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TOTAL BUST

Liquidator says: 'No money' for builders' \$20M creditors

THE horrific fallout from the collapse Victorian-based building firm Langford Jones Homes, which operated extensively in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland areas, is still being calculated.

Liquidators RSM Australia Partners Jonathan Colbran and Richard Stone advised last week that there is insufficient assets to pay any money to the more than 400 creditors owed in excess of \$20 million.

"We advised creditors, that based on our initial assessment of the company's assets, there is presently insufficient money to pay a dividend to creditors.

"Our investigations are ongoing and there are assets that still need to be recovered and realised but at this stage it's not clear that there will be enough money to pay a dividend to creditors.

"This is obviously not the outcome anyone wants to see," Mr Colbran said.

One of those creditors is Donna Taylor, a postie of San Remo who told A Current Affair last week that she was out of pocket \$150,000 and had been left with a frame that is deteriorating in the weather.

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Liquidator says: 'No money' for builders' \$20M creditors

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"We're just gutted, we're angry. Absolutely devastated and angry that I have to just start again."

"We've done nothing wrong. I just don't know why they didn't stop earlier. There's got to be a better way to protect the innocent," she said.

The builders started the project in November 2020 and Ms Taylor shelled out \$150,000 for the first stage of work but by early the next year, work ceased and there's now an empty frame left on the site with no roof.

"It's a long road to working out what happens now. I'm going to have to keep working full time until I retire to pay off a debt I shouldn't have to be paying off."

"I'll have to start from scratch. I have to find out if the frame is viable to leave and if not get a roof put on it."

The liquidators have revealed that there are many more like Ms Taylor.

"At the time Langford Jones Homes went into voluntary liquidation, 66 homes were under construction. These homes are predominantly located along the Bass Coast and within the communities of San Remo and Phillip Island," said Jonathon Colbran, a partner with RSM Australia.

"In addition, a further 60 projects had not commenced but paid deposits."

"While investigations into the final level of creditor claims is continuing, at this stage it appears that there are 354 ordinary unsecured creditors - including about 48 homeowners and more than 300 trade creditors, including suppliers and sub-contractors - allowed in excess of \$12 million."

"In addition to these claims are loans that were made by members of the Langford-Jones family of \$7 million which appear to have been used to support the business," he said.

The details are evidence of the huge losses suffered by local tradies and building suppliers.

"Our investigations will consider a number of matters including the reasons for the Company's failure, and whether any payments to third parties can be clawed back for the benefit of creditors," Mr Colbran said.

"We will also be investigating whether the directors allowed the company to trade whilst it was insolvent and whether they may have breached their director duties,



San Remo's Donna Taylor has become the spokesperson for more than 126 would-be homeowners, many of them in Bass Coast, who have been crushed by the collapse of Langford Jones Homes. She told *A Current Affair* last week there's got to be a better way to protect the innocent.

which if found to be proven, may result in a personal liability of the directors for at least some of the losses suffered by creditors.

"Our findings from these investigations will also be reported to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)."

The liquidators have been liaising with Langford Jones Homes staff, who were all made redundant, to assist them lodge claims under the Australian Government's Fair Entitlement Guarantee (FEG) scheme.

"This scheme provides a safety net for the majority of employee entitlements and ensures that they are paid swiftly following the commencement of a liquidation which means they do not have to wait for recoveries to be made," Mr Colbran said.

As part of their investigations,

the liquidators have requested the books and records of a range of parties including external advisors, software providers, legal advisors, financial institutions, and the Australian Taxation Office.

Mr Colbran and Mr Stone will prepare a report to creditors that will be issued before September 30, 2022 detailing the results of their investigations. A meeting of creditors will then be held in October 2022 to discuss the report, the status of the winding up and proposed next steps.

For further information: Homeowners affected by the closure of Langford Jones Homes should contact Mr Vinod Karunasinghe via email at vinod.karunasinghe@rsm.com.au. Creditors should contact Anisha Maganty via email at anisha.maganty@rsm.com.au.

Where's the incentive?...they say

AFTER Bass Coast Shire issued an urgent plea for holiday homeowners to consider placing their property on the rental market, one ratepayer believes incentives should be offered to encourage uptake.

Earlier this month, the shire issued the appeal to ratepayers with secondary residences or holiday homes as the rental crisis continues to deepen.

The shire highlighted that as the region's population has increased significantly, recent Census data showed during 2021 that almost 39 per cent of houses were unoccupied.

They stated that the potential under-utilisation presented a housing opportunity.

The *Sentinel-Times* spoke with a holiday homeowner, who's property is located at Cape Patterson, as to whether or not they would consider it.

The property owner, who wished to remain anonymous, said unless the shire offered incentives to encourage owners to put their property up as a rental, it didn't seem worth it.

"In my view, if they want to push for that then they have got to provide incentives for homeowners to do so," the homeowner said.

"What are those incentives? Well get rid of rates," they remarked humorously.

"Or get rid of land tax or provide a subsidy in rates."

"You can't just ask people and there's no incentive."

"Don't forget you've got to do it on a permanent basis."

When explaining the decision, the ratepayer said the family had worked to build the property for their private enjoyment, as it is not used as an Airbnb.

"I've built that house, and by renting it out on a permanent basis, I forgo my privilege in using that house that I've dreamt of building and worked so hard on," they said.

"I won't have that opportunity once I rent it out."

"And the second issue, it's fully furnished, so if I'm going to rent it out, I have to remove all that furniture and store it somewhere."

The ratepayer also highlighted other issues if the property was to be tenanted, such as if they have pets or other needs.

The *Sentinel-Times* contacted Mayor, Michael Whelan to ask if the shire was considering any incentives or ways to encourage secondary homeowners to take up the offer.

Cr Whelan highlighted that it is extremely difficult, for example, to differentiate rates as an incentive, as the rates system is highly regulated.

"Basically, we're wanting people to understand the problem and the problem is that there's a shortage of workers," Cr Whelan said.

"Even if you can get workers, you've got to house them and there's nothing around to rent."

Cr Whelan highlighted that this issue also greatly affects holiday homeowners too, as many of their favourite venues when they visit are critically understaffed, as well as other vital services.

"Its impact is across the board," he said.

"It's really about saying to people, look this is a community problem and we are asking them to think about whether they want to be part of the solution."

"We're not putting any pressure on them."

Cr Whelan added the shire is trying to find ways to alleviate the issue in any way they can, but it requires much more assistance from the state and federal governments.

"It's impacting people's livelihoods, we need a solution," he said.

"Our focus is saying to the community there's a problem, and we want to make sure you know about it and the solution could be this and are you interested in helping us out."

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IN BRIEF

Construction starts on new Bunnings

BUNNINGS is excited to confirm that construction has commenced on the replacement Bunnings Warehouse in Wonthaggi, which is expected to create around 50 new team member jobs for local residents.

Spanning more than 9000 square metres, the store represents an investment of more than \$30 million in the local community and will feature the main retail area, an outdoor nursery, as well as a timber trade drive through.

All team members from the existing Wonthaggi smaller format store will transfer to the new warehouse once complete.

Bunnings Regional operations manager, Andrew Gilkes, said the Wonthaggi team were looking forward to providing customers with a much wider range of home and lifestyle products.

"We look forward to providing further updates as construction progresses and expect to welcome local residents to the new store in mid-2023."

Bunnings Wonthaggi will be located at the corner of McKenzie Street and White Road, Wonthaggi.

Gippsland Business Awards announced

THE 2022 Gippsland Business Awards were announced on Friday at the gala dinner ceremony with Foster based boutique beverage producer, Gurneys Cidery, winning the top honour in recognition of their well-defined business plan, encompassing technology and environmental interests, along with innovations in production, wrapping and storage of cider.

The pinnacle business awards in the region, Gippsland Business Awards provide an opportunity to showcase the endeavours of Gippsland Businesses, with more than 300 people from

across the region filling the Federation University auditorium to celebrate the best of the region's business sector.

Congratulations to all the finalists from Bass Coast and South Gippsland including, Chapter Barn, FIMA Finance, Harman Wines, Prom Country Cheese, Conquer Health Physiotherapy, The Ivy Plant Studio, Wattlebank Farm and Sunscape Solar.

Install solar on your new home and save

THE State Government will expand the eligibility for the solar panel rebate to new homes under construction through its Solar Homes program.

According to the government, the changes will save homeowners up to \$800 on installation costs by fitting panels as they wire the electricity to their new homes, as well as an average of \$1073 each year in energy costs.

Under the changes, eligible Victorians building homes will be able to apply for a rebate of \$1400 as well as being able to access a \$1400 interest free loan to install solar panels during construction.

Household solar is expected to generate 12.5 per cent of Victoria's 40 per cent renewable energy target by 2025.

Government data revealed the number of approved applications state-wide, including local areas such as:

- Wonthaggi- 249 (applications approved)
- Cowes- 454
- Leongatha- 211
- Inverloch- 329

While ABS data also showed that the number of building approvals during 2020-21 for Wonthaggi-Inverloch was 615, Phillip Island 224 and Leongatha 84.

This financial year, there are 64,000 Government rebates available for solar PV systems.

Applicants must use a Solar Victoria authorised retailer

and install a product included on the approved products list to qualify for the rebate.

For further information, including eligibility criteria, visit solar.vic.gov.au.

Wonthaggi fuel hours extended

THOSE wanting to fill up their vehicles in Wonthaggi, early in the morning or later at night, will be pleased to hear the BP in McKenzie Street is looking to extend its hours.

Evans Petroleum has submitted an application to amend the conditions of its permit to make the hours of operation 6am to 11pm.

Tenders for rail trail bridge

THE Wellington Shire at Sale has called tenders for the construction of a number of bridges on the eastern end of the Great Southern Rail Trail between Alberton and Welshpool.

There is also a tender for the preparation of 22kms of pavement further extending the trail from Welshpool and Alberton, plus resealing the track that already exists between Alberton and Yarram.

The works represent a major expansion in the trail, having recently been developed between Leongatha and Nyora.

Equipment boost for local hospitals

PREMIER Daniel Andrews and Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas have announced 38 health services and public health laboratories state-wide, including Bass Coast Health and Gippsland Southern Health Service, will share in \$105 million of new equipment.

As part of the latest round of the Medical Equipment Replacement Program, hospitals will receive new equipment for acute services – including CT scanners, MRIs, X-Ray units and digital retinal imag-

ing capture systems as well as heart equipment such as echo-cardiogram and fluoroscopy units.

In addition, as part of the latest round of the Engineering Infrastructure Replacement Program, hospitals will upgrade important infrastructure such as generators, chillers, emergency lighting, nurse call systems, air conditioning systems and patient lifts.

Surgery facilities will also be boosted through the \$20 million Surgical Equipment Innovation Fund, which is investing in items such as endoscopes, ultrasound units, microscopes, monitors, operating tables, anaesthetic machines, lasers and sterilisers.

The funding will also be a major boost for regional Victoria, with 21 regional health services upgrading and replacing 178 items of equipment in operating suites, surgical wards, intensive care units and neonatal areas.

Bass Coast students unite for environmental action

STUDENTS from ten schools across the Bass Coast will come together for an environmental conference at the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre on Friday.

They will spend the day teaching peers, embracing environmental leadership and sharing learnings from mentors as part of the Kids Teaching Kids Bass Coast Conference.

As part of the peer-teaching journey, students will deliver and participate in hands-on activities, identifying floral and faunal species, repurposing plastic bottles, exploring waste management techniques and participating in a mini Climate-Watch trail as citizen scientists.

Mentors from Bass Coast Council, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Coast Care and more will be supporting these young leaders.

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Your feedback this week on offshore turbines

THE distance to the horizon, for a person of average height, standing on the beach and looking out to sea, is 4.8km.

That's not good news if you're standing on the beach at Cape Woolamai where it is proposed by the Australian Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen, that turbines of up to 350 metres in height can be located as close as 4.7km offshore.

In other words, almost the entire height of these enormous structures, from the water line to the top of the massive turbine blades, will be clearly visible from the beach.

If you're looking out to sea from a height of 10 metres, i.e. from the top of the boardwalk, the distance to the horizon is 11.4km. The turbines will be in full view, halfway to the horizon.

If you want that OK, sit tight.

If not, you have been presented with two feedback opportunities before consideration of several offshore wind energy development areas, close to the shoreline along Bass Coast and South Gippsland, goes back to the government for decision on October 7, 2022.

The Department of Industry Science and Resources is offering a series of "Gippsland Offshore Renewable Open House Information Sessions" scheduled at these drop-in locations:

- Yarram: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at the Regent Theatre 4pm – 6pm.
- Wonthaggi: Thursday, September 1, 2022 at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club 11am – 2pm.
- Leongatha: Thursday, September 1, 2022 at the South Gippsland Shire Council Chambers 5pm – 7pm.



International investors are lining up to build offshore wind farms off the coast of Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

You can also make a submission on the Department of Industry's 'Consultation Hub' at <https://consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland>

The department's The Offshore Renewable Energy Team said this about the drop-in sessions:

"As part of the consultation for the public consultation on the Gippsland area under consideration for offshore renewable energy, we have scheduled community open house drop-in information sessions in the week of 29 August, 2022 in the Gippsland region. These sessions do not require registration, are free to join, and have no set agenda—so members of the community are encouraged to attend whenever

suits them best, during the session, and to stay for as long as they like. The sessions are an opportunity for people to ask questions, discuss issues of importance and learn more about making a submission on the Gippsland area under consideration.

"If members of the media sector plan on participating – we ask that you attend during the first 15 minutes of a session – that way the rest of the session can be left for the general public.

"The open house sessions will have representatives from different government bodies involved with planning around offshore renewable energy giving the community the opportunity to direct questions to

the most relevant agencies.

"The locations of the open house sessions have been chosen based on large community interest in offshore wind/transmission development and in consultation with the various representatives, including the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner."

Feedback so far

- **Lynne Nicholas:** I would much rather see the turbines out in water than breathe in all the air from the coal powered stations. So much better for the environment and I actually think they look awesome.
- **Tim Le Roy:** Would love to see the response if proposed in Port Phillip Bay. Makes so much more sense, close to users, less power lines, shallow water and that warm cosy feeling of being a green city is hard to beat.
- **Mark Williams:** One nuclear power plant will produce more Clean Energy than all the offshore wind projects in Victoria.
- **Sharon Thomas:** Filled with litres and litres of oil, an environmental disaster waiting to happen. When it happens, I expect Brandt and fellow idiots out there cleaning it up.
- **Jay Huck:** You cannot fight The Green Dream... just accept the lunacy and get on with life.
- **Hans Steevens:** So what if you can see them? Go to the Latrobe Valley and you'll see a massive hole and coal dust on buildings and cars. So, we stop progress because we might catch a glimpse of where our power comes from. Had a look at a coal power station lately?



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Council Update

Notice Under Domestic Animals Act 1994 - Control of Dogs in the Shire

On the 16 February 2022, the Bass Coast Shire Council (Council) made an order under section 26(2) of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* (Act) in relation to the control of dogs in areas within Bass Coast Shire.

This order is effective from the date of this notice.

1. Revocation of previous orders

All previous orders made by Council under section 26(2) of the act are revoked.

2. Dogs must be on a leash

All dogs must be restrained by a chain, cord or leash in all public places (other than those in private ownership) in Council's municipal district with the exception of Designated Off Leash Areas.

For the purpose of this Order:

'Designated Off Leash Area' means any place or part of an area declared by a resolution of Council included in this order.

'Public place' has the same meaning as in section 3 of the *Summary Offences Act 1966*.

3. Designated Off Leash Areas

The following areas are designated off leash areas:

- Glen Forbes Recreation Reserve, 1720 Dalyston–Glen Forbes Road;
- Kilcunda beach area west of the Caravan Park access track, for 150 metres towards the rocks;
- Ventnor beach area between Graydens Road and Ventnor Beach Road, Phillip Island;
- Blue Gum Reserve, Dunsmore Road, Cowes;
- Coronet Bay beach 80 metres south of Norsemens Road entrance towards Coronet Bay township, ending in line with the end of Kowloon Crescent;
- Corinella beach 90 metres south of the Beach Street access, southeast to O'Connor Road ending before the access to the beach;
- Tenby Point beach 55 metres east of the bottom of the access track to the Council land boundary ending in line with the eastern end of Marine Parade;
- Grantville beach 30 metres south of the Swan Street beach access south towards the boat ramp and ending at the Grantville Hall beach access track;
- Strickland Street Reserve, off Korumburra Road to the rear of Butch West Oval;
- Reserve at the end of Endeavour Place, between Mariner Place, Regatta Place and Artisan Way, Inverloch;
- Reserve at the end of Inlet Court, Queenscliff Drive, Headland Way and Somerset Place, Inverloch;
- Beach area east of Grandview Grove through to Cuttriss Street, Inverloch.

3.1 From the date of this notice, in each of the following areas dogs may be off leash at any time between 1 February and 30 November and dogs must be on leash between 6.00 pm and 10.00 am on any day between 1 December to 31 January.

- Cape Paterson, beach area between Whale Rock at First Surf Beach, around 250 metres east towards the Channel;
- Inverloch, beach area between Ozone Street access track and Wave Street access track;
- Cape Woolamai, beach area between Palm Beach Avenue access track 350 metres south to Southport Avenue access track;
- Cowes West, beach area from the Yacht Club access track to approximately 50 metres short of the Cowes Anderson Boat Ramp;
- San Remo, beach area Fooths Beach, from the Back Beach Road access track through Lions Park to Marine Parade beach access track;
- First Surf Beach from Whale Rock, around 250 metres east towards the Channel.

3.2 Bass Coast Shire Council (Council) make an order pursuant to section 26(2) of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* that the following conditions apply to all dog Designated Off Leash Areas:

- A dog may be exercised off a chain, cord or leash in a Designated Off Leash Area during the times allowed in that area if the owner of the dog:
 - a. carries a chain, cord or leash; and
 - b. has at all times effective voice control of the dog and is able to place the dog under effective control by means of chain, cord or leash immediately if necessary; and
 - c. does not allow the dog to attack a person or animal or rush at a person; and
 - d. always keeps the dog in sight.
- If a dog is off a chain, cord or leash in a Designated Off Leash Area, it must be brought under effective control by the owner by means of chain, cord or leash if it is within twenty (20) metres of:
 - a. an arena or ground of an organised sporting or practice event; or
 - b. a children's play equipment area; or
 - c. a permanent barbecue or picnic area.

For the purpose of this Order:

'Owner' has the same meaning as in the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

'Rush at' has the same meaning as in the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

4. Dog prohibited areas:

From the date of this notice, the following restrictions apply:

Dogs are not permitted on these Council managed beaches from 1 December to 14 April and the Easter School Holidays each year between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm:

- The Bay Beach, Cape Paterson;
- First Surf Beach, Cape Paterson;
- Second Surf Beach, Cape Paterson.

Dogs are not permitted on these Council managed beaches from 1 December to 28 February and the Easter School Holidays each year between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm:

- From the beach entrance at Wave Street to Wreck Creek, Inverloch;
- From the beach entrance at Cuttriss Street, Inverloch to the beach entrance at Anderson Inlet;
- Inverloch (Caravan Park) opposite the Broadbeach Reserve;
- From the end of Venus Street to the Esplanade car park opposite Bay Street, Inverloch.

Dogs are not permitted on the following beaches from 1 December to 30 April and the Easter School Holidays each year from 8.00 pm to 7.00 am and 10.00 am to 5.00 pm:

- Cape Woolamai Safety Beach (southern end of The Esplanade to Cleeland Road);
- Rhyll Beach (McIlwraith Road to Hastings Street);
- all northern beaches from Ventnor to the eastern most part of Silverleaves with the exception of Cowes Main Beach (Mussel Rocks to Erehwon Point) where dogs are prohibited at all times.

In the following areas dogs are prohibited at any time on the beach:

- From the beach entrance at Anderson Inlet (Caravan Park) 230 metres east of the Inverloch Angling Club, to Screw Creek, Inverloch;
- Cowes Main Beach (Mussel Rocks to Erehwon Point);
- The Jetty Beach Precinct San Remo, between the Jetty and the bridge.

Consultation ramps up on crucial housing strategy

COMMUNITY members have wasted no time in having their say on the shire's Housing and Neighbourhood Character strategy.

Feedback began last week with in-person sessions held at Inverloch and Phillip Island.

A key aspect of the strategy highlights that with the population expected to hit almost 50,000 residents by 2036, the demand will see the need for almost 10,000 additional dwellings.

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 report indicates that 534 – 656 additional dwellings will be



Cheryl Padgett had much to say on the shire's Housing and Neighbourhood Character strategy while attending a feedback session at Inverloch last week. Ns043522

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.

Community feedback

The Sentinel-Times spoke with some residents at the Inverloch session last week, who highlighted they were surprised to see no mention of homelessness and how the shire will manage the issue.

Cheryl Padgett, who has campaigned heavily against over-development in Cape Paterson,

said she believed the strategies seemed to be developer-led in regards to Cape Paterson.

"The community voice is not in the document," she said.

"There's no discussion against constraints about development in Cape Paterson."

Ms Padgett added while she was not against development and understood the need for housing, she questioned if housing demand would continue at the high rate seen over the pandemic.

"We had a peak when new industries came such as the Desalination Plant, and we then we

had COVID and it peaked," she said.

"I wonder if that demand is going to continue."

Dozens of comments have also been contributed by locals via the shire's Engage website, where they are asked to detail what characteristics residents like about their neighbourhood and where new housing should be directed to.

Here's what some residents had to say:

"Keep the current town boundaries and don't allow residential subdivision beyond the Bass Highway boundary in the north. Inverloch is currently expanding

in the east and west, we don't need it in the north too," one resident stated.

"Keep new houses to two storeys. There is a current trend of knocking down old beach houses and building big mansions taking up the entire block. Inverloch is quickly turning into another Torquay and losing its beach charm," another added.

"I moved from the suburbs to Kilcunda to enjoy the open space, beach lifestyle and community feel but with the continued subdivision of land the area is at risk of losing the character residents value. Development should come in conjunction with supporting infrastructure but continued development in small communities is a concern," said another.

An outline of the strategy includes:

- October - December 2022: Preparation of draft Neighbourhood Character Study, Residential Development Framework and Housing Strategy
- December - January 2023: Public consultation
- March - April 2023: Preparation of final Neighbourhood Character Study, Residential Development Framework and Housing Strategy
- Mid 2023: Council meeting to consider final Neighbourhood Character Study, Residential Development Framework and Housing Strategy
- Feedback closes on Friday, September 16, 2022.

For more information, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodcharacterhousing

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Help shape Cowes streetscape works

BASS Coast Shire Council is seeking community feedback on the draft Cowes Streetscape Master Plan.

The Master Plan sets out options for the improvement of Cowes' main community and visitor activity hub on Thompson Avenue, The Esplanade and Bass Avenue, and respond to population and tourism growth by delivering an attractive social, dining and retail environment, prioritising pedestrian use.

Community consultation on the draft concepts will open on Monday, August 29 and close on Sunday, October 2.

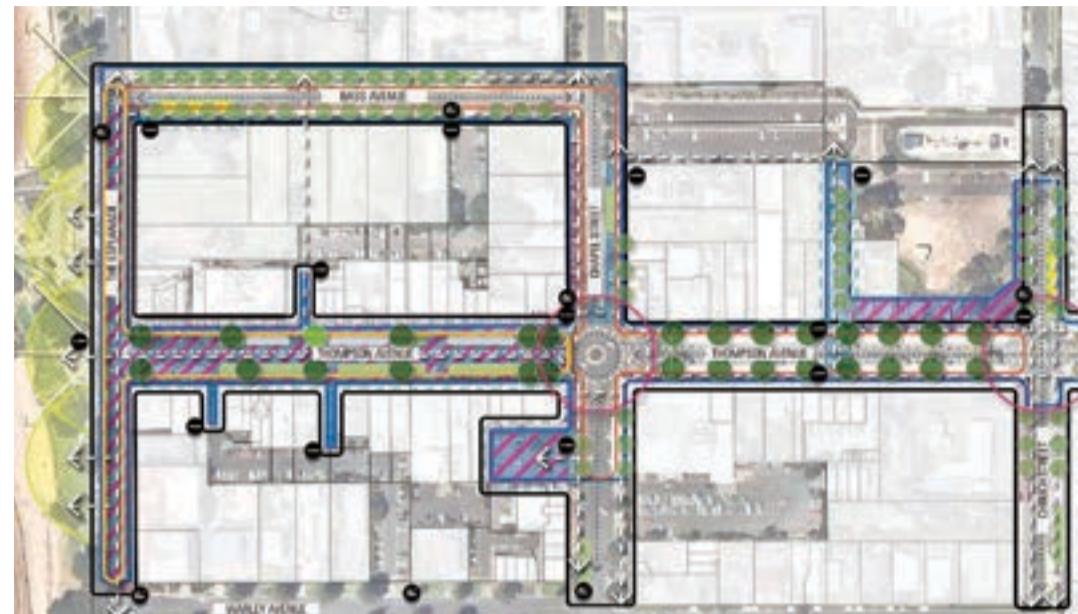
Drop-in sessions are also being held to view the plans and provide feedback in person. The sessions will be held at Olive Justice Place, 70 Chapel Street Cowes on:

Tuesday, September 20 from 10.00am to 1.00pm

Thursday, September 22 from 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Saturday, October 1 from 11.00am to 1.00pm

The Cowes Streetscape Master Plan Project aims to connect the township to the foreshore, reinvigorate the character of Cowes, and change the transport modal hierarchy in favour of pedestrians and promote



An aerial view of the proposed streetscape works for section 1 between Chapel Street and The Esplanade along Thompson Avenue.

sustainable mobility.

The Master Plan addresses incentives to ride and walk by providing protected bike lanes which will create safe and comfortable environments to travel, ensuring safe access to all pedestrians, and shared streetscapes.

This project is part of the greater Cowes Activity Centre Plan.

Some of the greatest changes will occur in Thompson

Ave between Chapel Street and The Esplanade, with traffic transitioning to one-way southbound vehicle traffic only with limited parallel parking options.

In Section 1 – Thompson Avenue North and The Esplanade, the current 66 parking spaces will be reduced to 24 with four taxi rank spaces.

Section 2 parking will be reduced from 73 to 61, Section 3 – Chapel Street to 41

from 46, Section 5 – Church Street will transition from 12 spaces and 12 informal spaces to 11 parking spaces, whilst Bass Avenue will revert from 6 formal and 42 informal spaces to 40 parking spaces in the short-term plan and 58 in the long-term plan.

For more information, provide your feedback or to receive updates on this project, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/streetscapescowes

No power over power pole issue

FOLLOWING the installation of power poles at Bonwick Avenue in San Remo and the subsequent upheaval from residents, the shire has stated they have no direct input and cannot overrule the matter.

According to the shire, power poles were installed near properties along Bonwick Avenue to service a 29-lot subdivision that was approved by Council via a planning permit, for Western Port Views Estate.

A number of residents were left concerned and angered by the installation, citing a lack of consultation.

The following is a statement from the shire's CEO Ali Wastie.

"Once a planning permit has been issued, the servicing authorities (Westernport Water, NBN Co, Ausnet) approve the plans for their infrastructure and supervise the works on site," she said.

"Council has no direct input into these requirements and cannot overrule other authorities on their requirements."

Ms Wastie explained that when the issue was first raised, council contacted Ausnet to understand if there was any scope to change the power supply.

"Ausnet indicated that they were willing to work with the developer on an alternative proposal, however the developer would need to agree to amend their plans.

"This did not occur. The works have now been signed off by Ausnet. The Statement of Compliance has been issued for the new estate and the issue of titles is imminent.

"As the power has been installed in line with the requirements of the planning permit and signed off by Ausnet, Council has no power to intervene in this matter."

Ms Wastie added council had contacted Ausnet if there was any way to resolve the issue, and were advised:

- There is not enough power in the existing infrastructure to service the new estate
- It is their policy position across the state to provide overhead infrastructure in brownfield developments

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Domestic Animal Management Plan

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking community feedback to help update its Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP). The Domestic Animal Management Plan is a four-year document that provides a strategic approach toward the promotion of responsible pet ownership and animal welfare.

You can provide feedback at:

LISTENING POSTS:

Foster: 1 September 9am - 11am
(in the alleyway next to Foster Foodworks)

Mirboo North: 1 September 12pm - 2pm (at the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation)

Leongatha: 6 September 9am - 11am (in the foyer of Memorial Hall)

Korumburra: 6 September 12pm - 2pm (at the Korumburra Meeting Room)

ONLINE WORKSHOP

Online workshop 8 September:
7pm - 8pm (book at Your Say link below)

ONLINE SURVEY OR SUBMISSION:

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL Rates Notice Update



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:

<https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/ratesfaq>

For more information please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/rates

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:
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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/335 – Design and Construct Irrigation, Drainage, Re-shape and Seed to Foster Showgrounds Football Oval

A pre-tender meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 September at 9am at Foster Showgrounds Football Oval. All submitters are requested to attend.

Tenders close 2pm AEST on Tuesday 13 September 2022.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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Council impounded the following vehicles in accordance with Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1989 on 27-Jul-2022 from Spencers Road, Leongatha North and Stevens Road, Kardella South

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Ratepayers whose properties or businesses have risen in value more sharply than the shire-wide average have faced a rate increase of more than 1.75 per cent.



Rate surge for some, pleasant surprise for others

SOUTH Gippsland's average property valuation increase across the shire was just under 37 percent for the year to the start of January 2022.

Venus Bay recorded a staggering average rise of 77.92 percent, reflecting the surge in the value of coastal properties.

The popular tourist destination is part of the shire's Coastal-Promontory Ward, which had an average property value rise of 48.47 percent for the year.

This year some ratepayers are in for a nasty shock when they receive their rate notices, but others will get a pleasant surprise, with an increase in property value not always meaning higher rates, and some people set to pay less than last year.

While the average rate notice rises by 1.75 percent, in line with the Victorian Government's statewide rate cap, the applicable rates for individual properties vary greatly based on their valuation relative to other properties in the shire.

"The key issue in determining your share of the 1.75 percent rate cap increase is how your property valuation has moved in comparison to the average movement of other properties in South Gippsland," council states.

Its accounting systems coordinator

Stuart Smith explained how that works in theory.

"The average property valuation increase is 37 percent, so if everyone's property increased by that amount, everyone would get a 1.75 percent rate rise," Mr Smith said.

Therefore, those whose properties have risen in value more sharply than the shire-wide average face a rate increase of above 1.75 percent, while others will benefit from their properties having risen in value at a lower rate than the shire-wide average.

With Venus Bay properties skyrocketing in value at over double the shire-wide average, its residents are among those to suffer bill shock when they open their rate notices.

They face an average rate hike of \$476 more than last year, equating to a 33.67 percent average rate rise.

While Foster's average property valuation rose from \$462,246 last year to \$612,096 this year, an average increase of \$149,850, or a 32.42 percent average rise, its residents will enjoy a 2.37 percent average reduction in their rates this year.

They'll save almost \$46 on average compared to last year.

Properties are valued each year for rating and for land tax, Mr Smith said, explaining that is a requirement.

"Valuers use comparative property sales, rental data, location, size, age and condition of a property to determine each property's individual valuation," Mr Smith said.

South Gippsland Shire residents who believe their properties have been overvalued have 60 days to object to the valuation.

Until the end of June, South Gippsland Shire Council had its own internal valuers, being one of three Victorian councils to opt out of relying on centralised valuations, something that is no longer permitted for future valuations.

The Victorian Government's Valuer General certified the overall valuation of council's internal valuers, forming the basis of this year's rates notices.

Those who wish to lodge an objection are encouraged to contact council's rates team, with relevant details provided on rates notices.

It should be noted that the valuation is determined based on the existing market conditions at the start of January this year.

The rates team can also assist with arranging a payment plan for anyone with concerns about their ability to pay their rates, with people encouraged to make contact as soon as possible if that applies.

Rate cap more challenging in rural setting

SOUTH Gippsland Shire and other rural councils feel the impact of State Government imposed rate capping more acutely than metropolitan councils.

Council's performance and innovation director Allison Jones and mayor Mohya Davies spoke of the challenges involved in providing the services and facilities required by South Gippsland communities, within the constraints of the 1.75 percent rate cap.

While metropolitan councils are bound by the same rate cap, their circumstances are vastly different in terms of reliance on rate revenue and the expenses they face, the pair argue.

"City of Port Phillip can raise \$60 million in parking (revenue), and therefore they can have lower rates," Ms Jones said by way of example of the rate cap divide

she perceives.

"It can impact what councils are going to be able to do in terms of maintaining infrastructure," Cr Davies said of rate capping's effect in a rural setting.

She pointed to the present increased cost of construction and the fact the shire's extensive road network costs a fortune to maintain.

"It means that we're going backwards," Cr Davies said of the inability to generate the required level of revenue through rates.

Council's accounting systems coordinator Stuart Smith elaborated on the vast differences between rural and metropolitan councils and their rate revenue requirements.

He said the City of Stonnington, for example, has a population of 106,000 people, 164 kilometres of sealed roads, no unsealed roads,

and a total land area of 26 square kilometres.

"When you compare that to South Gippsland, we've got 30,000 people, 820 kilometres of sealed roads and 1,280 kilometres of unsealed roads which we have to maintain, and our total land area is 3,300 square kilometres," Mr Smith said.

"Mathematically, that is why rural councils bear the burden of needing to have higher rates to pay for the services we provide," he said of the need to provide required services and infrastructure to a much smaller population distributed over a far larger area.

The distance between South Gippsland towns also requires duplication of infrastructure such as swimming pools and associated maintenance, further adding to costs and the need to raise sufficient revenue.

Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies



RATES notices will start hitting email inboxes and letterboxes from this week. I, like other Councillors and Council staff understand that this can be a stressful time and it is understandable to feel all kinds of emotions, including frustration.

For many residents, the annual rates notice is one of the larger bills you receive each year. Unlike taxes - which fund the Federal and State Government and are generally taken out of

your income before you see it - your contribution to projects and services in South Gippsland is presented via the annual rates notice.

Like them or not, rates provide valuable services that help make South Gippsland a great place to live. These services include Maternal and Child Health, immunisation, playgrounds and sporting facilities. This is in addition to essential services such as roads, footpaths, parks and gardens, weed management, waste and recycling. If you have questions about your rates, I would encourage you to book an appointment with our rates team via Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/rates

When speaking with staff, please be respectful and considerate in your conversations as being rude to staff is not on, and will not be tolerated.

After all, they are all just doing their jobs and do not deserve to be treated with any disrespect.

There are a number of ways to pay your rates including in full by 15 February 2023 and instalment plans. Instalment plans can be organised by calling the Rates team on 5662 9200.

If you wish to object to your valuation, you can do so. Valuations are now handled by the State Government's Valuer General, but our Rates team will happily assist you with the objection process.

As you may have heard, the Commonwealth Government has earmarked the coast of South Gippsland as a prime space to build the first offshore wind farm. To help understand the community's sentiment on this topic, the Commonwealth Government are conducting public

consultation including a number of open house sessions across Gippsland.

One of these sessions will happen in South Gippsland and is open to everyone with no registrations required. It will be held at Council Chambers, 1 Michael Place Leongatha, on Thursday 1 September between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. Submissions to the Commonwealth Government are also available to those who wish to have their say. These close 11.59pm on 7 October 2022. Please visit: <https://consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland>

There are still a few roads closed in our region following recent inclement weather. Council is also aware of a number of people ignoring road closed signs and continuing down them. I just want to remind you that road closed means road closed. They are closed for a reason and anyone driving along them is putting their lives at risk. Please also remember to drive to conditions, even on roads that are open. Most roads have been impacted by this weather and while the teams are moving as fast as they can to fix them, the ongoing weather is posing a challenge. Please look out for any signage warning you of hazards and travel safely.

Thank you to the community and all other organisations that play a part in road safety. It has been a challenging time, but having good people around makes all the difference. People have been working hard to get our roads in better condition, but it is a slow process. Thank you all for your perseverance.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the organisers of the Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show and Leon "Gather" Street Festival for a great weekend of activities. The Leongatha Horticultural Society and the Leongatha Business Association do a tremendous job coordinating these events and it's wonderful to see the events well supported.

It was also lovely that local artist Melanie Capple was a special guest at this year's Festival -- I'm sure the magnificent flowers on display will help to inspire her next floral artworks. Well done to all involved.

Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



AS PART of my role as Mayor, I am honoured to also be the Chair of the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA). The Alliance was formed in 2004, bringing nine Victorian councils together with a vision for communities to thrive, while living a zero emissions lifestyle and building resilience in a changing climate.

Back then, the Alliance was calling on all governments to prioritise climate action. Now we are declaring climate emergency and urging our State and Federal leaders to take action.

The SECCCA region is home to one million Victorians, in a diverse mix of metropolitan, peri urban and rural communities. It produces \$85 billion in Gross Regional Product and is one Australia's largest manufacturing regions - producing more than 45 per cent of Victoria's manufactured product.

Climate change is costing our community. Heatwaves are becoming more frequent, rainfall is less than average, yet flooding events are more common. These impacts are costing the community by putting pressure on infrastructure spending and causing increases in insurance premiums and energy bills.

Community surveys in SECCCA communities show a high level of concern about the impacts of climate change. Our community is demanding action.

Last week, SECCCA launched its policy platform, outlining advocacy priorities in the lead up to the State

Election, and is calling for a commitment from the government to achieve net zero emissions by 2040 or earlier. We are asking both State and Federal governments to legislate at least 67 percent reduction by 2030 to keep warming below 1.5 degrees. We want to see a State and National Roadmap developed to set out the path to net zero, and for governments to make strategic investments to support community access to renewable energy.

SECCCA is calling for priority investment in our region, for active and zero emissions transport, greener, cooler, more liveable cities and net zero carbon buildings, including updating the Victorian Planning Scheme to include 'Zero Net Carbon' and investment in climate adaptation projects.

Over the past three weeks, we have met with State and Federal ministers and their Shadows responsible for climate change, infrastructure, local government, disaster management, as well as State and federal members who represent the SECCCA region and the State and Federal Departments who are responsible for climate change, low carbon transport and disaster management.

I'm pleased to say that in all our discussions, we've had excellent feedback on our policy which has been described as clear, concise and actionable.

For more information on SECCCA, please visit www.seccca.org.au or follow them on Twitter and LinkedIn.

Shire to consider reverting parking restrictions

BUSINESS owners in Marine Parade, San Remo are hoping that Bass Coast Shire will amend parking restrictions after their August 17 meeting, as the two-hour limits are resulting in fines for employees.

A petition was submitted to council on May 18, 2022, with the request to change the current parking restrictions at the end of Marine Pde San Remo.

The main parking in question is located between Bergin Grove and Back Beach Road.

Local business owner Floss Gorsuch has discussed the issue with the trader's association and is asking council to reinstate all day parking from Bergin Grove.

"Right now, the all-day parallel parking on Marine Pde from Wynne Road to Bergin Grove is full and the limited amount of parking pushes business owners to the south side, resulting in customers and employees having to move their vehicles every two hours," said Floss.

"The issue is that the two-hour parking on the south side is majorly empty during the day, so why can't we have all day parking down this side to limit the fines being placed on business owners and their employees."



Owner of the San Remo Post office, Khyati is seeing business owners and residents being fined due to the new parking restrictions in Marine Parade, San Remo. Z01_3522

Owners of the San Remo Post office, Khyati and Deepak have seen a congestion issue down the busy main street of Wynne Road; a narrow street that is an access road to the San Remo Kindergarten, San Remo Primary School and the recreation reserve.

"There is also no parking allowed at the entrance of Wynne Road, directly adjacent to the post office boxes, therefore residents aren't able to stop in quickly and

get their mail because Wynne Road is so congested," said Khyati.

"As a result of the two-hour parking, business owners are parking down this street in all day parking in front of homes and limiting space in and out of driveways and causing congestion down the small narrow street."

"We understand the council have made the recent changes to the parking, especially the east end of

Marine Pde with good intentions in mind but it has in fact created far more problems than it was to solve," said Floss.

"Working in the street every day, we should have been given the opportunity to have a consultation with council on what would work and what wouldn't," said Floss.

"The restrictions have also created a problem in Back Beach Road, which didn't exist before, because the parking spaces in this area are private land and this causes confusion for the public."

Bass Coast Shire Council noted at the August 17 meeting that they support the recommendation and acknowledged that all San Remo traders are working towards what is best for the town.

The matter will be re-addressed before December 2022.

Cr Bruce Kent said council officers will look at these issues with an open mind, and looks forward to any positive outcome.

Floss said there was never a need for restrictions at that end of town and the noticeable change since the restrictions has been negative, creating far more congestion in the smaller side streets.

Get ready for Smart Parking in Bass Coast motorists!



BASS Coast Shire has begun installing Smart Parking sensors at parking bays in Cowes and Wonthaggi this week.

The parking bays will be unavailable while works are underway, with signage in place to notify motorists.

However, the shire has assured the project won't impact the current number of bays and there won't be any changes to parking limits or restrictions.

A timeline of installation includes:

Mid - late August: Night works from 08:00pm to 06:00am to install 262 on-street bays in Wonthaggi, on Graham Street and McBride Avenue.

Mid September: Day works from 07:00am to 05:00pm to install poles and Variable Message Sign installation in Thompson Avenue on Church Street and Chapel Street.

The project will go live in October, with a Smart Parking guidance app to assist drivers on available spots.

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Minister's tour marks huge funding commitment

FOLLOWING the State Government's announcement of \$10m in funding towards the National Vietnam Veterans Museum's new site, the Minister for Veterans was given a grand tour of the current facility last week.

The visit highlighted to Minister Shaun Leane the need for a new facility, and showcased the incredible history and artefacts currently on display.

Also joining the tour was Member for Bass Jordan

Crugnale and MP Tien Kieu, with the tour having a special meaning for Mr Kieu who was a refugee from Vietnam.

Guiding the tour was the museum's founder John Methven and director Gary Elliott, who were overjoyed that the government had provided funding towards their new facility.

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

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.

According to the museum, the current infrastructure

threatens the collection's safety, restoration, preservation and growth, with the entire collection at a high risk of total fire loss.

The museum is also currently displaying Serving Country, a photographic exhibition that recognises the valuable contribution of Australian First Nations peoples who have served or are serving in defence forces.

The display will be at the museum until early November 2022.



Carmel Smith said she never previously realised how many types of daffodils there are, but has got her order in for some of the varieties for next season. A41_3522

Sun shines on Leongatha's daffodil street festival

LEONGATHA'S Bair Street burst into life on Saturday morning, with people flocking to town to enjoy the sun's warming rays and the vibrant social occasion as the town celebrated the equally radiant daffodil.

Attendees shopped at an array of stalls, and enjoyed the music of the popular South Gippsland Shire Brass Band as well as other performers.

Kids relished the chance to learn about an intriguing mix of wildlife, from the Animals of Oz team.

Manager Karah Wright introduced freshwater crocodile Johnson to the Sentinel-Times, saying the business gives people the opportunity to meet animals, touch them and make a connection.

Leongatha's Carmel Smith was into the spirit of the event, having bought a bunch of daffodils and ordered some bulbs for next season, including a 'Tequila' variety.

"It is yellow with a double centre and orange and yellow through it," Carmel said.

Tea and a tasty treat were available at St Peter's Anglican Church where people could check out a number of exhibits, each representing a different stage of life

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Irish eyes on Wonthaggi's coast for wind power

WIND energy development sites, off the coast of Wonthaggi, Phillip Island and Port Albert, could be the site of yet another massive wind energy project if one of the world's biggest renewable energy developers, the Ireland-based DP Energy group, has its way.

It seems as if these international firms are lining up around the block to get a foothold after Australian Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen named six offshore development regions with world-class offshore wind energy potential on August 5 this year.

Among the most promising are several tenements close to the Gippsland coast, about which public consultation has already begun.

Make a submission before October 7 at <https://consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland>

The latest to weigh in with its interest is DP Energy which already has numerous big wind farms operating across Ireland, Scotland and Canada but with another 15 projects at various stages of development and construction including three elsewhere in Australia and several offshore developments along the Irish coast.

In a statement in the past week, in which they named Wonthaggi and Port Albert marine locations, DP Energy said it "would leverage its global expertise to pursue offshore wind development in Australia following greater government focus on the technology, backed by more supportive policy settings".

DP Energy said the Australian Federal and State governments had "embraced offshore wind potential as a mechanism to increase the contribution of renewable energy and meet emissions reduction targets. The Federal Government recently announced six regions across Australia with the potential for offshore wind projects, with Gippsland in Victoria the most advanced". For example:

- DP Energy is developing its 'Gwynt Glas Offshore Wind Farm', 70km off the coast between West Wales and South West, a floating facility of up to 1GW or between 80 and 100 turbines.
- DP Energy's Shemalere Offshore Wind Farm, off the East Coast of Ireland is also 1GW but using fixed bottom

wind turbines.

"In the offshore wind space DP Energy is already pursuing a number of projects across Europe and Canada and has partnered with Iberdrola to deliver 3GW of offshore wind in Ireland, and EDF Renewables for 1GW of offshore wind in the UK Celtic Sea. Australia will be its first venture into offshore wind in the southern hemisphere."

DP Energy Australia Director and Country Manager Catherine Way said DP Energy had been looking at offshore potential in Australia for a number of years and had previously identified development opportunities within the Federal Government's recent declaration of areas for offshore wind projects.

"We will draw on our long international experience in developing renewables projects, and more recently in offshore wind energy to develop Australian projects, which could include fixed and floating platforms depending on water depths," Ms Way said.

The increased focus from Federal and State governments on offshore wind energy is encouraging and the potential for a large island country such as Australia is significant. However, Australia is playing catch up with the rest of the world, particularly Europe, where this technology is more progressed and already a considerable contributor to the region's renewable energy mix.

"As we bridge this gap with the rest of the world there is going to be significant investment in offshore wind energy in Australia, which will deliver jobs, growth and reduce the reliance on fossil fuels for the country's energy security. At DP Energy, we are currently exploring opportunities, either as our own stand-alone projects or in partnership with other operators, as we have done successfully in Australia and overseas for many years."

See attached map for DP Energy's offshore wind sites. The map outlines the first five proposed areas in which DP Energy has begun development and feasibility works in the hope of progressing to a feasibility and then commercial licence. These areas are off the coast of Warrnambool in Western Victoria, Wonthaggi and Port Albert in the Gippsland Region, and Wollongong and Newcastle areas in NSW.

Can local objectors stop Rhyll's beer flowing

THE former State Minister for Everything, Martin Pakula, has already turned the first sod at the site of the \$4 million Rhyll Brewery and Distillery.

He did so as the Minister for Tourism and Industry Support in June this year, in the company of Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan.

And the State Government has even allocated a \$1.2 million Regional Tourism Investment Fund grant to the work.

But the project hasn't received the approval of Council yet.

Recently the shire listed the application at 11 Beach Street on its Advertised Planning Applications register and already it has attracted 10 objections.

But if you think that represents the local response you'd be sorely mistaken.

Some time ago, the Rhyll Community Association conducted a poll which produced a near-90% vote in favour. Comments on the Phillip Island Noticeboard were even more supportive.

"Bring it on," they say.

The objectors don't want a brewery to open up in the town's occasionally busy main street, especially if the council agrees to waive the 36 onsite carparking space requirement.

But, with a total area of approximately 870m², not much more than the size of a normal residential block, the Mixed-Use Zone (MUZ)



Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, left, attended the ceremonial "turning of the sod" at the site of the Rhyll Brewery and Distillery. Former Minister for everything, Martin Pakula, mans the shovel.

location is unlikely to be able to accommodate the brewery, the 90-person restaurant planned, five staff parks and the customer parking as well.

"At Christmas it's a nightmare already," said a nearby local trader who declined to be named.

But the sentiment is representative of the objections already received.

Here's the flavour of some of them:

"I cannot believe that the Bass Coast Shire is allowing a brewery/boutique restaurant in Rhyll. There is already an inadequate number of parking spaces. As this brewery is advertising online that they will cater for 124 visitors, including restaurant visitors, I believe that Rhyll is heading for a traffic nightmare. The

upgrade of the boat ramp will also attract more boats, trailers, and day trippers. Where is everyone going to park?"

The objector went on to claim that traffic movements, around the boat ramp car park were already "dangerous".

Another objected to "a fourth brewery" on the Island but listed the lack of parking as the main concern.

"At this point in time it is impossible to get a car park on the Esplanade ...there simply isn't any room to accommodate adequate parking for the likely volume of customers that a brewery would attract ...the newly developed purpose-built boat ramp and boat trailer parking area is not designed to act as an overflow area for public car parking."

Another objector worried about odours from the beer and spirits manufacturing plant, also focusing on the lack of carparking in Rhyll.

But according to the applicants, they're not going to be a commercial brewery, simply making enough for consumption on site to create the ambience of a brewery and a new gastronomic destination.

The applicants will provide five staff carparks on site and believe the "overflow car parking demand is likely to be in the order of 20 spaces".

They say the impact of this number will be further reduced by those parking to use both the boat ramp and the brewery and by the fact that dinner guests will attend when there's ample parking.

Where to next? It's over to the councillors.

But the extent to which the Mayor, Cr Whelan, has compromised his ability to debate and vote on the application, following his show of support at the grant announcement in June is yet to be established.

Cr Whelan has been contacted for comment.

You can read about the proposal and objections on the Bass Coast Shire Council website <https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/building-planning/advertised-plans-and-planning-register/advertised-planning-applications?suburb=&sort=desc&keywords=rhyll#results>



President Dawn Green and artist Melanie Caple officially opened the daffodil and floral show at the Memorial Hall in Leongatha on Thursday afternoon. Z13_3522



Graeme Davis travelled from Canberra to judge the daffodil and floral show in Leongatha on Thursday morning. Z14_3522

All out for renowned daffodil and flora show

THE Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show held their official opening on Thursday, August 25 at the Memorial Hall, with guest artist Melanie Caple officiating the event with president Dawn Green.

The show was judged on Thursday morning prior to the opening by expert Graeme Davis from Canberra, who flew interstate to attend the 64th annual event.

"The display is of the highest level, with generations of gardeners maintaining the tradition of the display and putting forward their

daffodil's, natives and floral arrangements for judging," said Dawn.

"It is just wonderful that the town continues to celebrate this special occasion and I would like to thank all those involved in putting together this beautifully presented exhibit, including the support of the volunteers and sponsors."

Leongatha Primary School took park in this year's event with the children creating an array of art to the judging panel, including paintings and 3D art.

"The amount of work the students put in to showcase

their work over the weekend is just outstanding, just look at the bright colour; this brings the entire community of all ages together," said Dawn.

"It is wonderful to be back this year to appreciate the history of the show – a legacy that families in the community have continued, these students involved are our future artists."

Melanie opened the show appreciating the lovely aromas that filled the room, acknowledged the gardeners for their hard work, the community for the social connection they bring to

the event and described her love for plants and art.

"We're all certainly looking forward to an optimistic spring," she said.

Sue Thompson received recognition for her work in the show; first becoming involved in 1998 and was awarded the champion daffodil at the official opening.

Life celebrations were also held on Thursday, August 25 at St Peter's Anglican Church with Marion, Bev, Coral, Kerry, Lucy and Giulia hosting the flowers in praise, sharing homemade baked goods and refreshments to the community.



The Southern Business Women's Network 2021-2022 committee includes Robyn Eva (Digital) and Penni Ellicot (Publicity) Denise Renny (Events), Ashleigh Flemming (general member), Courtney Hill (Secretary), Christie Nelson (President), Nicole Thackray (Vice President, membership secretary and Jane Cootes (not pictured) (Treasurer).

Who are the Southern Business Women's Network?

THE Southern Business Women's Network's (SBWN) AGM is forthcoming on September 15, at 6:00pm at Pearl, Inverloch.

The Network are delighted to announce keynote, current president of the Victorian Farmer's Federation, Emma Germano, as the guest speaker.

The SBWN invite both members and non-members to attend and the tickets include a two-course meal and a lovely networking experience.

There will be several of the key roles becoming available on the Network's Committee and outgoing president, Christie Nelson says, "this is a great opportunity for existing or new members to step into some important roles and help continue to provide the incredible events we have been offering post-covid lockdowns.

"We are particularly looking for a president, vice president, treasurer, events co-ordinator and social media/advertising facilitator in order to move forward into 2023 with strength."

The SBWN is a membership-based women's network, run by women for women.

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming, fun and diverse group of women (and a few men) from a wide variety of professions and ages.

We juggle work, family, friends and community commitments, and come together for events, workshops and training sessions, and stay in touch via the usual social media channels.

We are run by a volunteer committee who meet monthly and are responsible for our operational and financial

management.

Everything we do is about providing opportunities for business women in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland regions to connect and learn and everyone is welcome. We host monthly dinner or lunch events with a keynote speaker and aim to offer the best value to our members and offer them the opportunity to share what they do and network with their peers.

One of the most rewarding aspects of being an SBWN member is that you can shape the direction of the network and our member benefits, and at the same time, make a real difference to your regional community.

How can I get involved?

- Join us and become an SBWN member
- Put your hand up and nominate for a committee position
- Join a subcommittee for a specific task or project
- Offer your services as a guest speaker, MC or a business mentor (member benefit)
- Participate in our regular member surveys
- Sponsor the SBWN and help us grow
- Connect with us as a non-member.
- Joining the SBWN is the best way to develop a strong local business network and nurture new friendships with a fabulous bunch of women!

What are you waiting for?

Contact president, Christie Nelson on 0407 812 904 or president@sbwn.com.au for more information about the Network or the committee roles.

2022 AGM with VFF President, Emma Germano



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Nominations for 2022-2023 Committee are now open.
Expression of interest welcome: president@sbwn.com.au



Bookings www.sbwn.com.au/events  

ADULT LEARNERS WEEK 2022

Connect with Learning



Photo: Avel Chuklanov on Unsplash

It's never too late to learn

ADULT Learners Week is a UNESCO initiative supported by The Commonwealth Department of Education, Skills and Employment and run each year in the first week of September.

Adult Learners Week promotes events held around Australia and online that engage or re-engage people in lifelong learning and highlights opportunities for people to connect with a wide variety of adult learning programs.

Any adult education and training organisation can get involved in Adult Learners Week including neighbourhood houses, community centres, libraries, training organisations, local governments, Aboriginal learning cooperatives, employers, not-for-profit organisations, workplaces, men's sheds, U3As, community colleges, TAFE colleges and universities.

This year's theme for Adult Learners Week – Connect With Learning – promotes the power of learning to recharge, rejuvenate and reconfigure the course of people's lives.

Re-engaging with learning as an adult of

Learning Pathways Expo at BCAL

BASS Coast Adult Learning's Pathways Expo is coming up this Friday in celebration of Adult Learners Week.

BCAL hosts events for Adult Learners Week every year and this one is going to be the biggest yet.

Attractions include an art exhibition, live music, free hair braiding, plus talks and demonstrations on sustainable energy. All of these will be done by BCAL students.

There will also be a workshop on meditation and mindfulness, plus a special session of the Friday afternoon tech club where BCAL's tutor will help you with any digital device problems you may have.

A range of employment service providers and local businesses will be attending

fers plenty of light bulb moments.

There's the connection that comes with discovering hidden talents, the thrill of learning new skills, the excitement of imagining a new and different future.

And there's the powerful exchange of ideas and the bonding that takes place between people in a whole variety of community venues and settings where formal and non-formal learning takes place.

To find out more, or to find a local event, visit adultlearnersweek.org.

The ALW launch is hosted by comedian Rusty Berther. The Adult Learners Week scholarship recipients for 2022 will also be announced.

When: Thursday, September 1, 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Where: To register for this free online event: <https://tinyurl.com/ALW-Launch2022>

Details: <https://adultlearnersweek.org/adult-learners-week-2022-launch/>

Contact: For more information, contact Catherine Devlin 0418 574 389 | c.devlin@ala.asn.au

as well as the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters and U3A.

Did someone mention food?

Taco Beast will be making their debut at the event and Eezy Peezy Sushi will be there too.

Coffee, cake and scones will be served by BCAL's own Capacity Building participants.

Bring your family and friends along from 12 to 6pm at 239 White Road, Wonthaggi. Where will you be in 2023? The pathway starts here.

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Spoil dad at Korumburra Golf Club this Father's Day

KORUMBURRA Golf Club is ideal for sporting fun and socialising, whether you are a golfer or not, with its Full Swing Simulator allowing play in a range of sports, regardless of the weather.

The simulator combines the use of real sporting equipment with technology that enables youngsters and adults to test their skills and learn how to improve techniques.

The club's PGA professional, John Payne, said the simulator combines kids' passion for modern technology with physical activity and family fun.

"It offers a unique way for the community to participate in fun activities," John said, explaining it's a good way to encourage young family members to take a break from their electronic devices.

As well as golf, some of the other sports on offer include baseball, basketball, hockey and American Football.

Golfers can test themselves on different courses, with the hole they are playing appearing in front of them on a large screen.

For instance, you can take on TPC Sawgrass, where Australia's Cam Smith won this year's Players Championship.

Just like conventional golf, you select the appropriate club.

You then play a regular golf shot as though you were on the chosen course, using a proper golf ball.

One of the benefits of the simulator is its ability to provide an instant opportunity for detailed analysis of your strokes.

It is a perfect learning tool, letting you see replays of your shots, along with an array of relevant data.

For example, players will be able to see the ball speed they generate and the angle of their club at impact.

However, the simulator also lends itself to competition, with the Club set to host a golf league offering over \$1,100 in prizes.

The league will run in a 2 person Ambrose format over eight weeks with finals, costing \$25 per person each round.

When you are not

slugging it out on the simulator, you can enjoy a drink, and those at the Club are happy to order you a pizza from nearby Burra Brewing if you feel like a tasty bite.

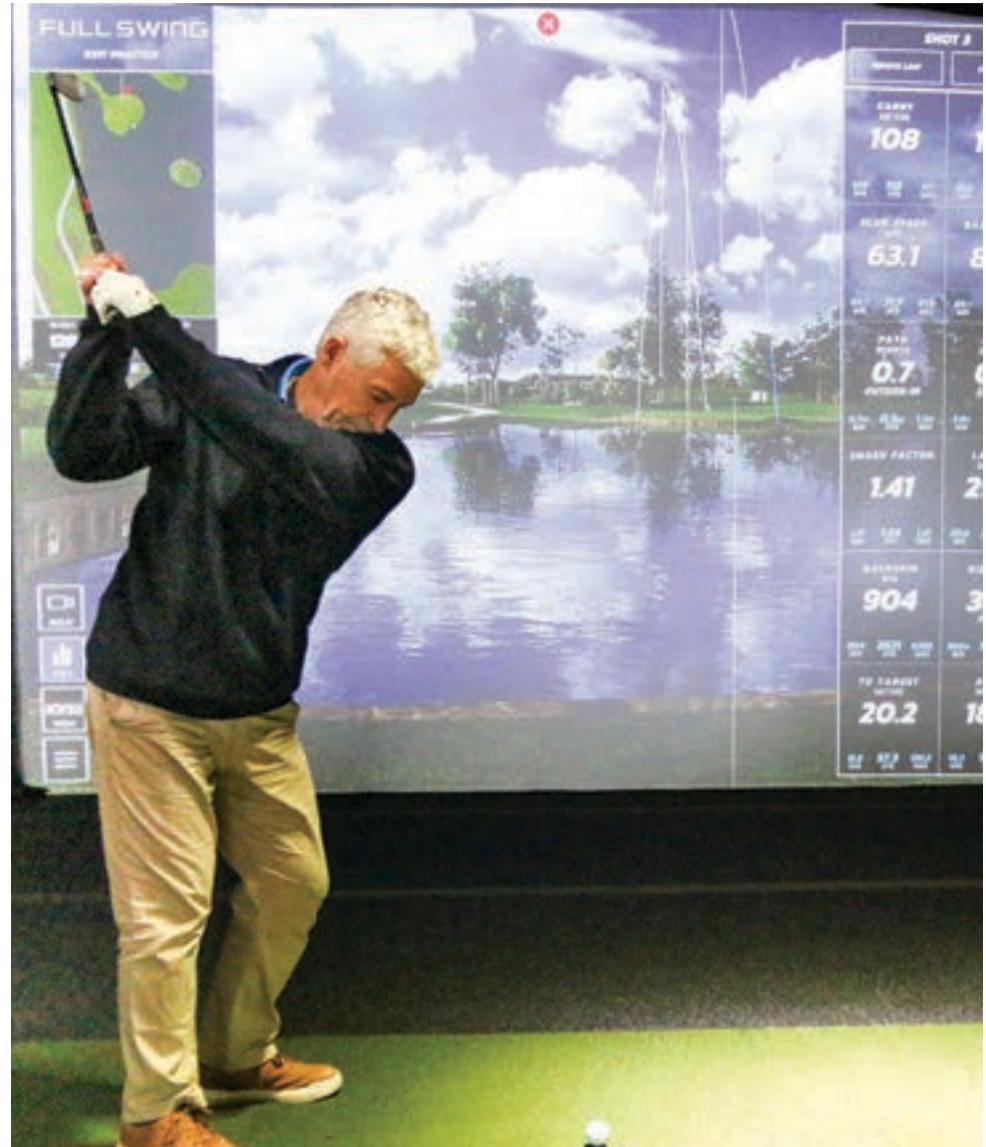
The room in which the simulator and bar are situated offers beautiful views over the golf course, and there is a balcony for when the warm weather arrives.

Although not yet confirmed, monthly Friday night meals may be scheduled in future, possibly including fish and chip nights to provide another family option for those enjoying the simulator.

Full Swing Simulator fees are determined based on usage time and the number of players.

With the current Father's Day offer of a \$50 voucher in the accompanying advertisement, it's the perfect time for people to try out the simulator.

For those wanting a conventional golf experience, the voucher can also be put towards green fees, golf lessons or cart hire.



PGA professional John Payne takes on TPC Sawgrass course on Korumburra Golf Club's Full Swing Simulator. A24_3522



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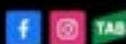
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Don Turner, Trevor Hayes, Melanie Mumford, Ken Barnes and Chris Phillips are L2P mentor drivers and also members of PIBUG.

Donation to help purchase new car for L2P program

BASS Coast TAC L2P program was recently the recipient of a generous donation from the Phillip Island Bicycle User Group.

The donation will be used towards the eventual purchase of a new car for the Bass Coast TAC L2P program.

The TAC L2P program matches young learner drivers, who do not have access to a supervising driver or suitable vehicle, with a volunteer driving mentor who can provide supervised driving practice.

The program also provides learners and mentors with access to a suitable vehicle to use in their sessions together.

High demand for the program has resulted in the need

for an additional vehicle.

L2P mentor and PIBUG president Don Turner said, "The Phillip Island Bicycle User Group is committed to looking after our members, and to road safety in general.

"When we heard about other community groups contributing financially towards a new TAC L2P car, we decided that this is a worthwhile project for us to get behind. Since four of our regular riders are Mentors with the program, it makes sense for us to contribute."

Anyone wishing to join the L2P program either as a learner driver or volunteer mentor can contact Melanie on 0467 590 679 or bass-coastl2p@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com



A proud father Jamie is well-known and much loved in the Wonthaggi community. C23_3522



Jamie joined Ally Morris in successfully getting her referee stripes back in April.



A life of giving to others

JAMIE Moresco is a notable figure in the Wonthaggi community.

From his tireless CFA efforts to his dedication refereeing local basketball, championing Wonthaggi Power football, and giving back to St Joseph's, the kid from Wonthaggi is all grown up.

"It came around 30 years ago," Jamie said of the start to his CFA volunteering days.

"One of my mates, Kim O'Connor, picked me up one Sunday morning from home, and said, 'come on we're going for a drive'.

"We pulled up out the front of the old fire station on Watt Street and from there I haven't looked back!"

The passion likely coming from his first job an hour after arriving.

"While I was there, a fire call came through and I was pretty much on the truck going to a fire, I'd been there for probably an hour at the most.

"I felt welcomed the very moment I walked in the place, and here I am today."

Giving back to the community, Jamie loves the friendship around the brigade.

"You meet other walks of life when you go out on campaign fires, strike teams...

"You're put in situations where you're safe and you can help other communities as well."

"The Dandenong fires, Black Saturday, the fires prior to Black Saturday... we were dotted from one end of the state to the other at one stage."

Campaign and local fires are only a small part of the brigade community.

"It's quite funny, I remember the fires we go to, but I don't find them as a memorable moment, my memorable moment would

be team exercises and challenges, working as a team and just having fun.

"The other night when we played tenpin bowling... or when we were broken into teams and had to break cryptic questions down to get to our next destination, small equipment exercises, and the cook-off in the old Whistlestop bakery – we had judges, it was pretty much like Masterchef; it was good."

Participating in CFA as a father is great in Jamie's eyes.

"It's my hobby; it's been a long hobby of mine. I've got a great family behind me, Nicole, our two boys Reeve and Zac.

"If my pager goes off and we're in the middle of tea or something, they'll be saying what is it? Where is it? Where are you going? And I'm running to that door putting shoes on..."

"I always used to hear the boys say, 'Come on, Mum, let's follow where dad's going'; it was quite funny, you'd be on a few scenes and the next minute you'd see Nicole and the boys drive past, having a look."

"Reeve has never shown any interest (in joining) and I would never push them into something they're not interested in."

"Same as Nicole, she says, 'no, that's your hobby, I'll stay in my lane, you stay in your lane.'"

On Saturday, Jamie headed to Morwell to show support for the Power even though his boys had already finished for the season.

"Our boys have played footy from the junior ages, from five years old and still going today."

"Reeve's 18 and Zac's 13, at the moment, we've got footy Saturday and Sunday."

"We give all the time to the kids

on the weekends, we drive as far as Bairnsdale on a Saturday for football, and for Zac the furthest we might drive is Leongatha on a Sunday; but we always ensure we are there to watch the kids play football, enjoying their sports."

His youngest, Zac however, is still holding the flame which saw Jamie earn his referee stripes.

"When Zac started (under 8's) there was no real under 8's competition going, and they were looking for people to help out."

"I put my hand up, ended up on the basketball committee, did my green shirt as a referee; refereeing all ages, females and males; four days a week."

A team closest to Jamie's heart is the all-abilities basketball team at Wonthaggi.

"It's the best feeling being able to referee – everything else dissipates."

Basketball was a relatively new addition to Jamie's life growing up by the ocean.

"I played football for one year, I hated it. All my mates were surfing."

"I had a huge friendship group – one was football, one was surfing – surfing was more fun!"

"I mainly surfed all my younger days."

While school days at St Joseph's and later Wonthaggi Tech were filled with surfing, clay target shooting, canoeing and campfire cooking.

"I'm on the local Bass Coast College's school committee, I was on the St Joseph's school board and Parents and Friends Committee and Chairman of both – I've taken a backseat now."

"For the first time in my kids going to school this year I am going on the grade 6 camp to help out!"



Four days a week are dedicated to domestic level refereeing for basketball including his much-loved All-abilities team.

Grants for wildlife carers

MINISTER for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio has announced that applications for the Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants are open, with \$230,000 available to support wildlife rehabilitators in Victoria.

Wildlife shelter operators and foster carers can apply for grants of up to \$3000 for equipment, infrastructure, consumables, education and training.

There are more than 700 registered volunteer wildlife rehabilitators in Victoria, playing an important role in rescuing and caring for

injured, sick or displaced wildlife and releasing them back into the wild.

Last year the grants were provided to 120 wildlife carers and shelters, funding a range of expenses from new enclosures, nesting boxes and temperature control systems to medication, feed and rescue equipment.

The funding is part of the state government's Biodiversity 2037 plan.

Applications close on Tuesday, September 6 2022, to apply for a grant go to: wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants/

World class dance and theatre workshops at The Nobbies

A SERIES of workshops this September will offer an extraordinary chance for local dance and music theatre students to work with one of Australia's leading male performers.

Rohan Browne has over 25 years' experience and has appeared in nearly 30 professional musical theatre productions around the world – including lead roles in Boy from Oz, Singin' in the Rain and Brigadoon – and he is coming to Phillip Island on Saturday, September 10, to share his knowledge and expertise.

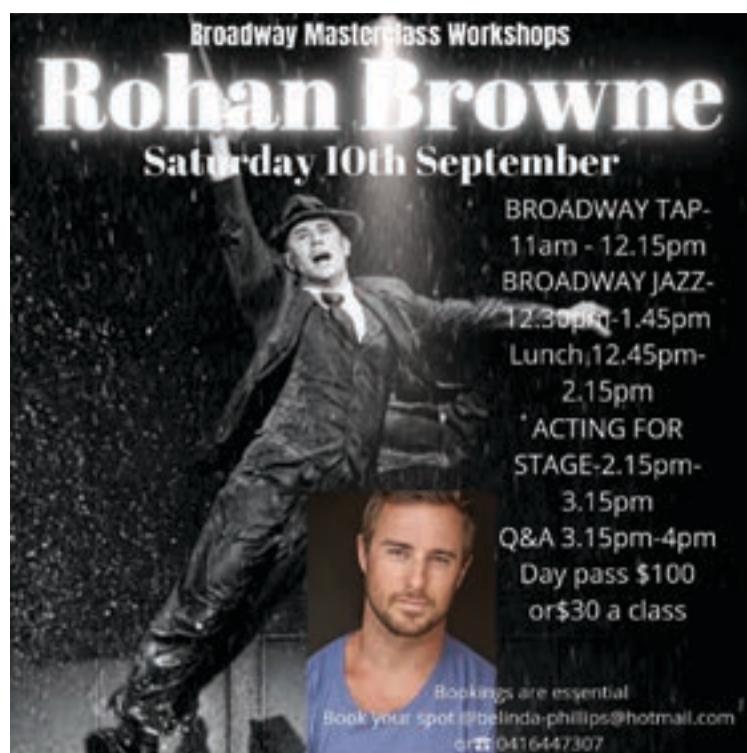
Presented by Marrina Mouse's Theatre House, Rohan will present a series of dance workshops at The Nobbies, as well as a Q and A session, providing a thrilling opportunity for anyone with a passion for dance, acting and performing.

Belinda Phillips, who runs Marrina Mouse's Theatre House describes the day as a wonderful opportunity to come and take a class from one of Australia's best musical theatre performers in one of the most beautiful locations in the world.

"I am so thrilled the doors and connections for the East-end Theatre expertise be opened to all in Phillip Island," said Belinda.

The workshops include broadway jazz, broadway tap and acting for stage, with the day culminating in a Q and A session.

A \$100 day pass will allow you to attend all four sessions,



Rohan Browne is coming to Phillip Island on Saturday, September 10 to share his knowledge and expertise of professional musical theatre in a series of workshops.

or you can buy a ticket for an individual session for \$30.

"The workshops are geared for all children and adults that are passionate and eager to learn jazz, tap, and acting skills," said Belinda.

"Rohan will also be taking a Q and A class that will be a wonderful opportunity for participants to ask questions regarding anything from how to audition, to what shows he

has been in, to when he began dancing."

Belinda said students from the Theatre House were excited to be attending the workshops and she's urging other students, including both children and adults to take up the opportunity.

"The workshops are open to all ages, and all levels of experience. In fact, you don't have to have done dance before to take

part."

Belinda said the workshops would be ideal for children aged nine and over, if parents are looking to sign their children up, but younger students are very welcome.

"I will be at the workshops on the day and will be able to give guidance and help to the younger participants," said Belinda.

All dance, ballet, music and acting schools are encouraged to get behind this event, to give their students the opportunity to be inspired.

Belinda said if there is a good response to this first workshop, she hopes to run more with different presenters and open doors between Phillip Island and the Eastend Theatre district - a collective of the top five theatres in Melbourne.

For more information or to book, please call Belinda on 0416 447 307 or email Belinda-phillips@hotmail.com.

Session times: Broadway tap 11am – 12.15pm; Broadway jazz 12.30pm – 1.45pm. Acting for Stage 2.15pm – 3.15pm and Q and A 3.15 – 4pm.

Day pass \$100. Individual classes \$30. Bookings are essential.

Participants should wear comfortable clothes (e.g. dance), ballet shoes are recommended, tap shoes recommended in the tap-dancing workshop. If staying for the whole day, BYO lunch or a snack bar is located in the venue.



A young Ashlee not long after she started working for Bassine Specialty Cheese in Bass.

Big shoes to fill at Bassine

ASHLEE Aplin bids adieu to the role she started as a young 14-year-old at Bassine Specialty Cheese Café.

"We will miss her," owner, Kaye explained.

"There will be many tears."

Starting in 2016, as an enthusiastic and eager-eyed 14-year-old working weekends and school holidays, Ashlee continued in a casual position until completion of her Year 12 studies at Newhaven College in 2019.

Opting to take a gap year from future studies, Ashlee jumped in full time, and whilst COVID may have added two years to her 'gap year' Ashlee has decided to head west and fulfill her potential in engineering at SA University.

"Ash is Senior Shop Assistant, Barista, master of the baked cheesecake, responsible for junior staff on shift, trainer and an important member of the Bassine family."

"On a personal level we will miss her. On a business level there will be mighty big shoes to fill."

"We will need two experienced hospitality professionals as we expand our trading hours moving towards springtime and looming school holidays."

Those interested in filling Ashlee's shoes should call Kaye on 9988 2820 or email cheese-please@bassinespecialtycheeses.com.au

A recognition of art

THE Tarwin Lower Community and District Health Centre arts exhibition was a successful turnout selling seven pieces.

Thirty percent of the funds raised will be donated to the health centre and the remaining funds go to the work of the local artist.

Patricia Freeman of Tarwin Health Centre said the pieces will be on seasonal display for 12 weeks and thanked the local artists, the community and the musicians for their support, with special acknowledgement of the painting of well-known environmentalists and artist Neil Douglas; painted by the late Julia Price – a long time resident of Venus Bay.



Wetlands now feature prominently at Pioneer Bay.



Pioneer Bay has enjoyed a much-needed facelift in recent years.

A facelift for the quiet haven of Pioneer Bay

NEW Roads and wetlands in Pioneer Bay have given it a much-needed face lift and made it a more desirable place to live.

Not so long-ago, Pioneer Bay had a lot of vacant blocks and a bad reputation.

Land was cheap, property stayed on the market for a few years and in 2006, you could buy a house with sea glimpses for between \$60-70k.

If there was a decent downpour, the houses backing onto Colbert Creek would flood and investors were put off by the fact that the beach was overrun by such a healthy mangrove forest, there was no way it could be cleared to create a beach.

As time went by the affordable blocks gradually sold to savvy investors, retirees and young families looking for a cheap place to live.

Consequently, real estate values started to slowly but steadily rise.

In 2018, Council voted to proceed with a Special Charge Scheme worth \$4.6 million to undertake major road works.

This involved drainage upgrades, road surfacing, kerb and channelling, nature strip works, speed humps and pedestrian pathways on selected streets.

In addition, Melbourne water integrated with the road works to undertake upgrades to Colbert Creek

including remediation works where the creek runs into Western Port Bay.

A new pipe was installed at the eastern end of the estate running along the Bass Highway service road, to redirect the overflow from Colbert Creek to south of the estate.

The excess water was used to create a complex system of wetlands with swales planted and native vegetation to filter the water, which flows into a series of ponds that will eventually become a haven for wildlife.

The roads upgrades were supported by the majority of residents and ratepayers of Pioneer Bay, but of course, there were those who objected to the added burden of the Special Charges Scheme imposed by the shire to cover the cost.

The new roads and wetlands and the recent upsurge in real-estate prices, has increased the value of property prices in Pioneer Bay which should offset the pain of the added rates burden.

The days of yesteryear when you could pick up a bargain in this once, down at heel, hamlet, are long gone.

Anyone wanting to buy a humble three-bedroom home in this boutique little suburb, will have to fork out at least half a million dollars and that won't even get you a glimpse of the sea.

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CELEBRATION OF STORYTELLING

WITH less than three weeks to go, there is plenty of excitement around the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories.

The new Fishy Stories - Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories - will delight kids young and old - as well as the grown-ups - in a town known for children's literature and storytelling.

The festival, on Sunday, September 18, will host free workshops, the writing challenge story performances, ticketed children's

shows, the Bendigo Bank Village Green and more.

It all kicks off at 10am on September 18, where you can expect to meet nationwide renowned performers, authors and illustrators.

Those who attend will leave with a dazzling sense of creative possibility and a deep pride in the local Fish Creek community.

The township will also celebrate the festival with special programs and activities for the day, including the Alison Lester

Gallery, Gibsons, Little Oberon, Fish Creek Hotel, Long John Pickles, Ride the Wild Goat Gallery and Workshop, and more.

It is a day for the whole family - for little kids and big kids - which will bring together storytellers in one place for a spectacular event.

And, best of all, the festival will instill a sense of storytelling in all attendees - encouraging the next generation of performers, authors and illustrators.



Alison Lester preparing for the festival.

A Children's shows

Performances will be staged in the Fish Creek Memorial Hall and will complement the range of free workshops and other activities throughout the day.

The children's shows kick off with Balloonatic Bruce at 10am, with crowds young and old set to enjoy Bruce Rowston's stage show comprised of an entertaining blend of magical games and storytelling. His special guest, Ally Kazam, a real, live, magic rabbit always creates a huge sensation. Tickets are \$20.

At 11.15am, Luigi Zucchini will take to the stage. He is an international man of magic comedy with goofy Italian antics that entertains adults and children alike, along with his live animal friends and a never ending bag of tricks and jokes. Tickets are \$20.

Then Dr Hubble will be ready at 12.30pm. Everybody loves bubbles, but Dr Hubble really loves bubbles and he wants to show you why.

You will see the biggest bubbles you have ever seen, bubbles inside bubbles, a square bubble, the 'explodabubble' and more.

At the end of the performance, one lucky child gets put inside a huge bubble. Come along, it could be one of your kids! Tickets are \$20.

Come on a fun-filled journey of the absurd with world-class circus and com-

edy star 'Dandyman' - one of Australia's finest and funniest physical comedians - at 1.45pm.

The show will feature ridiculously raucous routines, fantastically funny feats of stupidity circus-inspired magical moments of mayhem, complete with goofy games, fun competitions, prizes, funny facts and very funny faces. Tickets are \$20.

Then, expect to be amazed by Foxy Moron from 3pm - the greatest magician you'll never see! With over 20 years' experience performing in more than 32 countries, Rani Huszar is a renowned performer in the global performing arts world.

It's an entertaining array of all that is great and dismal about magic. Tickets are \$20.

To cap off a fantastic day of children's storytelling, the Sugar Fed Leopards will bring out their smoking hot costumes, sweet harmonies, tight dance routines and a cranking rhythm section from 5pm.

The Sugar Fed Leopards are a blazing septet conceived at the swooning nexus of classic pop, doo wop, disco and rock 'n' roll. Tickets are \$40.

For more information about the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories, or to purchase tickets, go to fishystories.org/performances.



Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories is just around the corner so make sure to head down on September 18.

B Workshops

There will opportunities aplenty to hear from your favourite writers and illustrators at the festival. Alison Lester and South Gippsland Shire Mayor Moyha Davies will be conducting an official welcome at noon, with other speakers throughout the day from 10am to 3pm, including:

- Archie Fusillo;
- Claire Saxby;
- Craig Smith;
- Dianne Jackson Hill;
- Gregg Dreise;
- Janeen Webb;
- Judith Barker;
- Lisa Kennedy;
- Liz Farrell;
- Meredith Costain;
- Michael Hyde;
- Scot Gardner; and
- Dr Susan McLaine.

C Bendigo Bank Village Green

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.

Among the highlights are the Little Bookroom Retail Outlet, where all

participating authors' and illustrators' works will be on sale; Photo Op Destination, where Myli Libraries will provide an opportunity for children and attendees to meet and greet the fabulous authors who will be attending the festival; and Boxwars Kids Workshop, where kids can build a recyclable costume to take back their independence from the evil overlord parents!

WRITING CHALLENGE

A whopping 331 entries were received for the inaugural Writing Challenge.

The judging panel have been busy going through the hundreds of submissions to choose 12 to be performed live at the festival by Claire Hooper.

The panel, made up of adults and children, are considering the following when

selecting the stories to be performed:

- The story is original and sparks intrigue and imagination.
- There are engaging and strong characters.
- There is a clear description which brings the story to life.
- The story makes sense.

All stories will be published online.

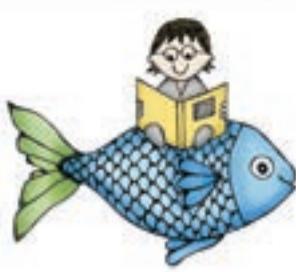
More than 12,000 bookmarks were printed, with 8000 being distributed to children in schools across South Gippsland to encourage imagination and creativity in the lead up to the festival. The remaining 4000 are in libraries and local cafes, as well as in Melbourne.



DETAILS

For more information about the event and workshops, and to purchase tickets for the live children's shows, go to fishystories.org/performances.

You can also keep up to date on Facebook and Instagram at @FishyStoriesFishCreek.



Fishy Stories

FISH CREEK CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF STORIES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

10AM TO 6PM

FISHY STORIES PROGRAM PLANNER



FIND OUT MORE BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE OR VISITING FISHYSTORIES.ORG

ACTIVITY	10.00AM	11.15AM	12.30PM	1.45PM	3.00PM	5.00PM					
Fish Creek Memorial Hall Performances	Balloonic Bruce	Luigi Zucchini	Dr Hubble	Dandyman	Foxy Moron	Sugar Fed Leopards					
ACTIVITY	10AM	11AM	12NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM					
Fishy Workshop Marquee #1	Dr Susan McLaine	Archie Fusillo	Alison Lester Official Welcome	Claire Saxby	Craig Smith	Dianne Jackson Hill					
Fishy Workshop Marquee #2	Gregg Driese	Meredith Costain	Judith Barker	Michael Hyde	Gregg Driese	Liz Farrell and Janeen Webb					
Fishy Workshop Marquee #3	Scot Gardner	Semi Gensuik	Semi Gensuik	Liz Farrell and Janeen Webb	Archie Fusillo	Claire Saxby					
Fishy Workshop Marquee #4	Dianne Jackson Hill and Craig Smith	Scot Gardner	Dr Susan McLaine	Meredith Costain	Michael Hyde	Lisa Kennedy					
ACTIVITY	10AM	11AM	12NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM					
Fishy Stories Writing Challenge	From entries across Australia 12 stories will be selected and brought to life at the festival, by renowned storyteller Claire Hooper will perform and share these stories by engaging and interacting with the festival audience at the Writing Challenge tent.										
BENDIGO BANK VILLAGE GREEN		ALL DAY FROM 10AM TO 4PM									
My Story Tent	Imagination is a wide open world when we tell our own stories, and children create limitless unfiltered possibilities. At Fishy Stories we want to explore those wonderful ideas providing a fun filled opportunity to make that happen.										
Indigenous Literacy Foundation	The Indigenous Literacy Foundation will engage with festival goers on the educational disadvantages faced by Indigenous Australian children and young people by providing access to books and literacy programs										
Little Bookroom Retail Outlet	The Little Bookroom will be working tirelessly to bring authors, illustrators, publishers and readers together in all the ways they can. At Fishy Stories all participating authors and illustrators works will be on sale.										
Meet and Greet Area	The Myli Libraries will provide an opportunity for children and attendees to meet and greet the fabulous authors who will be attending the festival. This may include a book signing. You can ask the burning questions you have about being an author, about their books and it will be an opportunity to get a photo. You can also find out and ask questions about local library services.										
MyLi Libraries	MyLi will be presenting the Noisy Chicken children's craft activity. Prepare to be amazed. You will hear those that are already made from a mile off! And people just keep coming to get one for themselves. We will also be offering craft packs that will be free, these will be based loosely on picture books by authors who will attend on the day.										
Marg Haycroft and Michael Hogan	Local children's storytellers Marg and Mike will be sharing some of their favourite stories during their traditional storytime sessions all day. At noon we will showcase a range of familiar books in a range of languages.. which could you read.										
Kids Own Reading Pavilion	Children from Fish Creek and Meeniyian Primary Schools have collaborated with Lucy Parkinson and Gonzalo Varela from Magic Lantern Studio to create books reflecting their lives. Supported by Regional Arts Victoria, Gardiner's Dairy Foundation and Vic Silos, students from Fish Creek Primary, in collaboration with the school community, have converted a disused silo into a "Kid's Own Reading Pavilion" complete with diorama windows to house this self-made library. Let the children guide you through the enchanting worlds they have created.										
BoxWars	BoxWars joins the amazing cast of Fishy Stories with their internally famous and infamous underground BoxWars kids workshop. Kids build a recyclable costume to take back their independence from the evil overlord parents at the point of cardboard swords! Join the cardboard rebellion!										
Survey tent	A dedicated area where we want to hear from you, young and old about what you think, where you're from and more.										

FISH CREEK MEMORIAL HALL PERFORMANCES



BALLOONATIC BRUCE

10.00am: Balloonatic Bruce presents his extraordinary stage performance where he engages guests young and old in a sensational show of fun colour action and entertainment. Don't miss it!



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LUIGI ZUCCHINI

11.15am: Luigi Zucchini is an international man of magic comedy with goofy Italian antics that entertains adults and children alike, along with his live animal friends and a never ending bag of tricks and jokes.



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5.00pm: Sugar Fed Leopards (SFL) are a blazing septet conceived at the swooning nexus of classic pop, doo wop, disco and rock n' roll. With smoking hot costumes, sweet harmonies, tight dance routines and a cranking rhythm section, SFL have been breaking hearts and starting dance floor fires since 2013. Described as "...Saturday Night Fever meets Kath & Kim on acid", the band has toured in Europe and across Australia, including festival spots at Boogies, Woodford and Falls.



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Victoria's healthcare system at

A special report by
Sentinel-Times
journalist Chloe Kent

HEALTHCARE and the healthcare system are at the top of most people's minds.

If it's not the out-of-pocket gap when seeing a GP, then it's trying to get in to see a specialist.

One specialist clinic on the Peninsula (the closest to Bass Coast) has a wait until February and that is for private patients, patients then face triaging with those deemed less urgent facing a greater wait.

Those across Gippsland are feeling the brunt, in Wonthaggi alone, both GP clinics are now mixed billing predominantly due to inadequate Medicare rebates.

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) has warned that general practice care needs a much-needed shot in the arm, a statement echo by Dr Rob Phair who believes a bigger conversation must be had.

A recent HealthEd survey of almost 500 GPs found 22 per cent had recently changed their billing model, up 12 per cent on last year.

One-third of those who changed their billing model moved from bulk billing to mixed billing, and 67 per cent changed from mixed billing to completely private billing.

Rising practice costs and Medicare cuts were listed as key reasons for the billing changes.

A local clinic

Locally the sentiments are echoed.

"We've always been mixed billings," Wonthaggi Medical Group Practice Manager, Gayle Bloch explained.

"I think doctors that previously were prepared to bulk bill are starting to pull back."

"Costs of running practices, with the pandemic, are continuing to increase. You don't want to make it all about money, but our dollar has to stretch a lot further; the only way to recoup that is to pass it on to the patient."

Wonthaggi Medical Group like many other practices had to put on additional staff during the pandemic, and with COVID still heavily impacting the industry staff shortages are being felt and with it the increased costs.

"We expect people to hand sanitise and wear a mask, if they don't have one, they're provided."

"That costs a considerable amount of money. Things are starting to settle a little bit and we're finding supplies are coming back to pre-pandemic costs, but for a while, the markup was astronomical."

No truer example of supply and demand, clinics felt the full force of increased costs as supply shortages were faced the world over; masks over triple their previous cost.

"Things that didn't cost you much to provide suddenly did."

As masks are no longer required in public, clinics like Wonthaggi are facing a new dilemma – patients not having a mask on them.

"People turn up without them, because they don't have them in their bags and in their pockets, they don't have to put them on every time they go out. You're



Wonthaggi Medical Group Practice Manager, Gayle Bloch is keen for patients to talk to the practice if they face financial difficulties to ensure they receive the care they need. C12_3522

having to start to hand things out more regularly again."

With Medicare rebates increasing by 1.6 per cent, equating to 65 cents for a standard consult, Gayle admits an adequate increase would assist.

"It still wouldn't alleviate the need for private fees, but it would help," Gayle explained.

"The government goes out and says the CPI is going up five per cent. But how do you pay that five per cent to every staff member here? We haven't had a five per cent increase in our revenue."

"We don't charge patients for dressings, they come out of that bottom line as well."

"The amount we spend on dressings is astronomical, but you want to make sure people have got quality products."

"If you drop your quality you end up using more product anyway and causing more follow up for a patient, it's not something we want to have to do."

"We're trying to save patients being in their pocket."

For Gayle, the concern is people not getting the health care they need, and the pressure on doctors from patients to continue bulk billing.

Another balancing act on the scales is attracting and keeping good doctors.

"To be able to afford to still give quality care and to attract doctors to the practice, again, it's not about money, but people need to know they can earn an income, a reasonable income to come to a job, like anyone else."

"Attracting quality doctors, being able to use quality products and equipment to provide quality care, you don't want to lower the care you provide but somehow you have to be able to pay for it."

"But in doing that, you don't want people to not get the health care they need because I feel, with everything else, everyone's getting hit everywhere."

"In my work as a career I've come across many situations

Clinics are also advising patients to be open and have a conversation.

"We've had people say I can't afford to get that procedure done; I haven't got the money."

"Talk to us, there is always a way to make sure we can help you get the care you need."

"And please be kind."

For the patient

Juxtaposing the clinics are those receiving the care.

Earlier this year we reported on women's health, and the demand for an increase of \$3.70 per woman. A meagre increase would save on average \$13,647 per woman in the future (or \$41.2billion).

How does someone who cannot afford to put sufficient fresh produce on their table, afford \$22.10 each time they genuinely need to see a doctor?

Well-known Wonthaggi resident Jessica Harrison has seen the effects firsthand in her many voluntary roles with low-income households.

"It will seriously affect disadvantaged people who can't afford private health insurance – that's the first thing," Jessica stated.

"And it may mean that people just don't take the opportunity to have surgery, which may prevent them from more extreme illness or immediate living with pain."

"It's a very worrying development."

"I hope that the situation will be resolved quickly so that people on low incomes are not disadvantaged by this."

As Jessica explains, "there is a problem with funding these operations, that needs to be resolved so that hospitals and doctors can do their work without the unfair disadvantage to people who are on fixed incomes and low incomes."

"In my work as a career I've come across many situations

where people are waiting on operations. It's already a stressful situation to be waiting with health concerns, but then whether you will be able to afford that gap, that's just another added stress."

"It seems the costings haven't really kept up with the time."

"When I first came to Wonthaggi 20 years ago there was no bulk billing at the doctors. That situation was sorted out and so it would be terrible if that started to happen to people who need surgery, and other medical interventions."

A regional medical stance

As the Sentinel-Times delved into the topic, we spoke with Dr Rob Phair, President of the Rural Doctors Association of Victoria, who is also based in East Gippsland.

"There's a really dramatic shortage of GPs," Dr Phair said.

"That's the first issue and then you have to look at the underlying issues and the background; the reasons are pretty complex; they've got a significant drop off from junior doctors and medical students interested in training. Part of it is because it's not as prestigious, part cultural, medicines become much more specialised, everyone wants to be a super sub specialist. Then you pick medical students that come from Melbourne, they'll want to stay in Melbourne. There are all kinds of factors."

"And then bulk billing. The problem with bulk billing is really significant."

"GP practices are run as a small business, their costs are going up significantly and the rates you get back for consultations with Medicare are basically going backwards, it's completely unsustainable."

"A lot of Gippsland is pretty low income, and to get the care (low-income households) need

they will ideally not be paying for it. Basically, someone has to pay, you have to finance the care somehow."

"Tristar is a famous example, there are none in Gippsland, but they basically went into receivership, and they had clinics all around country Victoria. You get doctors from overseas, try to get patients in as quickly as possible and then bulk bill everyone."

Increasing the Medicare rebate may help solve part of the problem but is not the answer according to Dr Phair.

"We need to have a bigger, broader conversation, the problem is bigger than just the Medicare rebate."

"If you look at the commentary by people like Steven Duckett from the Grattan Institute and other critiques, we need to work out how we're funding health services; it's really confusing. The federal Department of Health fund Medicare, and yet you've got state governments running hospitals, and what we're finding in Gippsland, is that a lot of people can't get into GPs, or they don't want to pay for it, therefore, they show up at the emergency department."

"They get the care at no cost but wait for a long time, and they don't get the continuity of care; there are all kinds of flow on effects."

Dr Phair also highlighted the problem with the bulk billing model.

"You basically get paid for getting people in the door and that favours certain types of medicines."

"For example, the stereotype is the older GP who is able to get someone in and out the door in five minutes, deals with one issue, they'll bulk bill them and then move on to the next patient, whereas female GPs who do a lot of mental health care are really disadvantaged by that."

breaking point



'We need to have a bigger, broader conversation, the problem is bigger than just the Medicare rebate.' – Rural Doctors Association of Victoria, Dr Rob Phair.



Medicare rebates have increased by a meagre 1.6 per cent, equating to 65 cents for a standard consult.

"We have to think about what kind of care we want to provide and how we fund it, and that's a really big conversation."

Dr Phair also addressed the political issues tied to health care and policies, which are particularly targeted and driven by where governments need votes but agreed that the Modified Monash criteria was a good policy.

The Modified Monash Model: is a measure of remoteness, looks at incentives and support in specific areas; for our community, Phillip Island, Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Leongatha fall under MM4 – medium rural town, surrounding areas in between and across to Yarram and Port Welshpool are deemed MM5 – small rural towns, and French Island and Sunday Island are MM6 – remote communities.

"Be organised when you go to your GP – make a priority list. Make sure you spend that time well and address what's really worrying you the most," Dr Phair said.

"I don't really want to suggest it but if you're originally from Melbourne you might consider continuing to get medical care back in Melbourne because it's much less under the pump."

"We have to think about what we value; people spend huge amounts of money on smartphones, and yet they're upset about paying to see their GP, sometimes people undervalue their health."

"I'm not saying people should be paying for health care, but I think it's worth taking the time to think about how you spend your money and what matters to you."

Dr Phair also recommends using other sources – ask your pharmacist about your medications, practice nurses where a GP may not be necessary and a physio for musculoskeletal concerns.

And write to your parliamentarians.

"Say we're desperately short of GP's – they do pay attention."

The Medicare Levy and Politics

Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler was recently on Triple J – Hack, and explained the problem from the top.

"What we have seen over the last 10



Patients are facing greater out of pocket expenses as Medicare fails to keep up with rising costs.

years are cuts and neglect to Medicare – unsurprisingly doctors have had to reduce their level of bulk billing or where they do charge gap fees to see those fees climb higher and higher," Mr Butler said.

"For the first time in the 40-year history of Medicare the average gap fee that people are paying for a standard consult with their GP is more than the Medicare rebate itself – that has never been the case before."

"It's never been harder to get into a doctor than it is right now, and it's never been so expensive."

"We've got a taskforce that is meeting on a monthly basis between now and Christmas to work out how best to spend (\$250 million that is committed to Medicare) – whether that is an increase to the rebate, employing more nurses... Next year the money will start to flow."

And lastly, but not least the question on everyone's mind – 'I'm paying a Medicare Levy, where is it going?'

According to the latest tax statistics from the ATO, for the 2019-2020 tax period 10,417,278 individuals (of 14,958,590) paid the Medicare levy with a total figure of \$17.2 billion.

Of those individuals, a further 411,624 paid the Medicare levy surcharge equaling \$502 million.

Health expenses that are funded through the Medicare and private health insurance rebate include delivering essential health services, including public hospitals, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health programs, mental health services and health workforce initiatives.

The DisabilityCare Australia Fund is funded from the 0.5 per cent to 2 per cent increase in the Medicare levy in recent years.

According to the federal Budget 2020-21, the actual expenses figure for Health 2019-20 was \$87.023 billion.

Jumping to the Budget 2021-22, the Health Portfolio – Department of Health had an estimated actual opening balance of \$1.628 billion and other Health Portfolio accounts totalling \$412 million.



Independent candidate for Bass Jeni Jobe (centre) joined (from left) school captain Billie, school council president Caroline Moore, Axl, Ollie and Samu at Wonthaggi Primary School recently. C07_3322

More candidates take a trip to Wonthaggi Primary

THREE weeks after Liberal candidate Aaron Brown's visit, Independent candidate Jeni Jobe took to Wonthaggi Primary School to experience first-hand the failing facilities.

Launching their bid in July for \$20 million in redevelopment to bring their facilities up to standard, Wonthaggi Primary School's Council have worked alongside teachers and an architect to develop a Master Plan, detailing the major capital works that the Council believes need to occur to bring their facilities into the 21st century.

This includes appropriately sized (82sqm) and consistent learning spaces, state-of-the-art STEM facilities, a sporting precinct, appropriate library allocation and a purpose-built administration building.

More integrated spaces allowing teachers to collaborate, connect, and cope with the ever-increasing influx of students, the master plan is not only about upgrading the facilities and bringing them in line with other schools but also addressing safety concerns.

As highlighted by school captain Billie, the toilet

in the 12-year-old BER building is simply not fit for purpose.

"The two toilets are unable to be used for their specified purpose," Billie explained.

"Students often have to ask to use the outside toilets and explain to substitute teachers why the indoor toilets are not suitable."

School council president Caroline Moore explained that most students simply ask to use (the outside toilets) all the time now.

Jeni could not contain her shock as all the adults felt the embarrassment in the room for the young students.

"It's a safe seat – things get ignored," Jeni explained.

Jeni has entered the state election to shake things up and get a better outcome for her home region.

Born in the now obsolete Warley Hospital, Cowes, Jeni grew up in the Island community, with firsthand experience in a family run hospitality business.

"My partner is a primary school CRT... The schools are bleeding dry from having to pay for CRT's, they're not getting any extra funding during the

pandemic to assist them and they're really struggling.

"They're expected to fundraise through the families and parents of their students, who are already struggling."

"What breaks my heart is that we don't have an equitable way of funding the needs within our communities. Communities are utterly neglected if they are a safe seat."

Similarly to former Federal Independent Candidate for Monash, Deb Leonard, Jeni is raising her voice and demanding a better future for the electorate of Bass.

"If you look at the buildings around the school you see the years of neglect that's accumulated there. It's really, truly heartbreaking. The system shouldn't be that way... It's appalling."

"When I was supporting Voices for Monash, looking at the figures for the federal budget allocation on money for private schools compared to state schools. I actually thought I was reading the figures the wrong way around but the money that went to private schools was way more than went to public schools."



Jeni's visit kicked off with a tour of the failing facilities of the school on Billson Street. C09_3322

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COMMENT

Turbines are us... or not?

GIVEN the way the Albanese Government is trying to roll out a massive renewable energy initiative off our coast, from the Nobbies on Phillip Island to the 90 Mile Beach, you'd have to wonder how fair dinkum they are about community engagement.

Instead of using all available media including radio, TV, local newspapers, social media and direct contact by email to make the necessary impact, given the short timeframe, the government has used very limited measures to get the message out about a series of local "drop-in" engagement sessions.

Did you know that the Australian Department of Industry Science and Resources is holding three of these sessions, offering at least some chance to ask questions before the deadline for public submissions on Friday, October 7, at these locations this week:

- Yarram: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at the Regent Theatre 4pm – 6pm.
- Wonthaggi: Thursday, September 1, 2022 at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club 11am – 2pm.
- Leongatha: Thursday, September 1, 2022 at the South Gippsland Shire Council Chambers 5pm – 7pm.

Despite the department's refusal (so far) to advertise these sessions in any local newspapers across Gippsland, in the public interest the Sentinel-Times is prepared to highlight the opportunity they present to local readers.

While the proposed location for the 200-turbine Star of the South project, offshore from Port Albert, is afforded some masking by St Margaret's Island and other small islands in the Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Park, most of the other proposed development areas will impact highly valuable coastal areas in South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

Even if you support offshore wind for renewable energy there are still questions to be asked.

- How close and how visible will they be from the coast?
- Will they have to be removed after their use-by date?
- Will there be overhead transmission lines?
- What is the anticipated route for transmission lines?
- What is being done to minimise bird strikes in the vicinity of the Corner Inlet Ramsar Site and other key habitat areas?
- Will wind energy be used in conjunction with battery technology?
- What is the expected impact on tourism?
- How many jobs will be permanently located in Bass Coast and South Gippsland?

If you have concerns, now is the time to express them via a submission on the government website at <https://consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland>

Vaccine debate continues

Thank you for the August 23, article titled "The vaccine dilemma facing volunteers."

The article says the debate is still raging as to whether the volunteer organisations are required to follow the public health orders, at least now concerns regarding any pandemic in the community



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

apparently are now over.

People, it seems, still can get COVID, vaxxed or not, and some even spend time in hospital, as society learns to live with this situation.

As the disappointed 20-year volunteer says, she, or he, can "stand with 80,000 unmasked spectators at the MCG" and "meet up with any number of their fellow volunteers at any venue, as long as it wasn't CFA business."

Many courageous workers and volunteers decided to reject vax mandates to much personal loss, also, unfortunately, many felt the need to comply.

Let each of us remember the overreach of governments, police and organisation managements now, and for the future, and especially this November.

Steve Finlay, Leongatha

the next few decades.

The issue is so important to locals, it is looming as a key issue in the November State election.

Meryl and Hartley Tobin, Grantville

Woodlands must be preserved

Recently the State Government through its Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program, awarded \$1 million to local organisations (Sentinel-Times, 28.08.2022, p8).

Each received up to \$10,000 to fund projects that improve management and adaptation to coastal hazard risk in line with Victoria's Resilient Coast – Adapting for 2100+.

For these grants, we thank our State Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, and State Minister for the Environment, Lily D'Ambrosio, whom you pictured against the backdrop of one of Bass Coast's scenic beaches.

A reminder of why people live and visit our area, the photo encapsulates something of how precious our natural environment is.

However, it is not just our foreshore and sea that is important to us.

We ask Jordan Crugnale and Minister D'Ambrosio to listen to the thousands of locals and others calling on them and the State Government, of which they are part, to save the precious and irreplaceable Western Port Woodlands.

Stretching from Nyora-Lang Lang to Grantville and beyond, the woodlands are virtually the last 5 per cent of un-cleared pre-European native vegetation in West Gippsland.

Much of it is currently being dug up for sand or is set to go for sandmining over

Do the research and have a say

Further to my previous letter that you were kind enough to publish, I would like to add some additional material for the readers of this paper. I urge readers to do their own research if they feel I am distorting the facts.

* I made a mistake in my first letter: the entire waters of Corner Inlet are a designated RAMSAR Wetland, not just the Yanakie part. This should not be taken lightly as there are very few declared sites in the world. It is designated as such due to its importance to Migratory Birds. There are thousands, if not millions that migrate between Australia and breeding/feeding sites in the northern hemisphere.

* Check the website under title "Migratory Birds Australia". It is worthy of note, (or perhaps ironic), that this site is published by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water. This also details the importance of breeding sites to the birds and how changes (even through climate change) would impact on them. I have to wonder what studies have been done in relation to large scale windfarms being built in their flight paths? Probably none. Perhaps the heads of these individual Departments should sit down and discuss these matters.

* It should also be noted that there are currently two companies expressing interest in these proposals – one based in the Philippines and now we have Shell, of the oil and gas fame. Does that tell you something too?

In closing, am I one of the very few who can see the potential damage to this beautiful part of Victoria, both visual and to our bird life?

I urge concerned readers to make their submissions via the website <https://consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland>, or check the online paper at "Offshore renewable energy infrastructure area proposal: Bass Strait off Gippsland".

We cannot afford to be complacent about this.

Adrian Fyfe, Fish Creek

Elliette

Grade 3/4

"He's really funny!"

Willow

Grade 3/4

"He doesn't say no... much."

Matilda

Grade 1

"Probably him giving me cuddles."

Khaleesi

Prep

"Playing together, cause we can play fight; he always wins!"

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

Dreaming with eyes open...



Wonthaggi North teachers got in on the action dressing as an array of characters from their favourite books. C03_3522

Celebrating Children's Book Week at Wonthaggi North

DINOSAURS, Spiderman, Harry Potter, Dr Seuss, Star Wars, Marvel, DC, characters from all generations were brought to life last Thursday at Wonthaggi North Primary School.

Students dressed to the hills in their favourite book character and celebrated with a whole school parade.

Since 1945's 'United Through Books', characters have been brought to life through The Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week. This year's

book theme was 'Dreaming with eyes open...'

Across classrooms and libraries in Gippsland, teachers, librarians and students indulged in activities, colourful displays, competitions and stories to highlight the importance of reading with an emphasis on Australian children's authors and illustrators.

This year's winning Book of Year titles were: Older Readers - Tiger Daughter by Rebecca Lim, Younger Readers - A Glasshouse of Stars by Shirley Marr, and

Early Childhood - Jetty Jumping by Andrea Rowe.

Picture Book of the Year was awarded to Iceberg by Jess Racklyeft and the Eve Pownall Award went to Still Alive, Notes from Australia's Immigration Detention System by Safdar Ahmed.

Michelle Pereira took out the CBCA Award for New Illustrator for The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name.

Whether a quiet reading by a fire or a bedtime story remember 'once you learn to read, you will be forever free' (Frederick Douglass).

***A book
is a gift
you can
open
again and
again'***

- Garrison Keillor

Newhaven College was proud to celebrate Book Week recently and junior students certainly got into the spirit!



Mila Potter - fairy; Zoe Schnerring - Where's Wally; Lily Solibakke - Hawaii Girl; Parker Underwood - astronaut; Adelyn Warkotsch - flower girl.



Emily Miles - Wolf Girl; Amelia Russo - Hermione from Harry Potter; Abigail Coulthurst - Dreaming of becoming a Japanese Artist; Ava Lucas - Darth Vader; Harper Perry - clown.



Grade 1B (Wonthaggi Primary School) were excited to dress up for Book Week on Friday, with Jarvis and Brooklyn excited to show what characters they like and 'for everyone can see your favourite characters', and Will excited to pretend to be like their character for the day. C15_3522



Wonder Woman Natalie is accompanied by Buzz (teacher) Chloe. Students and teachers spent the week exploring their favourite books and celebrated in costume on the Friday with a whole school parade.



Newhaven College had commissioned indigenous artist Steve Ulula Parker to create stunning artworks.

Showcasing stunning artworks by Steve Ulula Parker

NEWHAVEN College celebrates Community.

It's about finding a sense of belonging and a place for all students to be themselves.

A sense of community transcends the classroom, to the school grounds and out across Millowl, Phillip Island, spreading far and wide across Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

Newhaven College acknowledges the Boonwurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land where the school now sits.

This year, Newhaven College commissioned two artworks from local indigenous artist Steve Ulula Parker from Millowl Dreaming.

Steve's artworks can be seen at different locations around the school, for everyone to share and enjoy. College Principal, Tony Corr, asked Steve how he reacted when asked to make the pieces.

"I was quite honoured to produce these paintings and connect the local community with students," Steve replied.

Steve spoke about his involvement with Newhaven College over the years, one being the annual Welcome to Country at the Year 9 Environmental Centre.

"I do smoking ceremonies with the Year 9 students, welcoming them traditionally to our country and calling Bunjal (ancestral Wedge-tailed Eagle), our creator.

Bunjal always turns up, right on time and flies above us as I do the ceremony."

Steve explains the significance of Millowl, Phillip Island, to the region: "When you look at a map of Boonwurrung country, Phillip Island is shaped like our country - from Werribee river, right down to Wamoon. Auntie Caroline, our elder, has always said that we're sitting in the heart and lungs of Boonwurrung."

As a community committed to continual learning and growth, Newhaven College will draw on the wisdom and strength inherent in this special space and commit to building a brighter future together.

Final touches for new obstacle course

THE finishing touches are going on the new playground equipment at Wonthaggi North Primary School, as it opens this week.

Started August 15, the new equipment has been possible through a \$28,000 Active Kids grant and school funding.

"The kids are excited and cannot wait," teacher, Kerry McGenniskin smiled.

"Based on a ninja obstacle course with a start and finish point, the course is not only a welcome sign for students but will assist in our Active Schools program."

Active Schools, an initiative by the state government, aims to ensure all Victorian students have the skills, confidence and motivation to be active in life.

"Some of the older equipment has been incorporated into the new safe design."

"One of the old slides has been removed which brought a lot of nostalgia to the grade 6 students."

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HOUSE

ON WEDNESDAYS you will find the very talented Brian in the House. Brian has a wealth of knowledge and experience in pattern making and within the industry both here and overseas.

Here to share his knowledge and skills in all aspects of pattern making and sewing in a fun, friendly environment.

No job is too simple or too complicated.

Unless you are looking to create an haute couture piece, it might be a challenge and will test the boundaries... but I'm sure Brian will give it a go.

If you have a pattern to be altered to fit, a garment that you want to make or a partly finished garment which you would like some help with come along and speak with Brian. together you will find the solution.

BYO your own machine, fabric, pattern and sewing utensils. Whatever your skills come along for a fun, productive morning with Brian.

For those of you who have yet to apply for the Government Power Saving Bonus and need a helping hand we have the solution.

Peter has been assisting people like yourself for many months now and is all over the process.

This bonus is open to all households and concession card holders who previously received the bonus before July. Peter is away for the next couple of weeks, but you can book in early for when he returns. Sessions are available on a Wednesday 10am to 2pm.

Just call the office on 5674 2444.

Seated Yoga (or chair yoga as some of you may know it) is another Wednesday activity. The yoga can be performed seated or standing using a chair for support. Seated yoga is a great introduction if you are new to the practice if you have a long-term health condition or if you are returning to yoga after a long-term break.

Yoga connects the body and mind with the breath and strengthens the relaxation response of the nervous system. Improving your flexibility, concentration, and strength, while boosting your mood and reducing stress and joint strain. Classes run for one hour with a mix of relaxation, breath techniques and physical posture. Bookings required 5674 2444.

Did you know that we offer a range of admin services? We can help out with your photocopying, scanning, laminating and printing and free wifi access that is fast and reliable. We also have rooms for hire for business, groups and meetings. For any hire enquires call the office. If its admin services just drop into the House.

If you haven't already done so, membership to the House is now open. By becoming a member of the House, you support the purpose of the Association. Memberships applicable within the financial year. The \$11 yearly membership provides discounts to many activities. All members receive a quarterly copy of our program of activities via email. If you would like to join, just drop into the office to complete an application form.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

PLANS are being finalised for BCAL Pathways Expo, which will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about courses on offer in 2023. The event is in celebration of Adult Learners Week.

There will be a Welcome to Country, site tours, workshops, food and market stalls, sustainability activities, an exhibition opening, live music and prizes to win.

A range of service providers and local businesses will join us as well as the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters and U3A.

Bring your family and friends along from 12 - 6pm at 239 White Road, Wonthaggi.

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

■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden depends on willing workers, volunteers and members alike. It also depends on a small army of flying and crawling pollinators to do the heavy lifting when it counts most.

Thankfully one hard working volunteer has donated a pollinator magnet, in the shape of a solid, free standing bird bath, just in time for spring. Thanks Kevin!

It will encourage visiting bees, birds, hover flies and many more critters to linger a while, feed on the garden's array of flowering plants, and help with the summer harvest.

There's still lots of cool season vegies on the go. Volunteers went home with lovely bunches of leafy greens after a weeding session last Thursday.

If you or your group would like to get involved in any activities at the garden please contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or drop in for a visit on Thursdays between 10 and noon. The Garden will also be open for the Pathways Expo this Friday.

The Community Garden is an all abilities, all ages garden.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies will be participating in BCAL's Pathways Expo this Friday from noon.

There will be guided tours of all the workshops and facilities, showing the lathes, scrollsaws, joining equipment and much more.

There will also be a display of the Woodies' creations, with all items for sale. This will be a rare opportunity to pick up something unique and locally made.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggigewoodcrafters.com.au or come along to the Expo this Friday.



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

STAYING connected to our communities is very important to our collective mental health. It is not always easy and for some it can take great effort to remain connected. Here are two activities which can entice us to get out and catch up with others. Come as one or as one with a friend ... or more!

Coming up next Tuesday, September 6, is our Chatty Café. It's a place to come along and have a bit out a chat with others over a cuppa.

The Chatty Café aims to help people stay connected to their community by choosing to "Have a Chat" to others in safe comfortable settings.

These tables are for everyone, anyone can join in, all are welcome to enjoy the company of other. There may be cake! The Chatty Café is on every first Tuesday of the month 10.30 to 11.30am.

If you missed out on our scrumptious last Free Community Lunch, then set your sights on coming along to the next one. They happen every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, starting at 12 noon.

Our next one is about a fortnight away. Emma will, as usual, be cooking up a storm so come along and enjoy good food while meeting new people or reacquainting yourself with old friends or bringing another along to enjoy a meal out together whilst having a chat with others. You need to book in so that we can cater accordingly. Our next one is Wednesday, September 14. Book in now.

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.

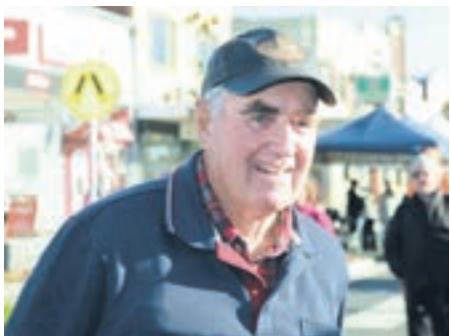
Call Mitchell House on 5672 3731 for more information and keep up to date with all our activities through our Facebook Page at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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John Vuillermin enjoys the daffodil festival, believing it's good for Leongatha and gets people out and about. A11_3522



Piper White and Lenna Campbell both enjoy the food on offer at the daffodil festival, particularly the twisty potatoes. A12_3522



Chloe Curtis and John and Maisy Barnes enjoy the Leongatha sunshine at Saturday's street festival. A13_3522



Maisy and Flynn Fowkes are having fun at Saturday's festival in Bair Street. A17_3522



Bridgette Ryan with olive python Tinkerbell, and Karah Wright with Johnson the freshwater crocodile, entertained and educated festival goers on Saturday. A14_3522



Cherie Pritchett and husband Graham promote the upcoming Biketober Fest during Saturday's daffodil festival, with bikes set to take over Leongatha on October 29. A15_3522



Addi and Sarah Misale, with Ruby Shields, enjoy the daffodil festival with Sarah saying it brings the Leongatha community together. A16_3522



Agnes and John Veldhuizen of Wattlebank heard about the daffodil festival from friends, with Agnes describing the flowers as beautiful. A19_3522



Imogen and Amelia, with their mum, are colour-coordinated in Bair Street. A18_3522

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the 2022 Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show.



Show secretary, Sue Thompson and Maureen Masterman attended the official opening of the Daffodil and Floral Show where Sue was awarded the champion daffodil. Z09_3522



Christine Ashburner of Hancock's Daffodil's was showcasing and selling the family daffodils at the Leongatha Memorial Hall. Z08_3522



Treasurer Ian Rasmussen and Linden Esposito welcomed visitors to the Memorial Hall on Thursday afternoon for the official opening of the Daffodil and Floral Show. Z07_3522



Dawn Rasmussen, Pat Dodson and Judy Jackson attended Memorial Hall on Thursday afternoon selling native plants and raffle tickets. Z11_3522



Andrew and Sharon Wilson of Korumburra usually attend Leongatha's daffodil festival. A23_3522



Graeme and Doreen Millane are ready to inspect their friend's customline hot rod during the daffodil festival. A20_3522



Grant and Tracie McColl are set to check out the cars on display during the daffodil festival. A21_3522



Lyn Jennison, and Laurie and Melva Cooper are all part of the Gippsland Historic Automobile Club, South Gippsland branch. A22_3522

Bass Coast Fine Film Group presents "Lunana: A Yak In The Classroom"

AT 10.45am, Sunday, September 4, the BCFFG is screening the award winning film from Bhutanese director, Pawo Choyning Dorji, "Lunana: A Yak In The Classroom".



In Bhutan, the reputed happiest place in the world, teacher Ugyen Dorji is decidedly not happy. Stuck in a dead end job and slacking off, his superiors decided to send him to the most remote school in the world, the tiny village of Lunana (pop. 56).

Blinded by his internal discontent, Ugyen is immune to the beauty that surrounds him as he treks into the mountains to his posting.

There he discovers a derelict and under resourced school.

Wanting to flee back to his home but unable to, he slowly comes to terms with the situation and is beguiled by the children and their families.

Stunningly photographed in extraordinary scenery, Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom, is a gentle reflection on the contrasts between modern life and all its "amenities" and the simpler rural lifestyles of peoples in the more remote and inaccessible parts of the world.

Screening at 10.45am on Sunday, September 4, at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Details and trailer for the film are available through the BCFFG website: <https://bcffgfilms.weebly.com/lunana-a-yak-in-the-classroom.html>

BCFFG Members entry is free on presentation of membership card; general public welcome with tickets at usual box office prices.

But wait ... there's more ... St Kilda Short Film Festival returns!

With two screening sessions at 6.30pm Friday, September 2, and 2pm Sunday, September 4, you have double the opportunity to catch the Travelling St Kilda Short Film Festival.

Ticket prices are \$15 concession, \$20 adults.

Another great presentation of a short film programme that is always entertaining and thought provoking.

Find out more here: <https://basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com/current-season.html> The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored and supported by the Bass Coast Shire.



10.45am SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER
LUNANA: A YAK IN THE
CLASSROOM

As a reprimand for shirking his duties, a young Bhutanese teacher is sent to the most remote school in the world, Lunana. With no resources, he wants to quit, but his life is transformed by the kids

General public welcome. Members Free Entry!

@ WONTAGGI UNION CINEMA
96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Check the website for more info:
basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com

Island arks arrive at Phillip Island

EXPERTS in island conservation from around Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific are set to meet at the Penguin Parade next month.

They will discuss the biggest issues facing our unique habitat and environment, present new research and offer expertise on how to protect our islands into the future.

The Island Arks Symposium VII will bring together global experts, along with interested community members, with this year's theme: Partnering for land, sea and coast.

After a two-year hiatus, the Symposium returns in its seventh year, with discussions around Lord Howe Island as a model of environmental excellence, pests and biosecurity, marine and coastal threats, the importance of seabirds, and Indigenous places.

Two workshops will focus on empowering Island communities and action planning for Island conservation.

"Australia's islands support up to 30 per cent of all our threatened species, make up 40 per cent of the iconic Australian coastline we love and make a huge contribution to our tourism economy," said Nature Parks' Conservation Manager Jessica McKelson.

"We're proud to be joined by Traditional Owners including the local Bunurong Land



Jessica McKelson, Conservation Manager at Phillip Island Nature Parks, will step up as the Symposium MC next week as Phillip Island welcomes conservation experts from around the world.

Council Aboriginal Corporation, Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation and Gunditj Miring Traditional Owner Aboriginal Corporation."

First Nations people from the Pitcairn Islands, New Zealand, Hawaii, Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia will also share their unique viewpoints and aspirations for the sustainable use and development

of their islands.

Keynote speakers include experts in Biosecurity, community-led restoration initiatives and climate action.

"Most people are familiar with the growth of the Little Penguin population, but we've only just begun our work here. Phillip Island is home to some very special birds and animals, including the

bush stone curlew, which are focused on breeding and reintroducing this critically endangered species back to its native environment."

The Island Arks Symposium will be held at the Penguin Parade from September 5 - 9.

Daily tickets, online registration or full event passes are available at islandarks.com.au

Conservation is the name of the game at Fixit



The Fixit Café is back and Maryanne, Glenn and Nicole couldn't be more excited.

WE THINK of wildlife, plants and trees when we think of conservation but it can also apply to an indispensable kettle. Nicole went home with her kettle fixed by Glenn at the Fixit Café Wonthaggi.

Glenn and Maryanne started coming to help at Fixit Café before they had even moved to Wonthaggi, with the whole idea of contributing and getting to know people.

This spirit of giving whether it's time, company, or expertise is present every month and restores faith in society in these difficult times. If you have an ability to fix, darn, hammer, or weld - or if you would just like a cup of coffee

and a chat on a Sunday, feel free to come along.

If you have goods you can carry which need fixing, drop into Mitchell House during the week to register the repair or telephone 5672 3731.

Fixit Café is a joint activity between Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House and the Wonthaggi Men's Shed and can be accessed from the back of the Big W carpark, past the Goods Shed, to the Harvest Centre.

The next event is on September 18, between 11 and 1pm. It's giving our belongings a second life and keeping them out of landfill.

Send us your photos

If you're having a 21st, club function, wedding, or other social event, take some photos, name the people in the snaps and email to news@sgst.com.au

Sentinel-Times

It won't cost a cent to see them in print!

**South Gippsland
Orchid Society Inc.
ORCHID SHOW**

**Friday, September 9
9.30am - 4.30pm**

**Saturday, September 10
9.30am - 4pm**

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club

Admission \$5, children free
Enquiries Julie Kilgour
5674 8139

**SOUTH GIPPSLAND
BRIDGE CLUB**

Thursday, September 1

SUPERVISED BRIDGE PLAY
WWMC 75 Graham St Wonthaggi
9.30am start Partner not required

Friday, September 2

Handicap Pairs
AIAC 88 The Esplanade Inverloch
Please be seated by 12.45pm

Tuesday, September 6

Leongatha Away Game
Leongatha RSL Cnr Smith St & Michael Pl
11.45am for lunch 12.45pm for play

Enquiries: sgbridgeclub@hotmail.com

ALL WELCOME

Postie Fashion Day upcoming

By Tarwin Lower Red Cross

OUR member numbers have decreased at our meetings due to COVID and members travelling north to the sunshine.

In July, we held our AGM meeting with all positions declared vacant.

Re-elected was Glenda Arbuthnot president, Cheryl Bertrand vice president, Margaret Fisher secretary, Val Latham treasurer with Sue Burns taking over the position from February 2023.

It was reported by the treasurer that even with COVID restrictions, we were still able to hold some fundraising activities and forward some money to headquarters.

After the meeting we held a second-hand clothes swap table paying a donation for the items.

It was a fun day.

At the August meeting we had seven members attend and we organised a "Postie Fashion Day" to be held on Tuesday, September 6, at 1 pm at the Tarwin Lower Health Community Centre at a cost of \$5 entry and lucky door prize.

We would like to welcome visitors to the lovely fashion cloths day followed by afternoon lunch.

Our day finished with a "cuppa" and lovely afternoon lunch.

VBA ready to set off on September educational tour

VICTORIA'S building and plumbing regulator is gearing up to deliver roadshows across the state, including Wonthaggi, ahead of the implementation of the National Construction Code (NCC) 2022.

The NCC, which is updated every three-years, sets out the legislative requirements for the design and construction of buildings and the technical requirements for plumbing and drainage.

As part of its role in ensuring practitioners know the changes, the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) is running 15 in-person events across the state.

The VBA's State Building Surveyor Andrew Cialini has encouraged practitioners to attend one of the events to learn more about the changes.

The NCC Roadshow will visit Wonthaggi on September 20, which will include a plumbing and building session.

Practitioners interested in more information about the NCC Roadshow can visit the VBA website.

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GLAMIS Road properties, set amongst beautiful undulating coastal hinterland are exclusive and sought after.

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The living area is kept cosy with a Jindara dual glass wood fire that opens to the lounge and kitchen area.

With multiple outdoor entertaining areas, an extra-large Double garage with secure entry straight into the home plus enough shedding and workshops for eight cars.

The property is very well fenced and would suit anyone wanting to run horses or a small number of livestock.

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The kitchen features timber cabinetry and a great sized pantry with electric cooking. Moving through to the carpeted lounge room area, this space is serviced by a reverse cycle air conditioner, electric fireplace and ceiling fan.

The family bathroom includes new floor tiles and built-in shower, the bath, toilet, and vanity complete the bathroom.

The master showcases a corner window filling the room with natural light and includes built in robes, the two other bedrooms include built in robes and curtains.

The backdoor leads you to the undercover mudroom/sunroom with the laundry and another separate toilet adjoining this space.

Externally, the property showcases many established plants and trees, a concrete path leading you to the fully fenced backyard, a great sized undercover patio, two small green houses, garage/workshop with carport to the side followed by another small shed.

3 | 1 | 1 700m²

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LEONGATHA



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KORUMBURRA



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26 Wallace Street

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WONTHAGGI



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LEONGATHA



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WONTHAGGI



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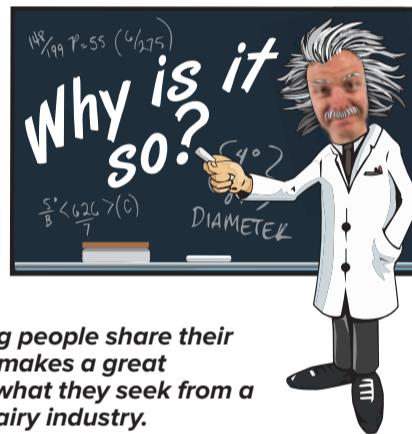
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Dairy Expo proud to make triumphant return

THE Strzelecki Lions Club is pleased to announce that they will be hosting the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo in Korumburra on September, Wednesday 7, and Thursday 8, 2022.

This year, they will celebrate over 21 years of providing the local dairying community with an event showcasing the latest innovations, products, and services available to the dairy industry.

Be sure not to miss your chance to win \$5000 in the Udder Truth Show bag competition, which is proudly bought to you by South East Organic Fertiliser.

So come along to the Korumburra Showgrounds on September 7-8, 2022.

The rules are simple, collect a show bag at the gate, answer 17 of the 20 questions and request your card to be stamped by the corresponding exhibitor.

The first card drawn with 17 correct answers, with the exhibitor stamps, will respectively win \$3,000 first prize; \$1,500 second prize and third prize \$500.

Participants must be

farmers and over 18 years of age.

The lucky winner's announcement will occur at 2.30 pm on September, Thursday 8, 2022.

Let's work out the odds; there will be 200 show bags available during the event's two days. So how many farmers will complete the card? Your guess is as good as ours; there is an old saying that you must be in it to win it!

Participating companies include GippsDairy, Farm Mapping Services, Jantec Systems, Notman Pasture Seeds, Boehringer Ingelheim, Nutrien Harcourts, Pioneer Seeds, Easy Dairy Automation Systems, Rural Financial Counselling Service Gippsland, Reid Stockfeeds, Victorian Hoofcare Services, Lely Center Gippsland, Need for Feed, MaxCare, Elders Insurance, HiTech, Pro-Dairy, Ridley, Zoetis and Burra Foods.

The funds raised from the Dairy Expo have helped the Strzelecki Lions Club distribute over \$600,000 back into the community and Lions projects.

The planning for the



The Strzelecki Lions Club is proud to be hosting the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo in Korumburra with a wide range of events to suit everyone.

Dairy Expo starts in January each year, and the committee meets monthly until the last week before the event to ensure all the plans are in place.

The club would like to acknowledge the event's new major sponsor, Westpac and celebrate our long-term platinum partnership with Reid Stockfeeds.

Thank you to Gold Sponsors: Easy Dairy Automation System, Ross Chapman Cartage & Earthmoving Contractors, ProDairy, Entegra, GippsDairy, Burra Foods, Rabobank, ProviCo Rural,

Ridley, Farm Mapping Services, Evans Petroleum, Nutrien Harcourts, Saputo Dairy Australia, GEA Farm Technologies Australia Pty Ltd and Metalform Ag. Please make sure you call in and show appreciation for their contribution to the South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo.

Matt Harms from On-Farm, is hosting a session called "Are you seen as an employer of Formula One standard?" Matt is back by popular demand on Wednesday, September 7, at 11.00 am. Panel members include Andrew Perry, dairy

farmer, Kongwak; Jasmine Kneebone, farm employee, Denison; Lachlan Harms, farm manager, Leongatha; Tamara Loughridge, farm employee, Poowong North and Matt Taylor, farm employee, Kongwak.

South Gippsland Shire Council is the proud sponsor of this session.

What else is happening?

Keynote presentation.

On Thursday, September 8, at 11 am, Nathan Burke, a former champion for the St Kilda football club and current coach of the AFL Women's Western Bulldogs team, will visit and share his experiences about "Achieving your goals and relying on other people to deliver." Reid Stockfeeds and National Australia Bank are the proud sponsors of this session.

Airy Fairy Fun and Faces.

There is something for everyone at the 2022 Dairy Expo, so bring the young kids along and share an opportunity to bring colour and fun to their faces.

The Gumboot Gift.

On Thursday, September 8, at 1 pm, the prestigious

120-metre gumboot footrace will take place. It is a must-see and do event with both male and female sections with a prize pool of \$4,000. The event is proudly sponsored by: Countrywide Clothing, Jefferis Livestock Transport Pty Ltd, Farm Depot Warragul, Korumburra Plumbers & Pumps, Walker Electrical, Lardner Cattle Scales, Levey Engineering, Ag-Crete Industries, Nacas Truck N'Ag, J.J's Waste & Recycling, Nutrien Ag Solutions - South Gippsland Livestock, Devin Hance - Agricultural Engineering, Carringtons Loch, Lectaire Auto Electrics & Air Conditioning, Fisher's Timber & Hardware, South Gippsland Hire, Manks Contracting and Furness Livestock.

Opening hours are 10.00 am to 3.00 pm daily, and the cost is \$15.00 per person; children under 16 years old are free.

For exhibitors or patrons who have questions, please phone Deanne Kennedy on 0419 878 055 or email dairyexpo@jaydee.net.au.



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Welcome return of Dairy and Farming Expo

THE South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo in Korumburra, this year on September 7 and 8, provides a valuable opportunity for farmers and suppliers to connect, but also offers fun.

Competition will be fierce in the Gumboot Gift, with separate male and female sections and impressive prizemoney up for grabs.

An array of sponsors contributed to the \$4000 prize pool.

Past committee Chairman of the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo, Cliff Wallace, said exhibitors are entirely farm focused, with the only other stalls providing food.

He explained the event offers the opportunity for suppliers and farmers to communicate in one place, allowing farmers to learn what is available to help run their farms smoothly and giving suppliers the chance to hear farmers' thoughts on their products.

"It's good for exhibitors to see a lot of their clients in a short time instead of going from farm to farm," Cliff said of the expo's ability to bring farmers to them.

Cliff said organisers get positive feedback from exhibitors,



Former chairman of the committee for the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo, Cliff Wallace speaks about this year's upcoming event. A01_3522

a number of which have been connected with the event since its commencement in the year 2000, originally at Poowong Recreation Reserve.

"If it wasn't for the exhibitors wanting to come back each year, we wouldn't have a show," Cliff said.

Many other exhibitors have come on board over the years, with the event outgrowing its original venue and moving to the Korumburra Showgrounds in 2009.

The Expo has evolved along with farming technology.

For instance, there'll be a couple of different exhibitors displaying milking robots this year.

Cliff works on his son's North Poowong dairy farm and said they are embracing technological solutions to the challenges of finding sufficient labour.

"We're in the process of putting in two robots," he said, explaining cows will adapt to the new process with a little training.

Cliff noted the major benefit of the Expo for exhibitors is creating farmer awareness of what is on offer.

"They don't normally do a lot of sales on the day but it leads to future sales," he said.

For example, a piece of machinery may break down a few months down the track, a farmer will remember speaking to an exhibitor at the Expo who can help meet their needs and get in touch.

Cliff is looking forward to hearing from this year's guest speaker, Nathan Burke, the current Western Bulldogs AFLW coach and former St Kilda star, as well as the Expo's other main presenter, farm consultant Matt Harms.

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For more information and full contact details for Irwin Stockfeeds, call our head office on (03) 9328 2681 or 0456 566 255, or email enquiries@irwinstockfeeds.com.au www.irwinstockfeeds.com.au

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Kickstarting biosecurity practices

By Richard Smith, Dairy Industry Development Officer

FOLLOWING recent detections of foot-and-mouth disease and lumpy skin disease overseas, biosecurity has hit the headlines, with national and state biosecurity measures front and centre.

Whether it be a dairy farm, a hobby cattle herd, a pet alpaca, or even just an irrigation paddock, biosecurity management and farm biosecurity planning can help protect your property from biosecurity threats.

Biosecurity risks increase when livestock, people, vehicles, equipment and supplies are brought onto a property, moved around the property, or leave the property.

A biosecurity management plan is a document that outlines the processes you have in place to reduce the risk of disease, pests, or weeds impacting your property.

While developing your plan, the following practices can be quickly enacted now on your property:

Request National Vendor Declarations (NVD) and animal health statements. Ask questions about animal health, vaccinations, disease and treatment history.

Ensure your Property Identification Code (PIC) details are



up-to-date, and livestock movements are uploaded on the National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS) database. PICs are free to get or update your PIC on the Agriculture Victoria website: agriculture.vic.gov.au/PIC.

Isolate livestock moving on to your property from others, using a yard or holding paddock. This allows time to empty the gut and enables you to monitor for signs

of disease or sickness.

Supply footwear or personal protective equipment (PPE) for farm workers and ensure footwear is left on farm reducing risk of contamination.

Have spare boots and overalls for visitors and contractors and keep a record of people entering the property including their contact details, areas visited and previous contact of farm animals.

Provide an area for washing with a wash tub, scrubbing brush and disinfectant to clean boots or equipment. Any household or general detergent is also fine.

Manage feral, pest animals and weeds by storing feed securely, cleaning spilled feed and keeping areas around buildings and production areas clear of long grass and clutter.

Prevent nose to nose contact between your livestock and other animals. This can be achieved by not grazing boundary paddocks while neighboring livestock are grazing the adjacent paddock, or by planting shelterbelts along boundaries.

Allow only essential people into areas with young stock. Have a separate set of farm clothing/boots to wear around young stock and clean them regularly.

Match frequency of inspections to periods of higher risk, such as calving or lambing, increased insect and feral animal activity, and after rain events or natural disasters.

Stay tuned for the next article in our biosecurity practices series which will cover risk assessment and action plans.

Agriculture Victoria is hosting a number of biosecurity planning workshops and webinars over the next few months. Visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/events for details.

For more information visit the biosecurity page on the Agriculture Victoria website: agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity and for information and resources about foot-and-mouth disease, visit: agriculture.vic.gov.au/fmd.

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Wonthaggi women invited to rural women online open day

WONTHAGGI women will benefit from a digital open day to be held on August 31, from 10am – 3pm.

The open day is part of the Victorian Women's Trust Rural Women Online program; an IT program designed by women for regional Victorian women to build their digital skills in an open, empowering and positive environment.

"At our Rural Women Online Open Days, women will have the opportunity to connect with other local women, find assistance and answers to all those tech questions that might be confusing, and to get online and try different computer equipment and software," Victorian Women's Trust Chair Alana Johnson said.

"Recent data shows there are still significant barriers for rural women when it comes to accessing the digital world, including ability-based barriers.

"Rural Women Online will offer regional women positive and empowering ways to build their skills and it all starts at our Wonthaggi open day."

Rural Women Online consists of three streams; a set of how-to-guides, a women staffed tech help desk and one-on-one mentoring.

The how-to-guides, which can be found at ruralwomnenonline.org.au, are a self-directed online crash course in tech knowledge, covering subjects from e-safety to how to use common software.

And 300 Victorian regional women will be able to access 30 hours of one-on-one advice and mentoring, with entry to the program based on a woman's existing digital skills, hardship, remoteness and if they live in bushfire-affected areas.

Rural Women Online is a joint initiative of the Helen McPherson Smith Trust and the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation, delivered by the Victorian Women's Trust.

Strzelecki Lions Club reaches quarter of a century of service

STRZELECKI Lions Club has notched up a significant milestone, having served local communities for 25 years after being chartered on August 15, 1997.

It's an achievement that would surprise the doubters who existed when the club commenced.

"People said this could never be done but you've proved them wrong," Norma Barnard told members, reflecting on her pride at being involved in the club's foundation along with husband George.

The achievement was celebrated at the Poowong Hotel, with a group of charter members among those in attendance, being some of the original 24 who established the club.

Although Poowong based, the Strzelecki name was chosen to also represent Nyora, Loch, Atholne and surrounding districts.

While the primary objective for forming the club was for members to serve local communities, strong relationships have formed between members over the years.

"It's always been a good bunch of people who communicate and work together," charter member Bill Loughridge said.

Demonstrating the ongoing success of the club, a new member was formally welcomed during the evening.

While Strzelecki Lions Club has contributed in many ways since its establishment, it is best known for the Loch Village Market, South Gippsland Dairy Expo, and Cows Create Careers.

Loch Village Market was the club's first project, with the inaugural market held at the Loch Memorial Reserve in November 1997.

The market was moved to its current location at the Lions Loch Railway Reserve in 2000.

So successful did it become that the club purchased extra land adjacent to that leased site to accommodate the many stall holders wishing to participate.

With the club's membership consisting of people with dairy farming backgrounds, the idea to run a Dairy Expo soon arose, with



Original members of the Strzelecki Lions Club celebrate its 25th birthday. They are Ian Gration, Noel Gregg, Cliff Wallace, Bill Loughridge, Maurice Schwennesen, Trevor Sampson, and Graeme Lancey at front. A03_3522

the event launched in September 2000 at Poowong Recreation Reserve.

Such was the Expo's appeal to exhibitors and farmers that it outgrew its Poowong home, shifting to its present location at Korumburra Showgrounds in 2009.

As well as servicing local farming communities and their suppliers, the Expo has been a major fundraiser for the club.

Cows Create Careers commenced in 2004, started by the Strzelecki Lions Club with support from the University of Melbourne's McMillan Campus, and originally trialled in nine schools.

That led to the program attracting funding through the Gardiner Foundation the following year.

Dairy Australia agreed to fund the program across Australia in 2006.

The program reaches into schools in farming and non-farming areas, opening students' eyes to the origins of their milk and the possibility of becoming part of the dairy industry and to the associated vocational opportunities.

Calves are placed in participating schools for three weeks, with

students learning how to care for them and working in teams to complete related assignments and assessment tasks.

The program now runs across years 5 to 11, being delivered to up to 240 schools annually across 23 dairying regions.

Over the years, Strzelecki Lions Club has been involved in providing opportunities for local young people through Youth Exchange, also hosting overseas students in its community.

Club members have enthusiastically supported the Lions Youth of the Year Program and assisted local primary schools.

Disaster relief is another area the club has helped in.

One of the Strzelecki Lions Club's proudest achievements was the fundraising campaign it spearheaded for Ben Horsburgh.

The grandson of one of its members, Barry Horsburgh, was born in 1999 with multiple deformities that not only required immediate surgery, but also further procedures in America.

Enlisting the assistance of other service organisations, the fundraising campaign generated huge

momentum, garnering media attention and winning business and philanthropic support.

Funds were raised to cover all of Ben's medical treatments from 2007 until his final surgery in 2015 enabling him to now live a normal life and pursue a career as a mechanic.

Cr Mick Felton congratulated the club on behalf of South Gippsland Shire Council for its achievement in serving local communities for quarter of a century.

He views volunteers as the "backbone of our society".

New club member Tim Allan is a retired teacher who recently moved to North Poowong with wife Violet.

"I've come into a brilliant area and wanted to give back to the community," Tim said.

He's already looking forward to assisting at the Dairy & Farming Expo, as the event is now called.

Current club president Russell Jones reflected on the importance of continuing to attract people to join.

"We continue to enlist new members like Tim, so here's to the next 25 years," Russell said.

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Strong support for Dairy & Farming Expo

SOUTH Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo committee chairman Phillip Ould expressed his appreciation for the ongoing support the event receives from the dairy industry, broader farming sector and a wide range of businesses.

"This year, we've got 15 sponsors of the event, so I think that's the most sponsors we've ever had," Phillip said.

That is particularly exciting given the Expo is bouncing back from two years of COVID setbacks, with last year's event cancelled and the 2020 version run 'virtually'.

There are 19 sponsors for the second running of the Gumboot Gift, which will pit competitors, resplendent in mandatory knee-high gumboots, against each other for a chance at glory and a share of the \$4,000 prize pool.

The Udder Truth Showbag competition gives Expo attendees a chance to share in further spoils, with a \$5,000 prize pool supported by 20 sponsors.

Those wanting an opportunity to win a share will be encouraged to visit a wide range of exhibitors on their quest to answer a number of included questions.

"It's a great show of support for farming that all those companies want to attend and be part of the event," Phillip said.

Westpac Bank is the major sponsor.

Platinum sponsor Reid Stockfeeds has been a great supporter of the Expo from day one," Phillip said.

Rabobank, one of a host of gold sponsors, is another of the long-term supporters of the event.

South Gippsland Shire Council also continues to help ensure the Expo's success.

Along with providing other assistance, council is sponsoring the Wednesday morning panel session run by farm consultant Matt Harms where farmers can learn how to appeal to committed workers during this period of labour shortages.

The panel will include a mix of farm owners and employees from the local region, sharing their thoughts on how you can make your business stand out from the crowd.

AFL legend Nathan Burke speaks on Thursday morning about achieving your goals and relying on others to help deliver, sponsored by Reid Stockfeeds and NAB.

Farming Expo's wide appeal

THE South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo offers plenty for those in other areas of farming and agriculture, despite its dairy focused origins and ongoing commitment to that industry.

Adding 'Farming' to the event's name was done to reflect the fact that while dairy farming is still crucial to the region, many have moved out of the industry, a number of whom have gone into other farming pursuits such as beef production.

When the Strzelecki Lions Club commenced the then South Gippsland Dairy Expo in September 2000, its name and focus reflected the many dairy farms in the area and the fact the club's members were retired or active dairy farmers.

Current Strzelecki Lions Club president Russell Jones and wife Alison are among those who have transitioned from dairy farming to beef cattle.

Russell spoke of the diversity



Russell and Alison Jones of the Strzelecki Lions Club are committed to the South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo.

of production in the area.

"In South Gippsland, we've got beef, sheep, farm forestry, viticulture, olive producers, pea growers, garlic production, and a large celery grower," Russell said.

He added that support in-

"The change of name is just to be more inclusive," Russell said.

The Expo's committee chairman Phillip Ould spoke of the link between dairy farming and beef production.

"There is a lot of crossover between the two, as far as nutrition and animal health," Phillip said.

He added there is common ground in terms of machinery, including tractors, that are of equal value for both dairy and beef producers.

Pam Ingram and Tony Santucci have recently sold their dairy herd to take up farming beef cattle in Drouin South.

They have always meant to attend the South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo but have found themselves too tied up with dairying duties.

They're now considering a visit to find out what is on offer for them in their new pursuit.

Permit system widens as pollination continues safely



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As of Tuesday, August 23, this includes anyone bringing bees, hives, queen bees, used beekeeping equipment and bee products, including pollen and honeycomb into any part of Victoria from any state or territory.

Permits will not be granted for movement from New South Wales at this time.

Victoria's Chief Plant Health Officer Dr Rosa Crnov said the widening brings Victoria's permit system in line with those of other states and territories, including South Australia and Queensland.

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"This new permit system, combined with beekeeper registration requirements and the BeeMax system which allows beekeepers to register their bee movements, will provide confidence in delivering safe pollination for industries across the state," Dr Crnov said.

Victorian registered beekeepers will be able to move their hives out of Sunraysia to other parts of the state without a permit, providing they are registered on BeeMax.

"A permit system was required for the Sunraysia given the huge volume of hives coming from across the country just as Varroa mite was detected in New South Wales," Dr Crnov said.

"Currently Victoria remains free of Varroa mite and in the event of a detection, Agriculture Victoria will undertake appropriate risk management actions to respond."

Almond pollination is expected to start winding up in Sunraysia by early September and bees will be needed to pollinate other crops, such as summerfruit in Swan Hill and the Goulburn Valley and seed canola, mustard and clover crops in the Wimmera.

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Solid mixed quality market

By the SGSA

AGENTS yarded 1550 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

The quality of the yarding was again very mixed in a solid market, with the better-quality bred steer weaners attracting the best competition to be \$100 plus dearer in places with most other categories holding firm.

A few of the regular feedlot and commission buyers were absent, which had little impact on prices with a few local graziers prepared to secure numbers to go onto waterlogged paddocks with the possibility of not a lot of store cattle numbers being available in the coming weeks when the grass really starts to grow.

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Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, August 22, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x	\$18 to \$145
Friesian Bulls	\$30 to \$160
Friesian Heifers	\$150 to \$760
Beef Bulls	\$65 to \$380
Beef Heifers	\$90 to \$300
Number of Calves: 778		
Number purchased to rear: 389		



Rob Lees is pleased after selling a pen of Angus heifers.

Wet weather prompts earlier sale of cattle

FRIDAY'S Koonwarra store sale had a total of 1,535 cattle up for grabs.

Nutrien auctioneer Brian McCormack sold some impressive Angus steers from the Baillie brothers in Tyers, with the wet conditions there prompting them to sell earlier than they otherwise would have.

The Baillie's well-bred cattle with Leewood blood weighed in around 600 kilos on average, all bringing over \$5 a kilo.

Brian said the animals available at Friday's sale were a mixed lot, with some of them good quality, along with plainer cattle.

He said the condition of some of the plainer cattle was influenced by the recent weather conditions.

Overall, he was pleased with how the day was progressing.

"It's a handy winter market," Brian said.

Mardan beef farmer Rob Lees was happy after selling a pen of 17 Angus heifers with Merlewood blood, through Phelan & Henderson & Co.

The cattle weighed an average 430 kilos, fetching \$2,360 each.

Earlier, Rob sold 11 Angus steers.

Five of those, averaging 420 kilos, went for \$2,380 each, with the other six coming in at 536 kilos on average and going for \$2,850 each.

He said he would normally sell steers around the beginning of November but the recent wet weather made that impractical.

Poowong beef farmer Jim Watson, who is enjoying the easier nature of beef production after switching from dairying three years ago, stocked up on Hereford steers ahead of the expected price rise in spring.

Before chatting to the Sentinel-Times, he bought three pens of steers, saying the beasts came in at an average of over 500 kilos, with a cost of around \$2,800 each.

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Cattle

Slaughter and carcase weights

As calves born in 2020 and early 2021 reached processing weights in 2022, Q2 of this year saw an increase in slaughter volumes of 11.2 per cent quarter-on-quarter, with 1.49m head processed.

For FY22 Australian cattle slaughter was 5.89m, this is 6.6 per cent below the 2021 levels. Queensland was responsible for 47.7 per cent of all cattle

Third biggest lamb production quarter on record



slaughtered last financial year.

According to Stephen Bignell, Manager Market Information at Meat & Livestock Australia, continued strong seasonal conditions, improved genetics across the national herd and strong on-farm management has helped carcase weights to remain at historically high levels.

"Carcase weights across the country are averaging 317.6kg/head. This is the second highest carcase weights ever, only behind the record previous quarter.

"National male carcase weights rose by 600g to a new record of 348.5kg, driven by jumps in Victorian, Western Australian and South Australian male carcase weights. However, the increased volumes of females slaughtered prevented the national carcase weights reaching record levels.

"A softening in average carcase weights for cattle is not uncommon through the Australian winter. This has been particularly relevant in 2022 with wet and cool conditions affecting livestock's ability to gain or maintain weight," Mr Bignell said.

Beef production

With increased higher slaughter numbers and only slightly lower carcase weights, beef production rose by 9 per cent quarter-on-quarter to 473,394 tonnes but was softer year-on-year.

Lambs

Lamb production

In Q2 of 2022, lamb production was 140,165 tonnes, the third highest quarterly volume on record, behind Q2 2018 and Q4 2016. The quarterly total of 140,165 tonnes was a 12.5 per cent increase on Q1 2022 levels and 1.8 per cent higher than the same quarter in 2021.

Lamb slaughter and carcase weight

Lamb slaughter for Q2 was recorded at 5.44m, an increase of 9.5 per cent on the previous quarter and 1.1 per cent higher than the June 2021 quarter. For the full financial year, lamb slaughter nationally stood at 20.8m lambs.

"The fact that lamb slaughter for Q2 2022 was not within the historical top 20 lamb slaughter volumes, but was the third highest level of production, shows the benefits of increasing carcase weights," according to Mr Bignell.

"The implementation of new genetics, well managed on-farm production and above average rainfall patterns have ensured national lamb carcase weights achieved record highs in Q2 2022.

"At 25.8kg/head, this is a 0.6 per cent increase year-on-year levels."

New South Wales lambs are weighing 26.8kg/head on

average, leading the trend for heavier lambs nationally.

Sheep

Slaughter and carcase weights

Unlike lambs and cattle, sheep slaughter fell in Q2 2022, reducing by 13.2 per cent or 209,600 head. According to Mr Bignell however, a drop in slaughter in the June quarter is common as producers are retaining ewes for lambing during this period.

"Encouragingly, when compared to the corresponding June period in 2021, mutton slaughter is up 27 per cent or close to 300,000 head. This would suggest the flock rebuild is maturing and in line with MLA's most recent June sheep projections," Mr Bignell said.

National sheep carcase weights for Q2 2022 were recorded at 25.5kg/head, a 500g increase on Q1 2022 levels but well below the 2.2kg/head below the highs recorded in December 2021.

Production

Production of mutton was recorded at 35,091 tonnes, a 11.3 per cent reduction on the previous quarter but 25 per cent higher than 2021 levels.

As mutton production fell by less than the fall in slaughter, carcase weights climbed.

Goats

In FY22 goatmeat production jumped 47 per cent to 24,091 tonnes. In FY22 production in all states except Tasmania jumped by at least 41 per cent.

Goat slaughter was up 52 per cent in FY22 to 1.46m head. Production growth was slightly less than the growth in slaughter supply as goat carcase weights continued to soften marginally.

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Instructions:

Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

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LEVEL: Moderate

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Instructions:

Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used.

TIP: For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.

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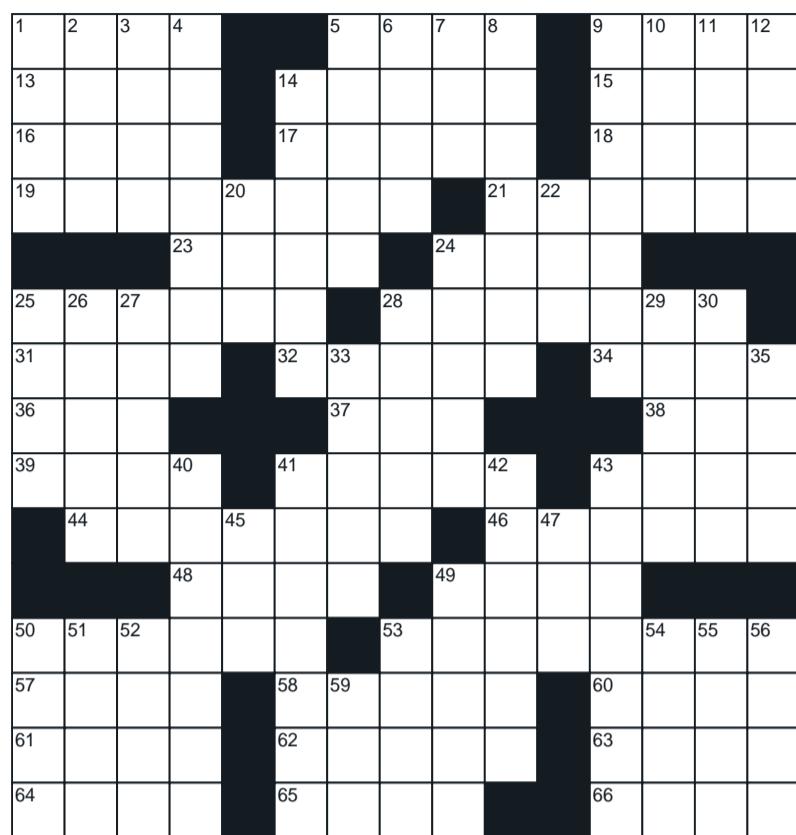
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Sudoku:

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5 Pros
9 Wail
13 Bored
14 What a dropped melon does
15 Region
16 Was looked at
17 Drogue
18 Prejudice
19 Informal talk
21 Kansas City baseball team
23 Ripe
24 Ceases
25 Award
28 Joining metal
31 Shaft
32 Narrative
34 Wear out
36 Accountant
37 French "yes"
38 Cow food
39 Polish
41 Sleep disorder
43 Reference
44 Hurt one's toe
46 Went out of bounds
48 Pelt

49 Snare

50 Outcome
53 "Light" cola type

57 Fly alone

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61 Eagerness

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63 Retain

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65 Silly

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Want

DOWN

41 Adjoined
42 Again
43 Little cake cooked in cup-shaped holder
44 Louse
45 Condemn
46 Hint
47 Feed
48 Strictly
49 Tend
50 Opera solo
51 Shaft
52 Desperate
53 Wagon pullers
54 Field game
55 Strike
56 Old
57 Louse
58 Hint
59 Feed
60 Strictly
61 Tend
62 Opera solo
63 Shaft
64 Desperate
65 Wagon pullers
66 Field game

MAGIC SQUARES

Instructions:

- You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 9 in the puzzle.
- You can only use the numbers once.
- The sum of the numbers in the rows, columns and the diagonal must be the same as the numbers that are printed around the puzzle

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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

FATHER'S DAY QUIZ

- [\$100] Which of these items is regularly the most common Father's Day gift? A. Clothing (socks/tie). B. Sporting gear. C. Something electronic. D. Tools.
- [\$200] What is generally considered the official Father's Day flower? A. Rose. B. Gardenia. C. Carnation. D. Sunflower.
- [\$300] What movie tells the story of a father who cross dresses in order to spend time with his kids who are in the custody of his ex-wife? A. Mrs Doubtfire. B. Driving Miss Daisy. C. Mr & Mrs Smith. D. The Marvelous Mrs Maisel.
- [\$500] What was Mr Cunningham's job in Happy Days? A. Cook in the Navy. B. Milwaukee brewer. C. Hardware shop owner. D. Accountant.
- [\$1000] Who is Angelina Jolie's father, who is also an actor? A. Danny DeVito. B. Mickey Rourke. C. Jon Voight. D. Roy Scheider.
- [\$2000] Which of these is not a father in Modern Family? A. Phil Dunphy. B. Jay Pritchett. C. Cam Tucker. D. Johnny Rose.
- [\$4000] Which cartoon father swims across the ocean to find his missing son? A. Hank. B. Marlin. C. Peter. D. Homer.
- [\$8000] In which animal species does the father give birth to the babies? A. Porcupine. B. Garden Snail. C. Octopus. D. Seahorse.
- [\$16,000] According to the quote by Galileo, who or what is the father of invention? A. Victory. B. Shame. C. Doubt. D. Fear.
- [\$32,000] In which country is doing a hiking tour pulling a wagon (man-powered) a traditional part of Father's Day? A. Scotland. B. Brazil. C. Japan. D. Germany.
- [\$64,000] In Italy, Father's Day is celebrated on which Saint's Day? A. St Paul. B. St Patrick. C. St George. D. St Joseph.
- [\$125,000] What is the world record for the oldest first-time father? A. 84. B. 94. C. 89. D. 99.
- [\$250,000] What was the most children ever fathered by one man? A. 334. B. 27. C. 1000+. D. 89.
- [\$500,000] What invention was a tribute to the inventor's father? A. Umbrella. B. Air Conditioning. C. Lawn Mower. D. Water Fountain.
- [\$1,000,000] Who played the role of Morty Seinfeld in the USA sitcom Seinfeld? A. Russell Johnson. B. Barney Martin. C. Phil Bruns. D. George Takei.

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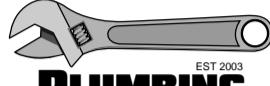
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ADAMS, Wendy:
You and I were friends since our teens.

I love you
I will miss you

All my love and condolences to Kelvin, Christian and Catriona, Michelle and Brent and families. Mary-Anne

BUTCHER, Mary Ellen:
14.04.1943 - 22.08.2022.

Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family.

Loved wife of Colin (dec.).

Loved and loving mum and mother-in-law of Peter and Lisa, Craig, Wayne and Paula.

Adored nan to Jack, Harry; Brody; Tyler and Chloe.

Reunited with Col.

BUTCHER, Mary:

Mary,
Thank you for your love, support and wisdom over the years.

You will be sadly missed but always remembered with a smile.

Our deepest sympathy to Peter, Lisa, Jack and Harry, Craig, Mycalie and Brody, Wayne, Paula, Tyler and Chloe.

--Love JD, Teresa, Jake and Keely

BUTCHER (McGarvey), Mary:

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DEATHS

BUTCHER, Mary:
22.08.2022.

Our social Secretary and organiser of fun times.

You will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

We have enough Mary stories to keep us going until we all meet again one sunny day.

Have the bottle ready.

Lots of love to your wonderful family.

Thank you for looking after our friend so well.

Love "Inverloch Birthday Girls"

R.I.P.

ESTORFFE, Denise Muriel (nee Thorson):

Late of Mountain Creek, Qld, and Meeniyian.

15.12.1962 - 21.8.2022.

Passed away suddenly in USA.

Daughter of Russ and Maree (both dec.).

Much loved wife of 33 years to Mick.

Mother and mother-in-law of Brenton (dec.) and Angeleanna, Blaine and Courtney, Paige and Alex and Cobin and Maddison.

Devoted Nan to Asher and Eliana.

Sister/sister-in-law of Judy, Rhonda and Ted, Vivienne and Jacko and Andrea.

Devoted Aunt and Great Aunt.

The most caring loving human who was always giving to others.

Deeply missed in our hearts forever.

DEATHS

HOLLOLE, Helen:
09.07.1929 - 26.08.2022.

In loving memory of Helen Graham Holole.

Much loved wife of John Kay Holole (dec.).

Dearly loved mother of Bernard and Eve and mother-in-law of Sharon.

Beloved Aunt of Andrew and Meagan.

Proud and loving Grandma of Rufus and Great Aunt of Miles.

Forever free now from stewed figs, whiskey, marzipan and coriander.

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A private cremation service will be held followed by a Memorial Service to celebrate Helen's life.

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HOLLOLE, Helen:

The Friends of Wonthaggi Heathland & Coastal Reserve mourn the passing of our long-time member and friend, Helen Holole.

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DEATHS

LIPSCOMB, Hunter William:
Late of Wangaratta, previously from Phillip Island and Box Hill South.

Passed away on Friday, August 19, 2022. Aged 21.

Loved and loving son of Carolyn and John. Loved brother of Brooke.

Cherished grandson of Nana Marilyn and Pa Bill, Grandma Joan and Poppa Stan (both dec.).

Adored nephew to Anne, and adored by all his cousins and all the extended family.

Hunter's memorial service was held on Monday, August 29, to watch the recording go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au

No flowers by request, a foundation in memory of Hunter will be set up at a later date. Privately cremated.

MURRAY, Pamela May:

06.02.1958 - 23.08.2022.

Passed away at Leongatha Hospital surrounded by family.

Much loved wife of Geoff (dec.) and Thomas Matthies (dec.).

Loving mother of Tara, Sheree, Ryan, and Ariele.

Loving Nan to Athena, Paige, Blayze and Hendrix.

Loved daughter to Don and Pat (both dec.).

Daughter-in-law to Stan and Margaret.

Reunited with Geoff.

Now at Peace.

MURRAY, Pam:

Dearly loved sister and sister-in-law of Barbara and Peter Hosking.

Loved Aunty of Amanda and Paul, Chantell, Steven, and Janice.

Great Aunt of Jack and Will.

"Just gone for a walk"

MURRAY, Pam:

Loved sister-in-law and friend to Robert and Jillian Matthies.

Cherished Aunty of Glenn, Cameron, and Nathan (dec.) and their families.

Pam, you are now walking to meet your loved ones.

PEACOCK, Noah (#8):

The Poowong Football and Netball Club committee, members and supporters wish to express our deepest sympathy on the recent passing of Noah.

Heartfelt condolences to Jason, Michelle, Jake, Bailey and families.

Grandchildren Kieran, Ryan, Jordan, Giorgia and for all who loved and respected him.

Pioneer and leader of the Sgarioto Clan.

He gave it all for his family, gladly and with love.

He follows the love of his life Maria into the light.

L'amore è senza fine

PRIVITERA, Giuseppe (Joe):

Late of Leongatha.

Passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at Leongatha Hospital on August 28, 2022. Aged 83 years.

Dearly loved husband of Rosa (dec.).

Loving and devoted Father and Father-in-law of Nella and Jack, Alf, Concetto, Sylvia and Paul. Cherished Nonno of Lauren,

Morgan, Braidyn, Sienna, Lachlan, Acacia, Harrison, Levi, and Ava.

Your kindness and generosity will never be forgotten.

You will always be forever in our hearts.

MURRAY (nee Ferguson), Pamela May:

Aged 64.

Passed away peacefully in Leongatha.

Loved sister of Margaret and Len Barrett.

Aunty of Tracey, Glen and Jodie and families.

Rest peacefully.**MURRAY, Pamela:**

Loving sister of Janice and Bill (dec.).

Loving aunty to Brian and Di, Jane and Ashley.

Great aunty to Cohen and Rайдын.

No more pain.**MURRAY, Pam:**

Loving sister of Barbara and Peter Hosking.

Loved Aunty of Amanda and Paul, Chantell, Steven, and Janice.

Great Aunt of Jack and Will.

"Just gone for a walk"

MURRAY, Pam:

Loved friend to Kevin Scott (dec.).

Beloved wife of Kevin Scott (dec.).

Much treasured sister of Eugene Esmonde,

Gillian Rosewarne,

Vivienne Cresswell and Rosemary Peterswald.

Loved aunt and great aunt to all of their children and grandchildren.

Loved friend to Kevin's children, grandchildren, and family.

A private family funeral will be held for Deborah.

Thank you to the caring staff at Seahaven for looking after Deborah so beautifully in her last months.

SGARIOTO, Emanuele:

15.8.1930 - 26.8.2022.

Courageous, passionate and loving father, nonno, brother, zio and friend.

Missed by children Joanna, John, Vince, Shaun and Loreta as well as

grandchildren Kieran, Ryan, Jordan, Giorgia and for all who loved and respected him.

Pioneer and leader of the Sgarioto Clan.

He gave it all for his family, gladly and with love.

He follows the love of his life Maria into the light.

L'amore è senza fine

RENNIE, Isabella Campbell Girvin:

15.06.1928 - 22.08.2022.

Passed away peacefully on August 22, 2022, at Korumburra Hospital, aged 94.

Loving wife of Jim (dec.).

Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Matthew and Alison, Luke and Yvonne, Belinda and Jarrod, Lauren and Ben.

Cherished Nanna Bez of Harley and Rach (Tristan and Hazel), Madison and Jack (Indi and Skyla), Taleisha, Ella, Riley (dec.), Alyssa, Clancy, Cooper, Josh, Mitchell, Tara, Anna and Xavier.

Life advisor and sister of Chrissy, Patsy, Kev, Denise, Michelle (dec.) and Puddy.

Details of the Mirboo North "State" Funeral will be advised later in the week.

Once Bernice organises it!

SNELL, Bernice Margaret:

29.04.1948 - 28.08.2022.

Dearly loved wife of Alan (Pud) (dec.).

Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Matthew and Alison, Luke and Yvonne, Belinda and Jarrod, Lauren and Ben.

Cherished Nanna Bez of Harley and Rach (Tristan and Hazel), Madison and Jack (Indi and Skyla), Taleisha, Ella, Riley (dec.), Alyssa, Clancy, Cooper, Josh, Mitchell, Tara, Anna and Xavier.

Life advisor and sister of Chrissy, Patsy, Kev, Denise, Michelle (dec.) and Puddy.

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THOMAS (nee Ryan), Lorraine Patricia:

15.12.1945 - 25.08.2

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Please go to <https://www.sgwater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, the roles and how to apply.

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Applications Close Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 5pm

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Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, Ashley Beaumont director/owner of Ecoliv, and Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Jordan Danielle Green.

Ambitious 'EcoHub' project scores government funding

LOCAL building company Ecoliv is creating more jobs in Bass Coast thanks to a new sustainable living and off-grid project supported by the state government.

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green recently visited Ecoliv's site at The Gurdies to announce the new project.

The \$1.58 million project will double Ecoliv's production of sustainable modular buildings, while the new display home will showcase the latest technologies for a sustainable approach to living.

"It will be a place for people to see first-hand how to reduce water usage, energy consumption and waste to decrease the costs of living, make a home comfortable and how to reduce our impact on the environment," said EcolivTM founder and director Ashley Beaumont.

"Many new homes built in Australia are oversized, energy intensive, have high running costs and have large carbon footprints.

"Our residential housing industry is ripe for disruption, innovation and improvement and the EcoHub can demonstrate and educate how we all can make small changes which collectively result in impacts on a global scale."

The project will include the construction facility, administration office and staff amenities as well as a display home for Ecoliv's carbon neutral range of EcoGeneration modular design homes.

The project will be powered by a 10-kilowatt off-grid solar power plant.

The display home will enable people to view water, energy and waste reduction systems in action.

Ecoliv is a prefabricated modular building construction company and the first modular builder to introduce a 7-star energy rating to its homes.

The company incorporates sustainable practices to its operations and designs, which are constructed locally on-site at its current facility in The Gurdies before being transported and assembled at a final location.

The grant will help accelerate the full project implementation forward by approximately 18 months.

The project is anticipated to support 14 jobs within the building and construction phase.

On completion of the Off-grid Construction Facility, Ecoliv are exploring technologies in advanced offsite manufacturing via state-of-the-art automated construction systems to support state government projects, such as the 2026 Commonwealth Games Athletes Village and Workforce Accommodation projects.

Leongatha water supply crisis averted

FULL water supply services were restored to Leongatha and Koonwarra on Sunday when a potential crisis was averted following a break in the main water main serving the district.

South Gippsland Water notified the area at 3.42pm that there had been "a supply interruption to the water main supplying Leongatha Water Treatment Plant", which services the two towns.

But no explanation was given about the nature of the interruption.

Crews were called out to repair the break and by Sunday morning, at 8.59am, it was crisis averted when non-essential use of water was able to resume.

The authority has also thanked the communities of Leongatha and Koonwarra for supporting efforts to conserve water while repairs were conducted.



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A successful fundraising event at TOMFIT, \$616 was raised for the Michael's Stair Climb in Melbourne next weekend.

Firefighting fundraiser a success

THE WEEKEND kicked off with a bang on Friday evening at 5.30pm, as Inverloch firefighter, Michael held his stair climb fundraiser at TOMFIT.

Fun was had by all, but it was definitely hard work with 25 competitors split into six groups going up against each other.

The warmup started with a number of exercises from push ups to running the length of the gym climbing over the fire truck and running back.

Then came the games.

Each game had an exercise attached to it, box jump burpees, sled pushing and calories on the bike, they were fun, exciting and very energetic activities.

The winning team then battled it out on the exercise bikes.

The overall winner was Cass Mac and runner up was Michelle Chandler.

"I started out wearing my full structure gear, but I didn't last the whole time," Michael said.

"Over heating forced me to ditch my heavy jacket.

"At the end of the evening I offered everyone the opportunity to put on the structure gear and challenge themselves on the stair climber."

Trainer, Julia Ward bravely took up this challenge, clocking up a good 3 minutes.

"A huge thank you to Tom Taylor owner of TOMFIT and personal trainer, Max Dyball and Julia Ward who are also trainers at TOMFIT, for running a fantastic and fun afternoon.

"There were a number of

people who couldn't make it to the fundraiser but still gave a donation all the same.

"An enormous thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause."

The total raised directly from the fundraiser at TOMFIT was \$616 which was a fantastic result.

"My total is now at \$1383 with my battery collection still to be added by the end of the coming week."

There is still time to donate, visit firefighterclimb.org.au/donations/donate/ and search Michael Guest.



Michael completed the fundraising event in various parts of his heavy structure uniform.



Even the tanker got involved in the fitness action on Friday night.

Old highway lines causing confusion at Koonwarra, they say

AFTER decades of fatalities on the 'Black Spur' section of the South Gippsland Highway, the community is overwhelmingly appreciative of the \$115.2 million that has been spent to realign the highway at that location.

But, and we're probably getting a bit picky now, there's been some feedback from road users that the old road lines haven't been blacked out properly.

And they say there is a deal of confusion about which way you go at certain points, particularly at night.

"I watched a woman drive down the middle of the road today, unsure what lines to

follow," said a Sentinel-Times' reader on social media.

"It's like this all over the roadworks. I thought they were supposed to black them out if they are no longer in use."

"The traffic management for these roadworks is horrible at the moment."

These and other comments have been passed on to Regional Roads Victoria for comment.

RIGHT: Confused by the old road lines on the new South Gippsland Highway works at Koonwarra? Some say they don't know where to go.



The life of Alexander Kingsley Cole of the Gurdies 1928-2022



THE earliest recorded direct ancestor of Alex was John Cole born 1675, Rutland, England. The Cole family were nurserymen and gardeners for many generations. Rutland was a small market town, and the Cole family grew the fruit and vegetables for the markets. Some of the sons were known to travel up to Scotland in the summer to tend the kitchen gardens of the big houses.

The first Cole ancestor to Australia was Guy Cole (Alex's great, great grandfather), born 1773 Rutland, England. Guy arrived on the barque 'John Woodhall' from London on January 20, 1849.

With him were grown children from his first marriage; his second wife Martha Gearing, and their children together. Guy came to the new colony well prepared to continue the nursery business of his family. He brought with him seeds, cuttings and bare-rooted fruit trees. Those that survived the long journey probably include blackberry cuttings.

Guy bought small plots of land in the Hawthorn, Burnley and Merri Creek areas, setting up several of his sons to manage them.

The Burnley Nursery was established on the banks

of the Merri Creek in about 1850, and this is where Alex's grandfather, Robert Gearing Cole was born in 1856 to William Henry Cole born 1827, one of Guy's nine children.

Another Cole nursery was established on Tooronga Road, Hawthorn which was later divided for two of the sons, being known as Twyford and Shorland Nurseries. This followed the establishment of another plot on Victoria Road near Burnley Street called 'Poonaree' in what was known as Richmond in those days.

These early nurseries quickly became quite large market gardens and coincided with the goldrush of the 1850's where the Cole gardens literally fed the goldfields with carts full of fresh fruit and vegetables travelling north to the digs.

The Twyford and Shorland nurseries were famed throughout Victoria.

Many new varieties of fruit and later flowering varieties, especially camellias were hybridised by the Cole family over the years. A 'King Cole Pear' tree from the original stock can be found in the kitchen gardens of Ripponlea, Melbourne.

By 1865 it was obvious that the family business needed to

seize the opportunity to expand as Melbourne became increasingly populated.

Alex's great grandfather, William Henry Cole, bought the property at the Gurdies around 1867, which originally included the flats at the bottom of the rise, butting on to the Hurdy Gurdy Creek.

William built a wattle and daube house on the riverbank and used the water from the creek to grow mainly fruit.

William Henry's son, Alex's grandfather, Robert Gearing Cole, born 1856, later took on the property growing not only fruit trees but used some of the land to grow seedlings and cuttings for the Twyford Nursery in Melbourne.

Alex's father, Alfred Ernest Kingsley Cole, born 1898, continued to produce fruit and vegetables on the same land, driving an old open backed truck around to various local properties selling his produce.

Alex and his sister Evelyn (Aplin of Bass) were both born in Lang Lang and lived their childhood in a wooden house built by Alf amongst the fruit trees on the original property. This dwelling was the third Cole home built on the property, with Alex's new home and his father's 'Shack' making a total of five.

Sadly, Alex was only aged 2 years and Evelyn aged 4 when their mother Florence McKenzie died at the age of 26 years.

With this unexpected death, the McKenzie family rallied around the two little children and took them into their home for some time before their father Alf felt able to care for a fruit orchard and two small children.

They were surrounded by McKenzie aunts and uncles, and their grandmother on their farm at Glen Forbes.

As children, Alex and Evelyn would ride their one-eyed horse named 'Nelson' each day through the bush to the little hall which served also as a schoolhouse, on St Helier Road.

Their primary education abruptly ended when the old hall blew down one night in a huge storm.

Alex worked in Melbourne for many years but returned to the family property at the Gurdies where he spent the last of his 94 years enjoying dances at the Dalyston Hall with his partner of 29 years, Helen.

A gentle and kind man who always had time for anyone of any age or interest, having lived a good life, will be sadly missed by his nieces and their families.

LIFE Moments



Raphael was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on July 6, 2022, weighing 2800 grams. Raphael is a son for Jenny Mastoury and Elias Maalouf of Corinella, and a brother for Nathan, two.

• FAITH FACTOR

What is your purpose?

By Pastor Peter Muir

I WAS at a men's night recently. After the barbecue, the film "90 Minutes in Heaven" was shown.

It's a true story of a man who was run over by a semi-trailer, instantly died and 90 mins later miraculously regained consciousness.

Great film, very thought provoking. During his time in hospital, all through rehab the one thought that came again and again was "What is my Purpose"?

As I write this article, I want to consider the same question and if you know your purpose before God then "Are you on track"?

I was only a new Christian in 1979 teaching Sunday school and I knew God wanted me as a pastor / tentmaker.

I wasn't happy as I had other ideas for my life, but I knew if this was God's ideal then why settle for second best.

In 1983 I married Janice and we moved to Foster where the idea of pastoring the church in Yarram came up.

I did not want to live in Yarram but here we are, very happy after some 35 years primarily because I know this is where God had chosen for me to live.

When Pastor Chris asked me to be his replacement at Grace Chapel, I again wanted to say "No", but I knew that once again, God knows me far better than I know me.

Knowing your God directed purpose in life will bring contentment, direction and peace.

God has agendas for all our lives but are we willing to trust him to know best?

So I have come to this way of thinking.

Jesus is God, he knew what was required of himself and he was willing to spend himself on me, to please his father and do his will. I need to do the same, because I have always had a choice, either:

- 1: Gods purpose for me, or
- 2: Something else I wanted.

Go and watch the film and let God speak to you about his purpose for your life.

Preserving the memory of Olive Justice

OLIVE Justice Place in Cowes has now been officially named in Olive's honour.

Olive Justice and her family built their home at 70 Chapel Street in Cowes in the 1950s.

She was a guest house operator, tourist guide and ran the Newhaven Post Office.

She was a local identity, and perhaps the first woman on Phillip Island to obtain a drivers' licence.

Olive died in March 1995, aged 99 years and 4 months.

As an active member of the community and someone who cared deeply for community wellbeing, Olive gifted her Chapel Street property to the Salvation Army in her will. It was later purchased by Council.

Olive's overarching vision for the site to become a garden – a place of rest and quiet reflection – a place of peace.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said it was fantastic to see Olive's vision for



Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, Phillip Island Historical Society secretary, Pamela Rothfield, Olive's great niece Christine Grayden and John Eddy.

the space come to fruition.

"In recent months, Council has completed work at Olive Justice to create a permanent outdoor dining and relaxation space, with thanks to funding from the Victorian Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Program," Cr Whelan said.

"It has been designed to provide a safe and quiet place of reflection for visitors, featuring colourful landscaping, seating areas and shelter. The long-term site design and use of Olive Justice Place is currently being investigated as part of the Cowes Streetscape Masterplan."

As part of the recent upgrades, a new sign has been erected in the space, to acknowledge Olive and her generosity, her connection to the site and contribution to the community.

The sign also aligns with Women for Gippsland's #puthernameonit campaign.

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
August 30	August 31	September 1	September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5
1.39am 1.42m	2.23am 1.49m	3.04am 1.55m	3.45am 1.58m	4.27am 1.59m	5.12am 1.57m	6.00am 1.53m
7.36am 0.47m	8.11am 0.48m	8.47am 0.51m	9.26am 0.55m	10.05am 0.60m	10.45am 0.66m	11.27am 0.73m
2.15pm 1.57m	2.47pm 1.59m	3.19pm 1.59m	3.51pm 1.57m	4.24pm 1.55m	4.58pm 1.51m	5.36pm 1.47m
8.06pm 0.56m	8.39pm 0.47m	9.13pm 0.40m	9.47pm 0.35m	10.24pm 0.31m	11.03pm 0.29m	11.45pm 0.30m

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Wonthaggi students and healthcare workers upskill

MONASH Rural Health medical students and Bass Coast Health staff had the opportunity to upskill in wound management through a recent workshop delivered by national wound care expert, Professor Geoff Sussman OAM.

The 10 students, currently on placement in South Gippsland and 18 health care staff (including nurses and allied health professionals) practiced correct bandage application and undertook vascular assessments using a handheld Doppler ultrasound unit.

According to Wounds Australia, more than 420,000 Australians suffer from chronic wounds - with an impact on both patient finances and quality of life.

Medical students and health professionals work with patients with chronic wounds from a variety of causes in general practice, community health and hospital settings.

Students valued being able to strengthen their clinical skills and knowledge and looked forward to applying the techniques with their future patients.

"The session was interactive and I really enjoyed the practical part of it, where we each had a go using the Doppler, applying the different bandaging techniques we learnt ... all invaluable experiences to our learning," 4C year student, Trixie Pey said.

"These skills are particularly useful in the care of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers commonly seen in general practice, community health and public hospitals," explained Jennie Casey from Monash Rural Health, who organised the workshop.

"Monash prides itself on the best level of training of medical students in wound care. This will see a powerful impact on local communities by allowing better diagnosis and up to date treatment of wounds.

"Evidence-based training helps keep people out of hospital, reduces healing time and ensures best practice wound care is available to all Australians."

Dr Casey added that the workshop could not have happened without Allied Health educator Daniel Baker from Bass Coast Health, "who played a central role in helping set up this valuable workshop."

Plans underway to preserve viaduct bridge

CONCEPT plans are progressing for Kilcunda's beloved but severely deteriorated viaduct bridge with options being explored to preserve the structure.

Bass Coast Shire recently held a community feedback session, where locals were able to get a glimpse at the concept plans and have their input into how they should progress.

The shire recently installed permanent fencing, in a bid to stop curious onlookers from climbing the structure, which was funded by council at a cost of \$55,000.

The concept plans, undertaken by Orchard Designs, included installing a galvanized steel mesh 'portal' to allow pedestrians to walk under the bridge safely, as well as stepping stones for a wet weather pathway.

According to the shire, updated concept plans will be completed within a month, and they will also incorporate structural elements to ensure the structure is maintained.

A construction date is yet to be confirmed.

The viaduct bridge is an ex-railways timber trestle bridge owned by Council and has been out of service for approximately 50 years.

The Kilcunda community has long expressed their desire to preserve the bridge and its importance for the town's history.



The South Gippsland Hospital workers and volunteers have been selected as finalists in the 2022 Victorian Public Health-care Awards.

South Gippsland Hospital celebrates finalist announcement

OVER the last few months expert judges have poured over 196 entries across 20 categories to determine finalists in this year's Victorian Public Healthcare Awards, and South Gippsland Hospital have been selected in the top three.

South Gippsland Hospital CEO Paul Greenhalgh was notified on Tuesday, August 23 that the hospital had been selected as one of the three health services to be considered for the Premier's Health Service of the Year (Small) award, amongst the other finalists, Alpine Health and The Queen Elizabeth Centre.

CEO Paul Greenhalgh congratulated the team, highlighting his gratitude by saying thanks for being the reason they have made the final.

"There will be an awards ceremony held on Thursday, October 13 and a contingent of the SGH team will attend to see who is judged the best of the best," said Paul.

"The SGH submission focused on many aspects of performance over the in-scope period, leading up to March 2022."

Whilst not an exhaustive list by any means, the submission highlighted several key achievements during this time including:

- People Matter (Staff) Survey results being consistently higher than peer and State benchmarks
- Victorian Health Experience Survey results demonstrating consumer recognition of consistently high-quality care
- Collaborating with Latrobe Regional Hospital to reduce Elective Surgery wait lists
- Introducing and growth of Centre, Community and Home-Based Respite Care
- Growing the number of SGH Home Care Packages offered, and introducing a Home-Based exercise program
- Receiving recognition of the quality of Asset Management

program by the Victorian Health Building Authority

• Delivering a focused capital investment and equipment upgrade program to the value of approximately \$760,000 to support safe, sustainable, efficient and innovative health services

- Collaborating with healthcare partners to ensure a successful COVID-19 response to meet local, subregional and regional needs
- Attending to 40% more presentations through Urgent Care Centre
- Promoting vaccination to staff and the community through the virtual online event, and the "I do it because" campaign

"We are very fortunate to have such a skilled, supportive and visionary board of directors

who work so well with the executive management team," said Paul.

"On the back of our recent accreditation results, where we received a perfect score card,

this news is further endorsement that we are on the right track."

"We are also fortunate to receive donations from community groups and individuals, including the SGH auxiliary and the South Gippsland Community Health Foundation. This support is so important to our success."

"We do need more consumer representatives around the table though, and we have recently appointed a community engagement officer to help us better connect with people to help us improve our services."

Looking forward, SGH will have a new strategic plan over the next couple of months, more infrastructure upgrades, more services and the team will grow through an expanded graduate nurse program, and across other developments to ensure that SGH meet the needs of the community within their capability as a small rural health service.

Significant help to support the local Hoodies



This little Hoodie, known as 'YW', is usually located around the Pea Creek estuary between Undertow Bay and Bay Beach Cape Paterson. Photo: David Hartney

inundation of nests.

rest population decline and put Hoodies on the road to recovery.

"The Cape community has worked hard to restore significant areas of habitat for wildlife within our community, and as a coastal community we have a responsibility for the beautiful and unique Hooded Plovers that call our beaches home."

The Cape's generous donation of \$28,000 will fund a number of initiatives to be implemented by Birdlife Australia experts and passionate local Hoodie volunteers.

teers, in conjunction with land managers from the Bass Coast Shire Council and Parks Victoria.

It will support five main deliverables: the development of a comprehensive Hooded Plover Management Plan for all nesting sites between Inverloch to Harmers Haven; the 'custodianship' of five nesting sites in the Cape Paterson area between Pea Creek to sites west of Wilson Road, including support to monitors with the provision of new equipment, signage and nest enclosure materials; provision of several new Hooded Plover interpretive signs for beach users at several critical and popular beach access points were Hoodies nest; a Hooded Plover Awareness Day in Cape Paterson planned for mid-January 2023, and a contribution to Hoodie conservation research, primarily, the use of fox deterrents to deter these predators from nests and chicks.

If you are interested in getting involved in any shape or form to help protect these wonderful little birds, please register your interest as a volunteer with Birdlife Australia at their Beach-nesting Birds Hub (<https://beachvol.birdlife.org.au/>).



Inverloch's Bill Selby (skip), George Scott, Di Selby and Ted Breasley.

INVERLOCH

PENNANT practice matches have been arranged for both Midweek and Saturday Pennant.

Bowlers intending to play in these matches should consult notices in the clubroom.

Opening Day is on September 1.

Play starts at 1.00pm. Names need to be registered by 11am.

Club Uniform is the dress of the day.

One game of 12 ends will be played with Afternoon Tea to follow. Please bring a plate. Past and present players are welcome on the day.

There is always a lot going on around the club so please read your Emails and noticeboard.

28 bowlers had a wonderful day at Social Bowls on Thursday.

Only one team won 2 games and scored 34 points. This team consisted of Bill Selby (skip), George Scott, Di Selby and Ted Breasley.

Please note that Social Bowls this week is replaced by Opening Day. Please take note of the later starting time.

LEONGATHA

SOCIAL Bowls has commenced and on Saturday.

Seventeen bowlers appeared from hibernation and Alan Roxey and Bruce Douglas licked the field with a score of 2 wins plus 18 shots.

Social Bowls will be played on Wednesdays and Saturdays commencing at 1.00pm.

Names in by 12 noon for a 1 pm start.

Names on sheet in the clubhouse or phone club on 5662 3855 and listen for recorded message.

Opening Day Saturday, September 10. This will be a sponsored day.

Single Entries are required. Bowlers that have shown an interest through barefoot bowls will be made most welcome.

John Richards Day Sat-



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Saturday winners Chris Graham, Frank Cimino, Fred Kellow and Ashley Sartori.

urday, October 8

This is a major sponsored day. A chance to get your final practice in before Pennant starts on October 15.

Club events:

Club Championships: First and Second Rounds to be held on Sunday, October 16

Finals to be played on Sunday, December 4

Club Pairs: First and Second rounds to be played on October 23.

Final dates to be announced

Entry forms are in match committee room

Monthly Triples: Resuming on September 28, fliers will be sent out to neighbouring clubs and if you are chatting to other club members, please let them know.

Kitty Club: The next Kitty Club Function is scheduled for September 2, and as this is one of our major fund-raising events we would appreciate a good attendance.

We have got other days planned. We will keep you all informed as everyone returns from their nomadic adventure.

We are desperate for help on the Match Committee so please give it some thought.

MIDWEEK

ANOTHER great Thursday. A few more dollars went to the RCH tin. Keep up the good work everyone.

Winners on 37 points were Peter McWilliams (Co-Skip), Lindsay Russell (Co-Skip), Michael Dady (3), Cheryl Floyd (L).

R/U on 34 points were Tony Heppleston (S), Frank D'Unieville (3), Peter Thorley (L).

Best One Game were Dennis Talbot (S), Laurie Bell (3), Pauline McWilliams (2), Tony Morris (L).

Next week we are headed to Koo Wee Rup, so, looking forward to seeing all our members (as well as any visiting bowlers) next Thursday.

Be at the club by 10:00am for a 10:30am

start to the day.

WONTHAGGI

ALTHOUGH Wednesday was a washout, we were able to get 50 bowlers on Saturday for our social bowls.

There were three, two game winners on the day with two games over 10 ends.

We were happy to welcome four visitors on the day.

The runners up were Aldo Sartori, Rod Beech and Jim Mitchell with a score of two wins and 32 points.

The winners were the team of Chris Graham, a visitor from Lang Lang, Frank Cimino, Fred Kellow and Ashley Sartori, another visitor (Aldo's son), with a score of 2 wins and 33 points.

We have Pennant practice matches coming up, with sheets on the board, so please put your names down to ensure we have good numbers.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday is our Opening day for the season. There is a sheet on the board to make sure you get a game with a 12.30pm start. Could all players please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Friday morning coaching will start this week at 10.00am.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week saw our members compete in our Triples Championships.

We had 10 teams competing and after a full day of competition, the winners were John and Helen Rook and Max Sweetnam.

Friday, we had 32 people compete the winners on plus 9 winning both their games were Fred Demenech, Marg Morgan, Jan Milkins and Jeannie Slocombe. Coming second on plus 16, but with one win and a draw only, were Max and Judy Sweetnam, Helen Rook and Mario Toffolon.

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's Competition.

Tuesday, August 23 Stableford (7 Players) A Grade: Chris McConnell (22) 34 Points

NTPs: 1st Chris McConnell and 13th Steve Duffield Saturday, August 27 3 Man Ambrose (39 Players) Sponsor: Don Hislop and Chris Clements

Overall winners: Roy Fleming, Jason King and Ben Mathews 56.5

NTPs: 1st Ross Besley, 7th Ross Besley, 10th Mat Wrigley and 13th Terry Maskell

Ladies

WEDNESDAY we played an Ambrose game in trying conditions.

Well done to our team of three Dianne Maskell (40), Trudy Oden (41) and Merrissa Cosson (13) coming in with a nice score of 71.34 net.

Runners-up with 79 net was the sister team of Shelley Snooks (21) and Kerri Besley (23).

Saturday's sunshine was welcomed by all players.

Shelley Snooks (21) had a great score to win with 34 pts.

Runner Up was Merrissa Cosson (13) with 32 pts and a ball down the line went to Jenny Blackmore (29) with 29 pts.

NTPs on the 1st was Dianne Maskell winning the Kelly's Bakery voucher.

Merrissa was closest on the 10th and 13th. Our annual Devils Dam outing is fast approaching on September 14.

Please contact Merrissa if you are wanting to attend, either for 9 holes golf, lunch, or both!

LEONGATHA

Ladies

TEE ups and bunkers out of play made for a pleasant day on the course for players, despite the heavy conditions.

Fay Quilford is now on a hat trick with her second consecutive win.

Fay defeated Else Gedye on a count back with 33 points.

Else, however, won the nearest the pin on the 14th.

Balls down the line went to six players: Else Gedye 33, Marg Griffiths 31, Maryann Gartner 30, and Glenye McRobert, Nan Meagher and Lianne Adamson on 29 points.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, August 25, Stableford.

Day winner: D Taylor (23)



Winners of three Man Ambrose at Korumburra were Roy Fleming, Jason King (Ben Mathews not pictured) and Men's Captain Roland Rees.

Open Par

Ron Davies (18) was the winner with +2 Points on countback from Ken Wallace (21) with BDL to -2 on countback.

NTP 5th Stephen Mack/Barry Grazules 7th Robin Chan Wan/Gerald Taylor

Nine-hole competition winner was David Gladman with 18 points.

Saturday, August 27, Men's 9 Hole Stableford

The Winner was Morgan Ward (7) with 20 Points on c/back from Mick Wyzenbeek (17)

A Grade Runner up was Travis Johnson (12) with 37 Points

BDL to 18 points

NTP: 5th Alex Andrews 7th Paul Cochrane

Ladies Stableford winner was Liz O'Neill (31) with 20 points from Helen Coghlan (17) with 18 Points

NTP Ladies: 5th Ada Anglin 7th Ada Anglin

BDL to 17 points

Sunday, August 28, 9 Hole Stableford

The winner was Simon Furniss (20) with 18 points, runner up Helen Coghlan (17) with 17 points

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results August 27, S.R 34.5.

Competition type: Stableford, 9 Hole 1-9.

Winner: Chris Graf 22 R/U: Alan Jones 19

Ball sweep: Mat Johnson 19, Robert Geyer 19, Phillip Studham 19, Mick Bourke 18, Ian Baker 18, Alan Anstey 18 C/B.

NTPs: Mat Johnson 2nd, Kevin Jamieson 4th, Mat Johnson 5th second shot, Mat Johnson Pro Pin 8th.

Phillip Island Tenpin League Week 7 results

2S COMPANY: 1st on 15pt The Hounds, 2nd on 13pts King Pins and 3rd on 12.5pts Jail.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st on 81pts Pinpals, 2nd on 76.5pts Just Bowl Already and 3rd on 75.5pts Island Sector.

Business Early: 1st on 15pts Turkey Slappers, 2nd on 13pts Bettys, 3rd on 11pts Redundants and 4th on 11pts

Balls Deep.

Business Late: 1st on 16pts Holy Splits, 2nd on 14.5pts City Lights, 3rd on 11pts Dynamic Painting and 4th on 10pts Coles Cows.

This week's top scorers are: Men - Vin Ajaykumar 198, John Batty 193 and John Georgios 191.

Woman - Shannon Felmingham 180, Katy Betts 164 and Jin Samoena 159.

Korrine and District Junior Competition winter finals

ANOTHER successful Winter Tennis Competition was completed on Saturday, August 20, for K&DJC.

The day was a combination of seasons, but this didn't deter some wonderful tennis being played across all Sections.

We are now planning for our upcoming summer competition so if you have a child keen to play, please contact your local tennis club.

Midweek Ladies Tennis ladders post August 23.

SECTION 1: W'port/Grantville 31, Inverloch Emeralds 28, Wonthaggi Chooks 26, Bena 18, Inverloch Diamonds 17. SECTION 2: Bena 34, Korumburra 30, Nyora 24, Foster 21, Phillip Island 17. SECTION 3: Phillip Island red 27, Inverloch Blue 27, Wonthaggi Owls 24, Kongwak Kookies 18.

Leongatha Table Tennis results

A GRADE: Fire Balls 8-25 def Frogs 3-17, Polley Waffles 6-21 Snakes 5-17 and Fantales 6-20 def Snakes 5-17. Bye: Chupa Chups.

After round 5 top three standings are: Polly Waffles: 10, 31, 106, Chupa Chups: 8, 24, 108 and Jaffas: 6, 29, 100.

Leading players: Case DeB 13, Braden A 12 and Dirk H 11.

A Reserve: Team 3, 7-22 def Team 4, 4-14, Team 5, 6-21 def Team 2, 5-15 and Team 1, def Team 6, 5-20.

After round 2 top three standings are: Team 1: 4, 16, 49, Team 3: 4, 15, 49, Team 5: 4, 14, 49.

Leading Players: Aiden H 6, Ian R 6 and Sven 6.

Wonthaggi Table Tennis results

WONTAGGI Table Tennis is continuing its time-honoured focus on junior participants and always welcomes new players.

Juniors' social night is every Thursday at the table tennis centre from 6pm. Table tennis clubs Australia have a shortage of girls and we would love to change that at Wonthaggi.

It has been good to see Lewey back again; with mum and dad joining in too.

Manny, Cameron, Beth, Jack, Rhyder and others are making huge progress. Andy Chetcuti also turned up last week to give a helping hand to coaches David and Trish.

Max Duff (a former junior player) filled in at A1 on Monday and gave it a good shot after an absence of around five years. Thanks Max.

Bass Coast Secondary College FLOW Campus Program.

Last Tuesday, WTTA commenced the first of four weekly sessions at the table tennis centre with the Bass Coast Secondary College FLOW Campus students.

It was a great success, with fantastic participation from students and teaching staff. WTTA volunteers also were happy to assist and enjoyed the day.

Local results: Elephants (Fred Debono, Leanne Costello, John Colomiere) remain in the no 1 place on the A1 ladder. They are four points clear ahead of Meerkats (Charley Donohue, Brad Andrew, Paul McAsey), followed by Springboks, Warthogs, Rhino's and Wildebeests.

Braden Andrichtetto has hit top spot on the leading players list on 8(24) with Brad Andrew close behind on 8(23).

Match of the Week. Hard to pick this one. We will give it to Warthogs (David, Andrew and Michael) who pulled off a narrow 5-4 win over Wildebeests (Braden, Trish and Angelo).

Practice continues Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12 mid-day.

All welcome. Bring a friend.

For further information phone Trish on 5672 3421.

Island bowls over Wonthaggi

IT HAS been a few years between bowls but Phillip Island and Wonthaggi Fire Brigades were back in action last Tuesday evening for their annual Bowling Challenge.

After a two-year hiatus, due to COVID, Phillip Island were crowned the winners taking back the trophy once again at Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling and Entertainment Centre.

Kicking off in 2006, the trophy has been held by each brigade at various times and is a fun, social night out where active firefighters and non-active support members can let their competitive side out.

This year's win takes Phillip Islands count to five of the 15 years.

Phillip Island were on a run with firefighter Matt Grogan taking home the highest score with an impressive 154 high game.

A special shout out from Wonthaggi goes to Fundraising Coordinator, Bec Adams, who bowled with her left hand due to a broken right.

"We all had heaps of fun and were excited for the challenge last night - we look forward to taking it back next year!" Wonthaggi Captain, Arnaud Marion said.

Cup finals for Leongatha Knights

ON SATURDAY, August 27, LKFC's under 17s mixed team and under 17 girls' team both played in the Cup Finals (an adjacent competition to the regular fixture).

The U17s Mixed team put on a dominant display with an early goal from James Heneghan securing the lead.

A wonderful cross from Captain Mitch Bath was sent in again by Heneghan to add to the score.

Though opponents Drouin fought throughout, LKFC proved too difficult to contain winning with a 4-1 score.

The U17s girls conceded an early goal to opponents Wonthaggi but soon after found their footing in the game.

A wonderful opening goal by Lissie Bath set the tone for the rest of the match with LKFC winning 3-2.

Junior presentation day: On Sunday, August 28, LKFC held their 2022 Junior Presentations.

With the sun shining, the Miniroos, under 12s and under 14s gathered to celebrate a wonderful season and play the annual parents v players match.

The Don Morris trophy for best club-person was awarded to Mike Munday in recognition of his wonderful coaching this season.

Club president Lorcan Heneghan was awarded a Life Membership for his years of volunteering at the club.

Award recipients: Under 14s Best and Fairest - Patrick Wilson, RU Best and Fairest - Loki Heislars, Coach's Award - Neka McKenzie, Most Improved - Jarrah Lowe.

Under 12s: Best and Fairest - Franklyn "Franks" Abbisogni, RU Best and Fairest - Lacy "Laces" McNaughton and Cole Munday, Coach's Award - Sebastian Merino, Most Improved - Noah Bowman



LKFC U17s mixed team were proud to have won the Cup Champions for 2022.



Stu McNaughton, Lorcan Heneghan and Dale Morris, award Mike Munday with the Don Morris award for best club-person.



The 'Mini Roos' under 6s and 8s with coach Mike.

Mixed results for Gippsland Football Club

U15s JBNPL – Gippsland versus Nunawading

A BRIGHT start was needed by the Gippsland U15s and the lads delivered. Goal scorers, Dylan Rossato and Jesse Duggard, bagged two goals within the first five minutes of the game.

This was just the start of GFC's assault on the Nunawading goal, which continued throughout the first half as Gippy hammered almost a dozen shots on goal that were either just shy of the goals or well saved by the Nuna' keeper. Two-nil to Gippsland at the break.

The second half turned into a real grind as the two sides dug deep, both keen to avoid this year's wooden spoon. Desperate to get back in the game, Nunawading started to get on top as the match ground on and the pressure finally told with Gippsland conceding a penalty with about ten minutes left to play. The last 10 minutes saw Gippsland make desperate efforts to hang on to their narrow lead, however, their opponents managed to score with the last kick of the match, a lucky, wobbly highball that somehow found its way into the back of the Gippsland goal. In the end, a tough two all draw.

U18s JBNPL – Gippsland versus Malvern City

WITH spring just around the corner, Gippsland FC U18s took



Gippsland FC's Jesse Duggard (U15).

on Malvern City at the Latrobe City Sports Stadium.

Conditions were perfect for soccer and Gippsland came out all guns blazing, scoring inside the first 5 minutes thanks to a quality finish from Hayden Berton.

Malvern were getting more of the ball, yet it was the home team creating the better of the chances.

Malvern were building and it wasn't long before scores were tied thanks to a great goal from their striker.

When Malvern added another goal against the run of play late in the first half, all seemed lost and halftime couldn't have come quick enough for the home team.

A different Gippsland came out for the second half. The home team won the ball back almost from kick-off with Harry Bettridge smashing the ball home with his non preferred foot.

Jayden Taylor then made a fantastic run down the wing to get on the end of a great through ball, slotting home to tie the scores up at 3 apiece.

Gippsland had all the momentum and could've easily put the game to bed with a couple more goals. Unfortunately, despite all the teams hard work to get back into the game it would be Malvern with the late winning goal in a fierce clash of two teams desperately searching for the points.

Expressions of interest – players and coaches 2023 season

GIPPSLAND FC are seeking expressions of interest from interested players and prospective coaches for the 2023 Season.

Please call technical director, Mark Cassar, on 0437 496 757.

Trials are scheduled to be held in October.



An artist's impression of Kilmunda's skate park and playspace project.

Tenders sought for skate park and playspace

BASS Coast Shire is seeking tenders for the construction of Kilmunda's skate park and renewal of playspace project at the foreshore.

The proposed works include construction of a skate bowl, local level playspace and supporting park amenities.

The tender period closes on Wednesday, September 21 at 2.00pm.

A recent grant from the state government's Sports

and Recreation Victoria, Local Sport Infrastructure Fund allowed the \$575,500 project to come to fruition, with council committing to fund the remaining \$325,500.

The design for the skate park and playspace has been developed over the past 12 months by skate and play specialist Playce, in consultation with residents and the Kilmunda Community Association.

The design includes a skate

park with a bowl and roll in for beginners, a deep end for more advanced skaters, slippery kerb, water fall and pier seven ledge.

The facility will also feature a shelter with seating and an accessible ramp entrance from both the Bass Coast Rail Trail and the foreshore.

The playspace will include a natural feeling space with timber and rock features, along with traditional play

elements for climbing, sliding and swinging.

The project will also include landscaping works, with some minor vegetation removal, however, the existing Norfolk Island Pine which creates shade will be kept.

Additional trees and garden beds will be planted to act as landscape buffers around the play and skate areas. Seating, paths, a water fountain, bins and bike racks will also be installed.

Pump track please... says petition

A PETITION is seeking to garner enough support for the construction of a pump track at Cape Woolamai.

The petition, which seeks 1000 signatures and had almost 700 as of last week, hopes to attract the support of Bass Coast Shire, with petitioners urged to contact Island Ward councillors.

"A pump track is an asphalt circuit of rollers, banked turns and features designed for bicycles, scooters and skateboards," the petition states.

"Riders can generate momentum by up and down body

movements or 'pumping'.

"The pump track would provide recreational opportunities and a meeting place in the community for both children and adults.

"A purpose built pump track would provide a replacement of the current popular bush tracks built in our foreshore and allow vegetation to regenerate in these areas."

To view the petition, visit shorturl.at/afIK6

A Facebook page has also been created to attract further attention, www.facebook.com/PumpCapeWoolamai/



Photo: Matheus Alfaya on Unsplash



Administration club of the year

Wonthaggi LSC recently won Administration Club of the Year (a joint win with Ocean Grove SLSC) at the Awards of Excellence in Melbourne.

Gear for bike ed

SCHOOLS across Bass Coast Shire are implementing Bike Ed into their programs in Term 3 or Term 4 this year.

Bike Ed is about developing the knowledge, skills and experience that students need to be able to cycle safely, and use roads and pathways network safely, with consideration for other road and trails users.

After two years, schools were not in a position to run their Bike Ed programs, but most are now working to catch up the lost years.

Bike Ed traditionally begins with Year 3 or 4 students, starting off in the school yard, with activities aimed at developing balance and bike control skills. It then progresses to left turns, right turns and negotiating roundabouts, still in the school yard, while learning some of the regulations about how the road system operates, with an emphasis on safety.

The Bass Coast Community Road Safety Committee, headed up by Cr Bruce Kent, supports schools by receiving funding from the Department of Transport (VicRoads) to maintain bikes that schools can borrow.

Another support is the co-ordination of community volunteers from the Phillip Island Bicycle User Group, Victoria Police and others.

The committee also receives funding to host Bike Ed Instructor courses, which ensure that school staff and volunteers are adequately trained to deliver the programs in a safe and professional manner.

VDSR Awards nominations open

Nominations are open for the 2022 Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards (VDSR Awards).

The VDSR Awards are a celebration of the achievements of sportspeople with disability, the coaches, organisations, officials and volunteers who support them and the inclusive sport and recreation sector across Victoria.

With Disability Sport and Recreation celebrating their 60th birthday this year, the 2022 Awards are more than ever an opportunity to discover unsung heroes and rising stars and celebrate what's truly great about accessible and inclusive sport.

Entrants in the Awards are nominated by state sporting associations, regional sport assemblies, local government, individuals, teammates, club members, coaches or their local community in recognition of their outstanding contribution to inclusive sport and recreation.

The 2022 VDSR Award categories are:

- Kevin Coombs Lifetime Achievement Award
- My Sport Live Sportsperson of the Year – Elite
- My Sport Live Sportsperson of the Year – Community
- Marg Angel Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- Masters Sportsperson of the Year
- Administrator of the Year
- Coach/Fitness Leader of the Year
- PwC Volunteer of the Year
- Initiative of the Year – Sport
- Active Recreation and Leisure Initiative of the Year
- Inclusive Sport, Recreation or Open Space Infrastructure Award
- Team of the Year

Nominations close at midnight Wednesday August 31, and finalists will be announced in October, with the awards ceremony to be held on Tuesday, November 8.

Nominations for the 2022 VDSR Awards are for achievements, initiatives, programs, activities and developments that took place between July 2021 and June 2022.

Cricket opportunity

ANYONE interested in cricket umpiring for the upcoming season can attend a meeting this week.

The meeting will be held at Outram Wednesday, August 31, 7.30pm.

Join the LDCA panel of 20 umpires.

Any questions ring Geoff Wyatt, 0413 081 136.

The Barry Sheene Tribute Ride is back

THE Barry Sheene Tribute Ride will return in October, marking its 18th anniversary ahead of the Animoca Brands Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2022.

In honour of Sheene, who lost his battle with cancer in 2003, the 270-kilometre charity event will depart Bairnsdale on Thursday, October 13, with participants making their way through Gippsland's countryside.

Riders will visit Morwell and San Remo, before taking part in a lap of the scintillating Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

Barry Sheene MBE was a British motorcycle champion who migrated to Australia in the late 1980s.

Throughout his illustrious career, Sheene recorded 23 Grand Prix victories and won two 500CC World Championships in 1976 and 1977.

Working in partnership with the East Gippsland Shire, La Trobe City and Bass Coast Shire Councils the Australian Grand Prix Corporation is thrilled to bring the annual memorial ride back to Phillip Island and raise money for charity.

Tickets cost \$50 per rider, with all profits going to the Animoca Brands Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2022 Official Charity Partner - the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre.

Tickets for the Barry Sheene Tribute Ride and the Animoca Brands Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2022 are on sale now.

For more information visit: www.motogp.com.au/event/barry-sheene-tribute-ride

'Roadmap' to improve women's access to sport

FROM July 2024, all Victorian councils will need to ensure equitable access to sporting facilities for people of all genders to be considered eligible to receive infrastructure funding from the Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence was joined by representatives from state sporting organisations and local government authorities recently to reveal a three-phase initiative, that will set minimum standards of access across the state.

According to the government, many Victorian women and girls don't have access to the best courts or grounds, have facilities of lesser standard, or are relegated to less convenient competition and training times.

These barriers make it difficult for many to participate or reach their best.

The Fair Access Policy Roadmap aims to develop a state-wide foundation to improve the access to, and use of, community sports infrastructure for women and girls.

The roadmap features three key phases: education, readiness and progress. It is designed for local governments, sport and recreation organisations and other groups which manage publicly owned community sports infrastructure.

In the first phase commencing this year, the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation will provide training, education and support to local councils, peak bodies and facilities to help them implement the roadmap.

To view the Fair Access Policy Roadmap, visit: changeourgame.vic.gov.au.



Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Michael Whelan and CEO Ali Wastie attended a Partnership Forum which saw dozens of representatives from across the state to discuss the 2026 Commonwealth Games.



Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery Jacinta Allan spoke to attendees at the Partnership Forum.

Shire seeking slice of Commonwealth Games' pie

BASS Coast Shire's Mayor and CEO attended a huge forum which saw dozens of representatives from regional councils, tourism boards and other groups gather to discuss the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

The Partnership Forum, hosted by the State Government at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last Thursday, consisted of more than 150 partners and provided a comprehensive debrief on learnings from the

Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Victoria 2026 will run from March 17-29, 2026, with four regional hubs in Gippsland, Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong and will deliver a multi-city model.

Sports identified for Gippsland include Badminton, Cycling and Rugby Sevens, with the hub to be based in the Latrobe Valley.

The shire had hoped to secure sports such as cycling and

surfing as part of the 2026 program.

Following the forum, Mayor Michael Whelan said while it was still unclear if any sports would be based in Bass Coast, they were also pushing for tourism opportunities.

"We'll be pushing for the other aspects that go with the games, such as visitation and tourism etc," he said.

"There can be up to 50,000 people visiting a day at the different venues, so there's a huge

potential for tourism.

"We'll be working with Destination Phillip Island and Gippsland on that."

As the Games will see new and upgraded sports infrastructure and athlete villages to become social and affordable housing, Cr Whelan said this also presented another huge opportunity for the shire.

For more information about the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games, visit vic.gov.au/victoria2026.

PICAL announced as official charity partner for Animoca Brands

THE Australian Grand Prix Corporation has announced Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) as the official charity partner for the Animoca Brands Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2022.

The well-known Cowes based organisation, PICAL is a long-standing local charity that is focused on building a strong, safe and vibrant Phillip Island community.

PICAL provides a wide range of vital community services and support programs, such as the Phil Dixon Emergency Food Relief program, a community garden, Centrelink services, along with training and education.

It also supports vital community engagement and social-enterprise groups, such as Women Connect and 'Boomerang Bags'.

This partnership will see PICAL further increase awareness of its community programs, and raise crucial donations at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit across the three days of the event.

PICAL will also receive a range of donations following the event, such as food for its

Emergency Food Relief Pantry and coffee grounds to provide fertilizer for its community garden.

The Animoca Brands Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2022 will return to Phillip Island from October, Friday 14, to Sunday 16.

Come Sunday's feature race, more than 1800 days will have passed since the last Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix in 2019.

In 2022, there's plenty to be excited about with Aussies Jack Miller and Remy Gardner set to compete on the MotoGP™ grid and Australia will witness the local debut of compatriot Joel Kelso in Moto3™.

On top of that, the national Superbike class will return alongside the Oceania Junior Championship — which will mark its first inclusion at the event.

Tickets to the Animoca Brands Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2022 are on sale now.

Visit www.motoeo.com.au for more information about a range of exciting packages up for grabs.



Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre's Greg Thompson and members are thrilled that the organisation will be the official charity partner for the Animoca Brands Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2022.

'Clear contender' emerges for Bombers CEO role

AFL administrator Travis Auld has emerged as a "clear contender" for the Essendon chief executive role, according to Caroline Wilson.

The Bombers are on the hunt for a new CEO following Xavier Campbell's resignation.

Auld – the head of finance, clubs and broadcasting at the AFL – has been viewed as a potential successor to Gillon McLachlan as the league's CEO.

Auld spent 10 years at the Bombers in a variety of roles before his appointment as Gold Coast's inaugural CEO in 2009.

"There are all sorts of names that are coming up for the CEO role," Wilson told Sportsday.

"One clear contender, according to Essendon people, is someone who left the club as deputy CEO and is now working at the AFL."

"And that's Travis Auld."

Wilson expects Essendon GM of Football Josh Mahoney to stay at the club under new president David Barham.

There's been significant

By **Alex Zaia**

change at Tullamarine with Campbell, former president Paul Brasher and Simon Madden quitting the board, while Peter Allen and Sean Wellman will also depart.

"The big question now is the future of Josh Mahoney and Adrian Dodoro," Wilson said.

"I'm convinced now that Josh Mahoney is going to be part of the rebuilding of the Essendon Football Club."

"I'm not sure what's going on with Adrian Dodoro, but I'm absolutely convinced now that despite reports of Josh Mahoney's future being under a cloud, I believe he's going to stay at Essendon and help rebuild the club."

Essendon is also looking for a new senior coach after Ben Rutten was relieved of his duties with a year to run on his contract.

RIGHT: Travis Auld has been viewed as a potential successor to Gillon McLachlan as the Bombers CEO. Photo: AAP Image/Joel Carrington



Cornes defends Hawkins' All-Australian captaincy call

By **Nic Negrepontis**

EYEBROWS were raised following the announcement of the All-Australian captaincy, with Geelong's Tom Hawkins getting the nod.

This is despite the selected 22 containing four current club captains in Carlton's Patrick Cripps, Melbourne's Max Gawn, Gold Coast's Touk Miller and Sydney's Callum Mills.

The selectors have set a precedent for this, with the likes of Patrick Dangerfield, Lance Franklin and Alex Rance named AA skipper in recent years.

Kane Cornes, who is on the

selection panel, felt the Geelong veteran was the clear choice.

"(Selecting the captain) is sort of the last thing that you did, and I was pretty strong on the fact that Tom Hawkins should be the captain of the team," Cornes told SEN SA Breakfast.

"Essentially it was basically unanimous, I think most people in the room were in agreement that Tom Hawkins, with his fifth All-Australian blazer, the selfless team-first role that he has played for such

a long period of time, I think his ability to sense moments in games and produce under pressure like a great captain does, I thought that gave him a real advantage in being named captain of this team."

"Max Gawn has been captain of the All-Australian team before and is also an outstanding leader, Touk Miller was in the conversation, Patrick Cripps, I mean, those two players' sides didn't make the finals so you look at that."

"I didn't think there would be any controversy or criticism over Tom Hawkins being captain, I almost thought he

was the obvious choice.

"Lance Franklin has captained this team before, he hasn't been captain of this team, Patrick Dangerfield has captained this team before, he's never been a captain of his team, so just because you're not a captain of your side doesn't mean you can't captain the All-Australian team."

"I'm thrilled for Tom Hawkins. I think it's such a well-deserved honour."

Hawkins and the Cats will be preparing for their Qualifying Final clash with Collingwood following the bye.

Dogs defender gives insight as Pies win sparks rowdy scenes

By **Seb Mottram**

THE Western Bulldogs were the secondary beneficiary of Collingwood's come-from-behind win over Carlton in Round 23.

Having earlier defeated Hawthorn to bring up the club's 12th win of 2022, Luke Beveridge's men faced a nervous wait to determine if they'd play in September.

Needing Carlton to lose, hopes would have been fading for the Bulldogs early in the fourth term with the Blues holding a four-goal lead.

But a remarkable comeback sparked incredible scenes, and not just the MCG.

The Bulldogs players were in a hotel in Tasmania at the time, and the final siren at the 'G brought about plenty of celebrations from the men from Whitten Oval.

Bulldogs defender Taylor Duryea spoke about the tense scenes as the Dogs waited to learn their fate.

"They (nerves) were shocking," he said on SEN Breakfast.

"I'd only been in that position as a helpless fan. (It was similar to) last year when we were needing Brisbane to lose or win by a small margin for us to get top four and they pipped us by 0.1 of a percent or something."

"It's the same again yesterday, but fortunately on the right side of the result."

Given the Dogs' win came around quarter time of Carlton/Collingwood, the scenes were somewhat subdued at full time.

Duryea was also questioned on what Luke Beveridge had to say after the game.

"Our first chat after the game, obviously we didn't know what the result was going to be between Collingwood and Carlton, so it was more (Beveridge saying), 'we've done what we could,' he replied.

"It was a bit of a difficult season, obviously we'd let ourselves down on some occasions with some poor performance."

"But realistically, while it's an anxious wait to get a result to go our way, we'd rather be in this position than not."

The Dogs were seemingly out of finals contention just a month ago, but the Blues lost their last four games to open the door.

Beveridge's men also won four of their last six and Duryea believes his side can now "release the shackles" in September.

"That's all you need sometimes to kickstart something. He (Beveridge) has the absolute belief in us and we have it in ourselves, it's just been a bit of inconsistency at times."

"Now it's almost a clean slate, release the shackles a bit, win or go home mentality which we were familiar with last year and now we get to do it again."

The Bulldogs played Fremantle in an Elimination Final on Saturday.

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Parrots score decisive win over Moe

LEONGATHA's A Grade netballers are onto the next stage of the finals after scoring a decisive victory against Moe at Morwell on Saturday.

While the Parrot's C Grade also knocked out Morwell in an extremely tight match.

A Grade: Leongatha 63 def Moe 34

An incredibly quick start with both teams competing at cracking speed. The give and go between the shooters Jess Edgar and Hannah Flanders created a small lead. Inside ring passes created confusion for Moe. The quarter ended with parrots leading by 7, finalised with a rejection from Lauren Redpath.

Second quarter started with a screaming cross court intercept from Taylah Brown.

Another rejection from Lauren set the Parrots rolling through the quarter demonstrating an incredible team game, with some precision passing by Jade Cashin to finish the lead by 11.

Third quarter started with a tip from backliner Laura Higgins, to then a held ball thanks to the hands of Kayla Redpath.

Another intercept from Taylah continued the smooth run of the ball from end to end.

The quarter finished with the Parrots leading by 20 goals.

The last quarter was a smooth run home.

The mix up between Jade and Nicola Marriott throughout the game demonstrated the versatility and team structure to provide consistency.

The girls still put up a fight for every ball and scrap across the entire court, and didn't take the foot off the pedal until the final whistle.

C Grade: Leongatha 39 def Morwell 30

The Parrots were being by two at half time.

Third quarter was full of tips from the back end but not quite turnovers.

The Parrots had to rethink their attack and protect the ball all the way into the ring.

Finished the quarter still two goals down.

In the final quarter Morwell mistakes led to turnovers in scraps.

For the last 7 minutes, the Parrots found their game; the attack and drive to then work it through to the shooters and the defence continuously making each and every tip.

The game ended as a draw, so it went into overtime.

The Parrots started with a quick three goals and ran away with it to take the win by 9.

U17s: Leongatha 20 def by Drouin 24

The girls took the court for a high-pressure game from the first quarter to the fourth.

The defensive pressure applied was fantastic by the whole team.

Unfortunately, we missed the opportunity to take home the win but had a fantastic season. Well done to Molly Heber for taking home the award after a consistent game and to all the girls for making it to the finals.

Under 15s: Leongatha 62 def Bairnsdale 27

The 15s' started the game giving away the first two goals, from that point they switched on and took a convincing lead.

The first quarter was some of the best netball they'd played for the whole season.

Well done on a great first final, the whole team should be proud of the way they put our plans into action.

Their commitment to each other and the team, was clear to see.



Hannah Flanders displays her athleticism for the Parrots during a best on court display in Leongatha's comfortable defeat of Moe. A38_3522



Leongatha's C Grade players had plenty of support during their qualifying final win over Morwell. A36_3522



Leongatha and Morwell players show their commitment during their competitive C Grade match. A35_3522



Evie Dekker has possession during the frantic final quarter of Leongatha's match against Morwell. A34_3522



Players from both sides go in hard during Leongatha's convincing qualifying final win in A Grade. A37_3522



A Grade's Jessie Holland shoots for goal in Saturdays match.
Photo: Annie Holland.



Kat Smith, D Grade, jumps for the ball in Saturdays match against Yinnar. Photo: Annie Holland.



Mirboo North's Christina Stoertebecker and Emily Taylor applied defensive pressure. Photo: Annie Holland.



B Grade's Miki Hilliar prepares to pass the ball.
Photo: Annie Holland.



The hometown Sea Eagles did not get the result they were after in front of a packed crowd at home in their Semi Final.



Kirsty Richardson of Mirboo North's D Grade was a model of concentration.

MID GIPPSLAND

» 2ND SEMI FINAL

A Grade: Toora 49 It Mirboo North 55
B Grade: Morwell East 36 It Mirboo Nth 63
C Grade: MDU 42 d Newborough 25
D Grade: Yinnar 42 d Mirboo North 31
17 & Under: MDU 51 d Morwell East 41
15 & Under: Yinnar 41 d Thorpdale 14
13 & Under: Mirboo North 30 d Hill End 13

» 1ST SEMI FINAL

A Grade: Yinnar 63 d Morwell East 49
B Grade: Toora 40 d Yinnar 39
C Grade: Mirboo North 29 It Yinnar 42
D Grade: Hill End 21 It Morwell East 25
17 & Under: Yinnar 19 It Fish Creek 37
15 & Under: Mirboo North 35 It Boolarra 37
13 & Under: Boolarra 24 d Toora 22

WEST GIPPSLAND

» 2ND SEMI FINAL

A Grade: Inverloch-K 37 It Bunyip 39
B Grade: Tooradin-Dal 45 d Bunyip 40
C Grade: Bunyip 32 It Inverloch-K 36
D Grade: Inverloch-K 30 It Bunyip 31
17 & Under: Dalyston 41 d Kor-Bena 22
15 & Under: Inverloch-K 24 It P-Island 27
13 & Under: Phillip Island 21 It NNG 25
11 & Under: NNG 27 d Inverloch-K 15

» 1ST SEMI FINAL

A Grade: Tooradin-Dal 42 d NNG 39
B Grade: Dalyston 44 It Nar Nar Goon 54
C Grade: Cora Lynn 20 d Nar Nar Goon 17
D Grade: Dalyston 30 It Nar Nar Goon 34
17 & Under: P-Island 54 d Inverloch-K 39
15 & Under: Kor-Bena 36 d Bunyip 24
13 & Under: KWR 19 It Cora Lynn 31
11 & Under: Dalyston 10 It Tooradin-Dal 13

ELLINBANK

» QUALIFYING FINAL

A Grade: Nilma Darnum 38 d Trafalgar 32
B Grade: Buln Buln 56 d Trafalgar 53
C Grade: Nilma Darnum 33 It Longwarry 40
17 & Under: Poowong 58 d Ellinbank 56
15 & Under: Buln Buln 24 It Trafalgar 27
13 & Under: Longwarry 21 It Nyora 29

» ELIMINATION FINAL

A Grade: Lang Lang 42 It Ellinbank 51
B Grade: N-Darnum 53 d Neerim Sth 45
C Grade: Buln Buln 31 It Neerim South 39
17 & Under: Catani 31 d Lang Lang 24
15 & Under: Ellinbank 31 d Yarragon 23
13 & Under: Yarragon 33 d Lang Lang 23

GIPPSLAND

» QUALIFYING FINAL

A Grade: Leongatha 63 d Moe 34
B Grade: Moe 39 d Traralgon 28
C Grade: Leongatha 39 d Morwell 30
17 & Under: Traralgon 42 d Wonthaggi 29
15 & Under: Maffra 37 It Sale 45
13 & Under: Traralgon 38 d Bairnsdale 26

» ELIMINATION FINAL

A Grade: Traralgon 35 It Wonthaggi 39
B Grade: Maffra 29 It Morwell 39
C Grade: Traralgon 35 d Warragul 28
17 & Under: Leongatha 20 It Drouin 24
15 & Under: Leongatha 62 d Bairnsdale 27
13 & Under: Wonthaggi 46 d Traralgon 32

THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES

» MID GIPPSLAND

Preliminary Final - Yinnar (Sat, Sept. 3)
A Grade: Toora v Yinnar
B Grade: Morwell East v Toora
C Grade: Newborough v Yinnar
D Grade: Mirboo North v Morwell East
17 & Under: Morwell East v Fish Creek
15 & Under: Thorpdale v Boolarra
13 & Under: Hill End v Boolarra

» WEST GIPPSLAND

Preliminary Final - Dalyston (Sat, Sept. 3)
A Grade: Inverloch-Kongwak v Tooradin-Dal
B Grade: Bunyip v Nar Nar Goon
C Grade: Bunyip v Cora Lynn
D Grade: Inverloch-Kongwak v Nar Nar Goon
17 & Under: Kor-Bena v Phillip Island
15 & Under: Inverloch-K v Korumburra-Bena
13 & Under: Phillip Island v Cora Lynn
11 & Under: Inverloch-K v Tooradin-Dal

» ELLINBANK

2nd Semi Final - Lang Lang (Sat, Sept. 3)
A Grade: Neerim South v Nilma Darnum
B Grade: Ellinbank v Buln Buln
C Grade: Ellinbank v Longwarry
17 & Under: Trafalgar v Poowong
15 & Under: Longwarry v Trafalgar
13 & Under: Trafalgar v Nyora

1st Semi Final - Trafalgar (Sun, Sept. 4)

A Grade: Trafalgar v Ellinbank
B Grade: Trafalgar v Nilma Darnum
C Grade: Nilma Darum v Neerim South
17 & Under: Ellinbank v Catani
15 & Under: Buln Buln v Ellinbank
13 & Under: Longwarry v Yarragon

» GIPPSLAND

2nd Semi Final - Moe (Sat, Sept. 3)

A Grade - Morwell v Leongatha
B Grade - Leongatha v Moe
C Grade - Maffra v Leongatha
17 & Under - Sale v Traralgon
15 & Under - Traralgon v Sale
13 & Under - Sale v Traralgon

1st Semi Final - Traralgon (Sun, Sept. 4)

A Grade - Moe v Wonthaggi
B Grade - Traralgon v Morwell
C Grade - Morwell v Traralgon
17 & Under - Wonthaggi v Drouin
15 & Under - Maffra v Leongatha
13 & Under - Bairnsdale v Wonthaggi

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

» QUALIFYING FINAL

85 **49**

BULN BULN TRAFALGAR

Buln Buln 1.2 7.4 9.7 12.13 (85)

Trafalgar 0.1 5.4 7.7 7.7 (49)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Samuel Langford 5, Hayden Baker, Robert McCallum 2, Samuel Batson, Jackson Kos, Jake Pierrehumbert 1 each

BEST: Brandon Allen, Samuel Langford, Hayden Baker, Trent Baker, Jackson Kos, Thomas Axford

GOALS, Trafalgar: Matthew Swenson 3, Tyson Leys, Damian Mann, Tristan Marsden, Blake Radford 1 each

BEST: Dylan Farrell, Matthew Swenson, Chris Kyriacou, Mitch Virtue, Blake Radford, Hayden Brock

RESERVES

Neerim South 4.5 6.9 8.11 10.13 (73)

Trafalgar 0.3 3.4 5.6 7.8 (50)

GOALS, Neerim South: Mathew Churchill, Eddie McGillivray, Harry Notman, Chris Saunders 2, Rhys George, Ayden Ramm 1 each

BEST: Ayden Ramm, Matthew Pecoraro, Harry Notman, Adam White, Christian Robertson-Edgar, Rhys George

GOALS, Trafalgar: Karl Mutke 3, Brodie Burgess, Luke O'Neill, Daniel Puglia, Adrian Romano 1 each

BEST: Benjamin Doran, Greg Kneebone, Harrison Malady, Jackson Noonan, Mitchell Smart, Adrian Romano

THIRDS

Longwarry 3.1 9.4 14.6 15.6 (96)

Ellinbank 3.0 5.1 6.3 6.3 (39)

GOALS, Longwarry: Fintan Fox 9, Brock Stanfield 2, Cooper Brown, Dominic Keane, Tyler van der Heyden, Bradley Yeo 1 each

BEST: Fintan Fox, Josh Downes, Harrison Colvin, Cody McInnes, Ned Ashton, Cooper Brown

GOALS, Ellinbank: Liam Lisle 4, Adam Campbell, Caleb Kriesl 1 each

BEST: Jonty Kennedy, Adam Campbell, Jack Champion, Thomas Bingham, Kynan Rintoule, Caleb Kriesl

FOURTHS

Yarragon 0.2 2.4 5.6 7.11 (53)

Neerim South 1.2 1.2 3.4 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Yarragon: Ji Doyle 4, Matthew Armstrong, Darcy Paul, Cooper Spencer 1 each

BEST: Lachlan McWhinney, Andrew Daly, Ty Keeble, Darcy Paul, Joshua Mills

GOALS, Neerim South: Kai Mounsey 2, Mitchell Dowling, Isaac Guy 1 each

BEST: Isaac Guy, Patrick Sheehan, Keegan Friedlander, Kyson Cornwall, Kai Mounsey, Braiden Curtis-Smith

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ELLINBANK POOWONG

Ellinbank 6.2 10.4 12.7 22.12 (144)

Poowong 1.1 3.2 5.4 11.5 (71)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Shaun Phelan 6, Nathaniel Paredes 3, Daniel Pratt, Gaige White 2, Anthony Battista, Liam Carolan, Jake Dean, Timothee Mashado, Daniel Risol, Michael Urie, Tony Wright 1 each

BEST: Nathaniel Paredes, Daniel Risol, Shaun Phelan, Bryce Joyce, Michael Urie

GOALS, Poowong: Patrick Harmes 3, Jack Hazendonk, Andrew Logan 2, Jaemeel Knecht, Cody Loughridge, William Robertson, Jayden Sullivan 1 each

BEST: Jack Hazendonk, Thomas Robertson, Alex Doria, Cody Loughridge, Alex Henshall, Matthew Cozzio

RESERVES

Buln Buln 6.3 11.5 14.7 15.8 (98)

Lang Lang 1.1 3.3 4.5 6.8 (44)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Adam Rakip 5, Chris

Sharpe 3, Jared Doyle, Bryce Monahan 2, Jake Baker, Simon Dawson, Brent Waddell 1 each

BEST: Adam Rakip, Jake Baker, Jared Doyle, Brendan Wall, Thomas Park, Flynn Hammond

GOALS, Lang Lang: Liam Edgar, Jack Jenkins, Brett Kelly, Brett Kirkham, Daniel Nicholls, Rhys Simmons 1 each

BEST: Daniel Nicholls, Troy Miller, Brent Miller, Jack Jenkins, Brandon Dalli, Rhys Simmons

THIRDS

Buln Buln 0.4 2.4 2.7 3.114 (29)

Yarragon 0.2 1.5 2.9 3.9 (27)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Logan Leatham 2, Logan Wallmeyer 1

BEST: Ryley Huysman, Daniel Axford, Will Battley, Jarrod Clynes, Jaran Guy, Matthew Cahill

GOALS, Yarragon: William Kemp, Kallis Keady, Lachlan King 1 each

BEST: Liam Smith-Butterworth, Jackson Spencer, Xavier Allsopp, Kallis Keady, Jake Websdale, Zak Keeble

FOURTHS

Ellinbank 1.2 1.2 1.5 4.6 (30)

Lang Lang 0.3 0.3 0.4 2.5 (17)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Taj Irwin 2, Jordan Lewis, Mitchell Warren 1 each

BEST: Archie Martel, Luke Carbon, Blake Handley, Taj Irwin, Logan Joyce, Ryan Murphy

GOALS, Lang Lang: Joshua Davidge-Miller, Ty Thom 1 each

BEST: Ty Thom, Millan Parolin, Jack Stockx, Kynan Dore-Wilson, Jaeden Ward, Tate Symes

Poowong's hopes dashed by stronger Ellinbank side

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Nyo-
ra to take on Ellinbank.

During the season it was
one all.

Poowong made two changes
in Josh Harvey and Jaemeel
Knecht in for Jared Mills and
James Scott, both players
back from injury.

Ellinbank had five players
back including a player from
Darwin.

The game started with Ellinbank showing they meant
business and kicked the
first goal from a mark at
CHF. Poowong worked the
ball forward and Alex Henshell
registered a point, then a long kick forward was
out of bounds before Cody
Loughridge scored the Magpie's first goal from the
forward flank.

Poowong's defence spilt a
mark and Ellinbank swooped on the ball and goaled.

Connor Cunningham and
Jack Hazendonk started well
forward but were not being
given any room to move by the
opposition.

Ellinbank took the ball from
defence down the ground to
kick their fifth and on the si-
ren a long kick then bought
up their sixth to open up a
31-point lead.

Poowong would have to
work harder and play catch
up football.

They opened with a free
kick to Paddy Harmes for a
goal. Ellinbank went forward
and a good left foot kick re-
sulted in a goal.

Jack Hazendonk was play-
ing well for Poowong but was
continually being scragged.

Injuries to Will Lumby and
Jye Loughridge before half
time were taking their toll
and a couple of limping play-
ers, making the job tough they
had an opportunity but only a
point resulted.

Play had been bottled up
for half the quarter before a
free kick to Jaemeel Knecht,
together with a 50-metre pen-
alty. Jaemeel slotted a goal,
their fourth.

Ellinbank added three
points before grabbing the
ball from the ruck for a goal.

In reply, Paddy Harmes add-
ed a goal from a free kick.

A scuffle in the centre



Poowong's Jack Hazendonk takes a magnificent mark. Photo: Jeff Tull

resulted in an Ellinbank goal
from a long 50 metre penalty.

Then a long kick from Will
Robertson looked promising
but only resulted in a point for
Poowong.

Ellinbank went forward and
added four points before add-
ing four goals. Poowong came
back and added three quick
goals, two to Andrew Logan
and another to Patrick Harmes.

Before Ellinbank added five
late goals to win 22.12. 134 to
Poowong 11.5.71.

Ellinbank were the better

side in the end and will meet
Trafalgar in the first semi.

Poowong have had a good
season and hoped to go deeper
into the finals, but it was
not to be.

Coach Chris Doria did a
great job with support from
Reece Attenborough and Troy
Shepherd.

To the committee led by Ted
Attenborough, Col Attenbor-
ough, Clint Newcombe, Peter
van t Hof, Keith Fort, to name

a few did an amazing job
over the season.

Trainers Alan Massaro,
Tony Stuart, Lorraine Connell
and Andrew Jackman. Great
support staff.

The under 17s netball are
left to fly the flag for Poowong
next week at the semi-final.

Great effort, all the best
from all the Poowong sup-
porters.

Poowong winds up at the
Hotel Korumburra on Octo-
ber 1.

All the best to the Bulls in
the Under 12s Grand Final
next week at Yarragon.

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Tigers under 18s hopeful for premiership victory

by Rover

the shaky-looking Demons by
36 points in the first quarter,
with Ethan Woodall and Nick
Cummaudo on fire in front of the
big white sticks.

After a week's break, Mir-
boo North will be attempting to
win its 12th MGFNL thirds
premiership since 1978, when it
journeys to Ronald Reserve Morwell East on Saturday, September 10.

The mighty Tigers were off
to a flying start, outscoring

out round-12 victory of 104
points, Mirboo North's other
four wins against MDU this
season have averaged eight
points.

Weaver and Bell finished
with six and three goals res-
pectively, as MDU gallantly
reduced its 29-point half-time
and 18-point last change defi-
cits to less than a goal when
the final siren sounded.

Along with Woodall and
Cummaudo's goal kicking
feats, other Tigers to fea-
ture prominently were Jack

Couper, Jesse Chila, Beau
Kratzat and William Jacka.

A brilliant tight-angled grub-
ber goal from Cummaudo and a
high-flying pack mark in de-
fence by Chila, saved the day
for Mirboo North.

Although coach, Mark
Wilkins, was delighted to win
the match, he told the playing
group that undisciplined last-
term 50-metre penalties —
that resulted in easy goals to
the opposition — need to be
addressed during the lead-up
to grand final day.

After a stellar season, Sharks can't afford more bad days

By Rob Popplestone

FROM 13 teams at the start of the season, the number had quickly collapsed to just four, with the best of the best in the MGFNL competition now playing as though their footballing lives depended on it.

And the fact is, they did, and it must be said that all four teams played as though they wanted to be the last club standing in just a fortnights time.

A late change of venue in the days leading into the qualifying final, from Fish Creek to Stony Creek, was seen as a good decision in that the surface promised to be the best possible for these top two teams.

THE quirk of the 2022 fixture meant that this would be the third time these two teams had met in just over eight weeks.

The reward was obvious, a direct entry into the grand final, rather than the need to be confronted with a do or die preliminary final clash in the week ahead.

It might not have been the best game you've ever seen, but for the Bulldogs, winning ugly was fine.

"With our first final in six years, change in the new look Mid Gippsland league, COVID interrupted seasons and uncertainty of the playing surface, our mindset was to expect the unexpected and deal with it as best we can if it happens," said Craig Skinner, Newborough coach.

"It did, 15 minutes in the game when our best key defender Nic Caldow twisted his knee in a tackle and didn't return to play.

"Joel Mitchell, the league's premier forward kicks one goal, eight points and the competition's best side is circling like we are the wounded fish.

"For us to win, we needed the cream to rise and right on cue. Josh Hecker, Zach Skinner and Liam Flahavin

control the middle of the ground and allowed our backline to gain the ascendancy due to Tarwin's rushed entries into our back half, allowing the Wade's (Smith and Anderson) to control the air-space and rebound from half back.

"To be able to match Tarwin then increase the pressure around the ball, was going to the level required to win a grand final.

"Now they believe in themselves as much as I do."

The halftime score line of 2-8-20 to 1-3-9 favouring Newborough, probably gives some indication of the type and style of game that was being played, opportunities were rare and weren't always taken when they were presented.

The Bulldogs got what they wanted, what they needed, but Tarwin believes they are better than what the weekend showed.

"We allowed their ball movement to happen, and our skills were poor. Simply just a bad day and we know we will be better for it," said Troy Hemming, Tarwin coach.

For the Sharks, they desperately want another go at the Bulldogs after being the benchmark team of the season.

"They had a day out. We didn't. Few too many contests where we needed to half it and we didn't. The boys will be ready for a preliminary final this week," said Troy.

Craig also believes the Sharks are not done yet.

"Troy's Sharks are wounded but they will reset and bounce back hard like good sides do. They didn't finish on top by accident!"

The Sharks simply cannot have another bad day, or a season that promised so much will amount to nothing, and they deserve better than that.



Tarwin and Newborough clash in the ruck.

Tarwin and Yinnar set to face off this weekend in preliminary final

By Rob Popplestone

tested by Tarwin.

"Next week is another great opportunity against Tarwin with the winner going on to the big dance," said Daniel Taylor, Yinnar coach.

"Tarwin obviously didn't get the result they were after on the weekend, but they are a good side and they finished on top of the ladder for a reason.

"They'll be ready and looking to bounce back but I'm confident we'll be up for the fight and ready to go again. It should be a cracker."

When the two sides met in round one of this year, it was Tarwin in a close one and Magpies coach Daniel Taylor said at the time, "Our intensity was off

early which put us on the back foot for most of the day, to be fair I thought we were lucky to still be in the game at three quarter time as Tarwin were clearly the better side. We rolled the dice in the last and fought it out but came up short unfortunately. Proud of the fight back but disappointed with how we started."

After the season opener, Troy Hemming said he was pleased to get his season off to a winning start. "Great start by our full squad, very impressed with the new players coming into the club and also our local veterans turning back the clock!"

"Seniors showed great fight for four quarters, we trained our game plan all pre-season and the boys stuck to it."

"Yinnar were a good outfit and kept coming all day. Great club and I wish them all the best for the rest of the season."

I'm sure those well wishes don't extend to this weekend, but coach Hemming will no doubt have a healthy respect for his opponents who are on the verge of something pretty special.

The Magpies season appeared dead and buried a month out from finals, but a winning streak, coupled with some fortuitous results around them, had them sneak into the six in the last few minutes of the home and away season.

It is the stuff of dreams in some ways for Yinnar, with Tarwin looming and wanting to become their nightmare.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

» 2ND SEMI FINAL



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NEWBOROUGH

Newborough 2.5 2.8 6.12 7.15 (57)

Tarwin 0.1 1.3 2.4 3.5 (23)

GOALS, Newborough: Joshua Hecker, Joel Mitchell 2, Patrick Charles, Josh Pearce, Jack Robinson 1 each

BEST: Joshua Hecker, Zachary Skinner, Wade Smith, Liam Flahavin, Wade Anderson, Josh Pearce

GOALS, Tarwin: Cooper McInnes 2, Ben Ellen 1

BEST: Matt Zagni, Fergus Warren, Travis Kitchin, Ben Ellen, Ethan Lamers, Lachlan Schreurs

RESERVES

Toora 3.2 5.5 8.7 10.9 (69)

Newborough 2.1 3.1 3.1 6.3 (39)

GOALS, Toora: James Maurilli-Pullin 4, Jarryd Guganovic 2, Josh Griffin, Lukas Jenkins, Jake Mabilia, Bennett Osborne 1 each

BEST: Linden Dyson, Lukas Jenkins, Wellesley Jenkins, Josh Griffin, James Maurilli-Pullin, Luke Anedda

GOALS, Newborough: Jack Edebohls 3, James Grant, Mathew Leicester, Jarod Wood 1 each

BEST: Robert Wilson, Matt Rowlings, James Grant, Mathew Leicester, Daniel Smith, Thomas Downey

THIRDS

Mirboo North 6.2 8.3 10.6 11.6 (72)

MDU 0.2 3.4 7.6 10.7 (67)

GOALS, Mirboo North: Nicholas Cummaudo, Ethan Woodall 4, Daniel Masters 2, Max Woodall 1

BEST: Jack Couper, Jesse Chila, Beau Kratzat, Ethan Woodall, Nicholas Cummaudo, William Jacka

GOALS, MDU: Rhys Weaver 6, Rylan Bell 3, Joel Leeden 1

BEST: Rhys Weaver, Rylan Bell, Kayden Scrimshaw, Angus Kemper, Finn Dunn, Tyson Harris

» 1ST SEMI FINAL



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YINNAR

Yinnar 2.5 6.7 11.12 16.14 (110)

Boolarra 2.1 3.1 4.2 9.4 (58)

GOALS, Yinnar: Calum Sheils 4, Kane Grinstead-Jones 3, Ben Cheffers, Matt Dyke, Jarrod Henderson, Dean Johnson, Ned Marsh, Harrison McColl, Stuart Patten, Blake Van Der Meer, Matt Williams 1 each

BEST: James Dowling, Daniel Johnson, Calum Sheils, Ned Marsh, Beau Hutton, Stuart Patten

GOALS, Boolarra: Joel Mason, Sam Mazou 2, Kyle Hearn, James Holmes, Joshua Hussey, Aidyn Sheers, Daniel Wilson 1 each

BEST: Sam Mazou, Marcus Twomey, Kieran Jones, Ricky Cochrane, Daniel Wilson, Luke Marriott

RESERVES

Tarwin 2.2 4.3 5.7 8.9 (57)

Yinnar 2.1 4.3 5.3 5.6 (36)

GOALS, Tarwin: Nick McRae 3, Ryan Waddell 2, Travis Cameron, Tyson Hanegraaf, Oliver Maclean 1 each

BEST: Flynn Brosnan, Travis Cameron, Bryce Litchfield, Brenton Taber, Alexander Chadwick, Nick McRae

GOALS, Yinnar: Patrick McGrath 2, Riley Adams, Zac Cantrill, Matthew McCafferty 1 each

BEST: Matty Nardino, Riley Adams, Max Hendrikse, Private player, Matthew McCafferty, Damian Yates

THIRDS

Yinnar 3.0 5.1 7.4 7.8 (50)

Tarwin/Fish Ck 1.2 3.4 3.5 4.5 (29)

GOALS, Yinnar: Lachlan Bell 3, Zachary De Beer, Pharoah Gardner, Zac Schill, Keegan Zielecki 1 each

BEST: Zac Schill, Ethan Sultana, Archie Mills, Flynn Schill, Mack Rieniets, Thomas Houghton

GOALS, Tarwin Fish Ck: Maximus Fenton 2, Zak Bright, Jackson Morgan 1 each

BEST: Kye McMillan, Rory Standfield, Maximus Fenton, Lane Bowman, Brandon Bell, Toby Mitchell

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Shannon Bray flies in the ruck for Wonthaggi against Daine McGuiness. A30_3522

Why all roads lead to Moe this Saturday

FORGET, if you can, what happened in the match between Leongatha and Wonthaggi at Leongatha on Saturday, July 2 when the Parrots blitzed the Power with a scintillating first-quarter strike of seven goals to nil.

A lot has changed since then and both clubs have made significant changes in personnel.

Leongatha deserves the right to go into this Saturday's Second Semi-Final at Moe as the clear favourites after an unbeaten run to the finals in 2022. They've been superb – not only winning like champs at times, but also battling through to win ugly in a topsy-turvy season for all clubs.

The Parrots had five changes from the side that played Wonthaggi that day to the side they put out in the last round against Drouin, on August 20; Steve Forrester, Jack Ginnane, Ned Hanly, Travis Nash and Aaron Heppell all missing, but with at least some of those expected to return.

Aaron Heppell is one of the keys of course, working through a foot injury in the latter part of the season.

Changes include Josh Hopkins, Jackson Harry, Nick Nagel, Aaron Hillberg, Mason McGannon and Will Dawson.

Wonthaggi had four players missing from that July 2 side last Saturday in the Qualifying Final at Morwell; Jordan Staley, Dean McRae, Josh Schulz and Fergus O'Connor for Travis Krause, Troy Harley, Will Lenehan and Hunter Tiziani.

Clearly Troy Harley, who kicked seven on Saturday against Sale, makes a big difference but the other changes, forced or otherwise, have had an impact on Wonthaggi's form too.

The condition of Wonthaggi ball magnet Mitch Hayes, after injury on Saturday, is unknown, but will also be key to Wonthaggi's hopes in this weekend's clash.

It's a dream match-up for local footy purists, Wonthaggi v Leongatha in a big Gippsland League final but many will be hoping that the vanquished this time around finds their way back into the 'Big Dance' at Moe again on Saturday, September 17 – wouldn't that be something!



The Parrots U12s team celebrated an incredible grand final win over Phillip Island.

Young Parrots claim premiership over tenacious opponent



Leongatha midfielder Louis Read comes under pressure from the Bulldogs during his terrific game for the Parrots. A44_3522



The race is on as Gemma Fischer bursts clear for Phillip Island. A45_3522

LEONGATHA'S Under 12 side withstood a mighty challenge from a spirited Phillip Island outfit, capping an undefeated season with a 2-point premiership win.

The Parrots assumed control in the first quarter.

Eventual best on ground medalist Beau Elkin got them going, taking a vice-like grip on the Sherrin to claim a contested mark, and making no mistake with his set shot to record the game's first goal.

By the first change, the Parrots appeared in charge with the contest's only two goals.

At the huddle, coach Marshall Livingstone urged his Leongatha players to run the legs off the Bulldogs.

However, Phillip Island upped its game after the break, sustaining the pressure throughout the remaining three quarters.

While the Parrots were restricted to just one major after quarter time, Leongatha was also showing plenty of tenacity and not allowing the Bulldogs to score easily.

Players from both sides were undoubtedly tired after slogging it out on a large and heavy ground in hot conditions, but didn't allow those challenges to prevent a high standard match that was a worthy grand final.

Phillip Island coach Tarryn Allan congratulated Leongatha on its season and expressed pride in his own team's near upset win, pleased they gave the Parrots a scare.

Coach Livingstone said that despite his side getting out of the blocks quickly, Phillip Island's ability to hit back came as no surprise.

"We knew they were a form side and they were going to take us to the wire, and it was a great game of footy," Livingstone said.

He praised his level-headed defenders for withstanding the Bulldogs' onslaught.

Livingstone described Elkin's best on ground effort as a "true captain's game", saying the imposing player led by example.

Midfielder Louis Read's penetrating kicks proved decisive in the Parrots' eventual success, with Judd Holt's ability to act as a general and keep everyone organised also crucial.

Being able to raise the Premiership Cup was great reward for the players who missed out on a chance to compete for that honour last year due to a last minute imposition of a COVID lockdown.

Leongatha 3.2(20) def Phillip Island 3.0(18)

10-points makes the difference

AFTER tasting defeat just once in the home and away season, Wonthaggi's reserves were narrowly beaten by an impressive Maffra outfit in the qualifying final, despite late heroics from Power's Lachie Jones.

Every time Power threatened to catch up, the Eagles found an answer, but Wonthaggi continued to pose more questions.

Jones snuck a fantastic goal on the run from a near-impossible angle with just under a minute and a half remaining in the match to cut Maffra's lead to just 4 points.

However, Maffra again rose to the occasion booting a major on the run from close range to settle the contest, recording a 10-point victory.

"We've got to own the inside and run this quarter," Wonthaggi coach Daniel Hawking had urged his players at the final change.

They gave it their all in the hot conditions, but were up against an equally committed opposition side.

While Power was able to win plenty of the footy and move it into attack during the frantic final minutes of the game, Maffra's organised defence was up to the challenge.

Elliot Staley topped the beaten team's goalkicking list with three majors, with Wonthaggi's other multiple goal scorer being the lively Darcy Brosnan with a couple.

Wonthaggi takes on Sale in a Sunday semi final clash at Traralgon Showgrounds, with the opportunity to seize a preliminary final spot.



Kane McCarthy of Wonthaggi and Maffra's Will Brunt compete at ground level while other players wait to pounce. A33_3522

Wonthaggi Power triumphs in qualifying final over Sale

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Coach Blair praised his backmen for their impressive spoils.

He also commended his side's decision making and ability to control the game's tempo.

Despite facing a monumental task, Sale stuck to its guns in the final term, ensuring Wonthaggi continued to work hard until the end, and restricting Power to a behind for that period.

However, the Magpies could manage just a couple of goals for the term.

The last of those came two minutes into time on through Jack Leslie.

He was his side's best player, with the big man asserting his presence in the ruck and as a strong marking target up forward, and finishing with a couple of majors.

The game was played in glorious sunshine, with the temperature hovering around 18 degrees.

Blair noted the conditions and the hard work of his players, telling them that managing their recovery would be the key to ensuring they are up for the semi final challenge against Leongatha.

"The next 48 hours are crucial in setting us up for next week," Blair said.

He was delighted with the enthusiastic band of Power supporters who made the journey to Morwell to urge on their team.

"We always travel well and there's plenty of support," Blair said, adding it lifts the side.

Wonthaggi's Mitch Hayes suffered concussion in a last quarter collision, having to be stretchered from the ground.

In positive news, he was cleared of a broken jaw.

Wonthaggi will be confident it can take it up to unbeaten Leongatha in Saturday's semi final clash in Moe, but the Parrots won this season's home and away meetings with Power comfortably.

Sale will battle it out with Traralgon for a preliminary final berth when the sides meet in Sunday's semi final in Traralgon.



Wonthaggi and Sale players circle at a ruck contest. A31_3522

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

» QUALIFYING FINAL



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WONTHAGGI

SALE

Wonthaggi 4.1 7.5 12.6 12.7 (79)

Sale 5.3 6.5 7.8 9.9 (63)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Troy Harley 7, Andrew Murray 3, Jarryd Blair, Tom Davey 1 each

BEST: Troy Harley, Jarryd Blair, Andrew Murray, Aiden Lindsay, Kyle Reid, Steven Scott

GOALS, Sale: Brad Dessent, Jack Leslie 2, Jayden Allison, Jesse Collins, Jarrod Freeman, Shannen Lange, Thomas Campbell 1 each

BEST: Jack Leslie, Mitch Bown, Shannen Lange, Cooper Whitehill, Ryan Pendlebury, Daine McGuiness

RESERVES

Maffra 4.1 5.2 9.3 11.4 (70)

Wonthaggi 0.2 2.5 6.8 8.12 (60)

GOALS, Maffra: Jesse Oldham 4, Jamie McIntosh, Trent Porter, Jordan Stubbe 2, Max Gravener 1

BEST: Kallan Killoran, Jesse Oldham, Joshua Stubbe, Jamie McIntosh, Darcy Gray, Daniel O'Brien

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Elliot Staley 3, Darcy Brosnan 2, Ry Ennoss, Lachie Jones, Ben Wingfield 1 each

BEST: No players named.

THIRDS

Warragul 3.3 4.5 8.7 8.8 (56)

Drouin 2.1 5.3 6.5 8.7 (55)

GOALS, Warragul: Liam Finnegan 4, Kyle Baker, Patrick Ireland, Kai MacLean, Jye Nooy 1 each

BEST: Tom Stern, Patrick Ireland, Kai MacLean, Liam Serong, Luke Garner, Liam Finnegan

GOALS, Drouin: Noah Rogers, Thomas Wans 2, Zayne Atkins, Cameron Caddy, Jacob Kleeven, Ethan Nalder 1 each

BEST: Zayne Atkins, Noah Rogers, Thomas Wans, Bethune Flynn, Brock Walsh, James Munro

FOURTHS

Maffra 3.2 6.6 8.10 8.10 (58)

Warragul 1.1 2.2 3.5 8.9 (57)

GOALS, Maffra: Jayke Andrews 5, Harry Burgiel, Max Stobie 1 each

BEST: Max Stobie, Jayke Andrews, Noah Christy, Ashton Wright, Fletcher McBean

GOALS, Warragul: Jasper Alger 3, Lachlan Giliam, Charlie MacLean 2, Isaac Kittelty 1

BEST: Jasper Alger, Lachlan Giliam, Alby Phillips, Harrison Cant, Caleb McIntosh, Oakleigh Murphy

» ELIMINATION FINAL



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TRARALGON

MORWELL

Traralgon 5.3 7.6 9.6 13.6 (84)

Morwell 0.3 3.8 5.10 9.12 (66)

GOALS, Traralgon: Brett Eddy 4, Matthew Northe 3, Troy Forrest 2, Jake Best, Cooper Brown, Samuel Hallyburton, Tate Marsh 1 each

BEST: Tye Hourigan, Matthew Northe, Brett Eddy, Connor Little, Samuel Hallyburton, Adam Jaensch

GOALS, Morwell: Nathan Noblett 4, Brandon McDonald 2, Judah Leak, Tristen Waack 1 each

BEST: Ryan Hearn, Tyler Brown, Tristen Waack, Max Linton, Tyler Hillier, Cody Macdonald

RESERVES

Sale 1.3 3.6 6.8 9.9 (63)

Morwell 1.1 2.4 5.5 8.7 (55)

GOALS, Sale: Luke Di Ciero 5, Zak Russell 2, Isaac Love, Kai McDonald 1 each

BEST: Kai McDonald, Jamie Sweeney, Luke Di Ciero, Charlie Morrison, Jack McLindin

GOALS, Morwell: Jesse Maximiw 3, Bradley Brereton, Joshua Seymour 2, Tom Gray 1

BEST: Mason Porykali, Samuel Gissara, Zachary Anderson, Bradley Brereton, Joshua Seymour, William Clare

THIRDS

Bairnsdale 3.3 6.6 11.8 14.13 (97)

Moe 0.2 2.5 3.6 3.7 (25)

GOALS, Bairnsdale: Tate Clay, Thomas Hudson 3, Jake Anderson, William Bromage, James Dore 2, Cohen Frith, Jet Phillips 1 each

BEST: Jamieson Humphreys, Damon O'Connor, Oscar Pike, William Bromage, Tate Clay, Thomas Hudson

GOALS, Moe: William Claridge 2, Lachlan McGrath 1

BEST: Jacob Balfour, Lachlan McGrath, Nathan Wheildon, Jaryn Makepeace, Brayden Jeffs, Callum Nash

FOURTHS

Leongatha 2.2 5.5 11.8 13.11 (89)

Drouin 3.2 5.5 7.6 9.9 (63)

GOALS, Leongatha: Zavier Lamers 6, Kade Berryman, Jett Brown 2, Will Brown, Klayton McGrath, Campbell Reid 1 each

BEST: Julian Callahan, Zavier Lamers, Campbell Reid, Nathan Skewes, Jude Fixter, Will Brown

GOALS, Drouin: Brodie Atkins, Ewan Croucher 2, Rylie Baker, Regan Caddy, Kaden Gregg, Zachary McMillan 1 each

BEST: Brodie Atkins, Zachary McMillan, Rylie Baker, Blake Bibby, William Young, Ewan Croucher

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2nd Semi Final

Seniors: Tooradin-Dalmore 13.4.82 d Phillip Island 6.9.45

Reserves: Tooradin-Dalmore 14.10.94 d Nar Nar Goon 3.5.23

1st Semi Final

Seniors: Warragul Ind 7.4.46 d Cora Lynn 4.7.31

Reserves: Koo Wee Rup 7.7.49 d Bunyip 3.5.23

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**THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW**

SAT, SEPT. 3 & SUN, SEPT. 4

» ELLINBANK SEMI FINALS**2nd Semi Final - Saturday, September 3**

Lang Lang Community Sporting Complex

Seniors: Neerim South v Buln Buln

Reserves: Ellinbank v Neerim South

U18s: Neerim South v Longwarry

U16s: Longwarry v Yarragon

1st Semi Final - Sunday, September 4

Trafalgar Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Trafalgar v Ellinbank

Reserves: Trafalgar v Buln Buln

U18s: Ellinbank v Buln Buln

U16s: Neerim South v Ellinbank

» GIPPSLAND SEMI FINALS**2nd Semi Final - Saturday, September 3**

Ted Summerton Reserve, Moe

Seniors: Leongatha v Wonthaggi

Reserves: Leongatha v Maffra

U18s: Maffra v Warragul

U16s: Traralgon v Maffra

1st Semi Final - Sunday, September 4

Traralgon Showgrounds

Seniors: Sale v Traralgon

Reserves: Wonthaggi v Sale

U18s: Drouin v Bairnsdale

U16s: Warragul v Leongatha

» WEST GIPPSLAND PRELIMINARY FINAL

Saturday, September 3

Dalyston Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Phillip Island v Warragul Ind

Reserves: Nar Nar Goon v Koo Wee Rup

U18s: Tooradin-Dalmore v Garfield

U16s: Inverloch-Kongwak v Korumburra-Bena

» MID GIPPSLAND PRELIMINARY FINAL

Saturday, September 3

Yinnar Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Tarwin v Yinnar

Reserves: Tarwin v Newborough

U18s: MDU v Yinnar

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

» 2ND SEMI FINAL

 **82**  **45**

TOORADIN-DAL

PHILLIP ISLAND

Tooradin-Dal 0.2 3.4 8.4 13.4 (82)

Phillip Island 3.2 5.4 6.7 6.9 (45)

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Brady Egan 3, Matthew Livermore, Stewart Scanlon, Xavier Shinners 2, Liam Adams, Brent Macaffer, Steven Robb, James Trezise 1 each**BEST:** Lewis Hill, Matthew Livermore, Brady Egan, Brad Butler, James Trezise, Blake Grewar**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Jordy Patullo, Billy Taylor 2, Max Blake, Cameron Brown 1 each**BEST:** Jason Tomada, Cameron Pedersen, Brendan Kimber, Kai Mackenzie, Eli Richards, Jack Taylor**RESERVES**

Tooradin-Dal 2.3 2.3 6.9 14.10 (94)

Nar Nar Goon 0.0 0.0 1.1 3.6 (23)

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Adam Splatt 5, Johnny Duff, Jake Genoni, Jordan Jones 2, Brett Coffey, Michael Hobbs, Justin Smaluch 1 each**BEST:** Connor O'Riordan, Brett Coffey, Johnny Duff, Michael Hobbs, Adam Splatt, Jake O'Donnell**GOALS, Nar Nar Goon:** Euan Grierson 2, Jai Hamilton 1**BEST:** Jarrod Hamling, Jai Hamilton, Hayden Carney, Tyler Jacobs, Private player, Jeffrey Poels**THIRDS**

Inverloch-K 1.3 4.5 7.6 7.8 (50)

Tooradin-Dal 2.0 3.1 6.2 7.4 (46)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Hayden Lindsay, Archie Cornell 2, Saher Biggs, Jack Butcher, Taite Cumming 1 each**BEST:** Ashton Hewitson, Hayden Lindsay, Jed Rosenow, Taite Cumming, Callan O'Flynn, Dylan Shone**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** Anthony Mirauta 3, Jehi Esler 2, James Ahern, Logan Downe 1 each**BEST:** Ben Sellings, Tyler Kirkbride, Panos Papas, Logan Downe, Charlie Shankland, Anthony Mirauta**FOURTHS**

Phillip Island 0.2 0.4 2.6 3.6 (24)

Inverloch-K 0.1 0.2 1.2 2.3 (15)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Benjamin Chihotski, Jack Huther, Finn O'Brien 1 each**BEST:** Darcy Thompson, Charlie O'Garey, Zac Walker, Yanni Caffieri, Finn O'Brien, Noah Muller**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Harry Butcher, Willem Duursma 1 each**BEST:** Luke Williams, Archie Terlich, Frederick Soumilas, Harry Butcher, Patrick Dwyer, Jordan Bertacco

» 1ST SEMI FINAL

 **46**  **31**

WARRAGUL IND.

CORALYNN

Warragul Ind 0.0 3.2 5.2 7.4 (46)

Cora Lynn 1.5 1.5 3.6 4.7 (31)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Mason McGarry 2, Bailey Beck, Todd Beck, Anthony Bruhn, Thomas Commauder, Michael Debenham 1 each**BEST:** Todd Beck, Wilson McGillivray, Kyle Staples, Kane Oldham, Bailey Beck, Kyle Beveridge**GOALS, Cora Lynn:** Nathan Gardiner 2, Cory Machaya, Brent Urwin 1 each**BEST:** Tristan Fernandez-Phillips, Robert Hill, Dillan Bass, William Thomas, Brent Urwin, Luke Ryan**RESERVES**

Koo Wee Rup 3.0 5.5 6.7 7.7 (49)

Bunyip 0.2 0.2 2.3 3.5 (23)

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Mitchell Davey, Matthew Drommel 2, Jason Kelly, John Ramos, Jake Smith 1 each**BEST:** Riley Battams, David Ramos, Jason Stokkel, Troy Dolan, Kalin Parker, Matthew Drommel**GOALS, Bunyip:** Lucas Archer, Shane Smith, Benjamin Wright 1 each**BEST:** Ben Stewart, Jason Williams, Blake Cann, Jack Tomkins, Private player, Curtis Jenkin**THIRDS**

Garfield 2.1 6.2 10.4 10.4 (64)

Cora Lynn 0.2 1.4 3.6 6.8 (44)

GOALS, Garfield: Jake VanDenBerghe 5, Ben Tenace-Greenall 2, Isaac Braaksma, Lachlan Nelson, Kade Nibbs 1 each**BEST:** Will Pickering, John Zaccari, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Daniel Freriks, Jake VanDenBerghe, Ben Tenace-Greenall**GOALS, Cora Lynn:** Max McDermott 6**BEST:** Jett Edwards, Logan Fox, Owen Hartley, Max McDermott, Lochlan Clarke, Oliver Sall**FOURTHS**

Kor-Bena 1.2 3.3 4.3 5.5 (35)

Warragul Ind 2.0 3.0 3.0 5.0 (30)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Zachary Barrett 2, Finn Donohue, Max Donohue, Ben Fort 1 each**BEST:** Zachary Barrett, Taryn Walker, Bryce Riddell, Ben Fort, Charlie Carew, Max Donohue**GOALS, Warragul Ind:** William Brewer 3, Declan Burton, Tom Cornwall 1 each**BEST:** Zac Tepper, Campbell Gibbons, Tom Logan, Cody Templeton, Jarrod West, Kade Rossborough

Phillip Island's Cam Pedersen takes the mark as Tooradin just misses. Photo: Carol Ratcliff

Seagulls swarm Bulldogs in final quarter for victory

IT WAS one versus two in the Semi Finals between Phillip Island and Tooradin.

Both teams spilt the home and away fixtures against each other during the home and away season, while a large crowd filled the Inverloch Recreation Reserve to see who would progress through to the Grand Final.

The Bulldogs pressure in the first quarter was a sight to behold.

Billy Taylor kicked the

opening goal, but it was the ferocious tackling and contested ball that had the Island on top.

The intensity allowed Cameron Brown and Max Blake to kick goals to take an 18-point lead into the first change.

The intensity continued in the second quarter.

Jordy Patullo kicked a superb goal from the boundary to extend the Bulldog lead.

Tooradin worked their way back into the game in the re-

maining period, kicking two quick goals and trimming the Island half time lead to 12 points.

The third quarter saw Tooradin work their way back into the game.

Jason Tomada and Kai McKenzie were working tirelessly in defence and the midfield of Cam Pederson, Brendan Kimber and Eli Richards were taking it to the Seagulls.

A five-goal quarter from

Tooradin was trimmed to a nine-point deficit thanks to a great team goal finished by Jesse Patullo, right before the three-quarter time siren.

The final quarter saw a momentum see-saw in the early stages, but ultimately Tooradin kicked a further five goals to run out the winners by 37 points.

The Bulldogs will now prepare for a must-win preliminary final clash to be played at Dalyston this weekend.

Bass Coast Breakers through to the grand final



Tracey Johnson gets a handpass out under pressure.

THE Bass Coast Breakers secured a spot in the grand final with a strong win against Coburg.

The Breakers got off to a good start, however, Coburg were the first to fire - scoring five minutes in. The rest of the quarter was all the Breakers, with the forward line finding some good scoring opportunities into the wind.

The first goal coming via a great chain between Immy Bradford and Carly Heislers to set up Kelly O'Neill who converted a set shot.

A lucky bounce in the goal square gave O'Neill her second a few minutes later.

Despite good defence from the Breakers, Coburg had some chances in the second quarter but couldn't convert into the wind.

The Breakers added one more to their tally via a set shot from Tess Angarane.

Half time Breakers 3.6-24 to Coburg 1.3-9

Despite a handy lead going into the second half the Breakers knew they would have to

keep their pressure up.

The intensity lifted for both teams with a lot of the play occurring between the two arcs.

Ahlee Penry slotted into the ever-reliable half back line marking and contesting well.

Neither team could find a goal with Coburg narrowing the margin by a single point with the wind.

The final quarter started in the same fashion.

A 50m penalty gifted Coburg a goal and brought the margin within reach.

However, the Breakers were quick to respond with O'Neill slotting her third goal.

Immy Bradford kicked the sealer running into an open goal minutes later.

Final score: Breakers 5.7-37 def Coburg 2.4-16

Goals: K.O'Neill 3, T.Angarane, I.Bradford

Best: K.O'Neill, J.Russo, T.Tatterson, C.Connell, A.Penry, S.Poke

The Breakers and Warragul face off in the Grand Final next Sunday, September 4, 1pm at Skybus Stadium (Frankston).



While Sale managed to catch Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair on this occasion, he had the upper hand throughout the day. A29_3522

Wonthaggi Power triumphs

WONTHAGGI earned a crack at Leongatha this week for a direct passage to the grand final, with a barnstorming third quarter display proving decisive in its 16-point win over Sale.

Troy Harley led the way, with his burst of goals in the third term helping Power make the most of its increasing ascendancy around the ground.

Early in the term, Harley followed up a perfect banana kick goal from the boundary with an accurate set shot, and continued

By Andrew Paloczi

to wreak havoc on the scoreboard.

He had already contributed three goals in the second term to help nudge Power ahead by the long break.

Harley was a force throughout the game, finishing with a haul of seven goals in a best-on-ground masterclass and giving the Magpies defenders no end of headaches.

However, it was no one-man show, with Wonthaggi mounting

a terrific team performance.

Coach Jarryd Blair set a high standard for his players with his big game AFL experience proving critical.

His tenacious ball winning ability, sure handling and accurate and composed passing throughout the contest set the perfect example, and he kicked an important set shot goal early in the third term to put Power ahead.

Andrew Murray also featured in the winner's best.

His electric first term helped

keep Power in touch, booting three of the side's four goals for the term.

Sale leapt out of the blocks with the first three majors of the game, with Jarrod Freeman putting the Magpies on the right foot a minute in with an accurate snap.

Murray's first quarter magic began with an accurate set shot, followed up by a goal on the run, and capped off by a skilful piece of crumbing as the first break approached.

Wonthaggi seized the initiative

in the second term, allowing Sale just one major, while adding three of its own to take a one-goal lead into half time.

That appeared to set up a competitive second half, but Sale's hopes were all but dashed by the final change, with the Magpies by then facing a 28-point deficit.

While Power's five goal third term caught the eye, the side's work at the defensive end was also decisive in setting up its three quarter time advantage.

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