things. (The artwork for the prize) was quite left of centre of the work I usually do. That's what's made it even more exciting, I think.

"They say you have to be brave to do art and to show your art."

Exploring other mediums,

Maureen's go to may be pencils, but she also like pencil like products including pastels.

"I love those, but I end up looking like a coal miner when I finish!"

Maureen recently won an encouragement award at the Mirboo North Winterfest.

"I'm having great fun with it at the moment. I've got another piece entered in the Yarram Archies on August 25 – a little person portrait."

A dedicated studio at her new home in Toora, having moved from Grantville, Maureen is looking forwards to the moment she can retire and undertake her artwork full time – that if they ever let her retire.

"I love it. I've also got a nice big double garage that I would like to use as a gallery – that's in the pipeline.

"Hopefully I can retire at some stage and do this in my retirements – that's the plan."

An opportunity for every Australian to view, experience and share in Australia's creativity – head to nationalcapitalartprize.com.au/2022peopleschoiceaward to view the virtual gallery and cast your vote. Voting closes on Sunday, September 11.

To explore Maureen's work visit Facebook @maureenjoyharley or her website maureenharleyartandphotography.com

Tom McIntosh newest member for Eastern Victoria



Tom McIntosh has been admitted to the Legislative Council to represent Eastern Victoria.

THE Parliament of Victoria has sworn in its newest member with Tom McIntosh being admitted to the Legislative Council representing Eastern Victoria, filling the casual vacancy created by the tragic passing of Jane Garrett last month.

Tom got his first job in Government with Ms Garrett and had been preselected to replace Ms Garrett, after her decision to retire at the November 2022 State Election.

Tom grew up the son of a shearer and teacher on the family farm until age 17, and then spent the next ten years working in regional Victoria as an electrician.

Mr McIntosh comes to the parliament with a broad range of life experiences that will help to represent the vast

electorate of Eastern Victoria in the Legislative Council.

Tom has a passion for social justice and equality.

He has been a volunteer foster carer opening his home to teens in crisis, worked for the Financial and Consumers Rights Council making significant changes for people facing financial hardship and also worked in consumer protection as an advisor to Jane Garrett.

He has operated his own businesses and also worked for many years on large construction sites.

He has an immense respect for small business owners and is a proud unionist believing the two are in no way at odds.

Tom has been a long-term advocate for action on

climate change.

He's excited by the incredible economic opportunities presented to the region by the transition to renewable energy and ongoing emission reduction.

These were highlighted at his recent attendance at the Gippsland New Energy Conference in Sale. The electorate is 44,500 km2 and is bigger than Belgium.

It is over 6.5 hrs from end to end, has over half a million people in it, spans across 11 state electorates from the outer suburbs of Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula, through to regional Gippsland, and rural and remote outer Gippsland.

And Tom is up for the challenge of hitting the ground running.

Trinity Families grant applications open

CHARITIES providing services for families in the region covered by the Catholic Diocese of Sale are invited to apply to the Catholic charity, Trinity Families, for 2022 project funding.

Trinity Families executive officer Ms Mary Winter said this year's disbursement would mark a milestone in the charity's service to families, as it will take the amount distributed to just over \$1.9 million.

Established by the late Bishop Coffey 20 years ago, Trinity Families has been able to assist over 100 charities with funding since its inception.

To be eligible to apply there are three criteria an applicant must be able to demonstrate: -

- They must be a registered charity with deductible gift recipient status (DGR);
- Any funds granted must be used to support families in a way which aligns with Catholic values; and
- The project must be within the defined area of the municipalities of Cardinia, Casey, Baw Baw, Latrobe, Wellington, Bass Coast, South Gippsland and East Gippsland.

Recent recipients have included a charity which supplied baby essentials for families in need; another which provided scholarships to homeless teenagers; and an organisation which assists foster carers.

Ms Winter said Trinity Families often supports charities which for various reasons have been unable to attract funding from other sources.



Fair Share's Dean Steininger and Emma James with meals Fair Share.

Ms Winter said that Trinity Families was a philanthropic trust, allocating earnings from its investments each year and from donations by the Catholic parishioners of the Diocese. Whilst it is a Catholic charity, it is there to serve all charities, whether they have a religious affiliation or not.

Charities wishing to apply for funding are encouraged to download the fillable application form and send it back.

Deadline for submissions is September 30, 2022.

Further information is available on the website www.trinityfamilies.org.au or by email at trinity@sale.catholic.org.au

Learning Pathways Expo at BCAL

TO CELEBRATE Adult Learners Week, Bass Coast Adult Learning is presenting a Pathways Expo on Friday, September 2, from noon to 6pm.

The name of the Pathways Expo is in recognition of the fact that education and training is what creates a pathway to where people want to be in life.

Whether it's a new career, a promotion, starting your own business, or simply personal fulfilment, learning creates the pathway between where you are and where you want to be.

The Expo will showcase some of the great learning opportunities BCAL offers.

There will be an exhibition of artworks by the Capacity Building art group with pieces for sale.

Live music will be provided by the Practical Music students and catering will be

by the Capacity Building cooking class.

There will be free hands-on activities including hair braiding by the Hairdressing students, a mindfulness and meditation session, and a digital devices workshop focussing on how to apply for the \$250 power saving bonus.

Speaking of power saving, the Expo will also feature talks on living sustainably. Although it's not rocket science, there will be a talk from an actual rocket scientist about the science of sustainable energy.

The Expo is timed to run from noon to 6pm to give people plenty of time to attend and make a fun finish to the week and a great after-school activity.

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



The buddy system at San Remo primary school ensures the students are making connections and developing bonds to make them feel happy at school.

Leaders of the future at San Remo

THE motto at San Remo primary school is 'excellence every day for everyone' and this describes the work of the dedicated staff and the engaged children.

The school buzzes with children being challenged and succeeding in their learning.

Shaun Taylor of San Remo Primary said they work together as a community of teachers, parents and children to make sure students are in a safe environment.

An environment that allows them to express themselves, explore, ask questions, peer teach and much more - learning to build confident young learners. Leaders of the future.

"Our school runs a curriculum that transitions and intersects smoothly from prep through to grade six. The curriculum includes literacy (reading, writing and word study), maths, STEM, history, inquiry and our 'rights, resilience and respectful relationships' program, just to name a few. Explicitly taught with a focus on independent learning," said Shaun.

The buddy system with-



San Remo primary school class photo in 1954. Supplied by Trevor Sparkes

students have connections throughout their primary schooling and into secondary college, where they see familiar faces and develop friendships.

"Our buddies peer teach, share, enjoy books and build a bond to ensure our younger children are happy at school."

The school also offers a vibrant range of specialist subjects, including art, physical education, inter-school sport, Japanese, music and library.

Outside of the classroom, the school veggie garden and other outdoor spaces play an important role in school life.

"We have a wonderful out of school hours program. It has been running for over 15 years and is

extremely valued by the community, including students and parents. The program runs from 7am until 9am and 3:30pm until 6:00pm and includes outdoor games, board games, art and crafts and cooking," said Shaun.

"We have a proud history at San Remo primary school. Visit our website to watch an interview in our 'school history' between two past students - a young lady and her grandmother talking about her days at our school."

To enjoy the past as we build on the future for our children visit www.san-remo-ps.vic.edu.au/school-history or to arrange a visit at San Remo primary school, call 5678 5354.

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San Remo Primary offers quality educational programs that engage and support our children to achieve their best. Students learn and grow academically and socially in a safe and caring environment.

San Remo Primary offers:

- Experienced teachers who deliver a comprehensive and engaging curriculum prep to year 6
- A stimulating and supportive learning environment for all students
- Specialist subjects of Art, Japanese, Music, Physical Education and Library
- Nurturing OSHC, Before School and After School program

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Bass Valley Primary School captains Jackson, Brodie, Beth and Jaylah provide guidance and leadership to their peers from prep to grade six, displaying passion and enthusiasm. Z06_3422



Grade three students at Bass Valley Primary School are learning Auslan signs for various fruit and vegetables. Auslan is a part of the school curriculum from prep to grade six. z08_3422

Leadership and responsibility

BASS Valley Primary School takes many approaches when it comes to its students' education, and the school encourages creativity in all areas.

In terms three and four, students from grade three partake in bike education, with an emphasis on road safety.

Volunteer Don Turner supports physical education while teacher Jon McCormick teaches the students the basics of riding.

"The students begin the lesson with a range of learning experience, some have never ridden before and others have been riding since an early age, but the program is designed to give all the students courage and confidence from every level," said Don.

Run over a three-week period, the students are educated on balancing, turning and entering intersections through a rotation of warmups and activities.

Bass Valley Primary School also provides swimming lessons from prep to grade six in terms one and four, in their on-site pool, delivering water safety lessons by qualified instructors.

Not only do they offer a high-quality curriculum and range of specialist subjects, but the school also has an orchard, wetlands, barnyard, greenhouse and vegetable garden.

Acting principal Sharon King said, our focus is on literacy and numeracy, and we do a lot of environmental activities as well including teaching the students to propagate and harvest their own fruit and vegetables – giving the children a sense of responsibility.

"The children also have taken it on

themselves to develop lunch time programs; inviting all children from Prep to grade six to engage with one another whilst learning new skills. They have already developed a comic club, cheer-leading, music, calm and construction," said Sharon.

This year, students from prep to grade six are learning Auslan, the space is a quiet place for students to speak to each other through signing.

Children are reminded to use their quiet voices when they are learning in this space.

"Having Auslan now a part of our curriculum, the students are learning to communicate with one another not only in that designated class, but they are using their knowledge throughout their learning," said Sharon.

Sharon also highlighted the school's physical education program, with student teams reaching state levels this year.

"Our students are just so dedicated."

Bass Valley are also welcoming pre-school students to take the opportunity to be involved in the new ready, set, go program, allowing the children to develop and practice some necessary skills for school.

Learning language, fine and gross motor skills and numeracy readiness are a focus of the program, designed to extend the kinder experience and have the children ready to start formal work at the beginning of their prep year.

Parents are encouraged to make an appointment and take a tour of the school to learn about the curriculum.



Bryce, Macey, Roman and Isla show off the new learning spaces at St Joseph's Wonthaggi. C03_3422

Engaging students and inviting spaces

WE ARE a warm and welcoming community here at St Joseph's who value each student for their unique personality, talents and gifts.

We have high expectations of student achievement with a focus on each child reaching their full potential.

The curriculum is taught in an engaging manner which targets each student's learning needs. We are very fortunate to be extremely well resourced with each classroom being an inviting space with comfortable and colourful furniture, teaching aids, a variety of books, equipment and technological tools. Students from grade 3 have access to their own device.

We highly value and prioritise staff collaborating to share expertise and resources so each class level is in an open plan, flexible space. As well as highly qualified teaching staff we have several Education Support Officers who work in each class level to provide extra learning support to students.

Our facilities boast expansive playgrounds including two basketball courts, an oval, soccer pitch, sand pits and a fully equipped gymnasium.

We welcome any inquiries for families who are interested in joining our community!



Alongside the new learning booth spaces, there is also an ultra-modern second story learning space. C06_3422



BASS VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We offer strong educationally sound literacy and numeracy programs for all students P-6. We provide an excellent variety of indoor and outdoor school facilities including a swimming pool, library, wetlands and gymnasium. Our programs cater for all learning needs and we strive for inclusivity and high achievement. At Bass Valley we link the districts and flourish together!

Enrolments are NOW OPEN!

Please contact the school on 5678 0208 to arrange your tour and talk with school leadership and student leaders.

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Supporting students throughout their journey

LIFE at Bass Coast Specialist School involves creating and experiencing hands-on activities to maximise learning through activities and play.

Our school is divided into two sun schools, primary and secondary, focusing on educational goals with students' life stages and interests to maximise engagement.

Our school is fortunate to offer specialised student support with our allied health team, including a speech pathologist, a school counsellor, a mental health practitioner, and a music therapist.

In the Primary years at Bass Coast Specialist School, our education team strives to ensure that every child will experience a sense of belonging in our community by establishing a safe, caring and supported learning environment.

In the first year of school, we focus predominantly on supporting students to settle into their new learning milieu; following daily routines, building relationships with peers and educators and becoming familiar with the many aspects of being part of a school community.

They look forward to favourite activities, such as swimming, yoga, art, music therapy.

Our students are given the



Bass Coast Specialist School is proud to offer a wide range of activities and programs for its students, no matter their interest or hobby.

opportunity to participate in a broad range of learning programs and activities.

We aim to support the students to discover and build on their strengths and interests, and to forge positive connections within the school and the community.

Each student in middle school has learning goals

tailored specifically to them in their individual learning plans, covering subjects from the Victorian Curriculum.

We utilise the skills, abilities and expertise of classroom teachers, education support staff, specialist teachers, and allied health professionals (speech pathology, occupational therapy and music therapy).



students to communicate, be kind, be safe and be learners; and develop positive personal and social skills that we hope the students will carry throughout their lives.

The senior school has been busy rolling out their applied learning curricula through our life skills programs, outdoor education, career transition, school-based apprenticeship training and community engagement programs.

For 2023, we will be rolling out the new Victorian Pathways Certificate, skilling up our students some real-life activities and applied learning programs.

Never have the senior students been given so many opportunities to engage in hands-on activities to learn as they 'do'.

Here, the students are given a chance to participate and experiment in different programs, which will help them transition and experience in a future beyond Bass Coast Specialist School.

Our purpose at Bass Coast Specialist School is to create meaningful pathways for our students to become contributing, valuable citizens and we have never been prouder to belong to this school to join in the journey with our students.

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a Faith-Filled Enviroment

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Educating our students to communicate, to be

kind, to be safe and to be lifelong learners.

Bass Coast Specialist School is a prep to year 12 school in Wonthaggi. We cater for students with an intellectual disability who live in the Bass Coast Shire.

Our exceptional staffing levels enable us to deliver individualised programs for every student with class sizes of 4-10 students. As well as eight classrooms, we have an indoor gym, sensory room, engine room, music room, consulting room, a teaching kitchen/garden and horticultural sheds.

Our staff include specialised teachers, classroom support staff and a team of allied health therapists whose services comprise speech pathology, counselling, music therapy and visiting physiotherapy.

Bass Coast Specialist School works in partnership with our parents and the community and is committed to developing the skills required for independence and community inclusion.

Please contact us if you would like more information

or to make an appointment. 5672 4474

We welcome you to visit our school

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2023

EDUCATION CHOICES



It was all watches on deck when foundation A made their own and learnt how to tell the time.



Friends of ten is one of the fun interactive ways Wonthaggi engages students in mathematics.



It's all smiles around friends.

Together we learn and grow

WONTHAGGI Primary School's motto is 'Together we Learn and Grow', we pride ourselves on our warm, welcoming environment and our close working relationship with our families. We believe that by working together, children thrive.

Our students are at the centre of everything that we do. In 2022, we moved to single grades across all year levels, providing our students and teachers with targeted teaching and learning support.

Students actively work alongside their teachers to build their clear next step learning goals in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Understanding that we all learn in different ways is a key approach that unlocks every student's potential to achieve both academically and personally.

We build a love of learning by offering a wide range of Specialist Enrichment Programs with students engaging in Music, Visual Arts, Science and Physical Education. Our onsite, outdoor swimming pool develops key water safety skills and confidence.

Wonthaggi Primary School is very proud of our Cultural Awareness Program, which is planned alongside Senior Boon Wurrung Elder, Auntie Fay, renowned author,

linguist, and teacher. Students are learning key words and phrases of the Boon Wurrung language and building an understanding of the ancient history our beautiful local area.

Our comprehensive Wellbeing Program supports all students in building positive and respectful relationships schoolwide.

Our Dolphin Group Program, sees our Grade 6 students, planning and leading multi age groups in activities that build trust and relationships.

Lead by our Wellbeing Coordinator, our School Wide Positive Behaviour and Respectful Relationships Program supports students to work through emotions and responses in productive ways.

We are very fortunate to have full time, school-based Chaplain, Graeme O'Connor, who provides extra support for students in need.

In 2022, we welcomed TRAK Forward worker, Fiona McNeil to the team. Fiona works on-site with students and families that are experiencing family violence and offers support and therapeutic services.

We look forward to welcoming new families to visit our wonderful school.

Please contact the school if you would like a tour.

Wonthaggi Primary School

Come and join the Wonthaggi Primary school community in 2023

PREP ENROLMENTS

Enrol NOW to be involved in our "Step into Prep" Transition program. Commencing Week 1 of Term 4

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For information or an enrolment pack, please call the school office on 5672 1600

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Emma and Ella enjoy outdoor hut building as part of the interactive curriculum.

Engaging learning at Wonthaggi North

WONTHAGGI North Primary School uses Sounds-Write to teach phonics.

Sounds-Write is an evidence-based approach. Research shows that students need to learn sounds before they can write, and this is what the Sounds-Write program teaches.

All Wonthaggi North classroom teachers are fully trained Sounds-Write practitioners.

In Prep, students start the Sounds-Write program from day one and continue until the end of grade 6. Wonthaggi North has had excellent results in reading with this program and the students find it very engaging.

At Wonthaggi North they know that the most effective way to engage students in mathematics is to make maths fun and interesting.

Students participate in hands on tasks, music, movement and games to learn about maths.

All students can access learning through open ended tasks and learning is differentiated through extension and support.

Engaged learning at Wonthaggi North doesn't just happen within the classroom walls.

The outdoor spaces provide many opportunities for students to interact with the environment to enhance learning, health, problem solving and social skills.

Students love building huts and picking produce from the vegetable garden.

The school has recently upgraded several outdoor spaces including the addition of a ninja playground course, landscaping and shaded outdoor learning area.

2023

EDUCATION CHOICES

Empowered to make a difference

THE welcoming staff at Our Lady Star of the Sea believe that with the right support all children can succeed. Offering a curriculum that reflects the high expectations in place for the academic, social, spiritual, physical and personal development of all students. The size of the school ensures a close-knit community, with many community-based events and activities offered to enrich each students' education. The teaching staff promote strong home-school partnerships and value the trust and communication that is built with all families. Teacher Jamee Jones said selecting a school that recognises the uniqueness of each child and is able to meet their needs, is an important investment in their future. "Our students are empowered to understand that they can make a difference, both locally and globally, by caring for the Earth and other people," said Jamee. "Our sustainably designed learning spaces allow our students to learn both inside and outside and reduce our environmental impact. Our beautiful school grounds embrace the biodiversity of the natural environment to enhance student learning." This includes sensory gardens, an orchard, vegetable gardens, a native wildlife corridor, a bird hide and diverse habitat gardens. These features are complemented by local artists' installations, an amphitheatre, indoor and outdoor kitchens, a synthetic oval, and a variety of play areas. "We invite you to come and explore our school community and all it has to offer your child. Enquiries and tours are welcome, as every day is open day at Our Lady Star of the Sea."



Our Lady Star of the Sea student Saxon works on his mathematics.



Our Lady Star of the Sea students, Dion, Christian and Ryan work together in the classroom.

Respect • Resilience Community • Challenge • Explore



At Wonthaggi North we teach more than just the curriculum. We believe in our students and support them through their learning journey from first challenge to final outcome.

- Challenging Learning School
- Respectful Relationships Curriculum
- Ready, Set, PREP! transition program
- Sounds-Write phonics
- The Big Six Reading
- Writer's Workshop
- Maths Investigations
- Better Buddies Program
- Zones of Regulation
- Physical Education, Artist in Residence, Art, Drama
- Spanish language program
- Family Picnic, Book Week Parade, 100 days of School, Christmas Concert, ObstaCOOL
- Parents and Friends Association.
- Lunchtime clubs; Garden Club, Table Tennis, Drawing Club, Under the Rotunda
- Eco Warriors, student led sustainability team
- Breakfast Club
- Play and Explore, 0-5 years playgroup (incl. parent-child Mother Goose Program)

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EDUCATION CHOICES

Proudly educating students for more than four decades

ESTABLISHED in 1980, Newhaven College is an independent school of more than 900 students.

The College provides a secure and fulfilling education for Prep-Year 12 students, with a focus on building a foundation of inner confidence and respect to ground them through adult life.

Sitting on 83 acres in the heart of Phillip Island, the expansive grounds are home to natural wetlands and gardens, offering an ideal location for students to thrive.

The importance of community spreads around the school grounds and out across the whole region.

Newhaven College is about hands-on sensory learning.

Whether it be a math's class, outdoor education or music lessons, teachers are actively present.

Our educators are at their peak professionally, resulting in students receiving the best possible education.

Newhaven College has a proud academic record, leading the local region in VCE results.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, study scores improved compared to previous years.

In 2021, our Dux achieved an ATAR of 99.1, later receiving a



Newhaven College has been proudly educating students since 1980.

Premier's VCE Award for Excellence.

The college offers a wide range of VET subjects to complement the school curriculum.

Some of the highlights of an education at Newhaven College include a wide range of extracurricular activities, from sport to health and of course, exceptional performing arts offerings.

Sports include House and inter-school competitions, plus out-of-the-box opportunities such as

surfing academy and equestrian team.

The new Performing Arts Wing is now in action, with one-on-one rehearsal rooms, studio and collaboration spaces and the Black Box theatre.

This facility, along with an exceptional music teaching team, provides a nurturing and encouraging location for music students to explore their talent.

The physical and mental health of all students is part of the

grounding for adulthood.

Pastoral care within the school is paramount, with health and well-being classes being included in the curriculum.

Year 9's unique learning space is based at the secluded Environmental Centre set away from the main College campus.

Looking out over Western Port Bay, the open space and healthy atmosphere help to shape a student's mindset.

Students and teachers have open

NEWHAVEN COLLEGE | OPEN SPACES. OPEN MINDS.

At Newhaven College we see first-hand how daily life in nature shapes our wellbeing. The extensive open space of our 83 acre site shapes our attitude. Students and teachers have open minds, open to learning and new ideas. We ask new questions and seek fresh answers.

We're committed to creating a vibrant culture where students thrive. Our diverse academic curriculum ensures students build a foundation of inner confidence and respect to ground them through adult life. With exceptional sport, performing arts, trade and stand alone Year 9 facilities Newhaven College nurtures the whole child academically, physically and emotionally.

We currently have limited places in Years 1 - 4 and Year 9 available for 2023.

For more information contact our Registrar Belinda Manning.

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Newhaven College can help nurture the dreams of all students, such as Matilda Hermans.



Gabe Smith and Ella Berry love the range of choices they get at Newhaven College.

High-quality teaching and expert specialist subjects

POWLETT River Primary in Dalyston offers a high-quality curriculum, with highly experienced and dedicated teachers that keep up to date with evidence-based teaching practice.

Principal Wendy Nichol said as well as their dedicated classroom teachers, they are extremely fortunate to have this dedication and expertise in specialist subject areas.

“Our music teacher Ian Chambers has been teaching at the school for many years and offers a comprehensive music program, whilst too sharing his knowledge of the environment and science with students,” said Wendy.

STEM teacher Pete Matthews came to teaching from a career in science and brings a wealth of knowledge to the Powlett River students, and Sporting Schools Funding enables the school to have expert coaching in a variety of sports throughout the year; two other popular programs are bike education and swimming.

The school was recently successful in receiving funding from the Kaleidoscope program, an initiative from The Song Room.

Through this funding the school has been able to welcome local visual artist Lizzie Burke to the school community.

Lizzie is working with all students from prep to grade six, each week over a period of ten weeks.

“Students in grades five and six are participating in Kids as Catalysts through Kids Thrive and the Bass Coast Community Foundation. This has been a fantastic opportunity for students to

work with, and learn from, organisations in our local community who are doing amazing work in our community,” said Wendy.

“We have also applied for several of the Positive Start programs including Positive Start School Camps. This year all the grade three to six students can attend camp at no cost to families or to the school.”

OSHC has started this year, and this is run by Kelly Club OSHC.

This provides care for families who are working or studying, and for students as an after-school activity.

“Our prep teacher Carla Golden will be running our transition program in term four. This year we have decided that sessions will occur at the end of the day. Our hope is this will have less impact on the programs run by early childhood educators. As well as being able to welcome and introduce parents who are new to our community to current parents through a shared pick-up time,” said Wendy.

“Our school prides itself on the connection and relationships between every member of the school community; that we have high-quality teaching and expert special subject areas, and we welcome funding to update our facilities, but we know that is not as important as people.”

The school’s teaching staff understand that what truly makes a school is the people, and their genuine commitment to improving outcomes for all the young people in their community.

Powlett River has amazing families, community members, parents, staff, and students.



Lizzie Burke is from The Song Room and attended her first day at Powlett River Primary School delivering the new kaleidoscope program to grade three and fours with teacher Lisa Butcher. Z09_3422



Carla Golden of Powlett River Primary School taught students Brantley of grade two and Indi-Mae of Prep their mathematics through a grouping activity. Z10_3422

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN



2023 Prep Transition Program Term 4 Prep Ready!

Wednesdays 2.30-3.15pm
First session: October 12 – Last session: December 7
Orientation Day: Tuesday, December 13, 9am-2pm
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KORUMBURRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our purpose: To empower each individual to reach their full potential & become a life long learner
Our Values: aim high, be respectful, be responsible, be resilient



2023 ENROLMENTS

2023 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN
To facilitate planning for 2023 classes, we ask parents to please enrol their child by
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Enrolments will be accepted after this date.
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Cassie Leatham Fisher recently returned to Kongwak Primary School to launch her book Mr Beaky that she dedicated to the Kongwak students.

A broad and unique education at Kongwak

KONGWAK Primary School is a thriving and caring school in the Kongwak hills. While the valley is known for its serenity, the school is a hive of activity. Principal Brett Smith said being a student at Kongwak Primary School is about being part of an active student body, that not only cares for their school but the environment and the future. Sustainability is an integral part of the curriculum with gardening, pruning, weeding, cooking and eating their harvest a natural part of what they do each week. “This is underpinned by their student leadership and sense of community and cooperation which learning at Kongwak Primary School is all about,” said Mr Smith. The redesign of the streetscape based on the students’ learning of the land last year with Cassie Leatham Fisher continues. The indigenous gardens are thriving, students planted indigenous plants and the ilk (eel) path is being extended down to the outdoor learning area and SMART room. “Recently Cassie returned to Kongwak Primary School to launch her book Mr Beaky. Her time with the Kongwak students was so special she dedicated the book to them.” “It is rare to find such a small and unique school still thriving and it’s through the strong hub-annex partnership with Inverloch Primary School that Kongwak Primary School can still provide the curriculum, specialist staff and broader experiences whilst having its own unique culture and way of being,” said Mr Smith.



Cooking what is harvested is a part of the curriculum at Kongwak Primary School.



The Inverloch Primary School prep students dressed up for their 100 days of prep celebration after visiting Coal Creek.

Reconnecting with curriculum and the community

STUDENTS and staff at Inverloch Primary School have enjoyed returning to a year of onsite learning-an opportunity to reconnect with community, reactivate broader curriculum and wellbeing programs and introduce new programs and initiatives. The school’s curriculum is being updated to make the most of the beautiful environment we learn and live upon - the land of the Bunurong people. The Year Two students recently visited the Bunurong Environmental Centre to learn about dinosaurs that roamed the area. Palaeontologist Mike Cleeland shared his knowledge and experience of dinosaurs and students made plaster casts of fossils. The Prep students visited Coal Creek as part of their 100 days of Prep celebration and finished the week off with a dress up day. Principal of Inverloch/Kongwak Primary Schools Brett Smith said, this year our second language has been Auslan which has been hugely successful and engaging for the students. In addition to learning how to sign, students have been singing in Auslan, playing games, conversing and presenting projects of deafness, Auslan and famous people who were deaf. As part of the wellbeing endeavours, Inverloch primary school now have a Student Wellbeing Officer and a chaplain to support students. “We have also introduced the Kids’ Shed which is a hands-on learning program where students construct, garden and participate in other hands-on opportunities,” said Mr Smith. “Several lunchtime clubs now operate to provide broader options. The Spanish Plaza area is abuzz with games and activities coordinated by the Student Action Team.” The staff and students are excited to connect with various service groups that support the school. A lone pine was recently planted by RSL president Bob Sutton and the school captains Bec and Riley. “Our Side-by-Side volunteers are back supporting and connecting with students, and we regularly receive generous donations from community groups to support our students learning and wellbeing - what a great community we have,” said Mr Smith. Inverloch Primary School has always been famous for their Easter Fair and have an enthusiastic team of parents and friends, who are organising a community fete as part of the vision to return the Easter Fair in future years. Mr Smith said the Community Fete will have games, activities, food and stalls and a stronger connection to local business and service clubs to showcase and build community connections.

Care, Lead, Achieve

- Small class sizes • Sustainability • Visual Arts • Cooking • Specialist PE
- Family Feel • Annex to Inverloch Primary School
- Music • Student Leadership • Library Van • School Pride
- Kitchen Garden • New Grounds Developments • Chook Shed
- Hands On Learning • Digital Learning • Caring Community

Parent/carers of new, interested or 2023 students contact
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Distinctly Christian education

CHAIRO Christian School in Leongatha provides a distinctly Christian education and is constantly developing and expanding in terms of enrolments and opportunities.

The Australian Curriculum is delivered but from a Christian worldview perspective.

Boys and girls are able to start in kindergarten as three-year-olds and progress right through to Year 10, with the option of then undertaking Years 11 and 12 at Chairo in Drouin via a daily bus service.

Chairo teachers recognise that all students are individuals, with unique gifts and talents, and may have diverse learning needs.

Principal Christine Hibma explained: "Differentiated learning activities, learning support programs and extension opportunities are all built into our regular programs."

Chairo Kinder is an integral part of the campus, with up to two years of funded kindergarten available. In addition to enjoying excellent kindergarten facilities, the kinder children also have opportunities to use some of the specialist facilities within the school.

The play-based learning program in the kindergarten is engaging and fun, with activities targeting individual social and emotional development, as well as fine and gross motor skills. The educators seek to prepare young children for a smooth progression into school and equip them to apply themselves responsibly and capably throughout life.

Establishing positive and productive partnerships with each family is a high



Chairo at Leongatha caters for students from kindergarten through to Year 10.

priority at Chairo. Mrs Hibma commented: "We want to work closely with parents in the education and care of their children. Our staff members work tirelessly for the academic, social, emotional and spiritual development of all students".

Families interested in finding out more about what Chairo at Leongatha offers are invited to contact the campus, visit the school website and follow the campus Facebook page.

You can also book a personal family tour to see the facilities first-hand, watch some classes in action and speak to some staff members.

Thrive at Country Universities Centre

FOR Eva Lazzaro, a graduate law student, the opportunity to support students from the Bass Coast region and work alongside the other Country Universities Centre (CUC) staff is a true privilege.

As a law student who moved to the Bass Coast region last year, Eva has experienced the transformative power of the Country Universities Centre firsthand.

"Studying online can be a lonely experience, and for many students living regionally, this isolation is compounded by many other factors," Eva said.

"Patchy internet connection, lack of quiet library space and the fact that we are over an hour away from the closest university campus, can all interfere with our capacity to succeed, and actually enjoy the university experience!"

In Eva's eyes, CUC Bass Coast was "the academic equivalent of a warm hug from a friend."

Andrea Evans-McCall, the centre manager, and Sibby Wilson, the centre success officer, are locals to the Gippsland region, and are intimately aware of the struggles often faced by



students studying regionally.

"Andrea and Sibby have created an environment of quiet comradery and community support at CUC Bass Coast," Eva added, emphasising that students are given the opportunity to study in a peaceful setting, access state-of-the-art technology, receive academic support, and access professional help with university enrolment and scholarship applications, all under the one roof.

"My job as the new Learning Skills Advisor is to foster a supportive academic environment and help students to reach their study goals."

"Having worked as a school and university tutor

for nearly a decade, I am in awe of the CUC Bass Coast students," Eva said.

The other staff concur, stating that most of the people who access the Centre are juggling work commitments, caring responsibilities, and numerous other personal obligations.

The wonderful thing about CUC Bass Coast, and many students would agree, is that the staff prioritise the unique needs and wellbeing of their students above everything else.

There are so many profoundly hardworking and intelligent students (and people!) here in the Bass Coast region, and the Country Universities Centre allows them to thrive.



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St Laurence O’Toole always strives to meet the needs of its students.

Caring for everyone at St Laurence O’Toole

CHILDREN learn in different ways and at different paces, so we are lucky to have teachers and support staff to ensure that the needs of every student are met. Together, we are able to provide one-on-one teaching and small and class groups. Foundation needs to be a fun and exciting year, where students develop positive attitudes about learning.

We want children to enjoy coming to school each day and to have a real love of learning that will be with them, not just during their school life but throughout their whole lives. Our Foundation program includes a lot of learning through maths games, music, drama and art. In Religious Education, we focus on building relationships and caring for others.

We talk about what makes us all unique, about our families, and we look at God’s creation and how we take care of our world. All students need to feel safe and to be happy if they are going to learn, so friendships are very important. At the beginning of Foundation, we spend a lot of time getting to know each

other and teaching the children social skills so that they can make new friends. It is important that they all have at least two close friends that they can play with in the playground. One of the best things about our school is that we are small enough that every teacher knows the name of every child, and we are all able to keep an eye out for any students needing assistance.

Each Foundation child is also given a Grade 6 buddy who they can go to if they are unsure in the playground. We try to meet regularly with our buddies to read together, to play a maths game or to eat lunch, and it is wonderful to watch this special bond grow throughout the year.

Because of our size, the students all know each other and really do look out for each other. Parents are an important part of any child’s education. We try to develop positive relationships with all parents so that they feel welcome to participate in school assemblies, and special class events and activities.

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We are responsible,
respectful
and caring.
We are part of a
safe community.***



Grade prep and year 1 students at Foster Primary School.

A sense of well-being and personal growth

FOSTER Primary School is a dynamic and inclusive learning environment for children and the axiom, ‘Our Best Always’ is an expectation that is lived by, by each student, staff and the school community to provide the best possible learning environment for students to experience growth and success. Principal Scott Moorhouse said, we pride our self on the programs we offer, this includes a comprehensive visual and performing arts program that we see come together in a school production every two years. “The school also commits to local and regional competitive sports including cricket, netball, tee-ball, AFL, and football. The school through its programs also offers swimming, gymnastics and golf,” said Mr Moorhouse.

The school honours its natural surroundings with a comprehensive outdoor program which includes a kitchen garden. In this program, students grow and prepare the food they will go on cook in their on-site indoor and outdoor kitchens. The students also experience days utilising the majestic Wilson’s

Promontory for investigations into local flora and fauna, Aboriginal culture and team building activities.

There are also ‘Challenge Walks’ most recently the George Bass Trail and a diverse camps program from grades two to six. “Foster Primary school promotes a strong sense of well-being and develops personal growth in all our students. The school invests in every child’s wellbeing by developing close reciprocal partnerships with families and with community groups such as the local basketball club and Manna Gum Community House,” said Mr Moorhouse.

Foster Primary School has an extremely strong parents’ group who provide special lunches and fundraising for much needed educational items, such as therapy aids and additional funding for the kitchen garden. Recently the addition of ‘Stocky’ the school pup has assisted with student integration and engagement.

“We think this is a pretty special learning place and our values Be a Learner, Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be Caring are lived everyday by our school community.”



Aashritha of Foster Primary School practicing her writing skills.



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It's never too late to start an apprenticeship

FIRST year apprentice Claire Jobling is proof that no matter how you approach your education you can always change your mind.

"I always wanted to do a trade," Claire said.

"I went to uni first and then did a trade, which I suppose people would probably do it the other way around.

"Electrical is a mix of both physical and technical skills. In my head, it's not as physical as arbitrary and is fairly doable."

Owner and qualified electrician, Joel Sharpe, JS Electricians, is no stranger to university either, jumping into his electrical apprenticeship after trying his hand at an IT degree.

"My old man is a linesman as well, so I grew up around it," Joel said.

"It always was I'll try uni first, if I don't like it, I'll try and get an apprenticeship, hopefully electrical related."

Jumping into her apprenticeship with JS Electricians, Joel is proud to have a woman on the team, even if his clients are often shocked.

"I was looking for an apprentice and saw her resume at AWM, the wholesaler. Gave Claire a call and was pretty impressed by her resume - got her to come in for a couple of days to see how she liked it and it started from there," Joel explained.

"My customer feedback is overwhelmingly positive - it's a bit of a surprise to some people.

"I'll roll in with all my tools, and Claire comes in behind with her tools, starts doing things - they're a bit shocked, curious..."

"They always ask about it," Claire added.



Claire is undertaking her first-year electrical apprenticeship under the expertise of Joel. C01_3422

"Claire is then up talking to them for 10 minutes - they're that interested. It's been really good," Joel said.

Recently changing to incorporate new electrical advancements including electric car charging, over the four-year apprenticeship, Claire will complete 51 units including cable termination, problem solving in low voltage, A.C and D.C. circuits, install, modify

and verify coaxial and structured communication copper cabling and rescue from a live LV panel.

Attending trade school in Frankston, Claire is one of approximately 20 other students in her class, which includes two other girls and more than half mature aged students.

Joel's apprenticeship days were not too dissimilar with five-to-six mature aged

students varying between their 30s and mid 40s.

Covering Bass Coast and the western region of South Gippsland, JS Electricians utilises a wide array of skills.

"I suppose the variety of the work - you're always at a different site, different house, different areas, you get to meet different people," Claire said.

"Every day is the same but different, there is always the

twist or something that makes it interesting or more challenging," Joel added.

And whilst Joel favours the hands on - being out and about side to the job over the business administration, Claire certainly favours the friendlier working environments over small dark spaces filled with spiders and cobwebs.

"I had one job with a heap of rain, and the power circuit was tripping," Joel explained.

"I found the cables under the house, literally had to crawl through a foot of water to get to. There was a heap of joins in the cables so had to climb through one bit, test there, it went that way climb there, then it went back... It was the last one I looked at, of course.

"That's the one in a million jobs."

New houses, renovations, general electrical, data/TV/theatre, electric vehicle charges, the pair can tackle anything, including after-hours emergency work.

For apprentices trying to get into the field Joel's advice is to put yourself out there and be enthusiastic.

"Just call the local trade - electrician, plumber, builder, etc., meet up, drop in a resume and show an interest.

"I've had a couple of people who are interested in the trade, I've not had a position for another apprentice, but I've given them a day or two, a taste.

"If you make the effort to approach someone and show an interest, they're going to be more interested in giving you a go.

"Those interested in electrical can also complete the Certificate II pre-apprenticeship course as well."

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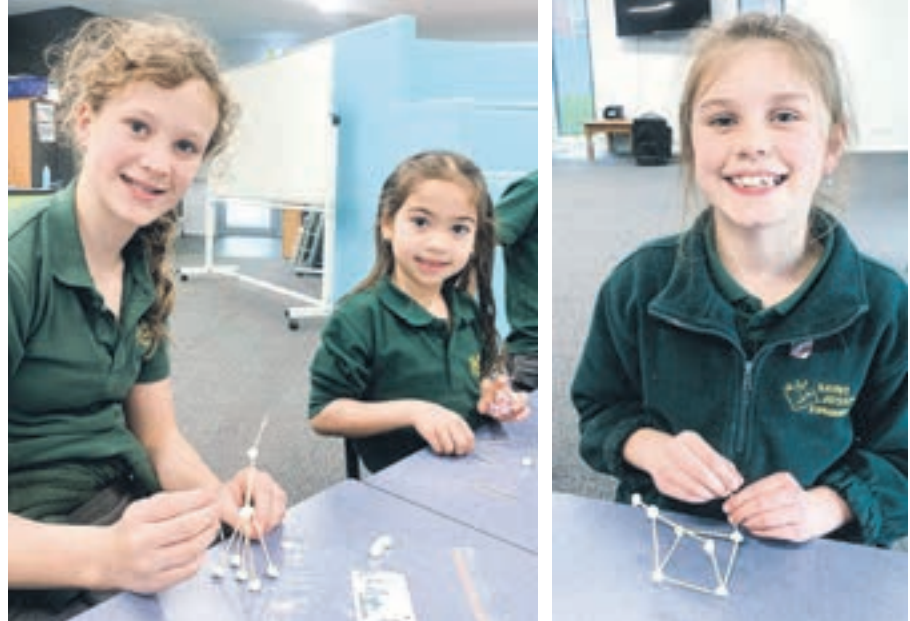
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St Joseph's Primary Korumburra students loved taking part in Science Week activities recently.

The St Joseph's difference

AS the principal of St Joseph's, I am delighted to share with you just what our school offers your child.

We are a small, family centred school where each child is known and the learning is targeted to their individual needs.

Because of this, our students are achieving excellent results.

Our staff are highly qualified, passionate educators who use innovative approaches to teach across all areas of the Victorian Curriculum.

They are ably supported by dedicated support staff and a strong administration team.

Our environment is rich and welcoming.

Our new buildings and learning spaces are fresh, bright and offer students flexible options to engage in their learning.

Our playground, set across many levels is accessible and full of choices for play and sport.

As well as specialist learning in Physical Education, STEM, LOTE and Art, we offer a range of extra-curricular activities including interschool sport,

By Principal Sharon Anderson

choir, exciting incursions and excursions and an extensive camp program.

We have a strong wellbeing focus which includes access to Seasons for Growth, an evidence-based peer support program, "Mini Vinnies", targeted learning and social intervention, and a student leadership program which fosters independence, resilience and team work.

As a Catholic School, St Joseph's prides itself on nurturing young people who not only achieve academic success, but who understand and actively contribute to our local and global communities.

Our school wide expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Care permeate everything we do and I am proud of the way our children embrace these values in the way they treat each other and indeed, anyone who walks through our gates.

I encourage you to visit our school, where I look forward to meeting you and sharing the St Joseph's difference with you.



Team members from Gippsland's Biggest P.J. Day with volunteers from Better Life for Foster Kids are ready to don their P.J.'s for September 9.

Gippsland's biggest P.J day

Supporting kids in out-of-home care across Gippsland

A GROUP of participants in the Gippsland Community Leadership Program are working in partnership with A Better Life for Foster Kids to coordinate a fun pyjama day event across Gippsland on September 9.

The leadership program is auspiced by the Committee for Gippsland and is one of Australia's longest running regional leadership programs. It is a unique platform for the development and growth of Gippsland's existing and emerging leaders.

Gippsland's Biggest P.J. Day aims to raise money and awareness for the Gippsland-based charity that supports children and carers in the out-of-home-care system.

"We are all passionate about supporting A Better Life for Foster Kids and the work that they do," says Rebecca Matthews, one of the event organisers.

"We are hoping to get as many schools involved as possible to make the biggest impact that we can for this amazing local charity."

In total, 10 children in every 1000 in Victoria are on care and protection orders (14,947 children across Victoria) (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2021).

Each year, A Better Life for Foster Kids provides Crisis Cases to around 1600 children entering care, to ensure their needs are taken care of with dignity, and to relieve the mental and financial burden of carers.

They advocate to government for better policies for kids in care and carers, as well as host an annual camp and support kids in care to participate in after school activities.

"We are always happy to be involved with local groups and appreciate that members of our community think highly of what we do. Without the support of groups such as this one we could never do what we do," says Heather Baird, Founder of A Better Life for Foster Kids.

"We are always running out of P.J.'s as we use both a winter and summer pair in every case, not only will this project up our supply of them but more important is it will raise awareness, even with the children from the local schools learning that what they take for granted, that every kid has, such things our kids don't."

The event organisers have reached out to all Gippsland primary schools to invite them to participate. They welcome donations and sponsorship for the event, and community organisations and leaders can also join in by showing their support through the social media campaign or wearing their pyjamas on September 9.

For further information email gippslandsbiggest-pjday@gmail.com or call 0439 872 883.



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Supporting students and the community

MARY MacKillop Catholic Regional College's annual Walkathon is in its 24th year.

It is with great excitement that we report to the community the success of the Walkathon on August 8.

The weather on the day was perfect with the rain holding off until everyone had arrived back at school.

It is a great whole school event that is enjoyed by all.

The students and staff were enthusiastic and joined in the spirit of the day.

The day commenced with a celebration of the Eucharist, followed by games led by the justice captains.

All the students were transported to Koonwarra where they commenced the eleven kilometre walk along the rail trail back towards Leongatha, where they did a lap of the town and walked back down Horn Street to the College.

The students were welcomed back to the college with a barbecue and then played a fun game of netball with the staff.

We now require our community to keep supporting our students and their drive to raise the funds required to support our sponsored charities.

Our charities being sponsored are:

- Project Kenya
- Disabled Surfers Association
- Shepherds Table
- MacKillop Today
- Trinity Families



Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College students were proud to take part in the annual Walkathon, which raises funds for charities supported by the school.



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Dudley students working with local artist Safina Stewart during reconciliation week.



Year 7 student Tom, fishing at San Remo as a part of the Recreational Activities Program.

Quality teaching and professional development



Bass Coast College year 7 girls soccer named Gippsland champions.



Bass Coast College's Year 7 boys' soccer team.

BASS Coast College (BCC) comprises of two junior campuses, San Remo and Dudley, catering to students from years seven to nine and the senior, Wonthaggi campus catering to Years 10-12.

All students are offered engaging programs across all learning areas. Sequential courses of study are provided for Years seven to ten across all key learning areas.

From year nine, students study core subjects and have choice of electives from arts, technology and STEM. The curriculum is constantly being developed and refreshed to meet student, community and workplace expectations; an exciting new AFL academy subject is being offered at Year ten in 2023.

VEC and the new VCEVM (Vocational Major) are course options for students.

To enhance student enrichment students in Year 10 and 11 have the opportunity to accelerate through VCE by taking higher level units than is the norm for their age cohort.

Some students enter workplace partnerships.

FLOW is Bass Coast College's flexible learning campus and supports students who are unable to attend a mainstream campus.

The dedicated team there work with students to develop student learning confidence and create a positive relationship with education.

Students are supported within the school post pandemic through the Tutor Learning Initiative, it has supported groups of students who may not have made the expected learning growth during the pandemic.

BCC has teacher tutors who work with classroom teachers to develop individualised learning programs for students to help them progress. The Tutor Learning initiative is offered from Years seven to 12.

The college also offers SEAL, a select entry accelerated program beginning at Year 7.

Supported literacy and numeracy classes are also offered.

BCC prides itself on building student relationships and creating positive pathways for students. BCC has a strong focus on student wellbeing and personal development.

Each campus has an experienced wellbeing team with a school nurse and mental health practitioner.

This year BCC has partnered with Live4Life to train all year eight students in mental health first aid.

A Respectful Relationships program is embedded in the curriculum. BCC understands that all students have different needs, abilities, interests and ambitions.

The staff at BCC are dedicated professional educators who place importance on quality teaching and professional development.

BCC students can participate in a range of extra-curricular activities.

Sports are always popular with many teams reaching state level competition, the music program is ever expanding, having added voice tuition and choir in 2022.

Theatrical students can join the bi-annual whole college production or challenge themselves at Tournament of Minds competitions. Camps and excursions feature at all year levels and accentuate the curriculum.

Extensive recreational facilities are available at all campuses and San Remo campus principal Emma Harris said the College is particularly proud of our work with the Bass Coast Shire, in sharing the extensive three-court basketball stadium with additional facilities at our Wonthaggi Campus.

This provides an amazing facility for programs and while being available to the wider community sporting organisations. The College also enjoys access to the local natural environment for outdoor activities.

"Our first year open as the re-titled Bass Coast College has flown by and we're proud to be welcoming a record enrolment for 2023.

For enrolment enquiries please contact the relevant campus.

BASS COAST COLLEGE

“Achieving success in a caring and creative environment”

As we near the end of our first year as Bass Coast College, we remain particularly proud of continuing the 100-year tradition as the area’s government secondary school presence.

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COMMENT

Hear, hear... it's democracy at work!

CR LETICIA Laing is entitled to her opinion, even if her criticisms of Cr Les Larke's Notice of Motion at last week's council meeting were largely irrelevant.

As many in business will know, you can get your accounting practices right and still go broke.

Cr David Rooks is entitled to publicly criticise another councillor's actions, if for example he believes that councillor is wasting everyone's time, provided he's prepared to have a bit of that coming back the other way.

And Cr Les Larke is entitled to question the shire's policies and practices in relation to the appointment, cost, effectiveness, and reporting on the use of consultants, even if some of the other councillors consider his methods tedious at times.

All three of these councillors were elected by the voters to represent them at the council table. They're entitled to have their say on our behalf, even if we don't all agree with what they have to say or how they go about it.

In fact, that's exactly what we want them to do. The worst thing a councillor can do is sit there and say nothing or simply sing from the administration's hymn sheet.

So, good on Crs Laing, Rooks and Larke for having their say on Cr Larke's Notice of Motion. And good on Cr Larke for having a crack in the first place.

Cr Ron Bauer chipped in saying that while he wouldn't have worded the motion the same way, he acknowledged that if Cr Larke was trying to make the administration more accountable for the money they spent on consultants, he was happy to support it.

Cr Rochelle Halstead joined in, trying to isolate exactly what information Cr Larke thought was missing from the existing financial reporting.

It was a good discussion. There should be more of it!

In the end; Crs Kent, Bauer and Larke voted in favour of hearing more about the \$2 million council is spending annually on consultants and Crs Tessari, Halstead, Rooks, Laing and Whelan voted against it – that's democracy at work.

And we're told Cr Larke is now getting the information he previously asked for directly from the administration. Happy days.

Kamikaze corner must be fixed

Last week's Sentinel-Times photo shows the palm trees overlooking this controversial intersection.

What if the palms were transplanted elsewhere and the highway extended through the rail yard, under the Koonwarra Road bridge, aligning with the rail trail out beyond the houses to a three-way roundabout extending to Strzelecki Highway and the other turnoff reaching South Gippsland Highway prior to Simons Lane.

This area beyond the hospital is soon to be under development, so the new highway would need to be included in any such developments.

There is nothing wrong with the present

Vox Pop

What was your favourite book as a child?



Mia Anstee

"My favourite author was Enid Blyton and her Magic Faraway Tree collection. She was a creative genius, introducing characters with distinctive personalities."



Tanja Hellstrom

"A fish out of water by Helen Palmer is the first book that comes to mind. I remember loving that fact that the fish grew and grew because the boy overfed it"



Jenny Temple

"I distinctively remember my love for the Trixie Belden collection, a series of stories about a girl and her horses, because I had a love of horses when I was younger."



Zachary Bateman

"When I was younger, I loved reading the Zac Power and Boy Vs Beasts collection and now that I am older, I love Wings of Fire by Tui T."

highway from South Gippsland Shire through to Roughhead Street, all of the traders along this section have earned their highway position and nothing needs to change here.

Install a set of traffic lights for what would be a major intersection at Roughhead Street, including the rail trail crossing, so no expensive underpass for this is necessary.

Parking areas could be made both sides of the highway in the old rail yard and resurrect the old footbridge to access the main street.

The simplicity of parking and a quick walk to Bair Street would appeal to locals and tourists alike.

With Inverloch traffic diverted to this intersection McCartin Street would be freed up for improvements.

I have been told that railway land cannot be encroached on, but at Koonwarra, the highway now sits over old rail land, so the precedent exists, all that's needed is the political will.

I believe this change is necessary as proved by the bottlenecks occurring on the present arrangement.

Leongatha's traffic issues could be solved for the next hundred years.

Ian James, Korumburra

Time to move on

Your commentary editorial August 8, 2022, "Sentinel-Times comment" appears a counterproductive endorsement for the new era of clean energy.

With wind turbines, there is no belching cooling towers, gigantic open cut brown coal mines, no tons and tons of carbon dioxide and sulphur pouring into the air all over the Latrobe Valley and beyond into the atmosphere, no workers in employed dangerous coal mines, exploding like they did 100 years ago in Wonthaggi.

Time has moved on and yes, they will be big windmills calmly turning around using absolute free energy from nature.

With every engineering evolution; steam, turbines, motor cars, aeronautical, electronics, there is always negatives.

But to me if you can see in the far distance a modern 21st century engineering masterpiece harnessing wind energy it is a bigger positive. It is no pollution.

These devices when first developed produced around 2-3MW now the latest versions can produce 14MW.

They just get better all the time. I will gladly be appreciating them. Incidentally on a clear day you can see only around 10-15 kilometres. I'm a long-term seafarer. The new wind turbines will not be in your back yard. The sea view will still be there.

Michael Curran, Kilcunda

Offshore wind farms end of life

You raise a very good point when it comes to offshore wind farms. Given the difficulty of the terrain and the unseen unknowns below water level, rehabilitating these sites at the end of their (suggested 30 year) lives is an issue which needs to be well thought through before any license is issued.

In the case of the brown coal mines feeding power stations, the owner of each license has a legal responsibility to rehabilitate the mine site on closure of the power plant. While this is a condition of their license, there was apparently very little spelled out as to what the final result was to look like. Accordingly, early suggestions seemed to centre on creating lakes. In other words, leave the hole and fill it with water without consideration for what impact that might have on local hydrology.

Obviously this can't be the situation with offshore wind farms but, if there wasn't a lot of thought put into how a site you can see was to be left, how little thought might go into the underwater condition of a site you can't see?

No matter where they are placed offshore, a proper plan for their end of life should be written into any Wind Farm license agreement for it to operate. It's exactly because this issue will be out of sight that it should not be out of mind.

And as for impact on birds, I took the advice of letter writer Adrian Fyfe, Sandy Point Gippsland wind farm proposal and did an online search on the topic. I found theconversation.com/wind-farms-are-hardly-the-bird-slayers-theyre-made-out-to-be-heres-why-79567 to be particularly useful.

Laurie Martin, Leongatha

No surprise at lack of rentals

So many homes in our neighbourhood are now occupied with their owners two to five days each week, because since COVID, they are now free to work from home.

They are now using their own holiday home each or most weeks.

Add to that the huge influx of permanent people who relocated from capital cities.

Property owners who get no rent or less rent during COVID, are terrified of the tenant they put in their property as it won't be easy to get them out in the future.

The census showing "vacant homes" was done during lockdown - so the work from home funsters had to stay in Melbourne.

There are your main reasons for less rental housing available.

The Bass Coast has always been a regional coastal holiday destination area. And it still is.

Tourism is the number one economy.

And now the shire expects that to suddenly change to be less holiday homeowners and less short term accommodation?

This is not Melbourne - and hence permanent rental could not be expected to be as

available here in a tourism regional area.

The infrastructure doesn't even support permanent rental adequately as it does in metropolitan Melbourne. Think about it.

It's many factors.

There's no one silver bullet you can grab onto to change the whole thing overnight.

Except - what if the government actually provided housing instead of relying on private mum and dad citizens?

Natalie Morris, Cowes

Crisis in the making

The Victorian healthcare system was in crisis well before the COVID pandemic began. Now, more than two years later, we have seen elective surgery waitlists balloon to more than 87,000 people – with a record number of people waiting to see specialists.

Ambulance Victoria is regularly plunged into Code Red, and fewer than 60 per cent of patients who attended an Emergency Department in the past three months were treated in the recommended time.

Daniel Andrews has been Victoria's Premier or Health Minister for 11 of the past 15 years.

This is not a healthcare crisis caused by COVID – it has merely exposed how fragile our health system has been with Daniel Andrews at the helm.

Labor had eight years to improve healthcare in our communities, yet it has chosen to slowly dismantle it with \$2 billion of funding cut this year compared to 2021.

The only real solution is a change in government. To date, Liberals and The Nationals have committed more than \$1.5 billion to bring regional Victorian hospitals up to date.

This includes upgrades at St Arnaud, as well as brand-new hospitals in West Gippsland, Mildura and Albury-Wodonga, with more announcements to come.

Healthcare professionals across Victoria have been abandoned by Daniel Andrews, who has been more focused on spin than substance.

Which is why under a Liberal and Nationals government more than 260,000 Victorian health workers will be eligible for free travel across all metropolitan and V/Line public transport services 365 days a year until November 2026.

Remember this November the Andrews Labor Government will continue its neglect of our hospitals and frontline workers, and only a Liberal and Nationals government will give regional Victorians better healthcare closer to home.

Emma Kealy, Deputy Leader of The Nationals, Member for Lowan

The 'Sentinel-Times' encourages readers to write with issues of interest or concern. 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.

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

JUST a heads up for the Fixit Café coming on Sunday, September 18, 11am to 1pm.

The Men's Shed and team with their valuable fixing skills and the Harvest Centre are the venues for this very useful service.

There are some things that are valuable to us in different ways and we'd like to keep them around and going where we can.

Sometimes those items have a lineage of one generation to the next, some are perfectly serviceable apart from that 'one thing' and others seem to be vaguely criminal to be thrown away when they could be repurposed in some way.

Do you have an item which you want to retain and can carry it to the Harvest Centre?

Then book it in with Mitchell House before the day.

This is very important so we can marry up a fixer with your item and a time slot on the day, so much to do in just two hours.

Don't forget to bring along any replacement parts that are needed in your repair.

Our Free Community Lunch is on next Wednesday, August 24, at 12noon.

This gives you plenty of time to book in and look forward to a scrumptious meal. Bring along a plus one or more and have a good chat while enjoying good freshly cooked food, of which, some of the produce has come from the community gardens at the Harvest Centre.

Keeping in mind that winter is well and truly here, how about developing your creative side by the 'fire' side by joining our crafty groups which top and tail our week.

There is our Traditional Sampler Quilt group on Mondays, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Learn basic quilting techniques, hand or machine and your first session, if you are a complete novice, will cover materials required and you'll see some lovely examples which could spur you on to make your own.

The Friday one is the Craft and Cuppa Group and is in the morning too, 10am to 12noon.

You will meet other crafty people who will help you start your own project or provide you with great company to acquire or share tips and ideas as you pursue your own already on the go.

Are you still looking for preschool care for your child and have a health care card or equivalent? Then please note, we have our free Monday and Friday supported playgroups provided by Bass Coast Health.

Cath is the facilitator on Mondays, and you can ring her on 0427 729 695 to enrol your child.

Janine is on Fridays and her number is: 0457 834 960.

Enjoy activities you and your child can do together and there is a 'Small Talk' program which also includes information on children's development and learning stages which is most helpful and reassuring.

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 Learn Share Activities.

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 our activities through our Facebook Page at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.

INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HOUSE

LET'S talk Tuesday for a moment because there is a bit going on at the House on this particular day. We start the day off with Leah our experienced and much-loved Pilates teacher.

Leah has been at the community House for over 7 years.

Encouraging and supporting students to stretch, bend, twist and practice Pilates in a safe and fun environment. Classes begin at 9am and run right through to midday.

A pre-exercise questionnaire is required prior to beginning your Pilates journey. Term fees apply. Just enquire at the office.

Next up is Chatty Crafters. As the name suggest they are a very chatty bunch who love their craft, a bit of a laugh with a show and tell thrown in between. The group is equally passionate about supporting organisations such as KoGo (knit one give one), backpack for kids, oz comfort quilts and other charity organisations. If this group piques your interest, come along and join in on the fun.

BYO your craft of choice, embroidery, sewing or knitting.

You will find them (or you might possibly hear their laughter first) in the back room of the House every Tuesdays, even school holidays (they are a committed bunch) from 12:30 to 3:30pm. \$4 (M) \$6 (NM) no experience necessary.

No bookings required, just turn up on the day.

If you need support with your Android phone, Geoff is your man.

With all the patience in the world, Geoff will tackle almost anything to do with getting your phone systems in order.

Ready to assist Mondays and Tuesdays, one on one sessions from 1 to 3pm. \$8 (M) \$10 (NM).

Contact the office to book in a session.

Lastly its so lovely to have our Circle Dancers back in form.

Dancing in a circle is an ancient tradition common to many cultures.

Modern circle dancing draws on the rich and diverse traditional dances of many countries and includes a growing repertoire of new dances to classical music and contemporary songs.

The dances range from very simple to the more intricate.

Some are energetic and lively while others feel reflective and flow like a moving meditation bringing a sense of peace, togetherness, and relaxation. Weekly from 1:30 to 3pm. \$3 (M) \$5 (NM) held in the Hub Hall. No bookings required, just turn up on the day.

Coming up (not on a Tuesday) on Saturday, August 27, is our monthly Garment Repair Cafe.

Our lovely volunteers' repairers will do their utmost to bring your garments back to life.

Bring your garments in for simple repairs such as buttons, hems, pillowcases and other minor repairs.

The café also supports Upparel. An organisation on a mission to reduce the number of textiles/clothing that end up in landfill. Upparel upcycle items into socks and quality useful products. Any clean garments and textiles can be dropped off at the Café for upcycling.



BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

ON FRIDAY, September 2, BCAL will be presenting the Pathways Expo as part of Adult Learners Week.

The event will run from noon to 6pm and feature food stalls, live music, job agency stalls, and an art exhibition.

The Expo will be launched by Deputy Mayor, Cr Leticia Laing.

This will be followed by the official launch of the sustainability series, and free activities including hair braiding, mindfulness and meditation, an upcycled art workshop and digital storytelling.

All the activities on the day are tasters of BCAL's courses. A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

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

You might be surprised to learn that the community gardeners are starting to talk about tomatoes given the cold, soggy conditions these last weeks and months.

But gardeners are eternal optimists, and a few are already thinking about where they can start some tomato seeds, to get a head start on next season's crop. Windowsills, mini hot houses and protected, sunny spots are in the mix.

The next step in tomato pre-season is preparing full sun plots in the community garden with compost and manure, holding off on the mulch until late spring or early summer as a wet warm season is predicted.

In the meantime, three volunteers weeded for a couple of hours last week, making the most of a break in the wet weather and the soft soil, which made the job so much easier.

To find out more about all the opportunities and activities at the garden you can join in on a Thursday between 10 and noon or contact tgordon@westnet.com.au for more information.

■ WONTHAGGI

WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies held their Annual General Meeting last Tuesday. A full committee was elected plus office bearers.

Neil Lenne is serving a second term as president with Alan Hurt taking over as secretary, Lex Van Saane as Vice President and Frank Kisvarda as secretary.

Together with the new committee, they will oversee the management of the not-for-profit group which provides a venue, tools and training for anyone wishing to get involved with woodworking. The Woodies are also part of the Men's Shed group of organisations but their activities are by no means restricted to just the blokes. All are welcome.

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



MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

IF YOU'RE keen to run a workshop next term and would like it included in the Milpara Program that is distributed to 3962 households now is the time to call Belinda 5655 2524 to organise your time slot.

This Tuesday, August 23, we have Cuppa and Mutta, which is really an opportunity to get out of the house and have a cuppa and chat.

It's also a great opportunity for new members of the community to come meet some new faces and ask all those questions you're not sure who to ask.

Our Sunshine Spreaders would like to invite you to join them for a Wellbeing Morning Tea on Thursday, September 8.

They've been working on little projects to create a really beautiful setting for a lovely morning tea so it would be fantastic to have you come along.

We'll also have a guest speaker talking about Wellbeing.

So why not come along and find out what Sunshine Spreaders is all about, pick up some tips about Wellbeing including tips and tricks checking in with friends or family you might be concerned about. It would be great if you can let us know you are coming, but feel free to just pop in on the day.

Reminder that the Community Meal is coming up on Friday, September 2 – can you believe its September already. It will be held at the Anglican Church Hall at 5.30 pm.

No need to book just come along.



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Theatre companies to converge on Foster this weekend

THE Foster War Memorial Arts Centre will be a flurry of thespian activity this weekend as theatre companies from across Victoria come together to perform at the 20th South Gippsland One Act Play Festival, hosted by FAMDA.

Generous sponsorship by the Foster and Toora Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank has enabled FAMDA to entice schools and theatre groups to enter fourteen plays in this year's festival.

This play festival is a friendly theatrical competition, which gives South Gippsland and Bass Coast residents and visitors a great opportunity to experience a wide range of theatrical delights close to home and without spending a fortune.

The festival is split into three completely different sessions with at least four plays in each.

The Young Players Festival launches proceedings at 10:00am on Saturday morning, with performances by young actors from Koonwarra and Phillip Island schools and older actors from Village High School and Bairnsdale based Upstage Theatre School.

The Saturday evening program begins at 7:00pm with FAMDA's locally written play, 'The Lollypop Man' by Edwin Coad, on the menu alongside plays from Melbourne and Latrobe Valley based theatre companies.

Sunday gets underway at 11:00am with five different plays on offer over the course of the afternoon featuring theatre groups from Anglesea, Frankston, Traralgon and Mill Park.

Particularly on Sunday afternoon, patrons are welcome to join the session in the short breaks between the plays.

The complete festival play listing is available online at famda.org.au listing, by session, all the plays with their duration, genre and censorship classification.

There is a choice of table or concert style seating at the venue. Light lunch, snacks, morning and afternoon tea are available both days. Some may prefer to make up a party with friends and BYO food and drinks.

With a \$20 festival pass people can come and go as much as they like. The entry fee to see the Young Players Festival is just \$5 for adults with free admission for children. A single session in the main festival costs \$12.

Book tickets online via trybooking.com/CBWNZ.

Festival passes and session tickets will also be on sale at the door prior to each session and during the quarter hour gaps between plays.

Locals and visitors are invited to make the most of the chance to experience some of the huge variety of plays coming to Foster on August, Saturday 27, and Sunday 28.

With lively entertainment happening on stage, the 20th Bendigo Bank One Act Play Festival is an ideal way to spend a winter weekend.

Milestone birthday for garden club

THE Poowong Garden Club will hold its 50th Birthday celebrations with a Flower and Photo Show at the Poowong Public Hall over the weekend of September 10-11.

Members of the public and the community are invited to attend this action-packed weekend, which will include a wine and cheese social evening and the official cutting of the birthday cake on the Saturday night commencing at 7.30pm.

The flower and photo show will provide great viewing with 28 floral categories and 6 sections in the photo competition.

Members of the public are encouraged to enter exhibits into the flower and photo sections and there are 10 categories for primary age school children to take part in.

Sunday will be less formal with the doors opening at 10.30am for viewing of the show. Refreshments and cake will be on offer during the day.

Poowong Consolidated School children have been getting involved with making bright and colourful felt fabric flowers, that will be



Felt flowers made by Poowong Consolidated School children will help decorate the foyer of the Poowong public hall for Poowong Garden club's 50th birthday celebrations.

displayed in pots lining the foyer of the Poowong Hall for this special occasion.

The Poowong Garden was formed following a public meeting of gardeners interested in forming a club on 19 May 1972 and has continued to be strong and active in their small community with a current membership of 32 passionate gardeners.

The first president, secretary and treasurer were, respectively, the late Madams Nene Green, Iris White and

Eileen Archer.

The club held its first flower show about 12 months after it was formed, and these shows continued regularly for many years.

The flower shows in Poowong concluded in the early 1980s due to financial pressure and time burdens.

Fifteen years ago, the club launched their book titled "Gardens & More".

A book documenting history of the club, members gardening stories, hints and

tips on gardening and information and details of why and when certain parks and monuments were created in the township of Poowong.

All members of the public including past and present-day garden club members are invited to attend the 50th Birthday celebrations.

For further information or to request a show schedule please contact Linda Harvey on 0439979831 or by emailing secretarypoowonggardclub@gmail.com

The art of wet felting at the Jumbunna Hall



ABOVE: Sixteen members of the South Gippsland Spinners and Fibre Arts Group participated in a wet felting tutorial held at the Jumbunna Hall.

RIGHT: One member lined the purse with cotton material and inserted a zip.



ON Saturday, August 6, 16 members of the South Gippsland Spinners and Fibre Arts Group participated in a wet felting tutorial held at the Jumbunna Hall.

They were led by experienced felter Pam Reynolds, who demonstrated the making of an oven glove and Janice Graham, who demonstrated a clutch purse.

It was then the turn of those present to try their hand at the process.

Wet felting involves creating fabric made of several layers of wool - not plant or synthetic fibres because those won't felt well, then applying water and mild soap, and sponging or agitating the wool to encourage the fibres to lock together.

"To create either an oven glove or a purse it is necessary to use

a template over which to place the raw wool," said Janice.

"After the final layer of wool is placed over the template it is possible to decorate the work in various ways. There were some very creative designs produced."

Drying of the felt takes some time so participants took their work home to complete the final process. At the next group meeting members will bring along their finished item for a 'show and tell' session.

Anyone interested in joining the group or coming along for a chat should contact Janice on 0490 954 915.

Meetings are held in the Anglican Church Hall, Korumburra commencing at 1pm on the first Saturday and third Tuesday of each month.

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Bendigo Bank Village Green full of stories and activities

THE Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories will have opportunities aplenty for kids to explore their own story ideas, meet and grab a photo with their favourite author, take part in traditional storytime, and more.

It's all part of the Bendigo Bank Village Green, which will be open during the festival from 10am to 4pm on September 18.

The festival - a jam-packed day of free workshops, the Fishy Stories writing challenge performances, ticketed children's shows and special events - will delight kids young and old under a collective vision of sharing the ageless art of making stories.

And the Bendigo Bank Village Green will feature local children's storytellers My Story Tent as well as, Marg Haycroft and Michael Hogan, Indigenous Literacy Foundation, Little Bookroom Retail Outlet, Photo Op Meet and Greet, Boxwars, Kids Own Reading Pavilion, Myli Libraries, and the Survey Tent.

Fish Creek is a unique destination for children's literature and storytelling. The Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories will continue this momentum - recognising the joy in sparking imaginations.

There is a range of ticketed children's shows on offer. Book at fishystories.org/performances and follow Fishy Stories on Facebook and Instagram.

Local primary schools to deliver 'hello's' to aged care residents

THE Latrobe Health Assembly has developed a pen pal program between primary school students and aged care residents as part of their Hello. campaign, with the aim of supplying a tailored experience that promotes positive intergenerational connections between the two groups.

The two groups will benefit from interacting with each other through storytelling and having the opportunity to learn from each other.

The program is being piloted between a number of local primary schools, and local aged care facilities.

The goal of the Hello. campaign is to improve social connection within the community simply by encouraging people to say 'hello' to each other when out and about.

This event is one in a series of six-months of Hello. Day events to further promote community outreach and connectedness.

To find more information about the Hello. Campaign and upcoming Hello. events, please follow the link below:

<https://www.healthassembly.org.au/all-projects/hello-campaign/>



Mark Avery, Michael Hyde, Jenny Alexander, Craig Privett and Deb Bray (Carine McGinnity not pictured)

Support kids' love of storytelling

THIS year's Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories is expected to be the biggest one yet - bringing together storytellers of all ages for a jam-packed day of free workshops, ticketed children's shows, writing performances, activities and more.

But it doesn't - and couldn't - happen without a strong group of volunteers who assist in a variety of ways.

And the volunteer-run Fishy Stories committee is seeking your help to help make this year's event a record-breaking success.

The event, on Sunday, September 18, will be held in the heartland of children's literature - Fish Creek.

So, how can you help and how do you get involved?

Organisers are asking

for just three hours of your time, from 10am to 1pm or 1pm to 4pm, to assist with duties such as:

- Helping with check in for ticketed events.
- Ushers for performances.
- Supporting authors with tent setups.
- Hosting green room for performers.
- Hosting "break" room for volunteers.
- Roving tech assistance - mainly AV equipment.

Through the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories, you'll be helping to inspire hundreds if not thousands of children to reach their full potential - whether it's in writing, drawing or something else.

Plus, you can volunteer for part of the day and then bring the family along to one of the ticketed children's shows.

With Balloonatic Bruce, Luigi Zucchini, Dandyman, Dr Hubble, and Foxy Moron all performing, there is something for everyone. Plus, the Sugar Fed Leopards will cap off the festival in a blaze of glory.

Tickets are still available for the shows but with one month to go, book now to avoid disappointment. Tickets at fishystories.org/performances.

To put your name down to volunteer, contact Jenny Alexander at alexaje@ozemail.com.au or call 0400 646 998 for more information.

There will be an information session for volunteers prior to the event in the Oberon Room at the Fish Creek pub.

The program for the day is available online at fishystories.org.

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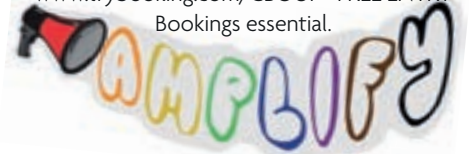
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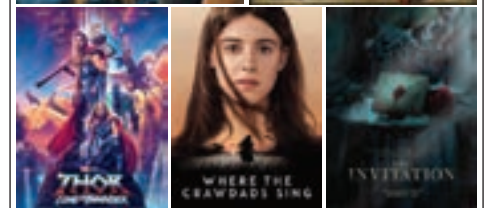
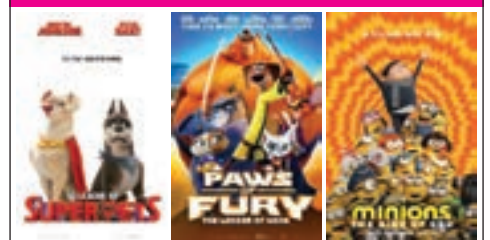
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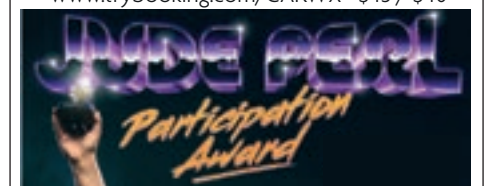
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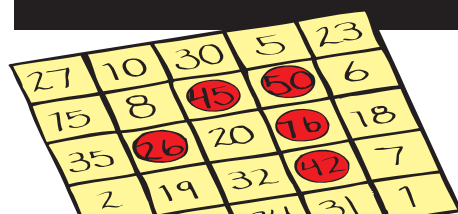
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Leigh McCulloch and Jen Lewis of Thriving foods farm in Koo Wee Rup were selling their local produce at the Newhaven market on Saturday morning. Z12_3422



Katie Ross of Cookies in Colour displayed an assortment of homemade cakes and cookies for the locals at the Newhaven market. Z13_3422



Julie Elmes of Balindon designs was showcasing her range of knitwear, clothing and handbags. Z14_3422



Lauren Lamont of Umoya Ministries was creating Henna on customer Tamika Peters at the Newhaven market. Z15_3422



Friends Heather Gregory, Liz Bowyer and Doris Caruana were trying the herbal tasting from The Nature Shack. Z16_3422



Tania Hall of Custom Gift Box Co recently moved to Bass Coast, selling an array of gift box selections for Father's Day, welcoming a new baby or any special occasion. Z18_3422



Jim and Robert attended the Inverloch community hub on Saturday morning in support of the amazon project, having a fishing background and an interest in the history of the shipwrecks. Z20_3422



Kasey Sumalinog, Alliza Miel, Josh McGannon and Krishiah Sumalinog took part in the Landcare tree planting project on Saturday afternoon, finished with dinner and live music. Z22_3422



Luke Kennedy, Hannah Jackson and Kelly Shannon volunteered their time to the tree planting project in the South Gippsland hills on Saturday afternoon. Z23_3422

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Newhaven Markets, Amazon Project exhibition at Inverloch Community Hub and tree planting project with Landcare and Hills are Alive.



Mae, Rose and Edith joined their parents at the Hills are Alive dinner, live music and tree planting. Z25_3422



Marlon and Goran of The Nature Shack were educating their customers on their range of environmentally friendly household products to remove the use of plastics within the home. Z17_3422



Secretary of the Amazon Project, Karyn Bugeja hosted the shipwreck exhibition in Inverloch on Saturday morning, displaying their book to educate children from a young age. Z19_3422



Adrian Brewer and Frank Bugeja are committee members of the Amazon Project and attended the Inverloch community hub on Saturday morning to showcase their work and support. Z21_3422



Noah Ziebarth and Jake Repcak took part in Landcare's tree planting project. Z26_3422



Matilda Pearl and Cam Hayez attended the Hills are Alive tree planting project on Saturday evening with Matilda performing live under the stars for the volunteers. Z28_3422



Elyse Chapman with Jade and Wes Roberts volunteered to be a part of the Landcare tree planting project. Z24_3422



Daniel Zanella and Xianya Han enjoyed their experience at the tree planting project in South Gippsland on Saturday. Z27_3422

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WORD FILL

A crossword puzzle grid is shown. The word "BOL" is placed vertically in the 10th column, starting from the 4th row. The grid consists of 15 rows and 15 columns. Black squares are located at the following coordinates (row, column): (1,5), (1,6), (1,10), (1,11), (2,5), (2,6), (2,10), (2,11), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3), (3,4), (3,5), (3,6), (3,10), (3,11), (3,12), (3,13), (3,14), (3,15), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3), (4,4), (4,5), (4,6), (4,10), (4,11), (4,12), (4,13), (4,14), (4,15), (5,1), (5,2), (5,3), (5,4), (5,5), (5,6), (5,10), (5,11), (5,12), (5,13), (5,14), (5,15), (6,1), (6,2), (6,3), (6,4), (6,5), (6,6), (6,10), (6,11), (6,12), (6,13), (6,14), (6,15), (7,1), (7,2), (7,3), (7,4), (7,5), (7,6), (7,10), (7,11), (7,12), (7,13), (7,14), (7,15), (8,1), (8,2), (8,3), (8,4), (8,5), (8,6), (8,10), (8,11), (8,12), (8,13), (8,14), (8,15), (9,1), (9,2), (9,3), (9,4), (9,5), (9,6), (9,10), (9,11), (9,12), (9,13), (9,14), (9,15), (10,1), (10,2), (10,3), (10,4), (10,5), (10,6), (10,10), (10,11), (10,12), (10,13), (10,14), (10,15), (11,1), (11,2), (11,3), (11,4), (11,5), (11,6), (11,10), (11,11), (11,12), (11,13), (11,14), (11,15), (12,1), (12,2), (12,3), (12,4), (12,5), (12,6), (12,10), (12,11), (12,12), (12,13), (12,14), (12,15), (13,1), (13,2), (13,3), (13,4), (13,5), (13,6), (13,10), (13,11), (13,12), (13,13), (13,14), (13,15), (14,1), (14,2), (14,3), (14,4), (14,5), (14,6), (14,10), (14,11), (14,12), (14,13), (14,14), (14,15), (15,1), (15,2), (15,3), (15,4), (15,5), (15,6), (15,10), (15,11), (15,12), (15,13), (15,14), (15,15).

Sourced from: bigpopolis.com

3 LETTERS

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| ARC | CONE |
| AUK | CORE |
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| NCO | LEVY |
| OUT | LIAR |
| RNA | MEET |
| SCI | NEAT |
| SKY | NONE |
| TAN | NOON |
| URI | OVAL |
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| BLOC | RISE |

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LEVEL: Very Hard

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Instructions:

Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 6 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used.

TIP: For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.

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Quick Crossword:

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Sudoku:

6	9	3	8	5	1	2	4	7
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Code Cracker:

[illegible]

Word Search:

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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT NT?

1. **[\$100]** Which of these national parks is not in Northern Territory?
A. Kakadu National Park.
B. Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.
C. Lamington National Park.
D. Litchfield National Park.
2. **[\$200]** Northern Territory number plates carry what message?
A. Crocodile Country. B. Outback Australia. C. Larrakia Land.
D. Outback Experience.
3. **[\$300]** The capital of the Northern Territory is now Darwin. What was it previously? A. Alice Springs.
B. Palmerston. C. Tennant Creek.
D. Katherine.
4. **[\$500]** What is the state animal of NT? A. Red Kangaroo. B. Saltwater Crocodile. C. Spinifex Hopping Mouse. D. Frilled Neck Lizard.
5. **[\$1000]** The largest Saltwater Crocodile ever recorded in the Northern Territory was found swimming in the Mary River in the 1980s. How long was it?
A. 3.5m. B. 5.4m. C. 6.2m. D. 7.6m.
6. **[\$2000]** Northern Territory was originally part of which modern state of Australia? A. NSW.
B. Western Australia. C. Queensland.
D. South Australia.
7. **[\$4000]** What is the floral emblem of the NT? A. Kangaroo Paw. B. Sturt's Desert Pea. C. Sturt's Desert Rose.
D. Fern Leaved Grevillea
8. **[\$8000]** What is the name of the main shopping centre in Darwin?
A. Casuarina Plaza. B. Orchid Place.
C. Hibiscus Plaza.
D. Casuarina Square.
9. **[\$16,000]** What is the distance by road between Darwin and Adelaide?
A. 2584. B. 3030. C. 3428. D. 3696.
10. **[\$32,000]** What is the state bird of Northern Territory? A. Wedge-tailed Eagle. B. Gray goshawk.
C. Whistling kite. Great cormorant.
11. **[\$64,000]** What is the approximate population of Greater Darwin?
A. 140,000. B. 160,000. C. 180,000, D. 200,000.
12. **[\$125,000]** When did Northern Territory first commence self-government? A. 1958. B. 1968.
C. 1978. D. 1988.
13. **[\$250,000]** Which capital it furthest from Darwin by air? A. Canberra.
B. Adelaide. C. Melbourne.
D. Sydney.
14. **[\$500,000]** The Olgas are also known by what Pitjantjatjara name?
A. Burrungkuy. B. Karlu Karlu.
C. Kata Tjuta. D. Kulpi Tjuntinya.
15. **[\$1,000,000]** Which group of Indigenous people walked off Wave Hill Station in protest in 1966? A. Gadigal. B. Goreng Goreng.
C. Gunditjmara. D. Gurindji.

Quiz answers: 1. C. Lamington National Park; 2. B. Outback Australia; 3. A. Red Kangaroo; 4. A. Red Kangaroo; 5. C. 6.2m (20 feet); 6. D. South Australia; 7. C. Sturt's Desert Rose; 8. D. Casuarina Square; 9. B. 3030; 10. A. Wedgetailed Eagle; 11. A 140,000 (139,902 Census 2011); 12. C. 1978; 13. D. Sydney 3149m; (Melbourne 3148); 14. C. Kata Tjuta; 15. D. Gurrindji.



Beautiful views from the top of archies

PERCHED at the top of Archies Creek with amazing southeast views towards the Wonthaggi township and northern views towards the rolling country hills.

This solid 4-bedroom home on approximately 1650m2 is ready for someone to enjoy a peaceful country lifestyle in quiet Archies Creek.

An easy walk down the hill to the Archies Creek Hotel will see you enjoying great entertainment on a regular basis, where fantastic Aussie talent is constantly on display.

Featuring four bedrooms, or three bedrooms plus a second living, open plan kitchen/living/meals, family bathroom with corner spa, reverse cycle a/c, verandah to the front and back to enjoy the views from both sides.

The property also includes a single plus double garage, tank water and a septic system.

Inspections by appointment only.



4 | **1** | **3** 1650m²

120 Archies Creek Rd,
Archies Creek
For Sale \$749,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Cal Nation 0439 334 163
Mick Chambers 0418 349 783

A great place to start

HERE is an opportunity to get into the property market with this recently renovated 3-bedroom home on a large allotment with desirable corner block positioning.

Includes split system heating and cooling, newly installed natural gas ducted heating, a spacious kitchen with gas cooking and dishwasher, separate lounge, polished hardwood floorboards throughout, main bathroom and two separate toilets.

It has a spacious laundry facility which is well sized.

Outside features a single carport and a fully fenced, easy to maintain yard.

The possibilities are endless with this property, it could be further improved with some TLC or the lot could be developed into multiple units STCA.

All in safe walking distance to the main street and schools with public transport across the road.

Inspection is strictly by appointment as the property is tenanted.



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13 Leongatha Rd, **Korumburra**
For Sale \$445,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898
Christie Nelson 0407 812 904



Nyora Lodge

HARCOURTS Leongatha are pleased to present 'Nyora Lodge' to the market, conveniently located an easy 20-minute commute for all your essentials at Korumburra or Lang Lang.

Further afield 45 minutes to the eastern suburbs or less than 90 minutes to Melbourne CBD.

This immaculately presented property not only offers a prestigious residence, but also an established and reputable B&B accommodation that has achieved a 9.7/10 star rating from 86 reviews in 3 years on www.booking.com.au.

Take advantage of an extra source of income.

Featuring:

- A quality built 4 bedroom plus study, three bathroom, three living area home.
- Fully appointed kitchen with timber benchtops, 900mm upright LPG gas stove, rangehood, dishwasher and butler's pantry.
- One end of the home consists of a king size primary suite with walk in robe and ensuite, separate study and 3rd

bedroom with built in robes.

- The opposite end of the home consists of the second primary suite with walk in robe and ensuite, 4th bedroom, family bathroom and a shared lounge. This end of the home is private and perfect for hosting guests or family and friends.
- Features to complete the home is a separate laundry, ducted reverse cycle zoned heating and cooling system (three phase), solid wood fire, double glazed aluminium windows, wrap around verandas, 6.6kw solar system and undercover alfresco area.
- Fully secured gazebo with a spa and infrared sauna.
- 9x9m oversized double car garage with separate workshop.
- Chook pen.
- Set on approximately 2.61 acres with beautifully landscaped gardens.
- Automatic gates with vehicle sensor alert.
- Town water and septic system.

Nyora is a lovely country village in the heart of South Gippsland with local AFL/

Netball/Cricket, herding trails and speedway events to enjoy.

Enjoy the tranquillity of Gippsland and 180-degree country views directly from the veranda.

The current vendors have meticulously created a stunning place as a private residence, as well as a property to provide a secondary income.

So, if you're looking to relocate to a rural setting, and earn an income at the same time, then this is for you!

Credit to the Vendors on what they have created, all the hard work has been done!

Contact Matt Redmond 0418 357 341 for further information.

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1.05ha

12 Carlisle Close, **Nyora**

For Sale \$1,600,000

Agent Nutrien Harcourts

Matt Redmond 0418 357 341



LEONGATHA

Lovely Family Home!

- 5 BR, 2 Bathroom BV family home.
- Spacious and lovingly maintained.
- Great location in an established street.

FOR SALE \$760,000

INVERLOCH

Renovated & Short walk to town!

- Modern 4 BR, 2 bathroom BV home.
- Enormous open plan kitchen/dining/living.
- Just minutes from the beach & street.

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MEENIYAN

All The Works Been Done!

- Fully renovated 3 BR, 1 bathroom home.
- Extensive shedding & boat/caravan parking.
- Great location in Meeniyan.

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LEONGATHA

Neat As A Pin!

- 3 BR, 1 bathroom home.
- Beautiful original features throughout.
- Close to the school precinct and cricket oval.

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Barry Redmond

Kellie Thomas

Matt Redmond

Monique Wightman



0477 622 292
Director/Licensed Estate Agent



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Licensed Estate Agent



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Licensed Estate Agent



5662 2292
Office Administrator &
Digital Marketing Manager



FOR SALE

740 Fish Creek-Foster Road, Fish Creek



RURAL COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Located on The Hoddle Range in the booming South Gippsland region, with a long-term tenancy in place, this property might just be the investment opportunity you have been waiting for.

Up for sale is the Freehold only (NOT THE BUSINESS) with a long term lease in place.

- Site 1.022 ha (2.52 acres)
- Purpose built factory with first class infrastructure and an abundance of onsite parking
- Located central to Foster and Fish Creek
- Easy access to South Gippsland Highway
- Long term lease 5 years from July 2019 with options to 2034
- Award winning tenant – 'Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese'
- Stunning outlook over Corner Inlet and Wilsons Promontory

For full details on the property and the yields, contact Andrew or Emily today.



Andrew
0402 940 320



Emily
0422 622 299

Price: \$1,500,000

Inspection: Strictly by appointment only

<div>LEONGATHA</div> <div></div> <div>7 Callaway Crescent</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom• Carport + shed• Super neat home, great views<div>\$595,000</div><div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div></div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>19 Riflebutts Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Like new, 4 bedrooms, 2 bath• Open plan living, 2nd living area/home office• Ducted nat. gas heating, secure yard<div>\$620,000</div><div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div></div>	<div>GRANTVILLE</div> <div></div> <div>14 Shepherd Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom• Recently renovated• Stunning water views<div>\$650,000-\$670,000</div><div>Contact: Grantville Office</div></div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>7 Royal Court</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom• Perfect location• Plenty of parking and solar<div>\$699,000</div><div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div></div>
<div>LEONGATHA</div> <div></div> <div>14 Blair Crescent</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom 2 bathroom• Double garage, great block• Quiet court close to schools<div>\$680,000</div><div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div></div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>13 Leongatha Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedrooms, currently tenanted• Corner block, walk to shops• Invest now, develop later STCA<div>\$445,000</div><div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div></div>	<div>CORINELLA</div> <div></div> <div>3 Gaudi Boulevard</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 bedrom, 2 bathroom, 2 car• Neat family home• An entertainers delight<div>\$760,000-\$790,000</div><div>Contact: Grantville Office</div></div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>15 Outlook Drive</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedrooms plus study• Backing on to the golf course• 2 large living zones<div>\$790,000</div><div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div></div>
<div>LEONGATHA</div> <div></div> <div>10 Roughead Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom• Super cute cottage• Low maintenance, close to CBD<div>\$485,000</div><div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div></div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div><div>UNDER CONTRACT ANOTHER REQUIRED</div></div> <div>1A Waugh Avenue</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedrooms + ensuite, only 8yrs old• Currently tenanted, handy location• Low maintenance investment<div>\$565,000</div><div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div></div>	<div>CORONET BAY</div> <div></div> <div>3 Marline Court</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 504m² vacant land• Build your dream home• Walking distance to the beach<div>\$380,000-\$415,000</div><div>Contact: Grantville Office</div></div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>16 Henry Street East</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms• Entertainers delight with inground pool• 6 undercover car spaces<div>\$829,000</div><div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div></div>
<div>LEONGATHA</div> <div></div> <div>Unit 2/29 Jeffrey Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stunning 2 storey apartment• Beautiful upgrade throughout• Close to CBD & schools<div>\$469,000</div><div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div></div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>134 Isabella Boulevard</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daisybank Estate• 759m2 - Ready to build on• All services available<div>\$265,000</div><div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div></div>	<div>CORONET BAY</div> <div></div> <div>4 Gellibrand Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 3 car• Corner block• Renovators delight<div>\$450,000-\$490,000</div><div>Contact: Grantville Office</div></div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>25 Parkes Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bedroom brick home• Recently renovated, large living zones• Big block with lane access<div>\$649,000</div><div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div></div>

LEONGATHA

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE
NUTRIEN 62ND
ANNUAL ALL BREEDS
BULL SALE

Tuesday, September 6
Koonwarra VLE
at 11am



For entries & enquiries:
Contact: Brian McCormack 0407 931 735
or your local Nutrien Agent

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, Sept. 2
at 11am

A/c – T. Saunders & A. Day “Araluen Park
Jerseys” – 1st Stage Reduction Sale

20 - Freshly calved Jersey cows 3-5yrs by
A.I Valentino, Raceway, Tahbilk, Navarian,
Jeronimo, Pilgrim Etc. A great line of cows
out of one of the region's best Jersey herds.
Herd test & genomic information available
on sale day.

ATTENTION FARMERS
Please ensure all entries are booked in
with your agent prior to sale.
Following Dairy Sale: Friday, Sept. 16

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Elders

MARKET REPORT

Brought to you by...
CLAAS Harvest Centre

Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, Aug. 17, 2022

Bullocks			
1 Parkin I Moe	555.0	511.6	2,839
1 Phillips B & S Grantville	610.0	510.0	3,111
13 Ferguson CT Longford	591.5	500.0	2,957
6 Berryman SJ & LE Yarram	720.0	495.0	3,564
4 Baryczka M Airly	728.8	488.6	3,560
11 Baillie EA, GE, RI & GJ Tyers	701.8	484.6	3,401

Steers			
1 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	470.0	589.6	2,771
1 Phillips B & S Grantville	435.0	580.0	2,523
1 Parkin I Moe	455.0	560.0	2,548
1 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	510.0	540.0	2,754
1 Southern Livestock			
Management Yannathan	370.0	534.6	1,978
1 Hillberg J & Hislop P Kardella	545.0	475.0	2,588

Heifers			
2 Southern Livestock			
Management Yannathan	292.5	580.0	1,696
1 Phillips B & S Grantville	470.0	570.0	2,679
1 Parkin I Moe	460.0	560.0	2,576
1 Couper G & S Dumbalk	355.0	534.6	1,897
16 McRae A & J Tarwin South	505.9	522.6	2,644
1 Smith RS & JM 1 Tarraville	625.0	470.0	2,937

Cows			
1 Gillingham Pastoral			
Tarwin Lower	535.0	455.6	2,437
3 Southern Livestock			
Management Yannathan	518.3	453.6	2,351
1 Harris BW & SJ			
Jumbunna East	650.0	431.6	2,805
2 Gillingham Pastoral			
Tarwin Lower	770.0	431.6	3,323
1 Harris BW & SJ			
Jumbunna East	540.0	431.6	2,330
1 Moyes J & S Yarragon	505.0	416.6	2,103

Bulls			
1 Tuchtan F North Caulfield	460.0	575.6	2,647
1 Hayes C & R Toongabbie	1,040.0	368.0	3,827
1 Price KC Glen Forbes	810.0	365.6	2,961
1 Brisbank Jumbunna East	500.0	363.6	1,818
1 Roberts J Yarragon	615.0	344.0	2,115
1 Thorson BR & TJ Dumbalk	750.0	344.0	2,580

Vealer Bulls			
1 Oakdale Park	265.0	323.6	857
2 Cope R & L & Drew C & A			
Tarwin	337.5	303.6	1,024

Lardner Park Calf Market Report
Monay, August 15, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x	\$20 to \$800
Friesian Bulls	\$30 to \$142
Friesian Heifers	\$180 to \$790
Beef Bulls	\$50 to \$300
Beef Heifers	\$50 to \$290
Number of Calves:	640
Number purchased to rear:	260



The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, says his party will give farmers right of veto over riverfront camping.

Nationals will amend riverfront
camping policy, if elected

THE Nationals have announced a policy to back farmers who are disappointed about state government plans to allow camping on their riverfront licences.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said The Nationals and Liberals in government would amend the Government's 'ill-conceived' changes, which allow camping on farmers' riverfront land in locations around the state.

Mr O'Brien said he'd been contacted by many Gippsland farmers who were concerned about this proposal which had biosecurity, safety and liability implications for local farmers.

"We certainly support public access to public land, but what the Labor Government proposed was impractical and a significant risk for our farmers with respect to accessing river frontage.

"The Nationals in government will give landholders permission to veto camping on their riverfront licences ensuring that campers need permission before going ahead.

"This recognises that there are some farmers and campers who have happily co-existed for many years but there are many farmers concerned about access provided under Labor's plan."

Mr O'Brien said the Labor Government had failed to consider the full consequences of the policy when bringing in the new law last year, and as it now rolls out specific sites to be available for camping.

"Just this week I heard from some local farmers who had been advised by the Government that their licensed river frontage was to be made available for camping and they were aghast at the implications this had.



The Keeping Up with the Jones' syndicate.

Program builds hope from heartbreak

GREG Cole entertained the idea of doing a community leadership program for 15 years before "the timing felt right".

In hindsight, he said "prioritising time" for Gippsland Community Leadership Program (GCLP) would have been valuable while growing businesses, parenting and community volunteering.

However, he is equally grateful at 52-years-old for his leadership development and networking within the 2021-22 GCLP cohort.

"I am now a more measured and considered leader," Greg, who was sponsored by Gardiner Foundation, said.

"I would recommend the course to any potential and current leader. It's a great program for anyone who wants to make a difference in their community."

Among the tangible outcomes for Greg was transferring the program's session on the 'Above and Below the Line' pyramid into his every-day life and implementing as a business policy.

Another highlight of the regional leadership program was Greg's syndicate's community project Heartbreak to Hope; a published collection of East Gippslanders' stories in the wake of

By Corinna Boldiston

drought, bushfires and COVID restrictions.

Greg's syndicate – dubbed 'Keeping Up with the Jones' after 2017 GCLP alumnus and mental health advocate Sallie Jones of Gippsland Jersey – collated and edited the 150-page fundraising book.

The five-member group raised \$45,000 to print 1000 copies, with all proceeds from sales supporting mental health services at Bush Nursing Centres in East Gippsland.

Designed and printed by a local business, the book features heartbreaking and soul-warming recollections of the region's 2016-19 drought, 2019-20 bushfires, and the impact of COVID-19 on recovery.

To apply for a place in a Gardiner sponsored Community Leadership Program in 2023, visit gardinerfoundation.com.au/rla or email Richard Meredith at richard.meredith@gardinerfoundation.com.au

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One square metre at a time

AUSTRALIANS will be able to permanently protect their very own square metre of high value conservation land through a platform that enables the purchase of a new Biological Diversity Unit released last Tuesday as the first of its kind by Wilderlands.

Wilderlands Co-Founder Paul Dettmann is a sixth-generation farmer with over 20 years of experience delivering conservation projects and believes tangible solutions like Wilderlands are critical to not only connect people to the problem, but also enable them to take action today.

"We are giving people the ability to protect vulnerable Australian land for biodiversity and engaging leading conservation organisations to help you preserve it forever; that's what we're making possible when people purchase these units," said Dettmann.

"We're taking the complexity of conservation covenants, management and permanent biodiversity protection and unitising the impact to make it simple, easy and affordable for anyone to start proactively preserving nature today."

The units are priced according to the interperpetuity conservation commitments and costs of 20 years of management across each project. They will be available to purchase initially as bundle packages starting from \$30 for 10sqm, with individual units ranging from \$2 - \$7 each.

Each unit has been geotagged enabling individuals to zoom in and see exactly where they're supporting as well as receive regular updates from ecologists on the ground and watch as nature flourishes thanks to their support.

Wilderlands will provide supporters with a range of ecosystems to choose from including tall forests, wetlands, woodlands, and grasslands, with projects spread across Victoria, NSW and South Australia.

Tree planting days

COME along to one (or more) of Bass Coast Landcare Network's upcoming planting days!

Plantings are typically 10am-2pm and lunch is provided.

BYO water bottle, sturdy boots and wet weather gear. Please note that property addresses have not been published. If you would like to attend a planting day, please RSVP to the group's email address for the exact location.

August 30 - 550 plants at Cowes

Contact David - phillipislandlandcare@gmail.com

September 3 - 2000 plants at Bena

Contact Melynda - melynda.dawson@yahoo.com

Date TBC - 3000 plants at Wonthaggi

Contact Jye - jye.andersen@basscoastlandcare.org.au



It's all good! Schreuers celery has not been impacted by the Tarwin River flood and it was full steam ahead out at the Middle Tarwin farm this week.

Schreuers' celery crop stays high if not dry

DON'T panic, Schreurs & Sons' veggies, being grown by the truckload out at Middle Tarwin, have been unaffected by the floods. Phew!

It's not the sort of thing you'd like to have seen after the carnage in the NSW Hunter, the Lockyer Valley in Queensland, even East Gippsland and other key veggie growing areas in recent months, driving up the price of Iceberg Lettuce, for example, to as much as \$12.

"No," according to Adam Schreuers, "we're fine!"

"We've been out there long enough now to be aware of the areas that can flood, and we tend to avoid them for our winter plantings.

It's been wet but it hasn't affected our crops, thank goodness," said Adam this week.

"We're harvesting celery at the moment, and they look great, but it has been a bit slower going in the wet conditions."

Soon they'll be looking at their summer plantings of baby spinach, rocket, leaks and Asian greens; all of them in peak demand in the marketplace, according to Mr Schreuers.

"It's been terrific out there. We're engaging with the local community, through the likes of the Tarwin Football Netball Club, and we've got our fingers crossed there," he said of the upcoming finals.

"We've had great local support."

Schreuers employ upwards of 50 people on-site at Middle Tarwin, including teams of pickers employed at their other farms, but also locals where they can get them.

And fortunately, despite the decade-high flood in the Tarwin River during the past week, they've been able to keep production up, doing their best to supply the strong demand from the supermarkets in the face of supply shortages for other popular greens.

Schreuers' celery graces shelves and produce boxes all over Victoria, interstate and also goes overseas.

Preparing for biosecurity risks

AGRICULTURE Victoria and GippsDairy are delivering interactive workshops for Gippsland dairy farmers and service providers to understand the current biosecurity risks, what a biosecurity plan is and why you need one.

There are several risk factors that are contributing

to an increased threat of a biosecurity incursion in Victoria and Australia.

On-farm biosecurity control measures will improve your own biosecurity, improve biosecurity in your region and industry while minimising production losses and unnecessary costs. Topics include:

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A/c M & N Bracecamp, Mardan (SEJ)
15 Angus & Black Baldy steers 15-16 mths, Drenched April 3rd with Sure shot gold, 3X 7in1, Pinora blood, NE Accredited, VB, GF and AB free.
A/c R & D Hoghton, Boolarra (SEJ)
15 Angus Maine-Anjou x steers, 2 yo
A/c C & M Jones, Binginwarri (PHC)
10 Angus x steers 22-24 mths
A/c Faulkner Lees, Mardan (PHC)
4 Angus steers, 22 mths
6 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, Merlewood blood
A/c GW & GA Morgan, Seaton (NUTRIEN)
10 Hereford steers, 22 mths, GF & AB Free
A/c W Oakes, Binginwarri (PHC)
10 Hereford x steers 16-18 mths
A/c RD & JR Gordon, Foster (PHC)
6 Angus steers, 2 yo, Yea District Bred

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A/c BS Cantwell, Stony Creek (PHC)
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A/c Faulkner Lees, Mardan (PHC)
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A/c R & D Hoghton, Boolarra (SEJ)
15 Angus Maine-Anjou x heifers, 2 yo
A/c Vening AG, Hedley (PHC)
27 Angus/Friesian-x heifers, 15-16 mths by "Smiths" Bulls

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A/c SL & LM Harrison, Giffard West (PHC)
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A/c Gail Hoekstra (ELDERS)
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A/c R & K Telling, Woodside (PHC)
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PTIC to Angus Bull, to commence calving September on.
A/c JD & EA Keogh, Stony Creek (NUTRIEN)
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Great food, grown local, shared

CONNECT THE PLOTS was formed in June 2019, and since then a number of 'Plotters' have met monthly around a dining table to share a meal and discuss issues around climate change.

"I had the idea about six months after Scott Morrison got in, I felt very glum, and it inspired me to do more around climate action in my own area." Connecting the Plots founder, Elizabeth Collins said.

"I started having monthly potluck lunches with women who were living in the area. We'd have about 15 people turn up and talk about things that we could do here in our own area; formed a bit of a think tank in that sense.

"But then the pandemic struck. That was the time when the seedlings and seeds left the shelves, everybody thought it was all going to be hell and damnation, and we were going to have to grow food for the rest of time.

"That was the moment that inspired me."

Food security is one of our most basic needs - and provides common ground for real connection between people from all walks of life.

"I have a generational interest in food growing - my grandfather grew a lot of food for his family, and my mum and dad grew as well, so I've been genetically inspired by their activities.

"I have found myself in a place where I have plenty of room, sun and lots of water, and I can grow food."

Swapping ideas, resources, accessing good old-fashioned labour and sharing food are the founding principles of GreenPlot.

"One square metre of soil may not seem like much. But when 300+ of us do it, that's a heap of vegies and saved seed that didn't have to travel hundreds, maybe thousands of kilometres."

The carbon emissions, pesticides and herbicides also saved is significant.

"The instigator of it all was a local organic garlic grower. They donated a little bag of about 20 corns of garlic that had started sprouting and needed planting to Manna Gum Community House.

"I rang 17 of my local friends who I knew were gardeners, and said, 'can



A cheeky wallaby and her joey enjoy the cos lettuce in a Toora garden.

you just put aside one square metre roughly, to grow this garlic.'

"That gave me the idea of making a collective set of gardeners who put aside one square metre to grow food for the community. Rather than having a community garden, this growing could be done in amongst other things in people's domestic gardens.

"It took off really quickly."

A year and a half, two years later and the initiative now has around 90 plotters.

"They're not all growing food all of the time for this project, but if they have an abundance at one time of year, they'll donate.

"Some of the plotters are real regulars bringing in food every fortnight.

"It provides an infrastructure through which people with access to food can bring it into a central point, and then it gets distributed."

The significance of food distributed is helping families, individuals and gardeners on multiple levels.

"Per fortnight we would be handing out about \$300 worth of food.

"One man had started

growing as a market garden, organic food - he was not up to commercial production level and needed something to do with all the capsicums and tomatoes and has been donating several crates worth of food every fortnight."

Volunteers assist with packing and a text message system checks in with the families and individuals to confirm they require a box that week.

Fresh, locally grown produce is a welcome addition to the food relief services of Corner Inlet.

"The healthier the community, the better we all are," Elizabeth said.

"We're not only helping the environment by keeping food more local, we're improving the health of families that might not have otherwise been able to get that nutrition."

A food swap trolley has also been constructed and stands on the grounds of Manna Gum - people who have excess food are welcome to drop it off or take a packet of seeds or produce for a small donation.

For more information on how you can join or volunteer visit project-greenplot.org.

Victoria's premier agricultural event

THE Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is excited to announce the 2022 VFF Symposium (October 13 - 14), which features an impressive line-up of presenters and promises to showcase the future of the Victorian agriculture industry.

"It promises to be a unique gathering to learn and hear from industry leaders and farmers from across Victoria on not only the biggest issues facing our industry, but also what lies ahead for farmers and some of the exciting innovations on the horizon," VFF President Emma Germano said.

"From supply-chain delays, food security concerns, biosecurity, climate change and what's ahead in agriculture technology, there's something for everyone, no matter what you farm.

The event will be hosted by broadcasters Gorgi Coghlan and Tommy Little and will feature the below, amongst a host of other speakers:

- Jane Bunn (7News Melbourne weather presenter and meteorologist)
- John Blackburn AO (Former Deputy Chief of the Royal Australian Air Force and Chair of the Institute of Integrated Economic Research Australia)
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- Katy Brown (Rare Breeds Trust of Australia)

The 2022 VFF Symposium will feature a social function (Thursday October 13) and Symposium plus dinner (Friday, October 14).

Registrations are now open, including limited early-bird offers and will close on September 30.

More information, including ticket prices, exclusive partner deals and how to secure your ticket can be viewed at vff.org.au/event/vff-symposium/

Genomic bulls dominate in ABVs

YOUNG Australian genomic bulls have dominated in the August ABVs as global demand grows for Aussie Jerseys.

Jersey Australia general manager Glen Barrett said 15 of the top 20 young genomic bulls in the DataGene August update are Australian.

"That's a strong indicator of the strength of Australian Bulls and supports feedback that importing AI companies are struggling to find bulls that are rating well in Australia," Mr Barrett said.

"With growing global demand for Aussie bulls, we are seeing more companies looking at domestic Jersey bulls."

The top five young genomic bulls are PICKLE with a BPI of 408, followed by ROULETTE (396), CSCJAMIEO (380), BUTLER (375) and CSCWOODSIDE (372), all Australian bulls.

The top Australian Proven Bulls are also dominated by domestic bulls; DOUGGAN (BPI 395), DOBSON (358), INVINCIBLE (338) and ASKN (294), followed by import MATT (287).

The Australian dominance is timely with Jersey Australia leading a joint trade site at World Dairy Expo in Madison Wisconsin USA in October.

"The great positive is that Australian bulls are providing some of the world's leading genetics at the moment, so there has never been a better time to market our Jerseys to the world," Mr Barrett said.

Mr Barrett welcomed the new Sustainability Index which he said would help to drive on-farm sustainability through genetics.

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South Gippsland Dairy Expo puts the focus on farm jobs

IF YOU subscribe to the old adage that 'it's hard to get good staff', then you'll know it's even more the case these days, especially out on the farm.

Which is why this year's South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo, on Wednesday, September 7 and Thursday, September 8, will really hit the spot.

Both of the event's two main presenters, farm consultant Matt Harms and St Kilda champion Nathan Burke will focus attention on attracting and keeping good workers, and also being able to rely on other people to deliver.

"We've changed the name of the expo this year, retaining the focus on dairy but also adding 'farming' to recognise the crossover for the general farming community of a lot of the suppliers and information available at the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo," said new chair of the Strzelecki Lions' expo committee, Phil Ould.

He's stepped up into the main leadership role, after a stellar 16 years as chair by Cliff Wallace, who is continuing on as a busy member of the committee.

"Most of the farm services at the expo; the machinery suppliers, the pasture company, the fencing, animal welfare and all the rest; it has wide appeal across farming and we've always attracted the beef producers, sheep and smaller operators.



New chairman of the Strzelecki Lions' organising committee, Phil Ould, and past chair, Cliff Wallace, are all set for the return of the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo on Wednesday and Thursday, September 7 and 8.

"Changing the name has just formalised that for us and it's also about where the expo goes in the future as well," said Phil.

"But we're fortunate enough to have both speakers, Matt Harms and Nathan Burke, focusing on the shortage of staff and attracting and keeping good people. It's a major issue," he said.

And after a two-year lay-off, one of them as a virtual

farming expo, the event has been able to attract strong interest from suppliers and farm service providers.

"Yes, we'll be back to our best this year and we've actually been able to get some of those services along who joined us for the virtual expo which is good," said past chair Cliff.

"There's also a focus on new technologies as well, with the likes of the milking robots

which can also come into that discussion about labour.

"Adopting new technologies is all part of the mix," said Cliff.

So, it's on again, on Wednesday and Thursday, September 7 and 8, at the Korumburra Showgrounds. Whether you're into dairy, producing beef cattle or have a small, more intensive farming operation, there'll be something to interest you at the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo.



Bass Coast Landcare Network's nursery meets every Friday from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Volunteers building bird boxes

BASS Coast Landcare Network's nursery volunteers have recently been building bird boxes, so far completing 10 pardalote boxes and starting on some eastern rosella boxes.

The boxes were constructed by the Wonthaggi Men's Shed using recycled timber, with Nursery volunteers putting them together from flat packs.

These boxes will be installed

along the Bass River.

This project was made possible thanks to funding through Bass Coast Shire Community Grants.

The nursery group meets every Friday from 9.30am-12.30pm in Bass, at the Bass Recreation Reserve.

If you are interested in joining the nursery group, contact Robbie Gray at robbie.gray@basscoastlandcare.org.au

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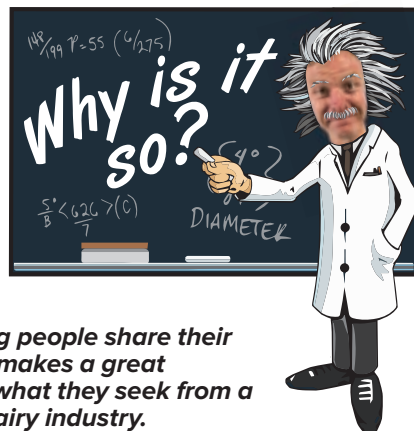
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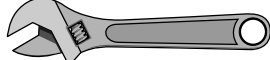
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**ADAMS
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Adored gran to Claire, Mason, Darcy, Jaxon, Samuel, Lucas and Zara.

BRAY,
William Stuart (Bill):
Died peacefully at
home on the 17TH
August 2022.
Dearly loved husband
of Deb.
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and Lucy and their
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**FARMER
(nee Bluett),
Christine Lesley:**

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August 18, 2022,
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Dearly loved wife of
Ben (dec.), mother of
Peter, and Mark (dec.)
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**GRIFFIN,
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Adored 'Nanna Griffin' to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

At peace.

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**HANNA,
Denis Robert:**

The family would like to announce the sad passing of Denis Robert Hanna on Wednesday August 10, 2022.

Born in Belfast, Ireland on April 21, 1934 his life was a life well lived.

Denis will be remembered with love by his wife, Del and children, Elizabeth, Mike and Russell.

Private cremation.

A memorial to celebrate the life of Denis will be held on a date to be advised.

HAWKER,
John Russell:
28.11.1943 - 16.08.2022.

Passed away peacefully at home in Inverloch.

Loving husband of Patricia.

Loved dad to Richard, Steven, Ian and Caroline.

Adored by his nine grandchildren.

“Will be sadly missed.”

O'CONNOR, Stephen (Bomber):
Son of Leo and Win
(Both dec.).
Much loved brother of
Pam, Lynda, Paul, Sue,
Craig and Jackie.
Always remembered.
Rest in Peace.

**PEACOCK,
Noah Jay:**
25.02.2003 - 11.08.2022.
Loved and loving son
of Jason and Michelle.
Loved and extremely
protective brother of
Jake and Bailey.
Cheeky, funny, quick
witted and loyal to
those he loved with an
absolute heart of gold.
A young man beyond
his years taken too
soon.

Hey Budge,
I always wanted kids,
but I never thought it
would be this
rewarding. My love for
you is unbreakable.

We drifted from father
and son to mates until
you needed something
fixed on your car or
money then we were
father and son again.

You were the only one
that supported me and
my poor choice of
shoes (bright orange
ones) and clothing
saying, "if that's what
Dad wants let him", that
was our relationship.

Whatever you wanted I
supported you and you
supported me.

I'm so glad that you
finally got the meaning
to my song
(St Elmo's Fire).

Forever and always
Dad.

P.S. Fish do bite in
Heaven because they
didn't when you fished
down here with me.

Oh that's right, you
caught a Salmon.

DEATHS

**PEACOCK,
Noah Jay:**

Yo Champ,
I have so much
I want to say to you....
So many more
memories I wanted to
create with you,
but someone had
other plans.

They say everything
happens for a reason, I
just wish I knew why.
I'll never understand...
but I'm so thankful that
I had the pleasure of
being your mum,
watching you grow into
a loyal, caring, loving,
cheeky young man.

You were protective of
our family, especially
your brothers,
"Your Boys" and me.

You went from being
Daddy's little boy, to
Mummy's boy and I'm
so extremely lucky as I
know how much you
love me as you told me
every day and you
know how much I love
you as I said it back
each day.

I'll be forever thankful
for the last words that
you said to me...
Love you Mum have a
good day.

***'Till we meet again
my beautiful boy.***

Forever in my broken
heart -- Mum xxx.


To my best friend
and brother,
Noah Jay Peacock.

You came into this
world with me by your
side and I was given
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earth. I had someone
to run amok with,
someone to share my
things with, someone
to play with. You gave
me so much purpose
and so many memories
I could never forget.

I always had your back
and I know you will
always have mine. You
forever hold a piece of
my heart that can
never be replaced. I
could never thank you
enough for being my
shining light and my
rock. I promise I'll
always remember you
and I will look after our
brother because I know
I can make you proud
and really get that
contagious smile
showing.

Thanks for making me
the person that I am
today brother.

You're my king and I'll
always admire you,
I love you. -- Jake

#8 

I don't need to write anything for you to know how I feel about you, I know that you loved me and I love you too. -- Bailey (Kid).

There is so much I want to say Noah, but all I can really say is who's going to pick on me every day and star in my TikToks?
Love ya mate, Tay
xxx.

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PEACOCK,
Noah Jay:

They say time heals all wounds, but I'm not sure that will ever be possible.

The massive hole you've left in all our hearts is bigger than we could have ever imagined.

We were so blessed to watch you grow into such a loyal, selfless, caring and gentle soul and will be forever grateful for all the memories we created, no matter how big or small.

We promise to keep doing all the things we always did, and speak of you often to our babies.

You won the last Fredro head count bud!

Love and miss you always -- Auntie Lisa, Uncle Jamie, Riley, Lucas and Macey xx.

PEACOCK,
Noah (Noahie):

No words can describe the heartache we feel on your sudden death.

To not be able to see your cheeky smile or to feel your loving arms around me.

We are so proud of what you achieved in your short life and to see so much care and support is just overwhelming but also makes us only miss you even more.

Rest in Peace Noahie, my darling grandson.
Love Nana Jenny and Peter xxx.

PEACOCK, Noah:
Loved and loving great
grandson of Les (dec.)
and Margaret Wyhoon.

***Will be sadly missed
and forever loved.***

Love Nana Hoon x.

PEACOCK, Noah:
A special young man
taken too soon.

All our love and hugs
to Jason, Michelle,
Jake and Bailey.

***'Forever in our
hearts.'***

-- Rob, Robyn, Sheree,
Duane and Janelle
and families.

PEACOCK, Noah:
11.08.2022.

That cheeky little smile
we will never forget.

Taken too soon but
forever in our hearts
xxx.

Condolences to Jason,
Michelle, Jake and
Bailey.

-- Love always Fay,
Melissa, Russell,
Abbey, Tom, Joshua,
Prue, Mia, Tiarna, Jett,
Samantha, Michael,
Ella, Koby and Jayla
xx.

DEATHS

PEACOCK, Noah:
Jason, Michelle, Jake and Bailey, our hearts go out to you on the tragic loss of your beautiful boy Noah.

-- Doug, Wendy, Jared and Jess.

PEACOCK, Noah:
25.02.2003 - 11.08.2022.

A young life taken too soon.

Noah, your big smile, cheeky personality, huge heart and friendship will be missed beyond measure.

A great mate to Crackers.

Our sincere sympathy to Jason, Michelle, Jake and Bailey.

-- Lots of love Matt, Becky, Tahlia and Zac
xxxxx.

PEACOCK, Noah:
You were taken too soon, but your memory will live on as we think of you with a smile through the sadness. Owen and Harry have great memories of Primary School days, playing WWE on the play station, basketball and riding motorbikes with you.

Jason, Michelle, Jake & Bailey, we stand alongside you and offer our deepest sympathy and support to you all on the loss of your precious son & brother.

-- Love Adam, Kim, Owen & Harry

Forever Young.

PEACOCK, Noah:
25.2.2003 - 11.08.2022.

Poowong and District Basketball Association wish to pass on our sincere condolences to the Peacock family on the tragic loss of Noah.

Noah was a valuable contributor to local and tournament basketball.

His sportsmanship, skill, mateship and love of the game will be sadly missed.

R.I.P. Noah.

PEACOCK, Noah:
Your cheeky smile and sweet mischievous nature, forever a treasured memory of my time at SGST.

All our love to Michelle, Jason, Jake and Bailey.

-- Ashlee, Dean and Billy Aldridge.

PEACOCK, Noah:
Management and staff of the Sentinel-Times offer their sincere condolences to Michelle, Jason, Jake and Bailey; Lisa, Jamie, Riley, Lucas and Macey; and their extended families.

Noah will be remembered as a bright youngster, who spent time with his brothers in our office after school.

DEATHS

TAYLOR
(nee Trewin),
Margaret Joan:

19.08.1936 -15.08.2022.

Aged 85 years.

Passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family.

Dearly loved wife of Noel (dec.).

Cherished mother of Colin and Debbi, Dianne and David, Wendy and Kevin, Gregory and Sharon.

Adored Nan of Adam, Nathan and Yuriko; Kylie (dec.), Bradley and Amy, Brendan and Laura, Hayden and Jessica, Mitchell and Teagan; Hayley, Cameron and Emma, Lachlan and Joshua; Dylan and Sinead, and Benjamin and Alexandra and junior.

Much loved Nan Nan of Lily, Harry and Mikaylee.

*Your memory is our greatest treasure,
To have and hold in our hearts forever.*

FUNERALS

ADAMS:

The Funeral Service for Mrs. Wendy Adams will be held at Handley and Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on **TUESDAY, August 30, 2022** commencing at 11am.

At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

Handley & Anderson
Wonthaggi 5672 1074
A.F.D.A.

GRIFFIN:
The Funeral Service for Mrs. Marie Griffin (Swallow) will be held at St. Augustine's Anglican Church, 111 Marine Parade, San Remo on MONDAY August 29, 1952 commencing at 10am.
A private cremation will follow.

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WORTHINGTON 5672 1074
A.F.S.A.

HAWKER:
The Funeral Service
for Mr John Russell
Hawker will be held at
the Handley &
Anderson Chapel,
3085 Loch-Wonthaggi
Road, Wonthaggi on
THURSDAY (August
25, 2022) commencing
at 11am.

A private cremation
will follow.

In Lieu of Flowers the
family have requested
Donations to Bass
Coast Health,
Wonthaggi.

For livestream details
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andersonfunerals.
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com.au)

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FUNERALS

O'CONNOR:

A Memorial Service to Celebrate the life of Stephen Francis (Bomber) O'Connor will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi **TODAY** Tuesday August 23, 2022 commencing at 12noon.

A Private family burial will precede this service.

Handley & Anderson
Wonthaggi 5672 1074

PEACOCK:

A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr. Noah Jay Peacock will be held at the Poowong & District Sports Centre (Basketball Stadium), 6 Nyora Road, Poowong, on **MONDAY**, August 29, 2022, commencing 1pm.

The Funeral will leave at the conclusion of the Service for the Poowong Cemetery.

This Service will be livestreamed, to view please visit www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au

To all attendees, please feel free to wear a guernsey / jersey to represent Noah's affiliation with his sport, also feel free to wear a cap or beanie.

Handley
Funerals & Mortuary
Phone: (03) 5662 2717

TAYLOR:

The Funeral Service for Margaret Joan Taylor will be held at the Boyd Chapel, Springvale Botanical Cemetery, 600 Princes Hwy, Springvale VIC 3171 on Thursday 25 August at 11am.

A burial will follow at the Gillard Lawn section at 12.15pm.

Le Pine Funerals Dandenong.

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IN MEMORIAM

BOLGE, Tania:
August 23, 1978.

May the winds of love blow softly, and whisper for you to hear, That we still love and miss you, as it dawns another year.

-- Mum, Dad and family.

BEREAVEMENT THANKS

FLEMING OAM:

The family of John McKenzie Fleming OAM, would like to express their appreciation for the many tokens and messages of condolences after John's passing recently.

It was wonderful to see and hear at his funeral the recognition of the time and work he put into the community which welcomed our family so warmly 60+ years ago.

Special thanks to Alan Brown for doing a fantastic job with the eulogy, the CFA and Wonthaggi Lions Club, as well as Vicky from the Coalmine Cafe for the catering.

John always said "we do these things because we can, not because we have to!". Thank you again from Fiona, Deb and the grandchildren.

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MARDAN HALL COMMITTEE
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MARDAN HALL 8pm
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Poowong Public Hall Inc.

85th AGM

to be held
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Nurse Unit Manager - Perioperative Services

Permanent Full Time - Closes 11/09/2022

Registered Nurse/ Midwife - Acute/Subacute/Emergency/Midwifery
Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual - Closing dates (please refer to website)

Food Service Supervisor

Permanent Full Time - 31/08/2022

South Coast Prevention Manager

Fixed Term Part Time - 26/08/2022

Associate Nurse Unit Manager - Perioperative Services

Fixed Term Part Time - Closes 05/09/2022

Data Administration Officer

Permanent Full Time - Closes 31/08/2022

Diabetes Educator

Fixed Term Part Time - Close 29/08/2022

Surgical Liaison Nurse - Perioperative Services

Permanent Part Time - Closes 26/08/2022

Associated Nurse Unit Manager (ANUM) - Central Sterilising Department
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Perioperative Services Manager - Perioperative Services

Permanent Full Time - Closes 28/08/2022

Diabetes Educator

Fixed Term Part Time - Closes 29/08/2022

Registered Nurse Grade 5 - Urgent Care Centre

Permanent Part Time - Closes 26/08/2022

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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The House and its activities are delivered through a community development framework. For a position description phone 5655 2524, email milpara@dcsi.net.au or download the information from our website milparacommunityhouse.org.au.

Applications close

Monday, September 5, 2022 at 5 pm

and must be made in writing and include a statement addressing the key selection criteria and current resume, marked confidential and sent to:

The President, Milpara Community House, PO Box 136, Korumburra VIC 3950. or emailed to: milpara@dcsi.net.au

21 Shellcot Road, Korumburra, 3950
Ph: 5655 2524 milpara@dcsi.net.au
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SITUATION VACANT

Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit

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Inverloch

PROPERTY MANAGER

Full time

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For full position description please visit our website: www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au.

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When: Monday 29 August 2022

Where: RACV Inverloch Resort

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Time: Two sessions, 11am and 6pm



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SITUATION VACANT Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit

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Full time position

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The applicant will need to work both autonomously and as part of a team, contributing to the overall preparation and upkeep of the Circuit and facilities for our day-to-day activities and world class events.

Working hours will be flexible on a rostered basis, including some weekends to cover our 7-day operation.

For position description please visit our website: www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au.
Applications close: Friday, September 2, 2022.
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South Gippsland Hospital

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- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band 6 - \$77,932.57-\$84,006.34

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- Contribute to continuous improvement of Water Treatment and Quality Department processes, systems and communications.
- Develop and maintain professional relationships with team members and key stakeholders
- SGW Eastern Region, Victoria
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band T4B – T4D (\$63,433.40-\$66,768.91)

Please go to <https://www.sgwater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, the roles and how to apply.

Candidates will need to provide evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination status. All SGW sites are covered by Victorian Chief Health Officer Directions and SGW COVID 19 Vaccination Requirements Policy.

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Nationals visit Wonthaggi Gun Club

MEMBER for Eastern Region, Melina Bath and Nationals Candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari took time recently to show their support for Wonthaggi Gun Club's redevelopment plans.

Whether you are for or against guns, there is no denying Wonthaggi's exemplary safety record and ability to teach all walks of life gun safety first and foremost.

From 13-year-old, junior shooter, Logan White to the mature veterans, Wonthaggi Gun Club also counts Australian world champion Wayne Parkes, and Australian champions Stuart Allen and Alister Gammaldi, amongst the mix with current members competing at state and national levels.

Not only did the visit provide an environment for the Nationals to take in new and upcoming sportsmen and women, but it also provided the opportunity for the club to showcase their re-development plans.

Recently accredited with the lease of the land, Wonthaggi Gun Club's plans include a new and updated clubhouse, new traps to accommodate for skeet, trap and trench shooting, and a master redevelopment to plant over one million native trees and shrubs.

A recent state championship night shoot at the Cape Pater-son Rd precinct saw shooters from across Victoria visit the region for the weekend and stay locally.

Australian accredited rounds



Member for Eastern Region, Melina Bath and Nationals Candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari look over plans for the new club house and range at Wonthaggi Gun Club. C37_3322

will see this exemplified especially in the low and off-season periods, when tourism focused businesses need the support.

Not only is clay target a form of socialisation and a physical sport, included in the Commonwealth Games and Olympics, but as highlighted by member and paramedic Cindy, it's also good for mental health.

"When shooting you have to be centred and in the present to actually do well, and for me it's a stress relief," Cindy

explained to Melina.

Studies have also shown that sports shooting can assist in extended periods of concentration.

In addition to the mental and physical health benefits, club president Stuart Allen also highlighted the club's diversity and inclusivity, with all walks of life, from 13 years to 82-year-old members of the club, including Indigenous as well as L.G.B.T.Q.I.A.+ members.

"We don't discriminate, and we've got a huge diversity of

professionals from doctors to lawyers and members of Victoria Police, healthcare professionals, and trades people to farmers," Stuart explained.

"A couple of weeks ago we hosted a state recognised championship that brought shooters and their families to Wonthaggi from across Victoria."

"Shooting as a whole, whether sport or hunting for Victoria brings into government more than the AFL Grand Final and Formula One combined," Stuart concluded.

Gymnastics comps underway

WITH two more weeks of competitions now completed the YMCA Phillip Island gymnastics has delivered some more fantastic results.

On Sunday, August 7, with no sign of the first-time nerves from two weeks ago, the Phillip Island Gymstar four team shone with confidence and excitement as they took to the competition floor at Casey Gymnastics in Berwick.

The improvement in overall performance was outstanding with the girls increasing their team overall score by an impressive 20 points. Individual achievements include Mia Bowtell sixth on P-Bars, Evie Kimber sixth on P-Bars and sixth on vault, Rori Williams fifth on beam, Willow Zamfirescu, fourth on floor and Raven Boisvert second on Beam.

Coach Jay said congratulations girls, and a special shout out to the team for being great sports, cheering on all the winners and teams as they took to the podium.

Then on Sunday, August 14, the YMCA Phillip Island Gymnastics GymStar three team, led by their coach Dani Mascaros, participated in their second competition for 2022.

The team attended the YMCA Casey Gymnastics facility and competed against a number of teams from across Melbourne. The team placed first across all team and congratulation to Individual All Round first to Ruby Woodrup, All round second to Juliet Justin in her first ever competition and All round third to Paige Humphrey.

TOP RIGHT: Gymstar three comp two beams: Isla Craddock, Ayla Williams, Ruby Woodrup, Paige Humphrey, Juliet Justin, Airlie Holmes and Asha Graham.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mia Bowtell, Willow Zamfirescu, Raven Boisvert, Lacey Rees, Sommer Haire, Amelie Baker-Keys, Stellah Tilley, Evie Kimber, Rory Williams and Mia Tillotson.



Around the Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

SOMETHING that could be very important to all recreational and commercial fishermen that fish offshore, is the decision that could be made in regard to the proposal of an offshore wind farm.

At the moment there isn't enough information to start a protest or anything like that but now is the time to have a say.

From what I have been told there is no solid decision and there are information sessions to discuss reasons behind any decision that will be made.

The best way to get involved is to listen to these sessions, read the informed information that is released, not the social media hype and when asked to submit factual, rational replies, comments.

I will keep people informed as much as I can through our social media and fishing reports. You can head to <https://consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland> to find out more and there is an information session you can be involved in on Thursday night. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=942841&> and you will need to register.

The weather will soon settle, and the reports will start to flow in, unlike the last few months where reports have been very hard to come by.

It's been reports not fish that have been hard to get because when the weather is reasonable, and you can actually get out and fish there is plenty to be caught.

Father's Day is also just around the corner and with much of our new stock coming in we have plenty for any fishing dad.

If you aren't sure what to get simply purchase a gift certificate and he can get exactly what he wants.

The bay has been very dirty with the fresh water flowing out of the rivers and we will probably need this to clean up a bit.

The reports have mostly been of calamari from those collecting bait for the snapper season and the reports have come from land and boats.

Most of our reports of calamari came from those using baited jigs and fishing the high tide changes. There have been a few very keen people again heading out overnight fishing towards Lang Lang for an early snapper.

While they have encountered plenty of rubbish fish, they have also come home with a couple of quality reds and gummies.

The reports from them and what they had seen on their sounders suggest there are plenty of snapper in the bay already we just need a little more temperature in the bay first.

Over the last couple of weeks, in the very small breaks in the weather during the day, those able to have headed out to look for a whiting.

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 23	WEDNESDAY August 24	THURSDAY August 25	FRIDAY August 26	SATURDAY August 27	SUNDAY August 28	MONDAY August 29
▼ 1.08am 0.46m	▼ 1.58am 0.50m	▼ 3.00am 0.53m	▼ 4.14am 0.53m	▼ 5.20am 0.51m	▼ 6.15am 0.49m	▲ 12.50am 1.35m
▲ 8.34am 1.37m	▲ 9.32am 1.34m	▲ 10.33am 1.34m	▲ 11.33am 1.37m	▲ 12.24pm 1.41m	▲ 1.05pm 1.47m	▼ 6.58am 0.47m
▼ 1.22pm 0.89m	▼ 2.19pm 0.95m	▼ 3.34pm 0.97m	▼ 4.57pm 0.93m	▼ 6.04pm 0.85m	▼ 6.53pm 0.76m	▲ 1.41pm 1.52m
▲ 7.39pm 1.31m	▲ 8.36pm 1.26m	▲ 9.43pm 1.23m	▲ 10.53pm 1.24m	▲ 11.56pm 1.28m		▼ 7.31pm 0.66m

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Leongatha ladies' Fay Guilford was all smiles after scoring 28 points.

Korumburra Ladies

THE winner last Wednesday was Trudy Olden (40) with 28pts and on Saturday, Kerri Besley (23) had a great score to win with 35 pts. This Wednesday is a 3-person Ambrose with a requirement of at least three drives each. The annual golf day is on Wednesday, September 14, at Devil Dams, Inverloch. Please let Merrissa know if you would like to join in the fun filled day for nine holes of Par 3 golf and/or lunch.

LEONGATHA Ladies

ONLY a small group braved the elements last week and were pleasantly surprised at the way the course had held up to the excessive rain. Of the field of eight, Fay Guilford was the outright winner with 28 points. The remainder of the field were pleasantly surprised to win a ball down the line.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, August 18, Stableford.
Day winner: W Reynolds, (18) 33 pts.
DTL: M Payne, J Kus, 31pts.
Birdies: 6th W Reynolds. Saturday, August 20, Par.
Day winner: J McFarlane, (17) 5up.
DTL: W Reynolds sq. P Draper, -1, J Robbins, -2 c/b.
NTP: 6th, T Whitelaw.
Birdies: 6th, T Whitelaw, J Robbins
Next Saturday's ambrose has been deferred until September.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results August 20, S.R 34.5.
Competition type: Stableford, 9 Hole 1-9
Winner: Alan Anstey 22
Runner up: Stephen Judd 21
Ball Sweep: Alan Jones 21, Rod Walker 19, Chris Graf 18, Grant MacKenzie 18, Gary Yountan 17 C/B.
NTPs: Paul Cornelis 4th, Inoke Baudromo Pro Pin 8th.
Men's results August 18.
Competition type: Stable-

ford front 9-hole, SR. 34.5.
Winner: Paul Cornelis 19.
R/U: Craig Harvey 17
Ball Sweep: Blake Cornelis 16, Graeme Campbell 15, Jim McEachern 15 C/B.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE South Gippsland Golf Men's singles championship has changed the date to Sunday, September 11 at Leongatha Golf Club, note the junior championship is open to boys and girls under 18.
The premium tournament for golfers in South Gippsland is open for A Grade, B Grade and C Grade players. Entries are available online through the South Gippsland Golf Inc website with ten dollars entry is payable on the day. Visit www.southgippslandgolf.org.au
For further information, please contact the chair of match committee member, Geoff Cohen on 0424 454 851. The event is proudly sponsored by Drummond Golf.

New president for Leongatha Golf Club

THE Leongatha Golf Club AGM was held on Sunday, August 21, with 50 members in attendance. The day was a historic one in the club's history with Colleen Touzel taking over from retiring President Ken Smirk. Colleen is the club's first female president and further consolidates the club's direction, vision and ideals of equality for all members, as aligned with the club's commitment to Golf Australian Vision 2025 statement.

RIGHT: Colleen Touzel has taken over the role of president at the Leongatha Golf Club, the first female to do so.



Inverloch Social Bowls winners R Bruce Corrigan (skip), George Scott, Rob Howard and Jeff Curwood.



Midweek Bowls winners' Bill Williams (L), Sue Wright (2), Michael Dady (S) and Luke Monckton (3).

INVERLOCH

WITH Pennant Season fast approaching members should take advantage of the pennant practice games that have been arranged. Matches have been arranged for both Midweek and Saturday Pennant. Please add your name to the lists in the clubroom to participate in these matches. Opening Day is on September 1, with a 1pm start. If you are interested in playing on this day, please add your name to the list in the clubroom. Turkey Triples start at the club on September 21. Thursday's Social Bowls saw 21 bowlers brave the windy conditions. Three teams of Triples and three teams of fours competed against each other. Two games of 10 were played with a break for lunch. The conditions provided the bowlers with different challenges including bowls from other rinks encroaching onto their rink. Two teams won both games on the day and had to be separated by points. The runners up on two wins and 31pts were the team of Jon Justin (skip), Judy Parker, Daryl McStravick and Christine Corrigan. The eventual winners on two wins and 37 points were Bruce Corrigan (skip), George Scott, Jeff Curwood and Rob Howard.

MIDWEEK

ANOTHER great day of bowls. A few wrong bias shots were put down as always, but the RCH appreciate all our members mistakes. Otherwise, a normal happy day with lots of laughter and sledging heard from the players. No two game winners, but the winners on 23 points were: Michael Dady (S), Luke Monckton (3), Sue Wright (2) and Bill Williams (L) Due to numbers, we only have winners for and we are looking forward to larger participation as the weather warms up over the next few weeks. Next week we are at San Remo at 10:00AM for a 10:30AM start. Please try to be on time to allow enough time for team selections.

WONTHAGGI

WEDNESDAY saw a very good number of 28 bowlers take to the greens, with a few more regular faces around as well as Doug Archer, a visitor from Inverloch. Only one team was able to win both games with another having 1 win plus a draw. The winners were Chris Miller, Gulio Marcolongo and Doug Archer with a score of 2 wins and 31 points. The runners up were Allan Ireland, Heather Blanch and Alex Heatherland with a score of 1 win and a draw.

Saturday saw a smaller number of bowlers on a fine sunny afternoon. We had teams of three with all bowlers having three bowls over two games of ten ends. The day was a good result for Rob Shaw, being a skip for the first time, which was not a problem with the practice that Rob does every day. The winners were the team of Rob Shaw, Veronica Griffiths and Hans Bischofberger with a score of 2 wins and 33 points. Just a note about our Triples which will start on Wednesday September 7, so make sure you have a team. Fred will be back soon with a sheet on the board. Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week saw a total of 53 players over the week. Tuesday's winners on plus 15 were Allan and Teresa Ireland, Pat Novak and Philip Fowler. Runners up on plus 14 winning one game only were Helen and John Rook, Jan Milkins and Jim Rodhi. Friday's winners on plus 17 were Fred Demenech, John Stewart Judy Sweetnam and Jim Wilson. Runners up on plus 8 were Jan Milkins, John Postlethwaite, Laurie Culph and Barry Grabham both teams won two games each.



Wonthaggi Bowls winners Chris Miller, Gulio Marcolongo, and Doug Archer.



LKFC's senior men's team and supporters celebrate finishing top of the table.

Leongatha Knights senior men's team make history

ROUND 18 LKFC versus Drouin.

Results:
U12: 2-2 draw
Under 14s: 4-6 loss
Under 17 mixed: 5-3 win
Under 17 girls: 0-1 loss
Reserves: 4-2 loss
Senior women: friendly
Senior men: 6-1 win
Senior men:

LKFC senior men's side made club and League history by securing the League Championship for the first time and doing so with a female coach at the helm.

It was a tense beginning to the

match that would decide the fate of LKFC at the top of the table. Knowing they needed a draw or win against Drouin to be declared League Champions and set themselves up for finals, the Senior Knights employed a tight press across the board in order to dominate possession.

It was a strong press from Captain PJ O'Meara that resulted in a GK deflection that set up Jethro Alison to score the opening goal. Alison followed this goal up with a wonderful second goal before half time giving the team an advantageous lead heading into the

second half. The Knights set the pace in the second half with some excellent possession in midfield and some wonderful forward runs. A confident strike from midfielder Blake Moscript saw a third goal for the Knights closely followed by a Drouin goal, that penetrated LKFC's usually strong and steady defence line-up. Despite conceding, the Knights stayed focused with the determination to link up play going forward. Forward PJ O'Meara scored the fourth goal with an assist from Alison who secured a hat trick with the fifth goal for the Knights.

It was left winger Henry Mbutia who sent in the final goal of the match bringing LKFC's winning score to 6.

The result secured Leongatha Knights FC's Senior Men's League Championship for the first time in the club's history.

The win also puts them into the Gippsland Soccer League history books by being the first Senior Men's team to be named League Champions with a female coach leading them. The Knights now turn their focus to the upcoming finals series set to kick off in two weeks.



Senior women Zoe Allen MVP, Ciara McCraw Most Improved and Aaliyah Trevethan Coaches Award.



Senior men Rob O'Neill President's Cup, Hayden O'Neill Most Improved, Connor Ireland MVP and Jason Torrens Coaches Award.

Wonthaggi United Soccer Club celebrates their strong season

ON SUNDAY, August 21, Wonthaggi United had their final games of the 2022 season and the Club celebrated with their end of season presentation night at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.

In what has been a very successful season, largely due to the amazing volunteers and supporters, the Club has finished with four teams qualifying for finals and the Club took the opportunity to celebrate the individual achievements of its players.

In the U12s central defender Daisy Marotta took the votes to win the Club MVP, with superstar midfielder Hayden Purton awarded the Coaches award. In very tight competition Skye Fischer was presented with

the Most Improved.

For the first time in several seasons Wonthaggi was able to field an U14s team and with the help of MVP Jake Marotta and Coaches award Tony Bals, they have secured a place in the finals. This would not have been possible without the help of several U12s players who helped fill spots when the team was struggling for players.

Wonthaggi was excited to have an U17 Girls team for season 2022, with the girls only competition a great launch pad for new players.

It was young Billie Peterson who took home the season MVP in the closest of margins with Ania Todd presented with the Coaches award.

The senior women, the MVP once again was taken out by to superstar Zoe Allen, while the coaches award was presented to Aaliyah Trevethan.

Not surprisingly the Most Improved award was given to Ciara McCraw for an outstanding effort in the 2022 season.

For the men's team it was Connor Ireland who received the MVP in his first season back with the Club.

With Hayden O'Neill receiving the Most Improved and Jason Torrens presented with this seasons' Coaches award.

Lastly the President's Cup for Club Person of the year was presented to Rob O'Neill.

Anyone involved with the Club can appreciate how

amazing this man is.

The Club drew the winners of the end of season raffle, which thanks to the generosity of the community, raised over \$700 for the Club.

The Club is currently fundraising for their new club rooms which are due to start construction soon, if anyone is interested in assisting, please contact the Club.

Fingers crossed for some great results in the upcoming final series, with the Club looking forward to continued success in 2023.

Please note the Club is holding their AGM on Thursday, November 24, 6.30pm at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club if anyone is interested in attending.

New roles for ladies midweek tennis

LAST week the South Gippsland Midweek Ladies Tennis held their AGM.

Kellie (Bena) continues on in her role as president.

Lyndal (Westernport/Grantville) was elected new secretary and Cindy (Phillip Island) was elected treasurer.

Thanks to retiring secretary and treasurer, Marg (Leongatha) and Chris (Inverloch).

Sue (Korumburra) continues in her role as score secretary. All these roles are filled on a rotating two-year term.

The motion tabled at the meeting was passed by a majority vote. As from October 2023, the midweek ladies will be playing only one season of tennis.

This season will begin in October 2023 and conclude with finals in late May 2024.

No play during the winter months and school holidays.

The Association welcomes any new players who are interested in joining in this fun and social Tuesday competition, please contact your local tennis club or the Facebook page South Gippsland Midweek Ladies Tennis.

Phillip Island Tenpin Week 6 Results

2s Company: 1st on 12pts The Hounds, 2nd on 11pts King Pins and 3rd on 11pts Alley Cats.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st on 71pts Pinpals, 2nd on 66.5pts Just Bowl Already and 3rd on 66.5pts Island Sector.

Business Early: 1st on 12pts Turkey Slappers, 2nd on 12pts Bettys, 3rd on 9pts Happy Hour and 4th on 8pts Redundants.

Business Late: 1st on 18pts Holy Splits, 2nd on 12.5pts City Lights, 3rd on 11pts Dynamic Painting and 4th on 7pts Coles Cows.

This week's top scorers:

Men - Lindsay Becker 204, Graham Peterson 202 and Steve Clarke 192.

Woman - Sue Gale 195, Tricia Niessink 178 and Jin Samoena 154.

Ramping up for 2026 Commonwealth Games

THE Commonwealth Games baton has been passed to Victoria and now it's full steam ahead for the 2026 Games regionally.

The Birmingham Closing Ceremony saw digital animation artwork of three regional Traditional Artists brought to life in the stadium and celebrated the best of regional Victoria.

The works of Gippsland artists Eileen Harrison and Ronald Edwards Pepper and Ballarat's Josh Muir were an integral part of the electrifying fusion of First Peoples' traditions and contemporary performances.

The baton has been handed to Victoria 2026 which will be held between March 17-29, 2026, beginning with the Opening Ceremony at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The Opening Ceremony will be followed by 12 days of competition between the Commonwealth's best athletes across regional Victoria.

Victoria 2026 will introduce a new model delivering sports to four regional hubs in Gippsland, Geelong, Bendigo, and Ballarat.

Each hub will have its own athletes' village and host a range of sports, creating a legacy for Victoria that extends well beyond the competition period.

The Games will see major investment in community infrastructure, including housing and world-class sports facilities.

According to the government, the Commonwealth Games will contribute more than \$3 billion to the state's economy, creating more than 600 full-time jobs before the Games, 3900 during the Games and a further 3000 jobs beyond the Closing Ceremony.

For more information, and to express interest in being involved, visit vic.gov.au/victoria2026.

Wonthaggi
Table Tennis

ELEPHANTS end the round undefeated.

Wonthaggi Table Tennis A1 team Elephants has finished the first round of the 20/22 second season undefeated.

Fred Debono, Leanne Costello and John Colomiere now have a clear four-point lead over the second team, Meerkats (Charley Donohue, Brad Andrew, Paul McAsey).

Meerkats have the advantage of a very high percentage and are well placed to knock Elephants off their pedestal – but it remains to be seen if they can actually do it.

There is another complete round to go before the finals and four other teams are after one of the top three places on the ladder.

Brad Andrew has hit the front for the first time as leading player with a score of 7 (21), closely followed by Paul McAsey on 6(21) and Braden Andrighetto on 6 (18).

David Kimmins and Sean Michael are both on 5(19).

It would be difficult to choose the player of the night, but Sean Michael would have to be a strong contender.

He won a thriller against Andy Chetcuti 11-4, 11-6, 5-11, 9-11, 11-5.

Another against Warren Wilson 11-5, 12-14, 11-8, 10-12, 11-9.

Keeping it close but two important wins.

Continuing each week:

Juniors' social night on Thursdays from 6.00pm with Trish and David.

Practice on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12.00 mid-day.

All welcome.

For further information phone Trish on 56 723421.

Leongatha
Table Tennis

A GRADE results.

Scores: Rubbers: Games

Jaffas 6-21 def Snakes 5-18

Polly Waffles 6-21 Chupa Chups 5-18

Fire Balls 7-22 def Fantaes 4-13

Bye: Frogs

A Grade reserve August 10.

Team 3, 7-22 def Team 4, 4-14

Team 5, 6-21 def Team 2, 5-15

Team 1, def Team 6, 5-20

Plenty of runners
at Parkrun

By Lynne Bickhoff

WHAT a great turnout for the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun event #106 this week.

We had visitors from the city and the valley, great effort to all who participated today. Everyone loved their run, and we even had a toddler along who ran part of the way.

First over the finish line was our city visitor Jon Gee with a time of 20:40, who informed us that his wife has run all the Victorian sites and highly recommended he visit us here.

Katrina Hall was first female across the line with a personal best of 26:49.

We had a total of 15 participants and two of them have recorded personal bests, well done to all.

There were three participants who attended the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun for the first time, we'd love to extend a warm invitation to them and everyone to join us in future weeks as we think our run is pretty beautiful and well worth a trip.



Cape Woolamai will play host to the Phillip Island Pro QS1000 event this November. Photo: Liam Robertson | Surfing Victoria.

Phillip Island set to
host top surfers

THE World Surf League Australian Qualifying Series will return this November with the Phillip Island Pro bringing aspiring World Tour surfers to the region.

Boasting some of the best waves in Australia, Phillip Island will allow surfers to gather points in the race for positions in the 2023 WSL Challenger Series.

The event to be held from November 3-6 will include a World Surf League Qualifying Series (QS) 1000 rated event for both men and women, as well as the Victorian round of the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle.

The Victorian Indigenous Invitational will also continue the tradition at this event showcasing the best Indigenous Victorian

surfers against each other in pumping waves.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said that Phillip Island boasts some of best beaches in Victoria and Cape Woolamai provides the perfect backdrop for this fantastic event.

"We are very proud to present the Phillip Island Pro each year,

it's an event that plays such an important role in Bass Coast, both culturally and economically," Cr Whelan said.

The QS1000 event boasts \$20,000 in prize money split equally between the men's and women's divisions.

Entries are set to open next week via the WSL Member Portal – worldsurfleague.com

Community grant to aid nippers at Woolamai

WOOLAMAI Beach Surf Life Saving Club are one of 32 recipients of the Bass Coast Shire Community Grants Round One for 2022.

"The club is really grateful to the Bass Coast Shire for making the grants available," Woolamai Beach president, Jason Close said.

"It's really important that that we have these types of community grants and programs, not just for our club, but a lot of other local clubs benefit from them."

Receiving \$3,881, the monies are going towards three training rescue boards including straps and padding to increase participation in youth surf sports.

"It enables us to train younger, prospective lifesavers, and members.

"Each season we run a Nippers program, Surf Rescue Certificate program, and a couple of Bronze Medallion camps. Those boards will enable the participants, in all programs, to be able to train and learn how to negotiate surf on a rescue board with extra padding.

"They're specially designed for people to practice and train on. They're a slightly different type of rescue board to what's used on patrol."

With the next generation of lifesavers in mind, Woolamai Beach hope these new boards will make it easier for the youth to participate and navigate the waves.

"If you're a younger person, in your early teens or mid-teens,



The new boards will be a welcome addition to this years Nippers and Surf Rescue Certificate programs.

and you're just getting that confidence in the surf, having that extra padding when the waves are hitting you and you're getting smashed helps in that training environment.

"One of the boards is a soft board, and two are fibreglass. The fibreglass boards have extra padding, and then there's the hard foam board; they're extra stable as well, so less likely to tip over."

The pandemic may have affected last season's graduates with reduced numbers allowed, but the club are hoping to see pre-pandemic numbers.

"Last year, we had about 280 nippers across the two beaches Cleeland Bight, and Smith's Beach. This season, we're hoping to go back to our usual number of nippers, which is around 400; we'll run the main program at Cleeland Bight.

"For the older kids in Nippers, we'll run a program at Smith's Beach and that's where they gain the experience in the surf and where they're likely to use those boards."

Nippers is open to kids between six to 13 years old, with the basic lifesaving qualification, the Surf Rescue Certificate, program for 13-14-year-olds teaching resuscitation, as well as how to perform rescues.

Enrolments have just opened for the Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion camps.

"We will run a couple of camps (for Bronze Medallion) throughout November, and December – details for the camps are on our website.

"One of the things that we've done in recent seasons, which is quite unique is we've created an adult bronze camp."

The adult bronze camp is

open to individuals 18 years and over and will run over two weekends (November 26-27 and December 3-4).

"Then we have a club bronze course, which is pitched more at the over fifteens and teenagers that'll be from the 11th to the 17th of December – a week-long, live-in course."

As a voluntary organisation, Woolamai Beach are always on the look out for volunteers to help with activities, events and maintenance.

"The Channel Challenge and Bass Coast Series are very big events and attract thousands of people, we are looking for volunteers from the community to help us with IT and communications related activities in the lead up to the race, as well as anybody with financial skills that would like to volunteer.

"And general help on the day – marshalling, set up... Anybody that would be interested in having some involvement in our special events, or general clubhouse maintenance, we would be really keen to hear from."

With patrolling members ranging from teenagers to those in their 70s plus, it's never too old to become a lifesaver.

"We're really excited about the year coming up, we're hoping that we can get a bit of normality back into our activities."

To register for the upcoming camps, visit woolamaibeach.org.au, to volunteer or become a member email secretary@woolamaibeach.asn.au

Kilcunda's Zac Mabilia ready for Aussie honours

KILCUNDA-BASED netballer Zac Mabilia is ready to take on New Zealand in Christchurch, with the talented 16-year-old looking forward to battling under 23 opponents while representing Australia.

He will play in the New Zealand Men's Netball Nationals, with matches against domestic sides Christchurch, North Harbour and Waitakere, as well as the showdown with New Zealand.

"We're an under 17s team but we play up in New Zealand competitions because they don't have the younger age groups that we do," Zac explained.

As well as continuing to play netball and footy, he has been training hard in preparation for the upcoming international event.

That includes fortnightly sessions in Melbourne suburb Oakleigh with other Australian squad members, a three-day training camp in Sydney, along with strength and conditioning and running programs.

Zac continues to balance his extensive sporting commitments with work and school, with mum Michelle helping

him get where he needs to be for matches.

He was excited to receive his Australian playing uniform recently and looks forward to a busy tournament.

That includes up to three games in a day, with the event running over just four days.

The tight schedule presents a physical challenge, Zac stressed.

"In between each game, the focus will be on recovery and getting your body right, and the night time will be set up for pool recovery, rolling and stretching," he said, acknowledging the squad's young age will assist with managing the physical demands of the tournament.

The team has a physio on hand.

"Our Nationals is a week-long tournament with one, maybe two games a day," Zac said by way of contrast.

While there is little respite between games in New Zealand, match duration is reduced.

Zac arrived in New Zealand on August 22, resplendent in his offcourt Australian outfit.

The side's opening contest is against Christchurch on

Wednesday August 24, with matches against other Kiwi domestic opponents over the next couple of days leading into the international game.

"On the Saturday, when they have all their grand finals, our Australian under 17s play against New Zealand's under 23 side," Zac said.

The Aussie boys will proudly wear green and gold throughout the tournament.

Oncourt, Zac loves the responsibility of playing as a centre or wing attack, relishing the opportunity to cover plenty of court.

While he brings a competitive spirit to all his sport, Zac is also looking forward to the social side of the New Zealand adventure.

Despite the busy playing schedule, there will be some time for the squad members to experience a little of Christchurch.

Parents Michelle and Adam, and brother Brodie are set to cheer on Zac and his teammates in Christchurch, along with other family members.

"We're excited and ready to go," Michelle said ahead of the New Zealand tour.



Netballer Zac Mabilia displays his new Australian uniform as he looks forward to representing his nation in New Zealand.



Youth Girls Siena Lane received the Korumburra-Bena Best and Fairest award for the season.



Under 14s Orange Most Consistent player went to Gavin Monson.

Korumburra-Bena junior presentation day

THE junior session came to an end with a great turn out of families and players on Sunday, August 14.

The club ended with a healthy number of under 10 children, two under 14 teams, one of which finished just short of a finals spot and a strong girls' team which made it to the first round of finals in a very new and challenging league.

They look forward to 2023 and thanked everyone for their continued support of the Junior club.

Under 14 Grey Awards – Coaches: Chris Whelan and Ray Boulter

Best and Fairest: Billie Wrigley

Runner Up B and F: Levi Gooch

Most Consistent: Jayden Douglas

Most Determined: Johnny Wilson

Coach's Award: Pheonix Lorkin

Under 14 Orange – Coaches: Craig Walker and Murray Gow

Best and Fairest: Alby Logan

Runner Up B and F: Hamish Withall

Most Consistent: Gavin Monson

Most Determined: Archie Gannon

Coach's Award: Clayton Quaife

Youth Girls – Coach: Stev Palmer, Assistant Coach Simon Venten

Best and Fairest: Siena Lane

Runner Up B and F: Charlotte Anthony

Most Consistent: Hannah McCraw

Most Determined: Addison Venten

Coach's Award: Moneve Egeberg

Leadership Award: Gabrielle Perry



Pheonix Lorkin received the Coach's Award for the Under 14s Grey.



Newhaven College's Kade Rigby brought home the college's first mountain bike silverware at the weekend.



Newhaven College has raised the profile of mountain bike riding in this area by entering its first college-sanctioned team in the inter-school series.

Newhaven College takes MTB riding to a new level

MOUNTAIN Bike Riding, in all its variations, is one of the fastest growing family participation sports in Australia.

And the need for facilities locally demands an urgent response from the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shire Councils.

As evidence of the rise and rise of the sport, Newhaven College sent its first-ever sanctioned team, of over 30 riders, to the Alpinestars Interscholar Series, at the Haunted Hills' course at Traralgon last Sunday and came home with some silverware.

Year 11 student Kade Rigby scored a third place in the boys Under 19s event and, at the same competition, solo competitor, Evie Camenzuli from Bass Coast College, took out first place in the U17s women's novice category.

A total of 64 Victorian schools were represented with 250 riders travelling from across the state.

For the Alpine schools,

where the mountains are their surf, competing in interschool MTB events has always been part of school life.

However, the newly formed Newhaven College MTB team is already punching well above its weight.

Kade Rigby was elated to get on to the podium.

"I'm honestly surprised at how well I did! I can't wait for the next round at the You Yangs. I've had such an awesome time."

Newhaven College MTB coordinator Michael Wright was equally thrilled.

"We had almost all year levels of the college represented, from Year 1 to Year 11. It's about our kids challenging themselves and having fun on a bike."

"Our ultimate vision is to have a team represent Newhaven College at the National Inter schools' event at Thredbo and have MTB integrated into the school program".

Accelerated by the pandemic,

mountain biking is one of the fastest growing recreational activities globally. Across the board, governments at all levels are also recognising the significant market potential of mountain biking by developing strategies and policies to guide investment and planning.

Former Newhaven College student, now parent Eve Holle believes that the opportunities presented by MTB extend well beyond riding a bike.

"Mountain biking has enormous economic, health and social benefits. There's always been so much raw, untapped MTB potential in the Bass Coast. So, in terms of delivery, we need to reframe the discussion. We need to think creatively, so that the community benefits and our kids don't miss out".

For several years, a group of passionate mountain bike riders has been trying to gain approval from Bass Coast Shire and Parks Victoria for a world-class mountain bike

trail network between San Remo and Kilcunda to show off our stunning coastal areas.

To date the shire's 'Tracks and Trails Strategy' has failed to embrace these sorts of developments, but enthusiasts believe they need to have a separate MTB Strategy for the shire.

The Newhaven MTB team has also partnered with Wheel Heat in Wonthaggi. Local business owner Morgan Barnes has always been a long-time supporter of mountain biking and the broader cycling community.

"It is fantastic to see Newhaven College leading in this space. Inter-school MTB competitions provide an opportunity for young riders to challenge themselves and extend their abilities. They become part of a wider network and it helps them to progress".

Round 4 of the Alpinestars School MTB series will be held at the You Yangs MTB Park on September 11.



Robyn 'Spud' Harris recently received a 35-year service award from Basketball Victoria.

Robyn's incredible dedication recognised

ROBYN 'Spud' Harris was recently presented with a 35-year service award from Basketball Victoria for her contributions to basketball.

Robyn began playing basketball in 1978 and began refereeing in South Gippsland from the age of 14 at Leongatha, Yarram, Warragul, Korumburra, Meenyan, and Mirboo North.

She also coached Korumburra Wildcats Representative teams, attended Country Victoria Camps, was assistant coach for Country Victoria Under 16's in Perth in 1986.

Robyn has been a referee coordinator for many years at the clubs she was associated with.

In 1988, she took an Under 18 Vic Country team to play in America.

From 1990 to 2004 her time was spent coaching, playing, and refereeing with Korumburra and Meenyan Basketball Associations.

In 2004 to 2010, Robyn moved to Perth and continued her love for basketball.

From 2011, after shifting back to Mirboo North, until just recently, Robyn had been very involved as president, refereeing and coaching at Mirboo North Basketball Association and at Korumburra Wildcats.

Robyn has assisted at numerous skills days, academy sessions, and camps at Korumburra.

Robyn has been an amazing advocate for basketball throughout South Gippsland for many years and has been a stalwart in keeping the Mirboo North Junior Basketball Association running over the past 10 years.

She has always been a reliable, loyal, and hardworking member of the club.



The Poowong Amateur Basketball Association held eight seconds of silence to honor Noah Peacock and his contributions to the sport. Photos: Julie Nettle

Honoring Noah's basketball passion

By Melissa McNally

ON August 17, more than 300 people filled the Poowong Basketball stadium to show their support and condolences for Noah Peacock's family and basketball mates.

Noah tragically lost his life in a car accident less than one week prior.

Noah was a passionate member of the Poowong Amateur Basketball Association, having played basketball at Poowong for 12 years.

He played both domestic junior and senior basketball

for the Poowong Panthers and he was also a squad representative player.

Last Wednesday evening, less than one week after his tragic passing, Noah's team was fixtured to verse his older brother Jake's team in the senior men's competition.

The young sportsman's family made the decision to proceed with the scheduled game in his honor.

In anticipation for the spring basketball season, Noah had designed and

ordered new jerseys for his team, which arrived in the post early last week. Noah's parents, Jason and Michelle, invited his team mates to their home to open the parcel and to wear the jerseys with pride; and that they did!

In the packed stadium, Noah's number 8 jersey was hung on the team's bench by his younger brother Bailey and his parents.

Eight seconds of silence was held at the start of the game to honor Noah and his contributions to basketball,

both on and off the court.

Noah's family, teammates, friends and members of the local basketball community held their heads high, as many a tear was shed.

A difficult game for both teams was played in incredible spirits.

At the final siren, the score showed a fitting 8-point win to Noah's team.

Both teams linked arms and formed a circle with Noah's family and the players gave an almighty three cheers for Noah to conclude the game.

Dallas to represent Gems at FIBA Asia Cup

LOCAL basketballer Dallas Loughridge has been selected to represent the Australian Gems under-18 Women's team.

Loughridge is set to return to the Gems, following her performance in the 2021 Under-19 World Cup silver medal winning Gems team.

Fresh off their Victorian Under-20 Women gold medal winning campaign at the Australian Junior Championships in Mackay, Queensland, the team is now set to star on the world stage.

The Victorian representa-

tives which include Nyadiew Puoch, Sophie Burrows and Tess Heal, earned the right to represent the Gems in the FIBA Under-18 Asia Cup held in Bengaluru, India from September 5-11.

Australia has drawn in Division A, which will see them take on China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia and host nation India.

This FIBA Asia Cup is a qualification event for the 2023 FIBA Under 19 Women's World Cup, locked in for Spain next July.



Local basketballer Dallas Loughridge will represent the Australian Gems under-18 Women's team.

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Michael Hurley has announced his retirement from Essendon after 14 years with the club. Pictured is Tom Lynch of the Tigers tackling Michael Hurley of the Bombers during 2020. Photo: AAP Image/Dave Hunt

Essendon's Hurley announces retirement

ESSENDON'S Michael Hurley has announced his retirement.

The 32-year-old has called time on his career after 14 years with the Bombers.

Hurley played his first game since Round 18, 2020, which was the 194th and final appearance of his career, against Richmond at the MCG on Saturday night.

The 2008 draftee has worked his way back from a debilitating hip injury to receive what promised to be an emotional swan song.

"Over my time, the club has meant so much to me," Hurley said via a club statement.

"The decision has crept up a little bit, and at the start of

By Andrew Slevison

the year, I really wanted to get back out there and play footy again. It was about the middle part of the year where I got close and in recent weeks, running out there and getting a kick again was just fantastic.

"Physically and mentally, I am feeling up for the challenge, but such a big operation and a big couple of years, and the uncertainty around whether physically I could still keep up with the rigours of AFL footy, it really set in that it was probably time to hang the boots up.

"What keeps coming to mind is the relationships

I have built here. I've been here since 2008 and while I probably haven't experienced a lot of on-field success, and not everyone in AFL can have that, a different success to me is meeting special people and people from this club I'll have in my life forever.

"While it's hard to name everyone individually, I'd also like to thank the admin staff, the property staff and particularly the medical staff, for patching me up for the last 14 years.

"The most important people at the club to me is my teammates. You come into the club every day and when you're younger, you don't fully understand how lucky you

are in this job. All you guys in the room hold a place in my heart and my past teammates too.

"Finally, to my wife Chelsea, my immediate family and particularly my parents – I thank you all for your love and support. I started playing footy because of my brothers. To my Mum and Dad, our family has been through a lot and I'm just so proud to have you as my parents. I couldn't have done it without you and I'll be forever indebted to you all."

Hurley will finish up as a two-time all-Australian (2015 and 2017) defender who started his career as a forward.

AFL minor premier not recognised enough

By Andrew Slevison

GEELONG coach Chris Scott believes there is a lack of recognition from the AFL for the team that wins the minor premiership. The Cats sewed up top spot last weekend to claim their second minor premiership in four seasons.

After achieving the feat, Scott suggested that the league does not afford enough celebration towards the successful side.

"I do have a view and I've had it for my whole career in footy, really," he said on Sportsday.

"It's that the AFL doesn't do as good a job as some other competitions in recognising the minor premier.

"That being said, it's difficult to slow down too much right at the moment because of the excitement that the next six weeks presents."

Scott's admission that the focus swiftly shifts to the finals series ties in with his club's mindset of celebrating the smaller wins along the way. He says the cut-throat nature of the competition makes it important to acknowledge what could be perceived as less significant milestones throughout the season.

"We are trying to enjoy the small wins along the journey," he added. I think everybody in the AFL world understands that if you don't enjoy the wins, it's going to be a pretty tough and relentless time because there are lots of difficulties and anxiety that always presents.

"Especially when you're a chance. It's the great irony of the better you do, sometimes the more anxious you get about the future because there's such an opportunity there for you."

SEN's Cam Luke is a "firm believer" that the minor premier should receive a bonus of \$1 million given that they are handed little advantage over the team that finishes second.

"I've always been a firm believer that the minor premier should get an extra million dollars for finishing on top," Luke said on SEN Track. Prize money is the way to go about it. There is no difference between finishing first or second, there is none.

"I think that first and second are identical. The team that's on top of the ladder after 23 rounds should have a little extra thrown into the kick.

"Just give them a million."

Hawthorn premiership player Campbell Brown can't quite see where the money would go, citing what happens financially when a team clinches the premiership.

"You don't want to give them extra money in the salary cap because they're already the best side in the comp, so they don't need it," said Brown.

"The winners of the Grand Final get a pretty healthy bonus that gets spread through the playing group depending on how many games you played."

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MID GIPPSLAND

>> ELIMINATION FINALS

A GRADE
Yinnar 59 d Newborough 34
Morwell East 59 d Fish Creek 40

B GRADE
Toora 50 d Fish Creek 37
Yinnar 50 d MDU 34

C GRADE
Toora 33 lt Mirboo North 35
Morwell East 25 lt Yinnar 28

D GRADE
Hill End 33 d Toora 30
Newborough 27 lt Morwell E 42

17 & UNDER
Mirboo North 21 lt Yinnar 30
Fish Creek 34 d Tarwin 16

15 & UNDER
Mirboo North 30 d MDU 17
Boolarra 41 d Toora 24

13 & UNDER
Boolarra 28 d Foster 8
Toora 32 d Fish Creek 14

WEST GIPPSLAND

>> ELIMINATION FINALS

A GRADE
Tooradin Dalmore 47 d Phillip Island 41
Dalyston 31 lt Nar Nar Goon 42

B GRADE
Phillip Island 38 lt Dalyston 45
Nar Nar Goon 39 d Inverloch-Kongwak 32

C GRADE
Dalyston 29 lt Cora Lynn 37
Garfield 23 lt Nar Nar Goon 26

D GRADE
Dalyston 49 d Tooradin-Dalmore 24
Nar Nar Goon 38 d Kilcunda-Bass 21

17 & UNDER
Phillip Island 59 d Cora Lynn 23
Inverloch-Kongwak 40 d Tooradin-Dal 27

15 & UNDER
Korumburra-Bena 46 d Nar Nar Goon 20
Bunyip 31 d Dalyston 20

13 & UNDER
Koo Wee Rup 21 d Tooradin-Dalmore 13
Cora Lynn 23 d Warragul Industrials 15

11 & UNDER
Dalyston 12 d Kilcunda-Bass 1
Tooradin-Dalmore 22 d Phillip Island 7

THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES

>> MID GIPPSLAND

2nd Semi Final - at Fish Creek
A Grade: Toora v Mirboo North
B Grade: Morwell East v Mirboo Nth
C Grade: MDU v Newborough
D Grade: Yinnar v Mirboo North
17 & Under: MDU v Morwell East
15 & Under: Yinnar v Thorpdale
13 & Under: Mirboo North v Hill End

1st Semi Final - at Newborough
A Grade: Yinnar v Morwell East
B Grade: Toora v Yinnar
C Grade: Mirboo North v Yinnar
D Grade: Hill End v Morwell East
17 & Under: Yinnar v Fish Creek
15 & Under: Mirboo North v Boolarra
13 & Under: Boolarra v Toora

>> WEST GIPPSLAND

2nd Semi Final - at Inverloch
A Grade: Inverloch- Kongwak v Bunyip
B Grade: Tooradin-Dalmore v Bunyip
C Grade: Bunyip v Inverloch-Kongwak
D Grade: Inverloch-Kongwak v Bunyip
17 & Under: Dalyston v Korumburra-Bena
15 & Under: Inverloch-K v Phillip Island
13 & Under: Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon
11 & Under: Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-K

1st Semi Final - at Cora Lynn
A Grade: Tooradin-Dalmore v Nar Nar Goon
B Grade: Dalyston v Nar Nar Goon
C Grade: Cora Lynn v Nar Nar Goon
D Grade: Dalyston v Nar Nar Goon
17 & Under: Phillip Island v Inverloch-K
15 & Under: Korumburra-Bena v Bunyip
13 & Under: Koo Wee Rup v Cora Lynn
11 & Under: Dalyston v Tooradin-Dalmore

>> ELLINBANK

Qualifying Final - at Neerim South
A Grade: Nilma Darnum v Trafalgar
B Grade: Buln Buln v Trafalgar
C Grade: Nilma Darnum v Longwarry
17 & Under: Poowong v Ellinbank
15 & Under: Buln Buln v Trafalgar
13 & Under: Longwarry v Nyora

Elimination Final - at Nyora
A Grade: Lang Lang v Ellinbank
B Grade: Nilma Darnum v Neerim South
C Grade: Buln Byln v Neerim South
17 & Under: Catani v Lang Lang
15 & Under: Ellinbank v Yarragon
13 & Under: Yarragon v Lang Lang

>> GIPPSLAND

Qualifying Final - at Morwell
A Grade - Leongatha v Moe
B Grade - Moe v Traralgon
C Grade - Leongatha v Morwell
17 & Under -Traralgon v Wonthaggi
15 & Under - Maffra v Sale
13 & Under - Traralgon v Bairnsdale

Elimination Final - at Traralgon
A Grade - Traralgon v Wonthaggi
B Grade - Maffra v Morwell
C Grade - Traralgon v Warragul
17 & Under - Leongatha v Drouin
15 & Under - Leongatha v Bairnsdale
13 & Under - Wonthaggi v Maffra



Yinnar A Grade Goal Attack Elly Stewart works in close quarters under the ring during a strong showing by the Magpies against Newborough in the Mid-Gippsland finals at Meeniyan on Saturday.



Fish Creek B Grade Wing Attack makes good position to take the pass ahead of her Toora opponent Jade Storr in the Mid-Gippsland finals at Meeniyan on Saturday.



Phillip Island's (B grade) Kylie Hammond takes a magnificent catch against Dalyston.



Mirboo North's Kylie Peters puts up an impressive block as Toora's Kelly Garland looks to move the ball down court in the Mid-Gippsland C Grade Elimination Final at Meeniyan on Saturday.



Hill End's Jessica Wright gets the ball moving under pressure from Toora's Jessica Thorne in the Mid-Gippsland D Grade Elimination Final



Phillip Island and Tooradin A graders battle for the ball. Photos: Carol Ratcliff

LEONGATHA

Under 13: Leongatha 17 def Drouin 12

Last game for the U13s. They worked super hard all game to slowly inch their way into the lead. Fourth quarter started with the Parrots up by three and managed to blow out that gap to win the game by five. A fantastic season by the U13s, such huge progress in individual skill and teamwork, can't wait to see what you achieve next year!

Under 15: Leongatha 57 def Drouin 10

Last game before finals. We started off strong and played consistently throughout the game. Some great passages of play, good work girls. We managed to finish fourth on the ladder therefore we play Bairnsdale next Sunday in our first final!

Under 17: Leongatha 26 Drouin 24

A nail biter of a game being only margins of 3 goals either way. Incredibly tight all game, once again very strong in defence. Now off to finals, we have finished fourth and we play Drouin again on Sunday.

C Grade: Leongatha 48 to Drouin 32

Great win! It was a slow start, but as the game went on, we continued to lift. Thanks to Drouin for a competitive game and finals here we come. We finished second so we play Morwell next Saturday.

B Grade: Leongatha 58 to Drouin 33

Great to have a win prior to finals. Some great moments of attack and defence, even whilst mixing up our mid court. Good work girls! We remain top of the ladder therefore we have the first week of finals off.

A Grade: Leongatha 57 def Drouin 45

Well done girls on a fantastic game! In preparation for final, we brought our best and played a great team game. Looking forward to finals. We finished second so we play Moe next Saturday.

Netball fun for all

WONTHAGGI and District Netball Association competed in a tournament at Casey on Saturday, August 20.

They were the youngest team in the tournament, with only one player on their team 11 years of age.

The team played a round robin style tournament. A great opportunity to develop their skills.

The Pakenham tournament is coming up and Wonthaggi and District would like to sponsor a nine and under team and 11 and under team.

Any interested boys and girls please contact Tina 0423 466 055.



Poowong's Deanna Chiavaroli (B Grade) was proud to celebrate 100 games on the weekend.



Nyora's Cait van Dord (A Grade) secures the ball.



Mirboo North's Tianna McClure (U17) goes for an exceptional intercept against her opponent. Photo: Annie Holland



Alicia Marshman plays fast in the final quarter, jumping to keep strong defence against Drouin. Z33_3422



Stacey Giliam looks to open the court up and throws the ball down with accuracy against Drouin. Z34_3422



The Tigers' Gemma McCormack (C Grade) attempts to defend. Photo: Annie Holland

ELLINBANK

» RESULTS

A GRADE

Lang Lang 39 d Trafalgar 36
Nyora 52 d Poowong 44
Neerim Sth 58 d Ellinbank 36
N-Darnum 69 d Longwarry 56
Yarragon 42 lt Catani 63

B GRADE

Lang Lang 31 lt Trafalgar 51
Nyora 39 lt Poowong 51
Neerim Sth 53 lt Ellinbank 54
N-Darnum 65 d Longwarry 41
Yarragon 41 lt Catani 64

C GRADE

Lang Lang 20 lt Trafalgar 27
Nyora 32 d Poowong 26
Neerim Sth 19 lt Ellinbank 39
N-Darnum 36 d Longwarry 34
Yarragon 26 lt Catani 56

17 & UNDER

Lang Lang 17 lt Trafalgar 20
Nyora 29 lt Poowong 38
Neerim Sth 30 lt Ellinbank 37
N-Darnum 25 lt Longwarry 32
Yarragon 17 lt Catani 41

15 & UNDER

Lang Lang 7 lt Trafalgar 24
Neerim Sth 2 lt Ellinbank 54
N-Darnum 16 lt Longwarry 37
Yarragon 34 d Catani 15

13 & UNDER

Lang Lang 19 lt Trafalgar 26
Nyora 36 d Poowong 2
Neerim Sth 28 d Ellinbank 6
N-Darnum 20 drew L'warry 20
Yarragon 42 d Catani 4

» LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Neerim South	291.29	72
Nilma Darnum	155.01	56
Trafalgar	134.72	52
Lang Lang	117.28	52
Ellinbank	141.32	50
Catani	98.39	36
Buln Buln	84.55	30
Nyora	70.86	20
Longwarry	76.21	16
Poowong	62.80	12
Yarragon	39.40	4

17 & UNDER	%	pts
Trafalgar	206.06	64
Poowong	138.39	56
Ellinbank	114.91	54
Catani	137.02	52
Lang Lang	108.94	40
Buln Buln	101.58	36
Longwarry	100.50	30
Yarragon	82.99	24
Nilma Darnum	70.66	24
Neerim South	51.39	8
Nyora	48.83	8

B GRADE

Ellinbank	248.19	72
Buln Buln	173.81	60
Trafalgar	140.51	52
Nilma Darnum	120.95	44
Neerim South	148.10	42
Lang Lang	97.92	42
Catani	106.15	40
Nyora	64.46	16
Poowong	53.30	16
Yarragon	42.82	8
Longwarry	52.49	4

15 & UNDER

Longwarry	196.19	66
Buln Buln	178.37	52
Trafalgar	150.75	50
Ellinbank	148.48	48
Yarragon	169.57	44
Catani	118.68	40
Poowong	136.77	38
Nilma Darnum	88.70	30
Lang Lang	37.72	16
Neerim South	17.15	8
Nyora	0.00	0

C GRADE

Ellinbank	214.75	64
Nilma Darnum	184.46	64
Longwarry	176.21	56
Buln Buln	130.50	52
Neerim South	120.09	52
Catani	107.10	40
Lang Lang	79.15	24
Nyora	63.91	22
Trafalgar	71.92	14
Poowong	49.58	4
Yarragon	35.41	0

13 & UNDER

Trafalgar	208.33	68
Longwarry	129.25	50
Nyora	133.53	48
Yarragon	156.90	44
Lang Lang	120.94	42
Nilma Darnum	108.26	38
Buln Buln	87.16	36
Catani	86.13	34
Neerim South	67.95	16
Poowong	47.48	14
Ellinbank	41.15	6

GIPPSLAND

» RESULTS

A GRADE

Warragul 36 d Bairnsdale 34
Leongatha 57 d Drouin 45
Morwell 68 d Sale 22
Traralgon 43 lt Maffra 48
Wonthaggi 64 d Moe 37

B GRADE

Warragul 45 d Bairnsdale 36
Leongatha 58 d Drouin 33
Morwell 49 d Sale 27
Traralgon 41 d Maffra 37
Wonthaggi 32 lt Moe 64

C GRADE

Warragul 43 d Bairnsdale 34
Leongatha 48 d Drouin 32
Morwell 36 d Sale 19
Traralgon 23 lt Maffra 49
Wonthaggi 26 lt Moe 33

17 & UNDER

Warragul 36 lt Bairnsdale 46
Leongatha 26 d Drouin 24
Morwell 32 lt Sale 54
Traralgon 50 d Maffra 34
Wonthaggi 42 d Moe 20

15 & UNDER

Warragul 11 lt Bairnsdale 56
Leongatha 57 d Drouin 10
Morwell 22 lt Sale 42
Traralgon 43 d Maffra 36
Wonthaggi 48 d Moe 22

13 & UNDER

Warragul 20 lt Bairnsdale 35
Leongatha 17 d Drouin 12
Morwell 6 lt Sale 53
Traralgon 40 lt Maffra 42
Wonthaggi 30 d Moe 22

» LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Morwell	181.10	70
Leongatha	155.06	58
Moe	122.72	50
Traralgon	110.97	44
Wonthaggi	121.99	42
Drouin	98.09	32
Warragul	92.62	28
Maffra	82.51	24
Sale	55.39	12
Bairnsdale	50.09	0

17 & UNDER	%	pts
Sale	169.28	72
Traralgon	161.42	64
Wonthaggi	122.58	46
Leongatha	109.32	40
Drouin	97.13	38
Morwell	96.24	34
Bairnsdale	96.56	30
Maffra	93.96	28
Warragul	61.20	8
Moe	46.86	0

B GRADE

Leongatha	172.86	68
Moe	131.06	60
Traralgon	155.25	56
Maffra	122.80	52
Morwell	108.49	32
Bairnsdale	77.04	28
Wonthaggi	70.11	22
Drouin	76.47	18
Warragul	75.53	16
Sale	64.68	8

15 & UNDER

Traralgon	260.31	64
Maffra	166.23	62
Sale	207.00	60
Leongatha	180.69	54
Bairnsdale	119.33	32
Wonthaggi	104.12	32
Morwell	86.45	32
Moe	38.79	14
Drouin	25.88	8
Warragul	24.00	2

C GRADE

Maffra	159.12	68
Leongatha	173.37	64
Morwell	129.90	50
Traralgon	110.49	46
Warragul	103.87	38
Drouin	83.42	32
Moe	82.30	20
Sale	77.19	16
Wonthaggi	72.66	16
Bairnsdale	63.31	10

13 & UNDER

Sale	308.58	68
Traralgon	238.46	64
Bairnsdale	171.27	48
Wonthaggi	103.98	52
Maffra	110.56	44
Leongatha	84.03	40
Moe	58.61	20
Warragul	45.73	16
Morwell	48.16	12
Drouin	46.28	8

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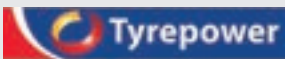
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De MUNK**

2022 Premiers:
Geelong

2022 Runner-up:
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2022 Runner-up:
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Norm Smith Medallist:
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LINDSAY**

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Sydney

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**ADAM
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Geelong

2022 Runner-up:
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**DYLAN
CLARK**

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Melbourne

2022 Runner-up:
Sydney

Norm Smith Medallist:
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Brownlow Medallist:
Lachie Neale

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 8



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**ROD
O'NEILL**

2022 Premiers:
Geelong

2022 Runner-up:
Melbourne

Norm Smith Medallist:
Patrick Dangerfield

Brownlow Medallist:
Lachie Neale

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 9



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**PHIL
HARDY**

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Geelong

2022 Runner-up:
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Wonthaggi
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**KATHERINE
TILEY**

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TILEY**

2022 Premiers:
Geelong

2022 Runner-up:
Melbourne

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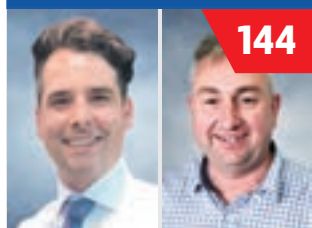


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BOSCATO**

**ROHAN
BEALE**

2022 Premiers:
Sydney

2022 Runner-up:
Geelong

Norm Smith Medallist:
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Melbourne

Norm Smith Medallist:
Patrick Dangerfield

Brownlow Medallist:
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 8



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**TOM
MARRIOTT**

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Geelong

2022 Runner-up:
Sydney

Norm Smith Medallist:
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Brownlow Medallist:
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 9



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**BRIONY
LANGSAM**

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Geelong

2022 Runner-up:
Sydney

Norm Smith Medallist:
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7



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**PHIL ROCHE &
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2022 Premiers:
Richmond

2022 Runner-up:
Geelong

Norm Smith Medallist:
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Brownlow Medallist:
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6



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**BRAD
HODSON**

2022 Premiers:
Geelong

2022 Runner-up:
Sydney

Norm Smith Medallist:
Mitch Duncan

Brownlow Medallist:
Lachie Neale

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 8



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Wonthaggi
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**ALEX
GEYER**

2022 Premiers:
Sydney

2022 Runner-up:
Geelong

Norm Smith Medallist:
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Brownlow Medallist:
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**DARRYL
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2022 Premiers:
Geelong

2022 Runner-up:
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Norm Smith Medallist:
Patrick Dangerfield

Brownlow Medallist:
Lachie Neale

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 8



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**CLINT
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2022 Premiers:
Sydney

2022 Runner-up:
Melbourne

Norm Smith Medallist:
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Brownlow Medallist:
Lachie Neale

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 4



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**LIAM
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Geelong

2022 Runner-up:
Melbourne

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Brownlow Medallist:
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**SAM
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Geelong

2022 Runner-up:
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Poowong's Matt Cozzio looks to launch the ball as his opponent closes in. Photo: Jeff Tull



Nyora's Lachie Fievez takes his shot.

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NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

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POOWONG		NYORA	

Poowong	6.0	7.5	15.8	18.11 (119)
Nyora	0.2	0.2	1.2	3.3 (21)
GOALS, Poowong: Jayden Sullivan 6, Alex Henshall 3, Matthew Cozzio, Jack Hazendonk 2, Jed Benham, Zac Gray, Andrew Logan, Cody Loughridge, William Robertson 1 each				
BEST: Mitchell Can't Hof, Jed Benham, Cody Loughridge, William Robertson, Zac Gray, TJ Loughridge				
GOALS, Nyora: Scott Pugh 2, Dylan Heylen 1				
BEST: Ryan Hill, Jack Rosenow, Kallon Rigby, Angus McGillivray, Aidan Simmons, Rhys Cupid				

POOWONG	1.2	2.3	5.6	6.9 (45)
Nyora	0.3	3.3	4.5	5.9 (39)

GOALS, Poowong: Troy Shepherdson 3, Mathew Burr, Nathan Cranston, Mitchell De Kleuver 1 each

BEST: Zack Baguley, Kade Anderson, Troy Shepherdson, Nathan Cranston, Kyle Aitken, Brodie Ardley

GOALS, Nyora: Trent Breen 2, Joel Anderson, Adam Tagliaferro, Christian White 1 each

BEST: Tyson Shiell, Luke Zwiensen, Adam Tagliaferro, Trent Breen, Lincoln Brock, Joel Anthony

FOURTHS				
Yarragon	5.3	6.7	10.12	15.17 (107)
Poowong	0.1	0.1	0.2	2.2 (14)

GOALS, Yarragon: Xavier Allsopp, Liam Smith-Butterworth 3, Andrew Daly, Bailly Fallon, Ty Keeble 2, Jordan Edwards, Josh Garratt, Joshua Mills 1 each

BEST: Jack Keeble, Jordan Edwards, Ty Keeble, Josh Garratt, Darcy Paul, William Kemp

GOALS, Poowong: Jett Blackwood, Bryce Townsend 1 each

BEST: Bryce Townsend, William Dourley, Ryder Dowlan, Troy Nieuwerth, Matthew Heywood, Jett Blackwood

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS				
Trafalgar	8.6.54	d	Lang Lang	4.13.37
Neerim South	18.16.124	d	Ellinbank	8.9.57
Longwarry	21.15.141	d	Nilma Darnum	6.8.44
Yarragon	12.15.87	d	Catani	9.10.64

RESERVES				
Trafalgar	6.7.43	d	Lang Lang	5.9.39
Ellinbank	7.11.53	d	Neerim South	6.5.41
Longwarry	21.14.140	d	Nilma Darnum	1.5.11
Yarragon	12.12.84	d	Catani	4.3.27

THIRDS				
Longwarry	14.16.100	d	Lang Lang	3.5.23
Ellinbank	7.1.43	d	Neerim South	4.13.37

FOURTHS				
Trafalgar	6.5.41	d	Lang Lang	4.5.29
Ellinbank	9.2.56	d	Neerim South	3.9.27

Poowong dominates Nyora for finals spot

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Nyora for seniors and reserves and the fourths visited Yarragon.

The ground was good considering the abundant recent rain, but some of the surrounds were suffering its effects.

Hopefully after a decent week everything will be good for the Elimination Final on Sunday, also at Nyora.

Poowong players continue to remember the loss of teammate Noah Peacock and were determined to honour Noah with another victory, and also to retain the Demon Cup in honour of Des Rogers a member and worker for both clubs.

Poowong was not as clean on the board, while at the other end the Magpie defenders contained Nyora's forwards.

The Magpies lost a couple of players early with injuries, with their exit from the game mainly precautionary ahead of finals.

Despite the setbacks, Poowong managed to kick six goals straight to Nyora's two points by the first break.

Poowong was not as clean in the second quarter, adding just 1.5(11), but the Magpies' defence didn't allow Nyora any score during that period, extending the lead to 45 points at the long break.

With just one on the bench after halftime, the players were asked to keep up the pressure and support one another around the ground and be a bit more aggressive with their passes by hand and foot.

Although Nyora went forward, it failed to capitalise and



Nyora's president David Chippett congratulating Poowong president Ted Attenborough on retaining the Demon Cup.

Poowong made the Saints pay when Jayden Sullivan soccered a major, his third goal for the game.

Nyora stuck at its task and kicked their first goal, but Poowong replied through an impressive Alex Doria shot from the pocket.

The Magpies continued to connect effectively, impressing with accurate passing, particularly by foot.

Alex Henschell was a major beneficiary, slotting three of Poowong's eight goals for the third term, building a 90-point advantage by the last change

Poowong had players working hard all around the ground with the defence holding Nyora to only one goal at three quarter time, a good effort coming up to finals footy.

Nyora came out determined at the start of the last quarter and added two quick goals,

while Poowong missed chances at the other end.

However, the Magpies soon took back control and added three goals to none for the remainder of the final term.

The Magpies finished 98-point winners

Despite the score line, Nyora was competitive but found Poowong's defence too efficient.

Nyora playing coach Dylan Heylen worked hard to lift the Saints and finished with a goal, with Scott Pugh booting the side's two other majors.

The victory moved Poowong up to fourth on the ladder, with 12 wins and six losses

Three of those losses were by less than 10 points, demonstrating the coaching of Chris, Reece and Troy and the efforts of the players are paying off.

Selectors face an interesting challenge, with up to four players to come back for the

Elimination Final, given everyone contributed on Saturday.

It was good to see the Poowong players in the Nyora social rooms, before they went back for the best and fairest vote count for seniors and reserves.

Jack Hazendonk is the seniors Best and Fairest, with Mitch Rowe claiming the honour in the reserves.

The Reserves game went right down to the wire, with Poowong getting home by 6 points after being down by three goals at one stage.

Poowong was helped by some wayward kicking, with the Magpies finishing with their sixth win for the season.

Coach Troy Shepherdson bagged three majors in the comeback.

The fourths came up against a stronger Yarragon side, but showed good discipline.

Matt Henschell, his support staff and the players have demonstrated great improvement in their skills since the start of the season, and there is plenty to look forward to next year.

For the netballers, other than the second-placed under 17s, it was the last game of the season, B grade had a win.

It's been a great effort by the netballers, with a lot of young players this year but some very positive signs for the future.

The next game will be at Nyora on Sunday, August 28, where the seniors will play in their Elimination Final against Ellinbank.

Also, on Saturday the under 17 girls play in netball.

Best of Luck to Jai Newcombe in the AFL Rising Star Award.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 20

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	18	0	350.58	72	Ellinbank	17	1	507.57	68	Neerim South	15	2	774.31	60	Longwarry	15	1	472.94	60
Buln Buln	14	4	224.85	56	Trafalgar	15	3	271.25	60	Ellinbank	13	4	160.95	52	Yarragon	14	2	301.82	56
Trafalgar	12	5	202.23	52	Neerim South	14	4	429.65	56	Longwarry	9	7	107.19	36	Neerim Sth	11	6	179.55	44
Poowong	11	6	186.54	48	Lang Lang	13	5	251.44	52	Buln Buln	8	8	66.42	32	Ellinbank	10	6	111.95	40
Ellinbank	11	6	164.08	44	Buln Buln	12	6	294.67	48	Yarragon	4	12	33.22	16	Lang Lang	5	11	68.07	20
Lang Lang	9	8	149.19	36	Longwarry	10	8	153.81	40	Lang Lang	0	13	27.45	0	Trafalgar	5	11	42.09	20
Longwarry	7	10	100.79	32	Poowong	6	12	59.90	24	Poowong	0	0	0.00	0	Poowong	3	13	36.07	12
Yarragon	6	11	83.61	28	Yarragon	6	12	59.41	24	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Buln Buln	2	15	27.29	8
Nyora	6	11	57.62	24	Nyora	5	12	42.76	20	Trafalgar	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Catani	1	16	28.02	4	Nilma Darnum	1	17	9.42	4	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	17	16.22	0	Catani	0	18	7.33	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0

Defenders deliver Pies a famous victory over Foster



Yinnar's Stuart Patten rises above the pack to attempt the mark halfway through the second quarter in a thrilling, low-scoring win over Foster at Meeniyon on Saturday.

They kept Foster to a losing score of 6.7, and while the pressure further up the field, on the Foster ball carriers, was also good throughout, the Yinnar backmen were the heroes of the day, courageously playing in front of their opponents to take crucial intercept marks, or combining with cool precision to sweep the ball away, time and time again, from the last line. Foster had more than

enough forward entries, with the likes of Josh Toner, Will Mattingley, Brendan Neville and the two wingers Olly Lemchens and Olly Callcott driving it in off the flanks, or big Mitch Allott thumping it forward out of the ruck, but there were dozens of occasions when it came to nothing. Prior to those two late strikes by Yinnar, Foster looked to be the team that

was finishing best, getting their game going with goals to Bartholomew and Toner in the third quarter and hitting the front with two early goals in the last quarter; by Trent Hamilton from a long way out on the angle and Billy Flavalle, after a terrific build up. The 'one handball, one kick' mantra, preached by Foster coach Sam Davies in the huddle at the last change was doing the trick and it took a free kick on the Yinnar forward line, to Hutton, for a goal to change the pattern of the final quarter. The score put Yinnar up by one point, the wind had dropped and the Pies were up and about to defend their slender lead, or even add to it. Luke Linton took a terrific defensive mark as Foster pressed again and the teams were on even terms, up and back, before an errant kick out of defence by Craig Wray was marked by Yinnar's Seb Famularo, who slotted it through from 30 metres out for the sealer. The ball went back to the centre, with Yinnar leading by seven points, and with everyone expecting Foster to answer but the siren sounded at the 23:18 minute mark (according to the scoreboard), indicating a super-short quarter but the result was in the book. Yinnar had turned its luckless season on its head and will now go forward to another Elimination Final at Newborough next Sunday. With a thrilling 8-point loss to premiership favourites Tarwin earlier in the season, many have pencilled Yinnar in as 'a smoky' for 2022 honours, if they can only make it through the next few weeks. The two teams, Foster and Yinnar, had turned on a low-scoring thriller for the big crowd at Meeniyon on Saturday with interest in Mid-Gippsland's new-look competition alive and well after COVID.

Stony loses its way after worthy challenge

YINNARS' Reserves have won 13 games for the season and Stony Creek have won nine, occasionally struggling to get 18 fit men on to the field. When the teams last met, Yinnar won by 146 points to one, so it was quite something when at half time in their Elimination Final at Meeniyon last Saturday, that an energised Stony Creek side was leading the Magpies four goals to three. But the wheels started to fall off early in the third quarter. A kickout by Stony Creek was marked by Nick Linton who quickly put Yinnar back in front after the restart. But Stony was up for the fight and drove the ball into their forward line, through the good play of Ash Zuidema and Glenn Gray where Dean Linton of Yinnar needed to defend strongly to stop the reply. Jesse Harris was working hard for the Maroons, and it was end-to-end stuff with the match firmly in the balance. It was then that Yinnar worked the ball forward to where Josh Bugeja and Daniel Webster combined but a disputed umpire's decision resulted in a probably unnecessary 50-metre penalty, making Webster's shot on goal a certainty. The Stony Creek player made a frustrated comment, not especially directed to the umpire and he was sent off. Apparently, another Stony Creek player had also been sent off and the team was down to 16 men for a time.

The Maroons defended stoutly with the likes of Zuidema, Jarrad Byrnes, Brett McKnight and Matt Nanos among those tackling, smothering and clearing the ball from defence, while key forward Lucas McMillan was a live option up forward. Stony even managed to get the ball to McMillan for a couple of scoring chances against the odds, but when Matty Nardino kicked long for a rolling, bouncing goal just before the three-quarter siren, Yinnar had stretched the lead to 18 points in a low-scoring affair. But Stony was coming home with the wind and they were soon peppering the scoring zone with Nick Svenson prominent and Jakeb Pronk

working hard in attack. They soon had a goal through Pronk, after a fine snap, he scored a point from another shot soon after and when Zac Van Delft got the next goal, Stony were coming, five points behind. The Maroons continued to fire the ball in, but they just couldn't get the goal to put them in front and when Yinnar scored a late one through Webster again, it was all over for 2022. But you could go back to that moment of indiscipline by the Stony Creek player, or was it a trigger-happy umpire, and that's where Stony lost their momentum for a quarter, and possibly the match. Final scores: Yinnar 8.8.56 def Stony Creek 6.4.40.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

>> ELIMINATION SEMI FINAL A

**50**

**43**

	YINNAR		FOSTER	
Yinnar	2.5	3.6	5.8	7.8 (50)
Foster	0.1	2.2	4.3	6.7 (43)

GOALS, Yinnar: Stuart Patten 2, Sebastian Famularo, Beau Hutton, Dean Johnson, Harrison McColl, Blake Van Der Meer 1 each
BEST: Brendan Chapman, Jack Deen, Luke Linton, James Dowling, Ned Marsh, Jamie Winters
GOALS, Foster: Billy Flavalle 2, Tom Bartholomew, Todd Bastion, Trent Hamilton, Josh Toner 1 each
BEST: Josh Toner, Brendan Neville, Matthew Clark, Craig Wray, Will Mattingley, Mitchell Allott

RESERVES

	YINNAR		STONY CREEK	
Yinnar	3.2	3.4	6.7	8.8 (56)
Stony Creek	1.0	4.1	4.1	6.4 (40)


GOALS, Yinnar: Mark Quigley 3, Daniel Webster 2, Nicholas Linton, Patrick McGrath, Matty Nardino 1 each
BEST: Lachlan Alexander, Mark Quigley, Riley Adams, Matty Nardino, Mitch Renwick
GOALS, Stony Creek: Jakeb Pronk 2, Lucas Byrnes, Lucas McMillan, Nick Svenson, Zac Van Delft 1 each
BEST: Dylan Zuidema, Ash Zuidema, Ryan McKnight, Jakeb Pronk, Nick Svenson, Jesse Harris


THIRDS

	TARWIN/FISH CK		FOSTER	
Tarwin/Fish Ck	1.0	3.2	6.3	8.9 (57)
Foster	4.2	5.4	8.7	8.7 (55)

GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Ck: Tige Brewer, Maximus Fenton, Toby Mitchell 2, Alby Edgelow, Lachlan Gale 1 each
BEST: Toby Mitchell, Tige Brewer, Lachlan Gale, Wilkie Edgelow, Rory Standfield, Brandon Bell
GOALS, Foster: Zak Maynard-Barrett 2, Khy Davy, Harrison Garlick, Lachlan Lewis, Flynn Lomax, Will Roffey, Zacarias Sinopoli 1 each
BEST: Harrison Garlick, Caeleb Garlick, Reghan Lewis, Darby Hoskins, Jedd Davy, Angus Lomax

>> ELIMINATION SEMI FINAL B

**50**

**43**

	BOOLARRA		HILL END	
Boolarra	1.3	2.3	5.5	8.6 (54)
Hill End	2.3	5.3	5.5	5.6 (36)

GOALS, Boolarra: Joel Mason 3, Brendan Mason 2, James Holmes, Kieran Jones, Sam Mazou 1 each
BEST: Shaun Falla, Tom Reiske, Joel Mason, Sam Mazou, Kieran Jones, Brendan Mason
GOALS, Hill End: Dane Fawcett 2, Ben Kerrigan, Luke Mulqueen, Chase Saunders 1 each
BEST: Ambu Uliando, Tyler Pratt, Aaron Fawcett, Ben Kerrigan, Chase Saunders, Dane Fawcett

RESERVES

	TARWIN		MDU	
Tarwin	1.1	1.1	4.2	7.5 (47)
MDU	1.0	5.2	6.2	7.4 (46)

GOALS, Tarwin: Todd Lomax, Tom Williamson 2, Travis Cameron, Nick McRae, Shaun Silver 1 each
BEST: Bryce Litchfield, Harrison Cumming, Todd Lomax, Daniel Windsor, Brenton Taber, Travis Cameron
GOALS, MDU: Stuart Bright, Neil Mathieson 2, Brenton Arnup, Jack Dunn, Benjamin Maxwell 1 each
BEST: Stuart Bright, Matt Harris, Benjamin Maxwell, Max East, Harry Vanderzalm, Travis Ruedin

THIRDS

	YINNAR		HILL END	
Yinnar	5.4	9.7	16.7	25.8 (158)
Hill End	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2 (2)

GOALS, Yinnar: Lachlan Bell 5, Flynn Schill 4, Noah McCafferty, Clancy Mills, Mack Rieniets, Zac Schill, Keegan Zieleski 2, Lachlan DeBeer, Pharoah Gardner, Thomas Hoghton, Ryder Makepeace, Archie Mills, Presley Podmore 1 each
BEST: Ethan Sultana, Zac Schill, Flynn Schill, Lachlan Bell, Mack Rieniets, Pharoah Gardner
BEST, Hill End: James Balfour, Kyan Mulley, Mark Ferguson, Lachlan Answer, Xavier Worth, Kafil Slade

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Tarwin-Fish Creek onballer Rory Standfield was one of those who sparked the fightback which ultimately resulted in an unexpected victory over Foster in the Mid Gippsland Under 18s Elimination Final at Meeniyon on Saturday.

Tarwin-Fishy U18s produce unexpected win

AS IS often the case, the Under 18s provided one of the highlights of Mid Gippsland Elimination Final Day at Meeniyon on Saturday, with the match between Foster and Tarwin-Fish Creek turning out to be an absolute thriller.

Foster looked the class side, and after good wins over Tarwin-Fishy during the season, they played like it in the first quarter, with a nice breeze behind them, to the netball end of the ground.

The Tigers kicked the first three goals of the match at regular intervals, with Zak Maynard-Barrett and Harrison Garlick among the scorers and when Will Roffey marked strongly and kicked their fourth of the quarter, it looked 'how far Foster'.

Crucially, though, with only their second entry forward, Tarwin-Fishy produced an important goal, to Toby Mitchell, just before the end of the quarter, giving them some momentum going into the second quarter with the wind.

But it was Foster who was able to re-establish the margin with an early goal, Jedd Davy getting it forward to Flynn Lomax, whose flat punt sailed through the centre.

Foster still appeared to be

handling the ball better but Fish Creek gained some confidence as the play started to run their way with the breeze at their backs.

Rory Standfield was providing some drive around the ball and Lachie Gale was showing some of the benefit of his senior experience in the ruck, Joe Rysko, Zac Bright, Lane Bowman and Brandon Bell in defence were among those getting good touches.

Fish Creek finally got reward for effort when Toby Mitchell was awarded a free kick and slotted it through from close range. They got another, kicked off the deck by Alby Edgelow, and they went to half time just a couple of goals behind Foster after what had been a dominant start by the Tigers.

In the third quarter, Foster again made good use of the breeze by scoring the first two goals, Reghan Lewis combining with Zac Sinopoll, who kicked the first off the deck, followed by one to Lachie Lewis who took the initiative and earned the glory.

Foster's players were still handling the ball well, with a nice passage of play featured Reghan Lewis, Hoskins and Zak Maynard-Barrett, who was busy on the Foster forward line.

But Fish Creek was starting to find more contributors; including Lane Bowman, Joe Rysko, Rory Standfield, Toby Mitchell, Zac Bright and others and again, they got reward for effort through Max Fenton who made no mistake after a free kick.

Rory Standfield got it forward again and Fenton was the right person in the right place to finish off the good work of Archie Moore, Rysko and Bright.

The contest was even now, with Foster trying to answer through Maynard-Barrett, who hit the post, but finally Lachy Gale received two 50 metre penalties, and Tarwin-Fish Creek had closed the gap to two goals at the last change.

Two snaps for goals by Tige Brewer in the last quarter and a few points made the scores level close to the end, a Fish Creek player dropped an easy mark near goal but a point by Archie Moore broke the deadlock and Tarwin-Fish Creek eked out an unexpected two-point win.

They had won only two games from 18 in the regular season.

Final scores: Fish Creek-Tarwin 8.9.57 def Foster 8.7.55.

challenging to maintain winning momentum.

Tarwin's preparation is also less than ideal, having played the bottom two teams to conclude its regular season, prior to last week's finals siesta.

Sharks coach Troy Hemming can't wait for Saturday's action to begin.

"I'm excited to see the boys enjoying their footy and they deserve to give the finals a good crack, and it's just the best time of year," Hemming said.

While both sides are bubbling with confidence, one will have to front up again for the Preliminary Final in order to try to secure its ticket to this season's decider, while the other sits in wait.



Sunday Brisbane finds her way out of the pack.

Breakers seal the deal with three-point victory

THE Breakers travelled to Seaford for their first final against Karingal.

Kicking with the light wind, the Breakers got off to a great start with Ella Cargill kicking their first goal.

The Breakers defence was strong with Stacey Poke cutting everything off at half back.

A long set shot goal from Immy Bradford had the Breakers up and about, with Kelly O'Neill adding another set shot goal late in the quarter.

The Breakers three goal to nil first quarter lead quickly evaporated, with Karingal coming out firing in the second quarter, rattling off three quick goals.

However, Karingal kicked two more quick goals to take the lead. Another set shot conversion to Immy Bradford brought the score back to the closest of margins just before half time.

The third quarter was another

tight tussle.

The Breakers were able to add two goals to their tally with Immy Bradford adding her third and a brilliant running goal from Tayla Tattersson, giving the team a slight buffer going into the last.

Karingal got an early goal – however, the Breakers were then able to lock it in their forward line.

A 25m penalty by the Breakers could have been costly - putting the ball in Karingal's forward line.

The Breakers flooded Karingal's forward line and worked hard to shut the ball down creating stoppage after stoppage to chew up the remaining time.

The Breakers face off with Coburg for a spot in the Grand Final - Sunday August 28, 1pm at Skybus Stadium (Frankston).

Final score: Bass Coast 7.1-43 def Karingal 5.6-41



Thomas Macmillan (Southern 14s) keeps cool under pressure.

Strong results for local All Stars

THE Southern Gippsland All Stars Academy AFL teams played their preliminary finals on Sunday, August 21, at Morwell.

The 13s met Western Gippsland first up on the lovely sunny day. Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful on the day with Western Gippsland defeating them 14.8-92 to 0.1-1.

They should be congratulated on a fantastic season.

The Southern 14s then met Sale district and despite a close start, were able to defeat Sale; Southern 11.7-73 to Sale 5.2-32.

Best mentions for Southern 14s: Leevi Lidstone, Jeremy Kelly, Mitchell Ward, Fred Soumilas, Harrison Carlon and

Connor Macmillan. Goals to Angus Livingstone (2), Jayden Burns (2), Clayton Quaife, Thomas Macmillan, Jeremy Kelly, Ayden Fawaz, Connor Macmillan, Alby Logan, and Leevi Lidstone.

Well done to the Southern 14s team, heading into the grand final against Western Gippsland.

Finally, the 15s faced Central Gippsland in a tightly contested game. Southern were able to hold on to defeat Central; Southern 7.10-52 to Central 7.4-46.

Congratulations to the Southern 15s, also heading into the grand final against Western Gippsland on September 23.

Southern Gippsland has had fantastic results across the All Stars season.

Tarwin and Newborough ready to do battle

TOP side Tarwin and second-placed Newborough battle for direct entry into the MGFNL Grand Final when they clash in Saturday's Qualifying Final at Fish Creek.

Both teams will be refreshed after a rest in the first week of finals.

The Sharks and Bulldogs had one win each against the other during the home and away season, with both winning their away clash.

Tarwin beat Newborough by 16 points in round 11, with the Bulldogs turning the tables just three rounds later to triumph by 31 points.

Tarwin finished the regular season two wins ahead of Newborough, having

By Rob Popplestone

bounced out of the blocks from round 1 and tasting just two defeats.

The Sharks have shown very little fragility for opposition sides to expose.

However, Newborough will take confidence from being one of the two teams to topple Tarwin.

While the Bulldogs were beaten twice in the first four rounds, they experienced just two more defeats in the home and away season

Newborough faces the unusual predicament of having a bye in the last round of the normal season, followed by its week off in the first round of finals, making it more



Leongatha players celebrate their unbeaten home and away season. A06_3422

Leongatha's perfect home and away season

LEONGATHA players were congratulated on winning every home and away game of the season, also being reminded of the opportunity ahead, after sweeping Drouin aside in round 18.

“What we’ve done so far should be celebrated; it doesn’t happen often,” coach Trent McMicking said.

While the Parrots have a few days to bask in that accomplishment, training intensity will escalate from Thursday as McMicking ensures the squad maintains its sharpness despite not featuring in the first week of the finals.

He described the team’s performance against Drouin as “another huge tick”, noting that “the structures held up well”.

The Hawks threatened to mount a challenge in the early minutes, quickly moving into attack when the game got under way and holding their own for a while.

However, it was Leongatha

that did all the damage on the scoreboard.

As the term progressed, the Parrots’ dominance increased, with the side charging to a 53-point quarter time advantage against a goalless Drouin.

The only meaningful resistance the Hawks mustered thereafter was a three-goal burst either side of halftime, that commenced with a major on the run in the dying moments of the second term.

Such was the organisation of Leongatha’s defence and the side’s command around the ground, that trio of Drouin goals was the beaten side’s only majors for the day.

In contrast, the ever-menacing Aaron Hillberg delivered five goals for the triumphant Parrots, with Justin Pellicano chipping in with four.

Pellicano also shouldered much of the day’s ruckwork, with fellow ruckman Ben Willis also helping the rampant Parrots onballers get plenty of the Sherrin.

Skipper Tom Marriott was one of those to capitalise, with his ball winning ability and assured use of the footy earning him best on ground status.

Luke Bowman was also highly productive for the winning side.

Young Gippsland Power talent Wil Dawson played his second senior game for Leongatha.

After spending much time in the ruck during his debut, he was stationed up forward throughout Saturday’s contest, finishing with three goals, as did Mason McGannon.

Luther Juric kicked just one major, but his ferocious attack on the footy and opponents created opportunities for teammates and saw him named in Leongatha’s best.

While it wasn’t the most challenging of days for the Parrots backline, coach McMicking was delighted with the ball movement his defenders generated when Drouin

got the footy forward.

For the Hawks defence, it was a tough day, with the regularity and high quality of Leongatha’s attacking entries ensuring a profitable day for Parrots forwards.

However, Drouin’s backmen stuck at the task, with Jordan Kingi often clearing the ball from defence.

His hard work was acknowledged, being listed as Drouin’s best for the day.

Jarrold Marshall booted two of the Hawks three majors, with Aiden Quirk accounting for the other goal.

Kye Quirk was busy around the ball for the beaten team and only behind Kingi in its best.

While Leongatha hasn’t suffered defeat this season, a couple of fortunate escapes ensure the Parrots don’t get ahead of themselves when they tackle their semi final battle against either Wonthaggi or Sale for a grand final berth.

Top five were missing for Sale

IF YOU'RE Wonthaggi, you can't afford to read too much into Sale's form, ahead of the Qualifying Final at the Morwell Recreation Reserve this Saturday.

While Sale lost to Morwell last Saturday, in the final minutes of the game, after leading them by nine points at three quarter time, thereby allowing the Tigers late entry into the finals; Sale had five key players out.

Their arch-rivals Maffra will say the Pies 'laid down' to allow Morwell to take their place in the five, the first time in 22 years that

the Eagles have missed September action.

But Sale says the omissions were for good reason.

Among those out for Sale were five of their best including Kane Martin, Shannen Lange, Jackson Glenane, Ryan Pendlebury and Jake Hutchins; according to the club, one was for the birth of child, another was working offshore and the others were ill or had niggles.

This Saturday's Qualifying Final, between Wonthaggi and Sale shapes as the defining match of the 2022 Gippsland League season.



Cam Stone gets the ball out of the battle with Drouin and handballs it off carefully in the first half. Z38_3422

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS														ROUND 18					
SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	18	0	247.30	72	Leongatha	17	1	545.23	68	Maffra	15	3	155.81	60	Traralgon	15	0	562.00	62
Wonthaggi	12	4	157.50	52	Wonthaggi	17	1	364.85	68	Warragul	12	5	168.92	48	Maffra	13	3	203.98	52
Sale	12	6	146.84	48	Maffra	14	4	369.77	56	Drouin	12	6	143.63	48	Warragul	12	4	187.32	48
Traralgon	11	6	155.98	46	Sale	11	7	120.18	44	Bairnsdale	12	6	133.59	48	Leongatha	8	8	86.28	32
Morwell	10	8	96.58	40	Morwell	7	10	71.73	30	Moe	12	6	98.03	48	Drouin	8	8	77.56	32
Maffra	9	9	105.89	36	Bairnsdale	7	10	55.96	28	Traralgon	11	7	131.60	44	Bairnsdale	5	10	76.64	22
Moe	8	10	77.48	32	Moe	7	11	46.77	28	Morwell	5	13	81.59	20	Sale	4	10	67.17	20
Warragul	4	13	58.40	18	Traralgon	5	13	71.50	20	Leongatha	5	12	61.08	20	Moe	5	11	65.71	20
Bairnsdale	2	16	55.49	8	Warragul	3	14	48.38	14	Sale	3	15	61.11	12	Morwell	0	16	17.47	0
Drouin	2	16	50.13	8	Drouin	1	15	23.43	4	Wonthaggi	3	14	53.94	12	Wonthaggi	0	0	00.00	0

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 18

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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LEONGATHA

DROUIN

Leongatha	9.2	15.10	20.14	14.16	(160)
Drouin	0.3	1.4	3.5	3.6	(24)

GOALS, Leongatha: Aaron Hillberg 5, Justin Pellicano 4, Mason McGannon, Wil Dawson 3, Josh Hopkins, Jack Hume 2, Sam Forrester, Luther Juric, Tom Marriott, Cameron Olden, Cameron Stone 1 each

BEST: Tom Marriott, Aaron Hillberg, Jack Hume, Luther Juric, Luke Bowman, Cameron Stone

GOALS, Drouin: Jarrod Marshall 2, Aden Quirk 1

BEST: Jordan Kingi, Kye Quirk, Ryan Taylor, Jarrod Marshall, Joseph Collins, Jake Simpson

RESERVES

Leongatha d Drouin (forfeit)

THIRDS

Drouin	1.4	5.6	8.9	12.11	(83)
Leongatha	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	(8)

GOALS, Drouin: Benjamin Brasier 4, Aedan Rothmeier 2, Zayne Atkins, Eli Bracken, Jacob Kleeven, Aaron Mitchell, Thomas Wans 1 each

BEST: Thomas Young, Noah Rogers, Peyton Saddington, Cameron Caddy, Aaron Mitchell, Brock Walsh

GOALS, Leongatha: Trent McRae 1

BEST: Ty Hall, Luke Marshman, Thomas Hanily, Trent McRae, Tyler Richards

FOURTHS

Leongatha	3.4	4.4	7.6	9.10	(64)
Drouin	0.2	2.7	4.11	6.12	(48)

GOALS, Leongatha: Kade Berryman, Julian Callahan, Xavier Lamers 2, Jhett Brown, Will Brown, Klayton McGrath 1 each

BEST: Will Brown, Aydan Williams, Julian Callahan, Klayton McGrath, Max Sheahan, Hayden Bowler

GOALS, Drouin: Ewan Croucher, Kaden Gregg, Zachary Mcmillan 2 each

BEST: William Young, Brodie Atkins, Zachary Mcmillan, Ewan Croucher, Kaden Gregg, Oliver Hermansen

WONTHAGGI POWER FOOTBALL CLUB

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WONTHAGGI

MOE

Wonthaggi	3.4	10.5	17.10	21.12	(138)
Moe	3.0	3.	4.3	7.4	(46)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Andrew Murray 4, Noah Anderson, Jack Hutchinson, Aiden Lindsay, Jakeb Thomas 3, Lachlan Burns, Mitch Hayes 2, Harry Dawson 1 each

BEST: Jack Hutchinson, Aiden Lindsay, Harry Dawson, Andrew Murray, Joshua Bates, Noah Anderson

GOALS, Moe: Harrison Pepper 2, Trent Baldi, Jacob Balfour, Ben Morrow, Clinton Taylor, Jacob Wood 1 each

BEST: Ben Morrow, Harrison Sim, Jacob Wood, Lucas Fry, Matthew Heywood, Trent Baldi

RESERVES

Wonthaggi	4.5	6.9	11.11	13.15	(93)
Moe	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	(8)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Blake Cornelis 5, Mitchell Davey 2, Tyson Andrighetto, Adam Busana, Jye Gilmour, Wayne Luke, Kane McCarthy, Joshua Schulz 1 each

BEST: Kane McCarthy, Lachie Jones, Joshua Schulz, Blake Cornelis, Jye Gilmour, Mathew Ware

GOALS, Moe: William Dow 1

BEST: John Chessells, Jarrod Thornton, Thomas Poulton, Kane Weeir, Shaun Curtis, Michael Parker

THIRDS

Moe	4.5	9.8	13.12	16.15	(111)
Wonthaggi	1.1	3.2	4.2	6.4	(40)

GOALS, Moe: William Claridge 4, Thomas Blackshaw, Nathan Wheildon 3, Callum Nash, Jaryn Makepeace 2, Jack van den Dolder, Cody Wood 1 each

BEST: Jaryn Makepeace, Nathan Wheildon, Trent Burgess, William Claridge, Maclan McInnes, Dustin Blackshaw

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jaxon Foon 3, Reeve Moresco, Luke Speed, Kyle Yann 1 each

BEST: Ethan Dickison, Cade Brown, Max Connell, Jai Williamson, Jaxon Foon, Joel Dickison

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Morwell	9.9.63	d	Sale	9.1.55
Traralgon	14.9.93	d	Maffra	5.13.43
Warragul	13.15.93	d	Bairnsdale	7.9.51

RESERVES

Sale	7.9.51	d	Morwell	6.6.42
Maffra	13.14.92	d	Traralgon	3.7.25
Bairnsdale	6.7.43	d	Warragul	5.8.38

THIRDS

Sale	5.12.42	d	Morwell	4.6.30
Traralgon	14.6.90	d	Maffra	5.4.34
Bairnsdale	12.10.82	d	Warragul	8.1.49

FOURTHS

Sale	9.8.62	d	Morwell	2.4.16
Traralgon	11.8.74	d	Maffra	8.7.55
Warragul	8.10.58	d	Bairnsdale	5.2.32

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Elimination Final 1

Seniors: Warragul Industrials **9.7.61** d Inverloch-Kongwak **6.11.47**Reserves: Koo Wee Rup **4.6.30** d Phillip Island **3.11.29**

Elimination Final 2

Seniors: Cora Lynn **11.6.72** d Nar Nar Goon **7.13.55**Reserves: Bunyip **10.10.70** d Cora Lynn **4.6.30**
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Phillip Island reserve's Marco Roker looks to outpace his opponents. Photo: Carol Ratcliff

Upsets galore as finals fever hits West Gippsland

By Aiden Box

WEEK one of the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC) finals series is now officially in the books and what a weekend it was.

Saturday's action kicked off at Bass Recreation Reserve where 11 of the 12 clubs were represented in the first batch of Elimination Finals, featuring teams that finished third and sixth in their respective grades.

Headlining the day was a huge upset in the senior football competition, with the Warragul Industrials walking off with a 14-point victory over Inverloch Kongwak, ending their season.

In the A grade competition, it was reigning premiers Tooradin-Dalmore starting their premiership defence on the right foot with a 6-point win over Phillip Island.

The most thrilling result for the day came in the reserves football grade, with Koo Wee Rup holding off the favoured Phillip Island by a solitary point.

In other football results, Cora Lynn easily defeated Nar Nar Goon in the under 18s and Warragul got the better of Bunyip in the under 16s.

In the netball it was Dalyston defeating Phillip Island by seven points in B grade, Cora Lynn by eight points over Dalyston in C grade, Dalyston by 14-points over Tooradin-Dalmore in D grade, Phillip Island easily beating Cora Lynn in under 17s, Korumburra Bena getting it done over the Goon in under 15s, Tooradin-Dalmore over Koo Wee Rup in under 13s and Dalyston by



Koo Wee Rup reserves pulled off the upset in a nail biter against Phillip Island. B02_3422

11-points over Kilcunda-Bass in under 11s.

The action then moved to Garfield after Bunyip had to handball their ownership of the final due to heavy rain affecting their ground.

Headlining Sunday's Second Elimination Finals was an excellent eight goal haul by the 2022 leading goal kicker Nathan Gardiner to get Cora Lynn into the Semi Final round, by defeating Nar Nar Goon in another upset in the senior competition.

This sets up a mouth-watering clash with Warragul this Sunday in Cora Lynn to determine who plays in the

Preliminary Final.

However, possibly the most stunning upset of the weekend came in Sunday's A grade eliminator, as powerhouse Dalyston was taken down by underdogs Nar Nar Goon by 11-points, setting up a huge clash with the reigning premier's this Sunday.

Other notable upsets included Bunyip's 40-point reserves win over Cora Lynn, the Goon defeating Garfield in C grade, home side Garfield getting over Phillip Island in the under 18s football by a single point, and Cora Lynn over Warragul in the under 13s.

Other results had Nar Nar Goon with wins over IK in B grade and Kilcunda-Bass in D grade, IK by 13-points over Tooradin-Dalmore in under 17s and the Seagulls easily over Phillip Island in under 11s.

As last weekend's losers' seasons come to an end, the winners move on to what is a stacked fixture for week two of the WGFNC finals series, that begins with the Second Semi Finals on Saturday in Inverloch.

The Second Semi Finals feature the teams that finished first and second in their respective grades and offers direct entry into the 2022 Grand Final for the victors.

Headlining Saturday's festivities is the blockbuster clash between minor premiers and home side Inverloch-Kongwak and challengers Bunyip in the A grade netball competition.

While Tooradin-Dalmore and Phillip Island face off in what could be the 'Grand Final preview' in the senior football competition.

Other notable matchups include Tooradin-Dalmore reserves and IK under 16s taking their unbeaten regular season records into their clashes with Nar Nar Goon and Phillip Island respectively.

Sunday's action will of course be headlined by the massive clash between Warragul Industrials and the hometown Cobras in the senior football grade, who will play off for a chance at a Preliminary Final berth, to play the loser of Saturday's Second Semi Final.

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SAT, AUG. 27 & SUN, AUG. 28

» ELLINBANK

WEEK 1 FINALS

Qualifying Final - Saturday, August 27
Neerim South Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Buln Buln v Trafalgar
Reserves: Trafalgar v Neerim South
Thirds: Ellinbank v Longwarry
Fourths: Yarragon v Neerim South

Elimination Final - Sunday, August 28
Nyora Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Poowong v Ellinbank
Reserves: Lang Lang v Buln Buln
Thirds: Buln Buln v Yarragon
Fourths: Ellinbank v Lang Lang

» GIPPSLAND

WEEK 1 FINALS

Qualifying Final - Saturday, August 27
Morwell Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Wonthaggi v Sale
Reserves: Wonthaggi v Maffra
Thirds: Warragul v Drouin
Fourths: Maffra v Warragul

Elimination Final - Sunday, August 28
Traralgon Showgrounds

Seniors: Traralgon v Morwell
Reserves: Sale v Morwell
Thirds: Bairnsdale v Moe
Fourths: Leongatha v Drouin

» WEST GIPPSLAND

SEMI FINALS

2nd Semi - Saturday, August 27
Inverloch Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Tooradin-Dalmore v Phillip Island
Reserves: Tooradin-Dalmore v Nar Nar Goon
U18s: Tooradin-Dalmore v Inverloch-Kongwak
U16s: Inverloch-Kongwak v Phillip Island

1st Semi - Sunday, August 28
Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Warragul Ind v Cora Lynn
Reserves: Koo Wee Rup v Bunyip
Thirds: Cora Lynn v Garfield
Fourths: Warragul Ind v Kor-Bena

» MID GIPPSLAND

SEMI FINALS

2nd Semi - Saturday, August 27
Fish Creek Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Tarwin v Newborough
Reserves: Toora v Newborough
U18s: Mirboo North v MDU

1st Semi - Sunday, August 28
Newborough Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Yinnar v Boolarra
Reserves: Yinnar v Tarwin
U18s: Yinnar v Tarwin/Fish Creek

Giants on the move after another tough season

By Aiden Box

AFTER another disappointing season, the Korumburra Bena Football Netball Club has placed great consideration into moving leagues.

The club held a vote last Thursday night in which members got their say on the matter, it ended 89-28 in favour of switching leagues from the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC), to the Ellinbank and District Football Netball League (EDFNL).

Giants President Troy Patterson spoke to the Sentinel Times recently on the big decision and

what comes next in making it come to fruition.

"As per the AFL Victoria handbook, we need approval and clubs to vote for our release from the West Gippsland Football League, then we need approval to be accepted by Ellinbank," he said.

"And also, we have to advise AFL Gippsland and AFL Victoria of our intention of relocating leagues from one league to another, it's a three-step process."

The process begins this week with the sending of applications and the EDFNL will have 21 days to notify their members of the move.

Patterson is confident his club will be accepted due to their strong contingent of teams.

"Hopefully we get accepted, when you look at it down the line of that we're going into Ellinbank with seniors, reserves 18s and 16s, and then we've got a full netball club as well," he said.

"It's not too often a club will want to go into another

league having a full deck of cards, like we've had Tooradin come into West Gippsland they didn't have under 18s, they let in Warragul who didn't have a full club also."

"That's the gameplan at the moment."

The Giants are on the move after a tough few years in the WGFNC senior competition that has seen them win just 12 of their past 128 games including one in 2022 in a 12th placed finish after another retched season of injuries.

Sea Eagles' dreams doused by ruthless Dusties

By Aiden Box

INVERLOCH KONGWAK have suffered a shock early elimination thanks to a reinvented Warragul Industrials side, who fought off a late charge to kick away to a 14-point win in front of a raucous crowd at Bass on Saturday.

Having got the better of the Dusties in both their match-ups during the home and away season, IK looked confident they could do it again as they came out hard and determined with their eyes on a deep finals run.

As the sun shone out after a wet morning in Bass, IK looked to have the better of the play early, finding repeat inside 50s for no score, the game had that classic finals tension teething through it.

Neither team could break the nil-all deadlock throughout the first five minutes, as both defences stood tall and Shem Hawking was yet again dominant for Invy', taking plenty of intercept marks early.

Finally, a snap off the boot of star Corey Casey brought the third placed Sea Eagles to life and released the early tension, as the crowd got themselves settled into the contest.

The Dusties were able to answer at the 12-minute mark, but in true finals fashion it was a dogfight in the first, both teams only managing one major after what was a short 21-minute first term.

Credit to the Warragul defence who were dominated by the likes of Jenson Garnham, Thomas Wyatt and Dylan Clark last time out, they did not allow them an inch on Saturday.

Having been let down by the skill execution in their round 18 loss to Nar Nar Goon, Ben Soumilas' men looked committed to back their skills and decision making once again in the Eliminator.

The Warragul pressure was at a season high intensity throughout the contest and fired up their faithful, who were out in full force.

The underdog Dusties just seemed to work harder



Marcus Toussaint contests the ruck in another strong performance for IK. B03_3422

across the ground, something IK coach Ben Soumilas expressed to the Sentinel Times following the loss.

"I think any time you're eliminated its going to be hard to swallow, but if you don't play well, or don't play somewhere near your best footy it probably hurts a bit more," he said. "But that's just how we're feeling right now, if you stop and reflect on the game, the Dusties were a better side today, that's undeniable, it looked like they worked harder than us."

It was clear from the start of the second term that it just wasn't the same classy, free-flowing IK that many had seen dominate throughout the regular season, the turnover bug had hit them hard, again.

The brilliant Sea Eagles back six cut off more than their fair share of Warragul drives, but it didn't matter, as indecision and skill execution

upfield had countless plays come undone, and Warragul took full advantage.

Soumilas had his say on his side's high turnover performance and the Warragul pressure.

"We weren't committed to paying fast today, at our best we think we're able to pick when we go fast and when we slow it down and control it, so overall today, we didn't execute our plan well and we didn't play the way we wanted to play," he said.

The young unproven Warragul side played like they had nothing to lose and their superior work rate throughout the game showed it, beating IK to many crucial contests all game long.

Young first year players Joe Soumilas and Hayden Lindsay were standout positives for the Sea Eagles, showing true grit and fight for four quarters, Lindsay was stout

in defence even getting into a scuffle after a brilliant run-down tackle on centre wing.

Soumilas sounded off on the courage of his youngsters and the fight of his team.

"It's always good to reflect on key moments in games and I think most people who have watched lots of footy will be able to pick out moments when they remember young people excite teams in finals," he said.

Their (Dusties) immense forward pressure and slick ball movement coupled with their work rate was far too great all afternoon.

They will continue their hunt for a maiden WGFNC premiership next week in the First Semi Final against Cora Lynn.

As for the Sea Eagles, their hunt for a second WGFNC flag will have to wait another year, as their season comes to an end.

Phillip Island reserves fall short in close match

FINALS Footy arrived in the West Gippsland FNC on the weekend, with Bulldogs Reserves and Under 18s playing elimination finals on Saturday and Sunday, with the Seniors and Under 16s scoring a week off.

The weather gods did not smile on the Saturday with the Reserves up against Koo Wee Rup in windy and wet conditions at Bass, whilst the Under 18s headed to Garfield to play, well Garfield.

Reserves:

In blustery conditions, the pressure was intense, but it was Koo Wee Rup who took advantage of the wind in the first quarter kicking the

opening four goals of the game.

From the beginning of the second, the Bulldogs took the ascendancy.

With the rain pouring down at the start of the second quarter, the Bulldogs managed to gain control in the middle part of the ground.

The Phillip Island defence continued to stand strong in the second half, repelling each forward surge.

The nail-biting final quarter saw the Bulldogs try and chase down the scoreboard deficit.

Will Taylor-Eagles and Marcus Wright did their absolute best but ultimately the Island fell short by the smallest of margins.

Under 18s:

The "pointy end" of the season had arrived and the Phillip Island Bulldogs took on Garfield on their home ground due to the state of other grounds that were waterlogged.

The game started at a cracking pace with neither side willing to yield and players realising their season was on the line.

It was tough, hard footy but Garfield managed to scramble another goal before the first break.

The second quarter was a replica of the first with the defence of both sides under constant pressure.

Garfield opened the third quarter with an early goal and

had the majority of the play in their forward line, but Hunter Clarke and the Bulldogs were not to be denied and a scouting goal from Jack Johnston after some great play by Tully Dickie kept the game on a knife edge.

Garfield kicked another goal late in the term to go into the last break 7 points up.

It was a desperate final term with the ball seesawing between the back lines and players throwing themselves into the fray.

One point the difference with only 2 minutes until the end of the match. It was heart pumping stuff but when the final siren sounded, the Bulldogs season was over falling short by a single point.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

>> ELIMINATION FINAL 1



WARRAGUL IND	INVERLOCH-K
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Warragul Ind	1.1	4.4	7.7	9.7 (61)
Inverloch-K	1.3	3.5	6.9	6.11 (47)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Anthony Bruhn, Adrian De Sando 2, Bailey Beck, Michael Debenham, Mason McGarrity, Jackson Mockett, Travis Ogden 1 each

BEST: Matthew Herbert, Kyle Beveridge, Will Gibson, Wilson McGillivray, Luke Walker, Shane Brewster

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Dylan Clark, Oscar Toussaint 2, Corey Casey, Marcus Toussaint 1 each

BEST: Ethan Park, Tom Hams, Marcus Toussaint, Michael Eales, William Hetherington, Toby Mahoney

RESERVES

Koo Wee Rup	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.6 (30)
Phillip Island	1.1	1.6	2.7	3.11 (29)

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Benjamin Miller 1

BEST: No players named

GOALS, Phillip Island: Liam Dayson, Hayden Smith, Will Taylor-Eagles 1 each

BEST: Luke James, Will Taylor-Eagles, Cooper Logan, Jack Opitz, Marcus Wright, Arie Cook

THIRDS

Cora Lynn	6.3	8.5	13.10	15.11 (101)
Nar Nar Goon	0.0	2.2	2.3	3.5 (23)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Oliver Sail 4, Kade Perkins 3, Thomas Exposito, Jordan McGrath 2, Caelan Addis, Connor Gilbertson, Owen Hartley, Max McDermott 1 each

BEST: Oliver Sail, Caelan Addis, Jett Edwards, Toby Goswell, Jacob Percy, Logan Fox

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Kody Seing 2, Connor Van Der Werf 1

BEST: Sam Coleman, Luke Mounter, Bayley Tytler, Josh Dellaquila, Kody Seing, Connor King

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind	6.1	6.1	9.3	11.5 (71)
Bunyip	0.0	0.3	1.5	3.6 (24)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: William Brewer 4, Tom Cornwall 3, Campbell Gibbons, Noah McDonald, Zac Tepper, Jarrod West 1 each

BEST: Alixander Tauru, Regan Awty, Campbell Gibbons, William Brewer, Arli Flemings, Tom Cornwall

GOALS, Bunyip: Ethan Cooke, Samuel Grummisch, Ethan Marson 1 each

BEST: Declan McFarlane, Ethan Marson, Samuel Grummisch, Tyler Lovell, Ethan Cooke, Alexander Bern

>> ELIMINATION FINAL 2



CORA LYNN	NAR NAR GOON
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Cora Lynn	3.1	5.3	7.3	11.6 (72)
Nar Nar Goon	1.5	3.7	5.10	7.13 (55)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner 8, Cory Machaya 2, Heath Briggs 1

BEST: Nathan Gardiner, William Thomas, Cory Machaya, Tristan Fernandez-Phillips, Luke Ryan, Jaxon Briggs

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Cooper Pursell, Anthony Young 2, Brendan Hermann, Tex Marsham, Kyle O'Sullivan 1 each

BEST: Trent Armour, Sam Blackwood, Luke Bettio, Brendan Hermann, Anthony Young, Cooper Pursell

RESERVES

Bunyip	1.5	4.7	6.8	10.10 (70)
Cora Lynn	0.2	1.3	4.4	4.6 (30)

GOALS, Bunyip: Brent Heus 5, Paul Carmody, Jason Williams 1 each

BEST: Brent Heus, Private player, Blake Cann, Jack Roberts, Ben Stewart, Jason Williams

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Thomas Arnett, Matthew Ferguson, Luke Foreman, Bradley Parker 1 each

BEST: Sean Wilson, Luke Foreman, Jake Ross, Matthew Ferguson, Tory Drew, Thomas Arnett

THIRDS

Garfield	2.2	2.3	4.4	4.5 (29)
Phillip Island	1.0	2.0	3.3	4.4 (28)

GOALS, Garfield: Isaac Braaksma, Jed Pinkerton, Toby Talbot, Ben Tenace-Greenall 1 each

BEST: Kade Nibbs, John Zaccari, Will Pickering, Christopher Diston, Isaac Braaksma, Jed Pinkerton

GOALS, Phillip Island: Dylan Susic 3, Jack Johnston 1

BEST: Hunter Clarke, Jack Papas, Finn Cashman, Dylan Susic, Brady Ross, Tully Dickie

FOURTHS

Kor-Bena	2.2	4.6	4.8	7.9 (51)
Garfield	1.0	1.1	2.2	2.3 (15)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Mitchell Croatto 5, Max Donohue, Ben Fort 1 each

BEST: Mitchell Croatto, Tommy Burgess, Ben Fort, Bodhi Abernethy, Zachary Barrett, Tarkyn Walker

GOALS, Garfield: Cody Miller, Jake VanDenBerghe 1 each

BEST: Diesel Ashe, Brynn Turner, Ding Dieng, Sean Marsh, Bailey Hill, Nathan King



Travis Krause gets through and retains strong pressure on Moe in the third quarter. Z46_3422

Wonthaggi Powers into finals campaign

WONTHAGGI skipper Aiden Lindsay inspired his team to a narrow quarter time lead and was a major factor throughout the day as Power took complete control after the first break.

The 92-point win ensured Power secured second spot on the ladder and will enter its qualifying final against Sale full of confidence.

Lindsay booted three goals and was well supported by other prodigious ball winners, with Mitch Hayes contributing all over the ground and capping off his excellent performance with a couple of majors.

Andrew Murray was a livewire up forward for the victorious Power nailing four goals, including an entertaining third quarter effort in which he weaved his way past Moe's defensive attempt.

Darcy Brosnan provided spark at times, whether driving Wonthaggi forward from defence or contributing onball.

Jack Hutchinson booted three goals, with a couple of those coming in a burst late in the second quarter, one a set shot from out wide and the other an impressive recovery after going to ground, bouncing up, evading an opponent and goaling on the run.

Noah Anderson and Jakeb Thomas also notched three goals apiece for Power.

Although already well beaten by the final change, Moe started the last term brightly with a couple of quick majors, but Wonthaggi was then able to assert its superiority to ensure it won every stanza.

Like Lindsay, Lions captain Jacob Wood showed tenacity for his side, willing to work hard whether in possession or applying pressure to opponents.

He ensured an onball presence for the outgunned Moe and finished with a goal, with Harrison Sim also doing some positive work for the beaten team.

Ben Morrow was named best for the Lions, recognising his toil in the ruck.

Harrison Pepper was Moe's only multiple goalscorer, managing a couple of majors.

Wonthaggi can expect a tight battle when it takes on Sale at Morwell Recreation Reserve in Saturday's Qualifying Final, with the winner to battle it out with Leongatha for a spot in the Grand Final.

Little separated Power and the Magpies in their two home and away meetings this season.

Wonthaggi commenced its 2022 campaign with an 8-point win over Sale, despite an inaccurate display that yielded Power just seven goals and 17 behinds.

When the sides met again in round 10, Power's vastly-improved accuracy made the difference in a 1-point win.

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