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ACCUSED TO STAND TRIAL

HIGH on drugs, with alcohol in his system and allegedly "going like a rocket" when he crossed double lines near Korumburra last August, a disqualified driver from Hampton Park was 10 times more likely than the average driver to cause a crash.

And that's exactly what is alleged to have occurred on the South Gippsland Highway, at about 4.20pm on Thursday, August 11 last year, according to police, a local witness and a road-accident impairment expert, when 26-year-old Jayden Colverd collided head-on with 19-year-old Noah Peacock of Poowong, killing him instantly.

Colverd appeared by video link in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court last Friday to answer 10 charges associated with the incident, chief among them being that "the accused at Jeetho on Thursday, August 11, 2022 did by the culpable driving of a motor vehicle, cause the death of Noah Peacock."

It's a charge which typically carries a penalty of between seven and nine years in prison.

Colverd has also been charged with failing to render assistance when involved in a fatal road accident, driving in a manner dangerous, driving while under the influence of drugs, possessing a controlled weapon and failing to keep left of an oncoming vehicle.

After hearing from three witnesses, Detective Leading Senior Constable Ian Whitehall, the police informant in the case, Kardella resident Eleanor Biro, who described Colverd's "excessive speed" and driver impairment and toxicology expert, Dr Jason Schreiber of the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, Magistrate Stephen Ballek committed the accused man to stand trial in the Melbourne County Court next month.

Colverd entered a plea of "not guilty".

Ms Viro, who was the first to enter the witness box at the committal hearing, told the court that she "almost pulled over, the car was going so fast" when Colverd overtook her "going like a rocket", on passing lanes between Loch and Korumburra, just prior to the fatal crash.

She was also one of the first on the scene of the crash, and under questioning provided some harrowing details for the court.

Expert witness, Dr Jason Schreiber, said the accused man recorded a blood concentration of 9 mg/mL of the cannabis drug THC when tested two hours after the collision, but was likely to be higher at the time, and a blood/alcohol concentration of 0.01, likely to be in the range of 0.037 and 0.064 two hours earlier.

Combined with evidence that Colverd crossed to the other side of the road, that he tried to leave the scene of the accident and reported memory loss, Schreiber concluded that the driver was significantly impaired at the time of the fatal crash.

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Almost 30 learners gain their Ps thanks to L2P program

BASS Coast TAC L2P program supports young learner drivers who don't have access to a suitable supervising driver or vehicle to achieve the 120 hours supervised driving practice required to gain their Ps and become safe independent drivers.

Learner drivers are matched with a volunteer mentor driver and have access to program vehicles to complete their supervised driving practice.

From July 2022-June 2023, 26 learner drivers gained their probationary licence with the support of Bass Coast TAC L2P.

A learner who was recently successful in gaining their Ps said, "L2P helps young people with barriers to learning to drive such as having no car or fully licenced adult to help. They won't judge you in any negative way, they'll give valuable positive criticism and advice."

Volunteer mentor drivers are the backbone of the L2P program, and the program is always seeking new mentors to support more learners.

Program mentor Andy shared, "The rewards for being a mentor are great. The feeling of success is amazing when the one you are helping passes the drive test. The pleasure of passing on your experience to young drivers and helping overcome their inexperience is extremely satisfying."

Mentors need to be over 21 years old with a full drivers licence, an interest in supporting young people and promoting safe driving practice and have 1-2 hours a week to spare.

If you are interested in joining the Bass Coast TAC L2P program as a volunteer mentor or learner driver, please contact Coordinator Melanie Mumford on 0467 590 679 or basscoastl2p@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com



CJay was one of 26 Bass Coast L2P participants to successful gain his Ps over the past year.

Airwing musters thieves into police hands

ON WEDNESDAY, July 5, police from Cowes Police Station, Wonthaggi Police Station, Bass Coast Highway Patrol and Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit, responded to a burglary which had occurred at a residential premises in Red Rocks Road Cowes, where a silver Porsche 211 and a black Volkswagen Golf were stolen.

At approximately 1pm, police observed the silver Porsche in the area of Phillip Island Road in Cape Woolamai.

It is alleged that the silver Porsche drove erratically to avoid police, and was involved in a minor collision with another vehicle at the roundabout at the intersection of Phillip Island Road and Woolamai Beach Road.

Fortunately, one of the police helicopters was able to arrive in the area very quickly, and after some searching, located the abandoned silver Porsche in Princeton Avenue.

Not long after, the police helicopter located the two alleged offenders, being a 37-year-old male and a 18-year-old male who were both from Phillip Island, attempting to hide in the coastal scrubland of Woolamai Park.

The alleged offenders then ran along the foreshore, scaling the cliffs and dunes, and running along the sand in a futile attempt to avoid police, with multiple police units converging on the beach and surrounding areas.

The police helicopter mustered the two alleged offenders along the beach, shepherding them into the hands of uniform police and detectives.

After the arrest of the alleged offenders, the black Volkswagen Golf was located by police in Redwood Drive Cowes.

The 18-year-old male has been released, pending further enquiries.

The 37-year-old male has been charged with offences including handle stolen goods, theft of motor vehicle, reckless conduct endanger life and driving whilst unlicensed. The 37-year-old male has been bailed to appear at the Korumburra Magistrates' Court at a later date.

Going like a rocket, court hears - Accused to stand trial

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"I would say that over 5 mg/mL, you would be more than three times at risk of an accident. Two hours later at 9 mg/mL, you can assume a 10 mg/mL level, which would be ten times more likely to cause significant impairment, and to cause an accident than a person with no THC in their system," said Dr Schreiber.

At the conclusion of a committal hearing in the Melbourne Magistrates Court last Friday, July 7, Magistrate Ballek said he was satisfied that there was sufficient evidence, on charges 1,

2 and 10 (culpable driving), to produce a conviction and he ordered that Colverd stand trial, starting in the Melbourne County Court with a directions hearing on August 4, and with 10 days set aside for the trial.

Principal Solicitor Advocate at the Office of Public Prosecutions, Ben Kerlin, said he expected to call 17 witnesses and two expert witnesses. Legal counsel for Mr Colverd, Bethany East, added that the defence would likely call its own expert witness.

Ms East made no application for Colverd's bail, but she did provide some insight into a possible defence,

including that Mr Colverd's dog, seen escaping from the car after the collision, might have jumped into the accused's lap and caused him to lose control.

She also raised doubts about her client's level of impairment and the possibility that his behaviour at the scene might have been the result of shock after a collision at 100km/h.

Family members and friends of the deceased, a popular local footballer, basketballer and second-year apprentice glazier, filled the gallery in Court 8 at the Melbourne Magistrates Court for the hearing.

POLICE BRIEFS |

Stolen from carport

AT APPROXIMATELY 1:10am on Friday June 30, a man was preparing to take his son to the bus in Wonthaggi as he was catching a flight out of Melbourne later that day.

The car was packed with his son's suitcases and was parked in the carport with the engine running, to warm it up.

The man went inside to get his son who was saying farewell to other family members.

While they were inside for a few minutes, an unknown offender stole the vehicle out of the carport and drove away.

The stolen vehicle was later located in Traralgon.

Letterbox crash

IN A single vehicle collision on Commercial Road in Yarram, a 39-year-old male driver crashed into a large brick letterbox.

The incident occurred at about 11:30pm on Saturday July 1.

The driver sustained serious but non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to hospital.

Police are investigating the incident.

Local green thumb caught red handed

A 38-YEAR-OLD male has been charged with stealing items including numerous pot plants from Mitre 10 in Yarram.

The value of the items stolen exceeded \$2000. The man was due to appear in Korumburra Magistrates Court last week.



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6 Day Weather Forecast

SOUTH GIPPSLAND



TUE | July 11

Showers easing.
Wind AM: NW 20-30km/h
Wind PM: W 15-25km/h

10° 15°



WED | July 12

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: NW 15-20km/h

9° 16°



THU | July 13

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: NW 20-30km/h
Wind PM: NW 20-30km/h

9° 15°



FRI | July 14

Shower or two.
Wind AM: NW 20-30km/h
Wind PM: NW 20-30km/h

9° 15°



SAT | July 15

Showers.
Wind AM: NW 15-25km/h
Wind PM: W 20-30km/h

9° 14°



SUN | July 16

Shower or two.
Wind AM: NW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h

6° 14°

IN BRIEF

Renters Rights advice

WONTHAGGI Neighbourhood Centre will hold a monthly Renters Rights session from 3.00-4.30pm on Thursday, July 13.

Lawyers from Gippsland Community Legal Service will offer confidential advice for tenants.

To book a place, please call 5672 3731 or reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Murray St, Wonthaggi.

Gippsland Business Awards finalists announced

A FIELD of 52 businesses representing the Gippsland business and industry sector will be vying for the coveted 2023 Federation University Gippsland Business Awards.

The finalists were announced last week with 52 businesses making it to the finals across the 13 industry and specialist categories.

The categories are: Accommodation, Beauty and Personal Care, Business and Professional Services, Food and Wine Producers, Health and Well-being, Hospitality, Innovation, Manufacturing, Mechanical Trades and Construction, New Business, Retail, Tourism Activities and Attractions, along with the 25th Anniversary Award.

Each of the category winner will be announced at the gala presentation event on Friday, August 24, at Federation University's Gippsland campus in Churchill.

The major winner, the Gippsland Business of the Year, will come from the category winners and will also be announced at the ceremony.

Local businesses nominated include:

Manufacturing:

- The Fibreglass Factory, Yarram

Business and professional services:

- Brinnie T Design, Cowes
- Bass Coast Boat & Caravan

Storage, Glen Forbes

• Deery Consulting Pty Ltd, Inverloch

Mechanical trades and construction:

- CPK McLaren MotorBody Leongatha

Food and wine producers:

- Harman Wines Wattle Bank

Hospitality:

- Burra Brewing Co Korumburra

For further details of finalists refer to the Federation University Gippsland Business Awards website at www.gba.org.au

All about the wind

RAINFALL was mostly limited to nuisance value across the Bass Coast and South Gippsland region over the weekend with only 2.4ml recorded at Wonthaggi on Saturday, July 8.

But the same couldn't be said for the wind, which peaked at gusts of 122km/h at 3.31am on Sunday morning, July 9, on Wilsons Promontory and was consistently strong right through from Friday afternoon to Monday morning.

Combined with king tides, and a gale-force wind that restricted the movement of the tide out of Western Port, there were reports of inundation at the Lang Lang Foreshore Caravan Park and other low-lying locations.

"We will be in contact with guests who have booked in the coming seven days. Luckily no cabins or amenities were affected," said the caravan park management.

The conditions played havoc with local sport but didn't concern the surfing fraternity, however, who enjoyed big, glassy waves at Eagles Nest on Saturday and Sunday.

Watch out for students

STUDENTS returning to the classroom and those heading back to work after the winter school holidays this week are reminded of travel changes on the roads and for public transport.

School speed zones will be in operation from 8am to 9.30am and from 2.30pm to 4pm on weekdays until the end of Term 3 on Friday, September 15.

Motorists can expect an increase in road, pedestrian and bicycle traffic around schools, and near bus and tram stops, at drop-off and pick-up times.

Drivers have a responsibility to be especially cautious when travelling near schools, as younger children don't have the same awareness of road safety as adults do and their behaviour may be unpredictable near the roads.

Patience and courtesy from road users will help keep everyone in around school zones safe, including students, teachers, parents/guardians and crossing supervisors.

School speed zones across the state operate in line with the Victorian government school calendar -some permanently, while others operate from 8am to 9.30am, and from 2.30pm to 4pm on weekdays.

School speed zones are designed to keep pedestrians safe by lowering the speed limit at peak times when children are travelling to and from school. Regardless of whether a school is open or closed, all sign-posted 40km/h zones will still apply.

Robodebt affects locals

MEMBERS of the Australian Unemployed Workers Union living in Gippsland welcome the strong report of the Royal Commission into Robodebt, tabled last Friday.

"My daughter and I both received Robodebt notices," said Jessica Harrison, Australian Unemployed Workers Union member.

"We didn't realise at the time that thousands of these unlawful debt notices had gone out, causing fear and confusion in recipients."

"Our debts were cancelled, after many calls, emails and advice. My heart goes out to the families of welfare

recipients who took their lives after receiving debt notices, often tens of thousands of dollars.

"But the punitive aspects of the welfare system remain."

"If you are unable to meet your compulsory "mutual obligations"- searching for a set number of jobs, attending Job Centre meetings and courses your benefits are cut, from a week's payment cut to complete cancellation of benefits."

"In our rural area, job seekers often travel on public transport. Many people are unable to meet these "obligations", through no fault of their own."

Grants for safer roads

THE State Government has launched this year's TAC Local Government Grant Program, with applications now open to local government authorities for grants to fund road safety projects.

Analysis grants of up to \$30,000 and infrastructure grants of up to \$100,000, with a matched 1:1 contribution from the LGA, are available for projects that adopt Safe System principles to reduce crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists.

The Safe System is a holistic approach to road safety that recognises different elements of the road environment must work together to keep everyone safe - these elements include roads and roadsides, vehicles, travel speeds, and road users.

The program now also includes grants of up to \$30,000 for developing Road Safety Strategies and Action Plans, and a further \$30,000 for purchasing Variable Message Signs.

The program is now open and will close at 3 pm on Wednesday, August 9.

For more information on funding guidelines and further details on past projects, visit tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/

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State Government grant funds improvements at Korumburra RSL

THE KORUMBURRA RSL building received a much-needed spruce up, with six rotting window frames replaced, a new back door and external painting thanks to a State Government grant of just under \$15,000 through the Veterans Capital Works Grant Program.

Across Victoria, there are a total of 31 projects receiving funding through that Program, which funds facility upgrades of up to \$50,000 for not-for-profit and ex-service organisations.

Korumburra RSL president David Jackson expressed his appreciation of the financial assistance that will help ensure the long-term future of the organisation in the town and provide excellent facilities for its members and others in the community.

"It's all about looking after the asset for the future of the Korumburra RSL," David said.

With works largely completed, Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh was on hand to celebrate with RSL members and other locals.

He outlined why he feels funding Korumburra RSL and other sub branches to improve their buildings is important.

"It's respecting what service personnel have contributed and ensuring that the buildings remain not only usable but a real hub for community going forward," Tom said.

"This funding will help ensure we continue to honour the service and sacrifice of the veteran community in South Gippsland, and I commend Korumburra RSL for their important work."

While the soon-to-be-completed project has addressed the most pressing building issues at Korumburra RSL, its president has ambitions for further improvements



Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh and Korumburra RSL President David Jackson stand beside one of the sub branch's new windows and freshly painted wall made possible by a State Government grant. A01_2823

that will benefit members and the broader community.

That future vision includes new toilets with all abilities access and the modernisation of the kitchen, with those intended improvements enabling the sub branch to hold a broader range of social activities.

In addition to funding provided through the Veterans Capital Works Grant Program, the State Government also runs two other grant programs to honour veterans.

The Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grant Program has provided assistance to 13

organisations, which have shared in \$324,000 of funding.

Eleven organisations across the State have been provided with assistance through the Victoria Remembers Grant Program, which offers grants of up to \$30,000 for projects commemorating veterans' service or educating Victorians about the contributions that veterans and their families have made.

A Victorian Government spokesman said that across the three grant programs over \$1.4 million has been announced for 55 projects across the State.



Wonthaggi Hotel bistro manager Grant Ryan and bar manager Kim Dipper stand under the whalebone that washed up in Wonthaggi 100 years ago on July 4, 2023. Z06_2823

The whalebone celebrates 100 years

By Wonthaggi and District Historical Society

THE Wonthaggi and District Historical Society Museum holds the history of the 74 foot 6 inch (22.3 metre) Pygmy Blue Whale washed up at Wreck Beach, Harmers Haven 100 years ago this year on July 4.

The jawbone was bought by Charlie Taberner, owner of the Wonthaggi Hotel, for 25 pounds and permanently placed in front of the hotel, corner of McBride Avenue and Murray Street Wonthaggi, where it still stands today.

Jack Keighly, an unemployed butcher and Harold Pleydell, an unemployed miner, earned about 450 pounds from chopping up and selling parts of the whale, including blubber for oil.

One of the whales' vertebrae, once used as a chopping block, is housed in the museum.

The museum is open every Saturday over winter between 11am until 1pm.

Asbestos fears as old farmhouse gutted by fire



Local CFA brigades, including those Pound Creek, Tarwin Lower and Inverloch, were called to the scene of a house fire at Pound Creek yesterday, but because of the presence of asbestos, the allowed the old farmhouse to burn without intervention.



Police patrol the scene of a farmhouse fire at Pound Creek after reports of asbestos in the old structure.

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

State Government holds keys to Wonthaggi High School

We all agree that the former site of Wonthaggi Secondary College is a great opportunity to create something of real value to the community for the future and Council is open to partnering with the State Government, so we would be happy to start these discussions.

The corner of McBride Ave and Watt St is a prime location that is too important to be wasted. I share the community's passion, and indeed frustration, to create something special on the site, sooner rather than later.

Records show that the idea of a cultural hub came about a decade ago in the context of the discussion with the State Government about the Desalination plant. The then Premier Steve Bracks had made a commitment that it would pay rates but when Council finally saw the contract, it showed AquaSure had contracted with the government that any government taxes and charges just get passed straight onto the government, and the government is then claiming it doesn't pay rates.

In 2010, then Shire CEO Alan Bawden told Bass Coast Post: "Any other private business pays rates. It's on private land, it's privately owned, privately operated and they're selling all their product to the state government. It passes all my tests to make it rateable but we've got to this point where we couldn't agree."

"We could go down a very complicated legal path and challenge all that. We weren't willing to take it to court because they had a lot more money than we did. Then we started talking about a contribution to a legacy project." At that time the estimated cost was around \$35 to \$40 Million.

That's where the cultural precinct project started, over the question of rateability. Both the previous government and the current government knew they had to do something. They knew this community had been short-changed.

It is notable that if Council had received the rate base it was entitled over the decade since the Desalination Plant was built, to it could easily have built the cultural infrastructure on the site.

But that was over a decade ago before the buildings had been allowed to deteriorate to a point where they are not useable. They are well beyond a quick clean and a lick of paint as some have suggested. To demolish the buildings alone and restore the site to grass would cost approximately \$1.5 million. Restoration of the existing buildings would cost many millions of dollars.

I want to emphasise that the site belongs to the State Government and is still managed by the Department of Education. The Council does not own this land and while the Government has offered to make Council responsible for it as a Committee of Management, but it would remain Crown Land and therefore constrained in what it can be used for.

There are lots of worthy ideas being discussed, with some possible opportunities including a gallery, performing arts centre, library, sports field, courts and social housing. It would be tempting to rush to redevelop the site or quickly spruce it up as I have heard recently, but we can't.

Next important reason is that we need to know what the true state of the derelict building is because that will dictate what can be done with it – and what it would cost.

I understand why in the current tough economic climate the State Government may want to pass on those costs to the ratepayers of Bass Coast for this neglected building, but that clearly would not be the right and responsible thing to do.

No one wants to hear different levels of government fighting over money. Council just wants facts. This is why earlier this year Council commenced detailed pre-feasibility studies which include exhaustive examinations of the property's condition, including building and structural integrity, heritage, and safety.

The studies will identify short, medium and long-term costs, plus risks associated with taking on the site, to ensure a full understanding of the costs involved in managing the site are understood.

We hope to have the results back to Council soon, to be shared with the community, and next steps carefully considered. We also look forward to engaging with the community and seeking their input on what the site's potential could be.

This includes our local MP, Jordan Crugnale who will be critical in working with Council to convince her government colleagues to do the right thing by the people of Bass Coast.



The line marking, nature strip restoration and signage works will be completed on the Shetland Heights Road project by the end of school holidays, ready for term three traffic. Z01_2823

Shetland Heights Road near completion

THE \$1.99 million San Remo - Shetland Heights Road project was anticipated to be completed by the end of June 2023 – weather permitting, and Bass Coast Shire Council have confirmed the works is nearing completion.

The contractor completed the asphalt wearing course on Thursday, June 29 and detour signs on the Phillip Island Road were in until July 7, while the Contractor undertakes minor balance works.

Access for all residents is available and 40kmph temporary speed signs will be in place during the balance works.

The remaining line marking, nature strip restoration and signage works will be completed on Friday, July 7, 2023.

The project included the installation of new pavement and sealing of the road, a new concrete path as well as installation of kerb and channel

at selected locations and associated drainage.

The project was jointly funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and Council.

Completion of the project is just in time for term three, allowing safer travel for students to Bass Coast College and San Remo Primary School, and helps the community better commute to the town centre of San Remo.

Is it 'Berninneit' or 'Kummargee'

WHAT'S in a name? A lot apparently.

And it might not be until an application being heard this week in the Federal Court of Australia (Victoria Registry) about exactly who has the right to represent the Boonwurrung people of this area that the name of the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre will be known.

The time for voting on which one of the four names provided by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC); Barmewoon (only my strength), Mogarmarlarly Murk (lead me), Berninneit (gather together) and Kummargee (rise up), has passed.

According to the Bass Coast Shire Council's 'Engage Bass Coast' website, it won't be until September that a decision will be made.

But what if the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council assumes 'ownership' of the land stretching from south-east Melbourne to Wilsons Promontory and not the BLCAC? Will the shire have to go back to the drawing board?

Leading the land claim for the Boonwurrung group, Carolyn Briggs, has previously criticised Victoria's Aboriginal Heritage Council for recognising the Frankston-based BLCAC as the official representative of the Boonwurrung people.



A dispute in the Federal Court this week has cast doubt over the naming of the Cowes Cultural Centre.

Dairy spill should never have happened: EPA

EPA Victoria says some farms are still failing to manage dairy effluent, after it fined a West Gippsland company more than \$9,000 for letting a thousand litres of effluent escape into a creek.

The company was issued with remedial notices requiring it to stop any discharges from the property and fix its dairy effluent management system.

Gippsland Regional manager Jessica Bandiera says dairy effluent spills are easily preventable with routine maintenance, and yet they are still happening.

EPA officers inspected the farm on

May 24, 2023, after receiving a report from the public.

They found two effluent ponds completely full, a drain leading from one to an unnamed tributary of a creek and a pipe that was discharging liquid along the drain and into the waterway.

They also found effluent runoff from a paddock entering a stormwater drain that led to a neighbouring property and eventually to the creek.

EPA issued a \$9,246 fine to the company for depositing more than 1,000 litres of dairy effluent into an unnamed tributary of a creek, in contravention of Section 115 of the Environment

Protection Act 2017.

"Properly managed dairy effluent is a valuable fertiliser on your own farm, but once it escapes into a waterway it is an environmental hazard," Ms Bandiera said.

Under the Environment Protection Act 2017 and the Infringements Act 2006, the operator has the right to have the infringement notice reviewed or be considered by a court.

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

Leongatha Fire Brigade issues call for new members

LEONGATHA Fire Brigade's friendly team looks forward to welcoming new members, holding a couple of upcoming information sessions for people in the community to learn how they can contribute and what they will gain by doing so.

"It's more than firefighting," First Lieutenant Ben Patterson said, with community engagement, cleaning trucks, and fundraising among the other ways to help.

For those wanting to be firefighters, there is no obligation to attend situations you are not comfortable with.

Brigade members are also well supported in dealing with the aftermath of confronting situations.

Sentinel-Times chatted to enthusiastic members of the Leongatha Brigade, with Tahlia Ebery having joined last year aged 17, while Ed Browning is still an active firefighter as he approaches 56 years of service.

"It's the people you meet and what you learn," Ed said, explaining why his motivation to turn up at Leongatha Fire Station is undiminished.

"CFA offers lots of training that improves your everyday knowledge and skills," Ed said, pointing out that almost all of that is free for brigade volunteers and accommodation is provided at no cost if the training is in distant locations.

Ben said that among the many skills he has gained, he has obtained a truck licence and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

He added that volunteering is always going to look good when applying for work.

Ed stressed that while brigade life has its serious side "It's a social organisation."

It was apparent during Sentinel-Times' visit to the Leongatha Fire Station that



Corban Davis, Ben Patterson (First Lieutenant), Ed Browning, Nathan Hawkins, Sarah O'Hehir and Tahlia Ebery look forward to welcoming new members to the Leongatha Fire Brigade, with information sessions coming up for community members to learn more about available opportunities. A05_2823

there is no shortage of good-natured banter between members, with Ed giving as good as he got.

He noted the organisation is a little like Rotary or Lions Clubs in terms of interaction with the public.

"You communicate with the community and try to educate people on fire awareness," he said.

Tahlia has wasted no time seizing available training opportunities, also relishing the social side of the organisation.

In addition to General Fire Fighter training, she has already learned breath-

ing apparatus and low structure skills and enjoyed taking part in a Strzelecki group training exercise at Coal Creek with other brigades from the region.

"I like being able to help people and being part of a good culture," Tahlia said.

She is impressed with the opportunities available to all, including new members.

"We all get to play a part," Tahlia said, explaining that those with less experience are given the chance to take on new roles and build their knowledge.

People can join Leongatha Fire Brigade from age 16, just as Ed did.

LIFE
Moments



TOBY Alan Joyce was born on May 3, 2023, at Leongatha Hospital. Another beautiful boy and baby number three for David and Terri of Leongatha and little brother for Hannah (9) and Dustin (6).

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Tool theft spikes

THE theft of tools costs Victorian tradies \$20 million a year, with over 29,000 tools stolen in the 12 months to March 2023, according to the Crime Statistics Agency.

Trade tools are a prime target for thieves because they're high value and easily portable. Tool theft can have a significant effect on sole traders and small businesses. Not only will the tradie have to buy replacements, but they will also not be able to work at full capacity until they spend potentially thousands of dollars to replace their tools.

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Performance highlights the value of kindness in healthcare

BASS Coast Health staff were reminded of the importance of being kind to patients and colleagues by the play "What Matters", presented at Wonthaggi Hospital recently.

The play was presented by the Hush Foundation, an organisation established by Paediatrician, Professor Catherine Crock.

The Foundation works with artists, patients, and health and care staff to promote the healing power of kindness through music, the arts and connecting with people.

The performance at Wonthaggi Hospital featured scenarios based on real-life experiences to promote the value of kindness in healthcare.



Actors from the Hush Foundation offer Bass Coast Health staff a fresh insight into healthcare scenarios during the play at Wonthaggi Hospital.



Kelly Packham, Christina Brown, Carmelle Larson and Zara McKenzie with their AUS-TAFE Culinary Awards.

South Gippsland chefs bring home the silverware

TAFE Gippsland cookery students Christina Brown, Kelly Packham and Zara McKenzie won big at the AUS-TAFE Culinary Trophy State Final last week. Christina Brown, first year apprentice at South Gippsland Hospital took home the silver medal in her category, with her colleague Kelly Packham winning the bronze medal in the third year apprentice category.

Leongatha RSL apprentice Zara McKenzie took home the bronze medal in the third year apprentice category. Up to 50 apprentice chefs enrolled in Certificate III in Commercial

Cookery at Victorian TAFEs and private Registered Training Providers were invited to compete for the trophy.

Each competitor was tasked with preparing, cooking and presenting set dishes, operating within strict competition guidelines.

Medals are awarded based on overall score and an outright winner determined by the highest score out of 100.

The competing apprentices had all committed time to practice outside of their normal working and studying hours, and spent several hours with their TAFE

Gippsland culinary trainers and mentors Kellie Smith and Jacki Driscoll to assist in perfecting the dishes.

While medals were awarded to individual apprentices, the event was an exercise in team-work. "Competition is a great opportunity to step out of your comfort zone," TAFE Gippsland Hospitality, Tourism and Security program manager Paul Clerks said.

"It's the chance to network with other industry peers, talk to industry coaches and mentors, and simply push yourself beyond anything you may have thought you were capable of

doing. "It is truly a growing experience."

Overall results for TAFE Gippsland:

Carmelle Larson – First Year Apprentice - Gold medal – Commercial Hotel Warragul

Christina Brown – First Year Apprentice - Silver medal – South Gippsland Hospital

Kelly Packham – Third Year Apprentice - Bronze medal – South Gippsland Hospital

Zara McKenzie – Third Year Apprentice - Bronze medal – Leongatha RSL

Shane Corrie – Second Year apprentice - Bronze Medal – Yarram Country Club



We're building big near you and there will be transport disruptions

As part of Victoria's Big Build, we're upgrading the Gippsland Line to deliver more trains more often. We're also adding two dedicated tracks near East Pakenham to allow V/Line trains to bypass metropolitan trains, making travel more reliable.

As we continue works, there will be further disruptions at times.

Coaches replace trains in both directions

26 June to 24 July

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8 to 9 July

15 to 16 July

22 to 23 July

Check before you travel at bigbuild.vic.gov.au



SES unit delays but training in full swing

WONTHAGGI SES received funding in November 2021 to complete a new unit that was due to be finished mid this year but have struck delays.

While the main structure at the new SES location on White Road in Wonthaggi, has been completed, the team are still waiting on the roof and external walls to go up, so the internal fit out, wiring and plumbing can be done.

Jarrod Hargreaves of Wonthaggi SES said the structure is a little breezy at the moment and is looking forward to the completion, which has been rescheduled for October this year.

Jarrod is anticipating being able to expand the current team of 14 volunteers when the premise is finished, and there will be more space to accommodate a larger team.

"Realistically I'd like to add at least another 50 percent to that, so I'd like to see our numbers at around the 20 mark. There are people but it does depend on their availability.

"It's important to get that even spread across different hours of the day and weekends and nights."

Despite the delays, Wonthaggi SES are still working hard and training volun-



Delays to the new Wonthaggi SES unit have pushed completion to October, however crews are still working and are on the lookout for old vehicles to train volunteers.

teers, and are needing old cars to help out with road rescue training and using the hydraulic rescue tools otherwise known as the jaws of life.

"We'd love some old cars. That's definitely something that would be really helpful."

"If you have people who are happy to get rid of it and donate it, then we'll take it and we'll happily chop it up."

One of the services that the Wonthaggi SES provides is cutting someone safely out of their car when they get into a car accident and are stuck inside.

They provide road rescue

coverage from Wonthaggi to Inverloch, through to Dallystion into up into the hills towards Kongwak.

This means lots of training is needed to ensure the volunteers skills are sharp and that the next generation of rescue operators is prepared.

Vehicles don't need to be running but they do need to roll and the SES requests that vehicles are as near to complete as possible and, in most instances, can arrange collection.

If you would like to donate a vehicle, please reach out via Facebook, SES Wonthaggi Unit or call 0499 072 117.

Aerial thermal imaging technology to help save entangled seals

A LANDMARK study hopes to save more Australian fur seals from entanglements by using thermal imaging technology on aerial drones to detect injured animals.

In what is believed to be a world first, the study, led by Monash University PhD student Adam Yaney-Keller and Phillip Island Nature Parks, is testing the ability of thermal imaging technology on drones to find entangled seals at Seal Rocks, off the coast of Phillip Island.

Seal Rocks is home to the country's largest colony of Australian fur seals, with an estimated 19,000 seals and around 25% of the species population.

"We believe the practice of using aerial thermal imaging to identify entangled seals is a world first and may be another tool to help save more Australian fur seals from serious injury or death," Mr Yaney-Keller said.

Wildlife entanglement in marine debris and plastic pollutants is a global conservation issue, which can cause starvation, infection, strangulation and can be fatal for seals. But we really don't know the true scale of the problem or the long-term effects it may have on individuals and populations."

On trips to Seal Rocks this year, Nature Parks teams have already detected three entangled seals, compared to last year when 16 were detected. On average, half of those seen are released.

Of those spotted in 2022, fishing equipment accounted for almost 70% of entanglements at Seal Rocks, with the majority involving recreational fishing line and hooks. Seals were also found trapped in hats, spearfishing rubber bands and plastic bags.

Drone surveys of the colony are currently done every two months using standard colour imaging and uploaded into the Nature Park's SealSpotter website, where citizen scientists can count seals and find entanglements. But these colour imaging surveys



Thermal imaging technology on drones is being used to find entangled seals at Seal Rocks.

likely under-detect hard to see entanglements, like those from transparent fishing lines that can look similar to rolls of skin of a healthy seal.

"Unlike coloured and bulky fishing nets, recreational fishing line entanglements are the most difficult to see, despite being the most common entanglement material, so we are likely under-reporting the issue. The injuries to seals can be extremely severe and cut deep into the neck over time as seals grow," Mr Yaney-Keller said.

He said thermal imaging, which detects and displays surface temperature variations using infrared radiation, could help detect wounds and infections on entangled seals that may not be visible in colour photos alone.

Seal Rocks is an important breeding ground for Australian fur seals, and marine debris poses a significant threat to pups and juveniles, which can accidentally become entangled in marine debris due to their playful, curious behaviour.

"The seals are an indicator of the problem of plastic for all marine life. They live on land and at sea, so are an excellent research species for studying this issue compared to animals that are always at sea" Mr Yaney-Keller said.

"This project will help develop techniques to alleviate animal suffering and improve the welfare of seals, as well as revealing information about the long-term effects entanglements may have on the health and behaviour of individual seals."

The project has been funded by Monash University, Phillip Island Nature Parks, WIRES, the Australian Wildlife Society, and Ecological Society of Australia through the Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment.

As well as Seal Rocks, surveys have been conducted across Victoria at Gabo Island, The Skerries, and Marengo Reef.

The study also plans to track the behaviour of entangled seals once released to provide information of how they recover and develop after the stressful event.

Easier to get a Taylor Swift ticket, they say

THE Victorian Liberal Party has been quick to criticise Labor after the Parks Victoria's (PV) online booking system crashed on its first day.

As part of the upgraded online booking system, PV removed ballots from the last remaining balloted campground in the state - Tidal River Campground at Wilsons Promontory National Park.

This meant campers could now book every bookable campground across Victoria instantly with 'no need to wait to hear if a ballot application was successful or not', they stated last week.

However, according to the Liberal party, when the first online booking allocation for campers at Wilsons Promontory National Park opened, they were greeted with a notification that, "We have temporarily shut down the booking system in order to conduct an investigation into an issue related to system configuration."

"With Parks Victoria's booking system shutting down on its first day, it turns out it is easier to get a Taylor Swift ticket than book a campsite in Victoria," said Shadow Minister for Environment, James Newbury.

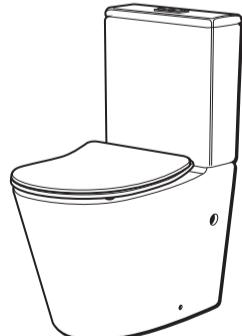
The PV website was last updated on July 4, at 3:45pm which states, "Accommodation bookings made today in the system for Tidal River campground at Wilsons Promontory National Park will still stand. In the meantime all future bookings have been temporarily paused until further information is provided by our supplier."

"Customers whose bookings may be affected will be contacted and we're sorry for any inconvenience caused."

"All other camping and accommodation booking releases planned for this week have also been paused until we have full confidence that the issue has been resolved."

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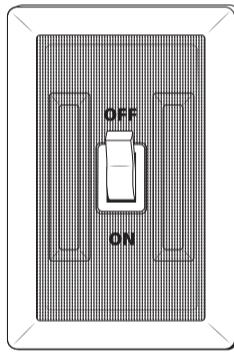
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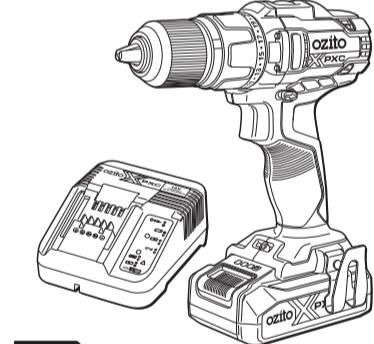
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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Community Grants Now Open

South Gippsland Shire Council is pleased to announce the first round of Community Grants for 2023/24 is now open until Thursday 31 August. Community grants help to support and enrich our local community by providing funding for key projects and initiatives led by local not-for-profit organisations. They are a great resource for organisations and are instrumental in supporting grassroots initiatives, and fostering collaboration.

Grants can be used for both minor and major projects and equipment, planning and developing reports, and festivals and events.

Our Community Strengthening Team are providing drop-in session's around the Shire, where community organisations can come along and ask any questions they might have.

All drop-in sessions will be available between 10.00am and 1.00pm on the relevant date and at the specified location. These are listed:

- Friday 21 July – Coal Creek, Korumburra
- Monday 24 July – Leongatha Community House, Leongatha
- Tuesday 25 July – Manna Gum Community House, Foster
- Wednesday 26 July – Poowong Uniting Church, Poowong
- Thursday 27 July – Mirboo North & Community Foundation's Co-Space, Mirboo North
- Monday 31 July – Tarwin Lower Healthcare Centre, Tarwin Lower

Can't make it to any of these drop-in sessions? Contact Sophie Bolding, Council's Community Strengthening Officer on 5662 9200 or sophie.bolding@southgippsland.vic.gov.au to arrange another time to discuss your project idea.

For more information and to apply, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

Railway Precinct Mural Project



South Gippsland Shire Council is thrilled to announce the launch of public voting to determine the artist who will create a captivating, large-scale mural at the Leongatha Railway Precinct.

Three talented artists have been shortlisted for the opportunity to showcase their talents. Each proposal reflects a diverse range of styles, themes and artistic expressions, ensuring that the mural will resonate with the varied tastes and interests of the community.

Voting is open until Thursday 21 July 2023.

To vote, please go to:
yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 19 July 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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

To watch the 'open' part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

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Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a new job? We might have the perfect position for you!

Check out our current vacant positions here: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vacantpositions

BREASTSCREEN VAN IN LEONGATHA

BreastScreen Victoria van is visiting Leongatha from 10 July to 10 August 2023 to provide free breast screens for women aged 50 to 74 years.

Book online at the link below or call 13 20 50.

<https://bookings.breastscreen.org.au/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Luminous Landscapes Exhibition: The Luminous Landscapes exhibition will be taking place at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum 29 May to 14 August 2023.

Featuring artworks from local artist's Ellen Taylor and Karli Duckett, the exhibition showcases an array of work inspired by the stunning South Gippsland scenery

OUT OF THE CUBE Exhibition: OUT OF THE CUBE will showcasing the artwork of the four initial ArtCube artists, Kim McDonald and Jasmine Susic, Olivia O'Connor, and Anne-Maree Gentile.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM FOR YOUR GROUP WORKSHOP

Join us for an informative session on how to choose the best social media platform for your group.

The event will take place Saturday Jul 22, 9.30am at Michael Place, Leongatha.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to take your social media presence to the next level!

To reserve a spot, please go to:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/social_media_workshop

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Pictured are the three different concepts of the three artists who have been shortlisted to create the final mural.

Have your say on railway precinct mural

SOUTH Gippsland residents are being urged to choose an artist/s who will bring the Leongatha Railway Precinct to life.

The precinct is a historic site, originally built in the late 1800s and used as a train station until the early 1990s.

Since closure of the railway line in 1993, the precinct has been vacant and now is being transformed into a space for all to enjoy.

This South Gippsland Shire Council project, which will be managed by Arts Eleven, will transform the blank canvas of the railway precinct, into a vibrant masterpiece that will capture the imagination of residents and visitors alike.

As part of the Leongatha Railway Precinct redevelopment, the South Gippsland Arts Advisory Committee, Arts Eleven and Council's Art Development Officer have narrowed down the extremely competitive list of interested artists down to just three.

Their concepts have been developed in response to the brief provided and reflect a diverse range of styles, themes and artistic expressions. Now it is up to the residents of South Gippsland and surrounding areas

to make their voices heard and choose the artist/s who will bring the Leongatha Railway Precinct to life.

The Brief

Artists were required to base their concepts on the theme of 'Leongatha and its Landscape' and respond to the natural world surrounding the site.

A focus on the region's vast and beautiful natural bushland, native plants, trees, birdlife and fauna was encouraged. It is expected the murals will be a contemporary take on these elements rather than recreate the type of historical murals previously seen across the region.

About the Artists

Ash Taylor

Ash's work aims to combine ecologically relevant species with contemporary design principles and engaging colours. Her illustrative style of work aims to bring the surrounding natural environment to life through vibrant and energetic pallets.

Yuria Okamura and Jack Rowland

Melbourne-based artists whose talents

when combined, showcase geometric abstraction and contemporary landscapes resulting in works that visualise connectivity and harmony of the natural world.

Creature Creature and Jason Parker

Creature Creature's art is a convergence of Asian aesthetics and style with a Western perspective, resulting in works brimming with contrast and fluidity. Whilst Jason Parker's work focuses closely on the subject matter of Flora, enhanced through the bold use of colour. The collaboration will see the subject of local Flora and Fauna seamlessly contrasted through the blending of two very distinctive styles.

The chosen artist/s will receive a commission to create the mural and will work closely with South Gippsland Shire Council and local stakeholders to bring their vision to life.

Please complete the short survey at Leongatha Railway Precinct Mural Survey (jotform.com) before Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Please Note: A limit of one vote per person applies.

No decision for glass recycling bins

NEW purple-lidded bins are being rolled out to recycle glass and to help divert tonnes of waste from landfill for some Victorian residents.

By separating glass, Victoria will be able to recycle more glass into new products and re-use more materials from the yellow mixed recycling bin due to reduced contamination from glass.

The glass bin will work alongside Victoria's new container deposit scheme, CDS Vic, which commences on 1 November – making it easier for Victorians to recycle their glass whether they are at home or out in the community.

While the project is being rolled out across Melbourne other shires, the South Gippsland Shire Council is yet to commit to the project.

"South Gippsland Shire Council has not yet made a decision on whether or not to provide a monthly kerbside glass collection service (120L bin). The services can be provided under our new contract arrangements, but if we were to introduce a separate kerbside glass bin, it would be unlikely to be done until 2027," The South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis said.

"Our intention is to include specific reference to the service in the community consultation process, undertaken during the development of the new Waste and Resource Recovery Plan, which will



The South Gippsland Shire Council has not yet made a decision on whether or not to provide a glass collection service for recycling, to shire residences.

commence in July 2023 and is scheduled for completion by June 2024.

"We will also keep a close eye on the roll out of the new container deposit scheme (commencing this year) to understand the impacts on glass volumes likely to be collected by the service. We have plenty of time to undertake these actions and properly estimate the costs impacts before we need to make a decision.

"Under the legislation, we are required to provide a separate glass collection service to all South Gippsland residential properties by 2027 (our

new kerbside collection contract commences on 1 February 2024), but the legislation allows some discretion for individual councils on how they would deliver the service. At our transfer stations, we are currently constructing concrete pads/storage areas for the placement of transfer bins (already purchased) for the separate collection/transport of glass, which will comply with the legislation that requires us to provide a separate glass collection service for all residential properties in the Shire."

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey

I am a proud Gippslander who, along with my wife Lucy, has chosen this magnificent region to live, operate our farm and business, and to also raise our son Hugo.

I consider serving on Council to be a great honour, and to have been elected to serve as South Gippsland Shire's youngest Mayor is particularly humbling.

I am very proud of the efforts and conduct of each of the Councillors who work alongside me in serving our community. Each of these dedicated people have been working diligently to see the return of local democracy, increased community confidence in Council and deliver necessary change and outcomes for South Gippsland. As a Councillor group, we are now more than half way through the Council term, and we know there's a lot more work to do in the short time left. Thank you to all who have stepped up to engage with us, provide feedback and input – we couldn't do it without you. Our community is truly being shaped by those who show up!

Sandy Point and Venus Bay Paths & Trails engagement

Through feedback collated during the Coastal Strategy engagement, Council recognised a need to consult further on how people can better move around these two popular coastal towns, in particular on pedestrian and bike paths.

While funding has not yet been secured for these projects, your feedback will help us better understand the needs of each town and provide support for future funding applications.

This engagement is open now until Friday 28 July. I encourage all Sandy Point and Venus Bay residents, as well as those who often visit, to provide your feedback. To do so, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Leongatha Railway Precinct Mural engagement

This engagement is open now until Friday 28 July. I encourage all Sandy Point and Venus Bay residents, as well as those who often visit, to provide your feedback. To do so, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Leongatha Railway Precinct Mural engagement

As part of the redevelopment of the Leongatha Railway Precinct, a brilliant mural will transform the rear façade of the Bair Street shops.

An extremely competitive list of interested artists has been narrowed down by the South Gippsland Arts Advisory Committee, Arts Eleven (the Project Manager) and Council's Art Development Officer to just three – Ash Taylor, Yuria Okamura and Jack Rowland, and Creature Creature and Jason Parker.

I encourage you to be involved in this exciting project. To view the concept designs and place your vote before Thursday 20 July, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Korumburra Supermarket

The sale of a large parcel of land that includes 155-165 Commercial Street, 1 King Street and 28 Victoria Street Korumburra is now complete. This will be the site of the new IGA supermarket.

This is an important milestone and is a positive first step for the community of Korumburra. I look forward to watching this progress over the coming months.

Gippsland Events Acquisition Fund

Started last year, the Gippsland Events Acquisition Fund provides an opportunity for eligible event organisers to source additional financial support.

Expressions of Interest are now open for the next round of funding, which will aim to support events being held in 2024.

For more information and to complete your Expression of Interest before Friday 28 July, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/GEAF

Report confirms fees outpaced inflation

IN ITS interim report on childcare services published last week, the ACCC confirms that childcare fees rose faster than inflation and wage growth during the past four years.

Fees increased by between 20 per cent (for centre-based day care and outside school hours care) and 32 per cent (for in home care).

Government subsidies meant that actual out-of-pocket expenses for households increased at a slower rate over the same period, the report found.

The ACCC found that government subsidies offset more than half of childcare fees on average. Even so, the report found that after subsidies, out-of-pocket expenses increased 7 per cent for households using centre-based day care services during the past four years, by 12 per cent for households using outside school hours care and 15.8 per cent for households using family day care.

About half of households with the lowest incomes spend between 5 to 21 per cent of their disposable income on childcare despite receiving a greater government contribution and paying less out-of-pocket expenses. Half of households in the highest income bracket spend about 2 to 9 per cent of their disposable income on childcare.

Unlike other markets, the ACCC has observed that prices for childcare services in an area rise when there are more childcare providers. This may be due to parents prioritising location and quality of a childcare centre once they've decided how much care they can afford and will use.

The report also shows that larger centre based day care providers charge higher average daily fees than medium and small providers, and that for-profit centre based day care providers charge higher average fees than not-for-profit providers in the sector.

These fees are being charged for an increasing number of hours per child while actual hours attended have remained stable, or fallen.

Major changes to the Child Care Subsidy and hourly rate cap will take effect on 10 July 2023. These changes may affect out-of-pocket expenses for households and fees charged by providers.

The maximum subsidy rate will increase from 85 per cent to 90 per cent and the maximum household income for households to receive the Child Care Subsidy will increase significantly.



The mental health awareness event at Leongatha Men's Shed attracted members of other sheds in the area, including Terry Ryan (Meeniyan), Dominic Gilligan (Inverloch), Doug Kuhne and Peter Hill (both of Meeniyan). A06_2723

Mental health in spotlight at Leongatha Men's Shed

LEONGATHA Men's Shed continued its program of monthly activities designed to promote social connection, with the June focus on men's mental health.

Paull Lahn coordinates the monthly activities program at the shed, with South Gippsland men encouraged to come and take part, and he invited representatives of Mind Australia to run the mental health session.

The organisation's mental health practitioner Donna Hall was on hand, making a presentation to the men that included plenty of conversation with her audience.

As well as discussing mental health, mental ill health and who it affects, and what people can do to support their own mental wellbeing and that of others, Donna outlined the valuable service provided by Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs.

From Paynesville, Donna is the Gippsland Hubs Lead Practitioner. She explained that Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs are not physical structures, but rather mobile services, and are available to all regardless of age or gender and with no diagnosis or referral required, adding the Hubs were funded by State Government as a response to Covid.

"People can come to us for 12 weeks and in that time we identify what they are looking to achieve or what they'd like help with, and what we are going to be working towards," Donna said.

She said referring people to rel-

event services is another way in which the Hubs assist, adding such referrals are not necessarily to a mental health organisation and could be connection to a Men's Shed or a housing service.

There is no obligation to be involved with the service for 12 weeks, with some people just needing one chat or to ask a question.

Assistance is available on the phone and face-to-face, with personal interaction preferred when practical.

Paull spoke of the suitability of Men's Sheds as a forum for discussing mental health and how they help to boost men's mental wellbeing.

"Men's Sheds are about men's health and the best thing for mental health is connectivity of people with an activity," Paull said.

He visited the other Men's Sheds throughout South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires, encouraging the blokes to attend Friday's important session.

Dominic Gilligan was one of those visitors from other sheds, being a young member of Inverloch Men's Shed.

Currently training in the mental health field, he looks forward to sharing the information he gained during the mental health session with other shedders, saying men are more susceptible to depression and at higher risk of suicide and face many challenges.

Leongatha Men's Shed president Max Wood said Men's Sheds are an

ideal environment where men can support each other, but joked that hugging the other blokes may be a step too far.

That prompted Donna to speak about the importance of physical touch, demonstrating that even putting your hand lightly on someone's arm can help reinforce the message you are present and listening.

On a serious note, Max spoke of the increased isolation that has impacted many men since the onset of the pandemic.

It's not all about productivity at Men's Sheds, with the social aspect just as important.

Don Peters and Bill Jackson both live on Arawata farms, joining the Leongatha Men's Shed together.

"It's somewhere to talk to someone other than the chooks and cows," Bill said.

He loves woodworking, learning skills from the other guys and sharing his knowledge with them.

Don highlighted the social value of Men's Sheds.

"The other day I didn't have anything special to do, but you wander around and talk to people," he said.

Donna stressed that Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs are not able to directly assist those whose mental health situation is at crisis point and will refer such people to a service that provides appropriate clinical help.

To connect with a Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub through Mind Australia, call 1300 375 330.



Bill Jackson and Don Peters enjoy the companionship at Leongatha Men's Shed, a boost to their mental wellbeing. A04_2723



Paull Lahn of Leongatha Men's Shed and Donna Hall of Mind Australia teamed up to promote important conversations about mental health. A05_2723

Different generations thrive and learn together

LAST year, Irene Williams Secretary of the Wonthaggi and District Historical Society, took part in the Kids Thrive - Kids as Catalysts Program with the Powlett River Primary School in Dalyston.

Irene became a community partner of the school and co-designed a Community Action with four students, to make a positive impact on the local community.

The students interviewed Thelma Dowson who suffered from polio as a child, and they helped create a video with snippets of this history for the new touch screen at the historical society.

"It's been a positive for the historical society to have young kids come, and families to know where we are, and have all of them take an interest in what the kids are doing," Irene said.

"It's just lovely to have communication between different generations."

"The touch screen was an opportunity to show snippets of history and the kids did it."



Irene Williams was invited back to catch up with her group of four students at Powlett River Primary School in Dalyston and was 'treated like royalty'.

The school invited Irene back last week for a catch up.

"I was invited to assembly because two people in my group, one is a school captain and the other, it was his birthday."

"When I was there on Friday the kids who weren't in the group were keen to meet me because they'd heard about me, so it's like they've adopted me. That's how I feel, like I've been adopted!"

"I was in the grade six room, and I was treated like royalty."

Irene witnessed the positive transformation in the kids as a result of being involved in the program. She has also met the students' parents and grandparents and they will often go back to the museum when Irene is on duty, to say hello.

"When I see the four students that I have, they all thrived from

the participation and the learning that's not just in school, how to respond to other people, not afraid to ask questions. To see them develop it's just lovely."

"They are confident young people and I just take a great deal of delight in being a part of it."

The school is in the process of undertaking another Kids Thrive Program.

24% of buildings only 'fair', they say

THERE are 410 buildings under the ownership and management of the Bass Coast Shire Council.

And at its most-recent meeting of council last Wednesday, council adopted a new Building Asset Management Plan 2023-33 to keep those buildings in good condition for the next 10 years, at a recommended renewal cost of \$4.21 million-a-year.

Currently the buildings are valued at \$108.7 million replacement cost.

Based on the most recent independent condition audit, 73% of building components are in good or very good condition. The percentage of Council's infrastructure assets in backlog or very poor condition is a manageable 1.3%.

"The key renewal funding strategy is to ensure that 24% of building components currently in fair condition are managed and therefore reducing the risk of these assets falling into the very poor category causing an increase in backlog in the medium to long-term," said a report to council.

The biggest viable to keeping the building assets in good shape is the impact of climate change especially from storm surge and flooding with 38 and 72 buildings in these categories identified as either medium, high or very high risk respectively by 2050.

Speaking about the upkeep of council's buildings Cr David Rooks said it was pleasing that 73% of the shire's building assets were in good condition and while he was happy with the renewal budget of \$4.21 million annually, he suspected the maintenance budget would need to be increased, by as much as \$600,000 annually, if the shire was to take care of a backlog of work and also to stop 24% of the buildings slipping from fair condition to poor.

"We've got to be looking after our buildings," he said.

Local firies to take on Melbourne Stair Climb

FOUR local firefighters will participate in the 10th annual Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb on September 2.

Inverloch CFA's Michael Guest, Matthew King, Hayden Tipping and Cesar Aldea will take on the 28-floor challenge at the Crown Metropol.

To add to the effort, they will be wearing 25 kilograms of turnout gear – including a breathing apparatus – to raise money for Lifeline, 000Foundation and Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation.

The challenge simulates the actions required to enter a burning high-rise building, and the inclusion of the breathing apparatus is symbolic of the burden of significant health and wellbeing issues faced by first responders and their families.

The money will go towards improving support services, funding research, removing stigmas and raising awareness for mental health issues, including post traumatic stress injury.

There will be a total of 700 emergency service personnel involved in this year's climb, with the goal of raising \$700,000.

This year marks Michael Guest's fifth stair climb, having supported the charity event with both the Inverloch and Ruby CFA.

He continues to proudly support the event each year to ensure the availability of appropriate crisis support.

"The charities we support change every year. Since 2017, there's been a focus on supporting the mental health of first responders," Michael said.

"They've also added the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation because there is a huge risk of cancer amongst firefighters.

"Our aim is to raise \$1000 each. If every climber contributes that amount, we will reach our goal."



Last year's Inverloch CFA Stair Climb team Michael Guest, Cesar Aldea and Hayden Tipping.

Historically, the event has supported the Alfred Hospital Burns Unit, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, the Black Dog Institute and the Emergency Services Foundation.

The charity event attracts emergency service representatives from across Australia, New Zealand and America.

On the day of the event, a 6am service is held to pay respects to Australian first responders.

A service is also held in honour of the lives lost during 9/11.

"The organisations we support help to

support our first responders and their families. We can see where the money is going and we know that it helps," Michael said.

In the lead up to the climb, the Inverloch team will be training at Inverloch's Tomfit Training Facility.

Tomfit will be hosting a fundraising event for the team in August – date to be confirmed.

For all other donations, head to <https://www.firefighterclimb.org.au/donations/> and search for the team or individual.



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New child employment laws

NEW child employment laws are now in effect in Victoria, with a modernised and simpler licensing system and stronger penalties to make sure kids under 15 are kept as safe as possible in the workplace.

The state's child employment watchdog, Wage Inspectorate Victoria, is urging employers to take time to understand the laws, as research exposes common misconceptions about child employment.

Research shows that 33 per cent of Victorians mistakenly believe 14 and 9 months is the age kids can start working and a further 25 per cent believe they have to be 15 to get a job, but provided the employer has a licence, children can do delivery work from 11 and other types of work from 13.

Fourteen and 9 months used to be the age kids could leave school and enter the workforce, which is where this myth has come from, but Victoria's child employment laws say nothing about being 14 and 9 months and they haven't for a very long time.

The new laws, designed in consultation with stakeholders and the community, see a licensing system replace a permit system and enables businesses to employ multiple kids under one licence, instead of needing a permit for each child they employ.

The system includes a 'fit and proper person' test which considers, among other things, an employer's compliance with child employment and other relevant workplace laws.

From today, the Wage Inspectorate has stronger powers and the maximum penalty for employing a child without a licence has also increased from \$18,500 to more than \$200,000.

In addition to obtaining a licence, there are other important rules employers must follow, like making sure kids are getting adequate rest breaks, finishing work by 9pm and not working during school hours.

More information about child employment and the upcoming changes can be found at wageinspectorate.vic.gov.au.

PhD student examines lost eucalyptus canopy at Wilsons Prom

THE IMPACT of specific climate driven changes on eucalypt forests at Wilsons Promontory are being studied by PhD student Aaron Heap.

Aaron is examining patches of forest that have lost eucalyptus canopy due to being repeatedly razed by fires within shorter intervals than species can tolerate.

This can lead to some species of eucalypts being unable to regenerate which then causes areas to transform into an alternative forest type.

Wilsons Promontory, unlike most other Victoria bushland has had relatively minimal human disturbance since colonisation, which helps to reduce the variables of human interference when comparing and studying the areas.

"Wilsons Promontory provides an example of how repeated short interval fires can prevent the regeneration of a Eucalyptus canopy in a range of ecological vegetation classes. The 'destocking' of forests can dramatically alter the composition, structure, and function compared to forests with a eucalypt overstorey," Aaron said.

There are about 20 different types of eucalypts on the Prom and Parks Victoria are discovering many hybrid and unique species as they are collecting seeds and reseeding some of the fire affected areas in an effort of ecological restoration.

Aaron is working alongside this team to inform his study but is focused on five particular species of eucalypts in areas without canopy and which have existed like that since about the 1950s.

"The time frame between eucalypts regenerating depends on the species, however it could be 15 to 20 years. There's also species of eucalyptus that after a fire, their response is to just resprout, so they're not so reliant on reseeding to survive, but it's going to show that if fires happen at intervals too frequent, that



PhD student Aaron Heap is studying lost eucalyptus canopy in Wilsons Prom from fires that affect trees at shorter intervals than species can tolerate.

will affect their ability to resprout, and so they're in the same kind of predicament."

Aaron has begun collecting data for his three-year investigation and is interested to find out what actually happens to the areas and what ecological changes do occur.

It is theorised that frequent fires and the loss of canopy could lead to these eucalypt species eventually becoming locally extinct, but Aaron remains open to all outcomes.

"It's commonly assumed that it's a negative impact and that makes sense that it is, but nobody's actually going out there and measured it.

These areas are considered to have lower biodiversity values, lower carbon

sequestration, less habitat availability, and they've also been described as being contributing more to landscape flammability."

"I'm measuring things like how much ground carbon there is, what are the biodiversity assets? How do you seed these areas, how structurally diverse the areas are."

"I'm also looking at measuring the fuels that are in these two forest types and comparing the fuel between these two. I should be able to look at how these areas influence landscape flammability."

Aarons last piece of research will be to look at the cost benefit analysis of restoring these areas, and if it is simply part of an evolving landscape that is potentially self-sustaining.



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Members of the Leongatha Men's Shed thank local electrical supplier Hartley Wells for their support of the July 28, Cook & Eat event at the Men's Shed.

Meals for men made easy

SOUTH Gippsland men are encouraged to get together at Leongatha Men's Shed on July 28 learning how to prepare simple, tasty and healthy air fryer meals, with expert guidance from locals Cheryl Lamb and Kerry Thornton who have previously run successful Cook & Eat sessions at the Shed.

The air fryer event is supported by Leongatha's Hartley Wells Betta Home Living.

Paull Lahn, organiser of the Shed's monthly activities program, which is designed to promote social interaction through shared activities, said Shed members have been putting skills gained at previous Cook & Eat sessions to use, both at home and in the Shed.

Air fried foods are touted as a healthy alternative to deep fried foods, helping reduce fat consumption and calories while letting you still enjoy meals that would normally be deep fried.

The air fryer lesson will help men look after themselves and others better by

learning how to cook healthy meals without fuss, all while having fun in a social environment.

"We plan to teach the men quick and easy ways to prepare a whole meal with the air fryer," Cheryl said.

"The meal will consist of a delicious main course and dessert."

All local men are welcome, both Shed members and others, and are encouraged to bring a mate, with bookings essential as numbers are capped.

While the monthly 'Opening Up' sessions are exempt from a Leongatha Men's Shed joining fee, some events have a small charge to cover costs such as ingredients, being \$5 in this instance.

'Meals For Men Made Easy' Using An Air Fryer - commences at 10.00am at the Leongatha Men's Shed, 9 Wild Dog Valley Road, Friday July 28, 2023.

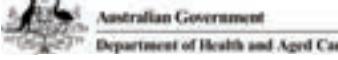
Call or text Paull Lahn on 0438 326 103 to book.

To participate in this Month's event, you must register your interest by calling Paull on 0438 326 103 at least 5 days prior to the event to ensure your booking.

MORE INFORMATION Email: lgatha.mens@gmail.com Leongatha Men's Shed

Let's have a cuppa! For information about the Leongatha Men's Shed and its current activities, or any of this year's events, call into the LYON & BAIR Café, Bair Street, Leongatha any Tuesday morning between 10am & 11am and chat with a "Shedder"

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Get your flu vaccine Gippsland!

RECENT data shows that Gippslanders are lagging in receiving a flu jab this year and are being urged to get vaccinated before the peak of this year's flu season.

"The flu season typically goes through to mid-September so there's more than two months where people will be at increased risk," said Dr Alex Tai, Infectious Diseases Physician from the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit (GRPHU).

While all ages should be getting vaccinated, the highest number of reported cases in Gippsland this year to date is in the under 9 age group.

While the flu can present as a minor ailment for some people it can have serious consequences for children and those with pre-existing conditions.

Free seasonal influenza vaccine is funded under the National Immunisation Program (NIP) for the following groups at higher risk of complications from influenza:

- People aged six months to less than five years (can be given at the same time as childhood vaccines)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged six months and older
- Pregnant women (can be given at any stage of each pregnancy)



Members of the Bass Coast Health Social Support Group enjoy the company of fellow community members.

Find new friends through BCH's Social Support Group

IF YOU would like to build more social connections in your community, then the Social Support Group run by Bass Coast Health (BCH) may appeal to you.

Our group offers people the chance to take part in social activities and gentle exercise, to develop their interests and more.

The group is ideal for people who are unable to get out into the community due to mobility, fatigue or confidence limitations, who feel isolated and alone, and who seek community contact in a supported group setting.

BCH Social Support Group Coordinator Sharon Legg said having access to a social group is important to a person's health and wellbeing.

"Being socially isolated can have a negative impact on our wellbeing, mentally and physically," she said.

"Being a contributing member of a socially interactive and physically active group can help to restore self-confidence, motivation, some physical improvements and a more positive outlook."

Social Support Group staff offer

activities and opportunities for participants to maintain and enhance their independence and social contacts.

Activities include outings such as barbecues and visiting places of interest, sharing skills, hobbies and learning about the interests of others. Participants also take part in quizzes, table games, indoor bowls, pool and theme days, an exercise program, guest speakers, craft, music and more.

"We offer shorter community access outings for those who are socially isolated and have intro-

duced a full day community access every month called the Big Day Out," Sharon said.

"We've also recently acquired centres to reintroduce centre-based activities and also hold activities in the community."

To learn more, contact Sharon on 5671 3520.

BCH provides this service for people aged under 65 (under 50 years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders) through the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP). BCH also provides this service for people aged over 65.



Are you struggling with everyday life due to a health condition?

You could benefit from Allied Health and Community Services offered by Bass Coast Health.

BCH provides these services for people aged under 65 (under 50 years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders) through the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP). BCH also provides these services for people aged over 65.

We can help you with tasks around the home and caring for yourself, and offer medical assistance, social activities and transport.

Our services include:

- Community Nursing (District Nursing, Diabetes Education, Continence, Cardio/Pulmonary, Stomal Therapy, Integrated Chronic Disease Management and Wound Care)
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How we can help you:

- To access Allied Health or Specialist Nursing services, contact our Access team on Access@basscoasthealth.org.au or Allied Health Reception by phoning 5671 3343
- To access District Nursing, contact: 5671 9219, fax 5678 5183, district.nursing@basscoasthealth.org.au

Alternatively, phone **5671 3333** and ask for the service or the Access team. For more information, go to: basscoasthealth.org.au/HACC



Bass Coast Health Infection Prevention and Control Nurse Kylie Lambert gives a flu vaccination to Chronic Disease Management Clinical Nurse Consultant Carolyn Thacher.

Vaccinations will reduce your risk of flu and COVID, says BCH

PEOPLE who contract COVID-19 are urged to perform a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) as soon as they show symptoms to ensure they have access to anti-viral medication if eligible.

Anti-viral medication must be taken within five days of getting COVID-19 to be effective and that is why it is important for people to get tested for COVID as soon as they notice any symptoms.

People at risk include people who are aged 70 and over, aged 50 and over with certain health conditions (or 30 if they're Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander), or have a weakened immune system, disability or are born with heart disease.

With more incidences of influenza and COVID being reported in the community, Bass Coast Health (BCH) CEO Jan Child is urging people to also ensure their vaccination status is up-to-date to give them the best protection.

"More than 4.2 million Victorians are now eligible for a 2023 booster dose of a COVID vaccination and so many more of us need to get a booster to give ourselves, and our community, the best protection possible," she said.

"In a recent week, 58 COVID-related deaths in Victoria were reported to the Department of Health, equating to an average of 8 deaths a day, so this virus remains a very real risk to our community, particularly to those with compromised immune systems and the elderly."

Flu and COVID vaccinations are available from selected pharmacies and GP clinics.

"This is the third year we have lived with COVID and there are now more cases of COVID, as well as influenza, in our community as people start to gather inside during wintry weather," Ms Child said. "Ensuring your COVID and flu vaccinations are current, including by having a COVID winter booster if it's been six months or more since your last vaccination, will help to keep you and others safe."

Members of the public can also reduce their risk of getting or spreading COVID and influenza by washing their hands regularly, covering their mouth when coughing, sneezing into disposable tissues, and cleaning or disposing of contaminated objects.

Special cot to help families through a traumatic time

BASS Coast Health (BCH) and Gippsland Southern Health Service were fortunate to receive a Cuddle Cot from Melbourne family Kit and Blake Norrish, who raise funds to enable the charity Bears of Hope to supply Cuddle Cots to hospitals.

Kit and Blake lost their first baby Arlo on January 2, but were able to spend five days with him thanks to a cuddle cot.

Now they are giving other families the same opportunity by donating cuddle cots to six hospitals around Australia.

The cuddle cot is a cooling system designed to fit within a small cot, enabling families to spend every moment with their baby before saying goodbye.

"This has turned from something negative to something positive," Kit said.

"Donating them in person on Monday at Gippsland Southern Health Service was so fulfilling. People wanted to hear about Arlo's story and what we've been through and to know that we're giving something back to other families is so heartwarming."

Arlo was born still on January 2 this year at Epworth Hospital.

"He had a blood clot in his umbilical cord and passed away in utero and I delivered him knowing that he had passed," Kit said.



Bass Coast Health (BCH) was this week fortunate to receive a Cuddle Cot from Melbourne family Kit and Blake Norrish, which enables families to spend time with their stillborn babies.

"It was traumatising but he was perfect other than this freak accident of having a blood clot which meant his placenta couldn't give him the nutrients he needed to survive.

"Epworth Hospital had a cuddle cot which allowed us to spend five days with Arlo as I recovered from my C-section. It was the most amazing thing to help us grieve."

Kit said that cuddle cots might not be for everyone, but they can help many through their grief.

"My aunt had a stillborn 30 years ago and they didn't have

cuddle cots and she only got to see her daughter for five minutes before she was taken away.

"People grieve differently. We weren't able to have a lifetime with Arlo, but we were able to have some time with him. If it wasn't for the cuddle cot, we wouldn't have been able to have that time."

"My auntie never got that chance and wished she could go back in time and have the moment with her daughter."

Kit said the fundraising was their way of putting grief into something positive.

"Arlo's life hasn't gone in vain; he had a little life that will be remembered," she said.

"Hopefully few families will need it, but when the cuddle cot comes out, they will see other families have gone through the same thing and realise they are not alone and someone else is there to support them."

"We were incredibly supported by our community - work colleagues, family and friends and managed to raise \$39,000 to donate the cuddle cots. One of the secrets to being happy and living a fulfilling life is giving back."

BCH midwifery unit manager Relle McMillin said the cuddle cot enables families to have "as normal memories as possible" after experiencing a stillbirth.

"We had an older system here and are so grateful to Kit, Blake and Bears of Hope for this new cuddle cot that will help families through such a trying time," she said.

"The cuddle cot allows a family to cuddle, kiss, bathe and dress their baby, and even take their baby home."

Remarkably, Kit and Blake are also doing more rounds of IVF to have another baby.

To donate to Kit and Blake's fundraising campaign, go to: bit.ly/46vFIF6

Monash medical students begin GP placements

SEVEN medical students from Monash University's School of Rural Health have recently started their general practice placements in South Gippsland.

The fourth-year students will be based in practices in Foster, Leongatha, Korumburra and Wonthaggi for the next 18 weeks and work alongside local general practitioners.

Monash Rural Health academic coordinator Jennie Casey explains that the students will participate in wave or parallel consulting while on general practice placement - so residents may be seen by a student for part of their GP appointment.

"Our students will see the pa-

tient for the first part of the consultation, and are then joined by the GP for the conclusion. This gives medical students the unique opportunity to develop a rapport, take histories and put their skills into practice in a safe environment."

Jennie encourages the local community to help make the students feel at home this semester.

"I know the South Gippsland community will give our students a warm welcome. This is a great opportunity to showcase everything we have to offer here in the region - our beautiful beaches, amazing local produce and incredible trails."



Monash University medical students (back row, standing - left to right) Angelyn Neoh, Taylor Miller, Phumeena Balasubermaniam, (front row kneeling - left to right) Aliya Ali, Jack Francis, Andrew Chen and William Spratt.

Freemasons' donation supports families and loved ones



Wonthaggi Freemasons present the trolley to staff. L-R: Clare Stinton, Callum Mayling, Don Roy, Kristen Yates-Matthews, Ken Barnes, Glen Richards, Graeme Treloar, Vicki Riley and Russell Anthony.

Jenny Hayes. "The staff were amazing while we were being looked after but I was conscious we weren't their only concern. There were times where I didn't want to disturb them for simple things, like a cuppa," said Ken. "I thought wouldn't it be great to have something that gives families a little bit of independence for things like that."

So, the idea for the trolley was born.

"It was fabricated by Shannon Llewellyn at UtePod in Inverloch,

who makes metal canopies for utes. He was happy to take on the challenge of this project and the finished result is fantastic.

"It cost about \$3500 to make and I'm hoping that the plans will be picked up by other hospitals." Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child was moved by the thought and effort that went into developing the trolley.

Another generous donation of \$5929 towards Armitage House was also received. The funds were the proceeds of a bicycle

raffle started by Ken and his friend Gavin Slavin, in honour of Gavin's late sister and much-loved local paramedic and athlete Deb Riley, who was also cared for at Armitage House.

"We can't stress enough how much we appreciate this donation. This is on top of Wonthaggi Freemasons' fantastic fundraising efforts over the last few years towards the refurbishment of Armitage House, which benefited from a \$39,000 fundraising campaign," said Ms Child.



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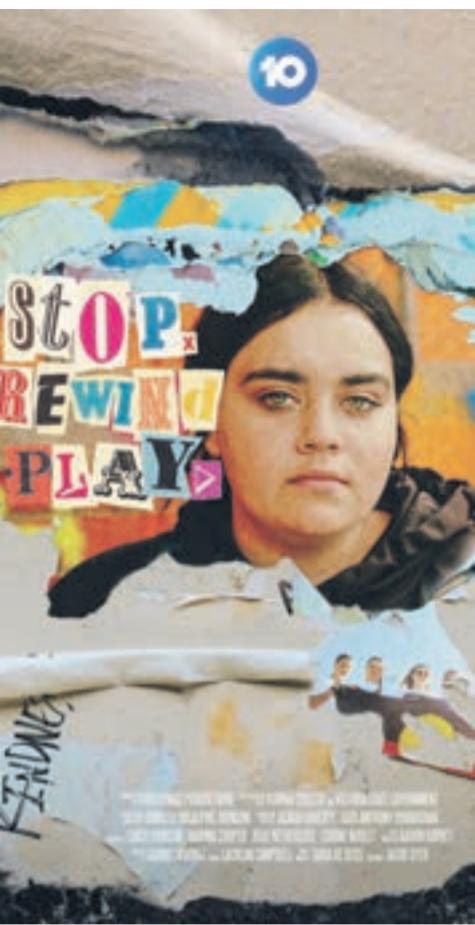
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OH WHAT A FEELING



NAIDOC WEEK



Stop. Rewind. Play. is a timely and important documentary that shares the voice of Kurnai youth and was premiered on Channel 10 recently.

Stop. Rewind. Play, Indigenous Youth Doco launched

A POIGNANT documentary that shares the voice of our Gippsland Indigenous youth was premiered on Channel 10 recently.

Stop. Rewind. Play is a raw exploration of the inherent racism Kurnai youth face, amidst overcoming challenges living in one of the lowest socioeconomic regions of Victoria. - The Latrobe Valley.

After many months of advocacy this documentary has been released by award winning Gippsland writer, director and producer Danielle McAlpine Johnson of CheekyMac, who is devoted to creating documentaries as a catalyst for change in the social justice landscape.

"We were approached by Anthony Roadaughan who is the Principal of Kurnai College and they have been experiencing students who were consistently being bullied and subjected to racism within the school and from outside the school and out in the community. They wanted to be proactive in tackling that in a really creative way that would resonate with the children."

"Our indigenous kids at Kurnai are dealing with intergenerational trauma and profound disadvantage sometimes and no one listens to them. No one gives their story the respect it deserves," Anthony said.

Danielle and her husband Jason Chico Johnson as an interracial couple, were passionate about tackling this topic and giving the students a voice.

"I think awareness is needed that this is still taking place; that this is happening, and how to handle it, how to be proactive to prevent it, and how to handle it if it arises," Danielle said.

"We've created it in a way that is educational because the intention was for schools to study it."

Stop. Rewind. Play was launched on Network 10, Channel 10 or catch up on 10 Play.



Daniel John Church

Darug Man, Hawkesbury River, NSW

Daniel Church's practice includes woodcarving, timber sculpting and painting.



Installation of Pelican Mudjin (Family) 2022 is on display at The Ian Potter Centre NGV.

NAIDOC artist profile- Daniel Church

DANIEL Church was born on Darug Country in Liverpool, New South Wales, where his parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and ancestors were also born.

Now based on Gunaikurnai Country in Gippsland, Victoria, his creative practice includes woodcarving, timber sculpting and painting. His paintings are acrylic on canvas with intricate and delicate mark making.

The Pelican Mudjin (Family), 2022, is an installation of carved pelicans representing mudjin (family), with each individual pelican representing wiyanga (mothers), biyangan (fathers), babana (brothers) and

djuramin (sisters) along the south-east coast of Australia.

Church describes the work as 'one big Mudjin, one big mob', with the diamond motifs representing the connections between all Aboriginal peoples from the south-east coast.

For Church, carving and painting is about sharing culture through generations. Daniel's artworks and wood carvings explores his visions of beauty, song lines and storytelling from his ancestral family connection to the ocean and Country.

A sculpture of his totem, the Brahminy kite, won the Lechte Corporation Acquisitive Award in 2021.



Biami (creator spirit), Daniel's paintings are acrylic on canvas with intricate and delicate mark making.

Paintings for GSHS mean you're never alone

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service commissioned First Nations woman Bobbie Lee Blay to paint original art pieces for the Leongatha and Korumburra hospitals.

The traditional style dot painting is in the entrance of Korumburra hospital and colours of blue and white pull you into the painting and your eye naturally traces the flow of the circles.

The sister painting displayed at Leongatha is equally entrancing with the same dot pattern in warm tones of reds and oranges.

While the colours are eye catching and wonderfully complimentary, it's the circles in the painting that are particularly significant.

Titled, 'I'm standing with you,' Bobbie Lee said the connection between the circles represent people, and that we are never alone.

"When you see the picture, there's a loop to the next circle, and that just is a connection, so we're always standing with you."

"When you think you're alone, you're never really alone. Someone's always with you and that's all it represents."

Bobbie Lee lost her daughter in 2019 and many works sprung from the raw emotion and the isolation she experienced during this time, together with COVID, and she poured her energy into creating.

Bobbie Lee hopes that these two paintings may bring some peace and comfort to others who are coming into hospital and who may be feeling alone.

RIGHT: Bobbie Lee Blay produced two paintings for Gippsland Southern Health Service and hope people who see them will know they are not alone. ob10_2823





NAIDOC WEEK



South Gippsland Hospital welcomed traditional custodian Darren from Yalluk Bulluk to hold a smoking ceremony and share stories and teachings of the past.



South Gippsland Hospital CEO Paul Greenhalgh with traditional custodian Sonia from Yalluk Bulluk who shared the importance of family and Elders.



Learn about the mining and extraction of ochre used for art and ceremony in the First Nations History Course.

First Nations Course delivered at important time

OCHRE has been extracted, mixed with other elements and used to tell stories, practice ceremonies and medicinally by First Peoples across Australia for thousands of years.

It continues to be excavated and processed by Indigenous Australians with over 400 mines, quarries and ochre pits recorded across Australia.

This is just one of the fascinating facts that can be learnt about our Indigenous history from U3A Mirboo North & District on Monday mornings over 11 weeks in their First Nations History Course.

Written and approved by First Nations people, the course draws upon the First Australians series aired by SBS, with videos, research and documents delivered.

The course is being brought to the community at a decisive time in Australia's history when discourse is prolific among Australians about the Voice referendum and will add texture and knowledge to the debate.

"Most people who go through this material, will see there's a very powerful culture that we've ignored for 240 years," said Andrew Corcoran U3A committee member and volunteer tutor.

"Some of it I know for non-indigenous people will be quite confronting because a lot of that history is quite confronting, but we feel it's worth running this coming term. It gets us informed."

The course will be presented in a neutral, non-political way, and while the formal programme doesn't cover the Voice referendum, there will be time at the end of each session for discussion, and anyone is welcome to join.

"I'm hopeful that people will see the material, listen, approach it with an open mind and then they will see that The Voice, as a follow on from the Uluru Statement from the Heart is a good progression."

"It's not our ambition to drive the Yes campaign, but it is something we hope that people having listened to the material, will see the benefit of acknowledgement, and the role The Voice can have."

"Everyone's going to be making a decision come October and it gives anybody who comes along the chance to ask a question."

Ideally U3A Mirboo North & District would like to have an Indigenous co-presenter, but they have been unable to find one and are open to anyone appropriate and willing to present.

Andrew has been exposed to the Indigenous culture having spent time in Central Australia, and in the desert with the Pitjantjatjara people, and has visited the Kimberley and Northern Queensland regions.

First Nations History Course presented by U3A Mirboo North & District Inc. Mondays at 10am starting July 10 at Darlimurla Hall. Book by phoning Andrew Corcoran on 0411 671 058.

South Gippsland Hospital celebrate Elders during NAIDOC week

SOUTH Gippsland Hospital (SGH) was delighted to celebrate Elders during NAIDOC week by holding a special event with the community and key service providers on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

Those in attendance were gifted with knowledge about Aboriginal Culture when traditional custodians, Sonia and Darren from Yalluk Bulluk, shared sto-

ries, teaching about the past, connection, spirit and the importance of family and Elders in our lives.

The occasion was very moving, and coming together, as one, at the conclusion of formal activities to yarn over a warm tasty cup of soup was an especially significant moment after the welcome to country, smoke cleansing and flag raising ceremony.

SGH was appreciative of members who attended from the Foster SES, Foster CFA, South Gippsland Shire Council, Gippsland Region Public Health Unit, Manna Gum Community House, and Royal Flying Doctor Service.

CEO Paul Greenhalgh said that it was a beautiful, moving event, and that it was a privilege to hear what Sonia and Darren had to say about their culture.



The Bunurong Land Council performed a Smoking Ceremony at Korumburra Hospital as part of GSHS celebrations for NAIDOC week.

Cultural diversity celebrated at GSHS

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service held Smoking Ceremonies performed by the Bunurong Land Council on the Leongatha and Korumburra hospital grounds to celebrate NAIDOC week.

Louise Sparkes, CEO of GSHS said celebrating the diversity of backgrounds and cultures within the service is vitally important to ensure both staff and patients feel safe at work and while accessing the service.

Performing the ceremony at Korumburra were Dean Ellis, Eric Edwards and Jungala Ellis with Dean delighting staff and residents by playing his sacred Yikidi.

Holding the ceremony is also about acknowledgment and caring for country, and for GSHS it's also about caring

for all the people that access the health service in a culturally safe and appropriate way.

To this end GSHS are working to employ an Indigenous Liaison Officer that will work with and educate staff to ensure they are practicing in a culturally safe way.

The officer will also work with First Nations patients and provide a dedicated follow up service to keep patients connected and improve First Peoples health outcomes, with a strong foundation of culturally appropriate service.

RIGHT: Different foliage is used to signify different times of the season with wattle and gum leaves being used.



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COMMENT

Why trolls are the reasonable cost of free speech

RUSSELL Broadbent has been up on his soapbox again in the past week targeting to the Government's new Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023.

Most people would say social media could do with more controls, especially cutting back on the untraceable posts by trolls and other hate-filled individuals but from what Mr Broadbent is saying, maybe we should take more notice:

"In my decades of service to the Australian Parliament, I've never known such a dangerous bill," he said on one of his own social media rants last week.

Maybe he's got a point.

The bill, to be introduced into the parliament later in the year, is supposed to be about "Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation", which is essentially the same thing – content that is false, misleading or deceptive, and where the provision of that content on social media and in messaging is reasonably likely to cause or contribute to serious harm.

Examples of which include:

- Hatred against a group in Australian society on the basis of ethnicity, nationality, race, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion or physical or mental disability.
- Harm to the integrity of Australian democratic processes or of Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government institutions
- Harm to the health of Australians
- Harm to the Australian environment

It appears that Mr Broadbent's concern has been triggered in part by the practice of some social media sites refusing to carry his content about the alleged harm caused by the mandating COVID vaccinations, and his calls for an investigation into the higher incidence of deaths in the past few years.

But others have said it might be about trying to control the reasonable exchange of information about The Voice referendum, discussions about sexual orientation and the like, or even cutting back on criticism of government and local government.

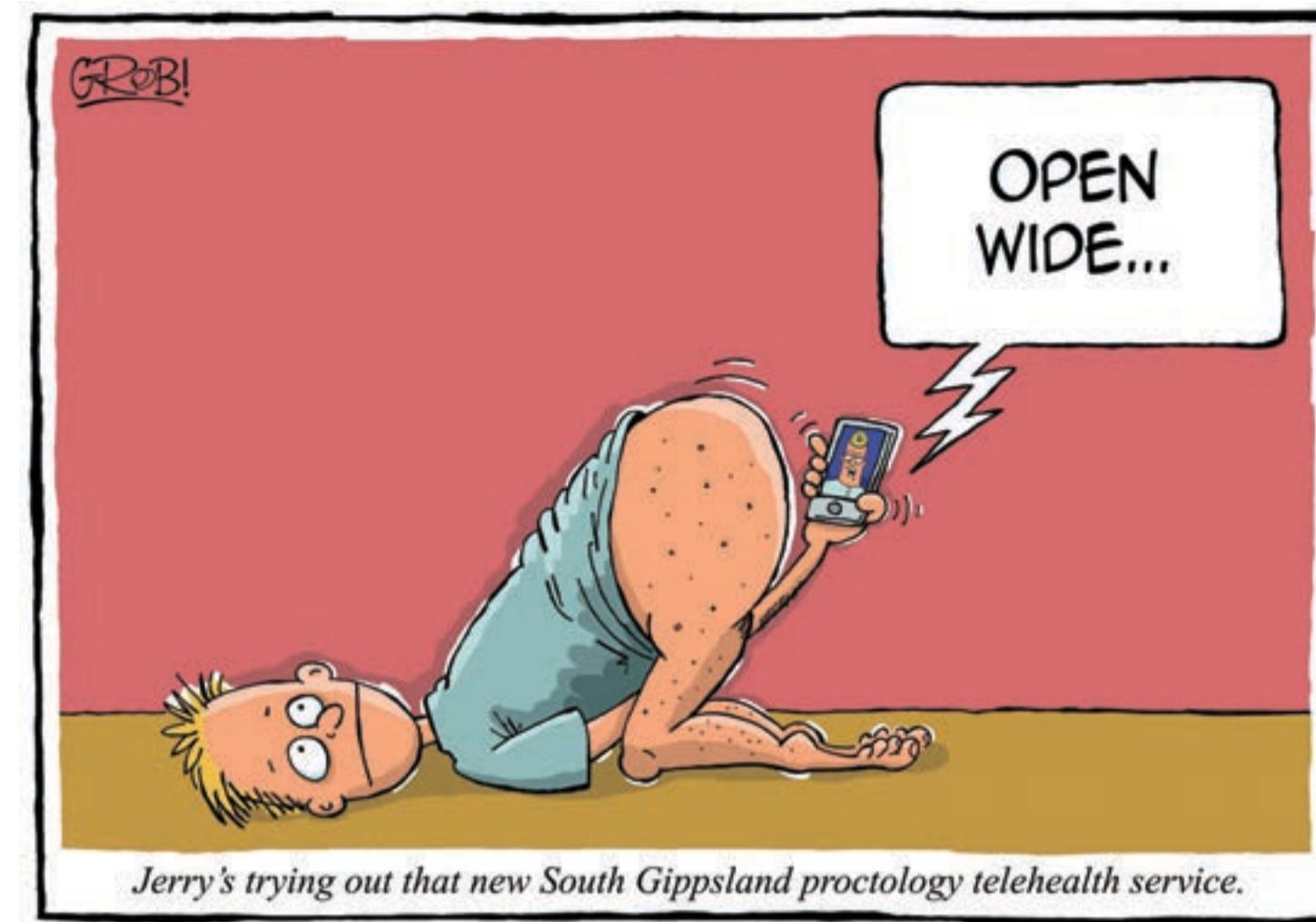
Mr Broadbent has said it's a policy setting he'd expect to see in North Korea or China – not Australia, that it's a slippery slope to more surveillance and censorship on free speech.

You know what, maybe we should simply ignore the trolls, put our own limits on what the kids can access for example and make our own decisions on what is an isn't misinformation rather than stop the free exchange of information that social media provides.

Victorian Volunteering Awards

Do you know a great local volunteer who deserves recognition?

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Victorian Volunteering Awards and anyone can nominate a deserving volunteer!



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

There are several categories of awards for both individuals and organisations who have improved community outcomes through volunteering their time and dedicating themselves to bettering the lives of others. I know we have many wonderful volunteers within our Gippsland South community and am encouraging anyone who is aware of such a person or organisation to submit a nomination of their behalf. Nominations close July 17. For more information or to submit a nomination visit: <https://www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au/events/awards/>

Danny O'Brien MP
The Nationals State Member for Gippsland South

Accessing Voice referendum information

The Australian Electoral Commission website (<https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/>) comprehensively covers the practical issues relating to the Voice referendum.

It outlines how information will be distributed to Australians by the AEC once both Yes and No teams have agreed on their 'pitch' now the Parliamentary process has been completed.

In the meantime, both the Yes and the No cases are being presented through their separate websites.

ABC Australian Story (Monday, June 26, 2023) available on ABC iView, features Professor Megan Davis, a constitutional lawyer.

Professor Davis has worked with many others for over a decade to establish the opportunity to hold a referendum that will enshrine an Advisory Voice into our Constitution.

Well respected journalist Kerry O'Brien, together with Thomas Mayo have written the 'Voice to Parliament' handbook.

Professor Fiona Stanley, AC and Professor Marcia Langton, AO, both contribute to this handbook.

The book has an excellent frequently asked questions section. It also lists the members of the Referendum Working Group and the Referendum Engagement Group as well as providing a history of events that has led to this point in history – the holding of a referendum.

Susan Casey, Jillian Carroll and Rosemary Dunworth (Latrobe Valley Express, Wednesday June 21, 2023) belong to a community discussion group that examines issues relating to our Constitution, its powers and its relationship to Parliament and the Executive Government.

It has explored issues such as the environment as well as the upcoming referendum.

Members of the group are gaining a better understanding of how the Constitution acts as our Parliament's Rule book. A complicated exercise!

The group understands the sky will not fall in with the success of a YES vote.

Again, I ask our Gippsland Federal Parliamentary representative to access the information I have recommended and be even handed in his commentary.

Wendy Castles
Traralgon

Remembering Ross

Vale Ross Smith - and thanks for all the news tips during my years reporting for the Leongatha Star.

No doubt Ross and my late husband Richard are chewing the fat beyond the Pearly Gates, as they did during Richard's time as a local journalist.

My best wishes to Ross's family.

Jane Ross, San Remo

Attitude change

Why does South Gippsland Shire Council continue to restrict requests under Freedom of Information? I regularly hear of delays, obfuscation and extensive redactions from those lodging FOIs, does SGSC have something to hide?

SGSC claims to spend much time and costs answering FOIs when much information is available at the press of a button.

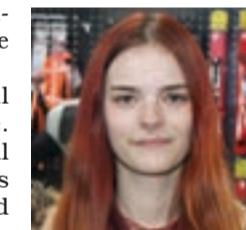
Indeed, FOIs can be costly and time consuming for those wanting information so are only used when all other avenues are exhausted.

Can our council, and councillors change their attitude to releasing what, after all, should be public information, or do we need again ask, "what is there to hide?"

Name and address supplied

Sierra Brown

"No, not at all. I'm continually travelling between Dalyston and Wonthaggi, and I have no trouble with internet service on my mobile in either town."



Stu Gillespie

"Yes, we've had to cancel our satellite internet at home because it was way too slow, and we have resorted to hot spotting from our mobile phones."



Nitjawan Norton

"Yes, my mobile takes too long to load, and our business line and internet has a lot of trouble connecting in the peak periods."



Chelsie Norton

"Yes, my service on my mobile drops in and out when I'm in town, I have very little service at work and only one to two bars when I'm at home."



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.

Wonthaggi was her home

EDITH DOWSON - BORN 1929

Passed away at Rose Lodge Wonthaggi on June 1, 2023, 93 years old

LIVING the whole of her life in Wonthaggi,
Edith Catherine Dowson (nee Asquith) was hard working and family orientated.

She was born in 1929 at the home of her mother's aunty and uncle, in Cameron Street, Wonthaggi. Edith had one sibling, the late Ernest (Ernie) Asquith, a well-known character in Wonthaggi, who died in 1991.

Edith's formative years were spent on the family farm, White Road, Wonthaggi.

Her parents, Joe and Hilda Asquith, were hard-working people.

Formerly of the mines, Joe had switched to farming seeking a better future for his children.

Attending the Wonthaggi Technical School, Edith was studious and a career in nursing or teaching beckoned.

But the death of her father in 1947, and declining health of her mother, increased the demands on her time, and she left school part-way through form five (year 11).

Many years later she would return to the technical school as canteen manageress.

After a period of courtship, Edith married local man, Ivan Dowson, in May 1948.

Tragically, Edith's mother died just six weeks before the wedding.

Her father had died the year prior. Marriage would provide Edith with love and renewal, following a period of great loss.

The new couple raised their family in a house purchased from Ivan's father, just 400 metres up the road from the Asquith Farm.



Edith would live the remainder of her life in this vicinity.

The couple raised four children, Marjorie (Longstaff), Trevor, Lynette (Leppin) and Cheryl.

Edith and Ivan formed a loving and life-long partnership.

They worked side-by-side in the Dowson business, focused on a service station, and bulk fuel deliveries.

Edith managed the book-keeping for the business, served fuel to customers, whilst also running the house.

Edith was a very proficient home cook, with a particular gift for baking sponges and pavlovas to the highest standard.

Social activities centred around meals and family gatherings. Edith was also a decades-long host of Cancer Council 'Biggest Morning Tea' fundraisers.

Working well into their senior years, Edith and Ivan gradually transitioned to retirement.

They enjoyed caravanning in their beloved 'Avan', seeing many parts of Australia. Other shared interests included old-time dancing and card-playing.

A keen and lifelong knitter, Edith was rarely seen without knitting needles in-hand, producing socks, jumpers and rugs for family and charity alike.

After Ivan died in 2013, Edith endured a tough period of grief and loss.

But with the support of family and friends, she pushed-on and shaped an energetic and positive final 10 years.

She continued to travel and socialise and lived independently until the final months of her life.

Edith Dowson died at Rose Lodge Wonthaggi on June 1, 2023. She was 93.



Lucy Job celebrated her 100th birthday over the weekend and is still going strong.

Lucy hits the century milestone

LUCY Mabel Job celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, July 8, and was born in Glen Alvie.

The family came into Wonthaggi by horse and jinker along winding dirt roads.

She went to school in Kongwak and grew up playing tennis, going to the local dances with her young sister, Margaret.

Several years later another sister, Ann, came along.

During the war years, Lucy went to Melbourne to work, firstly in a match factory, then in a cotton factory.

She met her future husband Ken while there, and they married in 1945.

In the 1950s, they were allocated a soldier settlement farm at Lance Creek.

They soon got the farming life sorted and made a good life for the family of five.

Their children, Yvonne, Don, Glenys were happy, well fed and well loved.

After retirement, they moved into Wonthaggi and started playing bowls, going on caravan trips and generally enjoying life.

Lucy was a member of the Lady Birds Indoor Bowls Club for over 40 years.

After being widowed, Lucy remained at home for several years, keeping the house spic and span until she made the decision to go to Rose Lodge.

She has been there for more than six years and been well looked after.

Community achievement awards open

NOW is the time to think about someone amazing who you would like to thank for their tireless work in the community with nominations open for the 2023 Community Achievement Awards for Victoria.

Every town has:

- That inspiring individual, who we all wonder where they always find the time
- The local business forever supporting its community whilst running the best business in town
- The community group that is helping... well everyone and everything

These nominees will be the selfless unsung heroes that dedicate their time to helping the lives of others within their community.

Full details of the Category descriptions and the conditions of entry can be found on our website awardsaustralia.com/Viccaa

Nominations are now open and can be filled in online at awardsaustralia.com/Viccaa and select 'Nominate Now'.

Alternatively, make the process that much easier by calling on 1300 055 096 or email vic@awardsaustralia.com

All nominees will receive a letter of congratulations and a certificate of encouragement for their nomination.

Nominations close Friday, September 1, with judging to take place throughout October. Winners will be announced on Friday, December 1, at the 2023 Community Achievement Awards Gala Presentation Dinner.



Alan McGuinness, and Andrew and Tony Moon display items related to Kardella's Roy Wilkinson who was killed in action in WWI. A03_2823

Memories of Roy Wilkinson return to Korumburra

MEMBERS of Korumburra RSL were delighted to receive important documents and other items concerning Kardella's Leonard Fitzroy Wilkinson, usually known as Roy, who was killed in action during WWI.

He was a labourer who enlisted on 12 August 1915, losing his life little more than a year later.

Avid local historians Tony and Andrew Moon and Roy's distant relative Alan McGuinness were studying the valuable collection, recently picked up from Highett RSL, when the Sentinel-Times arrived on another matter.

Roy had a sister in Bentleigh and the items once in her possession were eventually given to the nearby Highett RSL.

"Bringing this items back into Korum-

burra is a rare opportunity for us," Tony Moon said, adding that it will be on display at the town's RSL.

Roy was aged just 20 when he was killed at Pozieres / Mouquet Farm on 26 August 1916.

Included in the donated items are sombre reminders of his loss and that of his family.

Roy's death plaque is accompanied by a scroll commemorating him.

"Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten," the document declares, with Pte Leonard Fitzroy Wilkinson, 21st Bn AIF displayed beneath.

It's difficult to imagine the anguish Roy's family endured after his death, awaiting news of what had become of

him.

He was initially reported as Wounded in Action on 26 August 1916, with that status changed to Missing in Action in October, and the telegram providing that update is among the collection of items now at Korumburra RSL.

Following an investigation, it was determined Roy had been Killed in Action on the day he was originally reported as wounded.

Buried in the vicinity of Mouquet Farm, Roy's grave was discovered in 1937 and he was re-interred at the London Cemetery Extension, High Wood, Longueval, France.

He is remembered on the Korumburra Cenotaph and on an honour board at Korumburra Primary School.

Crackdown on three areas for ATO

THE Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has announced its three key focus areas for this Tax Time:

- * rental property deductions
- * work-related expenses
- * capital gains tax

ATO Assistant Commissioner Tim Loh said the ATO is continuing to prioritise areas where we often see mistakes being made.

"Within these areas, we have identified common mistakes, and are particularly focused on addressing these and supporting taxpayers and registered tax agents to get their claims right this year."

Rental property deductions: landlords – listen up!

The ATO's review of income tax returns show 9 in 10 rental property owners are getting their return wrong, and often sees rental income being left out, or mistakes being made with property related deductions – like overclaiming expenses or claiming for improvements to private properties.

Around 87% of individual rental owners use a registered tax agent to prepare their income tax returns.

"We encourage rental property owners and their registered tax agents to take extra care this tax time and review their records be-

fore lodging their return," Mr Loh said.

The ATO is particularly focused on interest expenses and ensuring rental property owners understand how to correctly apportion loan interest expenses where part of the loan was used for private purposes (or the loan was re-financed with some private purpose).

"You can only claim interest on a loan used to purchase a rental property to earn rental income – don't forget, if your loan also includes a private expense, such as for a new car or a trip to Bali, you can only claim an interest deduction for the portion relating to producing your rental income," Mr Loh said.

The ATO has sophisticated data matching capabilities which include rental property-related data and has recently implemented a new residential investment property loans data matching program.

"This is just one example of the work we are doing to help you get your return right and make sure people are claiming expenses correctly," Mr Loh said.

For more information visit ato.gov.au/rental

Work-related expenses: avoid the 'copy-paste'

"We continue to see shifts in the



ATO Assistant Commissioner Tim Loh.

way Aussies are working, and it's important to consider whether your claims reflect your working arrangements this year."

"There have also been some changes in how you calculate things like working from home deductions, so don't be tempted to just copy and paste your prior year's claims. We know a lot of people are working back in the office more compared to last year," Mr Loh said.

This year, the ATO is particularly focused on ensuring tax-

payers understand the changes to the working from home methods and are able to back up their claims.

To claim your working from home expenses as a deduction, you can use the actual cost, or the revised fixed rate method, so long as you meet the eligibility and record-keeping requirements.

"Keeping good records will give you flexibility to choose the right method that suits your circumstances and gives you the best deduction this tax time," Mr Loh said.

For more information visit ato.gov.au/home

from home, then CGT may apply," Mr Loh said.

The ATO is reminding taxpayers of the importance of keeping records of the income-producing period and the portion of the property used to produce income to calculate your capital gain. If you used your property to earn income, and qualify for an exemption, make the election in your tax return.

"Don't fall into the trap of thinking we won't notice if you sell an asset for a gain and don't declare it," Mr Loh said.

For more information visit ato.gov.au/CGT

Help and support is here

"We know many people are doing it tough this year. We expect fewer people will receive a refund or may receive smaller refunds than they were expecting, and more may have tax debts to manage," Mr Loh said.

The ATO is committed to supporting taxpayers to meet their obligations and has a range of resources available to help.

"If you're feeling overwhelmed or getting behind with your tax, let us know as early as possible or have a chat with your registered tax agent so we can work with you to find a solution. Don't bury your head in the sand," Mr Loh said.

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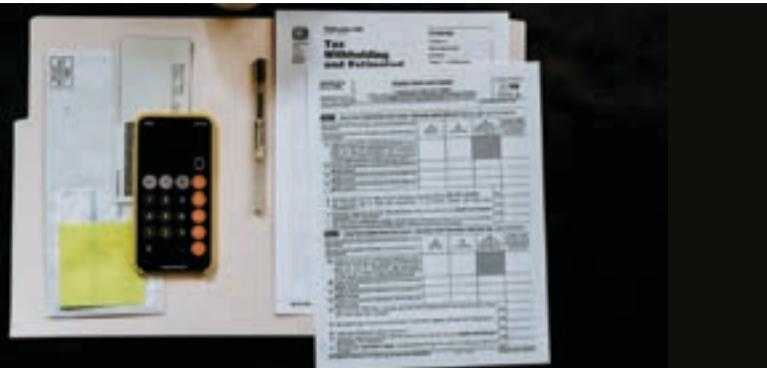


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Help for taxpayers

THE Australian Taxation Office (ATO) continues to expand its data-matching capability to ensure taxpayers don't leave out income or inflate deductions this tax time.

New data is now rolling into the ATO from property managers, landlord insurance providers, financial institutions providing loans for residential investment properties and sharing economy providers, as well as income protection policy information.

ATO Assistant Commissioner Tim Loh said 'this isn't a game of Guess Who, as our sophisticated data-matching programs provide us with all the clues we need to track down taxpayers with incorrect information in their tax return.'

'We will use this information to identify and educate taxpayers who have made incorrect claims in their return, with a longer-term plan to pre-fill as much information as possible in future years,' Mr Loh said.

Residential investment property loans and landlord insurance

The ATO's review of income tax returns show 9 in 10 rental property owners are getting their return wrong.

Mr Loh confirmed two new data-matching protocols start this year for rental investors, including investment loan data and landlord insurance policy information.

'Around 80% of taxpayers with rental income claimed a deduction for interest on their loan, and this is where we're seeing mistakes. For example, you can't refinance an investment property to buy personal items, like a holiday to Europe or a Tesla, then continue to claim the interest expenses as a tax deduction.'

With the new landlord insurance data-matching protocol, the ATO is reminding taxpayers that insurance premiums paid for rental properties can be claimed as a tax deduction. Similarly, any insurance payouts received in relation to an investment property must be reported as income.

'This new data provides us with crucial intelligence to paint a picture of what's true and accurate in tax returns,' Mr Loh said.

87% of taxpayers who own rental proper-

ties use a registered tax agent to lodge their return. It is important taxpayers provide their agent with the right information to prepare their return correctly. Taxpayers are responsible for what they include in their tax return, even when using an agent.

Sharing Economy Reporting Regime (SERR)

Record numbers of taxpayers are now working multiple jobs or supplementing their income with side hustles or sharing economy activities.

The SERR starts from 1 July 2023, requiring more electronic distribution platforms to report payment information to the ATO.

This will come into effect in two phases: electronic distribution platforms that provide taxi services, ride-sourcing, and short-term accommodation must report income data from 1 July 2023

all other electronic distribution platforms must report from 1 July 2024.

'While the ATO has received data from a number of digital platforms in the past, this legislative change means more platforms will be required to regularly report into the future' Mr Loh said.

These new rules will give the ATO clear visibility of people who are earning income using these platforms.'

The information from platforms will be matched against what is reported in tax returns or activity statements.

Income protection insurance

The new income protection data-matching protocol was published this month, meaning the ATO will know premiums paid for income protection insurance policies as well as payouts received.

You can generally claim a deduction for income protection insurance you buy but remember you can't claim the deduction if the insurance policy is paid by your super fund.'

'If you receive an income protection insurance payout from either your personal insurance policy or from your super fund policy, you must include the income in your tax return,' Mr Loh said.

'This new data provides us with crucial intelligence to paint a picture of what's true and accurate in tax returns,' Mr Loh said.

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Save money and grow your own food

By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North Garden Centre

MANY are going through tough times at the moment with the cost of living constantly rising.

But one way to save is to grow your own food and this time of year is the perfect time to plant many food crops such as fruit trees, berries, grapes, asparagus and potatoes.

It is the perfect time as many of these plants are available as bare root meaning they are cheaper and there are plenty of varieties available.

When planting fruit trees it is always important to check which trees need pollinators.

Apples, pears, and most plums need another variety to pollinate them and with plums European plums do not pollinate the Japanese plums.

Plums are easy to grow and there are some varieties that will fruit without another. Luisa is a Japanese plum grown by Flemings.

It is a very tasty plum, large fruit with yellow flesh and oval shape.

Santa Rosa is another Japanese plum that was bred in the USA in the 1960s that is also self fertile.

It produces large plums with golden flesh that are very juicy when the skin turns from bright red to purple.

This plum is also a good pollinator for other Japanese plums like the blood plums – mariposa and satsuma.

That is also a really good reason to grow your own as home grown fruit always tastes so much better and if you have too much, many regions now have regular food swaps where you can take extra produce to swap for something you do not grow.

It is important to note when growing stone fruit especially peaches and nectarines to spray regularly over winter and early spring to avoid curly leaf.

Curly leaf is a fungal disease in the new leaves which weakens the trees.

Citrus is also another great fruit tree to grow and as they are evergreen, they are sold in pots all year round.

At this time of year there is an abundance of fruit especially lemons and limes.

Citrus ripen at different times depending on the variety and the other advantage of citrus is that they hold on the tree well so you can pick as needed.

The most important thing about citrus is that need a sheltered positions, lots of fertiliser and plenty of water when the buds are forming.



Lochlan Fenton of Nationwide Trees (third generation) who produce thousands of trees and tree seedlings.

They can also be grown in pots or espaliered if space is limited.

There are many ornamental trees that are also available at this time of year and it is possible to buy many at very cheap prices.

It is always nice to go outside into the garden and there is the scent of perfume in the air.

With selective planting it is possible to have something scented for most months.

The best scented plant flowering this month is daphne odora.

There are many varieties of daphne but daphne odora is the well-known favourite.

When the weather is dreary, it is nice to see colour in the garden and one of the best flowering plants during the winter months are the proteas.

This year supply is good and there are numerous different proteas available but for the cut flowers you cannot go past Pink Ice which flowers for many months and makes a great long lasting cut flower.

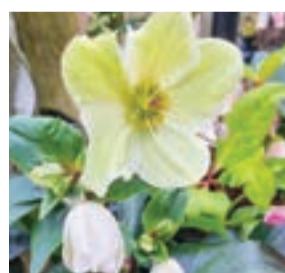
Mix proteas with leucadendrons, banksias, grevilleas and other natives such as Geraldton wax and correas to encourage bees and nectar loving birds to the garden.

Proteas are easy to grow just pick a well drained site that is sunny. To prune remove the spent flowers and do not fertilise but if you fell you need to make sure it is suitable for native plants.

Most roses need a good prune in winter. Remove 30 to 50 per cent (depending how ruthless you are) take out any weak and/or dead growth and remove all clippings and leaves from the ground.

After pruning give a cleanup spray of lime sulphur.

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Tree planting with Kongwak children and community

PIONEER Reserve in Kongwak will see new growth as the next generation of little Land Carers will be planting trees there for the National Schools Tree Day this July.

The day falls on Friday July 28, prior to Planet Ark's National Tree Day, and The Kongwak Hills Landcare Group are working with the Kongwak Primary School, who run a Sustainable Kongwak class.

"We're tapping into that and just taking them out for some real-world experience," Grace Couchman, Site Organiser said.

The Pioneer Reserve is located behind the school, so the children feel a connection to it.

"They're going to learn about propagation and they're going to plant some trees and then next year they're going to collect seeds and other plants, and they're going to start a sustainable re-planting every year with their teacher."

Planet Ark has provided funding for 2000 plants and the Wonthaggi Seed Bank and Nursery have provided the Indigenous plants which are native to the area. Plants of different varieties

and heights will provide new habitat for animals and birds.

The Kongwak community will come together on the Saturday to finish planting the rest of the trees. The Reserve is a public space that people can wander through, take photographs of the flora and fauna and spot local wildlife.

The Kongwak Hills Landcare Group would like members of the community to come along and also use the planting day as an opportunity to meet with old and new neighbours.

"We're going to restock the undergrowth there and put in a bit of over story as well. There are some parts of the reserve that have struggled over the last few years and there's part of it that needs a bit of love."

The community planting day will take place in the Reserve, on Saturday July 29, 10-4pm. A bush tucker lunch will be provided and has been funded by the South Gippsland Council.

RSVP for catering purposes to kongwakhillslandcare@gmail.com or <https://treeday.planetark.org/sites/10027731>.



Kongwak Primary School students and the community will be planting trees in the Pioneer Reserve in Kongwak, July 28 and 29. ob20_2823



The next generation of little land carers will be planting out in the Pioneer Reserve in Kongwak on National School Tree Day. ob21_2823



Overall life satisfaction dwindling, report finds

AS PART of an enduring partnership spanning more than two decades, Australian Unity and Deakin University have released their latest Wellbeing Index Survey Report, measuring the subjective wellbeing of over 2,000 Australian adults against a series of personal and national life domains.

Key findings:

- * Satisfaction slides: Australians' overall life satisfaction has fallen to the lowest score on record.

- * Young Australians are struggling: 18-25 year-olds' wellbeing has hit an all-time low and they recorded the highest levels of mental distress and climate worry.

- * Multiple crises put pressure on wellbeing: More Australians on average scored below the normal range for personal wellbeing, including those under 56 years of age, on a household income below \$60,000 and those in casual work or unemployed.

The new Report, detailing survey data collected in May 2022, found Australia's subjective wellbeing declined across all measures as the country faces a polycrisis of cost-of-living pressures, climate change

and global uncertainty, amidst an ongoing health pandemic.

This marks the first time in over a decade that such a consistent downturn has been observed across all wellbeing measures.

Key groups that recorded all-time low scores for their collective wellbeing included 18-25-year-olds and low-income households. Young adults also recorded the highest level of mental distress and climate worry.

However, they felt most optimistic that climate change can be kept under control when compared to all other age groups.

The Australian Unity Wellbeing Index is one of the longest running national studies of subjective wellbeing in the world. Since its inception in 2001, data from over 70,000 Australians has been widely used by researchers, governments, and organisations to gain insights into how satisfied citizens are with their lives.

For more information about the Australian Unity Wellbeing Index or to take the personal survey, visit australianunity.com.au

CONVERSATION with Claire



Take a breath and relax

By author Claire Chitty

RUSHING through life has become the norm for many people. Let me paint a generic picture for the 'average person' I meet.

They wake up, often after a restless night's sleep and immediately reach for their technology device to scroll through social media.

The thought of another ground hog day fills them with overwhelm; there's commitments and time constraints that demand attention – children's breakfast and lunches to prepare, then school drop off. Rush into work already flustered to a job that may or may not be fulfilling.

Evenings may entail extra curriculum activities for the children, dinner and TV/streaming before collapsing into bed exhausted, vowing tomorrow will be different.

Now let's create a more positive outcome; one that's good for your mental and physical health

Imagine waking up 15 minutes earlier and starting the day figuratively, on the 'right foot.'

Before getting out of bed, think of everything you're grateful for, no matter how small that may be. As everything is energy, being grateful your health, a warm bed, clothes, family, friends, clean water, electricity and so forth, attracts more good things into your life. Then stretch and welcome in an amazing new day filled with possibilities. Beginning the day with a positive mind will generally set the tone for the day and make it easier to handle challenges that may occur.

How about incorporating yoga or another form of physical exercise to shake off any sleepiness, to get the blood pumping and oxygenating the brain for vitality and energy.

Eating a healthy breakfast provides essential nutrients that keeps the body fueled and energy levels high. This can also be beneficial in helping prevent

munching on less nutritious calorie-laden foods mid-morning.

To keep the good vibes going throughout the day, how about exploring...

Avoid reaching for your phone first thing in the morning. Experiment with reading a book instead which is easier on the eyes and less addictive than social media or negative information.

Take 10 - 30 minutes a day for meditation to quieten the mind; and when moments of stress or overwhelm occur, practice deep breathing. Connecting into the breath helps you return to a place of calm and mindfulness which in turn leads to more productive outcomes.

Limit caffeine and substitute for two litres of water, preferably from a glass bottle. Water helps nourish the skin, remove toxins and lubricates joints.

Journal writing is a beautiful way to record special memories, stay focused on gratitude and frees the mind of thoughts and emotions. Journalling can be rewarding to look back over time and see just how far you've progressed.

Connect with family and friends and spend quality time together. Importantly, spend time with yourself doing something you love.

Getting outside for fresh air, preferably in nature has a natural calming effect. Ocean waves, the sound of birds and leaves rustling in the wind help to reconnect back to a place of stillness.

Rather than society's fast pace, when you incorporate these simple techniques into your day, you will feel more balanced, more peaceful, healthier and more in flow with life. And a gift for your mind and body.

Note: Claire is an Early Childhood Educator, Kinesiologist, Angel Teacher and Intuitive Healer, with a passion to create positive change globally.

She recently moved to the Bass Coast area and is an award winning #1 International Bestselling Author who has spoken at events that include NY Times, Bob Doyle and Marci Shimoff from the hit movie, The Secret; Rickie Byars, acclaimed and beloved singer/songwriter in the genre of Inspirational/New Thought music; and Keith Leon S. speaker and author.



Guest speakers Emma Gunn (emergency nurse and third-year medical student), Tricia Weickhardt (paramedic), Lee Garwood (CEO Maryvale Private Hospital) and Melissa Barnes (speech pathologist).

Gippsland students encouraged to take a local healthcare career

MORE than 70 local school students from across Gippsland including Bass Coast and South Gippsland took part in a health camp to explore different options and pathways for a career in Gippsland's health sector.

The Local Learning & Employment Network (LLEN) together with local business and health organisations supported the two-day event by facilitating walk-throughs of hospitals and clinics, and mentoring students with some of Gippsland's health industry professionals.

Ian Whitehead CEO of Latrobe Health Services, Gippsland's not-for-profit health insurer and owner of Maryvale Private Hospital, said ongoing challenges in recruitment and retention of health professionals in Gippsland makes engagement with local students essential for the future of our health care workforce in Gippsland.

"Gippsland is not immune to the workforce shortages of health care professionals we see more broadly across many regional communities. Engaging with the students in our region today and supporting them to take up careers and options locally is an important step for developing our workforce," Mr Whitehead said.

LLEN Health Camp organiser Lisa Price said is not always easy for students to be able to undertake a work placement in a health setting, so the health camp provided students with a mix of hands-on activities, industry visits and the opportunity to engage with health professionals over dinner. "Our current focus is to strengthen the connection between schools and industry to help students develop a pathway from school into further study or employment.

"We know that there is currently, and will be into the future, strong interest for people to work in the health sector across a variety of roles which is what we wanted to nurture. Having a locally grown workforce means that people are more likely to stay in the region and so encouraging students to see opportunities for careers locally is very important," Ms Price said.

The Health Camp is a partnership between the Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN, Federation University and TAFE Gippsland and is sponsored by Latrobe Health Assembly, West Gippsland Healthcare Group, Latrobe Health Services, Latrobe Valley Authority, Gippsland Primary Health Network, Monash Rural Health and Rural Workforce Agency Victoria.



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Medical students spoilt for choice

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is excited to host another intake of medical students as part of the health service's contribution to training the medical workforce of the future.

The students are a mix of fourth and fifth year students from Monash University's Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine course, and they are undertaking their placements until October.

During that time, they will undertake rotations in the Emergency Department, Kodowlinun Acute Ward, Sub-Acute and Theatre to gain a breadth of medical experience.

Jack Smart, a fifth year student, has been working in Acute Ward.

"I've been doing a lot of ward rounds, taking notes, helping with some procedures and doing tasks with the team," he said.

BCH CEO Jan Child said she wanted students to have an enjoyable time so they return to BCH in an ongoing capacity.

"Working in a sub-regional health service such as Bass Coast Health offers students a diversity of experiences they may not receive in a metropolitan health service," she said.

• FAITH FACTOR

Who do you think Jesus is?

Pastor Jeff Robertson, Connections Church Inverloch & Foster, Australian Christian Churches

MANY people would consider Jesus to be the most well-known person in human history. And while we have a lot of detail about his life, words and actions, there are many people who want to make Jesus fit into their own concept of who they want him to be.

Sometimes we're told that Jesus was just a nice guy who said some nice things. Often it seems that people interpret Jesus to support their own opinions about whatever the topic of discussion.

But we're far better off seeking who he really is, then trying to fit him into a box of our own making.

Near the start of his ministry, Jesus spoke these words about himself in Luke 4: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Good news, freedom, recovery, and favour can be found in him.

It's not about Jesus endorsing our opinions and what we think everyone else should do. But we can seek him, and his ways; and find self-sacrificial love, and good news of freedom, favour and recovery - when we turn to him and invite him to work in our lives; when we trust his ways instead of our own.

Once, Jesus asked his disciples about who people thought he was, and there were a number of different responses. Then he followed up by asking, "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:15).

Regardless of what everyone else says, we need to find out who Jesus really is and respond accordingly.

If you want to know more about him, read the book that records the eyewitness accounts of his life - the Bible. And invite him to bring his love, good news, freedom, and favour into your life.

Cottage Market a success

A PASSION for craft was on show at a recent Cottage Market raising funds for Leongatha Community House and creating awareness of the opportunities it provides.

Much of the donated work was done by members of the organisation's Tuesday and Thursday craft groups, with makers happy to chat about their creations.

Sarah Hudson, who works at the Community House as an office volunteer once ran a haberdashery shop and was on hand selling items such as trimmings and material, helping inspire the creativity of others.

That is something she does by teaching sewing and dressmaking at the Community House.

Pat Dale has long enjoyed creating natural fibre baskets, a craft form she said has taken off in popularity and has written a couple of books on the subject, also enjoying teaching beginners the skills needed during her Community House classes.

Her joy of the traditional



Sarah Hudson displays trimmings during the Cottage Market at Leongatha Community House. A01_2223

craft can be traced back to when she moved to the area and joined a CWA group for younger women, with harvesting bulrush and making

baskets from them among the skills she learned.

Pat now also works with other materials such as grasses and coloured

threads.

She has spent time with indigenous natural fibre basket makers in Cape York and has great respect for their work and traditions.

Nobody went hungry at the Cottage Market, with brownies, scones and other delicious treats on offer to fuel their shopping experience.

A spokesperson for Leongatha Community House manager said they were delighted with the turnout for the market.

"It was very successful and we saw a lot of new faces," they said.

Fortunately \$334 was raised, and at the time, it was yet to be decided how the money will be spent but suggesting that establishing a coffee club for community members is a possibility.

Anyone keen to learn more about the Community House and its courses and programs to pay a visit to 16 Bruce Street Leongatha, check out the Leongatha Community House Facebook page or call 5662 3962.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

IT'S A new term with a new Grapevine Program listing, out now! Not only that but we have some new groups and programs starting up too.

The first is Mindfulness with

Maree on Wednesdays, 3.30 to 4.15pm. Here is an opportunity for people wanting to learn different mindfulness and breathing techniques that will enhance relaxation and inner peace. Research has confirmed the benefits of techniques that can be practised seated or lying down on a mat. Come along and give it a go.

Our next new group is the New Wave Gippsland Bass Coast advocacy group that is run by and for people with an intellectual disability and acquired brain injury living in the Bass Coast area. They work together to make sure they have the same rights, choices and opportunities as everyone else in the community. They meet

every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11.30am. To find out more call us for more contact information. The dates to remember are July 13, August 10 and September 14.

Our last new group for this term is the ALOTS (Adults living on the Spectrum Social Group). They meet on the fourth Saturday of the month, from 1.30 to 2.30pm. These are the dates for this term: July 22, August 26, September 23.

The Fixit Café is on again this Sunday, July 16 from 11am to 1pm. It's happening at the Harvest Centre beyond the Big W car park past the Goods Shed. It's great how much the Men's Shed members offer their skills and time. This is a joint initiative between the WNC and The Wonthaggi Men's Shed. Just to let you know that fixers dealing with electrical repairs, very popular by the way, is down to one person. So book in ASAP.

A reminder that all items need to be assessed and booked in before the day, no walk-ins. Just remember that you must be able to carry the item (leave that ride on mower behind) and bring any replacement parts. The next ones are: August 20 and September 17.

As the school term has started, all our current programs and groups are back on board. Please note that the Thursday AA meeting and the Writers' Café are no longer operating.

Membership is due as it's the beginning of the new financial year. The session costs have remained the same as pre Covid prices with members continuing to get discounts for Learn-Share activities.

Don't forget that the Committee of Management is currently seeking your thoughts and feedback through a survey. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey.

If you have yet to do so we encourage your response - your feedback and ideas are important to us. It will be open until the end of July. The survey can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHY337>

Or through a link on the WNC website: <https://www.wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com>. We have lots going on at the WNC over the months so consider becoming a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive a monthly newsletter plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, their dates, days and times for the term. Both can be delivered online or by post, your choice.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

TERM 3 is here, and there's plenty coming up this month.

First Aid will be commencing on Tuesday, July 25. While

very important for workplaces, it's a course which is invaluable in every area of life. A participant in one of the earlier courses was called upon to use their first aid skills the very next day, so you never know when you might need it.

For those who already hold a First Aid Level 2 certificate, there is a one-day update course on Friday, July 28. The Level 2 certificate should be updated every three years and CPR is recommended to be updated every 12 months.

Term 3 also sees the return of the Mindfulness for Resilience course. The sessions

give you tools to boost workplace harmony and productivity through mindfulness and meditation.

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

■ WONTAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

A stroll through the garden, observing plant growth, or lack of it, checking weedy spots and picking out potential problem areas is an important part of the garden's overall maintenance.

Last week volunteers decided, after a good look around, to plant up a newly vacant plot with a cover crop of peas and broad beans.

The plan is to produce a spring harvest of legumes and inhibit weed growth, while feeding the soil with nitrogen from the plants' roots.

Volunteers will search their seed stash for a mix of peas and beans and get them into the soil asap. The bed should then be ready for a warm season crop come October/November.

If you or your group would like to visit the garden to observe what's growing please contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or drop in on a Thursday between 10am and noon.

■ WONTAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies have received a donation of timber from a member who is no longer able

to use it, as well as a range of tools. Members will be able to purchase pieces, which range from small to very large, for their own projects.

A friend of the group from Mount Macedon has also donated a 150-year-old piece of pear tree. Last Friday, the Woodies cut it into slabs for the joinery group, with the smaller pieces going to the turners. Patience pays off.

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



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Experience LowRez in Foster

MELBOURNE'S only male voice pop choir, LowRez, returns to South Gippsland for one night only, with their concert "A Little Bit Diva" at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre on Saturday, July 22, at 7pm.

Now in their 15th year, the men's choir has grown from an idea among three friends (one with deep ties to South Gippsland) to upwards of 50 voices of all ages and backgrounds, bringing memorable tunes to enthusiastic audiences, led by musical director Ursula Paez and accompanist Geoff Urquhart. Over the past half dozen years or so, with a little COVID-imposed gap, LowRez has come to South Gippsland each year, singing to full houses in Meeniyan and Fish Creek.

This year, it's Foster's turn and the choir is aiming to bring new audiences and new sounds together, and to renew friendships with regular concertgoers.

Pop music is a broad spectrum, and this concert will bring some of the best known stars - think Eurythmics, Madonna, Freddie Mercury, Aretha Franklin - in arrangements specially commissioned for the choir.

LowRez always creates a platform for local South Gippsland talent to shine,



LowRez returns to South Gippsland for one night only in July.

and they regularly team up with local artists to share the spotlight. This year three Gippsland choirs will join them in Foster - Bec's Bonny Boners, Grandridge 245, and Queer Choir.

LowRez says its commitment to diversity

and inclusion means welcoming others to share the performance space and learn from each other, and to spread the joy of music across the Shire. Welcome back LowRez! Tickets are available at <https://lowrez.com.au/node/760>.

Arockalypse Now returns

IN 2023, Arockalypse Now is making a highly-anticipated comeback with an extraordinary lineup of bands set to perform on two impressive stages at The Westernport.

This event promises to be an exhilarating experience for music enthusiasts.

Things will kick off with the electrifying performance of Jungle Jim Smith, delivering his unique blend of solo-styled punk blues. Reminiscent of artists like Bob Log III and Jon Spencer, Jungle Jim is sure to captivate the audience with his raw energy and powerful sound.

Following closely is Rex Dante, a talented three-piece band hailing from Naarm/Melbourne. Fans of Royal Blood and Queens of the Stone Age are in for a treat as Rex Dante takes the stage. Their dynamic and hard-hitting performance promises to deliver a thrilling experience, showcasing their impressive musicianship and drawing in the crowd with their twisted, groovin', infectious sound.

As the night progresses, get ready for the exhilarating performance of Speed Mullet in the band room. This electrifying band will unleash their manic electro punk styles, creating a sonic fusion reminiscent of Amyl and the Sniffers colliding with Suicide. Their energetic sound is a unique blend that defies categorization, combining elements of punk, electronic music, and raw attitude. When Speed Mullet takes the stage, be prepared for a wild ride. Their live sets are known for their high-energy presence and infectious beats that will make you want to move.

Prepare to be transported to a soul-drenched psychedelic realm as Nick Carver and the Mean St Butchers grace the front bar of Arockalypse Now. This talented band is known for their captivating blend of rock music infused with elements of soul and psychedelia.

Their previous notable support of The Tea Party at The Westernport, demonstrates their ability to captivate audiences and share the stage with renowned acts. The bar will become a haven for those seeking an immersive and mind-altering musical journey, as this talented band enchants the crowd with their soul-infused psychedelic rock. Prepare to be mesmerised by their performance and let the music carry you away into a realm of sonic exploration.

As Sandy Dish takes the stage, be prepared for an electrifying experience that combines punk rock sensibilities with a strong feminist perspective. Their infectious energy and compelling stage presence will leave the audience exhilarated and craving more.

Get ready to be swept away by the disheveled coastal rock sounds of The Sand Brothers, a local band making waves at Arockalypse Now, Saturday, August 5.



Inverloch View Club celebrates 25 years

IT IS 25 years since the Inverloch View Club was established during which it has continuously supported the 'Smith Family' charity. President Heather (first row second from right) welcomed club members to the celebratory lunch which was held at the family owned Harman Wines Vineyard on Friday, June 23. It is a great venue for such occasions and the food, wine and good service was enjoyed by all who attended. Long serving View Club member Jenny was also celebrating her own birthday and the other members gave the traditional vocal response.

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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

GENERAL TRIVIA QUIZ

- [\$100] Who painted the famous artwork 'The Starry Night'? A. Salvador Dalí. B. Vincent van Gogh. C. Pablo Picasso. D. Michelangelo.
- [\$200] What is the chemical formula for water? A. H₂O₂. B. CO₂. C. H₂O. D. O₂.
- [\$300] On what date was JFK assassinated? A. November 22, 1962. B. November 22, 1963. C. November 22, 1964. D. November 22, 1965.
- [\$500] Who composed the theme music for the Raiders of the Lost Ark? A. Keith Forsey. B. John Williams. C. Howard Leslie Shore. D. Herman Hupfeld.
- [\$1000] Which of these is not a style of Twinings' Tea? A. Australian Afternoon. B. English Breakfast. C. Chandigarh Orange Pekoe. D. Darjeeling.
- [\$2000] Which of these actors did not appear in the 1944 Oscar-winning film 'Casablanca'? A. Sydney Greenstreet. B. Humphrey Bogart. C. Paul Lukas. D. Dooley Wilson.
- [\$4000] Which composer is known for his "Four Seasons"? A. Antonio Vivaldi. B. Johann Strauss II. C. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. D. Richard Wagner.
- [\$8000] Which of these Bond songs didn't win an Academy Award? A. No Time to Die. B. Writing's on the Wall. C. Skyfall. D. Nobody Does It Better.
- [\$16,000] In the movie 'Titanic' what was the name of Rose's fiancé? A. Thomas Andrews. B. Brock Lovett. C. Cal Hockley. D. Jack Dawson.
- [\$32,000] What is the authentic cadence? A. Peddling at 60-80 r/min. B. A chord sequence in music. C. Relates to optics in IT. D. How a voice inflection changes.
- [\$64,000] Which of these movies didn't make it into the top 20 lifetime grossing films. A. Avengers: Endgame. B. Top Gun: Maverick. C. The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King. D. Frozen
- [\$125,000] After the United States, UK and Germany which country has produced the most Nobel Prize winners? A France. B. Sweden. C. Australia. D. Russia.
- [\$250,000] Who is responsible for this quote: "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." A. Albert Einstein. B. Nelson Mandela. C. Bertrand Russell. D. Confucius.
- [\$500,000] From which Shakespeare play did the following quote originate: "The course of true love never did run smooth". A. Romeo & Juliet. B. A Midsummer Night's Dream. C. Twelfth Night. D. Macbeth.
- [\$1,000,000] Which of these is not a world-famous hair stylist? A. Sally Hershberger. B. Oribe Canales. C. Guido Palau. D. Nirmal Purja.

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13. A. Albert Einstein. 14. B. A Midsummer Night's Dream.
10. B. A short sequence in music. 11. C. The
Hockey. 12. D. Nobody Does It Better. 9. C. Cal
Antonio Vivaldi. 8. D. John Wayne Pekoe. 6. C. Paul Lukas.
5. C. Chandigarh Orange Pekoe. 4. B. John Williams.
H2O. 3. C. November 22, 1964. 2. C. Vincent van Gogh.
1. B. Sally Hershberger.

Quiz Answers: 1. B. Vincent van Gogh. 2. C.

SUDOKU

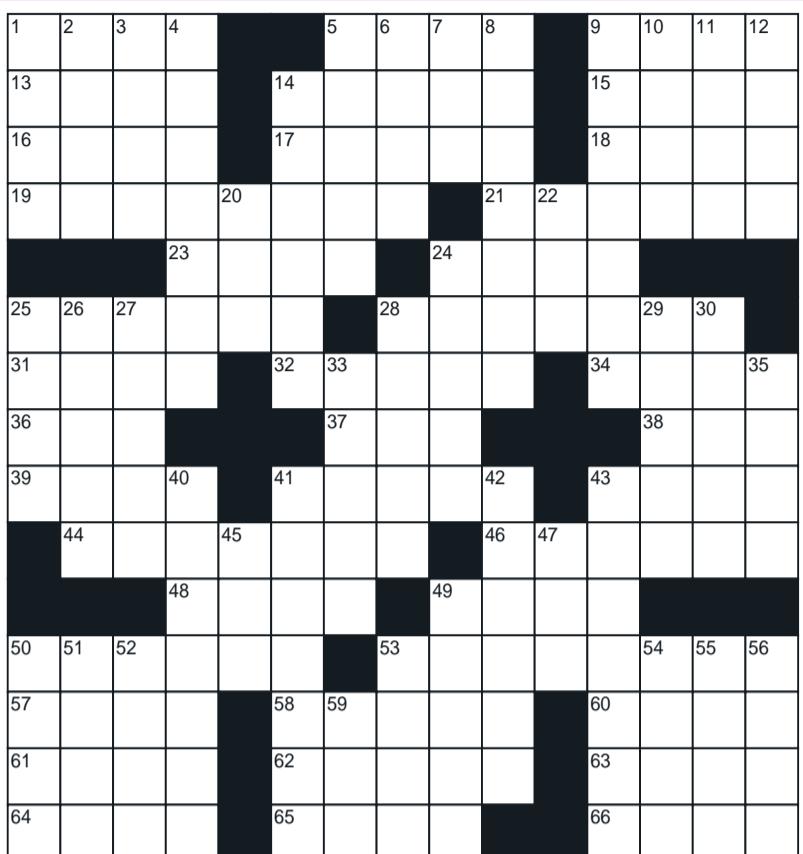
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Instructions:

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

CROSSWORD



CALCUDOKU

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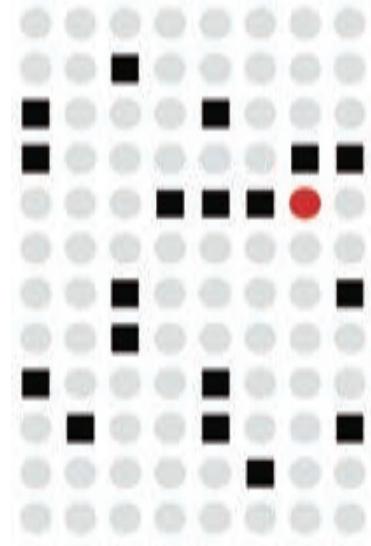
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Instructions:

Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 6 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used.

TIP: For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.

DOT CONNECT



Level: HARD

Instructions: Start from the initial dot, then connect all dots on the board. Connections are made vertically or horizontally without overlap.

Source: <https://api.razzlepuzzles.com/>

MAGIC SQUARES

Instructions:

- You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 16 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

Sourced from: www.edu-games.org

SOLUTIONS: July 4, 2023

Crossword:

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Sudoku #1:

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Sudoku #2:

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Executive assistant Dallas Surace with Louise Sparks, CEO of SGHS, who said the Smoking Ceremony is part of recognising cultural diversity. ob02_2823



Ann Fowles, Elyse O'Brien, Teesha Hall and Mavis Samson were willing to brave the cold weather to take part in witnessing the Smoking Ceremony on the grounds at Korumburra Hospital. ob03_2823



Jenny Dempster, Kimberly Roberts and Nikki Williams believe the Smoking Ceremony is important for the inclusivity it brings. ob04_2823



Sharyn Cook and Bobbie Lee Blay believe the Smoking Ceremony helps to bring recognition and celebrates the diversity of cultures within their community. ob05_2823



Mark Brammar of Strzelecki Heritage Apples makes the best of Saturday's weather at Coal Creek Farmers Market, with his business growing over 400 varieties of apples, as well as pears and plums. A07_2823



Lyn Jones of Jones Potatoes in Warragul South at Saturday's Coal Creek Farmers Market grows a number of spud varieties with her most popular type being the 'Andean Sunrise'. A08_2823



Donald Wylie, and Cheryl and Brian Enbom sell delicious treats at Coal Creek Farmers Market, raising funds for Jumbunna Hall, which will be restumped when winter passes. A09_2823



Sophie Thorn, and Tash and Blake Miles of Melbourne pop into the Coal Creek Farmers Market on Saturday, always enjoying checking out farmers markets in the towns they visit. A10_2823



Happy customer Monica Lazcano holds her newly purchased honey, with stallholder Aris Wolswinkel, long-term beekeeper and former dairy farmer bringing his Loch-based Aris's Pure Honey to the Coal Creek Farmers Market. A11_2823



Pictures of you and your friends at Smoking Ceremony at Korumburra Hospital for NAIDOC Week, Coal Creek Farmers Market, Mirboo North footy and Gippsland Symphony Orchestra's Korumburra performance.



Marge Barton, John Cowling, Loreli Perez, and Gina and Sid Cowling look forward to the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra performance at Korumburra's St Joseph's Church, with Gina and Sid having previously been members of the orchestra. A36_2823

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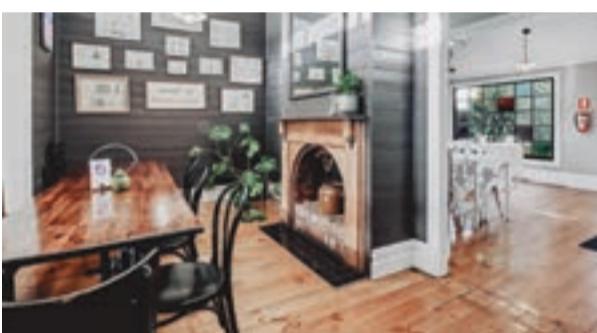
Sourdough baker Marcus Winnick with customers Terry Nash and Linda Watt who look forward to his monthly visits to the Coal Creek Farmers Market, with Marcus using a 40-year-old starter and baking European-style breads. A12_2823



Tim Smith enjoys a visit to Coal Creek Farmers Market before starting his radio shift at South Coast FM. A13_2823



Bree Smith with puppy Chip at Saturday's Indigenous Round match at Mirboo North wears her locally designed indigenous top. A15_2823



The Rusty Windmill Café

- Genuine sale with an abundance of growth opportunities

FOR SALE is The Rusty Windmill, a cafe located in the beautiful town of Leongatha.

Well-known and loved by locals, The Rusty Windmill has a great reputation for great coffee and excellent food, and its seasonal menu features a wonderful abundance of fresh and local produce this region has to offer.

This welcoming cafe comfortably seats up to 40 patrons indoors, with an outdoor terrace that can seat an additional 30 diners, making it a great place to meet friends or family.

Included in the price of this business is:

- An established loyal clientele
- All the plant and equipment; which has been expertly installed and well maintained

- Fittings, fixtures, counters, electronic point of sale system
- All cookware and crockery
- All indoor and outdoor furniture
- A strong social media following of almost 2k followers

The Rusty Windmill's style is gorgeous and boasts a warm and cosy atmosphere.

Situated in a great location in Leongatha with main street exposure, and with the opportunity to expand by introducing a liquor license (STCA), evening trading, wine/tapas bar, deli style store, offer cooking classes or create a boutique reception venue... There are endless possibilities for growth in this business! The current owners have loved and grown this business to where it is today however, are ready to move on

to their next adventure, with a genuine sale and fantastic growth opportunities, this is your sign!

So don't delay- For more information or to arrange your private inspection, please contact Kellie Thomas of Harcourts Leongatha 0438 647 449 or email kellie.thomas@nh.com.au.

45 McCartin Street,
Leongatha
For Sale
\$90,000
Agent Nutrien Harcourts
Kellie Thomas 0438 647 449

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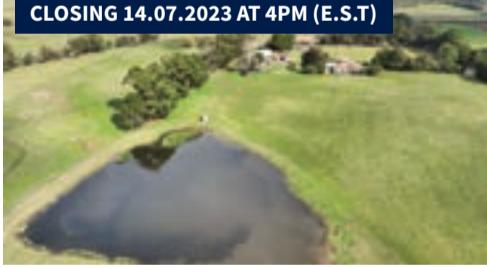


FOR SALE



**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CLOSING 14.07.2023 AT 4PM (E.S.T.)**

FOR SALE



LEONGATHA

Impressive & Immaculate!

- Flawlessly presented 3 BR, 2 Bathroom home
- Open plan kitchen/dining/living with raked ceilings.
- Oversized double lock up garage

FOR SALE \$785,000

DUMBALK

Perfectly Presented Home!

- Renovated modern 3 BR, 1 Bathroom home.
- Large 24m x 7.5m lock-up shed with power.
- Sits on 3,869m² of immaculate & manicured land.

FOR SALE \$699,000

LEONGATHA SOUTH

Beautiful Farm with River Frontage

- Remarkable grazing property on 213.8 Acres.
- Charming 3 BR home with character features.
- Shelterbelts, central laneway & disused dairy.

KARDELLA

21 Acres of Paradise!

- 2 BR miners cottage & additional detached studio.
- Located in the lush green rolling hills.
- Great shedding, waterways & seasonal harvests.

FOR SALE \$950,000



Barry Redmond



0477 622 292

Director/Licensed Estate Agent

Kellie Thomas



0438 647 449

Licensed Estate Agent

Matt Redmond



0418 357 341

Licensed Estate Agent

Monique Nightman



5662 2292

Office Admin & Marketing Manager





51.5 stunning acres with historic homestead

CAPTIVATING from the front gate to the back paddock, this picturesque rural lifestyle property with its extensive views and historic cottage style home is a credit to its current owners and the list of improvements is never ending!

The beautiful three bedroom weatherboard home with stunning original floor boards throughout is the original 'Eastaways Cottage' and has been extensively renovated over the years; it boasts an open plan living/dining/kitchen area with quality appliances and finishes including double ceramic farmhouse sink, stone bench tops, AGA oven, Italian tap ware and dishwasher as well as a solid fuel heater for winter comfort.

Two of three bedrooms feature built in robes, and the bathroom has been updated with open shower, clawfoot bath and stone top vanity.

The verandah is the perfect place for your morning coffee or simply watch the sun go down.

There is a fantastic shed next to the house that has been converted into a spacious entertaining space complete with bar!

Earn some accommodation income or merely invite the family over for a weekend away to stay in the brand new one bedroom cottage with modern bathroom, reverse cycle heating and cooling and excellent storage.

After spending the day amongst the fruit trees, veggie

garden with raised garden beds and tending to the chickens, rinse off in the outdoor bathroom which has a shower and toilet. There is a gorgeous barn style garden shed to store all your gardening equipment!

To add to the list of improvements is a huge 40m x 21m colorbond ridgeback shed of which half has been concreted and there is a 250,000L water tank attached.

Farm features:

- Heavy carrying pastures with 2km of frontage to Fish Creek
- Excellent fertiliser history
- Solar powered electric fencing to whole farm
- Reliable water supply reticulated to all paddocks
- Cattle yards with crush
- Well sheltered with tree lined paddocks

Located just 4km to the township of Fish Creek and a short drive to the region's most beautiful beaches, this magnificent property will not disappoint.

Expressions of Interest closing August 10, 2023.

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245 Eastaways Road,
Fish Creek
For Sale
Expressions of interest
Agent Ray White Leongatha
Kasey Bowman
0439 207 196



RayWhite

Under Offer

65 Pines Road, **Mirboo North**

THE PERFECT LIFESTYLE WITH EARNING POTENTIAL

- 2 bedroom homestead on 70 acres
- 3 bedroom home/bnb
- Abundance of outbuildings
- Breathtaking 180 degree views

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$1,050,000

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118 Sweeneys Lane, **Dumbalk**

50 ACRES WITH FAMILY HOME

- Perfectly positioned to capture the views
- Modern & functional family home
- Excellent river flats & heavy blue gum country
- 6 minutes to Meenyan

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$1,200,000

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114 Beilbys Road, **Nerrena**

115 ACRE GRAZING/LIFESTYLE BLOCK

- Ideal for fattening cattle or dairy turnout
- Power connected, machinery shed
- Good stockyards with crush & loading race
- 12.6 acres of Tarwin River lease

Jason Harris 0417 640 079

\$14,500 per acre

Michael Hanly



Jason Harris



Paige Matthews



Dave Trotman



Kasey Bowman



Ray White Leongatha

03 5662 5800

15 Bair Street, Leongatha
raywhiteleongatha.com.au



For Sale

914 Dollar Road, **Dollar**

VIEWS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE

- Organic 80 acres with orchard & water
- Country style home with paved outdoor area
- Mesmerising views in every direction
- Garage with home office plus machinery shed

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$1,395,000

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For Sale

335 Harveys Road, **Ruby**

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

- Rare 91 acre property on edge of Leongatha
- 4 bedroom home plus bungalow
- Shedding, loading race, day box for horses
- Abundance of water supply, 16 paddocks

Mick Hanly 0417 311 756

\$1,725,000

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For Sale

87 Hughes Road, **Nerrena**

248 ACRE GRAZING PROPERTY

- Ideal for fattening cattle or dairy turnout
- Power connected, machinery shed
- Good stockyards with crush & loading race
- 12.6 acres of Tarwin River lease

Mick Hanly 0417 311 756

\$11,500 per acre



Stunning rural retreat sure to attract interest

SET in the highly sought after area of Woolamai, this stunning 3/4 acre / 3430sqm, approx., lifestyle property comes complete with a modern energy efficient four bedroom, two bathroom home, a separate 12 metre by 8 metre large shed with three roller doors.

It is perfect for young couples, retirees, air bnb and all tradies looking for that extra room for tools, caravan or boat.

Enter the home through double sliding doors off the full length covered front deck into the spacious open Lounge, Dining and Kitchen complete with stunning views through large double glazed windows and doors of the farmland and Woolamai Hills at the rear of the property.

The kitchen is fitted with dishwasher, electric cooktop and large bench space.

Comfort is by the way of a reverse cycle split system and a massive wood heater to gather around on those cold winter nights.

The master suite has a full walk in robe and Ensuite with shower and toilet.

Three other queen-sized bedrooms fitted with bir and ceiling fans, family bathroom, laundry and powder room round out the home.

Outside is pure joy and where you will find that extra space that country living can afford, a massive barn style shed, 12m x 8m, with three roller doors, concrete flooring, power, benches, shelving, wood heater and a beautiful timber bar ready for those game nights in the shed.

The property is fully fenced with gates and gravel formed driveway.

More features include

- 6.5kw solar system for energy efficiency.
- Four water tanks - approx. 72,000 litres.
- Double glazed windows and doors throughout.

- Front covered deck.
- Large rear covered deck and alfresco area.
- Wood heaters for winter comfort.
- Paddock room for small animals.
- Adjacent to Bass Coast Rail Trail for horses, cycling and walking enthusiasts.
- Walking distance to the famous Woolamai Racing Club.

Woolamai is set at the base of the Woolamai hills in the beautiful countryside of South Gippsland on the Bass Coast.

The property is walking distance to the Famous Woolamai Picnic Races, 10 minutes drive to the golden beaches, cafes and specialty shops of San Remo, Kilcunda and Phillip Island and just 50 minutes drive to the South East suburbs via a dual lane highway.

There is so much more to this stunning property that you just have to come

along and inspect it for yourself.

For Sale by Expression of Interest
- closing August 9, at 12.00pm, if not sold prior.

To book a private inspection, call today or come along to the advertised open days.

Greg Kane - 0477 020 267
Nathan Cleeland - 0497 114 568

4 2 3430 sqm

772 Turnbull Woolamai Road,
Woolamai

For Sale Expression of Interest
- closing August 9

Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Greg Kane - 0477 020 267
Nathan Cleeland - 0497 114 568

Better than new

PERFECTLY presented in a quiet cul de sac adjacent to reserve this outstanding family home offers so much more than a standard new build!

You are greeted by a spacious entry hall with huge master suite off it and access to oversized double garage.

There is then a central, roomy parents lounge with split system and garden views.

The large open plan family hub is ideal for entertaining with two access doors to outside, one leading to full width, pitched roof al fresco area with café blinds.

The central hostess kitchen boasts all modern appliances and Caesar stone tops.

There is three children's bedrooms all with built in robes, family bathroom, separate WC and fitted laundry.

Extras include ducted natural gas heating, tinted windows, gas boosted solar hot water, easy care, fully landscaped surrounds plus great caravan or boat parking area to front.

Available for private inspection and offering flexible settlement terms this residence is certainly at the top of your list to see.

Call Dan Huther at the Wonthaggi office 5672 1911



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8 Mowbray Court, **Wonthaggi**

For Sale \$685,000 - \$715,000

Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Dan Huther 5672 1011



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SOLD

5 McKanes Road

- 4 bdr, large family home
- 57 acres with huge water licence
- Massive shedding, stock yards an more

\$1,495,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

11 Hannah Rise Crescent

- Vacant Building Block
- 873m²
- All services available

\$185,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

33 Red Rocks Road

- Open Plan Living Beach House
- Short stroll to beach, great holiday home
- 5 bed/2 bath/1 car

\$790,000

Contact: Cowes Office

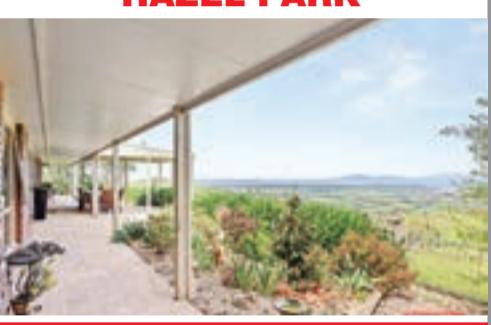
106 Broome Crescent

- Tidy original brick home in south area
- 2 Living rooms, 3 bedrooms, galley kitchen
- Great corner allotment

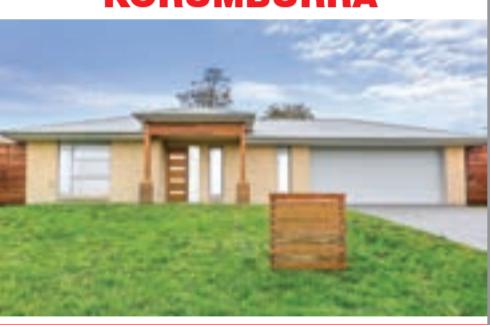
\$521,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

HAZEL PARK



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WIMBLEDON HEIGHTS



WONTHAGGI



SOLD

95 Agnes Falls Road

- 5 Bedroom, 2 bathroom family home
- Stunning views of Wilsons Promontory
- 10 acres with shedding and fruit trees

\$1,450,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

14 Isabella Boulevard

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Near new brick home
- Open plan kitchen, meals & living

\$639,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

15 Hallway Drive

- Spacious Home ready to move in!
- Open plan/al fresco area/close to surf beach
- 4 bed/1 bath/2 Car

\$680,000

Contact: Cowes Office

17 Parkes Street

- Modern style in established area
- Sunny aspect to living, 3 Bedrooms
- Great garage and extra parking

\$539,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



KORUMBURRA



COWES



WONTHAGGI



SOLD

6A Warralong Court

- 1260m² block in town
- Quiet court location
- Access from two courts

\$250,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

20 Valley View Parade

- 4 bedroom home on 1/4 acre block
- Lots of indoor/outdoor living
- Double garage + 4 car garage

\$685,000 - \$715,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

40 Chillingworth Road

- Classic beach house, short walk to the beach
- Water views, large block, big roomy house
- 4 bed/3 bath/2 Car

\$1,550,000 to \$1,600,000

Contact: Cowes Office

20 Henry Street

- As new cottage style home on full block
- Open plan living, cathedral ceilings
- Excellent workshop/Garaging

\$585,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

TOORA



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RHYLL



WONTHAGGI



SOLD

Rear / 435 Barry Rd

- 239.5 acre private grazing block
- Water and Wilson Promontory views
- Sheds, cattle yards with loading race and crush

\$1,800,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

29 South Railway Crescent

- 2 Storey with Views
- 3-4 Bedroom / 2 bathroom
- Double block / rear access

\$699,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

3/16 Beach Road

- Island retreat in quiet Cul-De-Sac
- Private balcony with stunning views
- 3 bed/2 bath/2 Car

\$840,000 to \$850,000

Contact: Cowes Office

52 Peverill Crescent

- Tidy 3BR in great spot near mine
- Sunny living, native gardens
- Rural views and quiet too !

\$670,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA

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Andrew Newton 0402 940 320

Emily Clifford 0422 622 299

Tony Giles 0407 528 192

KORUMBURRA

5655 1133

36 Bridge Street

Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

COWES

5952 2633

113a Thompson Avenue

Greg Price 0419 337 441

Brian Silver 0407 347 509

Chase Waters 0423 272 819

Maree Malloy 0408 316 715

WONTHAGGI

5672 1911

Cnr Murray & Billson Streets

Dan Huther 0418 334 801

Cal Nation 0439 334 163

Mick Chambers 0418 349 783

Phil Hanley 0417 140 508



Christie Nelson Real Estate offers her clientele a professional, dedicated and personalised service. ob22_2823

Christie Nelson is now Leongatha central

CHRISTIE Nelson recognises the importance of embracing ever-changing circumstances and has snapped up the opportunity to move her business to Bair Street in Leongatha.

Relocating to a shop front in the main street gives Christie Nelson Real Estate a central point of contact for her clientele, and the ability to offer a more personalised and accessible service.

With many services moving to an online format, Christie welcomes the prospect to be able to extend an individualised approach to each person who walks through the door.

Leongatha provides the perfect location central to the areas that Christie covers for buyers, sellers and investors, including Korumburra, Loch, Meenyan, Koonwarra and coastal properties.

A window display will showcase properties and with angled parking out the front and being on the way to the rail trail, locals and visitors can easily drop

in to discuss their real estate needs.

With the official opening of the shop-front occurring last Friday, Christie said it has been exciting and great to have more contact with the community, and to be able to have casual chats about real estate with local people.

Christie works with most forms of property transactions, ranging from, but not limited to, residential to rural, new subdivisions, commercial and industrial properties, farmland and lifestyle properties.

With over 20 years in the industry Christie is the ultimate professional, with a love for her work she retains her enthusiasm and offers everyone a dedicated service and always with a smile.

Christie believes people are just as important as properties and if you're thinking about buying or selling or require advice, get in touch with Christie on 0407 812 904, or www.christienelsonrealestate.com.au



Christie Nelson Real Estate is now centrally located in Bair Street, Leongatha for all your real estate needs. ob23_2823

Where people are just as important as the property



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Councillor Mohya Davies speaks passionately about the importance of Waratah Bay Caravan Park and ensuring its management is properly planned and resourced. A01_2723

Councillor Mohya Davies wins support for Waratah Bay community

FUTURE management arrangements for Waratah Bay Caravan Park and foreshore area are yet to be determined, with Cr Mohya Davies sparking a twist in proceedings on Wednesday that resulted in South Gippsland Shire Council holding onto its role as the Committee of Management.

While council officers recommended councillors vote to relinquish that responsibility, Cr Davies put forward a motion to delay that move, arguing there is a need for proper community consultation on the issue and winning sufficient support for that motion to be upheld.

Prior to the meeting, it appeared the Sandy Point Foreshore Committee of Management would take over responsibility for Waratah Bay Caravan Park and the foreshore area.

The Sandy Point Foreshore Committee engaged with the State Government's Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), requesting to be appointed the committee of management for the Waratah Bay Caravan Park and foreshore, with council officers assisting DEECA in its negotiations with the committee.

"This proposal will ensure local participation in the management of the foreshore with the requisite funding to support coastal management and maintenance," council's June Meeting Agenda said.

The local committee intends to lease the operation of the caravan park to a professional entity, then use resources from the rental income to improve the caravan park and the foreshore, council stated, adding the committee would be eligible to obtain funding directly from DEECA should it become the Committee of Management.

However, Cr Davies' successful motion has deferred a decision on whether council relinquishes its Committee of Management responsibilities until its July 19 public meeting, with councillors to receive a report providing further options for the future management of the Waratah Bay Caravan Park and foreshore.

Cr Davies said that report needs to include development of a transition plan.

She called for a written request to be made to the relevant minister asking that the Victorian Government commits to the development of a comprehensive transition plan, including appropriate engagement with the local community and focusing on the continued sustainable management of the caravan park and foreshore.

"I've thought a great deal about this issue and I know it is controversial; I request the deferral because I believe that we need more information, and there has been absolutely no consultation with

the broader community," Cr Davies said.

She acknowledged DEECA has consulted with the Sandy Point Foreshore Committee and council officers but said the rest of the community has not been involved in the process.

However, Cr Davies stressed that since some locals have read the council agenda, letters expressing concern have started arriving, with Cr Davies also receiving phone calls on the matter.

"I would like a further month so consultation is possible with the community," she said.

"The Waratah Bay Caravan Park is a significant community and tourism asset for South Gippsland; South Gippsland Shire has invested a great deal of money, time, energy and officer support into (it) and I believe that we have due diligence to ensure that we have as much information in front of us (as possible) when we make this decision."

Cr Davies said that she is not criticising the Sandy Point Foreshore Committee, but stressed it is a volunteer committee without the resources needed to ensure a smooth transition.

"Council has the authority and the expertise to manage this and a volunteer committee does not, and I believe they'll be placed in an unenviable position without the support that's required," she said.

Cr Davies argued there is a working management model in place at Yanakie and Port Welshpool Caravan Parks and that Waratah Bay Caravan Park should be treated the same.

She acknowledged the financial strain on council, but said it often picks up the bill on Crown Land and that the costs associated with Waratah Bay Caravan Park are insignificant compared to those incurred in relation to the Great Southern Rail Trail and Coal Creek.

The Sandy Point Foreshore Committee manages the coastal reserve which includes the coastal strip adjacent to the Sandy Point township and extending about halfway to Waratah Bay, and all the bushland between the Eastern end of the township (Manuka Street) and Shallow Inlet.

"The Sandy Point Foreshore Committee have done a remarkable job with their limited resources," Cr Davies said, noting she is not questioning their ability to manage.

Cr Davies' motion to defer a decision on management of Waratah Bay Caravan Park and foreshore won support from councillors Sarah Gilligan, Jenni Keerie, John Schelling and Mick Felton, with mayor Nathan Hersey and councillors Adrian Darakai and Scott Rae voting against it.

The motion was carried five votes to three, with Cr Clare Williams on leave.



Victorian milk production is forecast to lift marginally in the second half of 2023 as the industry recovers from the impacts of flooding, though output will still remain below longer-term average. ob_01_2823

Agriculture mid-year outlook for 2023

RURAL Bank's Australian Agriculture Mid-Year Outlook 2023 report finds that favourable seasonal conditions and strong production over the first half of 2023 ensured strong winter crop establishment and pasture growth, particularly on the east coast.

But despite a positive start to the year, softening commodity prices are now impacting Australian farmers following several seasons of strong prices.

The report analyses the performance of cattle, cropping, dairy, horticulture, sheep and wool.

While the Bureau of Meteorology's forecast for below median rainfall across much of the country is a concern, high water storage levels are keeping water prices low which will continue to benefit irrigated horticultural crops.

Victorian milk production is forecast to lift marginally in the second half of 2023 as the industry recovers from the impacts of flooding, though output will still remain below longer-term average. Labour remains an issue, but positive seasonal

conditions and high farmgate prices at around \$9.00/Kg MS are expected to stem the flow of industry exits.

Victorian growers have finished seeding their 2023/24 winter crop programs which have gone in under favourable conditions. Widespread rainfall over June has shored up production outlooks with average yields now achievable despite the dry outlook remaining in place.

Lamb markets are expected to encounter good numbers of new season lambs in the second half of 2023. As high supply continues, markets will be looking for direction from export demand which has been a mixed bag so far this year.

A drier outlook should avoid the challenges presented by the wet conditions of late 2022 which culminated in a surge of supply in recent months.

Victoria's cattle prices are expected to continue the recent trend which started at the beginning of 2023 and trend lower, as strong supply levels push values down. Cattle slaughter is likely to remain firm throughout the next six months, but

growth could be capped by labour issues.

The price differential between fine and medium merino wool has begun to close as finer wools record larger declines with medium wools already near historic lows with the Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) expected to remain below 1,350 cents. The Southern Regional Indicator now sits at 1,101 cents. A strong seasonal break occurred during autumn which will set up good feed for sheep production coming into spring. Wool production in Victoria is down 1.4 per cent year-on-year in terms of gross weight as shearer shortages across the state continue to impact available volumes.

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BCLN are still however, a long way off being able to declare this project complete.

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Join in to raise vital funds to help Bass Coast Landcare fight for the Mangroves and make a difference and get closer to the goal of protecting the environment for everyone to enjoy.

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Vital work to preserve Strzelecki koalas

By Celeste Brittain

IN recent months through scat analysis (examining koala poo) Strzelecki koalas have been found in the woodlands, an area to date they were not known to inhabit. Ecologist Kelly Smith from the Western Port Biosphere is the researcher making the Strzelecki koala discoveries in the woodlands.

"This find is pretty special," she said.

"This area hasn't been found yet, hasn't been studied yet for this Strzelecki genome. It just proves, you know, that quite possibly these koalas could be all across Victoria, we just need to study them. And it can be done easily through scat analysis."

Through conducting scat analysis in the woodlands as part of her Honour's thesis at Federation University and using the help of about 30 volunteers (citizen scientists), Kelly found one Strzelecki Koala in the Grantville Nature Reserve late last year.

Kelly undertook further research through a grant from Melbourne Water and Bass Coast Shire to conduct more scat analysis in the woodlands this year, through a Koala Awareness Program with the Western Port Biosphere.

She found two more Strzelecki Koalas at the Grantville Natures Reserve. Kelly and her team of citizen scientists also found two Strzelecki koalas in Inverloch and Cape Paterson.

She believes the discoveries of Strzelecki koalas in the woodlands are significant because they show that another important species exists within the woodlands that needs to be protected.

The Strzelecki koalas are an important species because of their genetic make-up.



Ecologist Kelly Smith is collecting and analysing koala scats to study the Strzelecki genome.

Unlike others found in the state, the Strzelecki koala, originating in the Strzelecki ranges- Gippsland, has not been translocated from the Island colonies of French Island or Phillip Island.

According to a 2013 report by Friends of The Strzelecki Koala this means that they "a more genetically intact example of a wild population of koalas."

They also survived hunting in the 19th century which adds to their significance.

As Kelly explains in her research- A

Population genetic study of koalas using scats collected by citizen scientists on the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria- the translocation of koala populations occurred after European settlement.

At that time there was a decline in koala populations due to disease, fire, extensive hunting and drought.

To increase the numbers, the state government introduced a breeding program where koalas from Island colonies (French and Phillip Island) were brought to the mainland.

These translocated koalas were however founded on small numbers, so their genetic diversity was low plus inbreeding occurred which resulted in them having abnormalities and diseases.

Kelly says the Strzelecki Koala is "very special and needs protecting."

Unlike its northern koala counterparts, it is not currently listed as endangered under the EPBC Act 1999 but rather listed as secure.

The Strzelecki Koala faces many threats (climate change, predators, bushfires), but the biggest is loss of habitat which Kelly said is occurring at an alarming rate.

Kelly said koalas are not going to thrive in an island of vegetation; they need to move through bio-links.

She said there is a lot of revegetation work being done and she will be joining the Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation Group to work on a bio-link program that she said also involves the Cardinia shire, South Gippsland Shire and Bass Coast Shire.

If interested in assisting for the Gippsland region (north of sale and sub alpine areas) please contact Kelly at - kellysmithecology@outlook.com

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Focus groups support soil health

A NEW research program is delving into the ways Victorian farmers are changing their farming practices to improve their soil health.

Deakin University PhD candidate Jaime Hogan is leading the study and is recruiting farmers to take part in focus groups to contribute to the research.

Ms Hogan is seeking farmers who are applying, or interested in applying, practice change to improve their soil health over time.

The focus groups will be a one-off activity and participants will be asked questions and take part in different activities to find out how they think about their farm, and how they are learning about

practice change.

Ms Hogan hopes to hold the focus group session in August.

The study has received Deakin University ethics approval.

If you would like more information or interested in being part of the research study, email Ms Hogan at jaime.hogan@deakin.edu.au or call 0408 030 579.

The research is supported by the DemoDAIRY Foundation.

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1 Mayfield Park1, Wonthaggi	645.0	310.0	1,999
1 Shellcot Partnership, Foster	755.0	300.0	2,265
8 Noble RC & CA, The Gurdies	683.8	299.6	2,048

Steers

2cummaudo GT, Mirboo Nth	385.0	431.6	1,661
1 Johnson TK & MA & Sons, Ferndale	445.0	430.0	1,913
1 Phillips B & S, Grantville	390.0	427.6	1,667
1 Heynea D & Vos A, Newry	340.0	401.6	1,365
2 Luke JN BG & WN, Glen Alvie	380.0	400.0	1,520
2 Marragon Pastoral Co, Glen Forbes	465.0	400.0	1,860

Heifers

1 Johnson TK & MA & Sons, Ferndale	425.0	411.6	1,749
1 Luke JN BG & WN, Glen Alvie	405.0	400.0	1,620
1 Morrison A & Y, Inverloch	340.0	399.6	1,358
1 Heynea D & Vos A, Newry	375.0	390.0	1,462
1 Marragon Pastoral Co, Glen Forbes	410.0	380.0	1,558
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Cows

1 Heynea D & Vos A, Newry	680.0	257.6	1,751
9 Castello Farms, Thorpdale	673.3	253.6	1,707
6 Davis E, Erica	693.3	251.2	1,741
9 Buckland ND & J, Fish Creek	706.1	248.6	1,755
8 Hall Dr, Budgeree	641.9	248.0	1,591
3 Nalajule Nominees, Leongatha	615.0	246.0	1,512

Bulls

1 Atherton RD & JF2, Wonthaggi North	1,055.0	276.6	2,918
1 King PV & TJ, Willow Grove	740.0	269.6	1,995
1 Phillips B & S, Grantville	820.0	260.0	2,132
1 Peters MA & AL, Wonthaggi	865.0	259.6	2,245
1 Arnup NR & M1, Buffalo	960.0	258.0	2,476
1 Berryman A & R, Newry	905.0	256.0	2,316

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Monday, July 3, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	\$18 to \$46
Friesian Bulls	\$33 to \$120
Friesian Heifers	\$27 to \$150
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Beef Heifers	\$38 to \$70

Number of Calves: 196

Number purchased to rear: 23

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A/c Thimms Hotels P/L, Calligee (NUTRIEN)

44 Angus Steers, 18 mths

A/c Oldham Pastoral Co, Archies Creek (ALEX SCOTT)

40 Angus Steers, 18-20 mths, by Stud Fernleigh Bulls, drenched Cydectin 21/4/23

A/c Kiama Farm (ELDERS)

30 Angus Steers, rising 2 yo, Western District bred

A/c P Harris & T Pratt, Berrys Creek (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus Steers, 18 mths, ex Snow Pastoral

A/c GW & GA Morgan, Seaton (NUTRIEN)

10 Hereford Steers

10 Angus Steers

18-20 mths, ABF & GF

A/c Oakland's (ELDERS)

16 Angus Steers, 20 months, very quiet

A/c Montrose (ELDERS)

15 Angus Steers, 2 yo

A/c L & J Anderson, Clydebank (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus Steers, 2 yo, Kunuma Blood

A/c Lorstan Nominees, Bengworden (SEJ)

15 Angus Steers, 22mths, V.B, G.F & A.F

A/c R & C Jackson, Strzelecki (ELDERS)

15 Angus Steers, 16 months, Battersby blood, VB, GF, ABF

A/c P McCulloch, Churchill (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus Steers, 16-18 mths

A/c D & K Scott (ELDERS)

12 Angus Steers, 16 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c G Campbell, Mardan (SEJ)

10 Angus Steers, 20 mths, 2 X 5in1, Leewood Blood

A/c J Smith (ALEX SCOTT)

5 Ang/Hfd Steers, 2 yo

A/c Northside Pastoral, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)

80 Angus Mixed Sex, 15 mths

20 Limo Steers, 15 mths

A/c S & V Misson, Rosedale (NUTRIEN)

20 Ang & Charo x mixed sex, 15 mths

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Bulleondurra, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus Hftrs, 18 mths

A/c Churchill & Sly, Kilcunda (ALEX SCOTT)

16 Angus Hftrs, 14-16 mths, by stud Fernleigh bulls, 2 x 7

In 1 Vacc, drenched 13/5/23 Eprinex pour on, NSM

A/c Talbot Grazing, Fish Creek (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus & BB Hftrs, 18 mths

WEANERS

A/c D Bates, Munro (NUTRIEN)

100 Angus Steers, 10-11 Mths, AI Bred to Millah

Murrah Quixote Q96, weaned 6 wks

A/c B & N Coulthard, Calrossie (SEJ)

90 Angus Mix Sex Weaners, 10-12 mths

A/c Calulu Capers (ELDERS)

30 Angus Steers, 10 mths

30 Angus Heifers, 10 mths

Banquet, Lawson & Ashwood Blood, VB, GF, ABF & weaned, Ivomec injection drench, Multimined, booster

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A/c Sandbach Angus, Welshpool (PHC)

55 Angus Steers, 10-11 months, by Yancowinna, Banquet, & Pathfinder bulls, weaned

Ac/ G & T McColl, 'Glenfinnan', Mardan (SEJ)

50 Angus Steers, 9-10 mths, weaned 5 weeks, Cydectin Platinum, 3 x 5 in1, Innesdale and

Merlewood blood.

A/c E & H Moore, Jack River (PHC)

45 Angus & Angus x Steers, 10-11 months, by Lawson Bulls, weaned.

A/c Allen Ag Services (Elders)

18 Angus Steers, 12-14 months

15 Angus Hftrs, 12-14 months

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A/c Richard Crook (ELDERS)

30 Angus Steers, 12 months, weaned, VB

A/c D & S Burns, Ryanston (SEJ)

30 Angus Heifers, 12-14 months, VB GF ABF

A/c AW & CM O'Mara, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

25 Ang Steers, 12-14 mths, Leewood & Te Mania blood

A/c H McPhie (ALEX SCOTT)

22 Ang Steers 10-12 mths

A/c JT & P Fleming, 'Mertonvale', Willung (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus Steers, 10-11 mths, Innesdale & Rosken blood

A/c Kings Park, Pound Creek (SEJ)

20 Angus Steers, 10-12 mths old, by Dunoon Bulls

A/c D & P Whiteley, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)

20 Ang & BB Steers, 10 mths, never ever accred

A/c Est M Wight, Meeniyan (NUTRIEN)

20 Hereford Mixed Sex Weaners

A/c AJ, BR & N Moyle, St Clair (ALEX SCOTT)

15 Angus Steers, 10-12 mths, by Stud Banquet Bulls, weaned and drenched with Cydectin Platinum

A/c R & A Weatherill, Toora (SEJ)

15 Red Poll Heifers, 12 mths, V.B, G.F & A.F

A/c G & C Moon, Airly (NUTRIEN)

9 Hereford & BB Steers

6 Hereford & BB Hftrs

10-18 mths VB, GF, AF, weaned

A/c C & G White, Fish Creek (SEJ)

14 Angus Steers, 14-15 months, Banquet blood, weaned, V.B, G.F & A.F

A/c C & J Jensen, Korumburra (NUTRIEN)

14 Red Ang Steers, 12 mths

A/c G Buckland, Fish Creek (NUTRIEN)

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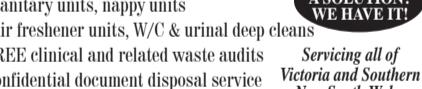
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DEATHS	DEATHS	DEATHS	FUNERALS	FUNERALS	FOR SALE
CLYMO, Dorothy (Dot): Passed away at Kooroaman House on July 8, aged 88 years. Much loved wife of Jock (dec.), and dearly loved mum of Philip (dec.), Peter, Bev, Sue and Brian, Marilyn and Mark. Adored special Grandma to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mum, we will always remember your smiling face, your gentle touch and abundant love.	CLYMO, Dot: Passed away 08.07.2023. Loved sister-in-law of Gwen and Ross. Aunty to Nick, Mark, Narelle, and families. Now at peace	McKENZIE (Westblade), Doreen Rose: Aged 85 years of Koroop, Fish Creek and Foster. "How lucky was I, to have you for a sister." Love you Sis. -- Katie.	WRIGLEY, Stephen Ronald (Steve): Passed away peacefully on 5th July 2023. Loving son of the late Ronald James and Gwendoline May Wrigley. Father to Rhianon and Melissa and their families.	BRYDON: A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Ms. Kerry Anne Brydon will be held at St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Peart St., Leongatha TOMORROW, Wednesday, July 12, 2023 commencing 11am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heart Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the Service. This Service will be live-streamed, to view please visit www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au	MILLER: The Funeral Service for Mr. David Miller will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 commencing at 11am. Please wear some colour, as per David's request. A Private Cremation will follow. For live-streaming link go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au
Many thanks to Mum's 'Kooroaman House' family for their love and dedication over the years. For Funeral details please visit www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au	JACOBSON, Ken: Passed away at Inverloch Coast Care on July 8, 2023, at 100 years and 20 days. So dearly loved by all his family. Husband of Jean (dec.), father of Judith and Robert, grandfather of Shelley, Jill, Kendall, and Jane, great grandfather of Laura, Jessica, Kalmia, Kaitlyn, Zoe, Charlie, Max, and Sam. Reunited with our beautiful Mum and Gran and his brothers Ern and Les. A Life well lived.	MILLER, David Barry 'Dave': Passed away peacefully on July 3, 2023. Loved husband of Linda. Loving Dad and father-in-law of Raelene and Daniel, Steven and Alison, Christopher and Jin. Adored pop to Noah, Sophia, Scotty and William.	Brother and brother-in-law to Sue and Mick, David (dec.) and Judy, Michael and Andrea, Peter and Wendy, Rosemary and Dennis, James and Julie, and their families.	Private Cremation.	FIREWOOD: \$280 for 2 cubic mtrs. Free delivery. Phone: 5657 3291.
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Mary MacKillop celebrates Senior School

STAFF and students at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College at Leongatha celebrated the Blessing and official opening of their new state of the art Senior School which has created vibrant and spacious learning spaces for students to flourish.

Parish Priest, Father Stanly Devasia, was joined by Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale, Mr Paul Velten, Principal Mr John Freeman, along with invited guests and friends of the school and the local community.

The ceremony was to bless and officially open the new Senior School building which has created ten new general learning areas, staff and student amenities.

The removal of portable buildings paved the way for a new purpose-built senior school to be constructed. The facility has extended learning opportunities for senior students undertaking VCE, VET and Applied Learning. Year 9 and 10 students

have moved into the former senior wing.

Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College Principal, Mr John Freeman said the new Senior School building and landscaping had enhanced staff and student well-being.

"The priority when planning the internal spaces was to provide light filled, flexible learning areas that can be adapted to suit a range of teaching and learning. Floor to ceiling windows allow natural lighting and beautiful views with learning spaces that encourage movement and collaboration."

Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale, Mr Paul Velten, said the new facilities represented Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited's (DOSCEL) ongoing commitment to providing high quality learning and teaching environments and investment in school communities.

"It is wonderful to see the way staff and students are flourishing in the new Senior

School."

"This new facility forms part of a Masterplan to meet the needs of the growing school community now and into the future.

"May this new facility continue to inspire faith and inspire learning and empower students to reach their full potential and make a positive impact on the world."

The Senior School building project was partly funded by a Catholic Development Fund (CDF) loan and a grant from the Australian Government Capital Grant Program.

Students wow on stage

BASS Coast College students took to the stage for the annual Talented Students Concert last Wednesday.

The showcase included students from all four campuses demonstrating a variety of incredible talents.

They performed in front of a sold-out crowd at the Wonthaggi Union and Community Arts Centre.

"We had dancers, the school band, rock bands, soloists, guitarists, singers and more, it was fantastic to see," senior campus principal Ross Bramley said.

"Between the performers and the volunteers, we would've had close to 150 students involved. Our arts captains Billy Soumilas, Lachie Owen and Eve Leversha were the MCs for the night, and they did an outstanding job of keeping the night moving."

Billy, Lachie and Eve said they were impressed with the range of talents and ages that came together for the show.

"It was a good night. There's no real pressure, it's an opportunity to express yourself, which is why I've always found it really special," Lachie said.

Mr Bramley congratulated the students and staff who were able to bring the school band performances together.

"Our musicians in the school bands are



Year 7 student Phoenix Stedman captivated the audience with her dance routine at Bass Coast College's Talented Students Concert

across the four campuses. They do separate rehearsals but come together as regularly as possible. It's a big task and they perform so well together," he said.

"The concert is great for showcasing what the students are learning in school, but it's also about celebrating the talents they pick up out in our community. It really shows the breadth of opportunity our students are exposed to. It's wonderful to see our students flourishing in all areas of the arts."

Student artwork and technology pieces were also admired in the foyer of the arts centre on the night of show.



Proud day for T.O.W.N

PHILLIP Island T.O.W.N Club celebrated their Club Recognition Day on June 15. From left - Graduate - Monica Smith, Runner up Queen - Val Harper, Centre - Club Leader Vincent Vale,

Joint Queens - Joan Scott OAM and Linda Andrews.

The Club meet every Thursday morning at the Rhyll Hall from 8:30 - 11:00.

New members are always welcome.

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Big cat sighting saga continues in Grantville

By Meryl Tobin

RECENTLY a local man walking along a track in the Grantville bush near the Grantville Tip passed a big black creature sleeping under some bushes.

"It was curled up with its back to me and only one metre from me," the man said. "I walked back for a second look and stood two metres from it for about 20 seconds. It had a big tail like a kangaroo, and at first I wondered if it was a kangaroo.

"Suddenly it sprang up and leaped 20 metres away from me. It was the size of a big Alsatian and had two legs at the front and two at the back. It moved away from me at an angle. It was definitely not a kangaroo or a black swamp wallaby or a feral cat.

"As it ran off, I could see the back of it was narrow and sleek and it was short-haired. The bones on its legs were bony and it had a thick tail. I'm pretty sure it was all black."

To try to identify what he had seen, the man googled and came across an article Big cat sighting adds to mystery - Bass Coast Post, 10.2.2022.

It reported a sighting in Grantville on January 26, 2022. "The photo with it was identical to my creature." The photo was of a panther (black leopard).

When he checked other images of panthers on the Internet, he found this photo of another big cat similar to the one he saw.

The following day the man returned to look for hair samples, but found none. He took photos of the flattened area where the animal had been sleeping.

As the sighting had spooked him, the man also visited a farmhouse in the area.



This photo taken by a witness supposedly shows the flattened area of where a 'black creature' was sleeping.

The woman there told him she had seen a similar creature about three years earlier.

When startled, she said it had leapt over a two metre high fence.

On a visit to the area a week later, he met someone who said another person nearby had seen a big cat about two weeks earlier.

The man's sighting occurred Sunday, June 18 at 2 pm about four km from the January 26, 2022, sighting and close to sites of reported historic sightings, vocalisations and attacks on stock.

Walkers need to be aware. Though most

big cats sighted have not been aggressive, when cornered some have been. Some witnesses have reported big cats terrifying and/or harming stock. Some attacks on humans in America have been fatal.

Also, going by reports, more than one sort of big cat frequents South Gippsland. Some fit the description of a panther, some a puma and some are unidentified. Some unidentified ones are the size of a panther or puma or close to it, but their colouring, markings or shape, sort of ears and/or tail do not fit. One man who had a lot of experience trapping big feral cats said a big black cat he saw in the Lang Lang area looked like a panther, had the leap of a panther and was far bigger than the big feral cats he trapped.

Note: Meryl Brown Tobin has been a long time member of the Australian Rare Fauna Research Association and, with others, has followed up numerous sightings of mystery animals in South Gippsland and elsewhere in Australia since 1987.

Witnesses include farm workers, farmers, shooters, walkers, a former ranger, a librarian, a nurse, a chemist, a dentist, business people, security officers, test car drivers, journalists including an ABC news editor, teachers, a mail carrier, a worker at a quarry, a detective, councillors including a former mayor and members of their families, a Bass Coast Council staff member, a Department of Sustainability staff member and scientists.

Many witnesses do not report their sightings because of fear of ridicule, sensationalism by the press or because they want to protect the mystery animals.

Anyone who would like to report a sighting can contact Meryl Brown Tobin on mtobin@bigpond.com or 0400 359 976.

Help protect endangered bandicoots when driving

THE GROWTH of the Eastern barred bandicoot population on Phillip Island has led to an increase in the endangered marsupials being hit and killed by cars, with rangers warning motorists to take care when driving on roads near wildlife habitat.

Phillip Island Nature Parks has seen evidence, and had reports from concerned residents, of Eastern barred bandicoots killed in areas such as Ventnor Beach Road, Back Beach Road around Kitty Miller Bay, Ventnor Road near Summerland Peninsula, Berry's Beach Road near Ventnor Beach Road and in Newhaven around Phillip Island Road.

Since their release on Summerland Peninsula in 2017, the species is gradually spreading across the island with populations now becoming more visible on the Summerland Peninsula, Newhaven, Ventnor and Cape Woolamai.

Researchers estimate bandicoot numbers to now be establishing well across the island, but can't say for certain as it's not possible to track every animal.

In 2021, in a first for an Australian species, the mainland Eastern barred bandicoot was reclassified from 'extinct in the wild' to 'endangered'.

"Phillip Island is a nature haven for bandicoots, where we are so fortunate to live with this species that just escaped extinction on the mainland. It is everyone's responsibility to help protect and live responsibly with our precious wildlife, and we can do this by being responsible pet owners and slowing down on roads for these little marsupials," said Nature Parks Conservation Manager Jessica McKelson.

Eastern barred bandicoots are ecosystem engineers for our environment and have positive impacts such as reducing soil compaction, and improved nutrient and water infiltration.

"Eastern barred bandicoots are



Nature Parks is urging drivers to take extra care on the roads in an effort to reduce bandicoots being hit.

small, about the size of a guinea pig, and weigh less than a kilogram. They are also nocturnal, so they are most active in the evening and at night," Ms McKelson said. "While they have been seen foraging along the sides of the road, like most animals, they are simply using the roads to cross, and unlike a wallaby, they are harder to see, but are clearly visible in the headlights."

The Eastern barred bandicoot has distinctive white stripes across its rump and a small white tail. It is sometimes mistaken for a rabbit from afar.

Ms McKelson urged motorists to take their time when driving on Phillip Island's roads, especially at dawn, dusk

and at night when more animals are active.

"To help spot Eastern barred bandicoots on the road as you drive, look for movement and eye-shine, both on the road and on the verges where they may be foraging, and reduce your speed to suit the conditions," she said.

If you do hit an Eastern barred bandicoot, or any wildlife, please stop to check the animal if safe to do so, or you can call Wildlife Victoria on (03) 8400 7300 for support.

If you see an Eastern barred bandicoot on Phillip Island, please help us by recording your sighting at <https://ebb.natureparksresearch.com.au/sighting/>



Phillip Island Nature Parks study into the little penguins' sub-colonies Credit: Joel Sharpe

Penguin sub-colony study reveals differences in breeding and search for food

A STUDY into sub-colonies within Phillip Island's 40,000 strong little penguin population has discovered differences in how they reproduce and find food.

Scientists from Phillip Island Nature Parks and Monash University wanted to understand differences within the colony on how the penguins forage and breed. They focus on two distinct subgroups, or sub-colonies, located about two kilometres apart.

Monash University honours student Jessica Pulvirenti led the research, explains, "Our aim was to unravel the mysteries behind the penguins' foraging and reproductive success at sub-colony level," she said. "Through our deliberate decision to study sub-colonies, we uncovered distinctions that can provide valuable insights for tailoring conservation efforts to meet the specific needs of each sub-colony".

The team closely monitored the penguins using frequent nest checks and an automated penguin monitoring system, with penguins marked with electronic tags crossing the equivalent of a 'penguin toll-way' on their way out of the ocean to their nests.

Nature Parks Penguin Scientist Associate Professor Andre Chiaradia said the team sought to determine if the penguins in each sub-colony exhibited varying levels of success in finding food and reproducing.

During the early breeding stages, one sub-colony faced more challenges finding food, while the other showed higher breeding and foraging success rates. This dynamic shifted as the breeding process progressed and chicks became more independent.

"Our research highlights the importance of considering sub-colony level differences in managing and conserving the mega colony of little penguins at Phillip Island by customising conservation initiatives that address the unique requirements of each sub-colony," Associate Professor Chiaradia said.

"By understanding the varying responses of penguin sub-colonies to environmental conditions, we can develop more effective strategies to safeguard these remarkable species."

To evaluate the impact of ocean temperature on foraging, the researchers turned to satellite data.

"Our findings suggest a strong relationship between sea surface temperature and the penguins' foraging performance," said Professor Richard Reina from Monash University.

"Concerningly, we found that the breeding success of the little penguins were negatively influenced by increasing sea surface temperatures."

These new findings pave the way for improved conservation plans that can protect not only little penguins but also other colonial seabirds facing similar challenges of rising ocean temperatures.

The study has been published in the Royal Society of London's Open Science journal.

Grand Ridge parkrun

THE last weekend of the school holidays contained great walking and running conditions on the Grand Ridge Rail Trail.

With 15 participants and a regular team of volunteers the 5km parkrun event went forward without a hitch.

This weekend we had one first timer, Lily who proves it is always a great time to give parkrun a go!

A massive congratulations to Bryanna Mifsud who ran her 250th event today, a true milestone.

She is looking forward to taking it easy as the tail walker next week.

As always, parkrun is free for everyone, every week so sign up online and get yourself a barcode and start discovering what makes Saturday mornings a parkrun morning.

Increasing road awareness for local students

MORE than 3000 Bass Coast and South Gippsland high school students are contributing to safer roads, thanks to participating in a game changing in driver and road safety program.

This July will see 150 plus students from Leongatha Secondary College and Mirboo North Secondary College take part in this program.

For the past decade, local students have taken part in RYDA road safety workshops, which have been made possible by the region's premier charity cycling ride the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge (BCCC).

"The riders in the BCCC may range in age and abilities, but they all have one common goal – to contribute to supporting local students to access these programs, which have real positive impact on our youth and broader community," said BCCC founder Gavin Slavin.

These programs, including RYDA, are so successful because they go a step further than traditional road safety instruction and are believed to be key in increasing safety for road users – cyclists, pedestrians, drivers and passengers.

"It's not enough to teach young people how to manoeuvre a vehicle... it's absolutely vital to balance this with critical thinking and a deeper appreciation for safety on the road," said Anton Hockey from Road Safety Education Australia.

"Thanks to the BCCC, we are able to deliver a number of workshops which canvas topics such as driver fatigue, speed and stopping, road conditions from the seat of a car or semi, crash investigation process and the mental approach to driving."

To play a part in making roads safer, enter the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge.

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Mirboo North coach Peter Mongta is a proud indigenous man. A35_2823



Aunty Christine Johnson conducts the Welcome to Country at Mirboo North's Indigenous Round event. A31_2823



Mirboo North Football Club Life Member Darryl McPherson and President Joe Piper proudly display their indigenous t-shirts. A30_2823

Mirboo North and Hill End celebrate indigenous culture

INDIGENOUS culture was the central focus at Mirboo North on Saturday as the Tigers took on Hill End in footy and netball, with NAIDOC Week inspiring the celebration.

Aunty Christine Johnson, a much-respected Gunai Kurnai lady from Churchill, conducted a Welcome to Country and a Smoking Ceremony prior to the senior footy, with footballers and netballers from both clubs watching on before accepting an invitation to walk through the smoke.

Mirboo North senior coach Peter Mongta, a proud indigenous man and close relative of Aunty Christine, stooped down to bathe in the smoke.

Christine told the Sentinel-Times that while Smoking Ceremonies vary between indigenous nations, they are a way of cleansing you and deterring bad spirits.

She explained that traditionally such ceremonies were not necessarily conducted at the beginning of an event and can be performed when you leave

Country, or for an initiation ceremony.

Prior to the Smoking Ceremony, a warm welcome was extended to all present before Christine spoke of the presence of indigenous people for tens of thousands of years.

She reflected on their respect for the landscape, waterways, animals and plants, and noted their spiritual connections.

Christine called for all Australians to work together.

"We have the cultural responsibility to care for Country and that can only be achieved by strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the non-indigenous people for the benefit of all," she said.

Christine touched on this year's NAIDOC theme, 'For Our Elders'.

"Across every generation, our elders have played and continue to play an important role and hold a prominent place in our community and families;

they are our cultural knowledge holders, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones," she said.

Coach Peter told the Sentinel-Times just before the senior game of the significance of Indigenous Round.

"It's an amazing round for us and the Hill End footy club, and both clubs have been very supportive of Indigenous Round for quite a long time," Peter said.

"It's extra special for me as a proud Aboriginal man."

He is a Yulin Monero (Ngarigo) man from far-east Gippsland.

Peter spoke of the deep respect for elders and the sacrifices they have made over time to make life better for indigenous people.

"Our First Nations people have been fighting for a long time and it's a great way to come together and educate and learn and pay our respects," Peter said.

Mirboo North Football Netball Club president Joe Piper said it is the sixth year the club has been involved in Indigenous Round.

"We're pleased to be able to hold that this year during NAIDOC Week," Joe said before elaborating on why he considers it important to celebrate indigenous culture.

"Our aim is to respect the indigenous culture and the contribution of indigenous players to our football and netball teams over many years," Joe said.

He added that the club's special indigenous t-shirt, designed by local indigenous artist Marilyn Fenton, is all about promoting discussion of indigenous culture.

He pointed out the intention was to move beyond indigenous-themed playing outfits, worn just once a year, to tops that are on show often and continue to spark conversation.

Acknowledgement ceremonies were held before each netball game, with both sides wearing dresses featuring indigenous designs, and with the Hill End senior footballers wearing indigenous jumpers.



Hill End players take part in the Smoking Ceremony performed by Aunty Christine Johnson. A33_2823



Mirboo North players accept the invitation to walk through the smoke, providing cleansing and deterring bad spirits. A32_2823



Pony club braves harsh weather

WONTHAGGI Pony Club held their monthly rally over the weekend and what a better way to spend a wet Sunday.

This rally saw the dedicated and hardy Wonthaggi Pony Club members brave the elements.

The riders participated in 3 sessions and were given expert tuition in Show Jumping, Dressage and Cross Country.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS
Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woorlumai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
July 12
12.03am 0.45m
7.01am 1.52m
12.07pm 0.73m
6.46pm 1.58m

THURSDAY
July 13
12.52am 0.43m
8.05am 1.51m
12.56pm 0.84m
7.32pm 1.52m

FRIDAY
July 14
1.43am 0.44m
9.06am 1.51m
1.50pm 0.93m
8.22pm 1.46m

SATURDAY
July 15
2.38am 0.46m
10.06am 1.52m
2.53pm 0.99m
9.16pm 1.40m

SUNDAY
July 16
3.38am 0.47m
11.06am 1.54m
4.03pm 1.01m
10.15pm 1.37m

MONDAY
July 17
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5.12pm 0.99m
11.13pm 1.36m

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Some sidecars look like they are straight out of a Mad Max movie. Note the passengers' footwork. Photo: Peter Cleeland

The Flying Birchalls - The Art of the Sidecar

By Peter Cleeland

"IT IS a 120mph corner and I knew we were going to leave the road. It is straight down and I had a split second to make a decision. I decided to go off head first rather than risk rolling all the way down. I turned around and saw Tom (brother) stuck in a sheep fence," Ben Birchall, sidecar driver said.

After this mishap both brothers were airlifted to hospital suffering from severe bruising and were discharged after observation. Needless to say, after some rebuilding of their machine the Birchall's took out second and third in the two sidecar races held at the 2012 Isle of Man TT. The two brothers, Ben and Tom Birchall are masters of their craft and also have been very successful in winning 11 Isle of Man Tourist Trophy races in a row since 2016 and 14 races overall to place them sixth on the all time honors list.

The art of sidecar racing is as much about teamwork as it is about horsepower. The driver and passenger have a unique understanding of manoeuvring their body weights around the cart to effect and assist cornering and steering these difficult machines. The sidecar is very much the poorer cousin to the more glamorous and swifter solo machines.

At the TT they are last out to practice in fading light, they are also the first to have practice sessions cancelled if inclement weather has interfered with the solos sessions and lastly many of the fans will turn their backs on sidecar races as mechanical reliability often comes into play.

However, for the devoted fans of these fascinating, aerodynamically shaped, three wheeled machines the unnerving sight of a sidecar passenger swinging off the side of the vehicle to gain extra traction and speed, there can be no greater thrill.

The screaming shrill that these highly tuned 600cc motors punch out leaves nothing to the imagination making the hair stand up on the necks of avid spectators.

The premier sidecar events at the Isle of Man TT are two races held over three laps, a distance of 113 miles each. Entrants set off ten seconds apart in a frenetic burst of pace to trim valuable tenths of seconds off their best times in the quest for glory. For many drivers and passengers Ben and Tom Birchall have and continue to set the standard everyone tries to achieve.

Such is their dominance the Birchall's have not been beaten at the TT since the second race of the 2016 Isle of Man TT meeting. They have continued to up the pace setting records in 2018, 2019, 2022 and more recently they became the first sidecar pairing to break the 120mph average speed lap barrier around the famous mountain course.

So, after cleaning up at the Isle of Man, Ben and Tom have their sights firmly set on the F1 World Sidecar Championship for the remainder of 2023. Being crowned World Champions from 2016-2018 the pairing know what is required to be on the dais in 2023 at the elite level.



Michael Dunlop on the Supersport bike going through Tower Bends at the Isle of Man TT on his way to victory in race one. Photos: Peter Cleeland

One for your sporting bucket list

By Peter Cleeland

EVERY motorcycle owner in the world has heard of the TT.

The event that lasts for two weeks on a small isle smack bang in the middle of the Irish Sea between Ireland and England.

Each year the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy comes alive in the last week of May and the first week of June. The best road racers in the world assemble to go beyond their previous achievements. This is the Everest of road racing.

Spectators too arrive from all over the world coming by ferry or plane to watch the combatants of this modern jousting tournament who swap their horses for motorcycles that do over 200mph on open roads, where there are no runoff areas and the price for making a mistake can be fatal.

The riders come from all different backgrounds to embrace the challenge that the 37.75-mile mountain course provides knowing and accepting before they set off the dangers that are imminent.

There is a liberty of freedom here where challenge is not feared but embraced. Everyone is happy to be back on the rock of dreams.

The Toisst Trophy has a rich history as new pages describing amazing feats of courage, bravery and skill are added each year. 2023 was no different. Two combatants, Northern Ireland's Michael Dunlop and Englishman Peter Hickman stand head and shoulders above the rest of the competitors over recent years.

This was the ultimate showdown.

The Dunlop name is synonymous with the event. As a family, the Dunlops have been brought up on a rich culture of road racing in Northern Ireland having developed the necessary skills, mental toughness, hunger for success. They are proud uncompromising competitors. However, in this sport with success comes risk and Michael's father Robert, brother William and Uncle Joey have all paid the ultimate price.

Before this year's event Michael is perched on 21 TT victories. Ahead of him are legends John McGuinness on 23 TT victories and Uncle Joey on 26 TT victories. After witnessing the first practice it is clear that Michael is on a mission.

Peter Hickman has had the wood on him since 2018 and Michael is responding. He is fastest in all classes at the beginning of practice week, and nothing has changed by the end of the week. He is firmly focused and driven for success embodying his nickname the Raging Bull.

Race week is about to commence. The punters are out on the track early to gain the best vantage whether it be sitting in a prepaid ticketed stand or at the side of the road where riders pass by with a metre. Food vans and coffee stalls are doing a bumper trade as people patiently queue to get their fix.

Roads close at 10am, no traffic is permitted access. Stepping on the track after roads close will get you arrested. This is serious business. The orange army of marshals direct and settle the crowd.

An eerie silence filled with excitement and expectation engulfs the spectators around the course. Riders set off 10 seconds apart and will do 226 miles in the first Superbike TT at an average speed of 134mph and top speeds around 208mph. In the distance spectators' heads lift as the whirring of a screaming Kawasaki engine can be heard echoing through the gullies. Like a tennis match the watchers follow the projectile that is Dean Harrison who is first on the road.

Michael Dunlop wins the first Superbike event from Hickman by 10 seconds. He goes onto win two Supersport races, a Supertwin race and comes second in both Superstock races. Michael is perched on 25 TT wins with the second Supertwin race (his speciality) and the Senior Superbike race to come. There is a good chance he will draw level with or even surpass Uncle Joey.

The script is written but fate plays its hand as Michael's Patron breaks down after leading by three seconds on the opening lap of the Supertwin race and his nemesis Peter Hickman takes the win.

Hickman has found form late, winning two Superstock races setting a new outright

lap record. In the Senior superbike race Hickman on his BMW churns out an early 10 second lead from Yorkshire rider Dean Harrison on the Kawasaki with Dunlop in third not being able to match the pace. Despite their efforts Harrison and Dunlop cannot touch Hicky today as his flying BMW S1000RR beats the old race record by a mere 40 seconds.

Hickman has equalled Dunlop's achievement winning four TT's in a week for 2023. The head-to-head is a tie. The crowd flocks to the grandstand/paddock area where much celebrating and revelry can be witnessed as patrons try to hang on to the last of the summer wine that is the ultimate road race.

Riders are extremely generous with their time posing for photographs with punters, signing autographs and chewing the fat with diehard supporters.

The sun has shone for two weeks providing beautiful weather without a drop of rain, an organiser's dream. As tents are pulled down and the last beers served to celebrate an outstanding festival that the whole community gets behind,

we know Michael Dunlop who sits in Uncle Joey's shadow will be back in 2024 hungry for success and determined to push his family name into unknown territory- 26TT's and beyond. We know Hicky will back too, this battle for supremacy is far from complete.

This is the TT.



Michael Dunlop on the screaming Supersport 600 sliding across the Bungalow to record his second victory in this class.



Peter Hickman charging through Conker Fields smashing the Senior Superbike race record.



Winners of the Hartley Wells Stableford event at Leongatha Golf Club were Jenny Fraser and Karen de Groot.



Inge Gilliam was the B Grade winner, and Jean Hayes July Monthly Medallist and A Grade winner at Woorayl Golf Club.



Merryn Dear was Wonthaggi Golf Club's daily winner on Wednesday.

KORUMBURRA

TUESDAY, July 4: Stableford: three players. Winner: Ray Ludenia (14) 33 points.

NTPs: first Pete Wallace and 13th Roland Rees.

Thursday, July 6: Stableford: eight players. Winner: Peter Johnson (12) 36 points.

NTPs: first Peter Johnson, seventh Peter Van Agtmaal and 13th Barry Kerr.

Saturday, July 8: Monthly Medal: seven players.

Sponsor: Williams family. Winner: Bob Newton 72 net.

Scratch winner: Mat Wrigley (2) 76.

NTPs: first Bob Newton, seventh Malcolm Garnham, 10th Roland Rees and 13th Roland Rees.

Ladies

JULIE Hillberg (21) finished with 87 net to win the Monthly Medal and the Rolling Hills Cafe voucher last Wednesday. Following a count-back, Trudi Mantell (26) was the runner up, 87 net. S

Shelley Snooks (17) was the Scratch Score winner, 105, and also won a BDTL with 88 net.

There were no women playing golf on Saturday due to the inclement weather.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 4: Stableford.

Forty-two golfers played in this Stableford Round.

A Grade winner: Ashleigh Hutton with a score of 37 points.

A Grade runner up: Gordon Morrison with a score of 36 points.

B Grade winner: Jon Smith with a score of 36 points on a countback.

B Grade runner up: Hans Hoefler with a score of 36 points.

NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson at 1:49m.

NTP 16th: Tony Gedye at 2.83m.

Two balls to 35 points, and one ball to 32 points on a countback.

Ian Barlow also awarded an Extra Ball Comp Prize.

Thursday, July 6: Invy Espy Stableford.

A field of 63 players hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am ventured out for this Stableford event.

Thanks again for the excellent sponsorship of the

day by the Invy Espy Hotel. A Grade winner: Richard Comerford with a score of 37 points on a countback.

A Grade runner up: David Forbes with a score of 37 points.

B Grade winner: Philip Edwards with a score of 41 points.

B Grade runner up: Joe Lowell with a score of 37 points.

C Grade winner: Hugh Goodman with a score of 41 points.

C Grade runner up: Leo De Bondt with a score of 40 points.

NTP 14th: Ian Murchie.

NTP 16th: James Jeffery at .60m.

Congratulations to Dean Kellett for his eagle on hole six.

Extra Ball Comp Prizes also awarded to Peter Clinchin, Conor Hosking and Ethan Lamers.

Saturday, July 8: Stableford.

On a less than ideal day weather wise, 17 people competed in the Saturday Stableford competition.

Overall winner: Connor Hosking with a score of 37 points.

Overall runner up: Mark Lafferty with 36 points on a countback.

NTP 14th: Rod MacKenzie at 5m.

NTP 16th: Ross Paul at .98m.

Ladies

HARTLEY Wells of Leongatha was the sponsor of the women's Stableford event last week.

Each winner received a generous voucher to redeem at the Hartley Wells Betta Home Living store.

Jenny Fraser had an impressive 38 points to win the day and Karen de Groot was not too far behind to come second with 34 points; excellent scores in heavy conditions.

Curator Jimmy Jeffery is to be congratulated for the presentation of the greens after the recent deluge.

Balls down the line went to Ashleigh Hutton and Neryl Hopcraft with 34 points, Trish Owen, Nan Meagher and Bronwyn Debenham 33 points and Jan Brownlie 32 points.

Trish Owen was the closest to the flag on the 14th.

One of the newer members Jenny Teasdale won the nine hole competition with 15 points.

Karen Murchie and Pat Pease each won a ball.

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WET and windy weather wreaked havoc with golfers this week with a marked drop in field sizes on most competition days. The players who battled the conditions still had some pretty good scores considering the conditions.

Results for the week as follows:

Tuesday: Par. Division 1 winner: Ralph Hendrich - +3.

Runner up: Tim Purdy - +1.

Division 2 winner: Noel Zunneberg - +3.

Runner up: Steve Dunn - +2

Ball rundown to +1.

Nearest the pins: fifth Trevor Robinson, ninth Chris Clark, 12th Colin Crowle and 15th Ralph Hendrich.

Wednesday: Ladies Stroke.

Winner: Cheryl Stockdale with 77 net.

Runner up: Kerrie Davey with 79 net.

Ball rundown to 82 points.

Nearest the pin: fifth Leah Barker and 12th Heather Payne.

Thursday: Stableford/4BBB Competition.

Overall winner: William Stringer with 40 points by countback.

Runner up: Nik Hock.

Ball rundown to 35 points.

4BBB winners: Mike Sullivan and Noel Zunneberg with 46 points.

Runners up: Clive Taylor and Rob Volk with 45 points.

Nearest the pins: fifth Nik Hock, ninth Royce Thompson, 12th David Preston and 15th Brenton Adams.

Saturday: Stableford.

Division 1: Winner: Roger Parker 34 points (countback).

Runner up: Stephen Rawlings (countback).

Third: Laurie Burgess.

Division 2: Winner: Gary Callahan 41 points.

Runner up: Bill Lucas with 39 points.

Third: Steve Jones with 37 points.

Division 3: Winner: Dylan Bradshaw with 42 points.

Runner up: Chris Kelsall with 36 points.

Third: Steve Pollock with 33 points.

Ball rundown to 32 points.

Nearest the pins: fifth Jeff Robinson, ninth Noel Bradford, 12th Josh Rietman and 15th Scott Rushby.

Third hole second shot: Bart McDonald (Div 1) and Chris Kelsall - (Div 2).

Well done to all winners this week.

The usual competitions will be held during the week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Saturday will be a Par competition.

MIRBOO NORTH

Thursday, July 6: Stableford.

A Grade: T. Whitelaw, (8) 33 points c/b.

B Grade: D. Taylor (24) 39 points.

DTL: J. Smeriglio 34, M. Payne 33 and P. Cummaudo 32.

NTP: fourth D. Taylor, sixth T. Bradshaw and 16th M. Payne.

Birdies: fourth D. Taylor. Saturday, July 8: Stableford.

A Grade: M. Payne (12) 34 points c/b.

B Grade: P. Cummaudo (33) 32.

DTL: R. Matthews 34, P. Draper 33 and B. Robinson 32 c/b.

NTP: fourth M. Heiberg, sixth G. Renwick, 13th, P. Draper, 16th and M. Payne.

Birdies: 16th P. Draper.

President Trophy Play Off: G. Renwick d D. Taylor 2/1; R. Matthews d M. Heiberg 3/1; P. Draper d M. Payne 20th; P. Cummaudo d J. Smeriglio 4/3.

PHILLIP ISLAND

MEN 18-hole Stableford A grade winner was Peter Ablett (12) with 39 Points from Anthony Shannon (8) with 38 Points

B Grade winner was Andrew Walton (15) with 42 Points from Chris Sander son (17) 40 Points

C Grade winner was Chris Vanderhayden (25) with 41 Points from Brett Saunderson (24) 40 Points

BDL to 36 Points c/b

NTP 5th Peter Cartwright 7th Mark Dykes 10th Barry Gibson 17th Peter Ablett

Men's 9-hole Stableford

John Rodakis (37) was the winner with 20 points from Bob Pascoe (15) 19 points c/b from Clive Scott (21)

BDL to 18 points c/b Saturday, July 8 results

Men's Stableford

A Grade winner was Neville Thurgood (6) with 32 Points from Gino Manfredi (11) 31 Points

B Grade Winner was Andrew Hewitt (14) with 35 Points from John Wiseman (18) 34 points c/b

C Grade Winner was Brett Saunderson (24) with 35 Points c/b from Phil Cooksey (24)

BDL to 31 points c/b

NTP: 5th Matt Brown 7th Craig O'Neill 10th Ben O'Brien 17th Paul Cochrane

Ladies' winners:

Vicki Ramage (24) won with 36 Points from Jeanette Diss (20) 33 points c/b

BDL to 32 points

NTP 5th Rhonda Boyd 7th Trish Jamieson 10th Lesley Meadowcroft

9 hole Open Stableford

winner was Jim Richardson (10) with 19 points c/b from Reg Browne (35)

BDL to 18

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: July 6, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford

18 Hole.

Ladies July 5, Ladies Stableford

A Grade Winner was Vicki Ramage (24) with 37 points, B Grade winner was Michelle Pardoe (35) with 36 points

BDL to 33 points c/b

NTP 5th Megan Elbaz 7th Lorraine Hammon 10th Michelle Pardoe 17th Michelle Pardoe

9 Hole winner was Gillian Scrase (44) with 22 points from Barb Moloney (41) 18 points

Thursday, July 6, Open Stableford

The winner of A Grade was Rick Banfield (14) with 38 Points from Gino Manfredi (10) with 35 points

B Grade winner was Alf Micalef (19) with 42 Points from Alex Bowden (15) with 40 points

C Grade Winner was Graham Robinson (36) with 38 points from Bez Moustafa (23) 35 points c/b

BDL to 34 points c/b

NTP: 5TH Rick Banfield 7th Stephen Earl 10th Peter Cartwright 17th Brett Saunderson

Open 9 hole Stableford Winner was John Niven (24) with 21 points c/b from Steve Rieger (26)

BDL to 18 points c/b Saturday, July 8 results

Men's Stableford

A Grade winner was Neville Thurgood (6) with 32 Points from Gino Manfredi (11) 31 Points

B Grade Winner was Andrew Hewitt (14) with 35 Points from John Wiseman (18) 34 points c/b

C Grade Winner was Brett Saunderson (24) with 35 Points c/b from Phil Cooksey (24)

BDL to 31 points c/b

NTP: 5th Matt Brown 7th Craig O'Neill 10th Ben O'Brien 17th Paul Cochrane

Ladies' winners:

Vicki Ramage (24) won with 36 Points from Jeanette Diss (20) 33 points c/b

BDL to 32 points

NTP 5th Rhonda Boyd 7th Trish Jamieson 10th Lesley Meadowcroft

9 hole Open Stableford winner was Jim Richardson (10) with 19 points c/b from Reg Browne (35)

BDL to 18

Ladies

WELL done to the small group of ladies who played Stableford on Wednesday.

Merryn Dear was the daily winner with (15) 35 points on c/b Sally Evans (35) 35 points.

BDL went to Marg Johnson 30.

The only NTP claimed was the second by Merryn Dear.

Winner: Keith Ridout 36. BDTL to 31 C/B.

Ball sweep: Graeme Campbell 32 and Andrew Hooton-Shandley 31.

Results: July 6, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford

Phillip Island Bridge results

ON MONDAY July 3, a visitor from VBA Andrew Macready and partner Leng Haggith came first on 66.20%.

In second place were Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman on 55.09%. Marnie Myall and Graham McKergow finished third on 54.17%.

Top players for Wednesday, July 5 were Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson on a very respectable 70.14%. Marnie Myall and Marion Wellwood followed up on 56.94%.

Jill Short returned from her travels and with partner Cathie Beenie came third on 56.25%.



Gillian Harper (3), Peter Thorley (L), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Peter Borrardale (S) won South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's competition at the Corinella Bowls Club.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's Bob Arnold (2), Frank D'Unieville (3), John Nicholson (S) and Michael Waring (L) were the runners up this week.

Phillip Island & Districts Darts

THE last round of the regular season was played on Monday night with two big upsets.

Joe's Hornets toppled the Vikings 4-3 paving the way for the Riverboys who hit form at the right time defeating That's All 5-2 to finish top of the ladder.

Storm defeated Newbies 5-2 to round out the matches. The Lightning Premiership is next Monday followed by the first week of the finals.

Also, during the week, we received the fantastic news that the Bendigo Bank will support the Darts League with a grant that will enable the purchase of iPads and electronic scoring equipment to enhance league quality and improve efficiency.

President Scott Lethbridge attended the presentation to accept the Grant and thanked all involved for their valuable support.

New players are always welcome, so if you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female, please contact Scott Lethbridge 0407 543 154 or scott@glpc.com.au

Applications extended for aquatic program

MINISTER for Community Sport Ros Spence announced that applications for the Youth Aquatic Accreditation Program have been extended until May 31, 2024.

Sixteen-year-olds are now also eligible to participate in the program and it will now also offer the opportunity to learn to teach people with a disability how to swim.

They also include up to \$195 per teacher for renewal of Swimming and Water Safety Teacher licences, with the addition of up to \$285 per teacher toward Participants with a Disability During Aquatic Activities courses.

These grants provide an important entry point for swim instructors to begin or continue their career in the aquatic sector, helping Victorians of all ages learn vital water safety skills and survival knowledge. The program is part of a wider range of Labor Government initiatives to ensure more Victorians get the chance to learn swimming basics.

Other initiatives include the VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program and the Get Active Kids Voucher program which help to lower the barriers to participation and make swimming lessons more accessible to all Victorians.

The government is also investing \$55.2 million to support swim and water safety education programs in schools.

Aspiring young swim instructors can get involved by approaching participating aquatic centres that have received funding under the Youth Aquatic Accreditation Program.

For more information, including the list of successful recipients and links to video visit sport.vic.gov.au

INVERLOCH

THIRTY-SIX bowlers tested their skills in perfect bowling weather last Thursday.

After the previous week's weather, bowlers were happy to be out in the sunshine.

They were able to play two games of 10 ends with a break for lunch.

Runners up was the team of Craig Selby (skip), Keith Cousens, Linda Gilbert and Harry Dunne.

They finished with one win and a draw on 23 points.

The only team to win both games and finish on 36 points was comprised of Geoff Coleman (skip), Di Selby, Jack Miller and Richard Huntriss.

SOUTH WEST GIPPSLAND MIDWEEK

Forty bowlers turned up to fight it out for team(s) of the week. Some magnificent bowling from everyone with even the new bowlers coming to the forefront with some first class ends.

Quite a few wrong bias shots over the day.

Lots of laughter across the green as usual, with quite a bit of banter, which always keeps the spirits high.

The winners on 34 points – the only two game winner this week – were Peter Borrardale (S), Gillian Harper (3), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Peter Thorley (L).

Runners up on 27 points were John Nicholson (S), Frank D'Unieville (3), Bob Arnold (2) and Michael Waring (L).

Best one game on 22 points were Mark Andreatta (S), David Talbot (3), Bev Elliott (2) and Sonia Grant (L).

Thank you to Corinella Bowls Club for its great hospitality, and to Phil, Max and the others for all their help and work.

Also, as always, a big thank you to Peter, Pauline and John for bringing everyone together every week and selection of teams.

Next week, the bowlers are at San Remo.

If everyone who wishes to

play could be there by 10am ready for a game.

WONTHAGGI

THIS week was a reminder of winter bowls.

Wednesday saw a cold day with 33 bowlers take to the greens in teams of triples, with all bowlers having three bowls over two games of eight ends.

The runners up were Steve Bruynen, Rod Old – a visitor from San Remo – and John Kappler with a score of two wins and 29 points and six shots up.

The winners on countback were Rob Westbrook, Jan Jeeves and Bryan Donohue with a score of two wins 29 points and seven shots up.

Saturday was called off with people not happy with the forecast.

Also, the local derby between Wonthaggi and Leongatha in the footy attracted a number of bowlers.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR BOWLS

IT was a good week at indoor bowls with a total of 50 bowlers on Tuesday and Friday.

Tuesday saw only one team that was a two-game winner,

They were Teresa Ireland, Jan Milkins and Chris Rose with a score of two wins and plus 11.

The runners up also a team of three were Jim Rodhi, Sue Rose and Phyllis Peterson on count back with a score of one win and plus eight.

Friday once again had a good roll up with the heaters working well.

There were two teams that were two game winners with the winners being Rhonda Rattenbury, Sylvia Mattock and Betty Huitema with a score of two wins and plus 14.

The runners up also a team of three being Dot Harland, Chris Rose and Jos Kemper with a score of two wins and plus 10. Have a good week and stay warm.



Mark Andreatta (S), Bev Elliott (2), David Talbot (3) and Sonya Grant (L) (absent) were the best one game winners at Corinella Bowls Club.



Wonthaggi Indoor Bowls Friday winners Rhonda Rattenbury, Sylvia Mattock and Betty Huitema.



Inverloch Bowls Club's social bowls winners were Richard Huntriss, Geoff Coleman, Di Selby and Jack Miller.

Young athletes awarded in Gippsland

GIPPSLAND Sports Academy (GSA) presented 156 young athletes with graduation certificates on Tuesday, May 23.

The function was held at the Morwell Bowls Club and rec-

ognised the achievements of the athletes over the last year.

More than 160 guests celebrated the graduating athletes and were inspired by this year's athlete panel discussion.

Lucas Furlan (clay target shooting), Ruby Fullgrabe (netball), Zoe Dowler (swimming), Riley Nave (tennis) and Jack Johnson (volleyball) were given

opinions, goals, values, experience and expertise, as well as talk about their sacrifices and successes.

Four major awards were presented this year.



Leongatha Striker Kathy Zacharopoulos charges forward with the ball.



Leongatha's brilliant centre back Sam Albertelli (reserves) challenges his opponent for the possession.

Knights take on Inverloch

Reserves vs Inverloch:

Leongatha fought hard against a well-seasoned Inverloch reserves this week.

Despite conceding the first goal, Leongatha bounced back straight away with a wonderful finish from right winger Luke Murphy.

Exhibiting some excellent combination play, Leongatha kept Inverloch on their toes, coming back from a 3-1 score at half time to a 3-3, thanks to some quality finishing from

Jethro Alison.

With a draw on the cards, it was a last-minute goal from Inverloch that saw them over the line with the 3 points.

Seniors v Inverloch:

Employing their signature short combination play, the Leongatha Knights Seniors dominated possession against home side, Inverloch Stars in Round 11 of the Gippsland Soccer League. Following two losses in recent rounds, Leongatha were keen to get back on track.

An excellent, persistent run by Luke Knights saw the first goal of the day.

Inverloch hit the back of their net shortly after bringing the scores level.

An absolute stunner of a run from midfielder Ethan Bath saw Leongatha take the lead heading into half time.

Despite some classic winter weather, Leongatha maintained their strong possession in the second half with their defence shutting down all at-

tempts by Inverloch in their attacking half.

A strong display from Inverloch's goalkeeper saw a number of Leongatha shots denied. It was the perseverance of forward Aidan Hall, whose header secured a goal up for the Knights.

Towards the end of the game, a strong charge from captain Sven Gebele saw the Knights finish the game with a strong 4-1 victory.



South Eastern Target Archers are looking for a temporary undercover facility so they can continue shooting and enjoying the sport over the wetter months.

No bullseyes for archers

EACH week the South Eastern Target Archers practice shooting at the Meenian Recreation Reserve, yet rain over the winter makes meeting and enjoying the sport difficult.

"The ground just gets so water-logged we can't wheel our targets out and you're standing in two inches of water and rain," Jon Webb, president of the club said.

The club was established 30 years ago but had dwindling numbers 18 months ago, until Jon and his family stepped in and built it up again to the current number of 20 members.

They would like to continue growing the club, however not having an indoor facility results in unsuitable conditions over the winter months and new members are reluctant to come out and give the sport a try on soggy ground while it's drizzling.

"You can shoot in the rain but when you bring new people in, it's really hard to keep them engaged when you say, bring your gum boots and people don't want to come out in the rain," Jon said.

"Whereas once you're hooked, you go and shoot anywhere, and we don't care because we just want to shoot arrows. That's all we want to do."

The club have been fund raising and have applied for a range of grants to go towards a new purpose-built facility that would allow the archers to shoot all

year round, attract new members and hold events for other groups wanting to give the sport a go.

In the meantime, they are looking for a suitable temporary undercover, dry location for these wetter months where they can continue meeting without having to be in the rain getting their feet wet.

"The objective of the club is to build an indoor shooting range. So that we can shoot all year round indoors. We still want to shoot outdoors because that's all part of it."

"We're trying to think of the future of the sport and trying to provide for that. But until we get there, we're trying to build the club up so that we can go for the funds and try to build this dream."

The group would ideally like an undercover area, it doesn't need to have sides, that is a minimum of 10 x 20 or 25 metres. The floor doesn't have to be concrete, it can be dirt, and the club would like to leave equipment at the venue.

They are happy to rent a facility somewhere between Korumburra and Meenian so their archery members can continue their practice sessions and continue enjoying the sport, no matter the weather.

Please get in touch with Jon Webb at southeasterntargetarchers@gmail.com for more information.

GSL Round 11 Results – Sunday, July 9

Senior Mens: Phillip Island 10 d Lang Lang United, Korumburra City 10 d Mirboo North United 1, Leongatha Knights 4 d Inverloch Stars 1

Senior Womens: Phillip Island 10 d Lang Lang United 2, Leongatha Knights 8 d Inverloch Stars 0, Wonthaggi United 3 d Drouin Dragons 0

Mens Reserves: Trafalgar Victory 4 d Phillip Island 0, Inverloch Stars 4 d Leongatha Knights 3, Drouin Dragons 6 d Wonthaggi United 0

Under 17 Mixed: Leongatha Knights 3 d Inverloch Stars 0

Under 14 Mixed: Phillip Island 7 d Leongatha Knights White 2, Korumburra City 8 d Mirboo North United 2, Leongatha Knights Blue 2 d Inverloch Stars 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon 6 d Wonthaggi United 2

Under 12a Mixed: Korumburra City 4 d Mirboo North United 1, Inverloch Stars 6 d Leongatha Knights 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon 7 d Wonthaggi United 1

Under 12b Mixed: Phillip Island Red 6 d Lang Lang United 0, Phillip Island Blue 9 d Inverloch Stars 5, Drouin Dragons 4 d Trafalgar Victory 2

GSL Round 12 Fixture – Sunday, July 16

Senior Mens – 3pm
Lang Lang United v Trafalgar Victory, Drouin Dragons v Mirboo North United, Leongatha Knights v Korumburra City

Senior Womens - 1pm
Drouin Dragons v Mirboo North United, Wonthaggi United v Inverloch Stars

Mens Reserves - 1pm
Drouin Dragons v Inverloch Stars, Leongatha Knights v Korumburra City, Lang Lang United v Trafalgar Victory

Under 17 Mixed - 9:30am
Drouin Dragons White v Phillip Island, Leongatha Knights v Inverloch Stars

Under 14 Mixed - 11:20am
Drouin Dragons Maroon v Mirboo North United, Leongatha Knights Blue v Korumburra City, Wonthaggi United v Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons White v Phillip Island

Under 12a Mixed - 10am
Drouin Dragons Maroon v Mirboo North United, Leongatha Knights v Korumburra City, Wonthaggi United v Inverloch Stars

Under 12b Mixed - 11:30am
Lang Lang United v Trafalgar Victory, Drouin Dragons Yellow v Phillip Island Red, Phillip Island Blue v Korumburra City

MiniRoos – Saturday, July 15
South West/Bass Coast Hub are playing at Inverloch

North East/South Gippsland Hub are playing at Trafalgar

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Tomasi reselected for JackJumpers

INVERLOCH'S Joshua Tomasi will be returning to the National Basketball League (NBL) in August.

Joshua was re-selected for his second year with the Tasmanian side the JackJumpers and is looking to see more court time throughout the 2023 season.

The 22-year-old has always had a passion for basketball and has been playing the sport at a more competitive level for the last seven years.

He began in the junior league in Dandenong, going on to attend Box Hill Secondary College's Basketball Academy.

This opportunity led to a USA college scholarship, including admission to St Cloud State University in Minnesota.

The level of training in America was demanding, but an overall positive experience that allowed more opportunities to continue to unfold in Australia.

Joshua was selected for the JackJumpers as a development player last year and is looking forward to the season ahead.

In the lead up, his involvement in basketball has not slowed down.

In late May, he competed in the Games of Small Nations, representing Malta due to his family heritage.

The Games of Small Nations was held in Malta this year and includes nine competing nations around Europe – Malta, Luxembourg, Iceland, Andorra, Montenegro, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Cyprus and San Marino.

Of the seven games played, Malta won five and was pipped in the grand final by Luxembourg.

Joshua was named one of the top players for team and returned home with a silver medal.

It was the first medal for basketball the team has won in these games.

He also competed in the NBL1 Nunawading team and, during the school holidays, ran basketball clinics in Inverloch and Wonthaggi for young basketballers.

The clinics are well received and held at the Inverloch Community Hub and Wonthaggi YMCA.

Joshua's grandfather and Inverloch resident Frank Kisvarda is proud of his grandson's achievements and said Joshua has always strived for success in the sport.

"It's always been his dream since he was very young. He's always been passionate and keen to develop his skills since playing in the juniors," Mr Kisvarda said.

"He is 6'11, so his height helps but he's always had that natural determination and has been willing to put in the work with his training."

Joshua will be returning to the Jack Jumpers in August, with round one set to kick off on September 29 against the Perth Wildcats.

"His aim is always to improve to the next level. This season will be about getting more court time and continuing to see those improvements," Mr Kisvarda said.

Leongatha Basketball Association thanks council but calls for leak solutions

LEONGATHA Basketball Association (LBA) board member Cara Carter welcomes the news that South Gippsland Shire Council has acted on her budget submission by halving court fees, but stresses there are still important issues to be rectified.

The basketball stadium's leaky roof tops that list, rendering one of the centre's two courts unplayable when it rains heavily.

Cara said leaks have caused playing surface issues, with buckling and 'dead spots' on which the ball doesn't bounce as well as it should.

She acknowledged the fee cut will bring court charges in line with those at other basketball stadiums in South Gippsland Shire, but explained participant numbers make it impractical to run competition with only one court and that the roof issue needs to be resolved.

Cara said junior basketball participation in Leongatha is far higher than for football.

LBA faces a further hurdle in only having access to its courts when the pool is open, unless it pays increased fees, with Cara hoping a promised council investigation will help solve that issue.

"Council has recently tendered a new contract for management and operation of selected aquatic venues within South Gippsland Shire, including the stadium at SPLASH," a council spokesperson said.

"Evaluation and negotiation of submitted tenders is currently underway, which includes considerations for increased venue opening hours."

YMCA is the contractor currently responsible for day-to-day operation and maintenance of the facility, with council responsible for asset renewal when required.

Cara said leaks at the stadium began causing competition implications in 2015, with council lobbied to rectify the roof issues.

However, while council ultimately funded replacement of all



Junior basketball participation is excellent in Leongatha, with the local basketball association keen to ensure both its home courts are available when needed. A06_2823

the roof sheeting, the work carried out last year hasn't fixed the issue.

A council spokesperson stressed that ongoing attempts are being made to rectify the situation.

"Despite repeated efforts to address the issues, we acknowledge that leaks continue to appear; these leaks are complex in nature and the causes are difficult to identify," the spokesperson said.

"They will continue to be treated as defects under the contract and will remain the responsibility of the roof contractor.

"Council apologises for the ongoing inconvenience to stadium users caused by the recurring leaks to the SPLASH stadium roof, and council and the contractor remain committed to addressing the issues to achieve a leak-free roof."

Although council classifies the leaks as minor in the sense that water is dripping rather than gushing in and won't flood the stadium, it doesn't mean it is downplaying the potential problems the leaks can trigger.

"It is acknowledged that the impacts and inconvenience aren't necessarily minor and there is a risk that, if left uncontrolled, the leaks could adversely impact the court surface," the council spokesperson said.

Furthermore, it was stated that council manages any necessary repairs to the court surface using a specialist contractor when required.

Cara spoke about the financial impact of the ongoing roof issues, saying that while LBA is a not-for-profit organisation, it aims to put money back into running basketball.

"Up to May when we put the budget submission in, we've lost \$180,000 worth of turnover since the Covid return to sport," Cara said.

"We're now off the court again."

While pop up games of basketball are held, dependent on weather, Cara said consistent competition is not possible during winter.

She said the situation also impacts referees who lose income when the leaks force a halt in

competition.

"We've lost nearly three full domestic seasons," Cara said.

She added that while volunteer retention poses difficulties everywhere in the current climate, it is even more testing for LBA given the ongoing battle to enable players to take the court.

Cara said volunteers shouldn't be placed in the position of determining whether the water-affected court is safe for play.

"We have to make unpopular decisions," she said, with such decisions including calling off competition, whether having to cancel or reschedule.

"The members have had enough, and it's difficult to make that call time and time again."

LBA wants to get across the message that it provides much more than competition.

"We're offering an outlet for adults to play sport to support their mental health," Cara said.

She said LBA's emphasis on participation, fun and good sporting attitude is the key to its growing success.

Council Budget supports Leongatha basketball

LEONGATHA Basketball Association (LBA) received support in the recent South Gippsland Shire Council Budget to the delight of Cr John Schelling, with the former LBA president saying the move was a long time coming.

"After 20 years, I would like to say congratulations to the Shire of South Gippsland for looking after Leongatha basketball and I'd like to congratulate the Leongatha Basketball Association for their submission to reduce the fees of their competition," Cr Schelling said during the June council meeting.

He noted that LBA has long been at a disadvantage compared to other basketball associations in the region and further afield, and that the 50 percent court fee reduction provided by council for the 2023/24 financial year will help level the playing field.

Cr Schelling told the Sentinel-Times all was well when the association moved into its new stadium early this century at the Recreation Reserve.



Leongatha Lightning players practice for representative duties, with rain holding off on this occasion and allowing both courts to be used. A04_2823

That followed a couple of years playing at Leongatha Secondary College after council's decision to sell the Smith Street basketball stadium for a cinema, and build a new home for Leongatha basketball.

"We were running the stadium; we cleaned and maintained it and we ran the canteen and

were probably making about \$15,000 a year out of the basketball stadium as an Association," Cr Schelling said.

"Then they built the pool and gave the YMCA the management rights, so we lost everything; we lost the canteen and we became a tenant of the YMCA."

By contrast, Korumburra

Basketball Association continues to generate income through its canteen, with other basketball associations in the region having comparable income streams.

Cr Schelling said that once LBA lost control of its stadium, hourly court fees rose sharply.

"I had many meetings with different individuals to try and appease the situation but the basketball association effectively went backwards from that day on," he said.

Along with the recently announced fee reduction, South Gippsland Shire Council will investigate the feasibility of increased court access for the LBA outside of pool/venue opening hours.

While those in charge at LBA have welcomed the news that its request for a court fee reduction has been granted, its board and members are keen to see a resolution to the long-running issues, with serious stadium leaks that have not been resolved by last year's major roof works.

Underwater hockey stars head for the world stage

FOUR players from the Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club have been selected to compete in the 21st Underwater Hockey World Championships on the Gold Coast.

Underwater hockey teams from around the world will converge on the Gold Coast from July 18 to 30.

With 15 countries to be represented – Argentina, Turkey, USA, Germany and China, to name a few – the Australian teams have selected players from almost every state.

Wonthaggi's representatives are Dave Barry-McCaulay, Kirsteen Reid, Kevin Chisholm and Kasey Hoskins.

The Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club is immensely proud of these players and their link to the 43-year-old local club.

All four players have had an exciting lifelong journey with underwater hockey, starting as youths in Wonthaggi.

These journeys have involved representing Victoria, Australia, travel, and leadership and coaching roles.

Given her age of 20, the club is particularly proud of and wish to showcase Kasey Hoskins.

Kasey will play in the Australian Elite Women's team as the youngest player, to gain her pair of Aussie bathers.

She is not only the youngest in her own team, but the youngest female across the entire Australian squad, clearly reflecting her outstanding skill and achievement at such a young age.

Kasey started at the Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club in 2016 under the guidance of coach, club legend and co-founding member Steve Dunn.

From competing with other state teams in the early days, when Victoria did not have the player numbers to register a team, she has gone on to represent Victoria many times over the years in U15, U19 and elite teams.

Kasey and her teams have won many competitions, including but not limited to a gold medal in the Perth Nationals in 2018.



Kasey Hoskins (right) was selected to compete in the 21st Underwater Hockey World Championships to be held on the Gold Coast later this month. Kasey developed her skill and passion for the sport with the Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club.

During this time, Kasey started to further develop her skills, stretching her comfort levels while playing her first U19 game at 14 years old.

As nervous as she was, Kasey's desire to be better and 'go all the way' in the sport won out as she was welcomed with open arms and excelled.

For Kasey, 2018 was a big year.

She gained a spot in the U19 Australian Women's team, dreaming of glory in the Trans-Tasman Competition played in New Zealand.

Unfortunately, the team did not win a game, but the experience gained has well and truly set Kasey up for a massive future in the sport.

This competition helped Kasey to continue improving her skills, build her resilience and get name out in the underwater hockey community.

With the usual post competition blues, Kasey continued to play and train at club level under coach Caleb Berry every Thursday night.

Kasey has now played at national

level every year since, often in the captain role, leading her teams to many victories.

She also played in the Victorian Elite Women's team at the same time as the Age Teams, often in back-to-back games at the same competitions.

In 2022, Kasey made the decision to move to Western Australia for university and has played for the WA Elite Women's team since, furthering her skills and visibility in the sport.

With an intense training schedule that involves all aspects of polishing your mind and body to withstand the gruelling game of underwater hockey at this level, the club wishes all the successful Australian team members good luck.

Their involvement provides inspirations for up-and-coming hopefuls at local level, particularly those players that are currently training hard to attend trials for 'The Age World Championships' Australian teams to be announced soon.



Shoot 4 Autism committee member Ben Carpignani and event founders Hayley and Brad Steer are excited to raise more funds for the students of the Southern Autistic and Bass Coast Specialist Schools in 2024.

Shoot 4 Autism to return in 2024

SHOOT 4 Autism will be return for its 10th year at the Fitzroy Caulfield Grantville Rifle Club (FCGRC) in 2024.

Shoot 4 Autism is an annual charity, supporting students of the Southern Autistic and Bass Coast Specialist Schools.

Since its inception, the charity has raised around \$30,000.

Event founders Brad and Hayley Steer have a special interest in the cause and were thrilled to find a way to support the schools through their sport of shooting.

"We wanted to use our sport as a vehicle to raise funds and the support has continued to build over the years," Brad said.

"The FCGRC has really got behind it and we get shooters coming along to participate from the local community and across Australia."

The event was put on hold this year, as the FCGRC redevelops its range and facilities.

In the meantime, the organisers are excited for the major event to come and are already well into planning the big return.

It is set to be held in the first week of May, with great prizes to be claimed and backed by some wonderful sponsors.

The two-day event features a number of disciplines, and representatives from the schools are invited along to award prizes to the winners.

"We usually get around 60 shooters to the events, it's been really well received in the past," Brad said.

The money raised previously has gone towards the bike education program at Bass Coast Specialist School, and improved facilities and trade school equipment at the Southern Autistic School.

"We have a special interest in raising funds for these schools, the charity is very close to our hearts. We have seen the financial pressures the growing enrolments at these schools have caused, and we are thrilled to help any way we can," Hayley said.

"The profits go between the schools, and it's been fantastic to see it going towards necessary projects and programs."

In the lead up to the event, the club is seeking sponsorship and donations to assist with prizes.

More details about supporting the event can be found at <http://www.shoot4autism.com/>.



The 10th Shoot 4 Autism charity event will be held at the Fitzroy Caulfield Grantville Rifle Club in 2024.

Wonthaggi underwater hockey club to welcome new members

COME and try underwater hockey this Thursday night (July 13).

The Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club invites children of all levels of experience to give the sport a go.

Children from eight to 15 years old will have a training session at the Wonthaggi YMCA from 7pm to 8pm.

Those 15 years and above will have their opportunity from 8pm to 9pm.

At this time, the senior players will have a game, which all participants are welcome to watch.

Club president Karl Scothern was thrilled with the turnout to the come and try night in term one and is hoping to see similar numbers on Thursday night.

"Our aim is to bring more juniors into our club," he said.

The club builds up the skills of its young players, who then play for the U15s side. The club also have a successful U19s team.

Currently, the club has 50 members.

Eighty percent of these members are aged 10 to 18 years old.

"We have quite a young club. We find once our players reach 18, they'll leave the area, but we know a lot of them have gone on to do amazing things with their underwater hockey," Karl said.

"You get to know a lot of people through the sport, so some have gone on to play games at places like Monash Uni and MSAC (Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre)."

Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club also have four representatives heading to the World Championships on the Gold Coast later this month.

All equipment including fins and snorkels will be provided on the night.

The new players will be shown how to use the equipment and basic skills in the pool, in hopes some will return the following week.

"We had around 30 people attend our term one come and try night,

and of those 30, 20 joined our club," Karl said.

"We were rapt with that turnout. Our club is the biggest in Victoria and we supply 95 per cent of the Victorian team, so it is important to use that we keep building on the skills of our juniors."

Karl said the Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club is inclusive and encourages participation from anyone interested.

"Everyone is welcome. We've seen kids come through who hadn't found their sport yet and discovered they loved being in the water," he said.

"It's a safe, inclusive environment, and it's a lot of fun to be a part of it."

All entrants will be required to pay a \$10 fee to cover the pool hire for the night, and are asked to arrive early to be fitted for the equipment.

Current members will be on hand to talk to parents and answer any questions.

RESULTS

A GRADE

Fish Creek 40 It Morwell E 53
 Yinnar 42 d Toora 40
 Newborough 37 It Tarwin 47
 Mirboo Nth 43 d Hill End 36
 Stony Creek 34 It Boolarra 53

B GRADE

Fish Creek 55 d Morwell E 42
 Yinnar 41 d Toora 28
 Thorpdale 18 It Foster 43
 Newborough 50 d Tarwin 34
 Mirboo Nth 56 d Hill End 29
 Stony Creek 46 It Boolarra 33

C GRADE

Fish Creek 18 It Morwell E 55
 Yinnar 40 d Toora 26
 Thorpdale 10 It Foster 22
 Newborough 30 It Tarwin 34
 Mirboo Nth 20 d Hill End 19
 Stony Creek 18 It Boolarra 40

D GRADE

Fish Creek 43 d Morwell E 28
 Yinnar 48 d Toora 14
 Thorpdale 19 d Foster 18
 Newborough 44 d Tarwin 20
 Mirboo Nth 42 d Hill End 16
 Stony Creek 13 It Boolarra 15

17 & UNDER

F-Creek 26 drew Morwell E 26
 Yinnar 34 d Toora 32
 Newborough 23 It Tarwin 33
 Stony Creek 15 It Boolarra 21

15 & UNDER

Fish Creek 35 d Morwell E 20
 Yinnar 30 It Toora 31
 Newborough 15 d Tarwin 11
 Mirboo Nth 30 d Hill End 9
 Stony Creek 4 It Boolarra 58

13 & UNDER

Yinnar 15 It Toora 31
 Newborough 25 d Tarwin 6
 Mirboo Nth 13 It Hill End 22

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	166.57	48
Morwell East	163.01	42
Toora	151.78	42
Boolarra	144.25	36
Fish Creek	116.84	32
Tarwin	114.19	32
Mirboo North	90.71	24
Newborough	88.30	24
MDU	77.21	20
Stony Creek	62.70	16
Hill End	57.05	8
Foster	49.82	8

B GRADE

Fish Creek	176.00	44
Toora	166.15	44
Mirboo North	153.73	44
Yinnar	177.30	40
Morwell East	151.29	36
Stony Creek	108.52	28
Boolarra	123.03	24
MDU	108.24	24
Newborough	93.42	20
Tarwin	79.93	12
Foster	57.12	12
Hill End	54.35	4
Thorpdale	16.63	4

C GRADE

MDU	181.38	44
Yinnar	210.66	42
Tarwin	143.98	36
Boolarra	135.15	36
Hill End	127.12	30
Morwell East	145.85	28
Toora	115.09	28
Newborough	113.86	24
Mirboo North	96.96	24
Fish Creek	96.52	20
Stony Creek	70.30	12
Foster	26.22	8
Thorpdale	20.36	4

D GRADE

Fish Creek	217.23	44
Yinnar	194.94	44
Mirboo North	247.50	40
Newborough	174.67	36
Morwell East	140.07	32
Tarwin	114.45	28
Hill End	100.00	24
MDU	95.56	20
Toora	71.52	20
Boolarra	70.64	20
Stony Creek	70.44	16
Thorpdale	23.95	8
Foster	21.93	4

17 & UNDER

MDU 308.39 48

Yinnar 164.50 44

Toora 236.57 40

Fish Creek 185.81 38

Boolarra 71.17 32

Morwell East 85.87 30

Stony Creek 61.02 24

Newborough 51.41 24

Tarwin 50.00 20

Mirboo North 29.32 16

15 & UNDER

Boolarra 383.77 48

Mirboo North 339.34 44

MDU 237.50 40

Yinnar 176.92 32

Hill End 135.80 32

Toora 112.99 32

Fish Creek 89.34 28

Morwell East 70.55 24

Stony Creek 42.60 20

Foster 33.93 16

Newborough 31.70 12

Tarwin 13.47 4

13 & UNDER

Boolarra 267.74 44

Toora 132.77 44

Mirboo North 200.95 40

Hill End 120.28 36

Yinnar 158.33 32

Newborough 109.02 32

MDU 59.42 28

Foster 51.15 20

Fish Creek 25.27 20

Tarwin 36.70 16

SPORT | NETBALL



Mirboo North applies defensive pressure during its 7-goal A Grade win over Hill End. A19_2823



The Tigers (B Grade) Gemma McCormack lines up her shot. Photo: Annie Holland



Chloe Hogg has possession for Mirboo North, with the Goal Attack scoring 20 times during the Tigers' A Grade win over Hill End. A21_2823



Emma Evans (A Grade) looks to spoil Hill End's catch. Photo: Annie Holland



Mirboo North got the better of Hill End during the teams' Indigenous Round clash. A23_2823



Nyora's Ali Rae Nooy concentrates on the goal ring against Ellinbank.



The ball is just out of reach for both Stony Creek and Boolarra.



Mirboo North's Jayne Blackford battles Mandy Durkin of Hill End for possession during the sides' C Grade battle, with the Tigers prevailing by a goal. A16_2823



Sarah Stevens springboards another Nyora attack from her defensive position.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Bunyip 18 It Kilcunda-Bass 41

Dalyston 48 d Cora Lynn 21

Garfield 41 It Kor-Bena 57

NNG 53 d KWR 51

Phillip Is. 36 It T-Dalmore 60

Warragul I. 20 It I-Kongwak 103

15 & UNDER

Bunyip 31 It Kilcunda-Bass 45

Dalyston 53 d Cora Lynn 42

Garfield 59 d Kor-Bena 36

NNG 83 d KWR 26

Phillip Is. 35 It T-Dalmore 41

Warragul I. 59 It I-Kongwak 20

13 & UNDER

Bunyip 18 It Kilcunda-Bass 27

Dalyston 43 d Cora Lynn 19

Garfield 32 d Kor-Bena 24

NNG 53 d KWR 28

Phillip Is. 28 It T-Dalmore 45

Warragul I. 10 It I-Kongwak 66

11 & UNDER

Bunyip 7 d Kilcunda-Bass 6

Dalyston 10 d Cora Lynn 0

Garfield 22 d Kor-Bena 7

NNG 19 d KWR 8

Phillip Is. 12 It T-Dalmore 23

Warragul I. 17 It I-Kongwak 28

LADDERS

A GRADE

Inverloch-K

223.51

48

Inverloch-K

232.22

44

Tooradin-Dal.

144.44

44

Dalyston

193.68

44

Nar Nar Goon

183.86

40

Inverloch-K

147.14

40

Phillip Island

182.03

36

Cora Lynn

155.56

32

Phillip Island

Leongatha Netball results

NETBALL Game Day report: Round 12.

Under 13: Score: Leongatha 38 def Wonthaggi 13

We started off really strong and we had a great game. We played well as a team and had an awesome game.

Under 15: Score: Leongatha 44 def Wonthaggi 34

A consistent start despite not playing our best quarter. Team morale picked up throughout the game allowing us to secure the lead. Great shooting in tough conditions.

Under 17: Score: Leongatha 24 def by Wonthaggi 25

Great tough game today. The conditions were tough, but our intensity was excellent. Let's keep working hard at trainings.

C Grade: Score: Leongatha 47 def Wonthaggi 16

A wonderful day in Wonthaggi for netball today! Everyone played really well in the windy conditions. Plenty of defensive intercepts lead to plenty of goals. Great game girls, well done.

B Grade: Score: Leongatha 65 def Wonthaggi 33

Great win Parrots! A bit of a slow start but we kicked into gear in the second half. Congratulations girls and well done to Kate Sperling on winning the best on court mental health medal.

A Grade: Score: Leongatha 46 def Wonthaggi 30

Great win girls in challenging conditions. Bit of a slow start but got our rhythm and got on top. Welcome back Hannah! Great win girls.



Wonthaggi shooter Charlie Berry calls for it long from Jess Blair as Courtney Young holds her position in front.



Power keeper Chelsea Bowman looks for the outlet pass under pressure from Leongatha shooter Hannah Flanders.



Leongatha's Kayla Redpath flicks the ball back towards Taylah Brown to stop it going over the sideline.



Wonthaggi Power's B Grade goal defence Melissa Beveridge finds a way through a congested goal ring.



Leongatha's Emma Ton makes good position to receive the incoming pass during a competitive B Grade game ultimately won by Leongatha.

Fish Creek's (A Grade) Beth Pratt looking for a passing option.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Poowong 15 lt Neerim Sth 76
Buln Buln 50 d Longwarry 44
N-Darnum 55 d Lang Lang 38
Nyora 30 lt Ellinbank 61
Catani 27 lt Trafalgar 34

B GRADE

Poowong 18 lt Neerim Sth 66
Buln Buln 69 d Longwarry 32
N-Darnum 44 d Lang Lang 24
Nyora 6 lt Ellinbank 112
Catani 29 lt Trafalgar 59

C GRADE

Poowong 12 lt Neerim Sth 28
Buln Buln 32 lt Longwarry 34
N-Darnum 38 d Lang Lang 17
Nyora 5 lt Ellinbank 78
Catani 38 d Trafalgar 25

17 & UNDER

Poowong 41 d Neerim Sth 6
Buln Buln 41 d Longwarry 34
N-Darnum 23 d Lang Lang 15
Catani 27 lt Trafalgar 31

15 & UNDER

Poowong 40 d Neerim Sth 10
Buln Buln 32 d Longwarry 15
N-Darnum 32 d Lang Lang 15
Nyora 7 lt Ellinbank 22
Catani 20 drew Trafalgar 20

13 & UNDER

Poowong 23 d Neerim Sth 9
Buln Buln 23 d Longwarry 5
N-Darnum 13 lt Lang Lang 17
Nyora 15 d Ellinbank 11
Catani 23 d Trafalgar 3

LADDERS

	A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	313.42	52		Trafalgar	207.59	36
Nilma Darnum	149.58	48		Ellinbank	161.19	36
Ellinbank	141.02	44		Longwarry	140.67	36
Trafalgar	120.34	36		Catani	155.07	32
Buln Buln	105.99	28		Poowong	174.06	24
Lang Lang	85.43	22		Buln Buln	116.77	24
Catani	111.49	18		Nilma Darnum	90.77	16
Longwarry	80.90	16		Lang Lang	46.94	8
Poowong	48.80	8		Yarragon	39.58	8
Yarragon	61.85	4		Neerim South	17.12	0
Nyora	51.72	4		Nyora	0.00	0

B GRADE

Ellinbank	259.64	48
Trafalgar	177.83	48
Buln Buln	172.18	44

Neerim South	152.06	36
Nilma Darnum	110.06	28
Catani	97.88	28
Yarragon	76.00	20
Lang Lang	76.86	12
Longwarry	70.68	8
Poowong	49.92	8
Nyora	29.31	0

Ellinbank	250.76	48
Neerim South	193.86	42
Nilma Darnum	141.67	36
Catani	137.05	36
Longwarry	132.82	34
Buln Buln	125.621	32
Trafalgar	108.09	20
Poowong	108.09	12
Yarragon	57.71	12
Lang Lang	65.54	8
Nyora	9.50	0

Ellinbank	258.87	52
Catani	273.68	48
Poowong	202.48	38
Buln Buln	129.61	34
Longwarry	96.55	28
Yarragon	86.89	24
Neerim South	58.33	14
Trafalgar	63.86	12
Ellinbank	50.42	12
Nilma Darnum	54.28	10
Nyora	42.74	8

GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Wonthaggi	30 lt Leongatha	46
Traralgon	49 d Maffra	41
Morwell	49 lt Moe	57
Warragul	55 d Drouin	38
Bairnsdale	41 lt Sale	51

B GRADE

Wonthaggi	33 lt Leongatha	66
Traralgon	58 d Maffra	32
Morwell	37 lt Moe	49
Warragul	28 lt Drouin	65
Bairnsdale	33 lt Sale	37

C GRADE

Wonthaggi	16 lt Leongatha	47
Traralgon	22 lt Maffra	32
Morwell	25 drew Moe	25
Warragul	21 lt Drouin	43
Bairnsdale	30 d Sale	26

LADDERS

	A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Moe	154.53	44		Traralgon	165.29	42
Morwell	131.28	42		Leongatha	179.50	40
Leongatha	130.48	36		Sale	161.54	38
Drouin	111.28	32		Wonthaggi	178.01	32
Warragul	101.44	26		Maffra	123.84	26
Sale	85.74	20		Bairnsdale	101.31	22
Traralgon	96.28	16		Morwell	94.64	20
Wonthaggi	82.44	16		Drouin	89.50	14
Bairnsdale	67.45	8		Warragul	36.27	4
Maffra	67.45	0		Moe	18.35	0

	B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Traralgon	125.88	44		Traralgon	304.33	48
Leongatha	153.01	36		Sale	191.07	44
Moe	117.90	28		Bairnsdale	168.55	32
Drouin	113.94	24		Leongatha	118.21	32
Morwell	99.60	20		Maffra	106.84	28
Wonthaggi	91.13	16		Moe	81.87	20
Sale	77.31	8		Wonthaggi	73.22	16
Maffra						

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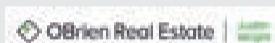
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NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

72 60

ELLINBANK

NYORA

Ellinbank 5.5 7.6 10.10 10.12 (72)
Nyora 1.3 6.6 7.6 9.6 (60)**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Michael Urie 5, Nicholas Pratt 2, Adamson Cook, Shaun Phelan, Liam Lisle 1 each.**BEST:** Michael Urie, Ryan Atherton, Rylan Smith, Michael Ablett, Alex Olsen, Timothy Farthing.**GOALS, Nyora:** Scott Pugh, Travis Stewart 3, Jono Hewitt, Connor Thompson, Connor Jester 1 each.**BEST:** Rhys Grange-Lylak, Dylan Heylen, Travis Stewart, Connor Jester, Finlay Cousins, Jordan Anderson.

RESERVES

Ellinbank 2.1 8.3 10.6 13.11 (89)
Nyora 2.2 2.2 2.2 2.5 (17)**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Jake Dean 5, Ross Carpenter 2, Taj Irwin, Tim Leicester, Jack Cole, Ben Dixon, Chris Hartman, Shannon Whelan 1 each.**BEST:** Jake Dean, Tim Leicester, Sam Barwick, Ryan Parsons, Mark Quigley, Luke Carpenter.**GOALS, Nyora:** Lincoln Brock, Brayden Smith 1 each.**BEST:** Jack Smith, Andrew Dike, Braydey Welsh, Shaun Lamb, Mitchell Boyd, Trent Breen.

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

49 36

NEERIM SOUTH

POOWONG

Neerim South 0.1 1.4 3.4 7.7 (49)
Poowong 1.3 1.4 4.12 4.12 (36)**GOALS, Neerim South:** Lachlan Bambridge 3, Thomas Crole 2, Luke Kinder, Nathan Bayne 1 each.**BEST:** Ben Fitzpatrick, Lachlan Bambridge, Thomas Crole, Dean Stringer, Luke Kinder, Alexander Johnston.**GOALS, Poowong:** Micah Williams, Kurt Newton, Damon Hansen, Alex Henshall 1 each.**BEST:** Jack Hazendonk, Steven McInnes, Rory Pattison, Conor Cunningham, Matthew Cozzio, Ben Peters.

RESERVES

Neerim South 9.3 14.7 18.11 23.14 (152)
Poowong 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 (1)**GOALS, Neerim Sth:** Fletcher Robertson-Edgar 6, Toby Bayne 5, Benjamin Lockett 4, Riley Ferguson 3, Lachlan Smith, Ethan Busse 2, Declan Bagot, Lachlan Willis 1 each.**BEST:** Fletcher Robertson-Edgar, Ethan Busse, Samuel Fusinato, Declan Bagot, Benjamin Lockett, Riley Ferguson.**BEST, Poowong:** Brady Rayner, Lachlan Waters, Harrison Sheedy, Daniel McDonald, Rhys Schulz, Aaron Cole.

THIRDS

Neerim Sth 2.4 3.8 7.8 8.9 (57)
Poowong 0.3 1.5 1.8 2.11 (23)**GOALS, Neerim South:** Max Williams, Kai Mounsey 3, Keegan Friedlander, William Kew 2, Ash Mounsey, Jesse Etchell, Kyson Cornwall, Mitchell Dowling 1 each.**BEST:** Jackson Williams, Chad Owen, Lincoln Morehu, Xavier Muir, Xavier Cox, Samuel Ladds.**GOALS, Poowong:** Calvin Langford, Jett Blackwood 1 each.**BEST:** Lachlan Wilson, Anthony Orsini, Sterling Holman, Daniel Whelan, Ben Fort, Harry Cecil.

FOURTHS

Neerim Sth 1.4 5.8 8.11 14.15 (99)
Poowong 0.0 0.0 0.2 1.2 (8)**GOALS, Neerim South:** Max Williams, Kai Mounsey 3, Keegan Friedlander, William Kew 2, Ash Mounsey, Jesse Etchell, Kyson Cornwall, Mitchell Dowling 1 each.**BEST:** No players selected.**GOALS, Poowong:** No goal scorers listed.**BEST:** Rory Nettle, Kohen Mandemaker, Jett Blackwood, Joshua Hall, Jordon Foote, Kohen Gilliatte.

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Lang Lang 9.11.65 d N-Darnum 7.15.57
Trafalgar 7.14.56 d Catani 6.4.40
Buln Buln 28.17.185 d Longwarry 4.3.27

RESERVES

Lang Lang 15.12.102 d N-Darnum 3.5.23
Trafalgar 6.5.41 d Catani 3.7.25
Buln Buln 19.11.125 d Longwarry 1.0.6

THIRDS

Lang Lang 7.5.47 d Trafalgar 6.9.45
Buln Buln 7.17.59 d Longwarry 5.6.36

FOURTHS

Lang Lang 10.3.63 d N-Darnum 5.5.35
Buln Buln 6.5.41 d Longwarry 5.8.38

Ellinbank 10.8.68 d Trafalgar 7.5.47

Saints challenge top side but come up short

By Nyora Football Club

SATURDAY'S game against Ellinbank was always going to be a tough assignment for both seniors and reserves as they are top three in both grades.

Still missing a lot of our regular seniors and with Ellinbank kicking with the wind in the first quarter, holding them was always going to be a big task.

We yielded a few early goals but bounced back in the later stages and even kicked a goal of our own with Trav Stewart making his presence felt.

The second quarter we had the wind and produced a five goal to two quarter to go into the main break a single goal down.

The third quarter started poorly with a goal umpire being caught out of position and awarding Ellinbank a goal for what was a point, and then another goal to them from a dubious free kick.

The last quarter showed we had a bit of fight and got to within 10 points but when a free kick and 50 metre penalty was awarded to Ellinbank, as a result of our crowd reaction, a win became a hurdle too far to achieve going down by 12 points.

High leaping Trav Stewart was dominating the ruck and unstoppable all around the ground with a best on performance finishing with three goals.

Overall, a fantastic effort against the second top side in the league and just shows what could have been achieved, but more importantly we showed what we are capable of.

We have now played four of the top five sides in the last month and our run home to the end of the season should see us notch up a few more wins, especially if we get a few more of our regular senior players back.

Reserves:

With a four or five goal wind towards the speedway end, the reserves held their



Jack Rosenow is a picture of concentration as he sends the ball into attack for Nyora.



Travis Stewart in pursuit as the final quarter battle heats up.

Magpies eaten up by Neerim South Cats

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed Neerim South in all four grades on a cold wintry day with a strong breeze blowing down the ground to the Drouin road end.

Poowong made two changes with Mitch Whiting injured and Charlie Koscal unavailable replaced by Ben Peters and Fiachra Staunton, both playing their first senior games for Poowong.

A big day for Poowong playing Neerim South a top four side, and Poowong looking to secure their fifth position and a chance to play finals.

Poowong kicked with the wind and started well with a goal to Micah Williams early, but play was bottled up with both teams working hard.

The second quarter was played much

the same as the first quarter with both defences battling hard with only a goal to Neerim and three points.

Poowong would need four of five goals with the breeze getting stronger and threatening weather about.

Poowong started well but with three points and another shot across goal to be marked by Neerim it was not enough when goals were needed.

Poowong's Damien Hansen finally found the big sticks, but unfortunately Neerim took the ball down the ground from the bounce to kick one of the two goals scored against the breeze.

Poowong came back with goals to Kurt Newton from a free kick and a mark to Alex Henshall, all the hard work was wasted when Neerim South added a second goal from a free kick against the breeze. Poowong finished

the quarter off with a series of points.

Three goals seven and a couple out of bounds for the quarter was not enough when Neerim had scored two against the breeze.

In the last quarter, Poowong would need to bottle up the game with the wind getting stronger and all was going well, until Neerim was awarded a free kick and an unnecessary 50 metre penalty resulting in a goal.

An opportunity lost by Poowong now back to one game and percentage clear in fifth place and playing Ellinbank away next week will be tough going.

The Reserves struggled with 15 players but to their credit they fought it right and played some positive football.

The under 18s worked hard going down by 34 points thanks to the Leon-gatha boys that helped out.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 14

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	12	1	229.74	48	Neerim South	13	0	558.45	52	Neerim South	11	1	234.35	91.6	Neerim South	11	0	417.00	95.8
Ellinbank	11	2	205.17	44	Ellinbank	10	3	306.38	40	Buln Buln	10	2	211.59	83.3	Ellinbank	12	1	354.80	92.3
Trafalgar	10	3	118.30	40	Lang Lang	10	2	305.20	40	Trafalgar	8	3	251.03	72.7	Trafalgar	8	4	172.71	65.4
Neerim South	9	3	276.13	38	Buln Buln	9	4	211.50	36	Yarragon	5	6	77.83	45.4	Lang Lang	7	5	140.35	58.3
Poowong	7	5	98.97	28	Catani	7	6	138.42	28	Trafalgar	4	7	67.09	36.4	Longwarry	7	6	98.74	53.9
Lang Lang	6	6	84.38	24	Trafalgar	6	7	160.00	24	Longwarry	3	8	64.38	27.2	Buln Buln	6	7	76.50	46.1
Longwarry	5	8	71.92	20	Yarragon	5	7	68.22	20	Lang Lang	2	9	47.68	18.2	Yarragon	1	9	30.91	13.6
Yarragon	4	7	75.92	18	Nyora	4	9	54.51	16	Poowong	2	9	39.12	18.2	Poowong	1	10	34.77	12.5
Nyora	3	10	59.69	12	Longwarry	3	10	47.03	12	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	1	12	25.78	7.7
Catani	2	11	66.28	8	Nilma Darnum	3	10	36.96	12	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	13	43.86	0	Poowong	0	12	9.94	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0

Tigers celebrate Indigenous round with a strong win

By Rover

MIRBOO North recorded its fifth victory of the season on Saturday, when it overpowered Hill End by 51 points, in the mighty Tigers' seventh annual Indigenous Round at Tigerland.

With four rounds of Mid Gippsland football remaining, Mirboo North is a game out of the six in 10th spot, but its percentage is lagging kilometres behind nearby teams above it on the ladder.

It's been a tough year thus far for bottom side, Hill End, which is yet to win a match in 2023.

For a variety of reasons, just four members — Amburu Uliando, Luke Tumino, Robert Fiddelaers and Aaron Fawcett — of the Hillmen's winning 2022 combination at Mirboo North, took to the field on Saturday.

After a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome To Country were carried out, Mirboo North kicked with a chilly, gusty westerly at its back in the opening term.

Almost immediately, Mirboo North's dominance rose to prominence, as both teams searched for the same rainbow's end and the four points that would go with it.

The Tigers quickly dined out on a smorgasbord of Hill End's

defensive problems by using a plethora of scoring options, that saw the home side lead by 30 points at the first break.

After running up three behinds, Mirboo North's first goal came from Beau Peters, and soon after, Josh Taylor passed tidily to Justin Pellicano for the Tigers' second major.

Sometimes, there were gasps on the terraces as Tiger fans watched Mirboo North's runners boldly grasp the Sherrin, then turn tricky and hairy situations into positive forward advances.

Mirboo North was fighting like Kilkenny cats to win the contested ball and had 7.6 on the board, before the visitors registered their first goal, 11 minutes into the second quarter.

Another Hill End major followed three minutes later and at the long break, the Hillmen were trailing by 32 points.

Taking advantage of the wind again, Mirboo North's youngsters Beau Melbourne, Max Woodall, Jordan Cummaudo, Beau Peters, Taj Wilkins, Jack Couper, Jesse Chila and second-gamer, Hayden Barnes ran their opponents off their feet with fast, play-on football all around the ground.

Mirboo North's brilliant backtracking was a feature of its play, as it speedily shifted



Mirboo North's Jordan Cummaudo, one of his side's best players on the day, tries to change direction to apply pressure to a Hill End opponent. A25_2823

the Sherrin downfield with no backing down or beg-your-pardons, whenever the Tigers' personal space was challenged by their opponents.

Harry Moore, Uliando, Fawcett and veteran 302-game stalwart, Fiddelaers, were all sturdy Hill End performers in the face of its ongoing adversity.

By three-quarter time, Hill End's deficit was 50 points; however, in the last term the Hillmen added two goals and gamely fought the game out, with plenty of grit, guts and

determination, plus a spirit of adventure.

Just as the final sounded, the wind grew even stronger and the rain came tumbling down, as it often does in July.

The Tigers' leading goal scorer with four majors was Melbourne and a fine senior football career surely awaits this talented teenager.

Mirboo North travels to Ronald Reserve Morwell East this Saturday when it meets the sixth-placed Hawks on their home deck.



Beau Peters gets set to tackle for Mirboo North but comes in for Hill End attention as he does so. A27_2823

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 12

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

 **95**  **44**

MIRBOO NORTH **HILL END**

Mirboo Nth 4.6 7.7 12.9 14.11 (95)
Hill End 0.0 2.6 4.7 6.8 (44)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Beau Melbourne 4, Lachlan Dobson 3, Justin Pellicano, Josh Taylor 2, Beau Peters, Darcy Brock, Nicholas Cummaudo 1 each.

BEST: Beau Melbourne, Jordan Cummaudo, Damien Turner, Max Woodall, Lachlan Dobson, Darcy Brock.

GOALS, Hill End: Lachlan Wilson 3, Aaron Fawcett, Robert Fiddelaers, Jamie Somers 1 each.

BEST: Harry Moore, Ambu Uliando, Aaron Fawcett, Robert Fiddelaers, James Balfour, Liam Fitzpatrick.

RESERVES

Hill End 6.3 7.7 8.8 10.8 (68)
Mirboo Nth: 1.0 2.3 7.6 9.7 (61)

GOALS, Hill End: Daniel Duff 3, Ariki Matwijkiv 2, Adam Simpson, Jake Schiavello, Joshua Hammond, Harley Lacunes, Anthony Scarcella 1 each.

BEST: Brody Hams, Brodie McLachlan, Patrick Mastertoun, Jake Schiavello, Dustin Goldsborough, Andrew Tanguoso.

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Angus O'Loughlin 4, Tarmah Little 2, Mitchell Richardson, Alex Krausz, Seth Cropley 1 each.

BEST: Simon Busuttil, Sam Bradley, Angus O'Loughlin, Tarmah Little, Michael Aveling, Mitchell Richardson.

THIRDS

Mirboo Nth 5.4 7.9 11.16 13.19 (97)
Newborough 0.0 1.0 1.1 1.1 (7)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Lachlan Poljak, Tom McGrath, Thomas Heislers, Noah Bradley 2, Blake Peters, Jonathan Conlan, Ollie Mahoney, Archie Woodall, Harrison Austin 1 each.

BEST: Ollie Mahoney, Lachlan Poljak, Thomas Heislers, Charlie Malady, Blake Peters, Tom McGrath.

GOALS, Newborough: Ryan Archipow 1.

BEST: Jacoby Gibbs, Macally Brosnan, Jackson Shields, Joe Varsaci, Daniel Edebohls, Ryan Archipow.

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

 **59**  **43**

STONY CREEK **BOOLARRA**

Stony Creek 1.2 5.4 5.5 9.5 (59)
Boolarra 0.1 0.4 2.6 6.7 (43)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Chris Verboon 3, Anthony Dyke, Cody Loughridge, Sam Bright, Troy Sinclair, Tully Bernaldo, Colby Michael 1 each.

BEST: Tully Bernaldo, Jack Stuart, Troy Sinclair, Matt Brown, Ash Zuidema, Sam Bright.

GOALS, Boolarra: Nathan Giardina 3, Glen Richards 2, Lachlan Smith 1.

BEST: Simon Noy, Nathan Giardina, Shaun Falla, Tom Reiske, Alex Devonshire, Daniel Wilson.

RESERVES

Stony Creek 2.2 4.6 5.10 7.15 (57)
Boolarra 0.0 0.2 0.3 0.3 (3)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Shawn Brett 2, Brett McKnight, Shaun Cope, Nick Svenson, Chris Amor, Matthew Price 1 each.

BEST: Nick Svenson, Thomas Horsburgh, Cade James, Adam Atkins, Lucas Byrnes, Richard McGrath.

BEST, Boolarra: Eddy Stanton, Glen Smith, Kyle Alexander, Jamie Maggs, Ben McCormack, Geoff Dyer.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 12

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	10	0	167.07	42
Yinnar	8	3	142.58	32
Fish Creek	8	3	126.81	32
Foster	7	3	179.10	30
Tarwin	7	4	126.59	28
MDU	6	5	139.22	24
Thordale	6	5	120.00	24
Morwell East	5	6	106.29	20
Boolarra	5	6	89.16	20
Mirboo North	5	6	85.71	20
Stony Creek	3	8	74.77	12
Toora	1	10	34.19	4
Hill End	0	12	46.37	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Terwin	10	1	314.10	40
Newborough	9	2	249.59	36
MDU	8	3	307.53	32
Toora	8	3	222.39	32
Yinnar	8	3	189.97	32
Fish Creek	7	4	163.70	28
Morwell East	5	6	98.93	20
Thordale	5	6	84.10	20
Stony Creek	5	6	81.97	20
Hill End	4	8	48.81	16
Mirboo North	2	9	50.52	12
Boolarra	1	10	22.31	4
Foster	0	11	25.70	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Mirboo North	8	3	197.59	32
Foster	8	3	150.79	32
MDU	7	4	122.95	28
Fish Creek/Tarwin	5	6	140.25	20
Yinnar	5	6	111.44	20
Newborough	0	11	14.47	0
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Thordale	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0



RIGHT: Stony Creek's Jacob Byrnes looks to spoil the mark. Photo: Gerard Bruning

MID GISSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

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FISH CREEK MORWELL EAST

Fish Creek	1.1	5.3	6.5	8.8 (56)
Morwell East	1.2	4.3	6.5	7.5 (47)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Jordan Shaw, Jake Staley, Adam Bright 2, Willem Voorham, Brock Stefani 1 each.

BEST: Matthew McGannon, Jordan Shaw, Jack Hayes, Jarrod Walker, Mathew Watkins, Josh Standfield.

GOALS, Morwell East: Robert Michaelides 3, Nik Kyriacou 2, Brandon Francis, Jay Francis 1 each.

BEST: Patrick Quinn, Isaac Abas, Jay Francis, Hayden Dwyer, Lucas Towns, Eric Semmler.

RESERVES

Fish Creek	3.2	7.3	8.5	10.8 (68)
Morwell East	1.3	1.4	3.5	4.7 (31)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Ryan Gillespie 4, Rhys Staley 3, Alby Edgeland, Owen Straw, Toby Redpath 1 each.

BEST: Emmanuel Faustin, Rory Standfield, Ryan Gillespie, Jonte Arrestia, Brandon Busuttil, Clinton Jones.

GOALS, Morwell East: Dylan Peppas, Corey Hall, Shannon Winmar, Liam Little 1 each.

BEST: Darren Tatterson, Bryce Chawner, Dylan Pappas, Shannon Winmar, Enrique Hume, Bradley Semmler.

THIRDS

Fish Creek/Tarwin	3.2	6.4	8.5	9.5 (59)
MDU	1.1	1.4	4.5	8.7 (55)

GOALS, Fish Creek/Tarwin: Tige Brewer 3, Zak Bright 2, Jackson Morgan, Shea Griffin, Oscar Bright, Tommy Bartels 1 each.

BEST: Tom Piasente, Tommy Bartels, Brandon Bell, Harrison Watt, Kye McMillan, Thomas Vuillermin.

GOALS, MDU: Angus McInnes 4, Rylan Bell 2, Ryan Marshman, Archie Casey 1 each.

BEST: Rylie Checkley, Archie Casey, Hunter Fennell, Tyson Harris, Brayden Sellings, Finn Dunn.

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

	67		60
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FOSTER THORPDALE

Foster	3.3	5.5	7.7	10.7 (67)
Thorpdale	2.0	4.5	6.6	9.6 (60)

GOALS, Foster: Mitchael Cooke 3, Troy Van Dyke, Michael Green 2, Jonathan Segat, Jake Thornell, Jack Rathjen 1 each.

BEST: Brendan Neville, Oliver Callcott, Tom Littore, Craig Wray, Callan Van Dyke, James Morris.

GOALS, Thorpdale: Harrison Sinclair-Stanley, Hayden Britten 3, Michell Chopping, Robert Turnbull, Matthew Powell 1 each.

BEST: Harrison Sinclair-Stanley, Robert Turnbull, Hayden Britten, Travis Patten, James Holland-Burch, Shannon Pickering.

RESERVES

Thorpdale	3.2	4.7	9.9	13.10 (88)
Foster	0.1	1.4	1.4	1.4 (10)

GOALS, Thorpdale: Ray Pickering 4, James Sinclair-Stanley 3, Johnny Bainbridge, Wade Allan, Zane Danger, Timothy Mitchell, James Pecotich, Benjamin Hotchkin 1 each.

BEST: Spencer Forbes, James Pecotich, James Sinclair-Stanley, Timothy Mitchell, Benjamin Hotchkin, Ray Pickering.

GOALS, Foster: Jacob Albrecht 1.

BEST: Jai Prain, Curtis Howell, Jacob Albrecht, Lee Hulse, Jason Midwinter, Luke Hume.

THIRDS

Foster	4.4	4.4	7.10	8.11 (59)
Yinnar	2.2	4.7	5.7	5.9 (39)

GOALS, Foster: Flynn Lomax, Jack Rathjen, Reghan Lewis 2, Jedd Davy, Nthan Gundrill 1 each.

BEST: Steven Armstrong, Will Roffey, Darby Hoskins, Reghan Lewis, Jaxon Lewis, Cooper Butinar.

GOALS, Yinnar: Hudson McCulloch 2, Harvey McKay, Grady Ryan, Billy Durea 1 each.

BEST: Luke Douch, Noah McCafferty, Presley Podmore, Hudson Berechree, Isaac Krizanac, Pharoah Gardner.

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Fish Creek's Sam McGannon over the ball with some support coming from teammate Damien Scully.

Kangas jump out on top

IF EVER Morwell East needed to go back to back it was on the weekend against Fish Creek.

The Hawks were sitting precariously in eighth position just a game outside of the top six sides of the competition before round twelve, but Fish Creek proved to be a bridge too far, the Kangaroos winning in a tight contest.

"Unfortunately we were back on the wrong side of a close one," said Paul Henry, Morwell East coach.

"It was a tight tussle all day at Fish Creek. It was neck and neck in the first half. We had a strong third quarter to tie up the game, coming into the last. The weather turned and it was hard to score. Fish Creek got over the line in a close one."

That loss means the Hawks now need to win all games you would expect them to, plus one or two unexpected ones as well.

Fish Creek on the other hand are travelling nicely and situated perfectly for an assault come finals time.

"It was a solid performance from us on the weekend in tough weather conditions, although Terrill Park is pristine at the moment," said Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach.

"Tightly fought contest with both teams playing pretty similar game styles that turned into a matter of who wanted it more when the rain set in. So we were very pleased to come out on top."

Fish Creek now sit in third spot on the MGFNL ladder, and although they cannot sit there 'comfortably' given the evenness of the competition, their future is in their own hands as they prepare for the final third of the home and away season.



Fish Creek's Pat Pekin with eyes on the ball ahead of two Morwell East opponents.

Foster upsets Thorpdale's rise up the ladder

THORPDALE had already provided all that they could in the first half of the season.

But they were under no illusions as to their need for further improvement, as they started to hone in on what was required to realise the dreams that had started to build in the minds of both players and community.

What stood in their way however, was an honest and talented team of Tigers with an agenda of their own.

Not much difference on the scoreboard

but a huge impact for the Blues on the ladder.

"I was really proud of the group coming away with a hard-fought win, it was a get in get out situation where we just wanted to get the points regardless of the score," said Sam Davies, Foster coach.

"Thorpdale have definitely earned respect back throughout the league, I'd be surprised if they didn't play finals."

There are no doubt finals will be on the Blue's radar, but importantly Thorpdale need to regroup and be ready for the next

big challenge...

"Really disappointing effort with an opportunity on offer to get in the top four," Jason Winderlich, Thorpdale coach said.

"Credit to the Foster boys, they were willing to work harder for longer in the tough conditions. We never got the game on our terms for long enough to put any real scoreboard pressure on."

You would expect the pressure to continue, as the Blues now prepare for Tarwin, a side that holds one of the spots that Thorpdale desperately want.



The warring Magpies battle it out.

Toora showing signs of improvement

THE clash of the two Magpies sides was anticipated to be pretty much a one way affair.

Yinnar although not nearly near the fine form they showed as the benchmark team of 2022, were still too proud to go down two times in a row.

The home side was always going to be a tough ask for the visiting Toora, and so it was, Yinnar winning comfortably.

Consistency has been a problem for Yinnar for pretty much the whole season.

Yet they find themselves second on the ladder, and if the Taylor team can find a just a bit more, a second shot at the big prize is not out of the question.

On the other hand the Toora team, are showing glimpses that they can play some good football, but more game time for many of their players is needed to be a more competitive beast.

"Aside from a 20-minute lapse in the second quarter, the boys were able to slow Yinnar's ball movement down and defend the ground well," Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

"Our second half saw some reward for effort on the scoreboard after we tightened up on some transitional movements which helped play the game in our half."

"We keep improving and the more exposure to senior football each player gets the better off we will be as a club."

With six weeks of the 2023 season remaining, there are still up to nine, maybe even 10 teams fighting for a finals spot.

Toora is not one of them, but how they finish the season may impact how the ladder looks in just over a month's time.



Toora's Jarryd Guganovic boots it just as Yinnar tackles. Photos: Tarley Maurilli-Pullin

Bulldogs prove superior to sink the Sharks

THE Bulldogs had managed to hold off all contenders throughout the course of the 2023 season.

But a draw against Foster in round 11 had Tarwin believing they were capable of going one step further.

And while both coaches and clubs have mutual respect for each other's efforts both on and off the field, business is business and winning was a priority for both, but at the end of the day the deal

was done by Newborough.

The Bulldogs might be impressed with what they are starting to deliver on a weekly basis, but they are not the only ones, opposition coaches also realising there is a gap between the top of the table side and the rest.

"Newborough are the best in the comp and are all on the same road going forward," said Troy Hemming, Tarwin coach.

"What Wade Anderson has done organising the day for mental health was amazing! Well done to him."

"We had our passages that looked really good but some skills errors resulted in goals and obviously that cost us."

Good sides will make you pay, and pay Tarwin did, but if nothing else the Sharks walk away learning something more about an impressive Newborough side.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

 **99**  **76**

NEWBOROUGH

Newborough	1.4	8.6	12.11	14.15 (99)
Tarwin	4.3	6.4	8.4	12.4 (76)

GOALS, Newborough: Joel Mitchell 5, Liam Flahavin 3, Luke Webber 2, Jake Bowden, Josh Pearce, Jack Robinson, Jake Bishop 1 each.

BEST: Liam Flahavin, Joel Mitchell, Patrick Charles, Hayden Prestidge, Liam Cordiner, Cameron Graham.

GOALS, Tarwin: Ryan Waddell 4, Kaj Patterson 2, Tom Vanderkolk, Ben ellen, Jamie Cann, Matthew Williams, Jarrad Matheson, Royce Patterson 1 each.

BEST: Ryan Waddell, Tom Vanderkolk, Fergus Warren, Kaj Patterson, Ben Ellen, Kyle Cooper.

RESERVES

Tarwin	1.1	2.4	2.7	4.9 (33)
Newborough	1.3	1.5	3.7	3.9 (27)

GOALS, Tarwin: Jayden Best 2, Dale Lawton, Timothy Gedye 1 each.

BEST: Alexander Chadwick, Robert Houston, Harrison Cumming, Stuart Kilsby, Dale Lawton, Nick Tucker.

GOALS, Newborough: Samuel Lodge, Brodie Burgess, Lachlan Gilroy 1 each.

BEST: Matthew Stringer, Joel Jacovou, Dominic McColl, Sean Burns, Daniel Smith, Brodie Burgess.

THIRDS

Mirboo Nth	5.4	7.9	11.16	13.19 (97)
Newborough	0.0	1.0	1.1	1.1 (7)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Lachlan Poljak, Tom McGrath, Thomas Heislars, Noah Bradley 2, Blake Peters, Jonathan Conlan, Ollie Mahoney, Archie Woodall, Harrison Austin 1 each.

BEST: Ollie Mahoney, Lachlan Poljak, Thomas Heislars, Charlie Malady, Blake Peters, Tom McGrath.

GOALS, Newborough: Ryan Archipow 1.

BEST: Jacoby Gibbs, Macally Brosnan, Jackson Shields, Joe Varsaci, Daniel Edebohls, Ryan Archipow.

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **81**  **18**

YINNAR

Yinnar	3.1	7.4	9.4	12.9 (81)
Toora	0.0	0.0	2.0	3.0 (18)

GOALS, Yinnar:

Daniel Johnson 4, Matt Moseley 3, Ben Cheffers 2, Luke Cheffers, Josh Bugeja, Sebastian Famularo 1 each.

BEST: Daniel Johnson, Matt Williams, Ben Cheffers, Gabe Olver, Ethan Sultana, Flynn Schill.

GOALS, Toora: Jarrod Vening, Johathan Pintus, Jarryd Guganovic 1 each.

BEST: Jonathan Pintus, Nathan Nicholls, Jarrod Vening, Ayden Walker, Joseph Platt, Leo Cashmore.

RESERVES

Yinnar	0.3	1.3	3.4	4.6 (30)
Toora	0.1	1.6	2.7	3.8 (26)

GOALS, Yinnar: Jarryd Garlick, Cameron Le Page, James Shea, Brandon Mahoney 1 each.

BEST: Xavier Geddes, Lachlan Alexander, Brandon Mahoney, Wayne Rowley, Thomas Hoghton, Mitch Renwick.

GOALS, Toora: Jukas Jenkins 2, Jake Mabilia 1.

BEST: Ben East, Luke Anedda, Leigh de Boer, Linden Dyson, Jordyn Coulthard, Marc Stone.

THIRDS

Foster	4.4	4.4	7.10	8.11 (59)
Yinnar	2.2	4.7	5.7	5.9 (39)

GOALS, Foster: Flynn Lomax, Jack Rathjen, Reghan Lewis 2, Jedd Davy, Nthan Gundrill 1 each.

BEST: Steven Armstrong, Will Roffey, Darby Hoskins, Reghan Lewis, Jaxon Lewis, Cooper Butinar.

GOALS, Yinnar: Hudson McCulloch 2, Harvey McKay, Grady Ryan, Billy Durea 1 each.

BEST: Luke Douch, Noah McCafferty, Presley Podmore, Hudson Berechree, Isaac Krizanac, Pharoah Gardner.



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WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB



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WONTHAGGI

LEONGATHA

	Wonthaggi	Leongatha
Wonthaggi	1.7	2.7
Leongatha	1.3	3.6

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper McInnes 2, Troy Harley, Noah Anderson, Tom Davey, Isaac Chugg 1 each.

BEST: Jack Blair, Brodie Mabilia, Toma Huther, Isaac Chugg, Troy Harley, Cooper McInnes.

GOALS, Leongatha: Jesse Burns 2, Jenson Garnham, Jack Ginnane 1 each.

BEST: Cade Maskell, Kim Drew, Sam Forrester, Jackson Harry, Jenson Garnham, Jesse Burns.

RESERVES

	Leongatha	Wonthaggi	3.1	4.2	4.3	4.3 (27)
Leongatha	0.2	0.3	3.4	7.10 (52)		

GOALS, Leongatha: Will Littlejohn, Jacob Lamers 2, Aaron Hillberg, Joshua Schelling, Oakley Kerr 1 each.

BEST: Cameron Stone, Jacob Lamers, Will Littlejohn, Darcy Hume, Aaron Hillberg, Rhett Kelly.

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Wayne Luke, Hunter Tiziani, Ollie Dawson, Kurt Brown 1 each.

BEST: Ryan Cornell, Jarvis Brown, Wayne Luke, Lachie Jones, Kurt Brown, Blake Cornelius.

FOURTHS

	Wonthaggi	Leongatha	1.2	2.6	2.7	4.9 (33)
Leongatha	1.1	2.4	3.7	4.8 (32)		

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Seth McBean 2, Jaxon Brouwers, Nate Pugh 1 each.

BEST: Connor MacMillan, Ayden Fawaz, Seth McBean, Nathan Patch, Thomas MacMillan, Jaxon Brouwers.

GOALS, Leongatha: Finn Donohue, Jhett Brown, Klayton McGrath, Clayton Quaife 1 each.

BEST: Aidan Williams, Finn Donohue, Jhett Brown, Alby Logan, Willis Patterson, Angus Livingstone.

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Traralgon	23.17.155	d	Maffra	9.5.55
Moe	11.13.79	d	Morwell	6.7.43
Warragul	11.4.70	d	Drouin	8.10.58
Sale	19.11.125	d	Bairnsdale	6.10.46

RESERVES

Maffra	6.8.44	d	Traralgon	4.6.30
Moe	7.14.56	d	Morwell	5.7.37
Drouin	16.16.112	d	Warragul	2.2.14
Sale	14.6.90	d	Bairnsdale	3.7.25

THIRDS

Traralgon	12.14.86	d	Maffra	6.6.42
Moe	8.7.55	d	Morwell	2.4.16
Warragul	10.12.72	d	Drouin	6.5.41
Bairnsdale	4.2.26	d	Sale	1.2.8

FOURTHS

Traralgon	11.5.71	d	Maffra	10.3.63
Moe	21.18.144	d	Morwell	1.3.9
Drouin	7.1.43	d	Warragul	4.6.30

Bairnsdale	12.8.80	d	Sale	7.6.48
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THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 15

ELLINBANK

ROUND 15

Lang Lang v Catani
Trafalgar v Buln Buln
Longwarry v Nyora
Ellinbank v Poowong
Yarragon v Nilma Darnum
Neerim South - BYE

GIPPSLAND

ROUND 13

Leongatha v Traralgon
Sale v Wonthaggi
Moe v Warragul
Drouin v Morwell
Maffra v Bairnsdale

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 13

Foster v MDU
Morwell East v Mirboo North
Tarwin v Thorpdale
Toora v Fish Creek
Boolarra v Newborough
Stony Creek v Yinnar
Hill End - BYE

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 13

Cora Lynn v Nar Nar Goon
Inverloch-Kongwak v Garfield
Kilcunda-Bass v Phillip Island
Koo Wee Rup v Dalyston
Korumburra-Bena v Bunyip
Tooradin-Dalmore v Warragul-Industrials



Aiden Lindsay shares the ball with Mitch Hayes at the centre.



Kim Drew put in his best game for the Parrots on Saturday but it wasn't enough to stop Wonthaggi.



Key Power playmaker Ryan Sparkes leaves the ground early after a heavy tackle, likely concussed and set to miss a couple of weeks.

and it sailed straight through the points.

At this stage, players from both sides were throwing themselves in. Toma Huther and Ben Willis, in the 'Mental Health Round' guernsey, were having a ding-dong battle in the ruck, but with Huther more influential after the ball came loose. Aiden Lindsay for the Power, also in the blue 'O' jumper, and Drew, Marriot, Heppell, and Bowman for Leongatha were in everything; Reid and Knowles combining in defence, Hutchinson taking a shot from the boundary and Sean Westaway with a goal-saving tackle were all noted but Wonthaggi simply wasn't getting reward for effort.

They had most of the play to the swimming pool-end of the ground during that quarter and after Josh Bates hit the swinging goal post from long range, Troy Harley marked and goaled in the first five minutes to put the Power in front. After that, Leongatha's defenders, including Maskell, Harry, Sean Westaway and Guy Dickson heroically kept them at bay and not even an errant kick by Aaron Heppell in the Power's forward 50, which was marked by Aiden Lindsay could be converted.

The race was on, Hutchinson on the hunt, but first senior game Parrot Hayden Lindsay in hot pursuit. The pair got to the ball together, Lindsay held it up, and Cade Maskell cleared it. Not long after that, however,

At one crucial stage in the 'premiership quarter', Cooper McInnes won the ball against the run of play, and seeing the speedy Hutchinson sprinting towards a vacant forward line, barrelled the ball ahead of him.

The pair got to the ball together, Lindsay held it up, and Cade Maskell cleared it. Not long after that, however,

Leongatha's Lindsay dislocated his shoulder and played no further part after a promising debut.

Finally, however, Cooper McInnes scooped up the loose ball and ran clear of the pack for the tie-breaking goal, and crucially, just seconds before the siren, Noah Anderson marked and kicked a pressure goal.

Power had the lead they needed, barely, 17 points in low-scoring affair, with a quarter to come.

Parrots' coach Trent McMicking praised his defenders for an "unbelievable job" to that stage and urged his players to take it on in the last.

Power coach Jarryd Blair stressed the importance of winning every contest and communication if they were to break it open.

The start of the last quarter was frenetic. Willis got the first centre break to Ginnane, but Jack Blair cleared it (not for the last time that quarter) and up the other end Dickson saved a certain goal for the Power before Burns and Ginnane combined for the one Leongatha needed.

Thereafter, though, it was

end-to-end stuff, or bottled up on the dead flank; Marriot cleared two Power chances, Josh Schulz and Fergus O'Connor did likewise. Drew was everywhere, Hutchinson took a shot into the breeze that actually blew backwards, Jack Blair cut off two more Parrot attacks and Toma Huther dropped back to mark on the goal line.

Leongatha never gave up but they were missing targets, and lacked the usual run-and-carry transition they rely on.

It was Tom Davey who kicked the sealer after good lead up work by Mabilia and Hutchinson.

A delighted Blair said after the game that the result underscored a belief within the group that if they "knuckle down and won those one on ones" anything was possible in 2023.

A disappointed Trent McMicking, acknowledged Wonthaggi was the better team on the day but he did takeaway some positives, including the form of Cade Maskell and Kim Drew, the efforts of Sam Forrester on Blair, the team defence and the way they kept coming right up to the finish.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 12

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	10	2	221.20	40	Leongatha	10	2	298.20	40	Traralgon	11	0	350.93	44	Traralgon	12	0	339.70	48
Wonthaggi	10	2	206.77	40	Traralgon	8	4	165.47	32	Maffra	8	2	132.39	32	Maffra	9	3	195.13	36
Moe	10	2	158.37	40	Wonthaggi	8	4	156.11	32	Bairnsdale	7	3	158.25	30	Bairnsdale	9	3	172.56	36
Traralgon	10	2	144.20	40	Maffra	8	4	151.03	32	Warragul	7	4	152.44	28	Warragul	6	6	132.86	24
Sale	6	6	107.37	24	Moe	8	4	137.82	32	Leongatha	7	3	131.51	28	Drouin	6	6	96.26	24
Morwell	4	8	79.02	16	Sale	7	5	118.24	28	Moe	4	6	51.52	16	Warragul	3	9	82.36	12
Bairnsdale	3	8	67.28	14	Bairnsdale	5	7	108.20	20	Sale	1	9	68.48	6	Wonthaggi	3	9	41.48	12
Warragul	3	9	43.84	12	Morwell	4	8	89.51	16	Morwell	1	10	43.50	4	Foster	2	10	43.33	8
Maffra	2	9	57.57	10	Drouin	1	11	32.71	4	Drouin	1	10	41.82	4	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0
Drouin	1	11	69.99	4	Warragul	1	10	16.57	4	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Traralgon	12	0	19.63	0

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 12

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

 **93**  **42**

KILCUNDA-BASS BUNYIP

Kilcunda-Bass	4.4	6.5	9.7	14.9 (93)
Bunyip	0.1	3.2	3.3	6.6 (42)

GOALS, K-Bass: Anthony Daraio 6, William Speed 2, Dean Mcrae, John Mentiplay, Dale Gawley, Lleyton Cartmel, Jack Soroczynski, Ben Wemyss 1 each.

BEST: Nathan Foote, Anthony Daraio, Cam McKenzie, Dale Gawley, Benjamin Eddy.

GOALS, Bunyip: Chase Saunders, Aach Gallahar 2, Jason Williams, Matthew O'Halloran 1 each.

BEST: Alex Dijkstra, Lachlan Petch, Darby Craven, Chase Saunders, Adam Banks, Alex Squires.

RESERVES

Bunyip	2.2	7.3	11.5	16.10 (106)
Kilcunda-Bass	0.2	0.2	3.4	3.4 (22)

GOALS, Bunyip: Shane Smith 3, Jamie Hallpike 2, Jesse Garner, Brandon Pompei, Patrick Opie, Aaron Miles, Riley Simpson, Michael Whyte, Dylan McDougal, Michell McKenzie, Bradley Walker, Jeb McLeod, James Pryor 1 each.

BEST: Michael Whyte, Jeb McLeod, James Pryor, Bradley Walker, Riley Simpson, Jamie Hallpike.

GOALS, K-Bass: Trent Cartmel, Jordan Osborne, David Munro 1 each.

BEST: Ashden Grenness, Michael Gatherum, Trent Cartmel, Harry Maclean, Jake Smith.

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **74**  **33**

GARFIELD KORUMBURRA-BENA

Garfield	3.4	5.6	8.6	11.8 (74)
Kor-Bena	0.0	2.1	4.3	5.3 (33)

GOALS, Garfield: Jahmain Harrison, Mark Griffiths, Rhys Murphy, Jack Tenace-Greenall, Joshua Evans, Zach Dalton, Tahj Murphy, Angus Emery, Zac Soutar, Lachie Spinks, Ryan Dalton 1 each.

BEST: Joel Batson, Joshua Evans, Zac Soutar, Angus Emery, Jahmain Harrison, Jack Tenace-Greenall.

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Luke Walker, Jay Walker, Christian Sewell, Evan Allaway, Curtis Morley 1 each.

BEST: Jay Walker, Jack Spencer, Mitchell Sawyers, Jordan Graham, Joel Cuman, Rhys Dixon.

RESERVES

Garfield	4.0	7.3	10.7	15.11 (101)
Kor-Bena	0.0	2.1	2.1	2.1 (13)

GOALS, Garfield: Liam Reed, Jack Salan 3, Riley Youssef, Matt Jones, Beau Scampolino 2, Cory Whelan, Toby Talbot, Jaidin Smith 1 each.

BEST: Matt Jones, Riley Youssef, Matthew Bow, Toby Talbot, Liam Bow, Jaidin Smith.

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Joshua Westerman 2.

BEST: Jed Harris, Bailey Nation, Austin Gurnett, Zachary Barrett, Matthew Hancock, Lachlan Smith.

THIRDS

Garfield	7.4	12.12	19.15	25.25 (175)
Kor-Bena	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 (0)

GOALS, Garfield: Jake VanDenBerghe 7, Ben Tenace-Greenall 5, Coby Miller, Billy Anile, Theo Zaccari 2, Kain O'Dwyer, Kade Nibbs, Jesse Wouters, Archer Burgmann, Levi Reid, James Martin 1 each.

BEST: Tyler Lovell, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Theo Zaccari, Ben Tenace-Greenall, Jake VanDenBerghe.

BEST, Kor-Bena: Josh Checkley, Zac Graham, Codie Anderson, Harvey Webb, Jack Donohue, Jack Crocker.

FOURTHS

Kor-Bena	2.5	3.6	3.10	4.12 (36)
Garfield	0.0	1.1	3.1	5.3 (33)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Oliver Pearson 2, Hamish Withall, Sam Hill 1 each.

BEST: Tanner Walker, Thomas Walker, Dylan Parry, Ky Gow, Indie Cameron, Hamish Withall.

GOALS, Garfield: George Morgan 3, Joseph Zaccari, Sasson Alden-Brown 1 each.

BEST: Joachim Hayward, Joseph Hardiman, George Morgan, Diesel Ashe, Taijen Koesmans.

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

NNG	18.10.118	d	KWR	6.6.42
NNG	8.8.56	d	KWR	3.2.20

RESERVES

NNG	10.6.66	d	KWR	2.6.18
NNG	6.7.43	d	KWR	6.4.40

THIRDS

NNG	10.6.66	d	KWR	2.6.18
NNG	6.7.43	d	KWR	6.4.40

FOURTHS

NNG	6.7.43	d	KWR	6.4.40
NNG	6.7.43	d	KWR	6.4.40



Team mates Josh Schelling and Steve Forrester chair Joel Renden off the ground after his 300th club game. WvLreserves2_2823

Parrots' reserves survive a scare at Wonthaggi

LEADERSHIP in the Gippsland League Reserves competition is all but decided after Leongatha defeated the second-placed Wonthaggi side by 25 points at Wonthaggi on Saturday.

But they had to do it the hard way after failing to score a goal in the first half against a fast-starting Power team who had three goals to nil on the board in the opening quarter.

First half goal kickers for Power included Wayne Luke, Hunter Tiziani, Ollie Dawson and Kurt Brown.

Cameron Stone, playing in the reserves after an overseas' trip, looked to have kick started the Parrots' revival early in the third quarter with a goal, only to have it downgraded to a point, and Wonthaggi's Jarrod Stewart had a chance at the other end.

The Power's defenders were holding up well including Jye

Gilmour, Blake Cornells, Will Forsyth, Jarvis Brown and with Lachie Jones among those dropping back to help.

But finally, it was the Parrots' Jacob Lamers who got the Parrots going with a long bomb into the wind and Oakley Kerr closed the gap with another.

After the three quarter time break, Littlejohn marked the kickout before using the breeze to float the ball through for his second, to put the Parrots in front five minutes in and Leongatha outplayed the home side from there with goals to Hillberg, Schelling and Lamers towards the end.

The day featured the 300th club game by Joel Renden who later described the highlights as the two reserves premierships in 2012 and 2018. He also has 23 senior games and an appearance in the NTFL under his belt.



Wonthaggi's Jarvis Brown gets his hands free to move the ball on under pressure.

Panthers too much for Bulldogs

KILCUNDA BASS travelled up to the Bunyip Recreation Reserve to face the winless Bulldogs on a windy Saturday afternoon.

With the wind favouring the southern end of the ground, the Panthers won the toss and elected to kick with the advantage in the first, entering the game without spearhead Taylor Gibson.

They did regain the services of Jack Soroczynski though, for his first game of the year.

It was all going the way of the visitors to start out the

match, winning most clearances and locking the ball in their half of the ground.

Inaccurate goal kicking cost them a big lead, but they put four goals on the board in the first term, whilst only conceding one point to lead by 27-points at the first change of ends.

With the wind in the second, Bunyip were able to switch the momentum of the game, with star on baller Alex Dijkstra getting his hands on it and launching it forward.

The Bulldogs took their

opportunities and put three goals on the board, but the Panthers responded before half time, adding two of their own to take a 21-point lead into the main break.

In the third, it was all Kilcunda Bass again as their defence only conceded one-point again for the term, and their midfield of Nathan Foote, Cam McKenzie and Ben Eddy took control.

Superstar Dale Gawley was also instrumental in the ruck, and they often targeted Anthony Daraio up forward, who kicked six goals for the day in Taylor Gibson's absence.

The visitors carried a 40-point lead at three quarter time but knew it would still be game on in the last quarter.

The Panthers kicked the first four goals of the final term, putting any come back from hosts out of question.

Bunyip kept coming right until the end though, but their efforts weren't enough, and they went down at home by 51 points.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 12

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts
Inverloch-K	12	0	320.41	48	Tooradin-Dal	11	0	606.18	46	Phillip Island	10	1	313.41	3.6	Phillip Island	10	0	783.18	4.0	Warragul Ind	9	1	1056.73	3.6			
Phillip Island	10	1	226.66	42	Inverloch-K	11	1	398.86	44	Phillip Island	9	2	294.85	3.2	Nar Nar Goon	8	2	141.85	3.2	Nar Nar Goon	8	2	141.85	3.2			
Tooradin-Dal	9	3	174.53	36	Nar Nar Goon	10	1	526.38	42	Warragul Ind	8	3	216.39	2.9	Tooradin-Dal	5	4	107.06	2.2	Dalyston	5	4	107.06	2.2			
Nar Nar Goon	8	3	192.01	34	Phillip Island	8	4	151.87	32	Tooradin-Dal	7	4	177.21	2.5	Kor-Bena	0	11	11.01	0.0	Koo Wee Rup	5	5	130.69	2.0			
Cora Lynn	8	4	137.18	32	Cora Lynn	7	5	223.22	28	Kor-Bena	6	5	109.16	2.2	Inverloch-K	5	5	121.66	2.0	Koo Wee Rup	5	5	130.69	2.0			
Warragul Ind.	6	6	119.34	24	Koo Wee Rup	6	6	134.10	24	Kilcunda																	



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 Cora Lynn **11.6.72** d Dalyston **7.7.49**
 Garfield **11.8.74** d Korumburra-Bena **5.3.33**
 Nar Nar Goon **18.10.118** d Koo Wee Rup **6.6.42**
 Phillip Island **7.11.53** d Tooradin-Dalmore **6.8.44**
 Inverloch **9.11.65** d Warragul Industrials **6.5.41**

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Magpies clipped by Cobras' strike

ROUND five 2023 was a rude wakeup call for perennial contenders Cora-Lynn as Dalyston knocked them over at their Cobradome. Once-bitten, twice shy and the lessons they learnt that day shaped their four-goal victory in the return bout at Dalyston.

Bolstered by the inclusion of Billy Thomas, Corey Machaya and Josh Cochrane (late-season recruit from St Kilda City) they came fully loaded to test the Magpies.

Despite having started the season in tremendous fashion Dalyston's progress has stalled but the bye-week freshen up and return of Mitch Hallahan gave them confidence of a return to form.

Both teams had to contend with the influence of the strong gusty wind blowing towards the southern end pocket in what turned out to be an enthralling contest well into the last term.

Heading to the highway end Dalyston's Jaxon Foon gave his team the perfect start with a strong mark to goal within the first minute.

The Cobras found their composure and quickly began to find their own targets.

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DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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	CORA LYNN	DALYSTON
Cora Lynn	4.2	5.3
Dalyston	2.1	6.3
GOALS, Cora Lynn:		8.5
Cora Lynn		11.6 (72)
Dalyston		7.4
GOALS, Cora Lynn:		7.7 (49)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner 6, Ryan Gillis, 2, Nathan Villella, Luke Hartley, Gus Da Costa 1 each.

BEST: Tristian Warkuss, Joshua Cochrane, Nathan Villella, Nathan Gardiner, William Thomas, Luke Ryan.

GOALS, Dalyston: Mitch Hallahan 2, Jack Legione, Mason Storr, Jaxon Foon, Ben Lewis 1 each.

BEST: Curtis Murfett, Blake Carew, Brayden Duve, Brayden Bowes, Jack Legione, Lachy Ireland.

RESERVES

	CORA LYNN	DALYSTON
Cora Lynn	3.1	5.2
Dalyston	0.0	1.3
GOALS, Cora Lynn:		6.6
Cora Lynn		8.8 (56)
Dalyston		2.5 (17)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Jayden Frazer, Lynden Banting 2, Lual Lual, Josh Wilson, Jake Boccari, Jeremy Inverno 1 each.

BEST: Corey Brook, Lachlan Taylor, Jake Ross, Sardis Gardner Lefau, Tory Drew, Lynden Banting.

GOALS, Dalyston: names
BEST: Cooper Smith, Tyler Woolan, Tyson Andriguetto, Troy Alford, Robert Davey, Mitch Hewitson.

THIRDS

	CORA LYNN	DALYSTON
Cora Lynn	4.3	6.6
Dalyston	0.0	0.0
(6) GOALS, Cora Lynn:		11.10 15.14 (104)

(6) GOALS, Cora Lynn: Max McDermott 4, Bailey Brougham, Lachlan Coverdale 2, Caelan Addis, Ashton Hermanus, Chaipat Pincharee, Ryan Davelaar, Jackson McNeill, Kade Perkins, Christopher Inverno 1 each.

BEST: Zac Taylor, Bailey Brougham, Jackson McNeill, Ashton Hermanus, Kade Perkins, Darcy Edwards.

GOALS, Dalyston: Matrix Chisholm 1.
BEST: Angus Rosenow, Ryan Gray, Bailey Anderson, Harry Howell, Charlie Slater, Sebastian Ori

Gardiner, Villella, Ryan Gillis and Da Costa threaded through consecutive goals fuelled by the attacking play of Warkuss and Cochrane.

The Magpies keen to stay competitive doubled down on their tackling pressure and Mason Storr made the most of a rare forward-50 entry, with a big grab and goal to keep his team in the hunt 13 points adrift at quarter time.

Dalyston's turn with the wind offered them some welcome relief and their endeavour to run in support of their team-mates created multiple scoring options throughout the second term.

Jake Barry scored an early goal before Gillis countered for the Cobras but the Magpies controlled the next twenty minutes and two goals to Hallahan who had shifted forward gave them a six point advantage to finish the half.

Scores were locked again when Gardiner completed an excellent Monckton pass to kick his second, and the league's leading goal kicker became a growing presence from that point.

His ability to out-position his direct opponent was being an increasing issue and big Nathan was beginning to thirst for more leather.

Gardiner strung together the next two but a late response by Jack Legione had the Magpies posed for a big finish, just seven points behind and only the final term to play.

Unfortunately for Dalyston the old saying 'the wind won't do it for you' rang true. Cora-Lynn cleverly worked the ball along the defensive flank and their full-forward was front and centre once more for his fifth with a sixth to follow.

The Magpies were rolled but didn't roll over and they will take heart in their increased competitiveness as they head to Koo Wee Rup this weekend.

Dalyston hoping to redeem their own round one loss this time around.



Dalyston's William Clarke looks to fend off his rivals.



Kurt Thomas applies the pressure as Cora Lynn's Gus Da Costa puts boot to ball.

Stars hold off Giants at home

KORUMBURRA BENA travelled up to Beswick Street in the hopes of securing their second win of the season when they faced off with Garfield on Saturday.

After what has been a tough couple of seasons on the injury and unavailability front, the luckless Giants were hit hard once again prior to this match, going in without coach and spearhead forward Paul Fermanis and gun utility Zach Walker.

Their luck didn't improve early, as they were put under immediate pressure in defence, and struggled to move the ball forward as Rhys Dixon went off injured.

The Stars on the other

hand were fit and firing, putting through seven shots and maximising their efforts on three of them to open up a 22-point quarter time lead.

Following their scoreless first term, the young Giants were out under pressure again in defence but this time held up well and Dixon who had returned to the field found Codie Anderson, who shared it with Luke Walker for Korumburra Bena's first.

A great moment for Walker who was on return after missing eight games with a broken jaw, he and the Giants then lifted as Jay Walker continued to work hard in the middle of the ground.

With a strong wind now as-

serting itself on the contest the Giants kept pressing forward, mounting plenty of drives to try and score before Christian Sewell did so with a nice snap for a major.

The hosts responded though, with two quick goals at the other end and despite winning their fair share of possession and getting some great representation forward from Sewell, the Giants struggled to navigate the wind and were held to just the three shots for the quarter.

The Stars took a 23-point lead into the main break.

The third term began and the visitors came out full of energy with Dixon giving

plenty in the middle and Tyson Findlay in was aggressive in defence.

With one quarter to go, the Stars led it by 27-points and looked to hold on to seal their third win of the season, and that they did.

In the end, the bigger Garfield bodies prevailed on a tough windy afternoon to finish 41-point winners, they'll now ride this momentum into this week's matchup with the undefeated Sea Eagles on the road.

As for the Giants, they'll get another opportunity to pick up their second win of the season when they host the winless Bunyip at home.

Bulldogs secure hard-fought win against Seagulls

AFTER a welcome week off for the mid-season bye, it was back into this week for the Bulldogs in the critical clash/es against archrivals Tooradin.

With both clubs well entrenched in the Top 6 across all football grades, it promised to be a tantalising day of community football at the Kennel.

Pity that the weather gods were not smiling on the day!

In a clash of second versus third, with the victor taking a vice-like grip on the vital second place and double chance in the finals, the result was always going to hotly contested.

With a howling westerly wind crossing the kennel, it was going to be the side that could best adjust to the tough conditions that would come out on top.

With a bunch of senior players returning to the team after the bye - including Daniel Pearce, Travis Woodfield and Max Walton - rumours of some changes to the visitors team swirled pre-game, confirmed with a late change seeing Seagulls superstar Brent Macaffer out of the side.

In a tight contest, it was to be the Bulldogs that prevailed leading at all changes to win 7.11 (53) to 6.8 (44), but only after a last quarter 23-point lead was almost run down by a charging Seagulls outfit.

With a 10-point margin at each of the first two quarter breaks, it was the Bulldogs ability to move the ball forward with just that little bit more efficiency that saw it up at the half time break.

A late goal by key Gull forward Brad Butler helped keep the visitors in it.

The second half continued the trend, with the Bulldogs extending the lead to 4 goals early in the last and looking like they were going to run away with it.

The Seagulls upped the tempo - and the contested footy - from that point, with some passages of play resembling rugby scrums with anything up to 10 ball-ups in a row!

Through methodical pushing and probing they were able to keep the contest alive right to the end.

Midfielder Hayden (Pencil) Bruce - fresh from the recent birth of his first daughter - was the games standout, scoring a total of 4 of the 7 bulldog goals including two of the first three.

Continuing his fantastic form of late, the Seagulls couldn't stop him, as hard and as tough as they tried. Aided and abetted by an arm-chair ride from ruckmen Daniel Bourke and Cameron Pedersen - particularly after half time - he led the charge for the Bulldogs.

In the tough conditions the Bulldogs defence was set a tough test, and it was elder statesman Damien Holmes assisted ably by returning Daniel Pearce that stood tall. Kai McKenzie kept that man Stuart Scanlon quiet (returning only one goal for the Gulls). It took the unlikely Gulls ruckman Ray Lengel to keep the visitors in the game scoring a couple of goals at key periods.

In the end, it was a great grinding win to the Bulldogs, cementing their hold on the vital second place. With some key outs still to come back, the rest of the season looks positive for the Dogs.



The intensity builds as Hayden Bruce outpaces Tooradin. Photos: Carol Ratcliff



Damien Holmes looks to boot it.

Undefeated Sea Eagles escape the Dusties

INVERLOCH KONGWAK have sealed their 12th straight win in 2023, after a five-goal-to-one final term at Western Park saw them escape a brave Warragul Industrials side.

The visitors started hot and fast out of the blocks in the first quarter, looking to get their trademark run and gun, precision game going, but some poor decision making under pressure meant they were unable to breakaway, as Mahoney's absence began to show.

The IK backs were strong once again, with Tate Short just going about his work finding tones of the football at half back, while Bailey Patterson created ample opportunities himself playing around half forward and through the middle of the ground.

The Sea Eagles drew first blood through Patterson, but the back end of the opening quarter was owned by the hosts who brought extreme pressure and began to move the ball brilliantly themselves.

They went end to end to find their first through Kyle Staples, albeit with a bit of

luck, then a centre stoppage burst from midfield gun Will Gibson saw the ball into the hands of Kane Taylor who made no mistake from 50 metres out, giving the home side a five-point lead at the first break.

From then on, the Dusties relentless pressure never dropped, only lifting in intensity with every contest, inspired by their desperation to punch a finals ticket and by the way they'd completely opened IK up on the counterattack.

This forced a chaos start to the second term as the ball pinballed around and bodies flew for it left right and centre, the travelling Sea Eagles were again inaccurate, and stoppages were of great abundance.

This meant the second term went for over 30 minutes with just two majors scored, one of which though off the back of one of the highlights of the year, as Matthew Herbert turned the afterburners on out of a stoppage in defensive 50, took four bounces and found the soaring Taylor for the set shot.

Both sides started the third term well,

as Gibson continued his dominance at the stoppages feeding his forwards on many an occasion, but the IK defence was up to the task.

Including debutant Archie Terlich, son of club legend Chris, who proved that despite being just 15, he was well up to the level, remaining composed in traffic to be a crucial part in some IK's drives.

Dylan Clark was also presenting well in his first senior game of the year, as was Xavier Hughes who was also on return.

This sparked a spike in Sea Eagles pressure as Patterson laid a sensational tackle inside 50 to set up a goal as the arm wrestle continued, both sides booting two majors in the term.

Warragul's second of the quarter came controversially after the siren and mere seconds before the umpires blew play dead, off the boot of Nic Visser to give the hosts the lead again, this time by one solitary point at three quarter time.

Ultimately however, IK would remain undefeated, sitting six points clear atop the ladder and will host Garfield at home this weekend.

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PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

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PHILLIP ISLAND

TOORADIN-DAL

Phillip Island	3.4	4.8	6.10	7.11 (53)
Tooradin-Dal.	2.0	3.4	4.5	6.8 (44)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Hayden Bruce 4, Jai Jordan, Cameron Pedersen, Max Blake 1 each.

BEST: Hayden Bruce, Cameron Pedersen, Max Walton, Damien Holmes, Billy Taylor, Jack Taylor.

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Ray Lengel 2, Brad Butler, Stewart Scanlon, Lewis Hill, Xavier Shinnens 1 each.

BEST: Luke McKenna, Hayden Bertoli-Simmonds, Lewis Hill, Trent Adams, Ray Lengel, Cooper Shipp.

RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal.	2.0	4.0	5.1	5.1 (31)
Phillip Island	0.0	0.1	2.1	2.5 (17)

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Ben Sellings, Adam Galea, Jake Genoni, Jason Siegal, Jacob Lesjak 1 each.

BEST: Mitch Forgiarini, Jake Genoni, Adam Galea, James Wheeler, Brett Coffey, Corey Provan.

GOALS, Phillip Island: James Nicolaci, Tully Dickie 1 each.

BEST: Noah Bee-Hickman, Coby Olarenshaw, Leon Matthews, James Nicolaci, Tully Dickie.

THIRDS

Phillip Island	2.5	5.8	9.9	11.13 (79)
Warragul Ind.	1.0	1.0	1.2	2.3 (15)

GOALS, Phillip Island: James Lewis, Jack Johnston, Zac Walker, Finn O'Brien 2, Alexander Barbat, Oliver Duggan, Lucas Chihotski 1 each.

BEST: Lucas Chihotski, Kohen Beaumont, Zac Walker, Eden Goldsbury, James Lewis.

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Logan Downe, Anthony Mirauta 1 each.

BEST: Darcy Wright, Cooper Bassett, Matthew Shaw, Aaron Knight, Charlie Shankland.

FOURTHS

Phillip Island	5.3	7.5	11.8	12.14 (86)
Warragul Ind.	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.1 (7)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Joel Robinson 2, Bailey Hennessy, Charlie O'Garey, Charles Martus, George McCausland, Max Taylor, Cade Wragg, William Peppard, Yianni Caffierik, Finn O'Brien, Archie Ross 1 each.

BEST: Finn O'Brien, Cooper Walton, Yianni Caffierik, Joel Robinson, Benjamin Chihotski, William Peppard.

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Chayse Campbell 1.

BEST: Luke Clark, Koby Peck, Adam Zoobi, Riley Sherwood, Harrison Hetherington, Chayse Campbell.

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

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INVERLOCH-K

WARRAGUL IND.

Inverloch-K	1.4	2.7	4.9	9.11 (65)
Warragul Ind.	2.3	3.3	5.4	6.5 (41)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Dylan Clark, Bailey Patterson, Nicholas Baltas 2, Oscar Toussaint, Lewis Rankin, Tom Hams 1 each.

BEST: Bailey Patterson, Tom Hams, Jarvis Pryor, Tate Short, Nicholas Baltas, Lachlan Scott.

GOALS, Waragul Ind.: Kyle Staples, Kane Taylor 2, Nic Visser, Shane Brester 1 each.

BEST: Mark Bradley, Matthew Herbert, Sam Russell, Will Gibson, Kyle Staples, Travis Ogden.

RESERVES

Inverloch-K	3.2	3.7	3.8	8.12 (60)
Warragul Ind.	1.1	1.1	2.1	3.1 (19)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Zachary Caughey 4, Harry McInnes, Jamieson Soumilas, Liam O'Neill, Lachlan Johnson 1 each.

BEST: Jamieson Soumilas, Todd Mackie, Jasper Kempster, Malachy O'Flynn, Zachary Caughey, Lucas Harmer.

GOALS, Waragul Ind.: Troy Kneebone 2, Kyle Huggett 1.

BEST: Kyan Willis, Nelson Minichiello, Jack Commauder, Tyler Irving, Ronin Staunton, Russ Ware.

THIRDS

Inverloch-K	1.1	4.1	5.1	8.2 (50)
Warragul Ind.	0.2	1.2	3.5	3.5 (23)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jarvis Harvey 3, Jack McNally, Oscar Ward, Jed Rosenow, Blake Green 1 each.

BEST: Jed Rosenow, Jack McNally, Blake Green, Harry Butcher, Lucas Allen, Zak Box.

GOALS, Waragul Ind.: Nathan King, Noah Rogers, Harrison Radcliffe 1 each.

BEST: Lachy Braybon, Declan Burton, Ethan Nalder, Noah Rogers, Toby Goswell, Nathan King.

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind.	5.2	7.5	9.8	13.14 (92)
Inverloch-K	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.2 (8)

GOALS, Waragul Ind.: Samuel Grummisch, Thomas Cornwall 4, Rylan Butler 3, Jarrod West, Zachary Thompson 1 each.

BEST: Regan Awty, Thomas Cornwall, Jarrod West, Joshua Bradley, Rylan Butler, Zack Reid.

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Augustus Finsterer 1.

BEST: Patrick Dwyer, Jasper Cousins, Lucas Allen, Mitchell Ward, Ty Debono, Noah McLennan.

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A delighted Wonthaggi Power team leaves the field after a break-through win over Leongatha, more than four years in the making.

Wind-powered Wonthaggi records breakthrough win

REIGNING premiers Leongatha have been left licking their wounds after a 17-point loss, to neighbouring rivals Wonthaggi Power, which has been more than four years in the making.

Not since April 2019 has the Power bettered the Parrots.

But adding injury to insult, Leongatha lost two players to shoulder injuries during the day, first-gamer Hayden Lindsay dislocating his shoulder only minutes after a goal-saving play in the third quarter and Matt Borschman breaking his collarbone in the first term.

Wonthaggi also lost key playmaker Ryan Sparkes in the opening minutes of the match, likely concussed in a tackle, such was the fierce nature of the contest.

But it was ultimately Wonthaggi which emerged with the win, after taking down the highly fancied Moe prior to the bye, prompting the Parrots' coach Trent McMicking to dub Wonthaggi Power "the form team of the competition".

Proud of his men, Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair said the result was simply an indication of how close the competition was in 2023.

In fact, Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Moe have all swapped wins

this season to sit 10 wins all, equal top, on 40 premiership points apiece with six rounds to play.

The sometimes thrilling, always tough contest was marred by gale-force winds, which at stages had the goal posts swinging in the breeze as players lined up for goal.

But it wasn't a day for either teams' lead-up forwards, with Cooper McInnes (2 goals) the best of them, and Leongatha's Jesse Burns busy, also kicking two.

It was an absorbing contest nonetheless for the big crowd with plenty of key match-ups and constant end-to-end play.

Sam Forrester had a hard tag on the Power coach Jarryd Blair; Jackson Harry on McInnes; Jakeb Thomas back in this week and picking up Jack Ginnane; onballers for Leongatha Kim Drew, Tom Marriott and Luke Bowman well matched against Aiden Lindsay, Brodie Mabilia and co for the Power, Kyle Reid and Jordan Staley roaming across half back, Jack Blair and Tim Knowles cleaning up the scraps in defence and Cade Maskell reading the play superbly across half back for the Parrots; there was a lot to take in.

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Jakeb Thomas (19) made a welcome return for the Power and kept Jack Ginnane to one goal for the Parrots.

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