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President and secretary of the Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park Ben Ellis, South Gippsland Cr Jenni Keerie, South Gippsland Council CEO Kerryn Ellis, Mayor Mohya Davies and Sonia Western and Daniel Western-Hume of Bunurong Land Council welcomed the community to the Korumburra Botanic Park for the NAIDOC week ceremony. Z25\_2822

## History and culture celebrated

THE friends of Korumburra Botanic Park, Bunurong Land Council and South Gippsland Shire welcomed the community to the celebration of NAIDOC week on Saturday, July 9 acknowledging this year's theme; Get up! Stand up! Show up!

Held at the Korumburra Botanic Park, custodian Sonia Western opened the event with a Welcome to Country, whilst custodian Daniel Western-Hume prepared the fire for a smoking ceremony, where the community were invited to walk through the smoke to cleanse themselves.

President and secretary of the Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park Ben Ellis, said Sonia was exhibiting artifacts to the community that were found on the grounds of the area.

"A local Richard Lester had too found an artifact on his land and presented it to Aunty Sonia to showcase to the community, said Ben.

The day was a recognition of Bunurong land, an acknowledgement of the First Nations people, a reflection on the history and culture and the incorporation of the Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park and South Gippsland Shire Council.

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AN important mental health service closed its doors in Wonthaggi last Friday, July 8, an area that can ill afford to lose such services.

The office of 'Within Australia' provided outreach services across a wide area of Bass Coast and South Gippsland, from Cowes to Toora, and also in-office programs at 85 Watt Street, Wonthaggi.

Typically, these services included one-on-one support for those with mental health

needs, as well as social and activity programs, including such things as a photography course.

Up to 50 local clients, more than half of them living in the South Gippsland Shire, have been displaced by the shutdown, caused not only by the loss of a key contract with the Gippsland Primary Health Network (PHN), but also as a result of a fragmentation with NDIS services.

It is understood that six

or more local staff have been impacted, including a counsellor, on site at Wonthaggi until May this year, site manager, support coordinator and program staff, with qualifications in mental health support and other disciplines.

They packed up the office and cleared out by lunchtime on Friday.

The firm will however assist clients transitioning to new services, including Dis-

ability Connect Victoria, which has an office in Warraigul email info@dcvic.com.au, phone (03) 90524470, (03) 70235919, or web: <https://www.dcvic.com.au/>

The decision to shut the Wonthaggi office, as a result of the financial collapse of the Gippsland-wide business, still came as a shock despite staff knowing about the trading difficulties from mid-May.

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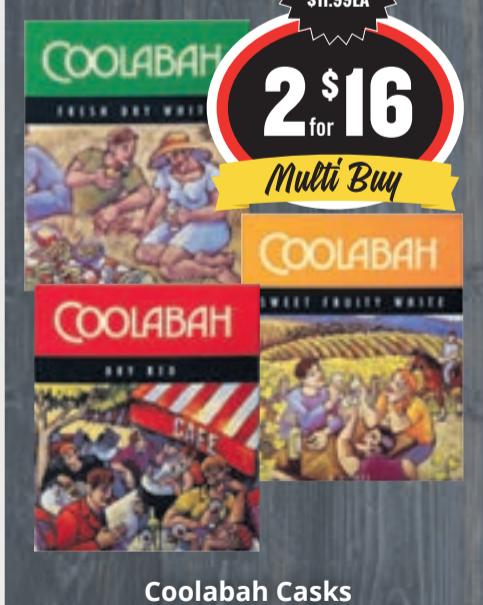
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**Safety around schools**

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Bass Coast Highway Patrol in conjunction with Bass Coast Shire will be focusing on road safety around School Zones.

Remember to slow down and take care near schools.

**Rubbish truck and car collide in Fish Creek**

BASS Coast Highway Patrol officers are investigating after a car crashed into a rubbish truck at Fish Creek on July 11.

It is believed a Ford Territory was travelling along Waratah Road near Stewart Road when it crashed into the rear of a truck collecting a bin about 8.40am.

The female driver and 15-year-old girl, both from Fish Creek, were airlifted to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Three children were taken to hospital by road ambulance with minor injuries.

The truck driver was treated on scene by paramedics.

**Motorcycle accident on private property**

A 40-YEAR-OLD Mardan male was airlifted to the Alfred Hospital on Sunday evening (July 10) with leg injuries after a motorcycle accident on private property.

A big effort was undertaken by Leongatha SES, Ambulance Victoria, police and local residents in rescuing the male from bushland on the property.

**Staying safe on the roads**

A 19-YEAR-OLD Wonthaggi male motorcyclist came off near Heslop Road on Monday (July 11) morning.

The male had recently received his licence and was safely practicing riding on the road when he slid on gravel and into a nearby drain.

The rider was uninjured.

**Spate of burglaries in Gippsland**

A SERVICE station in Loch was burgled as well as a gift and cigarette shop in Leongatha recently.

Loch was burgled on July 10 at 3.30am, while the Leongatha incident occurred overnight on July 7-8.

Cigarettes and vapes were stolen from both businesses.

A red Holden ute is a vehicle of interest in the ongoing investigation.

Individuals with details or footage around those locations and times are urged to contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

# Shock closure of vital service

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The PHN contract funding, which was worth upwards of 25 per cent of the not-for-profit's revenue, and underpinned the service generally, finished on June 30, but attempts at attracting a replacement contract, or a buyer, ultimately failed and Within Australia had to close.

It leaves 60 staff redundant at offices in Bairnsdale, Sale, Traralgon and Wonthaggi and more than 400 clients with mental illness and disability to find another provider.

Within Australia, which started in Gippsland in the early 1990s, went into voluntary administration in May and liquidation last week.

Gippsland ABC Radio spoke to a client of the service who said it was going to be difficult to make the move to another service provider.

"I'm not looking forward to having to negotiate other things. When you've got a group of people who have empathy, they can provide as much mental health benefit as your psychologists or psychiatrists," he said.

The Bairnsdale resident, who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and depression, attended five sessions at Within Australia each week.

The administrator appointed to wind up the business, Adam Nikitins, confirmed that the loss of a key contract from the Gippsland Primary Health Network was the last straw for the organisation.

Adrian Bradley, General Manager Corporate Affairs at Advanced Person Management and its subsidiary MyIntegra, has also made a pitch for the



The office of Within Australia, a mental health service in Wonthaggi serving Bass Coast and South Gippsland, closed its doors last Friday.

Within Australia clients and staff.

"MyIntegra, a subsidiary of human services provider APM, is seeking to minimise disruption to 300 Gippsland NDIS participants and 30 staff impacted by the closure of the not-for-profit provider Within Australia," Mr Bradley said.

"Within Australia has gone into administration and will cease all disability services from July 8, this includes support coordination that helps connect NDIS participants with vital community supports.

"This will affect 300 Gippsland residents in towns

like Wonthaggi, Sale, Traralgon, Bairnsdale, Morwell and Rosedale. About 30 staff are also impacted.

"To help ease the impact of this closure, MyIntegra is offering all Gippsland participants the opportunity to continue receiving support coordination immediately, and after 8 July.

"In addition, support coordinators from Within Australia can apply for roles with MyIntegra so they can continue to support Gippsland participants.

"MyIntegra already provides plan management support to hundreds of participants in

the Gippsland region, and has a deep understanding of the local area.

If NDIS Participants in the Gippsland region would like to get support coordination from MyIntegra please contact 1300 937 187 or email [withinaustralia@myintegra.com.au](mailto:withinaustralia@myintegra.com.au).

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said the loss of a mental health support agency was regrettable.

"At present we are focussed on an expansion of mental health services for Bass Coast and South Gippsland with the four health services in the region working together to advocate for this," Ms Child said.

## Pandemic declaration extended

PREMIER Daniel Andrews made the following statement last week regarding the extension of the state's pandemic declaration.

As part of Victoria's continued response to the coronavirus pandemic and as we continue to manage the challenges winter presents, I have extended the pandemic declaration to apply to the State of Victoria from

11.59pm Tuesday, July 12 for three months.

Recently, a number of modest and sensible changes to pandemic orders were made to allow Victorians to live safely with COVID-19 while reducing transmission and hospitalisations.

This extended declaration will enable those key settings to remain in place over winter.

protecting Victorians and our health system.

The declaration was made under section 165AE of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 after consultation with, and consideration of advice from, the Minister for Health and Acting Chief Health Officer.

In making the declaration, I am satisfied on reasonable grounds that there continues

to be a serious risk to public health throughout Victoria due to the coronavirus disease which requires continued public health and other protective measures to reduce the risk of transmission and hospitalisation.

This most recent extension will expire at 11.59pm, October 12 and subsequent extensions can last for up to three months.

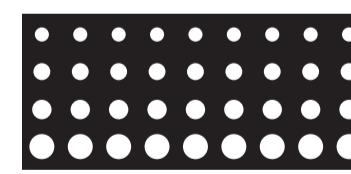
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## 6 Day Weather Forecast

### SOUTH GIPPSLAND



**TUE | July 12**

Showers

Wind AM: NW 10km/h  
Wind PM: W-SW 10km/h

7° **12°**



**WED | July 13**

Showers easing

Wind AM: SW 10-15 km/h  
Wind PM: SW 10-15 km/h

7° **13°**



**THUR | July 14**

Showers or two

Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

7° **14°**



**FRI | July 15**

Showers or two

Wind AM: N-NW 10-15km/h  
Wind PM: NW 10-15km/h

6° **13°**



**SAT | July 16**

Showers or two

Wind AM: N-NW 20-25km/h  
Wind PM: N-NW 20-25km/h

7° **14°**



**SUN | July 17**

Showers

Wind AM: N-NW 25-30km/h  
Wind PM: NW 15-20km/h

8° **14°**

## IN BRIEF

### Gippsland SES deployed to NSW

VICSES volunteers are continuing to support flood affected communities in NSW, with another taskforce headed up last Saturday including members from Phillip Island (and 11 swift water rescue specialists from FRV).

The taskforce, made up of 26 VICSES members will be based in Gosford, on the NSW Central Coast.

Crews will be supporting local NSW SES volunteers to respond to requests for assistance in the community related to building damage, fallen trees, and other storm and flood damage.

It may also include removing downed trees from thoroughfares; temporary roof repairs; flood mitigation, such as sandbagging and water diversion, but it will be highly varied as the extent of the damage becomes clearer.

The VICSES volunteer flood and storm specialists will relieve local NSW SES crews, and respond to new jobs as they come through the NSW system.

The VICSES members are from a range of units across Victoria, however, Gippsland volunteers from Bairnsdale, Bruthen and Orbost units will also be heading up to NSW, as well as members from Phillip Island Unit, to assist flood-affected communities.

### Switch energy and claim \$250

LOCALS can claim a \$250 bonus if they look for a better energy deal on Victoria's Energy Compare website.

The state government's new Power Saving Bonus is open to all Victorian households from July 1.

The new \$250 payment builds on the government's existing Power Saving Bonus program, previously available to eligible concession card holders.

Anyone who has previously claimed the Power Saving Bonus will be able to claim the new payment again.

Households can claim the \$250 payment by heading to the Victorian Energy Compare website and comparing their current energy bills to see if they can get a better deal.

The website is the only free and independent online energy price comparison service available to Victorian energy consumers.

User data shows that seven out of every 10 users can save money by switching energy offers, with typical annual savings of \$330 on energy bills in the first year of switching alone.

While the quickest way to submit an application will be through the website, Victorians who do not have access to a computer or the internet can call the Victorian Energy Compare helpline on 1800 000 832 or receive support from a community outreach partner.

The Power Saving Bonus is available for the next 12 months and there are no limits or caps on the number of households that can receive the once-off payment.

Other programs helping households and businesses to slash energy bills include Victorian Energy Upgrades, which provides upfront incentives for low-cost-to-free energy efficient products such as door and window sealing, efficient hot water and heating systems, and in-home displays for real-time energy usage data.

Separately, Solar Victoria offers households and businesses discounted solar panels, batteries and efficient heating and cooling.

To apply and for more information go to: [compare.energy.vic.gov.au](http://compare.energy.vic.gov.au)

### Night search for hikers

FOUR Yarram SES volunteers assisted police officers on July 4, in a night search for two hikers lost off Bird Road, Macks Creek.

The hikers had started their bushwalk at Balook on a signed trail but took a wrong turn (due to poor signage and recent logging) and ended up in a logging coup late in the afternoon.

It was then that they called triple zero for help and stayed put.

The steep terrain and difficulties negotiating fallen pine trees, blackberry and mud added to the extended time getting to the hikers after they were spotted by a police drone about 4.30pm.

Two attempts were made to reach the hikers with the second attempt being successful.

Yarram deputy controller Daryl Harrap said it was physically the toughest search he had experienced in his 23 years with the SES.

He lauded the efforts of Yarram and Sale police officers as well as his fellow volunteers, crew leader Damian Davies, Fiona O'Connor and Janean Davidson, saying it was an excellent result.

The police drone spotted the hikers within 30 minutes of launch and is a new valuable tool in the police arsenal.

### New tool to stop unwanted sexual behaviour

UNWANTED sexual behaviour on public transport will be easier to report through a new Victoria Police service.

STOPIT, allows people subjected to such behaviour or who witness it to discreetly text police using their mobile phone.

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They are directed to a digital form and asked to submit details of the incident including the time, date, location and public transport carriage number.

A photo may also be submitted if it is safe to capture one.

Anyone requiring an immediate police response in an emergency is still advised to phone Triple Zero (000).

STOPIT is not monitored live and should not be used if an urgent response is required.

To initiate the service, commuters can text 'STOPIT' to 0499 455 455.

STOPIT is now available on trains and will be extended to trams and buses in late August.

For further information go [police.vic.gov.au/stopit](http://police.vic.gov.au/stopit).

### Truck roll in Ventnor

EMERGENCY services were called to an incident in Ventnor just after 11:20am last Tuesday, July 5.

A concrete truck at the property had tipped.

One person was taken to Wonthaggi Hospital in a stable condition.

### Run of the mill accident in Wonthaggi

A SEDAN hit the rear of an SUV near Hicksborough Way at approximately 5pm on Thursday evening (July 7).

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# History and culture celebrated

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"The ceremony we experienced was moving, it was a celebration of the land that we stand on and our members and volunteers will continue to help the shire maintain this land; the most recent funding has enabled our group to clear the drain of weeds with a combination of hand weeding and contractor spraying, as well as planting 650 Indigenous plants in the drain site," said Ben.

"The committee has a total of 20 members and each day we are seeing growth alongside our board of seven and we are always welcoming volunteers to join in on either a weekday or weekend."

Reverend Frances Grimes worked in partnership with the South Gippsland Shire to bring the event together, with a focus on NAIDOC week, the work of the com-

munity and the partnerships that have been formed.

"Our members and volunteers are also taking care of Olsens walk, getting algae off the trees, removing weeds and arranging council approval for spraying at certain times of the year, then when it comes to planting, we consult with land care," said Ben.

Mr Ellis acknowledged the community that aren't a part of the group but who advocate for the area and support the commitment behind the management of the land.

Korongal Ladies donated homemade sweets supplied free to visitors at the ceremony and plants were also for sale, for the price of a generous donation.

"On behalf of the group, I would like to thank the shire for their support and commitment to the event,



Custodian Sonia Western of Bunurong Land Council exhibited aboriginal artifacts that were discovered at Korumburra Botanic Park. Z24\_2822

their acknowledgement of the history and the efforts in maintaining the treasured land," said Ben.

Volunteers are welcome

to register their interest through the group's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Korumburra-Botanic-Park](http://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Korumburra-Botanic-Park)

## More funds for new coastal park

MINISTER for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio has announced \$1m in funding to enhance visitor facilities and improve links to existing parks and reserves at the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park.

The minister visited Kilcunda last week and was joined by Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, as well as Bunurong Elder Uncle Shane Clarke.

The Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park was declared in June 2021, and is created by the amalgamation of various existing coastal, foreshore reserves and marine parks from San Remo to Inverloch, managed by state or local governments.

The new funding of \$1m will go towards establishing lookouts, rest stops and upgrading car parks along the coastal park, which delivers on aspects of the access and infrastructure plan (AIP).

However, no time frame was given for when works would commence as tenders are yet to be awarded.

The minister was also asked if there was a specific time-frame to deliver the upgrades identified in the AIP.

She stated that the government was moving "as quickly

as possible".

"In previous budgets we've invested \$19.6m to establish the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park," the minister said.

"This includes purchasing some land, so we actually have a continuous park."

AIP promotes a complete walking and cycling trail connecting the 40km of coastal landscapes between San Remo and Inverloch, providing improved visitor amenities.

The AIP focuses on the trail and associated visitor experience infrastructure.

Key initiatives identified in the AIP include:

- San Remo: Improve viewing and interpretation at Griffith Point, initiate trail at Lions carpark with trailhead, and trail connection from Potters Hill to Punchbowl via existing road network.

- Kilcunda: Proposed lookout at The Arch, maintain existing surface and shared trail coming into Kilcunda, improve interface between Kilcunda township and the existing rail trail through improved information, seating etc.

- Powlett River: Primary walking trail through wetland and dune area with a mix of boardwalk and existing sur-



Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale and Bunurong Elder Uncle Shane Clarke joined Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio who announced \$1m had been allocated towards the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park. Ns012822

faces, improve connection from Tea Tree car park to beach.

- Wonthaggi West: New walking trail connection to desalination plant trail network, connect existing trail networks to main beach trail and upgrade beach access to Williamson's Beach car park.

- Harmers Haven: Maintain beach access as primary route between Harmers Haven and Cape Paterson, utilise where possible existing trails for connection between primary and secondary routes near

Harmers Haven.

- Cape Paterson: Maintain beach access for walking, upgrade beach connection to Cape Paterson by consolidating natural surface.

- Cape Paterson- Inverloch Road: Formalise and upgrade existing carpark at The Oaks, Twin Reefs, Shack Bay and The Caves, upgrade Eagles Nest with day use facilities and amenities including lookout.

- Inverloch: Link section of beach walking trail into Surf Parade.

## More RATS for schools

THE state government has announced up to 46.4 million RATS will be provided to schools and early childhood services.

Mainstream schools and early childhood services will be allocated three packs of five RATS for every student and staff member per term, while six packs of five RATS per term will be allocated to students and staff in specialist settings, recognising the higher risk of severe illness for medically vulnerable children.

In addition, more than 105,000 air purifiers have been distributed to 1,587 government schools and almost 25,000 to 620 non-government schools since term 4 last year, helping to reduce instances of classroom transmission.

Primary and secondary school students and staff, and early childhood education and care staff and children aged 3 to 5 are recommended to test at home if they experience COVID-19 symptoms or are a contact of a confirmed case.

## Elvis has left the building

THE J & J Gatha Rock group got into the spirit of the event attending the Leongatha Cinema for the viewing of "Elvis".

The group are keen enthusiasts who rock up (excuse the pun) at the Daker Centre, Leongatha every Thursday night during school terms.

J & J Gatha Rock is a not-for-profit group and after expenses, all funds raised from the lessons are donated back into the local community by way of gifts and donations to local charities at the end of each year.

Two years ago, the group made donations totalling \$5,000 to various charities including the Salvation Army, CFA, Beyond Blue and Kids with Cancer.

The group's motto is "Fun Fitness & Friendship" and after two years of covid restrictions, they are encouraging everyone to get back into dancing.

Lessons resume on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 7.30pm at the Daker Centre, Leongatha.

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## Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

Last week was NAIDOC Week and I took the opportunity to visit Wonthaggi ArtSpace, to see the Bass Coast/South Gippsland Reconciliation Group Indigenous Art Exhibition and I must say, it was fantastic. The exhibition features works by local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and it really is a must see. It's on until Sunday, 14 August, but if you can't make it in person, you can view the full exhibition online at [www.naidoc-art.com.au](http://www.naidoc-art.com.au).

A new date has been set for the first ever Phillip Island Reconciliation Bridge Walk, after it was postponed in May, due to bad weather. In a demonstration of solidarity, and 22 years since the monumental Sydney Harbour Bridge Walk, the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network invites everyone to come together to walk side by side for a Bridge Walk across Phillip Island bridge on Friday, 15 July. Please meet at the San Remo Foreshore at 11.00am for a smoking ceremony and then, from 11.30am, walk from San Remo and across the bridge to Graydens Reserve in Newhaven, on Millowl (Phillip Island) for a barbecue, flag raising, mural painting and kids activities. It would be great to see everyone wearing colours of the flags (red, yellow, black, green and blue) for the event.

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On behalf of Bass Coast Shire Council, I would like to acknowledge the recent passing of John Fleming. John was Councillor and Mayor of the Borough of Wonthaggi prior to amalgamation. He also served as one of the three Commissioners for the new Bass Coast Shire, for three years following amalgamation. John was with the State Coal Mine for over 20 years, and he gave more than 50 years of service to the CFA and Lions Club of Wonthaggi. John has made an outstanding contribution to Wonthaggi over many years, helping to make the town what it has become. Vale John.



Inverloch's Surf Parade Pathway Stage 3a has been completed.

## Take a walk through Surf Parade

THE Surf Parade Pathway Stage 3a from Veronica Street to Ozone Street in Inverloch is now complete and open for the community.

The project was finished earlier this month, however, contractors will be on-site to carry out some minor works over the next several weeks.

The \$905,000 shire-funded project began in February this year and has seen the existing path extended from Veronica Street to Ozone Street.

Works have included a new 2.5 metre concrete path, fencing, retaining walls, bollards, landscaping and construction of 75 parallel parking bays in this section.

The next stage from Ozone Street through to the Surf Life Saving Club (Stage 3b) is being reviewed, which will consider an appropriate design to comply with DELWP requirements.

This project is part of Council's Aspirational Network Pathway Plan 2016 and Active Bass Coast 2018-2028.

## Petition against Cowes bike track

AS BASS Coast Shire develops its \$42.2m Tracks and Trails Strategy, a petition has been launched by Heather Linney to protect the environment from Cowes to Ventnor.

The petition had garnered 934 signatures as of Monday.

As stated by Heather, 'this fragile environment has had enough rubbish, destruction, illegal clearing and interference, it must never be carved up.'

'It is the home territory of so many iconic animals pushed to the margins of bush.'

'We must protect and regenerate. No bike paths, or any more paths!'

The Council's draft strat-

egy has identified 38 new trail projects with the Cowes to Ventnor trail flagged as part of the \$21.4 million high priority.

New trail projects were assessed based on a set criteria and the overall score each trail received determined the trail priority order and whether trails were classified as high, medium or low priority.

According to the shire, costs indicated are purely construction costs and does not include design, planning or permits.

To support the petition head to [petitions.sumofus.org/petitions/protect-the-cowes-foreshore-from-bike-tracks](http://petitions.sumofus.org/petitions/protect-the-cowes-foreshore-from-bike-tracks)

## Nominate now for the Bass Coast Business Awards

BASS Coast Shire Council's Business Awards are back for 2022 – with all local businesses encouraged to get involved.

Nominations for the Awards are now open at [engage.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/business-awards](http://engage.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/business-awards) and close on Sunday, August 28, at 5.00pm.

There are six categories for the judged awards, including Access, Equity and Inclusion, Business Innovation, Environmental Sustainability, Leadership, Marketing and Communications and Resilience. The Business of the Year Award

will be presented to the highest scoring application across all judged categories.

The People's Choice Awards provide a great way for the community to support their favourite local businesses.

Winners of the 2022 Awards will be announced at a presentation event on Friday, October 21, at Silverwater Resort in San Remo. Tickets will be on sale in September.

For more information on the 2022 Bass Coast Business Awards visit [engage.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/business-awards](http://engage.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/business-awards).

## Council Update



### Council Meeting - 20 July

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

In the interest of community health and safety, the Council Chamber will open to the public by RSVP only. RSVP to [c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au). The meeting will also be livestreamed. Join here: [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings).

The agenda is released on Council's website on Friday, 15 July 2022 at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings). There is an opportunity during the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question please submit your questions in writing no later than 1.00pm Monday, 18 July, 48 hours prior to the meeting.

### Community Grants Information Sessions

Round 2 of Council's 2022 Community Grants Program closes on Friday, 5 August.

Have you thought of applying for a Community Grant? Need some assistance?

Council's Community Grants Officer will be holding information drop-in sessions at the following times:

- Monday, 11 July: Inverloch Community Hub 10.00am to 3.00pm
- Wednesday, 13 July: Grantville Transaction Centre 10.00am to 3.00pm
- Friday, 15 July: Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre 10.00am to 3.00pm
- Monday, 18 July: 154-156 Thompson Avenue, Cowes (Council Office) 10.00am to 3.00pm
- Wednesday, 20 July: Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre 10.00am to 1.00pm

Bookings are not required. If you have any questions please contact Council's Community Grants Officer, Shirley Egan on 0435 205 816.

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**Do you want to make a positive difference in someone's life?**

Gippsland PHN, in partnership with the Black Dog Institute and the Department of Health, is offering free online training in suicide prevention. The training is a short, self-paced course you can do from home.

**To access the QPR online course for free, go to**

[www.lifespan.qprtraining.com/setup.php](http://www.lifespan.qprtraining.com/setup.php),

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**GIPPS** and click

**Create Training Account.**

# Cats to be contained from next year

BASS Coast Shire's Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-25 will see the implementation of a 24-hour cat containment order from July 1, 2023.

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

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

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

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

"As part of the Plan, a 24-hour cat containment order will be implemented in Bass Coast from July 1 next year, which will mean that cats must be kept on their owners' property at all times," Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said.

"It's important to note that the curfew

**By Nick Sinis**

does not mean cats need to be confined indoors 24/7, however, if you plan to let your cat roam in your yard, you will need to effectively cat proof it, to keep your cat safe and secure.

"During the 2020-21 period, 155 cats were found roaming and ended up at Council's pound. These are the fortunate ones; many are killed and some become feral and do untold damage to our native fauna."

The Plan includes measures to support cat owners to adjust to the new requirement to contain cats to their property.

"The roll out of this order will include an education campaign over the next 12 months, before it comes into effect," Cr Whelan said.

"We appreciate this is a new rule for cat owners, so the emphasis will be on assisting cat owners in adapting to the change."

Phillip Island Nature Parks' conservation manager, Jessica McKelson, said the organisation welcomed council's announcement

as it ties in with their 5-year conservation plan.

"One of the objections (of the plan) is to support the shire and encourage them to bring in this measure," she said.

"For us, we work a lot with feral cats, and we've got a significant feral cat program that we roll out yearly."

Ms McKelson said in past years, Nature Parks has trapped or detected hundreds of feral cats throughout Phillip Island.

"We've really brought that number down to under a hundred a year that we're trap-

ping, we've gone a long way," she said.

"A lot of people in the community are already fantastic, responsible pet owners, and they do keep them (cats) contained and understand the great biodiversity value we have."

She added that feral cats also spread harmful diseases, which can not only decimate native wildlife, but stock animals and other domestic pets.

For more information on the shire's containment plan, visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/damp](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/damp).

## Microbats 'thanks' to Bass Coast

THERE have been some very complimentary remarks, and few if any negatives, about the Bass Coast Shire Council's decision to ban domestic cats from leaving their owners' properties 24/7 from July 1, 2023.

And one of the groups getting up and chirping their support are the microbats.

And before you dismiss the claim as clickbait, microbats reportedly save our agricultural industries millions of dollars every year in pesticides.

According to DELWP registered wildlife carer, Ericka Tudhope, of Microbats Melbourne, a microbat can eat more than its own body weight in bugs every night, and in summer, when mosquitoes

and other nasties are rife, they really come into their own.

On behalf of her flappy friends, Ms Tudhope has warmly praised the Bass Coast Shire Council's decision to put a 24 hour at-home curfew on cats, saying she wishes more councils would follow suit.

"Absolutely, I wish more councils would take it up. It's a really great initiative not only for the bats, but for all of our native animals that, unfortunately, cats take a heavy toll on, so it's really good news," she told ABC Gippsland Radio during the week.

Ms Tudhope said she gets anywhere between 100 and 200 orphaned and injures microbats each year and upwards of 60 per cent had been attacked by cats.

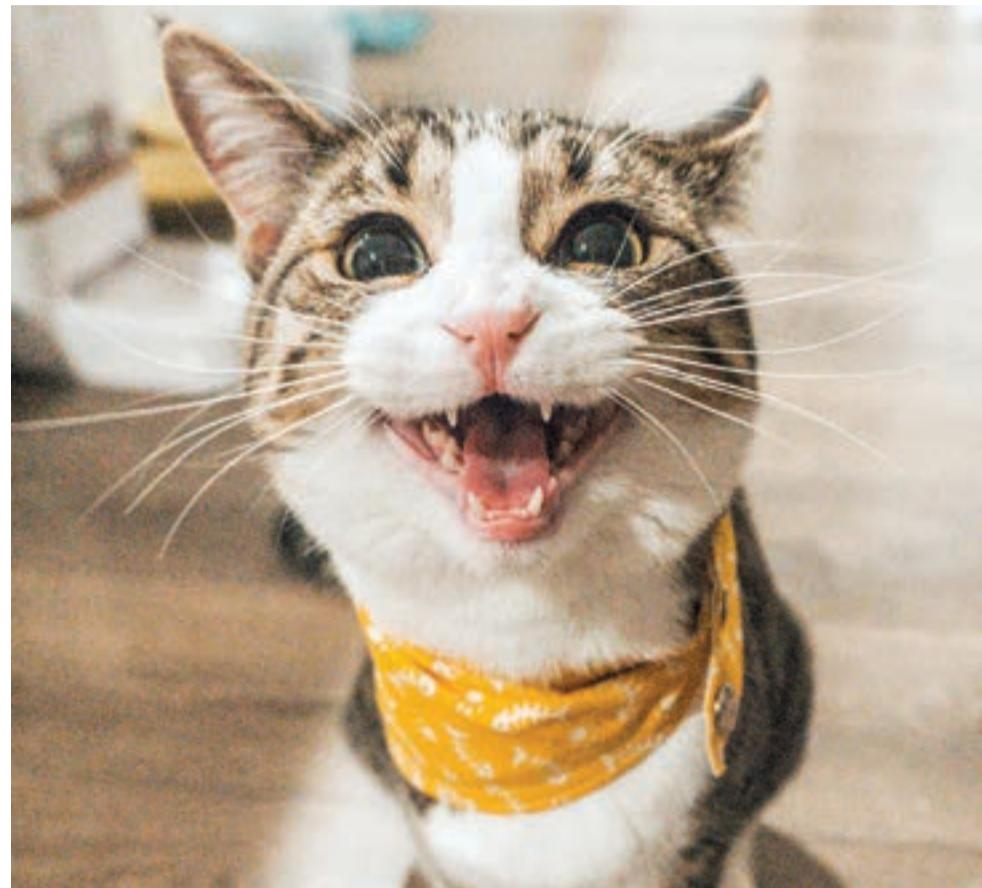
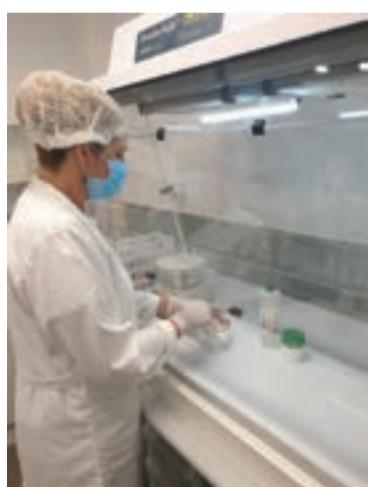


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# Erosion funding meaningless; says Minister



Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio has branded the Liberal Party's funding announcement of \$6m for erosion at Inverloch as meaningless. (File photo).

A LABOR Minister has criticised the Liberal Party's recent announcement of \$6m for erosion at Inverloch, which was branded as 'meaningless'.

Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio visited the shire last week, where she detailed the funding already allocated towards erosion through the Cape to Cape Resilience Project, as well as an additional \$400k included in this year's state budget for stage two of the project.

Earlier this month at the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club, Leader of the Opposition, Matthew Guy, made the announcement that the party would commit \$6m for erosion if elected.

The funding will go towards addressing erosion at Inverloch Surf Beach, which has seen rapid erosion of the dunes and the coastline rising by almost 70 metres

along Wreck Creek in recent years.

"This is a serious issue right along the Bass Coast, and we must preserve our fragile coastlines so they can be enjoyed for generations to come," Mr Guy said.

"Instead of peddling the problem for another day, the Liberals and Nationals will make a start on this urgent project straight away."

When questioned by the media last week on the Liberal Party's funding, the minister said it was "meaningless".

"There's no plan or indication on how it would be spent, and what are the priorities and what it would achieve," she said.

"What we're doing is the work to bring it to a reality."

"We've already invested \$1.5m for Inverloch coastal protection structures in prior budgets and established the Cape to Cape Resilience project.

"This budget is providing a further \$400k for the next stage to finalise the plans."

"This will tell us what needs to be done and the investment required."

As part of the project, coastal hazard maps were released in March, looking at present day to 2100 storm tide inundation, erosion, sea level rise changes.

The data will develop a long-term plan based on science, tech assessments and community aspirations and work through the adaptation options.

According to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, the report is being finalised, which has a risk matrix split into sections and across time periods and will be out soon.

Updates can be found at, [www.marine-andcoasts.vic.gov.au/coastal-programs/cape-to-cape-resilience-project](http://www.marine-andcoasts.vic.gov.au/coastal-programs/cape-to-cape-resilience-project)

## Rural tourism strategy engagement sessions underway

A NUMBER of engagement sessions will be held this week for the community to learn more and have their say on the shire's Unlocking Rural Tourism Draft Strategy.

The strategy seeks to facilitate sustainable tourism development, with objections including:

- Reviewing the planning scheme to understand gaps, barriers and constraints on rural tourism investment;

- Provide recommendations to resolve key land-use issues and infrastructure barriers;

- Assess demand for rural tourism uses;

- Identify locations suited to rural tourism development;

- Provide strategic direction about future tourism land use in appropriate rural areas;

- Recommend changes to the planning scheme and/ or council processes and strategies to support rural tourism.

The draft strategy recommended that council replace the 'Rural Tourism Pre-

cincts' as currently applied across the Bass Coast Planning Scheme, with the following 'Rural Tourism Subregions':

- Phillip Island and San Remo
- Bass Hinterland
- Waterline and Bass River
- Kilcunda to Inverloch Coastline

During an engagement session at Inverloch last week, a council representative said most attendees had been seeking further information to properly understand the strategy.

"It's a very complicated and technical document, but we want to hear what the community has to say," the representative said.

At the session, examples of rural tourism opportunities from throughout the state were presented as a comparison, such as the well-known Milawa Cheese, located near Wangaratta in North East Victoria.

"The (examples) are not necessarily going to be appropriate in the farming zone, it's just to identify these kinds of things that

the consultants think would fit in with the character of these areas," the representative said.

Another example given for the Waterline and Bass River area included farmgate opportunities, produce, provedore and farm stays.

During the session, attendees highlighted the complexity of trying to understand the draft strategy, saying that council should create a simpler 'framework' to provide feedback.

The policy also seeks to rezone all Rural Activity Zones to the Farming Zone, relying on local policy to guide tourism land use outside settlement boundaries.

The draft also includes outcomes that land use policy must achieve for sustainable tourism development, such as:

- Deliver sufficient tourism infrastructure in rural areas, particularly accommodation, with the scale and capacity to meet growing demand.

- Direct tourism investment to rural ar-

eas to relieve the pressure on overcrowded destinations and attractions such as Cows, Penguin Parade and Inverloch.

- Improve the diversity of events, product and experiences that will facilitate year-round visitation and develop the night-time economy.

The costs associated with the appointment of consultants for this project were funded by a 2021 grant, from the Victorian Planning Authority.

Any future costs associated with amendments to the planning scheme will be included in the 2022/23 council budget.

The final strategy, with input from community, is expected to be prepared late this year with implementation in 2023.

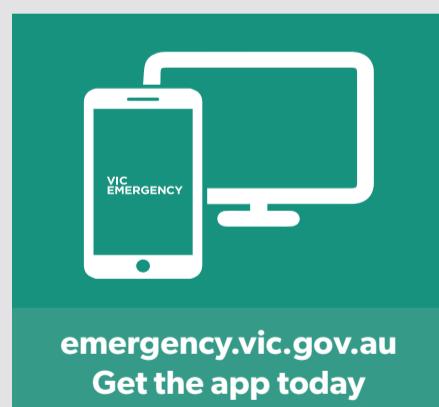
Further sessions will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2:00pm – 7:00pm at Kernot Hall and on Saturday, July 16, 12:00pm – 3:00pm Corinella Community Hall.

For more information visit, engage. [basscoast.vic.gov.au/burt](http://basscoast.vic.gov.au/burt)



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# Korumburra in dire need of new fire station

KORUMBURRA Fire Brigade requires a larger purpose-built facility to replace its existing station, with the need for a safer location an equally important priority, according to members.

"When we're coming back into the station, we have to reverse across a 60 kilometre per hour zone on the highway, and there's very little warning for motorists," Korumburra Fire Brigade captain Shane Maskell told Channel 9 news recently.

The lack of visibility for drivers near the fire station, in both directions, makes it particularly difficult for trucks travelling along the South Gippsland Highway to stop in time to avoid reversing brigade vehicles.

There is only about 50 metres visibility for traffic coming from Leongatha, Shane said, explaining fire trucks preparing to reverse from the middle of the highway are facing Leongatha.

"Being a 60kmh zone you need more than that to stop, especially trucks, and a lot of the time they're doing a bit more than 60," Shane said.

Shane noted the station's close proximity to a school and kindergarten located slightly closer to the centre of town, explaining there is a crest in the road with a school crossing in the dip.

He also told the *Sentinel-Times* that as well as restricted vision preventing drivers from seeing fire trucks from a safe distance, many motorists lack patience or focus.

"When the truck's moving across the highway we've had cars trying to drive around behind it and they just don't want to stop," he said.

Shane fears a mishap, pointing out it is a safety issue for brigade members and the public.

Safety concerns become even greater during morning and afternoon school drop off and pickup periods.

"At school times, it's a lot worse because you've got parents, cars, children, buses and visibility is terrible if not next to zero at the town end," Shane said.

People come out of the dip, over the crest and suddenly see a fire truck in front of them and often plough on, dodging as best they can.

Shane described peak school times as "absolute chaos", explaining that applies for a total of about three hours every school day.

CFA District 9 commander David Chugg outlined the urgency for action.

"Korumburra is one of the busiest brigades I look after, with about 155 calls per year," he said.

The town's main CFA shed can accommodate three of the brigade's four vehicles, with a support vehicle currently housed separately.

The fire station lacks proper change facilities, something that is not only awkward, but also potentially hazardous.

"Our protective gear is hard up against the side of a truck, so we've got to get dressed with exhaust fumes and moving trucks and try not to get squashed toes," Shane said.

Both male and female brigade members have to change in one area, doing so in severely limited space, and often knocking heads or elbows on truck doors or mirrors in the process.



**Korumburra firefighters Graham Denney and Sarah Davies with brigade captain Shane Maskell.** A08\_2822

"It's becoming more cramped and appliances are getting bigger, and we're getting more gear," Shane said of the increasing importance of a new Korumburra fire station.

Even gaining access to the station can be tricky for brigade members, with limited street parking often prompting people to park in the station grounds.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien is campaigning for funding to be allocated for a new Korumburra Fire Station, saying it is one of many outdated regional fire stations, with Mirboo North another in need of updating.

**Reversing across the South Gippsland Highway is a hazardous undertaking, even in this smaller truck, with the Korumburra Fire Brigade owning a far larger 15-tonne tanker.** A09\_2822



**Firefighter Graham Denney displays the limited space for changing in Korumburra's cramped fire station.** A07\_2822

## Ambulance crisis still felt in region; says MP

WHILE praising the efforts of local paramedics and health care workers, Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien continues to express concern about the state of the ambulance service and its impact on Gippslanders.

Mr O'Brien, who is Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health, and for Ambulance Services, again raised the issue in Parliament during Question Time, outlining the horrific experience of a constituent with a suspected broken hip.

The lady concerned was transported to hospital in the back of a ute due to the unavailability of an ambulance, according to Mr O'Brien.

"After calling 000 and explaining his wife's situation, my constituent was told that an ambulance would not be dispatched until she was triaged, before being put through to a recorded message which advised him to hang up and that he would be called back," Mr O'Brien said.

"With his wife screaming in pain, my constituent and some helpers put her on a stretcher, loaded her into the back of a ute and took her to the nearby hospital."

Ambulance Victoria states that it aims to arrive at a minimum of 85 percent of Code 1 incidents, those requiring urgent paramedic and hospital care, within 15 minutes state-wide.

In South Gippsland, for the period from January 1 to March 31 this year, that figure fell well short of the desired mark, at 48.5 percent.

Those on the Bass Coast fared slightly better with the applicable number being 55.6 percent, with the urban centre of Wonthaggi achieving a success rate of 71.8 percent in terms of Code 1 response times.

Average response times for both South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires are listed as 15-20 minutes during that period, with that figure falling to 10-15 minutes for Wonthaggi.

## Good News for Landholders

### Farm Forestry Grants Now Available

Would a program that integrates timber trees into your whole of farm plan be of interest to you?



### CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

VicForests is establishing a program in Gippsland for landholders, to encourage the expansion of farm forestry plantations to help meet critical future timber and fibre requirements.

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

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

Further information is available at VicForests website:  
<https://www.vicforests.com.au/vicforest-forest-management/farm-forestry>

Or e-mail:  
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## South Gippsland Shire Council News

### Hard Waste Collection Bookings Now Open

Bookings are now open for South Gippsland Shire Council's annual hard waste collection service.

The service provides residents with a convenient way to dispose of hard rubbish at home, particularly if they are unable to attend a transfer station themselves. All South Gippsland residential properties are eligible to receive one collection at a fee of \$145 per property. A reduced rate of \$51 applies for pension card holders.

The hard waste collection in South Gippsland is a 'user pays' service, which means only those using the service pay for it. In some other areas, the cost of the hard waste collection service is passed on to all residents through higher fees and charges, regardless of whether or not they

use the collection. The 'user pays' system also helps to encourage waste reduction and recycling.

Bookings for the hard waste collection service can be made during July and August. The collections themselves take place during October and November. A maximum of two cubic metres of waste can be placed out for collection and all waste should be located within the property boundary if possible.

Bookings can be made online at:  
[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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

If you cannot attend the 'open' component of the Council Meeting in person, you can access a live stream through Council's website:  
[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

Council conducts its meetings according to *COVID Safe Plan* requirements.

Please contact the Governance team for questions about Council Meetings.

#### WORKS THIS WEEK

For a list of upcoming works, please visit:  
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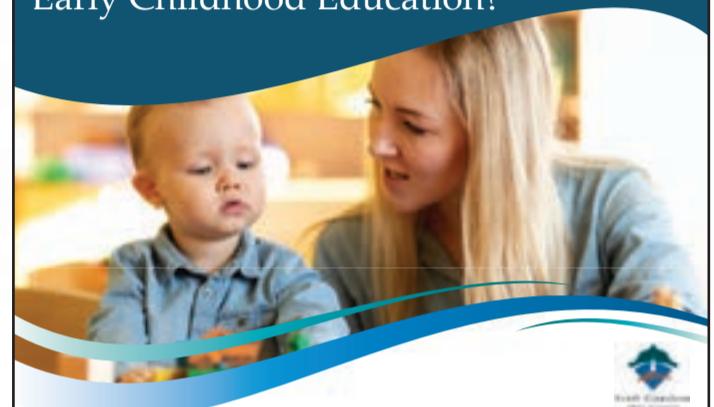
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The courses have been designed with working educators in mind with online (zoom) classes held twice a week in the evening and an in-person catch up one Saturday per month at a site located in South Gippsland.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Shelley Fixter, Coordinator Children and Family Services on 5662 9200 or [shelley.fixter@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:shelley.fixter@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

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Denise Massoud, president of Victorian Local Governance Association, South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Mohya Davies and council CEO Kerryn Ellis.

## Direction set in South Gippsland

FINALISATION of a suite of integrated council plans was the culmination of months of work and record community consultation across South Gippsland Shire.

It was a vast undertaking for a group of councillors only elected last November, with eight of the nine not having previously served on council, the exception being Mayor Mohya Davies.

Council plans have traditionally been devised separately, an approach that failed to recognise the knock-on effect that naturally occurs across a range of plans and strategies.

Many community groups and organisations were involved in the development of the integrated plans, through their input.

Victoria Police, Parks Victoria, Salvation Army, a number of the region's community centres, local business associations, YMCA, South Gippsland Hospital, and Gippsland Southern Health Service were some of those marking the adoption of the plans at an evening celebration in Leongatha.

That followed last week's busy council meeting at which the final versions of the plans were unanimously passed, albeit with three councillors unable to attend.

The integrated approach to council plans was prescribed in the current Local Government Act 2020.

"Instead of each document being created separately, plans will now be developed alongside each other so that when complete they will fit together like a jigsaw puzzle," Cr Davies said.

"The Vision informs the Council Plan, and in turn the Council Plan helped to direct the Budget initiatives and other strategies."

Cr Davies said councillors are confident the community's aspirations are reflected in the newly formed plans.

She spoke of the importance of council reconnecting with the community following the lengthy period in which

administrators managed the shire.

"Engagement and honest conversations are the foundations on which we can rebuild trust with the South Gippsland community," Cr Davies said.

As well as expressing her appreciation for the community's involvement, the extensive efforts of council staff during the consultation period and creation of the plans was acknowledged.

Regional director of Regional Development Victoria, Sara Rhodes-Ward, spoke to Sentinel-Times about the importance of the integrated plans.

"The creation of the plans is fundamental in how local governments serve their communities," she said.

She explained that as well as factoring in community aspirations and communicating council's strategic direction to locals, the plans are of great value for council to foster productive relationships with organisations such as Regional Development Victoria.

"For organisations like mine, the opportunity to look at those documents is important, so when I'm interacting with South Gippsland Shire Council I've got a clear understanding of what their economic priorities are, what their liveability priorities are and what they see as their future aspirations for growth," Sara said.

She praised both the councillors and the executive team led by council CEO Kerryn Ellis as "terrific partners in the work we do".

Denise Massoud, president of the Victorian Local Governance Association, which supports councils by providing guidance, induction training and other programs, was excited to be present at the meeting and launch event.

She was delighted with the collaborative approach adopted by South Gippsland Shire's still young council, noting that is how local government should work.

"It shouldn't be adversarial," she said, explaining it needs to operate like a Board.

## RoadSafe Gippsland and VicRoads team up

ALCOHOL and drug issues are a serious health and safety risk, particularly for employees who are driving on the road.

From April 1, 2021, the blood-alcohol limit changed to zero for drivers of heavy vehicles greater than 4.5 tonne (GVM).

To help the heavy vehicle workplace, a simple online toolkit has been created, with input from industry experts and the Alcohol and Drug Foundation.

A robust alcohol and drug policy helps to reduce risk and associated liabilities and can also ensure consistency in management and decision-making about alcohol and drug related matters.

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evant material being added to your policy.

RoadSafe Gippsland Chairman, Andy Milbourne said, "all workplaces – no matter how small – should have a comprehensive alcohol and other drugs policy."

VCF Transport in Wonthaggi recently used the online tool to develop a tailored policy.

"The tool was very easy to use, and it produced a high-quality policy that otherwise would have taken hours or even days to develop," Owner, Allan Miller reported.

"VCF Transport are proud to do our bit to help keep our roads safe in the local community".

If you would like support or assistance with the process, please contact Alana Riess on 0438 213 015.

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## Mayor's Message

Another chilly week has passed. A week closer to some warmer weather!

This week was NAIDOC Week. A week where we showcase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in our community. For many of us, it is a time to learn more about the history and culture of our First Nations people and acknowledging them.

To recognise this week, I attended a lovely event in Korumburra at the Botanic Park. It was a truly touching experience to be part of and I thank the Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park for inviting me along and allowing me to say a few words.

At South Gippsland Shire Council we are determined to achieve real outcomes by sitting down with the Traditional Owners in our region and working out ways that we can better promote and respect our Indigenous history. Part of this will include the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which was an action highlighted in the 2022 – 2026 Council Plan.

With the excitement of the Integrated Plans being unanimously endorsed by Council, I wasn't able to mention a couple of key things that I really want to update you all on.

One of these was a visit to Canberra from Sunday 19 June to Tuesday 21 June where I attended the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly along with Councillor Gilligan and Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis. This included attending the regional forum where we spoke at length about issues affecting our particular part of the country.

Representing South Gippsland at an event like this was a huge honour for me and something I never thought I would be able to do. It was however a great experience and opportunity for us to present our issues and develop relationships with other Councils. Some of the issues we discussed included representation of local government in federal cabinet, emergency response, and social and affordable housing.

While in Canberra, we took the opportunity to meet with the new ministers and introduce them to South Gippsland – what our strengths and advocacy priorities are.

Cr Mohya Davies



In particular we had great discussion with the Honourable Kristy McBain (Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories) and the Honourable Murray Watt (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and Minister for Emergency Management).

I would like to thank Councillor Gilligan and our CEO for coming along with me and supporting our region.

Last week, we also had the privilege of welcoming senior representatives from the Department of Transport who accepted an invitation to meet with Councillors and Council's Executive Leadership Team. Following strong feedback from our community during the Shaping South Gippsland engagement process about a desire to improve the quality of roads in our Shire, it was the perfect opportunity for us to share that with them.

The Department of Transport are an extremely important partner to Council as they are responsible for a significant portion of the roads across our Shire. During their visit, it was encouraging to hear about the willingness to invest in South Gippsland roads, and also advise them of Council's significantly increased investment in roads that has featured in our new Council Plan and budget.

Both this visit and the visit to Canberra are examples of more work we will be doing now we have an Advocacy Strategy in place. Work like this is key to progressing our Shire and ensuring you, the community, get the services you need.

If you would like to find out more about what we are focusing on from an Advocacy perspective moving forward, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/strategies](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/strategies)

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PICAL'S Casserole Cooking Program in 2021 moved to St Phillip's Church Kitchen.



PICAL'S winter garden crop was relied on heavily in 2021.

## Major rise in charity sector revenue and expenses

THE latest Australian Charities Report showed a major rise in total sector revenue and expenses.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissioner Dr Gary Johns said the report, illustrates Australian charities' major contribution to the economy and to thousands of communities.

"Pleasingly, the eighth edition of the Australian Charities Report shows that we have a resilient charity sector," Dr Johns said.

"It is hugely important economically and employed more than 10 per cent of Australia's workforce in the 2020 reporting period.

"Enormous public support for charities is clear, with donations increasing to \$12.7 billion. However, expenses also increased by \$10.2 billion."

Locally, Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) was one of the hardest hit not-for-profits.

"When COVID arrived in Australia in March 2020, PICAL was inundated with worried citizens," PICAL

Centre manager, Greg Thompson said.

"We operate a Centrelink Agency, and like all Centrelink outlets around Australia, queues of casual workers who had just lost their jobs, stretched out from our agency and along the footpath.

"When nearly all other surrounding businesses and services were closing, PICAL took a deliberate decision to stay open, as we saw that we would be needed more than ever before.

"We remained open throughout the entire two years of COVID lockdowns."

Like other essential services, volunteers and the PICAL team had to be aware of the ever-changing mandatory rules.

"Our volunteer workforce waxed and waned; at its peak in mid-2021 we had almost 170 volunteers still actively working at PICAL in the many programs that supported our frontline essential services," Greg said.

"Our Garden Team still needed to grow crops and produce harvest for our

Food Pantry and Cooking Programs, and other volunteers still had to collect leftover, but still edible, food from all our surrounding supermarkets.

"Our skeleton reception staff still had to deal with the growing tide of urgent welfare referrals that came through our door.

"Due to these factors, PICAL became the 'accidental centre for everything' during COVID, because there were few other options for vulnerable people to go.

"We saw everything from homelessness, poverty and food insecurity; through to women and children escaping family violence and people suffering mental health problems.

"However, this was never our role, nor were we adequately resourced to deliver these expanded services.

"Whilst we could only triage each vulnerable person's immediate needs and try to refer them to other faraway funded professional services, helping each person was extremely time consuming and difficult.

"This was compounded by the fact that there are hardly any funded professional services physically present on Phillip Island, and many of our attempted referrals come to dead ends."

Operating during this difficult period, thanks to the efforts of volunteers and an army of businesses who support in the background, came at a significant cost to PICAL and weighed heavily on staff and volunteers.

"Unfortunately, the increased demand for all of our services is not likely to abate in 2022."

Prior to the pandemic, PICAL would assist on average 30 people per day across their various programs.

Over the past two years this skyrocketed to 26,209 individuals, of which 16,266 were in 2021 – equating to 55-60 people a day.

"In the first 10 years of our emergency food relief operation, we fed around 1000 people per annum.

"COVID increased this rate fivefold, and in the past two years, we have fed 5458 and 4566 people respectively in

2020 and 2021.

"This is an average of 430 people each month.

"This rate has remained at this high level so far in 2022, and the figures for the total number of people fed over the last two-and-a-half years, since COVID was first detected in Australia, is now around 14,500.

"Around 40 per cent of the people we now feed are children."

PICAL's Annual Report

notes the significant COVID-related demands placed on the not-for-profit resulting in them drawing on cash reserves to operate, and whilst they are back to a balanced budget there is no break in the future.

"Our future is secure but with local donor fatigue and the cessation of COVID related government grants, fundraising is very difficult."

Headline figures from an independent assessment in 2021, as part of the Annual Report, show PICAL created \$61,010 community value in four days in COVID-19 restricted settings.

"This equates to an an-

nual total of around \$12.6 million worth of community value delivered by PICAL to Phillip Island and the surrounding waterline areas each year."

"In terms of our place and our significance in our local community, our profile, and our reputation; yes we are stronger than before COVID.

"We still have the current challenge of having to relocate all of our operations to two new sites.

"However, everyone connected with PICAL is determined that we will grow even stronger when we do move and re-establish ourselves.

"We will be holding three significant events in 2022 surrounding these moves.

"The first will be a Fundraiser Event on Friday, July 29, at Phillip Island Golf Club (bookings details on the PICAL website); then we will hold an 'End of an Era' event at our current (old) site in October, and a 'Welcoming' event at our two new sites at the end of the year."

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**Specialist orthodontist and principal of Gippsland Orthodontics Adam Wallace specialises in braces, Invisalign and early intervention orthodontic treatment.**

## Smile with confidence at Gippsland Orthodontics

GIPPSLAND Orthodontics is due to open the doors to their state-of-the-art Gippsland practice in mid-July to provide specialist care to patients in South Gippsland and surrounds.

Highly trained lecturer, examiner and orthodontist, Dr Adam Wallace, is returning to his hometown of Gippsland after 17 years of teaching in Melbourne and working in private practice.

Dr Wallace specialises in traditional braces, clear braces, Invisalign, early intervention orthodontic treatment and enjoys treating children, teens and adults.

"It is important to look after the health of children's teeth with general dental check-ups by a dentist, however, at Gippsland Orthodontics I can provide early orthodontic intervention for those as young as seven years without the need of a referral," said Dr Wallace.

Raised in Arawata in South Gippsland and attending Chairo Christian School (formerly Leongatha Christian School),

Dr Wallace is looking forward to returning to regional Victoria and sharing his knowledge with the community to help them achieve confidence with their smile.

Dr Wallace appreciates the importance of a smile and the overall confidence it can bring to his patients.

"My mum, Julie Wallace from the Quilter's Barn, worked hard to enable myself to have orthodontic treatment with Dr Tony Scarff at Leongatha as a kid," he said.

"During the course of my career as a lecturer and working in a clinical practice, I am at the forefront of clinical research so I can provide the finest treatment to my patients and provide them with the ideal advice."

Dr Wallace offers interest free payment plans for all patients.

Gippsland Orthodontics will be located at 132A Albert Road, Warragul and can be contacted on 8580 2489 or visit the website [www.gippslandorthodontic.com.au](http://www.gippslandorthodontic.com.au)

### Dr Adam Wallace is excited to announce the opening of Gippsland Orthodontics in Warragul, Victoria.

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**Daisy was 2022's January calendar puppy at Saffron Pug Rescue.**

## For all lives great and small

KAREN is an inspiration.

A South Gippsland local, she gives puppy farm dogs a new lease on life, a blank slate to start fresh and find a loving caring home.

"We rescue ex-breeding dogs," Karen explained.

"We might take in dogs from the public, not often, but never from the pounds because dogs come in with multiple problems and we can't have anything like kennel cough go through."

The horrendous stories of some farms are known and documented and to highlight and discuss these, whilst by comparison make Karen's work saintly, it wouldn't do her hard work justice.

Caring for all the animals, dogs predominately, alongside goats, a sheep, pig and horses keeps Karen busy.

She is eternally grateful to a team of volunteers who help in any way they can – from running animals to and from the vets, to teaching and walking dogs on a lead to day-to-day happenings, even helping when a pipe burst and flooded her home.

And whilst Karen works to rehome all the dogs, sometimes the little munchkins have alternative ideas – whether due to age or illness some will never leave.

Nemo, a cavalier pug cross has recently been diagnosed with syringomyelia and will live out his life with Karen.

Disabled Daisy requires assistance to go to the toilet, with her bladder expressed manually due to a spinal arachnoid (it was treated years before but has grown back with a vengeance).

Molly, an Aussie bulldog has just come into care and Karen fondly remembers her mum Ace finding a home a year prior.

And, Jezabelle, well she is the boss of Karen.

There are also situations where Karen is sadly contacted by members of families or individuals who are unable to look after their dying relatives' pets, as was the case with Coco.

"I stopped doing adoptions for 12 months (during the pandemic) – I do it for the animal, not the people and no one



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knew where they were with employment, even if they worked from home, they couldn't guarantee they would not be laid off unfortunately.

"We need to know what people's lives are like before we can match a dog to a home."

Finding the right home for the dog is Karen's sole focus in rehoming – it isn't whether you have the fanciest home or biggest backyard but rather how the animal will become an important part of your family.

Lucy recently found her loving home after the successful applicant wrote that she would sing to her.

"Lap dogs seem to be in, everyone wants them."

"The large breed dogs are really finding it hard right now."

"We're all getting inundated with dogs."

"I'm at capacity, I can't take any more dogs on, however, if I had more help I could."

Volunteering is one of the many ways individuals can help rescuers like Karen and whilst financial donations are always appreciated, sometimes having someone you can call in an emergency to run to the vet or pick up supplies in town is enough.

Whilst Oscar's Law fights from the top, Karen will continue to receive 'unwanted', old breeders and work whether months or years in extensive rehabilitation – every life deserves a second chance.

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# Water planning gets a boost

THE South Gippsland Council has been successful in securing grant funding to develop an Integrated Water Management Plan for South Gippsland.

Integrated Water Management is defined as a collaborative approach to water planning and management that brings together organisations with an interest in all aspects of the water cycle including Local Governments, Catchment Management Authorities, Water Authorities and First Nations groups.

To facilitate this style of water management, five metropolitan and nine regional Integrated Water Management Forums have been established across the state to identify, prioritise and oversee the implementation of collaborative opportunities at local and regional levels.

At South Gippsland Shire Council, they have been an active member of both the Gippsland and Westernport Forums since 2018.

To assist with the development of an Integrated Water Management Plan, Council applied for a grant application in 2021 from the office of the Minister for Water. This was inclusive of a number of other Council's across the State who had similar projects in mind.

"This grant funding is an important part of planning for the future of our region," said South Gippsland CEO Kerrey Ellis.

"Water management is an increasingly important issue for our community and key businesses and is an issue that must be considered in a plethora of situations, for example, new housing developments.

"Many sections of the organisation – along with key partners – will have a part to play in ensuring that this is done right."

On Thursday, June 23, council received confirmation that the application had been successful and they would be granted the \$55,000 they asked for. Council will also be contributing up to \$60,000 towards the development of the Plan.

It is anticipated that development of the Plan will occur over the next 15 months to enable comprehensive consultation with the community and key partners. This Plan will then be used to frame the strategic justification of future Integrated Water Management project partnerships.

"Securing grant funding for projects like this and other advocacy projects is vital," said South Gippsland Mayor Cr Mohya Davies.

"Sometimes, we simply cannot afford to undertake important strategic projects without it, which is a real struggle of many Councils. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in securing this funding alongside our friends and colleagues at other Councils and with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. I look forward to seeing the outcome of this work."

# Garlic festival scents a new future

IT'S hardly surprising that the Meeniyian Garlic Festival topped more than 7000 visitors, locals and out-of-towners, in 2019.

It was modelled on the famous Gilroy Garlic Festival in California which, until COVID-19 struck, attracted more than 100,000 people annually.

They're definitely not trying to emulate that at Meeniyian but, after a two-year lay off for the dreaded lurgy, it's back, on Saturday, February 18, 2023.

And, signalling a new era for the event, the festival committee is advertising for an 'Event Manager' to take the festival forward.

"We seek a person with experience in staging entertainment events and working with local community groups and volunteers in a not-for-profit context. The position will be filled on a contract basis commencing September 1, 2022."

Chairman of the Meeniyian Garlic Festival, its founder David Jones, says it's a good sign.

"From 2017, when we started, it grew quickly to become what Visit Victoria calls a 'significant event' and it's part of the evolution of these festivals that you look to take it on to a more sustainable footing by appointing an event manager," said David this week.

"Our fantastic committee will still be fully engaged, and we'll still be relying heavily on our volunteers but after five or six years, the event has become more complex and needs year-round activity."

While the peak of activity for the festival is December to February, there's still lots to be done at other times.

"We've been fortunate enough to attract Visit Victoria funding again, and this will enable us to add some key developments this year.

"We're offering the opportunity for our regional food and wine producers to show case their produce including



**The Meeniyian Garlic Festival is back, on Saturday, February 18, with some new ideas**

Gippsland's hatted restaurants and the like.

"It will be the best of Gippsland on a plate and in a glass at the Meeniyian Garlic Festival."

Mr Jones said the committee was mindful that the region's winemakers and other produce business operators were busy at home so Meeniyian will this year be offering a professionally-organised produce marquee, featuring all the produce from the area but presented by sommelier and food experts, without the producers themselves having to take a whole day out of their schedule to attend.

"We are aware that many of the people who come to these events are looking for a high-end food and wine experience and we're going to provide that, as well as all the other things that have become popular

at the Meeniyian Garlic Festival."

The festival is held in February each year, after the holidays, between the Australia Day and Labour Day long weekends, but after the garlic harvest in November and following suitable curing time for the garlic.

"Gippsland is not a volume producer of garlic. That comes from the more arid areas of NSW and Queensland but together with the Grampians area in the west, we are known for our artisan garlic, regularly in the running for national awards with the area's flavours really coming through."

Mr Jones said this year's festival would be a ticketed event with the support from Visit Victoria reflecting its importance as a gateway food event for the Gippsland region.

## Healthy food for healthy teeth

THE Bass Coast Health dental team is now rolling out the smile squad program and inviting public schools to join across Bass Coast.

Smile squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free, high-quality dental care focusing on prevention and education to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students.

The smile squad vans provide free examination and treatment, including teeth cleaning, fluoride application, fissure sealants, fillings and any other non-cosmetic treatments to ensure our kids have healthy teeth.

Smile squad encourages all

Victorian children and their families to keep looking after their oral health by eating well, drinking tap water and brushing twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.

When the smile squad reaches an area, they will invite the eligible schools to join the program.

If the eligible school chooses to join smile squad, the students will be provided with a consent form for parents/carers to sign, and to make it easy for parents, check-ups are completed during school hours.

More information about the program can be found at [smilesquad.vic.gov.au](http://smilesquad.vic.gov.au)



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We seek a person with experience in staging entertainment events and working with local community groups and volunteers in a not-for-profit context.

The position will be filled on a contract basis commencing 1 September 2022.

The peak of activity is in the December to February period. For a full position description and to apply, please email

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# Campaign to save coastal village continues

HUNDREDS of Cape Paterson locals and holidaymakers have demonstrated their strong objection to overdevelopment, delivering a letter to the state Premier expressing concerns over the future of the village.

Residents are calling on the Premier Daniel Andrews to deliver his pre-election pledge to permanently protect Bass Coast.

The letter, prepared by the community group Save Cape Paterson from Overdevelopment and signed by 731 members of the Cape Paterson community, asks the Premier to protect Cape Paterson's "iconic township character, its wildlife, its natural beauty and its distinctive coastal landscape, now and for future generations".

Cape Paterson, which has a population of around 1100, has overwhelmingly and consistently expressed strong concerns about overdevelopment of the established village.

In a small win, a planning application for a development of up to 980 houses to the north of the existing settlement recently lapsed.

However, concerns remain that Cape Paterson will only be adequately protected if a previous boundary expansion is reversed.

"[We] want you to honour your 2018 pledge to permanently stop developers ruining the Bass Coast; specifically, our concerns relate to the iconic coastal village of Cape Paterson," the letter

**By Save Cape Paterson from Overdevelopment**

reads.

"We call on you to return the Cape Paterson settlement boundary to its former position at Seaward Drive and to define it as a 'protected settlement boundary'...We urge you to hold to your commitment now, during this term of Government."

The shadow of massive development has hung over Cape Paterson since former Liberal Planning Minister Matthew Guy overrode community and council concerns and expanded the boundary of Cape Paterson in 2011, paving the way for the rolling rural landscape to the north to be rezoned to accommodate extensive newbuild housing.

Save Cape Paterson from Overdevelopment spokesperson Cheryl Padgett said, "Cape Paterson has done its bit for housing stock in Bass Coast, with two extensive land developments in recent years. "The latest, The Cape 'ecovillage', has not been completed and its impact is yet to be felt.

"There is zoned residential land available in Wonthaggi, which has all the services that residents need."

Signatories say they remain hopeful the Premier will follow through on his commitment, and have invited Mr Andrews to visit Cape Paterson to see for himself what is at stake.



**Donald Ellsmore, San Muller and Cheryl Padgett presenting the letter, which calls on the Premier to preserve Cape Paterson from overdevelopment, to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale.**

"You promised us that a re-elected Labor Government would permanently protect the Bass Coast from over development by enshrining planning protection in law, through the Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL) process," the letter reads.

"However, we were dismayed to discover that the much-anticipated and important draft SPP retained the expanded Cape Paterson boundary, which was controversially, and devastatingly approved by Matthew Guy in 2011."

Ms Padgett said the letter had been delivered to local member Jordan Crugnale MP, who had undertaken to convey it to the Premier on behalf of the group.

The delivery of the letter followed a large gathering recently of Cape Paterson residents holding corflutes in front of farmland

at the northern edge of the established village.

Ms Crugnale confirmed she had met with the group in June to hear their concerns and received their signed letter.

"A very impressive, well organised and constructively active group who along with the Cape Resident and Ratepayers Association care about where they live, want to see their township retain that village, coastal feel, understand the pressures of development on existing infrastructure and are able to galvanise local residents and we see this just with the number of signatures in the letter," she said.

"The Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL) is in a process and the end result needs to be a reflection on community views and landscape values."

**Phillip Island Visitor Centre joins road fatigue campaign**

VICTORIA'S leading tourism and road safety bodies have joined forces to tackle fatigue-related road trauma.

A new partnership between the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and the Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC), will see the TAC's Pause Stop program piloted as a permanent resource across Victoria's Visitor Information Centre network.

New TAC Pause Stops will initially pop up at 11 accredited Visitor Information Centre locations, where visitors will be greeted with a range of resources to help them plan a safe onward journey, as well as activities for the kids.

The pilot Visitor Information Centres will include Phillip Island and Prom Country in Foster.

Victorians are being urged to plan ahead and drive safely these school holidays and beyond, as the number of lives lost on the state's roads reaches 125, an increase from 104 at the same time last year.

Fatigue is a major cause of death and injuries on Victorian roads, with TAC research showing that driving while tired is a factor in around 20 per cent of road crashes.

The pilot campaign will run until December and there will be a feasibility assessment into extending the partnership and including the entire network of 62 Visitor Information Centres across the state.

Travellers will be directed to the Pause Stop locations using the highly recognisable yellow signage depicting Accredited Visitor Centres along key regional travel routes or online at [www.tac.vic.gov.au/pausestop](http://www.tac.vic.gov.au/pausestop).

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# Kirrak House team celebrates after blitzing accreditation



**Kirrak House resident Colleen plays bingo with leisure and lifestyle assistant Gai West after the aged care facility passed its three yearly accreditation review by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.**

## Health service still after staff

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is actively recruiting more healthcare workers, particularly nursing and allied health staff.

The new Wonthaggi Hospital will open to the public in December this year, and staff will have the opportunity to work in first class Emergency, Theatre and Surgical facilities.

The new Cancer Centre at Wonthaggi is offering contemporary Cancer Care in the new L. Rigby Centre.

There are expanded home based services including the District, Palliative and COVID teams, and the Phillip Island Community Hospital is on the horizon for 2024, offering more specialist services locally.

"Across the nation, there are workforce shortfalls in healthcare," BCH CEO Jan Child said, "and we are no exception."

"We continue to be on the search for skilled and compassionate healthcare

workers who are looking for a sea change."

BCH had recently lifted its Code Yellow that was in place to signal an internal emergency.

The Code Yellow had been in effect since April 29 this year, due to staff falling ill or needing to care for sick family members.

For the short term, some surgical and medical beds at Wonthaggi Hospital will remain closed, and sub-acute service and medical/surgical beds remain integrated into one ward.

BCH's emergency department, urgent care centre, acute ward, support services and cancer service will continue to be under more pressure than other areas.

To learn more about working at BCH, visit their recruitment website ([basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au/](http://basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au/)) or contact the Human Resources team on [hr@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:hr@basscoasthealth.org.au)

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is celebrating after the beloved aged care facility at Wonthaggi, Kirrak House, was re-accredited following a comprehensive external accreditation process.

Kirrak House passed its three yearly accreditation review by a team from the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission with a glowing report, meeting all the standards required.

BCH CEO Jan Child was extremely proud to receive the review.

"The process for accreditation is thorough and for our staff to receive such positive feedback is a testament to their extraordinary commitment," she said.

"This achievement reflects the passion and dedication of the staff, for whom caring for our residents means far more than just a job.

They go above and beyond to ensure our residents feel valued, appreciated and safe, as our staff know they have a privileged role of supporting our residents in their home."

The accreditation team completed their audit over three days, talking with residents, family and staff, and checking documentation and observing staff interaction with residents.

The assessors found the home met all of the requirements set out in the Aged Care Quality and Safety Standards and were impressed by the resident-centred care and service delivered at Kirrak House, particularly:

- Staff provide personalised and respectful care
- Staff have good knowledge and can explain the needs and preferences of each resident

- All residents and representatives were extremely complimentary of the care and service they receive

- The kitchen had great processes in place to ensure resident safety and satisfaction

- The environment inside and outside of Kirrak House was beautifully maintained.

The assessment team was impressed by how well staff knew residents and their needs, and the high level of care provided.

Residents and their representatives told the assessors of the personalised care they received.

This exciting news about accreditation follows the refurbishment of the interior of Kirrak House, with new painting and flooring throughout, and the installation of a new nurse call system.

A new edible garden is

being installed and fruit trees planted to make Kirrak House feel even more like home.

Kirrak House is a 30-bed facility unit located next to Wonthaggi Hospital. BCH's other aged care facility, Griffiths Point Lodge, has 29 beds at San Remo, and overlooks the sea and Cape Woolamai. "Our aged care facilities are staffed by a team of professional skilled staff, dedicated to the care of each individual care recipient. The teams are led by passionate Nurse Unit Managers and include nursing staff, diversional therapists, cleaning and catering staff," Ms Child said.

"Aged care staff are specialists! Not only are they expert in delivering the best of care, they have an amazing commitment to respond to the uniqueness of each resident and their family, and to ensure the residents' self-esteem, dignity and freedom of choice are valued.

"Our Aged Care teams have endured all the challenges of the Pandemic, but their above and beyond commitment has ensured our residents are safe and well cared for.

"My thanks to everyone at BCH for their extraordinary efforts in supporting our Aged Care services."

## Bass Coast Health cares for people with diabetes

NATIONAL Diabetes Week, July 10-16, is the perfect time to learn more about this chronic condition that affects so many people.

More than 1.2 million Australians have diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes), with the prevalence of Type 2 diabetes steadily increasing with age.

In part due to the large elderly population, it's no surprise that the Bass Coast Shire has the highest population of people living with diabetes in Gippsland: 7% against the national average of 5.6%.

There are three main types of diabetes: Type 1, Type 2 and Gestational diabetes.

Type 1 affects approximately 10 percent of people diagnosed with diabetes in Australia, and genetics and some viruses may contribute to it.

Type 2 diabetes runs in families so has a strong genetic link. You must have a specific cluster of genes to get this type of diabetes. Approximately 8 percent of all people in Australia living with diabetes have Type 2 diabetes.

In addition to the non-modifiable risk factors of genes, ethnicity and advancing age, there are some modifiable lifestyle factors such as increased weight or waist measurement, eating a diet higher in processed foods, inactivity, and emotional or medical stress, which can

all contribute to the development of Type 2 diabetes.

To see if you are at risk, go to [health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/the-australian-type-2-diabetes-risk-assessment-tool-ausdrisk](http://health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/the-australian-type-2-diabetes-risk-assessment-tool-ausdrisk)

"Whilst a diagnosis of diabetes can be life-changing, you can do most things that you did before the diagnosis and the condition doesn't define you," said Bass Coast Health (BCH) Diabetes Educator Vivienne Prestidge.

"There are many advances in the types of medications and technologies available now."

BCH has a diabetes team that can support and guide you in your diabetes diagnosis and journey.

The Credentialed Diabetes Educators (CDEs) at BCH have expertise in teaching you how to manage your diabetes through lifestyle, glucose monitoring and medications.

They are experienced in insulin therapy including insulin pumps and new monitoring technologies.

Importantly, a CDE assesses individual needs and assists people living with diabetes to meet their own health goals to prevent diabetes complications.

Appointments to any of the diabetes services with Bass Coast Health can be made after receipt of a referral from your GP to BCH Access Intake via fax to 9102 5307.



**Consumer David Williams consults Bass Coast Health Diabetes Educator Vivienne Prestidge at the Wonthaggi Hospital.**

## Are you passionate about older people?



Would you like a rewarding role as an aged care worker at Bass Coast Health? We offer 59 beds across two sites - Kirrak House at Wonthaggi and Griffiths Point Lodge at San Remo - and have ample opportunities for aged care professionals.

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We invest in learning and development for staff. We prioritise resident care and staff safety and wellbeing. We have public sector ratios. We enjoy public sector rates and offer salary packaging and other benefits. Bass Coast Health is the place to work in aged care.

**We are now recruiting people to join us as carers, nurses, diversional therapists, and cleaning and catering staff.**

**To learn more, email our Human Resources team: [hr@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:hr@basscoasthealth.org.au)**



# NAIDOC story time in Leongatha

LEONGATHA Library celebrated NAIDOC Week with a special double length story time session featuring indigenous literature, music and singing and even the opportunity to make musical instruments.

The work of indigenous authors was read, accompanied by that of indigenous illustrators.

Children enjoyed singing along to some familiar tunes, with a twist in the lyrics.

For instance, the Hokey Pokey was translated by indigenous singer-songwriter Loren Ryan of the Gamilaraay people native to northwest New South Wales, with children singing in both English and Gamilaraay.

Library programs officer Kate Lochlin said she was out of breath after the energetic version of the song, complete with plenty of movement.

Other indigenous singer-songwriters were also featured, including Emma Donovan, Kiki D and Emily Wurramara.

"We sang songs in maybe six different aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, just

lots of translations from favourites," Kate said.

One song, 'Ways to Say Hello', featured greetings in many languages.

As well as singing, young participants seized the opportunity to play instruments in keeping with the day's indigenous theme.

Kulap shakers from the Torres Strait Islands, traditionally made from seedpods, were popular, as were Warup and Lumut drums, with the latter made from bamboo and played in the Torres Strait Islands and in Papua New Guinea.

Amelia Carter of Meeniyani managed to create plenty of sound as she tried her hand at a Lumut drum.

As well as playing traditional instruments, improvised versions were created using recycled materials such as bottle caps that substituted for seedpods and created a similar but quieter sound than Kulap shakers.

Improvised Warup drums were also made.

"Our instrument making activities came from an early



Kate Lochlin runs the NAIDOC Week story time session. A04\_2822

childhood consultancy based on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait, 'Cultural Inclusions', and their collaborative partnership 'Connecting the Dots Through Culture', who gave me permission to make these as a non-indigenous educator," Kate said.

Story time attendees also had the chance to watch a video of traditional dancing.

"We watched Torres Strait Islander dancers do a performance for Mabo Day," Kate said, adding that they were accompanied by some of the instruments used during the library session.

An acknowledgement of country started proceedings, something that now occurs at the commencement of all story time sessions.

## Home library service coming to Wonthaggi

MYLI - My Community Library is pleased to remind the community about their new home library service.

This enables library volunteers and staff to build and maintain connections with community members, who may not be able to visit their local library.

As well as a wide selection of books both large print and standard print, magazines, DVDs, and audiobooks; Myli offers e-audiobooks, e-books, e-magazines and many accessible online programs and events.

Volunteers offer delivery of materials to people who may be physically unable to visit their library for various reasons ranging from lack of transport or mobility issues, through to caring duties. The service can be temporary or ongoing.

Potential recipients are invited to register their interest for this special, personal service. Family members or support persons are welcome to enquire on behalf of someone they are caring for or supporting.

Kathie Olden, manager of volunteers and community participation at Myli said recipients and volunteers are matched and a friendly relationship very often develops between a volunteer and a home library service client, because our volunteers appreciate how important library materials and reading is within our community.

"At Inverloch library, we have volunteers ready and keen to help us deliver this valuable service; and we will have volunteers ready to operate at Wonthaggi library very soon."

All email enquiries for volunteering and home library service can be directed to [volunteers@myli.org.au](mailto:volunteers@myli.org.au)

## Get inspired with leading appliance brands

THE family business Betta Electrical - Wonthaggi Betta Home Living has been in the local township supplying local trades and quality appliances for more than 28 years now.

Manager Lucinda Dicker said she has extensive knowledge of the products instore and has a great local team by her side, giving customers the highest quality service and shopping experience.

"My team and I continually receive training on all the new ranges of appliances to ensure that our customers find the products that best suit their lifestyle," said Lucinda.

"I have grown up in the business and loved working with Dad, Kanen Dicker but missed the opportunity to work with my pop, Barry Dicker as he had retired. I'm very proud to be the third-generation family member to operate the family business."

Betta Home Living is a one stop shop supplying an extensive range of quality award winning appliances including Falcon Range cookers, Qasair rangehoods, Jura coffee

machines, Liebherr fridges, Oliveri bathroom range sink and tapware, Smeg, Miele, Electrolux, Chef and Fisher and Paykel.

"Our team are all advocates for supporting local, and our business sponsors many local organisations and clubs and appreciates every one of our customers, who help make this possible," said Lucinda.

Betta Home Living can help incorporate all home appliances into a new build or renovation by providing instore products for style and function, whether it be transforming a kitchen or bathroom or just upgrading the old everyday products.

"Our team of local families can help our clients with fridges, washers and dryers, heating and cooling and home entertainment. We always try to stay price competitive to help the community shop local and receive great service," said Lucinda.

To support the family business, shop local by visiting Betta Electrical - Wonthaggi at 15-17 Murray Street Wonthaggi or call 5672 4733.



Manager of Betta Electrical - Wonthaggi Betta Home Living Lucinda Dicker is a proud third generation owner manager of the family business.



The Kitchen Featured here was built and installed by Local Family Business Poletti's Custom Kitchens & Cabinets from Inverloch

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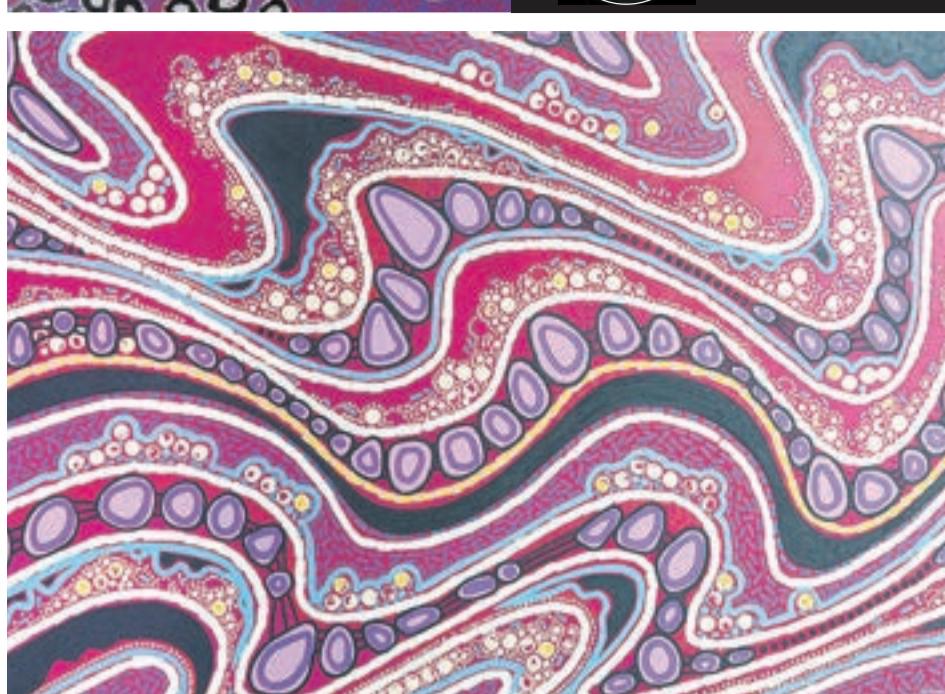


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# NAIDOC WEEK



**Underground Pressures** by Safina Stewart is an acrylic on canvas that is currently on display at ArtSpace Wonthaggi.

## The heart is changing

LOCAL indigenous artist, Safina Stewart, has a warm heart and beautiful soul.

Her heritage comes from Mabuiag Island in the Torres Strait and Wuthanthy Country in Far North Queensland, her non-Indigenous heritage from Scotland.

Safina is one of many artists exhibiting at Wonthaggi's ArtSpace and many thousands around Australia.

"Artistic expression, it's always been a part of my family," Safina smiled.

"I felt like I was immersed in opportunity as a child; just a normal reality, we would tell stories, and then express them visually or dramatically in order to pass them on, in order to share the story beyond ourselves to an audience."

Professionally Safina stepped into the role of artist at 27 years of age, when she started her own businesses and combined her teacher education with the arts.

From kinder to university and in between, one of Safina's latest journeys has been engaging with teachers and students at Wonthaggi Primary School.

"It's been terrific because both the children and the staff are not only keenly interested, but they give such respectful listening."

"Their learning has been rapid, of Aboriginal history, Aboriginal language and the context of Aboriginal community."

"It's because of deep relationships, and authenticity; I see this connection because they're applying it to real life."

"I love working with kids. I find it exciting and rejuvenating, hopeful as well."

This year's NAIDOC Week theme is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

"As an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person, if you're going to stand up, you have to be willing to show up and be reliable, and dependable."

"I've made so many beautiful friendships with really big-hearted people who are not wanting transaction, they're actually wanting to join in the change making and to make this community a better place, more inclusive, more culturally aware, more deep, more just, more fair, more opportunity driven."

On a more personal level, Safina's best artwork is her three children.

"You can create a beautiful painting and it can tell the story, but the living artworks are the most beautiful, and I've seen them really shine."

Safina's children, Samu, Letty-Brooke and Arieta stand alongside other children in the exhibition showcasing their talents and sharing their stories.

"What we're creating is a space and a community, where Aboriginal children can shine... that is powerful creativity in the making."

Safina's works can be found in both public and private collections across Bass Coast (and nationally and internationally).

"I can't have a favourite piece, because every single one of them is precious."

"Collectively, I'm proud of the beauty that I've dared to make vulnerable and put out there to the public. It's very scary doing that."

"What I have noticed over all these years is that people really need it."

"People need the art; people need the stories and people need connection to their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples so that they can have authentic connection to Place."

"I've received (amazing feedback) from hanging in the Shire offices. There's been a deep point of conversation as people have passed it in the foyer."

Thirteen-year-old Arieta's artwork hangs in the hospital.

"One of the things that we're aiming for is to be able to bring conversations to make visible Aboriginal communities, beauty, dignity and depth, and it's also to try and engage in conversation with people."

"The thing about art is that you don't even have to be in the room for people to start thinking and talking about it."

Inspiration comes from all of creation and country finding Place amongst the ocean and family.

Stepping inside Safina's creative method is magical - a process of yoga, prayer and creating a workable space, alongside inspiring music.

"First thing I need is to make the space right for that particular artwork and to do that I actually pray."

The heart is changing.

"Factor knowledge is amazing and wonderful but does not change people's behaviour."

"When we have a heart change, it is so powerful for changing behaviour, and behaviour with a deep conviction from the heart is what will change words, actions, racism, structural obstacles and legislation that is just inhumane."

"We're inviting (the child, the teacher, the individual) into a relationship in connection which involves the heart."

"It is a deeply spiritual journey, because to take an invitation is to apply faith and to step out of your comfort zone to head in a different direction."

"What inspires me as a person is actually the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian leaders of the past, who have stood up and lived a life of love and hope, against so much obstacle, so much complex, and has paved the way for us to continue the journey and offer more freedom and beauty to everyone."

As Martin Luther King quoted Marianne Williamson on the collective, and as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

Be inspired by our local and vibrant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists at ArtSpace, you may even find a piece that speaks to your heart that you simply cannot part with.



The NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition kicked off recently to a large crowd.

## Indigenous art exhibition still on

THE Bass Coast/South Gippsland Reconciliation Group's annual NAIDOC Week Indigenous Art Exhibition opened recently with resounding success at ArtSpace Wonthaggi.

More than 60 people took part in a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country facilitated by members of the Bunurong Land Council.

This year, 10 exhibiting artists have jumped on board including Patrice Mahoney, Lisa Kennedy, Arieta Fergie, Samu Stewart, Adam Magennis, Christian McGee, Sara Brown, Letty-Brooke Stewart, Safina Stewart and Steve Parker.

The Bass Coast/South Gippsland Reconciliation Group worked in partnership with the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network who gave both financial and organisational support to the exhibition.

ArtSpace Wonthaggi are exhibiting the artworks in their gallery, which is run by volunteers and is on until August 14.

If you are unable to attend the exhibition in person you can view the virtual exhibition created by Blue Vapours Creative Studios online at [naidoc-art.com.au](http://naidoc-art.com.au).

The gallery is open seven days a week from 11am-3pm.

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Special guest Susan Simpson shared her story at Manna Gum Community House last week.

## Celebrating NAIDOC in Foster

LAST Wednesday members of the Corner Inlet community celebrated NAIDOC Week at Manna Gum Community House with a sand art workshop. Welcome to Country and Johnny cakes.

Special guest Susan Simpson, an early years educator from Uniting Care Gippsland and proud Kurnai woman ran the art workshop and shared her story.

She spoke about her time living in different towns across Gippsland, being a parent of seven children, and of her Elders who lived in the settlement of Jacksons Track at Lake Tyers.

"The day started with a sand art activity, gathering on the mat in the garden to gain an explanation of some Aboriginal symbols," said Lisa Duvoisin from Foster Library.

"Then the participants used a combination of these symbols and some of their

own original ones to tell a visual story."

The art workshop was attended by children of all ages as well as adults.

"It was great to see how many people came to our event this year from across Corner Inlet. We were lucky to get some spectacular weather!" Rebecca Matthews, manager of Manna Gum Community House added.

"A lot of people want to have the conversation about reconciliation and develop a deeper understanding of our history and the local culture."

"We are always grateful to the many volunteers including those from the local community garden networks who support our events and services at Manna Gum."

The event was held in partnership with Foster MYLI library and support was provided by South Gippsland Shire Council, and Project GreenPlot.



Konrad Bourn operating the Sennebogen 718 tree handler at a controlled height to cut and move dangerous limbs hanging over a shed. Z02\_2822



Konrad Bourn, Andrew Buchanan and Jack Forrester on site in Jeetho, tending to a cypress tree that had fallen on a private property, using the Sennebogen 355 telehandler to manoeuvre the logs and branches. Z01\_2822

# Revolutionary tree care

ESTABLISHED in 2021 after four years of planning, Cut360 based in Korumburra is servicing the regional towns of South Gippsland and surrounds, delivering safe and efficient tree care to residential and commercial sites.

The team; Konrad Bourn, Andrew Buchanan and Jack Forrester originate from engineering and logistics backgrounds and developed the business with their vast level of skill to provide

revolutionary tree care.

"Our focus is on safety, efficiency and customer service, working with revolutionized equipment we are able to complete large jobs without manual labour," said Andrew.

Andrew said they have personally coordinated with Sennebogen to develop machinery with tailored equipment, and their 718e tree handler is the first of its kind in Australia.

Working together with insurance

companies, council, and private residents, Cut360 work to manage the risks with their completely revolutionized machinery; engineered and made with various components to complete small or large jobs.

The Sennebogen 718e tree handler is designed with maximum safety; the cab is manufactured with bullet proof glass to ensure the safety of the operator and the high-performance attachments are designed to operate the fell-

ing grapple saw, stump grinder, mulcher and hedger unit.

"Trees up to 30m in height can be pruned, while hedging is possible to a height of 18m," said Andrew.

The highly efficient and durable machinery is built with environmentally friendly and economical engines, and mastered in its design for difficult jobsites with sturdy forestry tires; ideal to access uneven ground or slopes.

"At Cut360 we work proactively under an ISO compliant quality management system. For our clients, we can manage a range of jobsites, whether it be large hedging maintenance on private property or sideroad works to eliminate safety hazards," said Konrad.

For more information on Cut360 essential services visit [www.cut360.com.au](http://www.cut360.com.au) or for emergency services call 1300 288 360.

## South Gippsland Shire's direction set

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's strategic directions and priorities for the next four years are laid out in its now finalised Council Plan 2022-2026.

Cr Sarah Gilligan said the process of developing the plan has been confronting at times, striving to achieve aims laid out in the simultaneously developed Community Vision 2040.

"We've had to look at what the Vision is and look at what our realities are and find somewhere in the middle, and I think this plan does a good job of that," Cr Gilligan said during Wednesday's council meeting.

Mayor Mohya Davies expressed confidence that the Council Plan provides a strong reflection of local views received through the community engagement process.

Allocating an additional \$900,000 to support improved road maintenance and infrastructure is one notable feature of the plan, reflecting the high priority many shire residents attach to better roads.

That ties in with one of the Council Plan's key objectives, 'Connecting People and Places', with improvements to the safety of sealed and gravel roads the stated aim.

Some of the 2022-23 major infrastructure projects and initiatives identified in the Council Plan are:

- Falls Road, Fish Creek Rural Road Rehabilitation
- Footpath Renewal and Extension Program
- Great Southern Rail Trail Extension - Leongatha to Nyora and Welshpool to Hedley
- New footpath sweeper for town CBD cleaning
- Simons Lane, Leongatha Upgrade
- Road Reseal Program

An increase to the road Re-sheet Program will see an additional 20 kilometres of re-sheeting on top of the existing program, while \$100,000 will be invested in the detailed design work for sealing priority gravel roads, with the minimum addition of two kilometres per annum.

The need to boost connection across the shire also entails the need for improved digital telecommunications coverage.

In addition to projects carried out directly by council, advocacy to higher levels of government to bring about infrastructure improvements is also identified as important, something that ties in with Council's now adopted Advocacy Strategy.

Protecting the character of South Gippsland townships through reviewing Planning zones, overlays and policies is another focus detailed in the Council Plan.

A further initiative factored into the plan is attracting business and events to South Gippsland to boost the local economy.

That fits into the broader strategic objective of 'Economy and Industry', with contributing to Destination Gippsland's event acquisition fund one important strategy to achieve that aim.

Reflecting the desire of many shire residents to see further environmental improvements, the Council Plan outlines strategies to investigate and plan for Food Organics, Green Organics to be incorporated into South Gippsland's kerbside bin collection service.

The intention is to achieve that through the planned development of council's Waste Management Plan.

Such an initiative is consistent with council's objective of 'Protecting and Enhancing Our Environment'.

Initiatives in the Council Plan are reflected in the Budget, with the documents developed alongside each other.

Other major objectives in the Council Plan relate to 'Sustainable Growth', 'Leading with Integrity', and 'Healthy and Engaged Communities'.

During council's recent meeting, Cr Scott Rae spoke of the importance of leadership to the community and the need to ensure opportunities are provided locally to maximise leadership potential and benefit South Gippsland communities.

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# Project update



## Australia's first offshore wind project

Star of the South is proposed to be located 7-25km off the coast, between Port Albert and Woodside Beach. It would power up to 1.2 million homes, while generating jobs and economic investment in Gippsland.

The project would involve up to 200 turbines generating electricity from strong Bass Strait winds, and a transmission system connecting to the grid in the Latrobe Valley.

We're currently in the feasibility and development phase. Approvals are needed to progress to construction.



*Artist's impression of Star of the South*

### Explore the project virtually

We're often asked what the offshore wind farm would look like, so we've developed some interactive tools that let you see for yourself.

Visit the interactive map on our website to:

- See views of the wind farm from the coast
- Learn about offshore wind turbines
- See examples of how the wind farm could be designed
- Find out more about the transmission system
- Ask questions or provide feedback about what you see.

Looking for more detail? Visit our Gippsland office to use our touch-screen 3D digital model and talk with our team.

### Ground investigations nearing completion

Ground investigations along our proposed transmission route will be completed in July. We're collecting valuable information about soil conditions in the area to assist with the project's design.

This work has been supported by local business, Kiernan Plant Hire, who had two team members working for ten weeks on the project.

Thanks to all the landholders who've worked with us so this important work can happen.



### Visit us at the footy

Come and chat with us at the Yarram vs Woodside football and netball clash on Saturday 16 July at the Yarram Recreation Reserve from 11 am – 2:30 pm. We'd love to meet you there and answer your questions about offshore wind while taking in the country football action.

We'll be out across Gippsland with a project update later in the year. In the meantime, let us know about any events in your area that you'd like to see us at.

### Bringing offshore wind to Gippsland schools

We're attending career fairs across Gippsland to talk with students about what jobs in a future offshore wind industry could be like. We've been to Morwell and Foster – next up is Sale and the Jobs and Skills Expo in Warragul. We look forward to chatting with more students, teachers and parents, to inspire the next generation of Gippsland energy workers.

### Let's make Gippsland the home of offshore wind

Are you keen to see an offshore wind industry deliver clean energy, jobs and investment for Gippsland, Victoria and Australia? Add your name to our supporter list on our website to keep in touch and voice your support. Join other Victorians who want to see Gippsland become the home of offshore wind.

### More information

To find out more about the Star of the South project and register for updates:

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# The world needs to be turned upside down

FISH CREEK Children's Festival of Stories is back and with it, the incredibly talented and critically acclaimed author, Michael Hyde, both as a guest speaker and on the committee.

Michael's writing career started a couple of decades ago as an English teacher.

"It was mid 70s. Some of my students at Footscray Tech school were semi-literate," Michael explained.

"I was getting them to write their own life stories to help them become literate. They asked me to write some stories for them."

Inspiring the next generation Michael realised one key flaw.

"There were few Australian stories written for Australian kids; most books for the kids came from Britain and USA.

"When I began writing it was during an upsurge of Australian publishers, films, rock n roll, etc.

"Oz culture on the rise and against the US culture domination.

"The other thing I realised was that most of the books had very middle-class characters and the settings were rarely working class."

And with it, Michael found his genre.

"When I write Young Adult I often think of those kids as my audience.

"I guess I was teaching in relatively tough working-class schools, and I came across so many students with interesting lives and tough problems."

Inspired by key elements "observation and wonder.

"Something happens. Memories. A dream. Someone says something.

"Walking along something gets my mind alive. Then I ask myself questions.

"Sparks is how I start. Sometimes I let it sit in my brain for a while or a long time.

"When I begin, I have an idea of where I'm going but very happy to discover along the way other aspects - a new character, a new obstacle, etc. etc.

**"I guess I was teaching in relatively tough working-class schools, and I came across so many students with interesting lives and tough problems."**

As for the festival, Michael now stands proudly on the committee and though excited for the whole event, highlights the Writing Challenge.

"There is a Writing Challenge we're running with Melbourne the City of Literature.

"Open to kids from Grade 1 to Years 7 and 8.

"The schools will have delivered to them bookmarks with QR codes where the kids (with parental permission) can upload their stories.

"The best 12 will be performed at the festival on September 18.

"An ebook will be published containing all the stories."

See Michael and his fellow authors on September 18 from 10am to 7pm.

## ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~



### WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE drag of winter can get one down, for some of us there is solitude in abundance and a certain dread of what airborne nasties are coming for us.

It is then that we must reach out to have more contact, take that chance to make it in the flesh so to speak.

With care and carrying those mantras we've got about anti-virus protocols, we can enjoy companionable activities, share ideas, be creative and learn new things. Be brave, reach out, be proactive, take care and nourish companionship.

A good place to start is the Fixit Café, this Sunday, July 17, 11am to 1pm.

It's an open airy space to enjoy a coffee and some cake and chat to others even though you don't have something there to be repaired. It's at the Harvest Centre beyond Mitchell House if walking over, or if driving, it's beyond the Big W car park past the Goods Shed.

This is a joint initiative with the Wonthaggi Men's Shed who do a fabulous job, providing their ingenuity and skills. Remember, it's just two hours of fixing time so you can see that items must be booked in before the day.

Ring Mitchell House to set it up!



Critically acclaimed young adult author, Michael Hyde, returns to Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories in 2022.

### LOCAL NETWORK GROUP SOUTH GIPPSLAND

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# Storytellers unite for Fishy Stories

STORYTELLERS will diverge on Fish Creek on September 18, for a jam-packed day of workshops, writing performances, children's shows and more. The new Fishy Stories - Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories - will delight kids young and old under a collective vision of sharing the ageless art of making stories.

Fish Creek is a unique destination for children's literature and storytelling. The festival will continue this momentum - recognising the joy in sparking imaginations.

The event, from 10am to 6.30pm, will hold a burst of creativity and activity through performances and free workshops with nationwide renowned performers, authors and illustrators. Those who attend will leave with a dazzling sense of creative possibility and a deep pride in the local Fish Creek

community.

The township will also celebrate the festival with special programs and activities for the day, including the Alison Lester Gallery, Gibsons, Little Oberon, Fish Creek Hotel, Long John Pickles, Ride the Wild Goat Gallery and Workshop, and more.

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

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

**Pictured RIGHT:** Rani Huszar, known as the 'Foxy Moron', combines her unique and special blend of physical comedy with magic and hilarious audience interaction to create an unforgettable experience.



## A Children's Live shows

There will be six ticketed performances, including world-renowned circus and sideshow performers Dr Hubble the world's greatest bubble man, magician Foxy Moron, the incredible Balloonatic Bruce, and physical comedian Dandyman.

All tickets are \$20 and will be staged at Memorial Hall, 10am to 4.15pm. And to finish it off, there will be a blazing performance by the Sugar Fed Leopards, a septet conceived at the swooning nexus of classic pop and disco at the Fish Creek Memorial Hall at 5pm. Tickets \$40.



A blazing performance by the Sugar Fed Leopards will cap off an incredible day at Fish Creek on September 18.

## B Workshops

There will be free workshops all day at the Workshop Marquee, hosted by some of Australia's most renowned authors and illustrators.

## C Bendigo Bank Village Green

There will be a hive of offerings across the village, including food and refreshments, dedicated bookshop, and photo meet and greet.

There will also be story activities and experiences, including Indigenous Literacy Foundation, local libraries MyLi, Children's Own Story, a performance created by Lucy Parkinson, My Story Tent, where you create your own stories with felt and other materials, and MH2C3 storytelling.

The village will be spread across the tennis courts, parkland and Rail Trail, 10am-4pm.

The festival enjoys local support from the CFA, Fish Creek Footy Club, Meeniyani Events, many local schools, and a team of more than 35 volunteers.

The spark for Fishy Stories was the 2019 and 2021 presentations of the Fish Creek Children's Literature Day and



There is plenty of workshops and shows to check out at Fishy Stories this September.

the formidable local presence in Fish Creek of renowned children's author/illustrators Alison Lester and Roland Harvey, and a host of other local writers and creative

artists.

So, keep an eye on Fishy Stories' social media - Instagram and Facebook - and the website [fishystories.org](http://fishystories.org) for all the latest information.



## Writing Challenge

The Writing Challenge is open to children in Grade 1-8 from across Australia and encourages imagination and creativity. Simply submit a short story of up to 350 words.

Twelve stories will be selected from entries and performed at Fishy Stories by a roaming performer. Children can also tell their own story. Entries for 2022 are open and should be submitted using the entry form at [fishystories.org](http://fishystories.org).

The closing date is Friday, August 12. All stories will be published online.

# SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

## 10AM TO 6PM



## Fishy Stories

FISH CREEK CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF STORIES

- A** PERFORMANCES @ FISH CREEK MEMORIAL HALL
- B** FREE WORKSHOPS @ FISH CREEK TENNIS COURTS
- C** SPECIAL EVENTS @ BENDIGO BANK VILLAGE GREEN



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### A FISH CREEK MEMORIAL HALL PERFORMANCES



#### BALLOONATIC BRUCE

**11.15pm:** Balloonatic Bruce presents his extraordinary stage performance where he engages guests young and old in a sensational show of fun colour action and entertainment. Don't miss it! **\$20**



#### DR HUBBLE

**12.30pm:** Everybody loves bubbles, but Dr Hubble really LOVES bubbles and he wants to show you why. You will see the biggest bubbles you have ever seen, bubbles inside bubbles, a square bubble, the explodabubble and more. At the end of each performance one lucky child gets put inside a huge bubble. Come along, it could be you. **\$20**



#### DANDYMAN

**1.45pm:** Come on a fun-filled journey of the absurd with world class circus and comedy star "Dandyman". "For the Love" it will feature ridiculously raucous routines, fantastically funny feats of stupidity circus-inspired magical moments of mayhem, complete with goofy games, fun competitions, prizes, funny facts and very funny faces. **\$20**



#### FOXY MORON

**3pm:** Foxy Moron is the greatest magician you will never see !!! This delightful Show girl will amaze and make you wonder (what on earth is going on !?) It is a laugh a minute Magic show where all that can go wrong - probably will. It's an entertaining array of all that is great and dismal about magic. A tribute to the greats and a truly wonderful experience. **\$20**



#### SUGAR FED LEOPARDS

**5.00pm:** Sugar Fed Leopards (SFL) are a blazing septet conceived at the swooning nexus of classic pop, doo wop, disco and rock'n'roll. With smoking hot costumes, sweet harmonies, tight dance routines and a cranking rhythm section, SFL have been breaking hearts and starting dance floor fires since 2013. Described as "...Saturday Night Fever meets Kath & Kim on acid", the band has toured in Europe and across Australia, including festival spots at Boogie, Woodford and Falls. **\$40**

### B FREE WORKSHOPS

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DIANNE JACKSON HILL  
GREGG DRIESKE  
JANEEN WEBB  
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To find out more visit [FISHYSTORIES.ORG](http://FISHYSTORIES.ORG)

### FISHY STORIES WRITING CHALLENGE 2022



Fishy Stories presents its first Writing Challenge in 2022. The Writing Challenge is open to children in Grade 1-8 from across Australia and encourages imagination and creativity.

Twelve stories will be selected from entries and performed at the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories. Closing date: 11 August 2022

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## Sentinel-Times

### COMMENT

#### Housing beyond a crisis in Victoria

IT'S four months away from the next State election.

And during the week, the editors and operators of Victoria's country newspapers were given the opportunity to make a pitch for their regions to the State Opposition, including the likes of Matthew Guy, Peter Walsh, David Southwick, and others.

It was a lively exchange.

Each area had specific concerns.

For Bass Coast, providing the infrastructure necessary for a 25% increase in population, over the past five years, including new aquatic centres at Cowes and Wonthaggi, were among the issues raised, as was the dire shortage of social and worker housing.

Coastal erosion at Inverloch, Cowes and Grantville was also raised, as was the conflict over the expansion of sand mining.

For South Gippsland, the state of our roads was a key one, especially the Bass Highway between Leongatha and Anderson.

The urgent need for a new West Gippsland Hospital, between Drouin and Warragul, and concern about the 190 kilometres of new high-voltage power lines running across the Moorabool Shire in Western Victoria also got some airplay.

That's going to be a problem in Gippsland too if planned offshore wind facilities go ahead.

But there were many consistent themes across regional Victoria and the one that stood out was a lack of housing and the shortage of land for housing, already a dire problem, but exposed even more by the COVID-19 driven exodus from Melbourne, even to remote parts of the state, and the amount of "vacant" houses on the short-stay market.

The former Planning Minister, Matthew Guy, was all over the issue but he refrained from criticising individual councils. He said all municipalities were battling with a shortage of town planners and trained staff, while both Councils and would-be developers were struggling with bureaucratic red tape and delays caused by other agencies.

Local newspaper editors said the lack of housing was a major social problem in their areas, but was also stopping them accommodating those wanting to move out of Melbourne, and providing somewhere to live for the extra staff needed to cater to the new demand.

The lack of housing and available residential land for people to build on immediately, is holding regional Victoria back – and it's a state-wide problem that's already beyond being a crisis.

The Opposition says they will re-introduce planning "flying squads" to help local councils, set workable time limits and also seek to recruit Melbourne-based town planners to assist. Ultimately wholesale reform is needed, and training and recruitment in the field.

Both sides need to commit to a revolutionary strategy for housing while also protecting highly valuable farmland in West and South Gippsland – the only way is up if you don't want urban sprawl to continue.

## Vox Pop

### Have you got a song that would change your life?



**Di Lewis**

I don't really have a favourite genre or a favourite song, but I do love singing along to songs with my kids.



**Aris Wolswinkel**

Not a particular song but I do have a passion for classical music.



**Sharmila Robertson**

I love oldies music, the Beatles are my favourite and I always turn to the song 'All my loving'.



**Shane Robertson**

I don't really have a favourite song, but I do love to listen to tracks from the 90s.

### "Triaging" ratepayers' letters has to stop

Last week I met with Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie to hear the Council's reasons for blocking BCRRRA emails to our elected representatives.

Perhaps more telling than the reason provided for the blocking is what the CEO refused to divulge.

In a nutshell, the CEO advised that the content of emails is not unreasonable, however the executive group has deemed that the number is unreasonable.

When asked how many emails would trigger the Unreasonable Customer Conduct policy (UCC), the CEO was unable to say.

That's because the UCC policy is entirely subjective in its application. It's a policy enforced at the whim of the executive group. They alone determine who and what they consider to be unreasonable.

Well, there's certainly no chance of personal biases coming into play there at all, eh?

And it's worth remembering that the UCC policy was snatched away from Councillors by the executive, thereby denying our elected representatives an opportunity to debate and vote on the merits and deficiencies of the policy.

The CEO advised me that some councillors have requested emails from BCRRRA be blocked and not be passed onto them. Tellingly however, the CEO refused to divulge how many councillors had made that request.

Conversely some councillors have requested that all emails from BCRRRA be passed on without interference. And once more, tellingly, the CEO again refused to divulge how many councillors had requested so.

Perhaps even more alarming is that the CEO made it clear that despite some councillors wishing to receive emails unfettered, this will not be permitted.

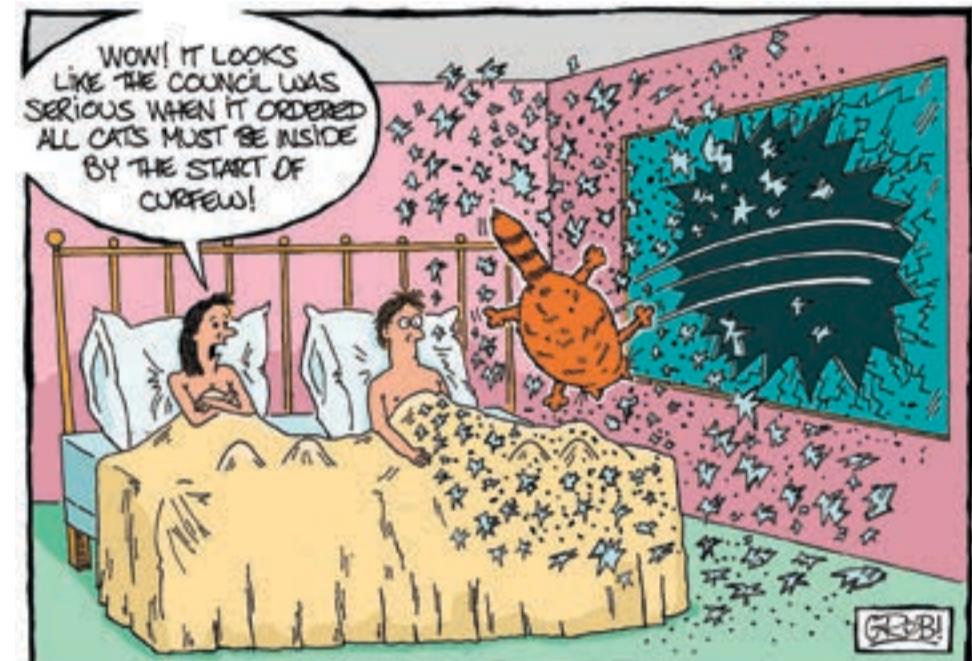
Surely, we have now, at Bass Coast Shire Council, one of the clearest-ever seen cases of the tail-wagging-the-dog.

It is a situation whereby our elected representatives, in defiance of their express wishes, are denied free and proper communication with community members because of the whims of anonymous bureaucrats.

The CEO claimed a duty of care to councillors but given that the CEO also acknowledged the content of emails is not unreasonable, one must ask what is the harm that the administration is trying to protect them against?

Is it too much workload for some councillors? Or could it simply be that the bureaucrats and a couple of Councillors wish to hear only praise and encouragement without needing to tolerate legitimate viewpoints which do not align with their preferred doctrine?

The CEO also claims that I have sent



more than 400 emails in a year. The claim is of course nonsense and I have asked the CEO to provide me the evidence.

The claim is based on exaggerated language used by bureaucrats whereby they count a single email addressed to all nine elected representatives as being nine emails.

The executive group also claims that "triaging" emails improves efficiency at council. This claim is also nonsense, and the process is quite the opposite of being efficient.

Take for example a simple email to councillors inviting them to attend an upcoming BCRRRA public meeting. This email will be intercepted, diverted, and blocked from reaching councillors. It will instead be handed over to some anonymous and presumably highly-paid bureaucrat, to consider if the message will or will not be allowed to pass and, if allowed to pass, how that message will be framed for councillors to receive.

The supposedly efficient "triaging" of emails appears to be nothing more than a euphemism for intercepting, blocking, and censoring.

One final point. When requesting the above meeting I addressed it for both the mayor and the CEO to attend.

Readers might be interested to know that I did not receive so much as the courtesy of a receipt acknowledgement from the mayor, and no excuses were offered for his absence from the meeting.

**Kevin Griffin, BCRRRA President.**

the foreshore erosion at Inverloch that has proceeded apace under the Andrews Labor Government.

It is hardly surprising that the Minister sought to downplay the Liberals Nationals' commitment of \$6 million to address the problem in a meaningful and effective fashion.

This is because Labor has failed so definitively to do so.

The Cape to Cape Resilience project that Labor commissioned is running six months behind schedule and is now due for completion in October 2022.

A study which was meant to take two years from December 2020, will be almost three years in the making by the time its findings are released.

To date, Labor has spent almost \$2 million of taxpayers' money on this problem, with no apparent long lasting outcomes.

In contrast, the funding committed by a Liberals Nationals Government will be used to implement, if appropriate, the recommendations of the Cape to Cape Resilience project.

It will support measures based on science.

Local residents expecting a sustainable solution to this urgent problem deserve more than Ms Ambrosio's dismissiveness.

**Aaron Brown, Liberal Candidate for Bass, Wattle Bank.**

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

# The gift that keeps on giving



Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary members present a cheque towards an ultrasound for cancer patients to Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child (at right). Back, from left, Auxiliary President Gerry Surridge, Kathy Surridge (hidden), Ron Missen, Hazel Missen, Bill Damm and Klaus Edel, with BCH Volunteers and Fundraising Manager Mandy Gilcrist. Front, Auxiliary Secretary Terry Hall.

THE community-minded members of the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary have reached a milestone in their mission to enhance healthcare.

On Tuesday, June 28, Auxiliary members gave a cheque for \$15,000 to Bass Coast Health (BCH) CEO Jan Child towards a much-needed ultrasound machine.

The machine is valued at \$60,000 and will be used in theatre by patients requiring cancer services. The ultrasound will assist in the placement of devices (PICCs and ports) at Wonthaggi Hospital, saving patients the expense and inconvenience of travelling further afield.

The ultrasound will also assist in diagnostic and palliative procedures where fluid needs to be drained from the abdomen or lungs.

The Auxiliary has so far raised approximately \$36,500 of the required \$60,000 for the ultrasound through the selling of beanies, street stalls imparting

information and seeking donations, and by approaching service clubs, community groups, businesses and community members.

"We are passionate about this cause because most people, including our members, have in some way been directly or indirectly affected by cancer," Auxiliary president Gerry Surridge said.

"To have a quality cancer service so close to home means that many cancer sufferers, their families and carers do not need to travel to Melbourne or Latrobe Valley on a regular basis for treatment."

Mr Surridge said the Auxiliary members had been overwhelmed by the incredible generosity of individuals, businesses, community groups and service clubs towards their fundraising efforts.

"I thank all Auxiliary members for their tireless efforts to improving health outcomes for those in our community," he said.



Phil Dressing and Braxton Laine from the National Vietnam Veterans' Museum on Phillip Island, discuss the expansion proposal with Nationals candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari (right) and Shadow Minister for Veterans, Tim Bull.

## Opposition visits Vietnam Vets' Museum

THE relocation and upgrade of the National Vietnam Veterans' Museum (NVVM) was the major topic of discussion when Nationals candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari, and Shadow Minister for Veterans, Tim Bull, visited the site recently.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The reality of the situation is this facility has outgrown its current site and building to the stage that all the material that has been donated cannot be displayed," said Mr Tessari.

"The Board of directors has been very proactive in progressing its relocation and expansion proposal and it was pleasing to look over these plans with the Shadow Minister.

"Land has been purchased adjacent to the existing site and what is being put forward is very exciting for the area. It will be much more than a museum and will have the ability to host a range of supports for veterans."

The museum was also successful in receiving \$147,900 from the state government, which will enable them to increase their storage space to the required museum standards.

It will also allow for the safe movement of objects between floors thereby increasing the safety and accessibility for staff.

In 2020, they achieved the Australian Museums and Galleries Association Victoria (AMaGA Vic) accreditation with a small, sealed room as their only controlled environment storage space.

"This funding is just brilliant news for our much-loved NVVM – it means they can expand their storage area, accession and conserve more objects in their collection and continue to do such incredible work in preserving Veteran history," State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said.



The COVID-19 vaccination bus is coming to town.

## Over 50s urged to get their next COVID jab

IT'S game on again. People aged 50 to 64 are urged to front up ASAP and get their fourth dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Others aged 30 to 49 years may choose to have a fourth shot.

Those newly eligible to get their fourth dose were able to front up at the usual local vaccination places from Monday, July 11.

And there will be an additional chance to get your next shot when the mobile vaccination bus rolls into town.

No appointments required. Children must present proof of age.

Check out these Gippsland Region Public Health Unit mobile vaccination times:

- LEONGATHA: Wednesday, July 20 - 9.30am - 3pm, McIndoe Park
- MIRBOO NORTH: Tuesday, July 12 - 9.30am - 3pm, Baromi Park
- SAN REMO: Friday, July 22 - 10am - 2pm, Marine Parade
- WONTHAGGI: Thursday, July 14 and Saturday, July 30 - 10am - 2pm, Wonthaggi Town Hall
- YARRAM: Wednesday 13 July - 9.30am - 3pm, Memorial Park

From Monday this week, an additional 7.4 million people be eligible to receive a fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose after the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) updated its recommendations.

This will help provide additional protection from severe disease against the emerging surge of Omicron subvariant 919.6.

infections and reduce the burden on Australian hospitals and the health care system in coming months.

The Australian Government has accepted the recommendations of the ATAGI vaccine experts and will open the fourth dose to those newly eligible from Monday, July 11.

ATAGI specifically recommended that people aged 50 to 64 years should have their fourth dose, while people aged 30 to 49 years may choose to have a fourth shot.

ATAGI reiterated that people who had already been eligible for the fourth dose, including those aged 65 years and over, remain at higher risk of severe disease and death from COVID-19.

As at July 7, 2022, 60 per cent of people aged 65 years and over have had their fourth dose. People who haven't already received it are strongly encouraged to have it as soon as possible.

ATAGI also recommended the interval between vaccine doses, or prior infection (whichever comes later), be reduced from four months to three months to provide earlier additional protection.

### COVID-19 data update

South Gippsland: New COVID19 cases (24 hr period) 34, active COVID19 cases 243, total COVID19 cases 7534, and active COVID19 cases (rate per 100,000) 812.3.

Bass Coast: New COVID19 cases (24 hr period) 43, active COVID19 cases 334, total COVID19 cases 11090 and active COVID19 cases (rate per 100,000) 919.6.

# Don't overlook July 1 changes

AN increase in the national wage and higher superannuation payments are among a raft of changes starting on July 1 that small and family businesses must be aware of, says Bruce Billson, the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman.

"With so many pressures on small business owners and managers as we near the end of the financial year it can be easy to overlook the new rules that will apply from the start of the next financial year – which is this Friday (last week)," Mr Billson said.

"However, this is not something that can be put aside for another day."

"It is essential that small business owners and managers understand what they are required to do. They should check their payroll and accounting systems have been updated and they should talk to trusted advisers."

Below, is a list of just some of the changes that take effect from July 1.

## National Minimum Wage and Award Rate

The recent Annual Wage Review 2021-22 from the Fair Work Commission has delivered two important announcements.

The National Minimum Wage will increase by \$40 per week, which amounts to an increase of 5.2%. Award minimum wages will increase by 4.6%, which is subject to a minimum increase for award classifications of \$40 per week and based on a 38-hour week for a full-time employee.

More information is available on

the Fair Work Ombudsman's website at: <https://www.fairwork.gov.au/newsroom/news/get-set-for-a-minimum-wage-increase>

## Super Guarantee

Employers will be required to make superannuation guarantee contributions to their eligible employee's super fund regardless of how much the employee is paid. Previously no super was required for employees earning less than \$450 a month. This threshold has been scrapped. Employees must still satisfy other super guarantee eligibility requirements.

The super guarantee (SG) rate will also increase from 10% to 10.5% for all employees eligible to receive superannuation. You'll need to use the new rate to calculate super on payments you make to employees on or after July 1, even if some or all of the pay period is for work done before July 1. The SG rate is legislated to increase to 12% by 2025.

Employers should check their payroll and accounting systems have been updated to ensure they correctly calculate their employee's super guarantee entitlement.

More info: [https://www.ato.gov.au/General/New-legislation/In-detail/Super/Removing-the-\\$450-per-month-threshold-for-superannuation-guarantee-eligibility/](https://www.ato.gov.au/General/New-legislation/In-detail/Super/Removing-the-$450-per-month-threshold-for-superannuation-guarantee-eligibility/)

## Single Touch Payroll Phase 2

Single Touch Payroll (STP) is an Australian Government initiative to reduce

employers' reporting burdens to government agencies. Payroll information includes salaries and wages, pay as you go withholding and superannuation.

## Covid-19 test expenses

Sole traders, contractors and employees who paid for a COVID-19 test for a work-related purpose can claim a tax deduction for the 2021-22 tax year. The test must have been taken for a work-purpose such as determining if you could attend or remain at work.

This covers PCR (polymerase chain reaction) testing through a private clinic and others covered by the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods, including RAT (rapid antigen test) kits. You must have a receipt and if you have purchased a multi-pack of COVID-19 tests, can only claim for the portion of tests used for work purposes.

More info: <https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Income-and-deductions/Deductions-you-can-claim/Other-work-related-deductions/COVID-19-test-expenses/>

## Cars and Tax

The following car threshold amounts apply for the 2022-23 financial year.

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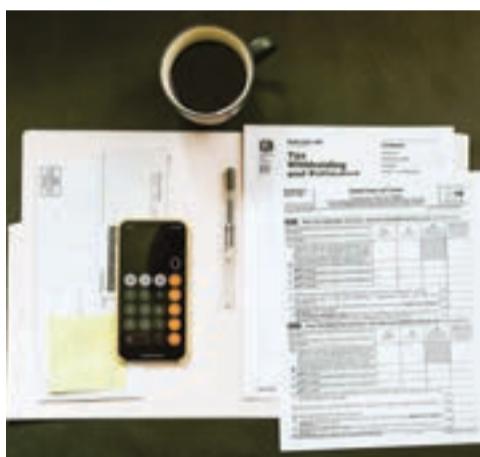


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"There are a range of tax offsets and deductions available this financial year," said Cade.

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# LIFE Moments



Ellie May Clarke was born at Gippsland Southern Health Service on June 20. She is a daughter to Amba Sherry and Jacob Clarke of Foster.



Isla Rachael Green was born at Gippsland Southern Health Service on May 25. She is a daughter to Rachael Berg and Jason Green of Loch, and a sister to her two brothers Noah and Beau.



Michael, Sarah, Indie and Riley are thrilled to announce the arrival of Jasper John. Jasper was born at Bass Coast Health on Wednesday, June 15, weighing 7lb 8oz.

Send us your birthday, anniversary or baby photos to [news@sgst.com.au](mailto:news@sgst.com.au)

## The Cold Never Bothered Me Anyway

With the weather being so frosty recently, you might be tempted to curl up on the couch and watch some Netflix. While it's good to relax and have some downtime, it's also important to stay active and healthy during winter. As the temperature dips, here are some tips to keep your health in top shape.

### 1. Eating immune-boosting foods

Our immune system is a beautiful and complicated thing - there's no simple trick to "boosting" it! Making sure you eat a wide variety of foods from the five food groups is the best way to make sure you are ticking all the boxes.

But especially in the winter months, pay particular attention to getting enough of Vitamin C, Zinc and Iron. These are vitamins and minerals that help your body to fight off winter bugs and are available in most food sources. Vitamin C is present in most fruit and vegetables, Zinc is present in animal products, nuts and seeds, and Iron can be found in animal products, beans, lentils and green leafy vegetables.

### 2. Staying hydrated

Feeling hot is often a trigger for us to drink, but it's just as important to stay hydrated when it's cold. Keep a bottle in sight to remind yourself to drink water throughout the day. And remember, soups and cuppas count towards your fluid intake too!

### 3. Move it, Move it

As the temperature dips, the same seems to be the case for our motivation to exercise. Especially with all the hearty meals we eat in winter, the more we need to be exercising. A helpful tip to combat this is to find a workout buddy that can keep you motivated and accountable. Nothing like some good old peer pressure to get you moving, hey? But if you're not game to brave the cold, try mixing it up with some fun indoor activities like home exercise

**Bena Ong**  
Pharmacist

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routines and virtual dance classes. These can be fun and dry activities, and the best part is you don't have to leave your home.

### 4. Vitamin D

We tend to get less sunlight on our skin in winter, which can lead to less production of vitamin D. This is the vitamin that is crucial for bone and general health. One can up their levels of vitamin D by soaking in the sun for at least 10-30 minutes, or from food sources such as eggs, oily fish and red meat, and even by taking a vitamin D supplement daily.

### 5. Get your flu shot

A study conducted in 2021 has shown that flu vaccinations were associated with a 26% lower risk of hospital admissions and a 31% lower risk of death from the flu compared to those who were unvaccinated. This is an alarming statistic and definitely speaks volumes of the efficacy of flu shots. Now more than ever, it is crucial for us to roll up our sleeves and do it. If you haven't got your shot, it is not too late! Speak to our pharmacy team at our TerryWhite Chemmart stores, and we can book you in for the next available appointment.

As bleak as it feels, winter can still be enjoyable with indoor activities. And for some reason, that bowl of pumpkin soup just seems to taste better during winter time, don't you think? By making small changes to our lifestyle and a bit more motivation - we can stay healthy and enjoy this chilly season with family and friends.

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### A statement from the heart

Rev Wendy Elson,  
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ON July 21, (7pm) we are hosting an event at Wonthaggi Peace Uniting Church where we will be zooming a panel session from the University of Divinity discussing The Statement from the Heart.

It is entitled "History, Truth Telling, and The Uluru Statement from the Heart".

I am so delighted that at last we can have mature and respectful discussions around these matters and listen to our First Peoples.

It is time to honour their wisdom and find ways to walk together.

I think that this event and another we hope to host in November will give us a chance to give voice to this deep wisdom.

At our recent Synod meeting I really enjoyed the celebration of NAIDOC Day and the commencement of this very significant week.

The Wurundjeri elder, Uncle Ringo, who opened our Synod spoke of the hope he is finding in recent days.

We prayed together the prayers of the Wonthaggi children, who hold such hope for us and all of creation in the reconciliation between all our

peoples.

They prayed for the land cherished and cared for by the traditional custodians, our First Peoples, over many years.

They said that they are sad that she is disrespected and not cared for, and hoped that people will learn to respect her and take care of her.

They prayed for animals facing extinction, for their guinea pigs, and that schools would be safe places. Their prayers were simple and beautiful and full of hope.

Another highlight was a fantastic new resource put together by the Uniting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Congress which is part of our church.

Palawa woman, Alison Overeem (Smith) tells the story of her father's ancestor Fanny Cochrane Smith who built a church at Nicholls Rivulet in Tasmania.

You can read about it on "The Orb" which is a truly awesome resource! <https://www.theorb.tas.gov.au/connectiontocountry/fannyschurch>

This fine woman has left a profound cultural and spiritual legacy, intended as a gift of faith and connection for her children.

There really is so much to learn and when we truly listen and seek justice is our true calling "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5 v 21-23).

It is time to really think about treating others the way we would like to be treated.

This is what following Jesus asks of us, to do justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with God, (Micah 6 v 8).



## Don't be afraid to seek help

LIKE many other therapists, Kilcunda counsellor and clinical hypnotherapist Danielle Aitken has witnessed a significant increase in clients seeking therapy since the beginning of the pandemic.

As the National president of the largest and oldest Hypnotherapy Association in Australia, The Australian Hypnotherapist Association, Danielle has also become aware that this trend is not confined to our local region, but has been noted nation-wide.

The increased demand in people seeking helping services has put an additional burden on practitioners across the country, the consequence of which has resulted in a heavy demand for a limited number of available appointments.

This fact combined with an overwhelming desire to assist her clients to become empowered to take charge of their own healing journey led Danielle, already an author of two Amazon bestselling books on healing topics, to write another book specifically detailing helpful therapy tools and techniques.

"There is so much people can do to assist themselves when they have the knowledge and effective tools to create change" Danielle said.

The Health and Happiness Handbook was published in

June 2022 and went straight to number 1 on the Amazon New releases list in 'Psychology of Consciousness'.

The Handbook is easy to read, and is based on the principles of neuroplasticity, epigenetics, and mindfulness.

It has been purposefully designed to give the reader, specific tools, and information to help create meaningful, solution-focused changes in their life.

It takes the reader on a journey of self-discovery beginning with mindful awareness, to identify the ineffective practices that have often been holding them back.

It is written in such a way that it simplifies often complex scientific principals and condenses them into understandable easy to implement steps.

Many physical and emotional issues and other health concerns, such as anxiety, depression and even inflammation, to name a few, can often be markedly improved by looking at the patterns and habits we unwittingly create with our thoughts, feelings, beliefs, and repetitive behaviours each and every day", Danielle said.

The Health and Happiness Handbook is available at all online book outlets.

Danielle has a practice in Kilcunda, and can be contacted on 0409 332 052



Kilcunda counsellor and clinical hypnotherapist Danielle Aitken with her recent book, 'The Health and Happiness Handbook'.

## Long term high-fat diet expands waistline and shrinks brain

NEW research shows that fatty foods may not only be adding to your waistline but also playing havoc with your brain.

An international study led by UniSA neuroscientists Professor Xin-Fu Zhou and Associate Professor Larisa Bobrovskaya has established a clear link between mice fed a high-fat diet for 30 weeks, resulting in diabetes, and a subsequent deterioration in their cognitive abilities, including developing anxiety, depression and worsening Alzheimer's disease.

Mice with impaired cognitive function were also more likely to gain excessive weight due to

poor metabolism caused by brain changes.

Researchers from Australia and China have published their findings in *Metabolic Brain Disease*.

UniSA neuroscientist and biochemist Associate Professor Larisa Bobrovskaya says the research adds to the growing body of evidence linking chronic obesity and diabetes with Alzheimer's disease, predicted to reach 100 million cases by 2050.

"Obesity and diabetes impair the central nervous system, exacerbating psychiatric disorders and cognitive decline. We demonstrated this in our study

with mice," Assoc Prof Bobrovskaya says.

In the study, mice were randomly allocated to a standard diet or a high-fat diet for 30 weeks, starting at eight weeks of age.

Food intake, body weight and glucose levels were monitored at different intervals, along with glucose and insulin tolerance tests and cognitive dysfunction.

The mice on the high-fat diet gained a lot of weight, developed insulin resistance and started behaving abnormally compared to those fed a standard diet.

Genetically modified Alzheimer's disease mice showed

a significant deterioration of cognition and pathological changes in the brain while fed the high fat diet.

"Obese individuals have about a 55 per cent increased risk of developing depression, and diabetes will double that risk," Assoc Prof Bobrovskaya says.

"Our findings underline the importance of addressing the global obesity epidemic. A combination of obesity, age and diabetes is very likely to lead to a decline in cognitive abilities, Alzheimer's disease and other mental health disorders."

## Gippsland Women's Health celebrating 30 years

FROM September 12 to October 21, Gippsland Women's Health (GWH) will be embarking on a 6-week roadshow throughout Gippsland.

The GWH team will spend one week in each local government area - starting in Mallacoota - to connect with women and understand first-hand what it is they need to support their safety, health and wellbeing.

This will be an opportunity for GWH to reconnect, showcase their work throughout Gippsland and to advocate

for improved access to health services - including quality sexual and reproductive health information, eliminating violence against women and closing the gap on gender inequality.

Members from the GWH team will travel to all corners of the region and will be providing the opportunity for discussions and events in each major town, as well as popping up in smaller towns to allow greater access to women living in remote areas.

The GWH Healthy Women,

Healthy Gippsland' Roadshow dates locally include:

South Gippsland Shire - September 26 - September 30

Bass Coast Shire - October 3 - October 7

Locals are encouraged to look out for the GWH team, signage and advertisements, and for events held in their local townships.

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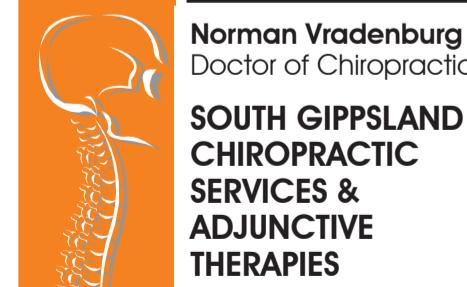
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COVID-19 can cause some people to experience 'long COVID' and can result in symptoms such as extreme tiredness, coughing, breathlessness and problems with memory and concentration.

It is estimated that anywhere from 10 to 30% of patients might experience long COVID after recovering—even if they weren't very sick in the first place.

Renee Thornton, General Manager of Rehab Management said, "When it comes to long COVID, there are range of issues and support options that employers need to be aware of to ensure employees successfully return to work.

"This might include the need for physical rehabilitation, mental health support or education around things such as energy conservation."

Since long COVID is a very new concept, there is very little research in this emerging field and, as a result, many long COVID patients report dismissive attitudes by medical providers, friends, and family, which can make seeking care—whether psychological or physical—even more challenging.

When talking with patients who have long COVID, it's important to start by asking about their most prominent concerns and what their goals are.

Answering these questions can help patients and health practitioners to identify specific goals and start developing a plan for what a meaningful life could look like.

So far, research indicates that COVID-related encephalopathy may lead to other neuropsychiatric outcomes, including psychosis.

It's important to bring in psychologists who can monitor and address any mental health symptoms that emerge.

For patients with brain fog or memory loss, their mental health will affect their cognition.

Individuals with fatigue may need help mapping out plans for how many tasks they can complete that day, and what they can ask their families to take on.

A number of symptoms of long COVID are related to fatigue, shortness of breath, heart palpitations and pain which may not only affect someone's capacities and abilities to complete pre-injury duties/hours but may also pose a risk to themselves or others in the workplace.



South Gippsland Mayor Mohya Davies and Bunurong Land Council and custodian Sonia Western organised the NAIDOC week ceremony at Korumburra Botanic Park. Z15\_2822



Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park Neil Rogers, Simon Marshall and Alison Rogers attended the NAIDOC week ceremony on Saturday with Geoff Trease. Z17\_2822



Pam Evers and Anthea Spehr volunteered their time at the Botanic Park on Saturday morning, supplying homemade cakes to the visitors of the NAIDOC ceremony. Z18\_2822



Julie-Anne Trease attended the NAIDOC week ceremony on Saturday with sons Sebastian and Vincent. Z19\_2822



Ann Moir met Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks at the NAIDOC ceremony and shared their connection with the area. Z20\_2822



Brad Beyers visited the Botanic Park with sons Denver and Hudson to experience the NAIDOC week ceremony. Z21\_2822



Kyle Littlejohn and Ralf Meyer of Leongatha came to see the cattle in Koonwarra, with Ralf commenting that while the current cattle market is a little soft, it is still good for the middle of winter. A15\_2822



Ross and Jacob Olsen of Poowong East were looking to buy cross bred steers at Koonwarra on Friday. A17\_2822



A family connection brought Tim and Eli Gibson to the Koonwarra store sale on Friday, with Tim coming to see some of his late grandfather Bruce's autumn drop calves from last year up for sale. A18\_2822

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the NAIDOC ceremony at Korumburra Botanic Park and the Koonwarra store sale.



David Out and daughters Florence and Eleanor attended the NAIDOC week ceremony held at Botanic Park in Korumburra on Saturday morning. Z16\_2822

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Charlotte, Lacey and Brad Rinaldi of West Creek had 25 Angus steers to sell in Koonwarra. A19\_2822



Ella Littlejohn is enjoying work placement with Nutrien, with Jack Ginnane one of its livestock agents. A20\_2822



Lynette, Lilli and Tahlia Seymour of Wild Dog Valley were selling Angus steers and heifers at Koonwarra on Friday. A21\_2822

# To the man who made our community... Sound the last siren

• OBITUARY ~ John McKenzie Fleming, 1930 - 2022

**"THE bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding, go out to meet it." – Thucydides.**

To fit 91-years into one page is not enough, but as a town said goodbye on Friday to the one and only John McKenzie Fleming, at Wonthaggi Town Hall, we look back on a life that, as Brad Lester stated, was as much a part of the fabric of Wonthaggi as black coal.

As the Honourable Alan Brown AM explained 'John's contribution to Wonthaggi and district spanned six decades and for a significant portion of that time he was centrally involved in the decisions which transformed Wonthaggi into what it is today.'

John was born on July 29, 1930, in the Melbourne suburb of Essendon to mother Ethel May and father George, a successful businessman.

Growing up John studied at Deepdene State School and Geelong College where he excelled in his studies and sports.

John's love of cars saw him a founding member of the Austin 7 Car Club in Melbourne and leaving Blue Star Line to work in his dad's service stations, before purchasing his first dealership in Northcote.

"John's wife Di was the love of his life," Alan said.

"In 1954 at a parade in Melbourne for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II John met Diana Beryl Le Poer Cone.

"For John it was love at first sight and following a courtship of two years, Di and John were married on January 27, 1956..."

"Two years later their first child Fiona was born in Box Hill followed by Deb two years later.

"John's life centred around two things, his family and his community.

"John was scrupulously honest and honourable in all his dealings be they business, community or personal."

In 1961 John purchased the Holden dealership in Wonthaggi and later that year became a charter member for the Lions Club of Wonthaggi.

A town in its infancy with gravel roads and no power supply at Cape Paterson, John was a visionary who drove the community into the future.

"John was elected to Council in 1968 and served until 1979; and joined others with a passion and determination to make change for the better," Alan added.

John was elected Mayor in 1977.



"This was in an era when hours as a Councillor were long and unpaid.

"Because most Councillors worked, the meetings were held in the evening commencing at 7.00pm.

"I recall one meeting which went through until 3.20am the following morning.

"The provision of new services bought to Wonthaggi in this era centrally involved John, including sewerage being reticulated throughout the town.

"He was involved in bringing the West Gippsland Regional Library Service to Wonthaggi and in bringing an indoor heated swimming pool to the town.

"In this era, the Council also facilitated the establishment of the Senior Citizens Clubrooms in Murray Street, the establishment of the Moonya School for disabled, the establishment of low rental homes for the aged and rebuilt the Miners Union Picture Theatre."

Over the years, John also owned the local Taxi Service, Wonthaggi Colour and Gas and the Wonthaggi Tattslootto Agency.

"In line with his racing interests he served on the board of CAMS... (and) was a founding Member of the Phillip Island Automobile Racing Club.

"Often when major racing events were run on Phillip Island, the Holden Dealer Team used John's Wonthaggi garage to

carry out tuning and repairs..."

In 2019, John Fleming was awarded a Medal of The Order of Australia in the General Division for his tireless service to the community.

But that award was yet the cherry on the cake, a life filled with more giving than receiving.

John's integrity and life saw him a member and Chairman of the Wonthaggi Water Board and former Government Nominee, a Justice of the Peace for 45 years including Chairman of the Bench, a Bail Justice, a member of the Wonthaggi Chamber of Commerce, a committee member of the Wonthaggi Business Association, member of the Bass Valley Football Association Independent Tribunal, a mentor L2P driver, member of the Red Cross and monthly blood bank, and affectionately known as Brother John in Papua New Guinea.

"At Police request, he carried out safety and security assessments of elderly citizens homes and some aspects of this work remain on the Victoria Police database to this day."

Alongside his wife Di, John received the Melvin Jones Award, the highest International Lions Club Award for dedicated humanitarian service from Lions Club International, the Wonthaggi Rotary Club Citizen of the Year Award in 2020, International Association of Lions and Australian Centenary Medal.

A life member of CFA, volunteer number 1324063, John served Glen Alvie Rural Fire Brigade and Wonthaggi Urban Fire Brigade (WFB) for over 60 years where he received multiple medals including a National Medal, Outstanding Service Medal and 55-year Medal.

"I joined in 1961," John had said to the Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria on receiving his OAM.

"I was the Holden dealer in Wonthaggi at the time. I used to see the old Austin pumper going down the main street with one person driving it going to a fire.

"He was the captain and also our grocer, his grocery shop was about 100 yards

from the fire station.

"I asked him how come he was driving by himself, where's the rest of your crew? He said they get along in due course, so I said do you need some help? He said sure do, so I joined and that was it."

In discussion with local journalist Brad Lester at the time he added, the CFA was worth joining because "it was developed by the community for self-protection."

John held the rank of Active Firefighter from 1962 through to 1987 when he became secretary and treasurer at WFB, he also served on the Wonthaggi Fire Brigade Group, now Bass Coast Group, as Group Communications Officer.

"John used some of his time in this role working with Mike Russell-Clarke in developing CFA's radio communications network," Bass Coast Group Officer, Damien O'Connor said.

"A bigger challenge than developing the network was introducing it to the locals and training them on how to use it appropriately."

From local fires to the days after Ash Wednesday, John took it in his stride to do his bit to help.

John was also an integral member of the State Coal Mine where he volunteered both on a Tuesday evening as part of the volunteer maintenance crew and as a long serving tour guide, amongst other hats.

Braxton recalls John, in his 80s at the time, spent roughly six months dismantling and de-nailing an old pier (for use on group support underground).

Marg remembers John cleaning pallet after pallet of 100s of bricks that were used for the tunnel entrance facade and retaining wall on the Mullock heap.

In between his tours, John loved his six spring rolls with sweet chilli sauce from the cafe.

And when his legs would no longer permit him to tour underground, he took up the role of winch driver.

And as the last siren sounds... From Wonthaggi and beyond, Vale Mr John 'Flemo' Fleming.

## Search for Fred Hollows' Junior Ambassador



THE Fred Hollows Foundation is calling for nominations for the Fred Hollows Humanity Award, which recognises Year 6 students who demonstrate compassion, integrity, and kindness towards others.

Parents, teachers, principals, and community members around the country can nominate a child in Year 6 who is making a difference at [www.hollows.org/humanityaward](http://www.hollows.org/humanityaward) before 11:59pm Friday, July 22.

One Junior Ambassador from each state and territory will be selected.

Annie Cook, of St Josephs School in Korumburra, was nominated by Catherine Risiely for her uplifting generosity and selflessness.

"Annie is a student who consistently steps up. She always speaks politely, conducts herself with grace

and is always thinking of others," teacher Catherine said.

"Whenever working with another student who may need some extra encouragement, she offers assistance in a way that uplifts.

Recently, when another student was having trouble with a math equation, Annie was asked if she would be able to help the struggling student with the problem.

"Of course!" she replied as she fetched a whiteboard and started to explain the question in such a way that allowed the student receiving the help to feel like they had it.

Since 2012, the Fred Hollows Humanity Award has recognised more than 2000 students from across the nation, who follow in Fred's footsteps by making a positive difference in the lives of others.

"Fred used to say the basic attribute of mankind is to look after each other," said Gabi Hollows, Founding Director of The Fred Hollows Foundation.

"He would be so proud to know the Fred Hollows Humanity Award is recognising students who are demonstrating this belief in their own lives.

"I am constantly inspired by the actions of award recipients, and I urge people in South Gippsland to nominate a Year 6 student in their area who embodies the values of compassion, integrity and kindness."

All nominees will receive a certificate and be recognised at a presentation ceremony later in the year.

A Victorian Junior Ambassador will be recognised and will be able to extend their humanity by allocating \$5000, generously donated by the award's charity partner Specsavers, to one of The Foundation's programs to end avoidable blindness.

Last year's Junior Ambassadors chose to support The Foundation's work in Eritrea, Vietnam, Nepal, the Philippines, and in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Australia.

**Annie Cook, of St Josephs School in Korumburra, was nominated by her teacher to be the Fred Hollows' Junior Ambassador.**



## QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

### AUSTRALIANS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORT?

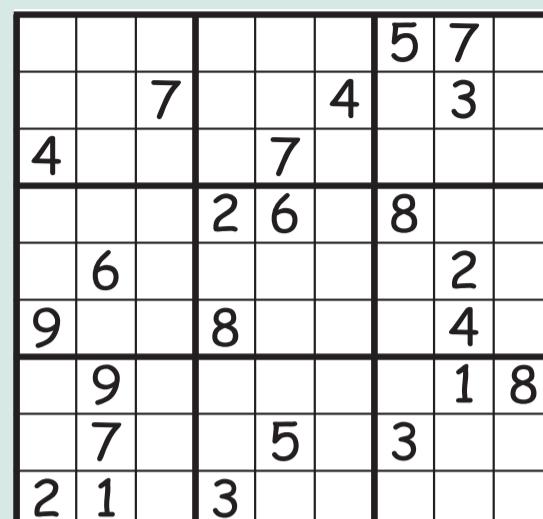
- [\$100] Who was the last Australia female tennis player to make the Quarter Finals at Wimbledon?  
A. Ash Barty. B. Ajla Tomljanović. C. Sam Stosur. D. Daria Gavrilova.
- [\$200] Who is the highest ranked Australian male tennis player?  
A. Jordan Thompson. B. Alex de Minaur. C. Nick Kyrgios. D. James Duckworth.
- [\$300] How many times has Australia hosted the Commonwealth Games?  
A. 4. B. 5. C. 6. D. 7.
- [\$500] Who was the last Australian to win a stage of the Tour de France?  
A. Cadel Evans. B. Robby McEwen. C. Simon Gerrans. D. Simon Clark.
- [\$1000] Who was the last Australian basketballer to be drafted to the NBA?  
A. Josh Giddey. B. Josh Green. C. Ben Simmons. D. Dyson Daniels.
- [\$2000] Which Australian male golfer has the highest world ranking?  
A. Adam Scott. B. Marc Leishman. C. Lucas Herbert. D. Cameron Smith.
- [\$4000] Which Australian footballer has played the most English Premier League games?  
A. Harry Kewell. B. Brett Emerton. C. Mark Viduka. D. Mark Schwarzer.
- [\$8000] After Margaret Court and Martina Navratilova, which female tennis player has won the most grand slam titles?  
A. Serena Williams. B. Helen Willis. C. Billie-Jean King. D. Martina Hingis.
- [\$16,000] Who is the only Australian baseball player to win a World Series ring?  
A. David Nilsson. B. Graeme Lloyd. C. Grant Balfour. D. Shayne Bennett.
- [\$32,000] Other than Robbie McEwan with 12, which Australian has won the most individual stages of the Tour de France?  
A. Stuart O'Grady. B. Phil Anderson. C. Simon Gerrans. D. Cadel Evans.
- [\$64,000] How many grand slam titles has Margaret Court won?  
A. 16. B. 28. C. 49. D. 64.

- [\$125,000] Who is the only Australian to win an Olympic Gold Medal and die during war service?  
A. Harold Hardwick. B. Cecil Healy. C. Russell Mockridge. D. Frederick Lane.
- [\$250,000] Who is the only Australian man to hold a FINA world (long course) swimming record?  
A. Kyle Chalmers. B. Grant Hackett. C. Zac Stubblety-Cook. D. Mitch Larkin.
- [\$500,000] Who is the highest ranked Australian (male) in world surfing?  
A. Jack Robinson. B. Ethan Ewing. C. Callum Robson. D. Connor O'Leary.
- [\$1,000,000] Who is the only Australian-born athlete to play ice hockey at the highest level in the NHL?  
A. Nathan Walker. B. Greg Oddy. C. Liam Webster. D. Joran Spence.

**Quiz Answers:** A1. B. Ajla Tomljanović. A2. B. Alex de Minaur. A3. B. 5. A4. Simon Clark. A5. D. Dyson Daniels. A6. D. Cadel Evans. A7. D. Mark Schwarzer. A8. C. & D. They all won 2. A11. D. 6. A12. B. Cecil Healy. A13. Graeme Lloyd (New York Yankees 1996 39 each). A9. B. Graeme Lloyd (Cock 2000 breathstroke). A10. A. Jack Robinson. A15. D. Joran Spence.

## SUDOKU

Level: VERY HARD

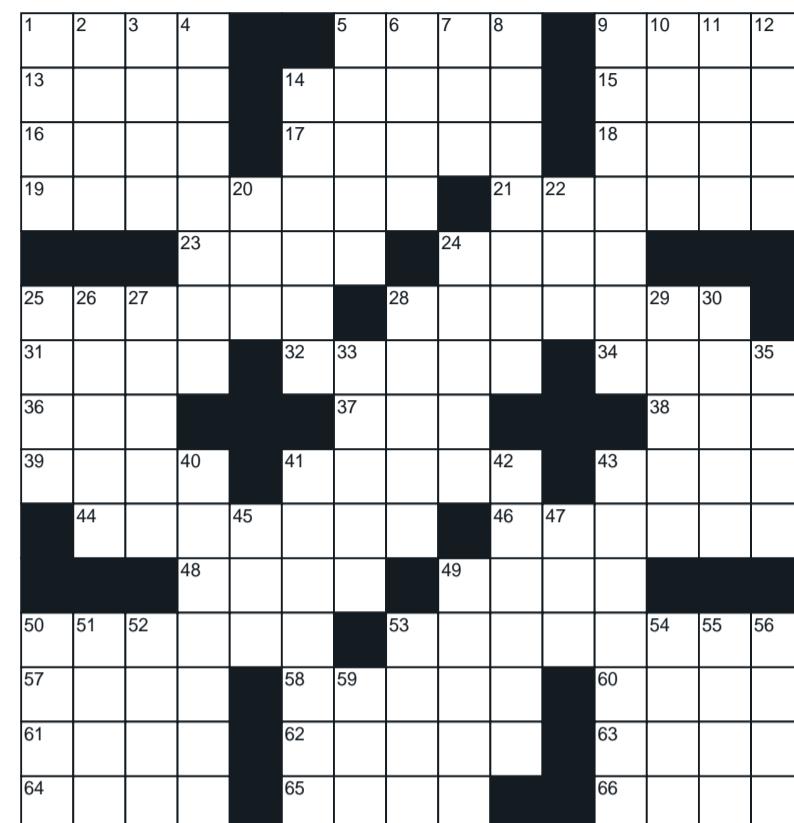


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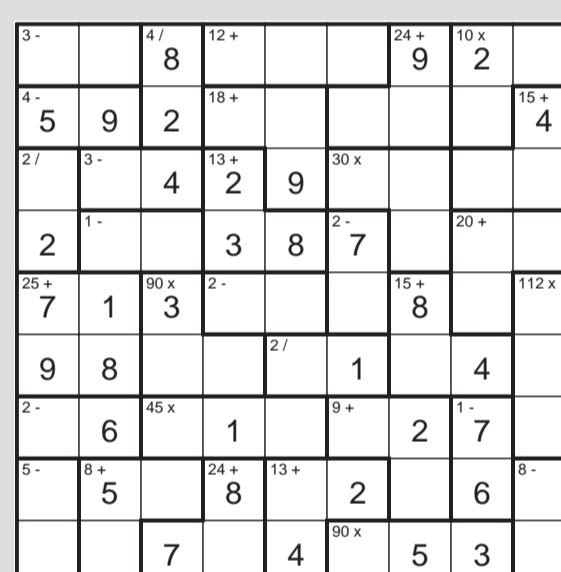
Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

## CROSSWORD



## CALCUDOKU

LEVEL: Moderate



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### Instructions:

Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used.

**TIP: For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.**

### ACROSS

1	Leer at	46	Sea __	20	Rested
5	Discerning	48	Horse	22	Writing liquid
9	Strike	49	Eye infection	24	Vice (tv show)
13	Small bird	50	Took a chance	25	Chair
14	Remove from the box	53	Light, open carriages	26	Annoys
15	Capital of Norway	57	Cain killed him	27	Chosen
16	Star	58	Widely known	28	Cut of beef
17	Saudi Arabian citizen	60	Region	29	Household insect
18	Billions of years	61	Scoff	30	Japanese dish
19	Bikini	62	Cussed	33	Leaning
21	Belted	63	Assignment	35	Former
23	Royalty	64	Soviet Union	40	Gives hard time
24	Not women's	65	Record	41	Meekest
25	Sleek	66	Otherwise	42	Alter
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31	Snaky fish	1	Has	45	Caviar
32	National capital	2	Expand	47	Grain
34	Beat	3	Israel's son	49	Pool
36	Wood chopper	4	Types of paint	50	Prego's
37	Male cat	5	Escargot	51	competition
38	Fire remains	6	Adjoin	52	Wading bird
39	Technical	7	Titan	53	Compass point
41	Something very small	8	Taxing	54	Spoken
43	Hurt	9	Cruder	55	Loch __ monster
44	Oration room environment	10	Old	56	Interest
		11	Ice sheet	59	Communication
		12	Doting		Workers of America (abr.)
		14	Loan shark		

## COLOUR ME



## WORD WHEEL



Create as many words of 4 letters or more, using the letters once only and always including the letter in the middle of the wheel (and the one 9-letter word which uses all letters).



### Crossword:

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### Sudoku:

7	9	8	4	6	2	5	3	1						
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1	4	8	5	2	6	9	3	7						

SOLUTIONS: July 5, 2022



There is much excitement growing for the Inverloch Jazz Festival which will be held on the first weekend of August.



## Return of Phillip Island Jazz

PHILLIP Island Jazz welcomes the return of Jon and Wendy Wade and Friends at 2pm on Sunday, July 17.

Come along for a winter's afternoon of great music and company with Jon, Wendy, Geoff Kluge, Rob Glaesemann and Michael Ooi.

Jon Wade is regarded as one of the country's finest jazz pianists having worked extensively throughout England, Europe and Australia, including Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, the Savoy Hotel in London and the Casino in Monte Carlo.

Wendy experience encompasses many different styles, that has seen her perform with Jon and several notable Melbourne musicians for the past 12 years at Jazz Festivals, clubs, hotels and private functions.

Geoff Kluge commenced his performing career in the late 1960s and has had a wide range of musical experience over the years performing with many of the world's top musicians and artists, whilst, Rob Glaesemann, originally from Duluth, Minnesota, has



Jon and Wendy Wade are performing this Sunday at Phillip Island Bowling Club.

toured extensively throughout America, playing a variety of musical genres including rock, blues, theatre, Caribbean, Cuban and Jazz.

Michael Ooi provides a brilliant finish to this ensemble with his amazing sense of timing and wonderful feel.

Commencing at 2pm at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Rd, Cowes, entry is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for visitors.

For more information, please contact Robin Blackman 0432 814 407 or Jill Boyce on 0417 416 300.

## A new winter experience

THE level of interest for the first presentation of the Inverloch Jazz Festival in winter has been amazing, according to organisers.

Forty bands with more than 170 musicians have registered, and enquiries for tickets are flowing in for the first weekend in August (5-7).

"What is jazz?" is a commonly asked question and is not an easy one to answer.

First, there are several genres of jazz, ranging from traditional or Dixieland jazz to be-bop, from so-called modern to mainstream jazz, Latin jazz, and blues, played by big bands, small bands and solo performers. Second, there is a freedom to jazz not often available in other forms of music, freedom to explore themes (improvise) based on established tunes.

Jazz musicians often play standards, which are long-standing favourites, with some dating back 60 years or more.

The Inverloch Jazz Festival, now in its 28th year, is a cele-

bration of all these genres and styles and has maintained its place as an important event in the annual Australian jazz festival calendar.

It is pleasing to note that younger players are taking to jazz and bringing with them younger audiences, and many universities boast strong jazz schools within their music faculties.

The organising committee has selected a range of proven performers together with others making their debut at the festival.

To open proceedings there will be a special jazz concert on Friday night – August 5 - featuring some of Victoria's finest jazz singers and musicians.

There is a buzz about this first winter festival and patrons and performers alike will be assured of a very warm welcome in this popular seaside town.

So, come and join the fun.

Tickets are available via the website: [www.invyjazz.com](http://www.invyjazz.com)

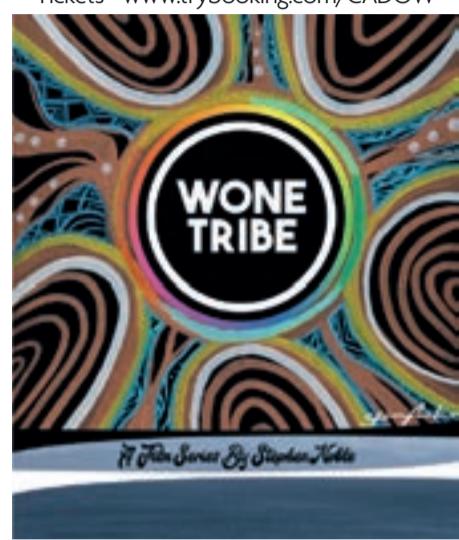
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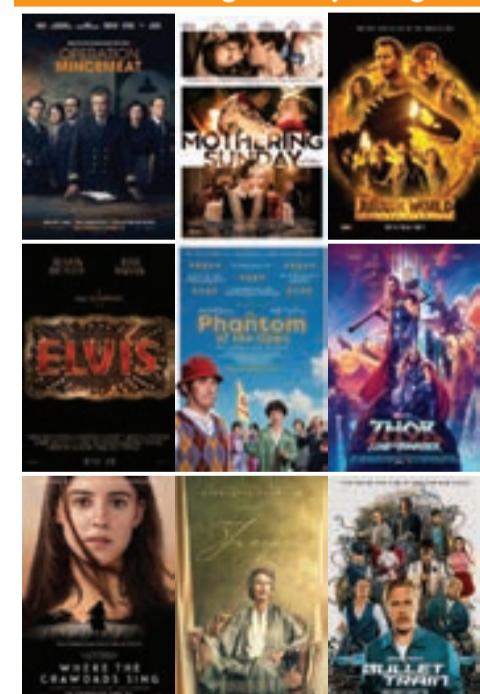
French film "La Famille Belier" will screen on July 15 at Tarwin Lower Hall.

interested to a "free come and try night" on July 15, where they can enjoy our film as guests of the Committee to help decide if they would like to join our Film Society.

On Friday, July 15, the French film "La Famille Belier" will screen; a 2014 French-Belgian coming of age comedy-drama directed by Erick Lartigau.

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- SAT, JULY 16: INXSIVE (Tix at Eventbrite)
- FRI, JULY 22: The Wellingtons Duo
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Glenys Shandley of Nerrena is pleased with the quality of cattle currently available. A10\_2822



This pen of Tanjil South steers sold for \$3000 each. A12-2822



Rob Jackson of Strzelecki is happy with the prices his high-quality yearlings attracted in Koonwarra on Friday. A11\_2822



Alex Scott and Staff auctioneer Jason Fry in action during Friday's Koonwarra store sale. A13\_2822

## Prices holding up for high-quality cattle

THERE were around 2269 head of cattle at last Friday's Koonwarra store sale, with high-quality animals attracting good prices for mid-winter.

Strzelecki's Rob Jackson was happy with the price his pen of 16 Angus yearling steers attracted, sold for \$2490 each by Elders branch manager and auctioneer Rohan McRae.

Rob and wife Clare bred and reared the cattle.

Elders livestock agent Alex Dixon was also pleased with the mid-winter price for Rob's steers, pointing to the importance of the animals' high quality.

"They're pedigree Angus, well-bred and well managed," Alex said.

"There are no setbacks with Rob and Clare's cattle because they feed them well."

Rohan said that while prices have dropped a little and buyers are more se-

lective at this time of year, better bred, heavier cattle are still doing well, being popular with feedlot operators.

A pen of 14 Hereford steers, weighing in at an average 601 kilos, from C Hasthorpe of Tanjil South sold for \$3000 each, about \$5 per kilo, with senior auctioneer Jason Fry of Alex Scott and Staff in charge of proceedings.

"We had a line of EU accredited steers, six pens of those, roughly 20 a pen," Jason said.

The top price for those steers on a per kilo basis came in at around \$6.20, with 460 kilo cattle hitting the \$2800 mark.

Jason backed the general sentiment that high-quality cattle are still attracting healthy prices.

"This time of year it's wet and cold of course, but your better lines of cattle and those that have a bit of detail about them are still holding up," Jason said.

"You get to your plainer cattle and cross-bred cattle and the price falls away."

While overall cattle numbers in Koonwarra were down considerably on what they were a few weeks ago, Glenys Shandley of Nerrena was impressed with the quality available.

She was looking to purchase Poll Hereford steers.

"There are beautiful cattle here," Glenys said, noting their breeding, size and condition as positives.

Glenys feels prices are currently pretty good and was keen to build on her cattle numbers.

"It's been such a good season with plenty of grass, and I don't want to waste it," she said.

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Bass Coast Landcare held their monthly river garden blitz on Saturday, July 9 with specialist Ric Coleman teaching the public how to successfully prune their fruit trees in their dormant period. Z43\_2822

## Fruit tree health highlighted

BASS Coast Landcare held their fruit tree pruning workshop at the River Garden in Bass on Saturday, July 9, with 30 members of the public.

Ric Coleman and Education, Training and Communications manager Lisa Wangman lead the community in a hands-on demonstration of winter pruning for fruit trees and espaliered fruit trees.

"We held the pruning workshop to demonstrate the safety of how to cut and where to cut because cutting the trees into a vase shape increases the airflow and prevents disease," said Lisa.

Ms Wangman explained that cutting correctly helps to get the more fruiting spurs and this method can help in a home orchard, with nut trees or fruit trees.

"Shaping and maintaining the trees whilst they're dormant helps produce more fruit in the summer."

Bass Coast Landcare work closely with the community to share their knowledge, ideas and resources through their workshops, so for more information on the next program visit [www.basscoastlandcare.org.au](http://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au)



Bass Coast Landcare taught the community the best methods for pruning fruit trees at the river garden in Bass on Saturday. Z44\_2822

## Food supply must come before gas export industry

FARMERS are already leading the way on methane reduction and it's time the gas and coal industries did the same, Farmers for Climate Action stated recently.

Methane from the agriculture sector has been falling but Federal Government data shows methane emissions from the gas industry in particular are rising due to industry expansion.

Farmers for Climate Action CEO Dr Fiona Davis said Australia could support a 30 per cent methane reduction target so long as it is willing to reduce methane from gas extraction, and support research, development and commercialisation efforts to continue improvements in agricultural methane.

"Food supply is not a negotiable or a nice-to-have," Dr Davis said.

"Farmers are already reducing their methane output significantly."

"For instance, Fergus O'Connor in Victoria (Berrys Creek), and Lucinda Corrigan in NSW have increased production whilst reducing methane output."

"Mr O'Connor believes the planting of

more than 18,500 trees in 10 years alongside the use of rotational grazing and compost has halved his farm's greenhouse gas emissions whilst doubling beef production.

"We're not afraid of Australia signing up to a 30 per cent methane reduction target."

A report produced by EY for Farmers for Climate Action into opportunities in a low emissions future, found agriculture could reach net zero by 2040 whilst increasing production and without shrinking the beef herd or sheep flock.



## Protecting critical almond season

ALL beekeepers are required to apply for a permit to move hives into Victoria's Sunraysia region for this year's almond pollination season.

The requirement will apply to bees coming from interstate as well as from within Victoria.

The changes will come into effect immediately and will impact the movement of bees, hives, used beekeeping equipment and bee products.

Processed honey, wax, new beekeeping tools and equipment are exempt and can be transported freely into and within Victoria.

In addition, beekeepers must also obtain a permit for the movement of any bees, hives, used beekeeping equipment and bee products into Victoria if they were in NSW at any time after January 1, 2022.

This also applies if they have recently relocated to another state or territory.

Applications from New South Wales will be assessed once the current standstill in NSW has lifted.

These restrictions are to safeguard Victoria's bees from varroa mite, which has been detected in NSW.

Varroa mite is a serious threat to Australia's bee population and horticultural industries that rely on pollination.

Restrictions on bee movements to control and manage this threat have come at a critical time for Sunraysia almond producers with about 277,000 hives needed to pollinate their crops in August, about half of which usually come from NSW and Queensland.

Victoria's bee movement restrictions are in addition to the restrictions in NSW and other states.

For more information or to apply for a permit visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/varroa](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/varroa).

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## Calling Victorian livestock farmers

THE Victorian Farmers Federation's (VFF) Stock Sense Project is seeking expressions of interest from Victorian livestock producers to join the Stock Sense Network Group to help increase engagement in animal health, welfare and biosecurity.

VFF Livestock President Steve Harrison said it remains vitally important that livestock producers have a say on these important issues for the livestock industry.

"Victoria is a leader in animal health, welfare and biosecurity and we need to ensure it stays that way."

"We're calling all interested livestock farmers to register their interest to help provide the important feedback needed to shape the future of our industry," Mr Harrison said.

A total of ten Stock Sense Network Groups throughout Victoria will be established and will provide feedback on animal health and welfare and biosecurity issues specific to each region as well as the broader Victorian livestock industry.

The opportunity is open to all Victorian livestock farmers.

Anyone interested can register online or email [stocksense.vff.org.au](http://stocksense.vff.org.au)

Stock Sense is funded by the Cattle Compensation Fund and Sheep and Goat Compensation Fund and is proudly delivered by the VFF.

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## Gateway to the scenic Strzelecki ranges

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Expression of Interest closing Thursday, August 4, 2022, 4pm (AEST).

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### Local real estate cools

TWO local areas have been identified as having the lowest quarterly growth of any areas in regional Victoria in the latest report from property data analytics provider CoreLogic.

While the likes of Colac (+10.5%), Echuca (+10.1%) and Wangaratta (+9.4%) continued to show healthy growth in property values over the past three months to the end of May, Leongatha and San Remo values went backwards.

The CoreLogic report reveals Leongatha property values eased by 4.4% to a median value of \$571,000 (annual growth 7%) and San Remo down 3.4% to a median of \$843,617 (annual growth 6.4%) indicating that the gloss has certainly come off local real estate as higher interest rates and inflation bite.

The Latrobe-Gippsland area was also the only regional market in Australia to see a slight increase in the number of loss-making sales for the quarter, up 10 basis points to 0.8% of sales returning loss-making results, a small but significant indicator that sales results are on the slide.

### Local project announced in 2022 Landscape Architecture Awards

THE Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) has officially announced the 2022 winners of the Landscape Architecture Awards in Victoria.

In Victoria, a total of 60 projects were entered, with 34 awards allocated in areas that successfully demonstrate the positive impact that well designed outdoor spaces have on public life, such as health and education, play spaces, and gardens.

Hassell Studio was awarded the Landscape Planning (Award of Excellence), for the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park Access and Infrastructure Plan.

AILA Victoria Landscape Architecture Awards Jury Chair, Lisa Howard, has expressed that: "The awards provide a vehicle to publicly promote and demonstrate to industry,

business, government and the wider community the positive impact the profession has on Australian lives through the planning and design of the built and natural environments."

"Across the projects, we did see a couple of key themes start to emerge. We saw a vast number of entries in the Cultural Heritage category, which is a reflection on the sorts of values that we are starting to see embedded in landscape architecture.

"We are seeing cultural values alongside social values, environmental values, and sustainability values."

AILA is the peak body for the landscape architectural profession, representing 3000 members in professional practice, education, and government within Australia and overseas.



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# Jayson joins the Leongatha team

JAYSON Filomeno has brought his passion for real estate to Leongatha, taking on the role of property manager at Alex Scott and Staff, having previously worked at the Venus Bay branch.

"I grew up in Leongatha, so I know it quite well," Jason said.

He has a strong commitment to the real estate business.

"Real estate was always an industry I wanted to get into," Jayson said.

His 22 months' experience at the Venus Bay office and knowledge of the Leongatha area enabled him to hit the ground running.

Jayson outlined what being a property manager entails.

"I do everything from leasing properties to property appraisals, maintenance items, conducting inspections, basically liaising between our tenants and property owners to make sure the properties run smoothly and all par-

ties are happy," he said.

While the basics of property management remain the same, Jayson will have a much higher percentage of permanent rentals to look after in Leongatha, with Venus Bay geared to the holiday rental market.

He is committed to a long career in real estate, aiming to become a sales agent in the next five years.

"My long-term goal is to open my own agency and be a director," Jayson said.

He moved to the Leongatha office to be nearer home, replacing experienced property manager Kim Rosser who left for the same reason.

While branch manager Andrew Newton said Kim will be missed, he is delighted to have Jayson on the team.

"He knows his stuff, which has made the transition easy," Andrew said.

Jayson explained that the friendly team at Alex Scott and Staff has helped him to settle in quickly.



Jayson Filomeno has quickly settled into his role as property manager at Alex Scott and Staff Leongatha thanks to his local knowledge and a friendly team that includes branch manager Andrew Newton and estate agent Kerry Zuidema. A05\_2822

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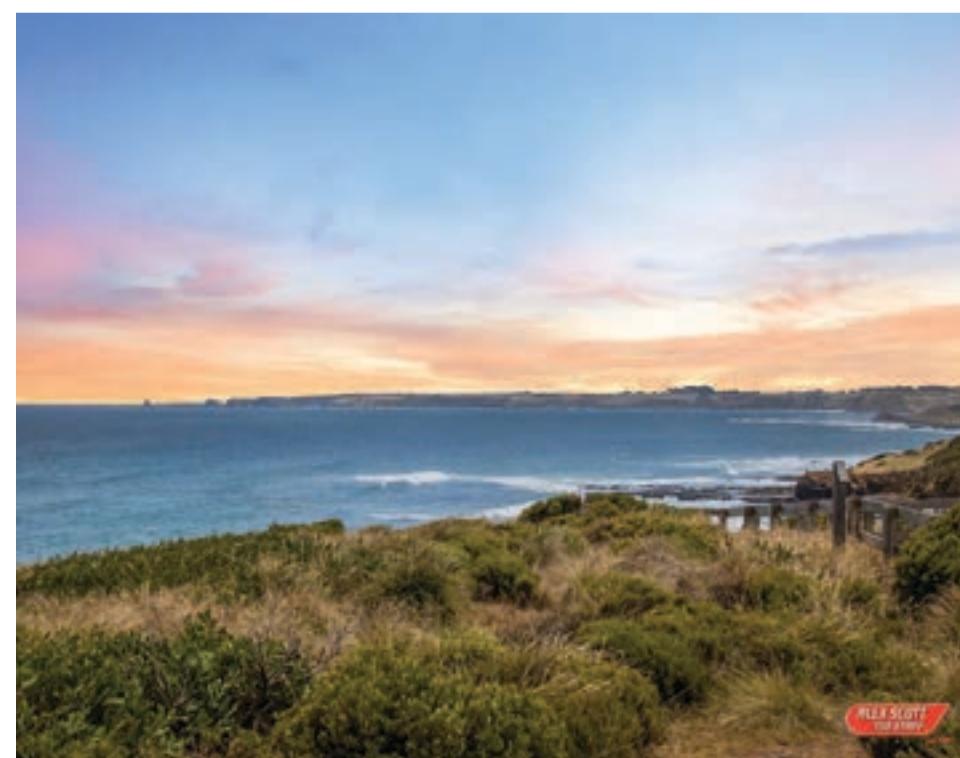
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**DEATHS****FLEMING, John OAM:**

From the Parks Victoria staff at the State Coal Mine, both past and present, we wish to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of John on his recent passing. John was always an active supporter and advocate of the State Coal Mine throughout the years, of which we are very grateful for. May he rest in peace.

**FLEMING, John OAM:**

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**LYNCH, Catherine Alison:**

04.07.2022.

Loved and loving daughter of Brendan (dec.) and step daughter of Carmel. Now rest in peace with your dad Cath, a troubled soul gone too soon.

Love Carm.

**DEATHS****MANKS/HALL (nee Wilton), Marion Dorothy:**

Passed peacefully on July 5, 2022. Aged 89 years.

Dearly loved wife of Bruce Manks (dec.) and Gordon Hall (dec.).

Mother of Eric, Kaylene, Keith, and family. Rex, Kay, and family. Stuart, Gayle, and family.

**McALPINE (nee Williams), Joan Elizabeth:**

20.08.1940 - 06.07.2022.

Passed away peacefully at the Leongatha Hospital. Aged 81.

Dearly loved and treasured wife of Kevin (dec.).

Dearly loved mother of Barry, Christine, and Robert, and their partners.

Loved Nan to 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

**Reunited with Kevin.****REID (Meere), Madonna Ann (Annie):**

17.03.1936 - 05.07.2022.

Much loved mum to Chris (dec.), Fiona, and Julie.

A Memorial Service will be held at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, Saturday July 16 at 11am.

**REID, Annie: Farewell Scrabble Queen.**

Fondly remembered for your generosity and wonderful companionship, over the simplest pleasure of a game of scrabble, for many years.

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Yvonne, Annie, and Carol.

**DEATHS****RISELEY (nee Challis), Irene Maie (Maie):**

Much loved wife of Phil (dec.).

Loved mother and mother-in-law of Meg and Jude, Kevin and Jenny, Narelle and Graeme.

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Beloved Nan of 25 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren.

**Loved and always remembered.****RISELEY Maie:**

Will be sorely missed.

Much loved sister of Graham and Sue. Aunty of Paul and Vicki, Rory and Paul and Natalie.

**TREASE, Peter:**

Passed away in Townsville 5th July. Aged 73 years.

Loving youngest son of Vince and Zelma (both dec.).

Loved husband of Nancy and father of Sai, Serena, Devon and Shaun and their partners and families.

Loved youngest brother of Len and Anita, Neil and Isabel, Graeme and Rosemary, Lorraine and Jim (both dec.), Harold and Joan, Yvonne and Glenden, Irene and John and all their families.

Rest in peace Peter: "With sincere gratitude for service to your Country and Humanity".

**WRIGHT (nee Lumsden), Judith:**

Passed away peacefully after a long battle.

Loved wife of Mick. Loving Mum of Paul and Karl.

Adored Grandma to Jackson, Sam, Jonah, Maya, Milla, and Karys.

A proud Great Grandma to Harper.

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A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

**DEATHS****WRIGHT, Judith:**

With very sad hearts we say goodbye to our beautiful, brave, caring friend, Jude.

Gerry, Kathie, Matthew, Angie, Tara, Jacqui, Peter, Claire, and families.

**WRIGHT, Judith Lorraine:**

Dearly loved and loving aunt to Les and Jude; "Grandma" to Sam.

We have so many wonderful memories of happy times together.

It's time to rest now. Forever in our hearts.

**FUNERALS****McALPINE:**

A Service to Celebrate the life of Mrs. Joan Elizabeth McAlpine will be held at the Leongatha RSL, Cnr Smith St, and Michael Pl, Leongatha on Friday, July 15, 2022, commencing 10.30am.

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Competitors took to white clays replacing the usual orange under lights on Saturday evening. C10\_2822

## Wonthaggi's Day Night Shoot

WONTHAGGI Gun Club hosted a two-event day-night shot on Saturday.

Under lights from ProRent Wonthaggi, the first event kicked off under beautiful Wonthaggi sunshine.

The 100TGT Champion of Champions event saw Peter Arbaci of WVCTC take out the top score with 179 after a shootout and leave as overall champion with a total score of 193 across the day.

Frank Bagnato took out AA Grade for Bairnsdale with 178.

Steven Howlett (Nepean) A Grade scored 164, Ian Findlay (Woods Point GC) B Grade secured 136 and C Grade was won by Steven Fox (Melbourne) on 137.

Junior Liam Farley (Morwell) took out first with 128, whilst Jen Crabbe (Frankston CTC) secured top ladies with 123, and Ian Kent (Wonthaggi) finished on par with Charlie Galea (Frankston CTC) in the Veterans division on 128.

The 50 Target State Night double Barrel was won by Brendan Jones (Mor-

well) with an impressive 62/63.

Hecta Crawford (Nepean) took home AA Grade with a score of 61, Charlie Galea (Frankston CTC) secured first for A Grade on 60, Greg McMillan (Morwell) B Grade scored 48, and Brendan Jones (Morwell) C Grade rounded out first with 62.

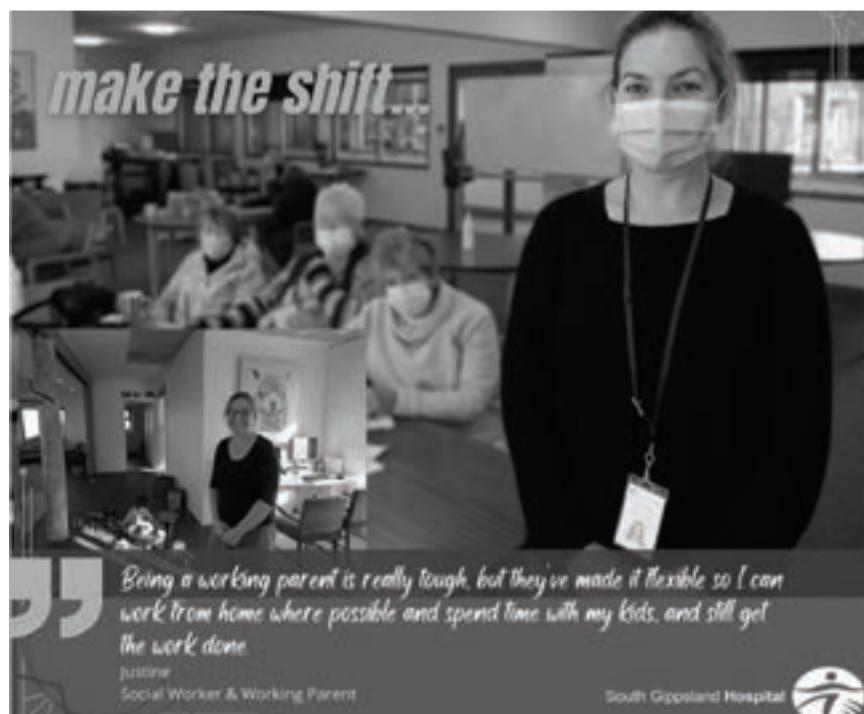
Liam Farley took out the junior division for Morwell with 55, Dakota Suckling

(Wonthaggi) for the ladies with 47 and veteran Charlie Galea (Frankston CTC) finished on 60.

Darren Williams took out the Cake Shoot followed by Frank Bagnato in second.

Thank you to all the competitors who travelled from near and far, of particular note Bairnsdale who stayed for the night shoot, and volunteers on the day.

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It's anyone's game with high competition in the cake shoot.

# Mirboo North stadium call



Once a Lambretta riding chick, Joan's secret is always picking up the phone.

## Joan's motto is always be active

WARATAH Bay local, Joan Newmann (92), received a Council on the Ageing Victoria Senior Achiever Award at the 2021 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

And her advice is simple – always be active and be interested.

"I think it's a shame so many people sit back and wait for things to happen instead of going out and making it happen."

"The award has brought more friendships."

"People down at the local shopping centre say 'hello, how are you getting on?'

"I think the publicity encourages other people to participate in local events."

A vibrant and active member of the community, Joan was recognised for almost single-handedly organising the community's annual Charlie Brown Day for over the past decade.

In her daily life, she volunteers at the Fish Creek Op Shop on Saturday mornings, knits children's jumpers and toys for local charities, in addition to caring for unwell and lonely neighbours, amongst others.

"People coming and going – they talk about their problems and your problems – it's a very social morning (at the Op Shop) between coffee fees."

"Regrettably some of my older neighbours have moved away but I still cook for two families."

"And of course, I've been to the Austin Hospital – I've been a guinea pig for Alzheimer's research there for over twenty years."

Last year, alongside Dr David Iser, Joan raised more than \$10,000 for the local hospital through a book about her life which included events like a near fatal car accident and being rescued by the US Navy from a sinking yacht.

"I was on board a yacht in the Mediterranean when it started to sink – I was rescued alongside my two crew by the USS Preble."

"We were towed to Palma de Mallorca and that started a friendship that has now been roughly 30 years."

"The young sailor who was in charge of the detail is now the Secretary of the US Navy."

"I lead a fairly quiet life chasing the wildlife – the wallabies, the wombats, the echidnas, possums," Joan giggled.

For more than 25 years, the Victorian Seniors Festival has recognised the volunteer work and community contributions of older Victorians.

There are six categories which encompass the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards and are presented annually each October as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival.

For more information or to make a nomination visit [seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards](http://seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards).

Nominations close on Friday, July 29.

FORMER star Opal Belinda Snell is throwing her support behind the campaign for a new basketball stadium and gymnasium in her hometown of Mirboo North.

"It's definitely time for an upgrade," she declared after signing a petition calling for that to occur.

The petition was initiated by member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien who was delighted to have Mirboo North born and raised Belinda stop by to lend support, something she was keen to provide.

"I spent many years training up there and it's much the same, that hard floor, so I'm on board and let's get a new stadium for Mirboo North," Belinda said.

The current floor is far removed from modern-day timber sprung surfaces, being simply vinyl-covered concrete.

While the court is used for local competition run by the Mirboo North Basketball Association (MNBA), as well as by the town's junior and senior schools and a number of other sporting and community groups, it has only a three-quarter-sized playing surface and limited surrounding room.

"We run a competition every year and we've got a number of age groups and the current court is very limited in terms of spectators," MNBA president Kathryn Smith said.

There is no room for seating at court level and only one court.

Kathryn went to school in Mirboo North and said everything remains as she remembers it.

"The facilities haven't changed in the last 20 years, other than a bit of paint, so the stadium is very outdated," she said.

Kathryn added that there have been many instances of the roof leaking, and at one stage a tin outer wall came apart, requiring repair.

The wall issue forced a temporary closure of the facility, with players driven onto the senior school's outdoor court for a week or two.

The president explained that as well as being outdated, the stadium was designed as a school gym rather than as a basketball centre, accounting for its undersized dimensions.

Toilet and change facilities are also in need of replacement, with Danny describing them as "putrid".

That is not a reflection of the cleaning staff who work hard to keep the amenities, particularly the male toilets, in satisfactory condition despite the facilities' advanced age.

While it is not the first attempt to get a new stadium and gym facility for Mirboo North, it is hoped sustained momentum on this occasion will lead to much-needed action following the petition's presentation.

"This petition draws to the attention of the Legislative Assembly the poor state of the gymnasium and stadium at Mirboo North schools, the town's only stadium and requests that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Andrews Labor Government to fund a new stadium and gym facility for Mirboo North," it is



Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien and former star Opal Belinda Snell team up to drive momentum for a new basketball stadium in Mirboo North.

stated.

Danny said community members hold a variety of views on what the new facility should entail and where it should be built.

"This is a slightly unusual situation in that the school facility is the only stadium in town, so it is a mixed education and community use venue," he said.

Danny argues that community use doesn't absolve the Education Department of its responsibility to provide satisfactory facilities.

"As I've said in the past, I want to work with the government, the schools and the community to progress this issue," Danny said.



Team members from Kids Thrive Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts team, Bass Coast Community Foundation the lead funder and educators from the three participating schools, Bass Valley Primary, Powlett River Primary and Newhaven Primary at Kilcunda Community Centre. Photo: Angel Leggas 3FatesMedia

## Bass Coast Kids as Catalyst Program 2022 kicks off

THE 2022 Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts program is back bigger and better than ever in 2022.

Two new participating schools have come on board, giving more local kids a chance to create a positive change in their community.

Kicking the program off, teachers and educators from Bass Valley Primary, Powlett River Primary and Newhaven Primary got together for a training day last month at the Kilcunda Community Centre.

Bass Coast Community Foundation chair Phil Friedlos said after the extreme challenges of delivering the pilot program through COVID lockdowns and restrictions at Newhaven Primary last year, the day was an important way for local teachers to connect and learn more about

how the program works, and their role in delivering it.

"It was fantastic to have the teachers who delivered the pilot program at Newhaven Primary last year able to support our new schools to make sure the program this year is even stronger," he said.

The Kids as Catalysts program aims to ignite and skill young people to become catalysts for positive change in their local communities.

It builds resilience, educational engagement, community connections and mental wellbeing while engaging literacy, numeracy and teamwork skills.

The program is delivered over six months, and supports students in developing skills and networks to make a change for the better in their local commu-

nities.

"This program is funded by local donations to the Bass Coast Community Foundation and is part of the Foundation's work to improve local children's aspirations and community connections. We are proud to support Kids Thrive,

such a forward-looking local organisation, to have such a positive impact on the lives of children's mental health and wellbeing," Phil added.

The 2022 program will also be supported by a team of new local Kids Thrive facilitators Lizzy Rich and Iris Gailliard, program coordinator Philippa Armstrong, production coordinator Margaret de Wolff and community liaison Jenny Churchill.

The program is brought to Bass Coast by Kids Thrive, Bass

Coast Community Foundation, Vic Health, Sydney Myer fund and the Department of Education and Training.

### Want to help?

Small teams of students will be helping local organisations and community groups with a volunteer project between August and September. If your organisation or volunteer group is keen to be involved contact [jenny@kidsthrive.org.au](mailto:jenny@kidsthrive.org.au)

The Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts Community Launch and Information night is open to the public. It will be held at Newhaven Primary School on Wednesday, July 13, 5pm to 6pm.

All welcome to support children to be positive changemakers and volunteers in their own community. Please come along to find out more.



Runners and volunteers gather for a photo in celebration of 100 parkruns.

Photo: Annie Holland

## Celebrating event 100 for Grand Ridge Trail parkrun

AT LAST we made it after just over three years of pandemic interrupted existence.

Thanks to the 163 people who have volunteered week in and out to bring you your parkrun every Saturday.

This week a special vinnie thanks goes out to Carmel Quirk for our #100 brownie slice.

It was fantastic conditions for the 100th parkrun at Grand Ridge Rail Trail.

We welcomed first timer Heath Warwick and tourist Arden Cassie from Newcastle who joined the group of 32

by Chloe Harris

runners and walkers.

First across the line today was Inverloch RD Jason O'Reilly with a Grand Ridge PB of 18.52.

First girl was Gracelyn Hasthorpe who came in 7th overall with a very strong finish up the hill.

The group headed to local cafe Jimmy Jambs for a celebratory coffee following the delicious brownie that was waiting at the park run finish.

Thanks to all the runners, walkers and volunteers for coming.



## Around the Bay With Jim's Bait and Tackle

WE often get asked about our reports and why we don't do one every week, especially this time of the year and the answer is simple, nothing to report.

While it's not that we don't get any reports, it's just that we might only get one or two which makes writing 1000 words difficult.

The stock shortages of the last few years are slowly getting back to normal with manufacturing having good stock levels, but freight is still a massive problem.

While it will take some months for all this to clear, stocks of fishing tackle will start to improve for us as the northern hemisphere goes into winter.

We had a successful sale a couple of weeks ago and have made plenty of space on the walls for all our new stock, that will start to turn up from August on.

Another addition we are looking at is providing a knife sharpening service for all your fishing knives. There are still a few things we need to work out but will put more information on our socials and reports as we get into the spring.

Now is the time to bring those rods or reels in that need repair or service while we have a bit of spare time.

During the school holidays we didn't see a lot of boats fishing in the bay with many chasing the elusive barrel tuna offshore.

Most of the fishing was off the land, beaches and jetties with reports that didn't necessarily set the world on fire but some that were very respectable.

Three fish dominated the reports,

salmon, calamari and whiting and in that order for quantity.

The weed slowly cleaned up on the beaches and almost every surf beach produced a handful of salmon.

Nothing was too big but respectable for bait or a feed.

It was a mixture of baits and lures with neither standing out more than the other.

Calamari reports mostly came from the jetties and surprisingly the majority of reports were from those using artificial jigs, normally this time of the year you would expect baited jigs to be the best. Like the salmon nothing massive but very respectable and when they were on, good numbers as well.

Whiting reports that we got came from those who put the boat in for a quick fish.

We had a couple reported from off the beach at Ventnor, but the majority of the whiting reports came from the boats.

Those who were traveling a long way were the boats heading offshore looking for the barrel tuna with regular reports coming in.

If you are heading out to chase a barrel the best bit of advice, I could give you, be patient.

If all you have done is chase the school tuna, you need to forget almost all you know and if you thought the school ones can be frustrating wait until you put time into the barrels.

Search around until you find a bait that has a bigger fish with it then work it.

## TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Cowes +28, Inverloch +30, Newhaven +1.03, Corinella +1.08, Port Welshpool +1.28, Tarwin Lower jetty +3 hours. The times stated are Australian Eastern Daylight Time (24 hours clock).

TUESDAY  
July 12

2.21am  
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WEDNESDAY  
July 13

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1.01m  
10.25pm  
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THURSDAY  
July 14

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11.39pm  
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FRIDAY  
July 15

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SATURDAY  
July 16

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2.10pm  
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SUNDAY  
July 17

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1.55m  
7.48am  
0.27m  
3.00pm  
1.78m  
8.28pm  
0.68m

MONDAY  
July 18

2.44am  
1.58m  
8.42am  
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3.45pm  
1.77m  
9.21pm  
0.59m

## Cyclists riding for a local cause

ROAD safety is an issue that touches everyone and locally in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland area.

A charity cycling event has been raising the bar when it comes to driver education around road safety.

For over 10 years, the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge charity ride has helped more than 2300 local high school students to access intensive road safety education courses, which work towards saving lives on the roads.

Students (and parents) from every secondary school in the region have been fortunate to participate in the diverse range of programs and workshops, supported by Bass Coast Cycle Challenge.

"The workshops are very powerful and change the way young people think about road safety," said Gavin Slavin, founder of the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge (BCCC), which raises money to fund these courses across the community.

The main program supported by the BCCC is RYDA, an interactive one-day course for 16-18-year-olds who are approaching that crucial time in their lives where they start to drive independently or are travelling as passengers of

novice drivers.

"Students experience braking at different speeds, devise travel strategies that will work for them in the real world and get tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family," Slavin said.

"The most powerful moments come from crash survivors who take the time to tell their stories."

"Funds raised through the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge also support students from grades 10, 11 and 12 to take part in 'Keys Please Vic Roads education program' (year 10), and Vic roads MukUpday program (year 12)."

The BCCC attracts hundreds of participants who come from all over Victoria to take part in one of the cornerstone rides (121km, 85km, 53km, 40km).

The challenge is back, this year on Saturday, November 5, from 7am-1pm. The rides all start and finish on Ramsay Boulevard, Inverloch outside the Beach Box Café.

Entries officially opened on July 1, and have started rolling in.

The Bass Coast Cycle Challenge can be entered online at [www.basscoastcyclechallenge.com](http://www.basscoastcyclechallenge.com)



Inverloch Diamonds Section 1:  
Letitia Condron (fillin), Dawn Hughes,  
Jen Scott, Christine Furness (fillin), ab-  
sent Liza Burrows, Kate Edwards.



Korumburra Section 2: Pam Gardner,  
Judy Bogg, Sue VanSinderen and Chris  
Kyle.

## Ladies Midweek Tennis grand finals

THE South Gippsland Midweek Ladies Tennis Association recently held their Grand Finals at the Inverloch courts.

Section 1: Inverloch Diamonds - Premiers. Westernport/Grantville - Runners Up. Section 2: Korumburra - Premiers. Bena - Runners Up. Section 3: Wonthaggi Owls - Premiers. Phillip Island Red - Runners Up.

The ladies' midweek association play each Tuesday during the school terms, the asso-

ciation welcome anyone who would like to join this fun and social tennis association.

Matches begin at 10am and are usually finished by 1.30 after which lunch is shared.

If you are interested in playing or just filling in contact can be made through the Facebook page South Gippsland Midweek Ladies Tennis.

The AGM of the Association will be held on August 16, at the Inverloch Tennis Club-rooms - 2.30pm.

# WE'RE TURNING 40!

**Wonthaggi Angling Club**  
invites life, present, past  
members and sponsors  
to help celebrate.

**Sunday, July 17 at the clubrooms**  
(Wonthaggi Rec. Reserve) from 4pm

New members welcome  
RSVP for catering, Leonie 5672 1601

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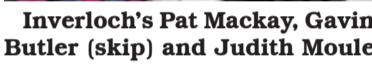
Midweek winners Bill Williams (L), Sue Stansfield (3), Gwen Jeffrey (2), Dennis Talbot (S).



Midweek best one game Bob Arnold (L), Peter McWilliams (S), David Talbot (3).



Midweek runners-up Terry Floyd (3), Michael Dady (S), Peter Taylor (L).



Inverloch's Pat Mackay, Gavin Butler (skip) and Judith Moule

## INVERLOCH

CONGRATULATIONS to Margi Fisher on winning our new players competition for the month of June.

The new competition for July/August is starting this week.

Members should check the club noticeboard for rosters, announcements as well as registration for pennant.

Friday Night Meal is on this week.

Thirty bowlers turned up to play social bowls last Thursday.

Ten teams of Triples was the format of the day with two games of 10 ends played.

Each bowler had 3 bowls to show their skills.

Two teams won 2 games each.

The team that was runners-up consisted of Craig Selby (skip), Karen Orford and Terry Orford. They finished on 30 points.

The winning team for the day finished on 35 points.

This team was skipped by Gavin Butler with Judith Moule and Pat Mackay.

## KORUMBURRA

LAST Monday we had our monthly triples with 16 teams competing in near perfect conditions.

Winners on the day were the local team of Robin Provan, Ross P Lomagno and Ross LoMagno. Runners up were Ash Graham's team from Pakenham while local team of Neil Harfield, Graham Freestone and Peter Hearn took out the best last game.

There will be no triples next month as too many will be away seeking warmer weather.

Members will start to see some differences around the clubhouse with the new carpet going in this week hopefully and with a bit of luck new chairs.

Those members who have not renewed their membership your fees are now due.

Don't forget social bowls of a Thursday and Saturday.

Names in by 12pm for 12.30pm start, as well as night bowls on a Wednesday night weather permitting names in by 6pm for 6.30pm start.

## MIDWEEK

THURSDAY, July 7, Midweek Bowls was played at Koo Wee Rup in cold and wet conditions



Wonthaggi Indoor Bowlers Wolfe Gilch, Phyllis Peterson and John Stewart.

nevertheless, 21 of our brave family turned out.

High scores were the order of the day winners on 34 points runners up 32 points and one game winners 26 points. A great result.

Sadly, we have more than a few fall to wrong bias so the RCH did very well and our members gave generously.

For more information, please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974 everyone welcome.

## WONTHAGGI

WEDNESDAY was a perfect day for bowls with a very good number of bowlers taking to the greens. Teams of three and four were the order of the day over two games of ten ends.

The runners up were a team of four made up of Chris Rose, Wendy Donohue, Rae Haines and Arthur Moule with a score of 2 wins and 34 points.

The winners were a team of three made up of Lorraine Day, Allan Ireland and Rod Beech with a score of 2 wins and 36 points.

Saturday saw a smaller number of bowlers take to the greens on a good fine day with a very gentle breeze.

The runners up were Rob Shaw, Wally Leijen, John Migliorisi and Rod Beech with a score of 1 win and 17 points.

The team that was the winners were Frank Cimino, Ken Webb, Allan Ireland and John Duscher with a score of 1 win and 20 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30 pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30 pm.

## WONTHAGGI INDOOR

OUR numbers are remaining steady with a total of 54 players this week

Our winners on Tuesday with an amazing plus 30.

They were Judy Sweetnam, Linda Newman and Pat Novak.

Coming second with a plus 10 were Helen Rook, Wolfe Gilch and Allan Ireland.

Friday saw another good win with Wolfe Gilch, Phyllis Peterson and John Stewart on plus 19.

Runners up on plus five were Linda Newman Ken, Petterson, Allan Ireland and Ray Deveroux.

Just a reminder our doubles take place on July 27.

## FOSTER

### Ladies

JULY ladies medal.

Barb Warren pretty much won the day winning the medal, (14) 77 nett. Scratch score 91 and putting 30. No NTPs.

BDTL Barb Britten (17) 81, and Beth Curram (22) 82.

Frances McGlead (33) 10 points. Raffle winner Jenny Alexander. Next week July 20, Stableford.



Wonthaggi Ladies A grade and medal Catherine Bolding, B Grade Lisa Brusamarello and C Grade Heather Wintle.

## KORUMBURRA

### Ladies

CONGRADULATIONS to Kerri Besley (21) who won the day's competition, as well as our July Monthly Medal, with a net score of 76 last Wednesday.

Runner-up with 79 nett, and also the Gross score winner with 90, was Merrissa Cosson.

Sherrin Solly (23) won a BDTL with 81 nett. Merrissa was NTP on the 1st and Kerri was closest on the 10th and 13th greens.

Seven played in the nine-hole competition and Betty Thomson (41) was the winner with 11 pts.

Saturday's golfers had heavier conditions following rain Thursday and Friday. Well done to Jennie Loughnan (53) who had a nice 31 pts.

## LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 5, Stableford.

A-Grade winner: Doug Cleemann with 37 points on a countback A-Grade runners-up: John Ryan with 37 points

B-Grade winner: Andrew Smith with 35 points B-Grade runners-up: Warren Dummett with 34 points on a countback

C-Grade winner: Brian Wall with 38 points C-Grade runners-up: Harry Scott with 36 points on a countback

NTP 14th: David Forbes at 1.48m NTP 16th: Doug Cleemann at 1.48m

Thursday, July 7, Stableford. Thursday Stableford, July 7th Stableford

A Grade winner: Craig Hutchinson with 38 points A Grade runner-up: Peter Walsh with 35 points on a countback

B Grade winner: Darren Read with 35 points B Grade runner-up: Don Smith with 34 points

C Grade winner: Gerald Free stone with 37 points C Grade runner-up: Ted Bruinewoud with 35 points

NTPs: 14th Don Smith 282cm, 16th Ken Smirk 255cm.

Saturday, July 9, Stableford.

A Grade winner: Captain Dan Jolley with 39 points A Grade runner-up: Greg Welsford with 38 points

B Grade winner: Simon Deery with 36 points B Grade runner-up: Richard Price with 35 points on a countback

C Grade winner: Ken Lay with 38 points C Grade runner-up: Ian Watson with 36 points on a countback.

## Ladies

JULY Monthly Medal last week.

Fay Quilford is in a good position to win the Monthly Medal with 76 nett, but has to wait for the Saturday round to be played next week.

Karen de Groot won B Grade with a 77 nett, just one shot behind.

DTBL were won by Wendy Parker and Neryl Hopcraft 78 nett, Lynne Hart and Marea Maher 79, Kay Dumbleton 80, Lianne Adamson 81, Maxine Eabry 82 and club stalwart Dot Stubbs just sneaking

ner with 36 points on countback from Paul Ledwith (13) and Gerald Taylor (18)

NTP: 5th Shane Harding, 7th Ken Wallace, 10th Rowan Wales, 17th Mike Fitzmaurice.

Nine-hole competition winner was Basil Moloney (15) with 22 points from John Niven (24) with 19 points.

Saturday, July 2, Men's Stableford.

A Grade winner was Mark Haringsma (9) with 39 points A Grade runner up was Matt Brown (9) with 36 points

B Grade winner was Leigh Hayhurst (14) with 41 points B Grade runner up was Ricky Jenkins (15) with 38 points

C Grade winner was Phil Dressing (22) with 38 points C Grade runner up was Steven Sloss (28) with 36 points

Ladies Stableford winner was Helen Coghlan (16) with 33 points on countback from Tracey Cuff (20) NTP men's: 5th Alan Sherlock, 7th Ray Smith, 10th Vince Colella, 17th Max Royal.

Ladies NTP: 7th Lorraine Hammon Nine-hole winner was Rob Davison (14) with 21 points

## WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results July 9, S.R 71.

Competition type: Stableford. A Grade: Michael Scott 41. B Grade: Allan McLean 36. C Grade: Blake Cornelis 32 C/B.

Men's results July 7.

Competition type: Stableford 18-hole, SR. 71

Winner: Peter Magnussen 34 Runner Up: Keith Ridout 33 Ball Sweep: Glen Turner 33.

Men's results July 7.

Competition type: Stableford Front 9-hole, SR. 34.5

Winner: A. Hooton-Shandley 18 Ball Sweep: Ray Hender 17, Alan Anstey 16, Secondo Tiziani 15.

## Ladies

IT WAS was a brilliant sunny winters day for our July Monthly medal.

Our Medal and A Grade winner was acting captain Catherine Bolding with 98 (20) 78 nett, on countback from Marg Johnson 93(14) 78 net.

Our B Grade winner was Lisa Brusamarello 116(32) 84 nett, with Heather Wintle our C Grade winner 124 (36) 88 nett.

Scratch score winner Marg Johnson 92, putting with a fabulous 29 puts Robyn Wilkinson.

NTP: 2nd Merryn Dear, NTP 17th Marg Johnson.

BDL: Marg Johnson 78, Merryn Dear 81, Pam Hanley 85.

## WOORAYL

### Ladies

IT WAS a chilly start to the morning and no doubt a few would have been pulling up the doona but not our 14 ladies who arrived for the July Monthly Medal on Wednesday, July 6.

Congratulations to the monthly medal and B Grade winner Jenny Riseley (27) with a great 72 nett. Our A Grade winner with another consistent round Sharyn Rayson (14) 76 nett.

The best 9 out was Ann Poole.

DTBL to Linda Forrester (32) and Marg Tuckett (29) 76 nett, Dianne O'Connor (43) 77 nett and Sherrill Winkler (44) 78 nett.

NTPs went to - 8th Bev Bridge, 11th Chris Perrett and 17th Marg Tuckett. Best putting Linda Forrester with 30.

Special mention - Gobbler to Fay Maynard on the 16th.

This week is a Stableford event 9am for 9.30am tee off.



The WGFNC is heating up with just five rounds left to play. B17\_2822

## Strong rebound for league after lockdown devastation

AFTER two years of incomplete seasons due to COVID, the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC) has had a terrific year so far in 2022.

Talking to the Sentinel-Times recently, WGFNC operations manager Brandon Milburn gave an insight into just how well the league's comeback season is going.

"The WGFNC continues to grow and develop every year, competition for finals positions is certainly heating up in all grades of football and netball which is exciting for the competition," he said.

"Community sport has been fortunate to not have any COVID interruptions this

season which has certainly helped."

As has been reported across national media, the AFL continues to struggle with match attendances, but Milburn explained that local sport, at least the WGFNL, is thriving.

"Attendances have been good this season with people welcoming back community football and netball with open arms," he said.

"Some of our marquee matches have had some fantastic crowds including Shaun Burgoyne's debut at Dalyston, Tooradin-Dalmore v Warragul Industrials on ANZAC Day, Inverloch-Kongwak v Cora

Lynn and Phillip Island v Kilcunda Bass during the split round over Easter."

Having the league operating again is vital to the region, not just for the football and netball being played, but for the health of the community, Milburn noted.

"Having local football and netball back in the community has been fantastic in terms of giving players the opportunity to exercise and compete whilst also giving spectators the opportunity to socialise and enjoy community football and netball once again," he said.

The hunger of the WGFNC community to return to their sport, develop their clubs

and taste success has seen the league come along leaps and bounds in 2022.

"The clubs in the WGFNC have a really strong desire to improve and develop both on and off the field/court," Milburn said.

"Everyone involved in this competition at club level really want to drive this competition to the next level which is great and really exciting for the region."

With 13 rounds completed, the WGFNC clubs find themselves with five games left to prime themselves for finals, which begin on Saturday, August 20 with the first Elimination Final.



It's all smile for the under 12 girls before they race.

## South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club prepares for State titles

WITH the Victorian Country Short Course and State Championships being held in the next month, swimmers were scattered at several events chasing down short course times.

Many of the SGB team already have several times and are ready to compete but were chasing down one or two times in a couple of extra events.

There was also a group of swimmers who started a few months ago finding their feet in some of their first competitions and it was fantastic to see the older experienced swimmers guiding them along.

Swimmers competed at the Essendon Districts association event at MSAC, the Fairbanks Aquastars and the largest

group headed to the Oil City Christopher Hirth Memorial Short Course Meet where the SGB swimmers dominated the pool coming home with many ribbons and Age Champion Medals, and personal bests.

For coach Dylan, who is back after a two-month break, it was a great chance to see how the kids have progressed.

"They have been training hard and it is wonderful to see so many with smiles after their swim," Dylan said.

"Also, our last proper short course season was in 2019, so I am loving being back enjoying it."

"It looks like we will have quite a number off to compete at the Countries in Ballarat and at the State Championships."

## Wonthaggi takes home medals at Championships

WONTHAGGI's top table tennis team defeated Geelong, Sunraysia, Traralgon and Yarrawonga, and went down to Cobram five games to six in a mammoth battle for the shield at the recent state championships.

Cobram won the shield and Wonthaggi received runners-up medals for their hard-fought efforts. Well done.

The club is seeking interest from new players for the next local competition starting soon.

Practice nights are over the next couple of Mondays at the Wonthaggi Table Tennis Centre, from 6.30 pm.

Teams will be graded as closely as possible.

Social table tennis continues on Wednesdays and Saturdays from mid-day.

All welcome, no previous experience necessary and equipment provided.

Juniors social night recommences next Thursday from 6.00 pm.

All welcome (even if you are not exactly

a junior). No age discrimination at Wonthaggi Table Tennis.

For more information phone Trish on 5672 3421.



**Victorian Country Table Tennis Championship runners up, from left, David Kimmens, Charley Donohue, Andrew Donohue.**



The eight SGUA umpires who graced the hallowed turf pose for a photo.

## Lucky umpires take the talents to the 'G'

EIGHT talented young umpires from the South Gippsland Umpires Association (SGUA) recently graced the hallowed turf of the MCG.

Following the halftime siren, Max Carter, Tom Harris, Darren Winning, Luke Scholz, James Browne, Zhi Xia McNeil, Luke Devoison and Gemma Cook walked onto the famous ground to officiate the Auskickers in their showcase matches.

SGUA president Gary Scholz spoke on the opportunity and how his young umpiring brigade enjoyed the experience.

"We brought a bus down about 50-60 people, it's a really good building block for your panel as well you can use it as a social event to take all those people down and enjoy themselves and get to know each other better," he said.

"The ones that went onto the MCG, said it was awesome, something they'll remember for the rest of their lives which is absolutely brilliant, plenty of photos and memories to go around."

Scholz also explained the importance of the event for his panel, and the development of young umpires.

"It's something that AFL Victoria have decided to do over the last couple of years, it's really good for us it definitely helps with recruitment of younger umpires, gives them something to aspire to," he said.

"This year we actually sent down a few boundary umpires as well that we able to do the grid games out in the middle, in the field, it's more about being able to control the kids, so we sent a couple of young girls to do the games as well."

He also gave an insight into the recruitment numbers of young umpires in the region as well as female umpires.

"For us it's been really good, we're one of few panels in the state that have been able to expand and grow our numbers which is sad in one way because it shows how bad things are across the state for umpiring in general," he said.

"Us as a panel we have been able to do really well, picking up West Gippsland in full has been a huge thing for us, we've been able to pick up a lot of umpires from the south-eastern suburbs."

Scholz encourages anyone interested in taking up umpiring to give it a shot and thanked those who organised the SGUA's recent trip.

"Definitely do it, it's terrific, we'd love to see some older people come along as well, we're a bit short on goal umpires so we'd really love to see some people that have finished their football career and still want to stay involved, come and do that," he said.

"Our committee and our executive have worked really hard this year, there's been a lot of hard work go into it and the end result is terrific, they really can be patted on the back for the amount of work."

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**Starting Monday, August 1**

**14 week season, Grand Final Monday, December 5**

**Players to be 14 years and older**  
**Players must have VNA Registration**

**WELCOMING ALL TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS**  
**Please contact:**  
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Wonthaggi's Whitney Anderson takes a shot at goal with Drouin's Madeline Caddy in defence. Z29\_2822



Poowong's Patty McInnes (A Grade) makes a pass. Photos: Jeff Tull



Nyora's Shannon Heylen looks for a pass.

## Leongatha Netball

GAME day report, round 13, Leongatha V Bairnsdale.

Under 13: Score: Leongatha 17 def by Bairnsdale 31. This week was against a very strong team, but we just had to focus on ourselves. The team listened to feedback and responded really well in achieving their small goals. A very hard-fought game against an equally tall team. Bad luck 13s you've done well across the entire game.

Under 15: Score: Leongatha 44 def Bairnsdale 32. Tough start to the game with the courts being wet and slippery we struggled to adjust to conditions. By half time we were only up by one goal, but soon enough we found our groove and started to capitalise on every turnover to score. The last half of the game we worked as a team and finished strong to come home with the win.

Under 17: Score: Leongatha 34 def by Bairnsdale 36. Great game played by both teams. We kept with them, even pulling away during the third quarter. Unfortunately, we dropped off in the last quarter and let them slip away with the win.

C Grade: Score: Leongatha 51 def Bairnsdale 17. Super competitive match, our teamwork, talk and encouragement were what got us over the line. The backup for one another kept our team in this for the long haul and it's going to help us bring home the win each week.

B Grade: Score: Leongatha 72 def Bairnsdale 21. Huge win for the Parrots! Great four quarters of netball, coming out incredibly strong and controlled the game. Awesome passages of play from shooting, intercepts in the back line and ball movement down the court. We ran it out until the end, spectacular work ladies.

A Grade: Score: Leongatha 92 def Bairnsdale 23. The girls came out firing this week with a massive win. Some sore arms from Hannah and Jess as they smashed out the goals and some beautiful defensive intercepts from the backline Redpaths and Laura. A solid four quarters from everyone, let's bring this energy into next week.



Wonthaggi goal attack Elise Desantis sinks a goal against Drouin's Madeline Caddy. Z28\_2822



Nyora's Cait van Dord (A Grade) takes her shot.

## ELLINBANK

### » RESULTS

#### A GRADE

Longwarry 46 It Trafalgar 63  
Catani 69 d Poowong 37  
Buln Buln 40 It Nyora 46  
Yarragon 20 It Lang Lang 49  
N-Darnum 27 It Neerim Sth 36

#### B GRADE

Longwarry 28 It Trafalgar 78  
Catani 69 d Poowong 37  
Buln Buln 83 d Nyora 33  
Yarragon 19 It Lang Lang 43  
N-Darnum 38 It Neerim Sth 55

#### C GRADE

Longwarry 62 d Trafalgar 27  
Catani 41 d Poowong 19  
Buln Buln 49 d Nyora 30  
Yarragon 11 It Lang Lang 27  
N-Darnum 37 d Neerim Sth 16

### » LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	295.75	52	Trafalgar	210.89	40
Trafalgar	138.94	40	Catani	144.87	36
Nilma Darnum	167.61	38	Poowong	130.81	36
Lang Lang	121.68	36	Ellinbank	113.55	34
Ellinbank	142.95	32	Buln Buln	115.38	32
Catani	94.90	24	Lang Lang	97.18	28
Buln Buln	83.65	18	Longwarry	100.46	26
Longwarry	72.63	12	Nilma Darnum	73.37	20
Nyora	67.61	12	Yarragon	85.76	16
Poowong	65.84	12	Nyora	44.49	8
Yarragon	36.28	4	Neerim South	50.41	4

#### B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Ellinbank	270.86	48	Longwarry	235.23	50
Buln Buln	175.70	44	Yarragon	193.16	36
Lang Lang	100.43	34	Catani	153.33	36
Trafalgar	143.76	32	Buln Buln	187.20	32
Catani	115.15	32	Ellinbank	148.00	32
Neerim South	143.50	30	Trafalgar	144.64	20
Nilma Darnum	117.19	28	Poowong	122.13	28
Nyora	65.11	12	Nilma Darnum	90.25	20
Poowong	52.92	12	Lang Lang	28.44	8
Longwarry	55.78	4	Neerim South	15.06	4
Yarragon	37.34	4	Nyora	0.00	0

#### C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Longwarry	200.98	44	Trafalgar	239.29	48
Nilma Darnum	197.96	44	Yarragon	151.67	32
Ellinbank	220.15	40	Nyora	124.38	32
Buln Buln	134.52	40	Longwarry	121.99	32
Neerim South	125.31	36	Catani	111.76	30
Catani	111.92	32	Nilma Darnum	104.86	28
Lang Lang	81.04	20	Buln Buln	87.30	28
Trafalgar	67.81	10	Lang Lang	109.96	26
Nyora	56.86	10	Neerim South	71.92	12
Poowong	45.68	4	Poowong	43.69	6
Yarragon	33.28	0	Ellinbank	39.51	6

## GIPPSLAND

### » RESULTS

#### A GRADE

Bairnsdale 23 It Leongatha 92  
Warragul 27 It Morwell 46  
Sale 31 It Maffra 37  
Traralgon 40 d Moe 39  
Wonthaggi 44 d Drouin 42

#### B GRADE

Bairnsdale 21 It Leongatha 72  
Warragul 42 d Morwell 49  
Sale 33 It Maffra 44  
Traralgon 39 It Moe 42  
Wonthaggi 40 drew Drouin 40

#### C GRADE

Bairnsdale 17 It Leongatha 51  
Warragul 16 It Morwell 33  
Sale 21 It Maffra 37  
Traralgon 35 d Moe 26  
Wonthaggi 24 d Drouin 33

### » LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Morwell	176.16	46	Sale	171.86	52
Leongatha	166.00	44	Traralgon	172.79	48
Moe	126.40	36	Wonthaggi	130.68	36
Traralgon	102.33	30	Drouin	96.22	30
Wonthaggi	111.75	28	Maffra	98.60	24
Drouin	109.00	28	Morwell	97.56	24
Warragul	94.66	20	Leongatha	97.54	20
Maffra	86.33	16	Bairnsdale	86.41	10
Sale	53.06	8	Warragul	57.48	8
Bairnsdale	48.20	0	Moe	47.82	0

#### B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Leongatha	185.60	52	Maffra	180.75	50
Moe	124.38	40	Traralgon	277.82	44
Maffra	123.80	40	Sale	181.07	44
Traralgon	145.02	36	Leongatha	153.06	34
Bairnsdale	76.79	24	Wonthaggi	113.52	24
Morwell	107.31	20	Bairnsdale	102.80	20
Wonthaggi	75.38	18	Moe	81.36	20
Drouin	75.00	14	Drouin	40.71	12
Sale	67.42	8	Warragul	27.23	6
Warragul	70.37	4	Warragul	28.23	2

#### C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Maffra	165.27	52	Traralgon	289.62	52
Leongatha	187.83	44	Sale	239.90	48
Morwell	132.97	34	Bairnsdale	175.67	40
Warragul	114.50	30	Wonthaggi	106.61	32
Traralgon	109.12	30	Maffra	95.37	20
Drouin	78.67	24	Leongatha	71.55	20
Sale	78.61	16	Moe	57.06	16
Wonthaggi	75.89	16	Warragul	53.49	16
Moe	77.47	6	Morwell	44.27	8
Bairnsdale	54.91	4	Drouin	47.32	4

# Lorraine setting her sights for Birmingham

LORRAINE Dowson, a renowned bowls official who has earned selection to the Commonwealth Games, has been busy getting herself ready for the milestone event.

Lorraine will split her time between umpiring, acting as a marker on the green, a time-keeper, a versatile 'rover' filling in where needed, and as Chief Technical Officer.

With the games coming up in just three weeks' time, the Sentinel-Times checked in on Lorraine about what she is most looking forward to at her second Commonwealth Games.

"I did the 2018 games in Queensland and that was my first Commonwealth Games, so I was a bit tentative, so I think I'll go in more confident in these games," she said.

"It'll be great to re-kindle some of the friendships I made from last games, we had people come out from England, Wales and Hong Kong, it'll be great to catch up with them over there.

"We all work as a team, it's good to be able to have other people to rely on."

"I'm looking forward to the weather, it's about 23 degrees over there at the moment and also going to Leamington, I haven't been there before, and staying with family after the games."

Officiating the games is a great achievement, as only those accredited as International Technical Officials by World Bowls are in contention to do so.

Being selected is a competitive process, although since Lorraine has been picked, we

asked her how she is preparing for Birmingham 2022.

"I've just been at the Australian Open, I got the top job there, the marquee event for the Australian Open is the Men's Final, and I was the marker for that," she said.

"So that's a pretty good achievement not just for me but for women as well."

The Inverloch Bowls Club member is no stranger to the big stage, becoming the first woman to be the marker at an Australian Open Men's Final and Men's Premier League Final.

The Wonthaggi local gave her insight into the Games, what she expects and how Australia will shape up.

"I think this year's games will be interesting because the UK greens are very slow, so it'll be interesting to see which teams adapt quickest," she said.

"The Australian team went over there last month to trial, and they leave again on the 10th, so they'll be doing lots of practise and I'm sure lots of other countries are already making their way over there.

"I think they (Australia) will be competitive, we've had quite an interesting selection, two of our top players are unavailable, it's given the Australian selectors a chance to bring in some new players."

Lorraine also explained the secret that has allowed her to forge such a decorated career in officiating bowls.

"My biggest thing has been my mentors, I've been very lucky to have so many wonderful people



Lorraine Dowson in her International Technical Official uniform.

look after me," she said.

Lorraine's talents don't just lie in the officiating department, she is also an accomplished player herself.

"I play pennant too, Inverloch is my home club, but I trialled for Dandenong last year and got selected for their top side, so I travelled twice a week to Dandenong to play bowls, I love it."

"We had three paid coaches at

Dandenong so what I've learned over the last twelve months is invaluable as far as bowls is concerned and they've actually also looked after me with umpiring as well."

Lorraine also encourages anyone who is looking to get into bowls or bowls umpiring to give it a go

"I grew up just over the road

from the bowls club in Wonthaggi and I thought I'll never be going over there they're so old fashioned but now it's become much more of a modern game."

Lorraine will now find herself on the greens at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, kicking off with the opening ceremony, on July 28 in Birmingham through to August 8, and can be viewed on the seven networks.

## Islanders to compete at the Australian Surfing Championships

THE 2022 Australian Surf Championships are back and set to be hosted at Port Macquarie from August 5-19.

This year's event is set to be bigger and better than ever with an abundance of epic wave options and surf hot spots in the northern NSW coast.

The Championships kick off with the shortboard divisions, followed by the longboard, Para surfing titles and concludes with the bodyboarding division.

The Phillip Island area is renowned for producing great surfers and this year, there are a number of surfers representing the Victorian Team after qualifying through their respective state titles.

"It's exciting to have such strong and versatile local surfers representing across a range of ages and divisions," Phillip Island Boardriders Club president Hannah Eisen said.

"I love to see the next generation of up-and-coming surfers earn their spot on the State Team and get a chance to surf against Australia's best."

Competing in the shortboard category we have Harry De Roth Open Men, Sophie Fletcher Open Women and Jarrah and Rye Cicero from Sandy Point in the U16 Boys Shortboard.

In the Longboard Team Tate Russell, U18 Men Longboard and Logger, Nimah Moore U18 Women Longboard, Jacquie Chambers and Natalie Van Der Heyden over 40 Women.



*Paul Stan Churcher*

Jarrah Cicero (Sandy Point) Under 16 Boys prepares for the Australian Surfing Championships. Photo: Paul Stan Churcher

# The aspects of “galvanised” Essendon side that most impressed footy legend

By Andrew Slevison

VFL/AFL legend Leigh Matthews identified two specific areas of Essendon's game in their win over Sydney that impressed him the most.

The Bombers bounced back from their Round 15 loss to lowly West Coast when they accounted for the Swans by nine points at the MCG recently.

What stood out to Matthews was the Dons midfield, which has been accused of racking up plenty of touches, but not working hard the other way.

He highlighted the fact that Zach Merrett had just 24 disposals - his second lowest tally for the season - while laying six tackles and was damaging with three goals. Additionally, Darcy Parish had 21 touches - his lowest aside from the Carlton game when he was injured - plus seven tackles.

The former Collingwood and

Brisbane coach praised the impact the on-ball duo had.

“I remember on Anzac Day (against Collingwood) when they got high possessions but were beaten on the scoreboard,” Matthews said on Sportsday.

“At the end of the Essendon-Sydney game, the highest possession gatherer on the ground was Luke Parker with 26 disposals. Nick Hind (and Dyson Heppell) had 25.

“No one got possessions in the 30s, it was a very unusual game.

“Zach Merrett has had 24 disposals, but 17 kicks and seven handballs. I used to think when you get the ball, you only handpass it because you can't kick it, generally speaking.

“Zach got into space and had his 17 kicks and kicked three goals. In other words, much lower disposals but much higher impact. The same with

Darcy Parish.

“It's not all about numbers in the hand, it's about the impact you have.”

What made the win even more special was the fact the Dons were smashed by the Swans in Round 9 and ridiculed in the aftermath in relation to the Luke Parker-Dylan Shiel altercation.

Matthews believes there is little doubt that loss and the incident “galvanised” Ben Rutten's Essendon side.

“The other thing that hit me, you can't measure motivation or determination,” he added.

“But Essendon were obviously galvanised by the aftermath of the Parker-Shiel thing a few weeks ago.

“Even when they were off it early and they were behind on the scoreboard, it's amazing how deep down there was a galvanised spirit within the Essendon team in that game.



**VFL/AFL legend Leigh Matthews has praised the way Essendon defeated Sydney recently.** AAP Image/Daniel Pickett

“Even though they were behind, they found a way and were very strong late in the game.

“You can't measure it, but I suspect being galvanised by a little issue like that can be so good for the team sometimes.”

## Why the Bulldogs need an “off-season of change” to fix issues

DAVID King believes the Western Bulldogs have serious structural and game-style concerns that will need to be addressed by an “off-season of change” at the end of 2022.

The Bulldogs sit tenth on the ladder, only a game out of the top eight after winning five of their last seven matches.

However, they seemed to get exposed against Brisbane in Round 16 when the Lions went at a remarkable 64 percent efficiency inside 50.

“In terms of pressure, I think the Western Bulldogs are under more pressure than anyone right now with their game,” King told SEN Mornings.

“I had a look at them on Thursday night and saw Brisbane walk the ball down the

**By Seb Mottram**

ground more often than not ... I had a look at how often they actually intercept the opposition, they're second last in the competition this year, the Kangaroos are the only team that are poorer at winning the ball back off the opposition.

“I look down back and see Alex Keath, he was brought to the Dogs to be an interceptor, that's not happening.

“Tim O'Brien gets caught in no man's land more than any other player I've seen ... he just gets leapfrogged consistently.

“I think they need drastic change.”

King floated the idea of one of the Bulldogs' tall forwards going back behind the ball,

acknowledging Aaron Naughton and Jamarra Ugle-Hagan as potential suits for the role.

However, the former North Melbourne star also highlighted problems with the club's midfield unit.

Outside of games against Melbourne, Geelong, Brisbane and Carlton, the Dogs average 45 points from clearance. However, against those sides, that number drops to just 29 points, King believing: “numbers against the rest mean nothing when you get to the pointy end”.

“This is why I think they're struggling. Their brand or mode of football is not working. They're not winning the ball back, and even when they play against the best they're not

getting through at stoppage,” he added.

“Their whole system is geared around these mids. Is it good for them individually or is it good for them as a team? I think right now, you'd have to say it's good for them individually.”

It left King thinking that changes need to be made at the end of 2023.

“They've won a lot of games over the last few years but we're talking about 2022, so I think there's an off-season of change (needed) at the Dogs,” the dual-premiership Kangaroo said.

“They need to have a look at the whole mechanics of how they play. No one's saying anything about coaching or anything like that, this is just a system that is broken.”

“Win of the year”: Cats coach's “masterclass” undoes Demons

By Alex Zaia

DAVID King and Kane Cornes have lauded Geelong's statement win over Melbourne at GMHBA Stadium on Thursday night.

In a tight and at times scrappy contest, the Cats kicked the last three goals of the match to run out 28-point winners to move to the top of the AFL ladder.

Geelong carved out more scoring opportunities thanks to a domination at clearance (54-36) despite losing the hit-outs (49-36).

King says Chris Scott's coaching “masterclass” helped dismantle Melbourne's ball movement.

“It was an amazing performance,” he told SEN Breakfast.

“They dismantled everything Melbourne tried to do with their ball movement, with their ability to defend behind the ball.”

“I thought it was a masterclass from Chris Scott. His coaching was brilliant last night.”

Cornes was also full of praise for Scott, declaring it the best win he has seen from any side this season.

“It's the win of the year, really,” he said.

“When you think about no Tom Stewart, you've got Melbourne who are back in form having won their last two, where we thought Geelong might be at the start of the year and how they continue to do what they've done, no real contribution out of Hawkins and Cameron, albeit Hawkins was still involved in a lot of scores.”

“It was comprehensive – they won clearance by 18. It wasn't the clearance number, it was the scores. I think it was 10 shots to three at half-time from stoppage.”

“No one does that to Melbourne.”

“I haven't seen a win more impressive this year. We get recency bias and all of that, but it was a finals-like game, it was tough, it was competitive, it was fierce.”

“They just continue to blow me away Geelong. I've got that much respect for them.”

“It's been a masterful performance from a coach this year who's hardly put a foot wrong.”

Patrick Dangerfield (32 disposals, nine clearances), Tom Atkins (21 disposals, nine tackles, nine clearances), Mitch Duncan (32 disposals, 11 marks, two goals) and Cameron Guthrie (28 disposals, seven tackles, two goals) starred through the midfield for the Cats.

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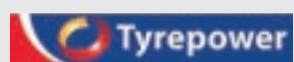
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Phil Hardy	<b>94</b>
Tom Marriott	<b>93</b>
Clint Newcombe	<b>92</b>
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Rod O'Neill	<b>91</b>
Sam Turner	<b>91</b>
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Katherine & Darren	<b>88</b>
Keith Kelly	<b>84</b>



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## » POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



Poowong 3.5 7.7 12.9 19.9 (123)  
Catani 1.1 3.3 5.3 5.4 (34)

**GOALS, Poowong:** Patrick Harmes 5, Jayden Sullivan 3, Matthew Cozzio 2, Jack Hazendonk 2, Alex Henshall 2, Connor Cunningham, Zac Gray, Andrew Logan, William Robertson 1 each.

**BEST:** Patrick Harmes, Connor Cunningham, Matthew Cozzio, Cody Loughridge, Alex Henshall, Jack Hazendonk.

**GOALS, Catani:** Mitchell Smith 4, Thomas Keily 1.

**BEST:** Coby Podd, Brett Williams, Dylan Williams, Michael Ralph, Brad Adams, Daniel Kelly.

**RESERVES**  
Poowong 3.4 10.7 16.10 21.15 (141)  
Catani 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.1 (7)

**GOALS, Poowong:** Brodie Ardley 3, Reece Attenborough 3, Mitchell De Kleuver 3, Damon Parolin 2, Mathew Burr, Jake Lewis, Riley Lewis, Michael Robertson, Mitchell J. Rowe, Rhys Schulz, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton 1 each.

**BEST:** Jake Lewis, Brodie Ardley, Rhys Schulz, Rhys Butler, Riley Lewis.

**GOALS, Catani:** Brodie Lynch 1.

**BEST:** Thomas Howell, Kaleb Boyle, Darryn Jenkins, Brodie Lynch, Joey Robertson, Brad Stone.

**FOURTHS**  
Buln Buln 0.0 1.4 3.4 6.5 (41)  
Poowong 1.2 2.3 3.6 3.6 (24)

**GOALS, Buln Buln:** Matthew Cahill 2, Kody Budnik, Logan Leatham, Marley Parise, Jake Vaughan 1 each.

**BEST:** Matthew Cahill, Kody Budnik, Bailey Nicholas, Aiden Smythe.

**GOALS, Poowong:** Jett Blackwood, Thomas Sherar, Bryce Townsend 1 each.

**BEST:** Jett Blackwood, Bryce Broadmore, Aaron Damon, Anthony Orsini, Matthew Heywood.

## » NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB



Buln Buln 4.3 6.6 8.14 9.22 (76)  
Nyora 1.0 2.2 3.2 3.3 (21)

**GOALS, Buln Buln:** Trent Baker 2, Samuel Batson, Reece Campbell, Flynn Hammond, Timothy Stoll, Jack Symes, Sean Symes, Logan Wallmeyer 1 each.

**BEST:** Jake Herbel, Samuel Batson, Lachlan Axford, Jared Lane, Nathan Tutton, Marko Kulas.

**GOALS, Nyora:** Samuel Dixon, Dylan Heylen, Travis Stewart 1 each.

**BEST:** Jack Rosenow, Aidan Simmons, Lachie Fievez, Harrison Berry, Scott Pugh.

**RESERVES**  
Buln Buln 9.7 15.10 22.15 25.20 (170)  
Nyora 0.0 1.1 1.1 2.1 (13)

**GOALS, Buln Buln:** Jaren Doyle 4, Adam Rakip 4, Ben Dixon, Chris Sharpe, Brendan Wall 3 each, Matthew Garner, Bryce Monahan 2 each, Josh Bloink, Luke Fusinaton, Jaran Guy, Jaryd Kelly 1 each.

**BEST:** Jared Doyle, Bryce Monahan, Adam Rakip, Chris Sharpe, Ben Dixon, Jacob Pickthall.

**GOALS, Nyora:** Aiden Cumberland, Gavin Doig 1 each.

**BEST:** Adam Tagliaferro, Shaun Lamb, Lincoln Brock, Jacob Bohmer, Jack Fowles, Gavin Doig.

## » IN OTHER GAMES

**SENIORS**  
Trafalgar 11.9.75 d Longwarry 9.7.61  
Lang Lang 12.11.83 d Yarragon 5.5.35  
Neerim South 37.16.238 d Nilma Darnum 3.2.20

**RESERVES**  
Trafalgar 13.13.91 d Longwarry 6.2.38  
Lang Lang 16.6.102 d Yarragon 1.3.9  
Neerim South 30.16.196 d Nilma Darnum 1.1.7

**THIRDS**  
Neerim South 19.9.123 d Longwarry 1.5.11  
Yarragon 7.10.52 d Lang Lang 3.7.25

**FOURTHS**  
Longwarry 10.13.73 d Trafalgar 0.2.2  
Yarragon 9.17.71 d Lang Lang 3.2.20

## THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 16

## » ELLINBANK ROUND 15

Trafalgar v Catani  
Poowong v Buln Buln  
Nyora v Yarragon  
Lang Lang v Nilma Darnum  
Ellinbank v Longwarry  
Neerim South - BYE

## Poowong continues to solidify its position

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Catani for the seniors and reserves and to Buln Buln for the fourths, credit to Catani the ground was in good order for the start of play.

Poowong were forced to make three changes with Steve McInnes, Jaemeel Knecht and Kurt Newton out and Noah Peacock.

Paddy Harmes was playing his 200th game of senior football on his birthday.

Poowong kicked to the clubrooms end and were quickly off the mark with a goal to Jayden Sullivan.

Not to be outdone Catani replied with a goal followed by a poster.

Poowong attacked but managed five points before Matt Cozzio broke the run with a good goal from the pack, quickly followed by Patrick Harmes running in to an open goal.

Poowong opened the second quarter with a point touched on the line, then Catani had a purple patch with two goals to



Poowong's Pat Harmes celebrated 200 senior games on Saturday. Photo: Jeff Tull.

Tom Williams.

Poowong lifted with a goal to Connor Cunningham, but Catani went forward again only managing a point from a free kick.

Paddy Harmes kicked his second from the pocket, followed by a point and his third goal then Jayden Sullivan kicked his second, Poowong going in at half

time with a 28-point lead.

Other than the last 10 minutes when Poowong added four goals, Catani were right in the game with their slick passing around the ground.

With drizzle setting in in the last few minutes of the second quarter, it could be tough conditions especially if it con-

tinued on for the remainder of the game.

Poowong were cleaner in their ball handling at the start of the quarter adding goals to Zac Gray, Jack Hazendonk and Matt Cozzio and then Paddy Harmes hit the post.

Catani received two 50-metre penalties after a free kick was paid resulting in a goal, Poowong attacked again with Alex Henshall kicking a goal after receiving a hand pass, Connor Cunningham kicked out of bounds, Jayden Sullivan kicked his third from a free kick.

Poowong missed again out of bounds.

Catani kicked their fifth with a free kick down field.

Paddy Harmes kicked his fourth from the square then Catani attacked hitting the post, Poowong then added a series of goals.

Next week at home to Buln Buln could decide third place, hopefully Poowong will get a couple back but Steve McInnes will miss a couple more, this will be a tough game for both teams.

## Saints take time to adjust to Buln Buln's setting

NYORA playing coach Dylan Heylen reflected on the challenge the Saints faced in their 55-point loss to Buln Buln.

Heylen marvels at the Lyrebirds' ability to handle their unique home ground.

"Although we were coming off two wins in a row, we knew this one wasn't going to be easy, and their ability to play on the slippery ice rink that is Buln Buln is incredible," Heylen said.

The Saints slipped to a 21-point deficit at the first break.

"Our boys took some time to adjust and the first quarter really cost us," Heylen said of the time it took for Nyora players to get their skates on.

As well as the tricky conditions underfoot, the small size of the ground presents challenges for visiting teams, with players often tricked into bombing the ball down the line, while the Lyrebirds use every inch of the field to advantage.

While Buln Buln won every quarter, the Saints competed well after the first term, with a lot of the play taking place between the two teams' 50 metre arcs.

"Despite what the scoreboard looked like, we made it hard for them to get their scores," Heylen said.

Along with the pressure applied by the Saints, Buln Buln did itself no favours, missing a number of goal scoring opportunities.

While feeling his side did better than the score suggested, Heylen was disappointed with the Saint's final quarter, describing it as "jungle ball" and explain-

ing that the team's structure fell away.

"We need to continue to get to our spots regardless of the conditions," Heylen said.

Still, the Saints are making progress.

"The improvement from last time we played them is huge," Heylen said in reference to Nyora's 95-point round 3 loss to the Lyrebirds.

"Our continued improvement is exciting and there will be a few more wins this season hopefully," he said.

Jack Rosenow and Aidan Simmons were best for the Saints on Saturday, with Heylen, Samuel Dixon and Travis Stewart Nyora's goal kickers with a major apiece.

"On a day when it was wet and slippery, he was clean with the footy, got his hands on it a lot, didn't go to ground, covered the ground well and got into dangerous spots," Heylen said.

Simmons played across half-back proving adept at snatching in intercept marks, reading the play well and knowing when to drift off his man.

Lachie Fievez has strung a number of games together and is hitting his stride after last year's round 1 disaster when he suffered a knee injury and a broken leg.

"He wasn't going to play at all this year but we ended up getting him back out there to help us out," Heylen said.

While little was expected from Fievez this season in his return from such a significant setback, Heylen considers he has defied expectations by getting back close to his best.



Sam 'Rambo' Collis gets chaired from the ground after his 400th.

## Rambo celebrates 400 for Nyora

NYORA'S Sam Collis has reached a huge milestone recently, as he donned the red, white and black for his 400th senior game for the club, in the Saints reserves contest with Catani.

Collis is a well accomplished and respected footballer, sporting a strong resume in over his 33 years in the game since starting as a junior at Wantirna South in 1989.

His resume includes two premierships, with Nyora under 17s in 1994 and Beaconsfield Superrules reserves in 2019, which alone shows his longevity.

Although his career games total is much larger than 400, the man affectionately known as 'Rambo' has shown a remarkable commitment

to the Saints, where he has achieved many individual accolades.

Playing for the senior team in 2001, he won the most consistent award, although much of his resume has been built in the reserves.

In the Nyora reserves, Rambo has been adjudged most determined (2005), most courageous (2010, 2012), most consistent (2007, 2017, 2018), runner-up best and fairest (2009, 2010) and best and fairest (2013, 2015).

Rambo's 400th game went magnificent for the veteran and his beloved Saints, as they recovered from a slow start to claim victory over the Blues, with Rambo snagging a goal and finding himself in the best.

## ELLINBANK &amp; DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 14

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South 13	0	425.27	52		Ellinbank	11	1	434.70	44	Neerim South	11	1	778.11	44	Longwarry	12	1	472.73	48
Trafalgar	9	3	214.60	36	Neerim South	10	3	471.97	40	Ellinbank	9	2	181.63	36	Yarragon	10	1	309.92	40
Buln Buln	9	4	212.30	36	Lang Lang	10	3	270.20	40	Longwarry	6	6	74.01	24	Neerim South	7	5	141.09	28
Poowong	9	4	183.30	36	Trafalgar	10	2	261.33	40	Buln Buln	5	6	60.69	20	Ellinbank	7	4	117.04	28
Ellinbank	7	5	163.61	28	Buln Buln	9	4	301.83	36	Yarragon	4	8	42.01	16	Lang Lang	4	11	62.96	16
Lang Lang	7	6	150.21	28	Longwarry	7	6	148.53	28	Poowong	0	0	0.00	0	Trafalgar	3	7	42.59	12
Longwarry	6	7	93.49	24	Poowong	4	9	59.69	16	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Poowong	2	9	38.83	8
Yarragon	5	8	87.45	20	Yarragon	4	9	53.95	16	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Buln Buln	1	11	25.58	4
Nyora	4	9	54.70	16	Nyora	4	8	43.14	16	Nilma Darnum									



# West Gippsland claims top spot

WEST GIPPSLAND arrived in Morwell with 25 of their best under 18 footballers on June 29, in the hopes of taking the carnival title from reigning champions Gippsland who looked to retain their crown.

From the outset it appeared as though the two leagues would once again be the teams to beat.

Gippsland's first match was a resounding 40-point victory over Mid-Gippsland, kicking seven goals to one in the 40-minute match.

Led by Wonthaggi's own Hunter Tiziani who played himself into the best players along with Leongatha duo Trent McRae and Wil Dawson, Parrot Xavier Bolge also represented well.

As for the boys from the West, their campaign began against Ellinbank and District, who were left stunned by the immense West Gippsland forward pressure and composure.

Tooradin-Dalmore's Jehi Esler bagged three, working brilliantly up forward with Inverloch Kongwak's Will Turner and Phillip Island's Jack Papas who also booted majors.

Bunyip's Alex Dijkstra and Phillip Island's Ben Taylor were also tearing it up through the midfield, with Nar Nar Goon's Tex Marshall doing plenty around the ground.

The West Gippsland back six were also superb, not allowing any Ellinbank score in their 43-point win.

Speaking to co-coaches Brent Clinnick and David Main postgame, they explained what it looks like to play the West Gippsland way.

"High energy, with a good focus on defence and how we defend the contest, to give ourselves opportunities to send the ball forward," Clinnick said.

Main and Clinnick also lauded their boy's ability to execute their plans and gave their thoughts on the win and where their team can go.

"It was a bit of an arm wrestle early, but we got some ascendancy and stuck to the

task, each line backs, mids and forwards," Clinnick said.

"We've been together about 9 or 10 weeks now, so we've got a really good understanding of how we want to play and how it'll look if we play well."

Clinnick gave his thoughts on the championships, and the goals he and Main had for the day.

"I'm probably a bit disappointed the seniors don't get to play interleague; I loved the concept of seeing other teams and other leagues," he said.

"The exposure for our guys is going to be really good, hopefully they enjoy their interleague experience, that's what we're focused on, fun and connection, win lose or draw."

"As long as the boys enjoy it and create some really good memories of interleague footy."

The next match featured Gippsland up against North Gippsland, with both teams struggling to find a goal through much of the first half in a tight contest.

However, eventually Gippsland found their groove and kicked away, showing their polished kicking away to a 38-8 victory.

Tiziani was solid once again, along with their midfielders and Ryan Maric up forward, McRae also bagged another goal.

With Gippsland winning both of their pool A matchups, they earned a place in the 'Grand Final', with West Gippsland chasing a win over East Gippsland in order to join them.

And win is exactly what the West's did, in emphatic fashion, putting the team from the East to the sword to the tune of 83-points, a mammoth victory in only two 20-minute halves.

The action again started with their strong midfield contingent putting their opponents under masses of pressure and surging the ball forward, led again by Dijkstra.

Esler and Turner continued to be a dangerous duo up forward, as the Wests found their

connection in transition led by Garfield's Will Pickering and Phillip Island's Tully Dickie.

A clean centre clearance and handball chain led Inverloch Kongwak's Hayden Lindsay into goal untouched, marking the highlight of what was a one-sided affair.

West Gippsland's second win concluded the pool games, setting up the seeding games and an anxious two-hour wait until the decider.

East and North Gippsland played off for the fifth and sixth seeds for next year's carnival with North Gippy just doing enough to secure a one-point win.

It was Mid Gippsland and Ellinbank and District facing off for third and fourth, which saw Ellinbank claim victory by 9-points.

The following locals all represented Mid-Gippsland: Harry Revelle-Gent, Beau Melbourne Blake Peters, Ethan Woodall, Jesse Chila, Nick Cummaudo (Mirboo North), Joel Leeden, Kayden Scrimshaw, Tadgh Dennehy, Lucas Vanderzalm, Tom Burt, Angus Kemper (MDU), Zak Maynard-Barrett, Harrison Garlick and Jack Rathjen (Foster).

It was then down to the final match of the icy cold day at Morwell, as the sun set behind the grandstand and the lights kicked into gear.

The West Gippy boys started brilliantly, catching the Gippsland boys off guard peppering the ball forward and owning much of the possession early.

Esler slotted another for the day and Papas started well again in the engine room as the boys from the West booted four first half goals.

Tew Jiath fought gallantly down back, proving to be a real lifeline for Gippsland, Tiziani was everywhere, racking up touches and tackles across the ground as well as a goal to keep them in contention.

A late goal to Taylor showed his, and the team's class, their sustained pressure holding off a concerted Gippsland fightback to end the half.

The championship match got hot to begin the second, neither team able to find the goals for over five minutes of play.

Gippsland started to get their wheels in motion becoming the first team to really challenge the sensational West Gippy defence, who hadn't allowed any score in their first two games.

The 2021 champions were moving the ball magnificently, creating many scoring opportunities and cutting into the deficit.

Gippsland dominated the second half, holding the potent Wests line-up to no score in the half, kicking two goals themselves to cut the margin to just five with two minutes to play.

But it was West Gippsland holding on in a nail-biter, claiming the championship and the first seed.

Tully Dickie was awarded best on ground and Ben Taylor was adjudged player of the carnival, receiving his medal from West Gippsland champion Jaymie Youle.

Clinnick and Main spoke to the Sentinel Times after their title win.

"I'm really excited for the boys, 9-10 weeks to get to this point, they were fantastic, defended the right way, just hung tough, hung in there and got it done," Clinnick said.

"Right from the start we identified that we wanted to win this tournament and the boys showed that today they're the number one ranked side in Gippsland," Main said.

"It's a credit to them because they have put in a lot of work and a lot of parents have put in a lot of sacrifice and it's just great to see them get the rewards."

Clinnick was also bullish on the future for the league.

"The boys showed there's a really good future for West Gippy footy, it was a great game."

West Gippsland will now go into the 2023 championships as the number 1 ranked team, with Gippsland in second.



Will Turner from Inverloch Kongwak boots it long inside 50. B05\_2822



Player of the carnival Ben Taylor in action for West Gippsland. B08\_2822

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 13

## » STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

	59		48
HILL END	3.1 4.2 7.3 9.5 (59)	STONY CREEK	2.2 3.4 6.5 7.6 (48)

**GOALS, Hill End:** Luke Mulqueen 3, Aaron Fawcett 2, Nathan Balfour, Jay Ladson, Bayley Paul, Lachlan Answer 1 each.

**BEST:** Luke Mulqueen, Ambu Uliando, Aaron Fawcett, Luke Tumino, Ben Kerrigan, Tyler Pratt.

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Tully Brnaldo 2, Darren Granger 2, Rhys Dixon, Julian Stone, Nick Svenson 1 each.

**BEST:** Tully Bernaldo, Hayden Funnell, John Phillips, Julian Stone, Sam Marriott, Darcy Atkins.

## RESERVES

Stony Creek 8.5 9.6 12.9 17.12 (114)  
Hill End 0.0 1.0 2.1 4.1 (25)

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Lucas McMillan 8, Jarrad Byrnes 3, Lachlan Elliott, Glenn Gray, Brett McKnight, Zac Van Delft, Dylan Zuidema, Adam Atkins 1 each.

**BEST:** Rory Harrington, Tylah O'Connor Linke, Lucas McMillan, Glenn Gray, Jack Spencer, Brett McKnight.

**GOALS, Hill End:** Ryley Cumiskey, Joshua Hammond, Brendan Clark, Nathan McCarty 1 each.

**BEST:** Joshua Hammond, Nathan McCarty, Brendan Clark, Jarryd Harris, Richard Horton, Scott Dale.

## » MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

## » TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

	87		44
TARWIN	1.2 8.4 13.7 13.9 (87)	MDU	1.5 3.6 3.7 6.8 (44)

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Cooper McInnes 3, Nicholas Anderson 2, Dale Lawton 2, Matthew Williams 2, Jamie Cann, Jake Cochrane, Travis Kitchin, Taj Patterson 1 each.

**BEST:** Ben Ellen, Noah Bee-Hickman, Harrison Wright, Dale Lawton, Matthew Williams, Nicholas Anderson.

**GOALS, MDU:** Michael Smith 2, Jake Bromley, Thomas Corry, Wayne Stewart, Brendan Tomada 1 each.

**BEST:** Kieran Bohn, Samuel Wilson, Connor Krohn, Michael Smith, Wayne Stewart, Brendan Tomada

## RESERVES

Tarwin 3.0 5.3 8.5 15.6 (96)  
MDU 3.0 6.2 9.2 11.2 (68)

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Tom Williamson 4, Nick McRae, Daniel Windsor, Gabriel Brennan 2 each, Max Burton, Todd Lomax, Oliver Maclean, Dyle Robinson, Vaughan Van Dillen 1 each.

**BEST:** Tom Brosnan, Travis Cameron, Daniel Windsor, David Leggo, Tom Williamson, Kyle Robinson.

**GOALS, MDU:** Neil Mathieson 6, Jack Dunn 2, Ben Cantwell, Brenton Faltum, Rhys Livingston 1 each.

**BEST:** Harry Vanderzalm, Stuart Bright, Neil Mathieson, Max East, Matt Olden, Daniel Campbell.

## THIRDS

MDU 3.3 8.7 11.8 14.9 (93)  
Tarwin/Fish Ck 5.1 5.2 8.4 10.5 (65)

**GOALS, MDU:** Lucas Vanderzalm 4, Timothy Hibberson 3, Tylan Bell 2, Angus McInnes 2, Eddie Colwill, Angus McKenzie, Billy Trotman 1 each.

**BEST:** Tyson Harris, Tadhg Dennehy, Benjamin Hibberson, Rylan Bell, Eddie Colwill, Angus Kemper

**GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Ck:** Tige Brewer 3, Zak Bright 2 Thomas Vuillermin 2, Lane Bowman, Maximus Fenton, Joseph Rysko 1 each.

**BEST:** Archie Moore, Rory Standfield, Thomas Vuillermin, Zac McRae, Lane Bowman, Thomas Hughes.

## Hill End finds a way to win

WITH the sun shining down, it was shaping up to be a finals' defining match at the racecourse.

Both teams had to win to keep their chances alive, heading into the pointy end of the season.

Stony Creek was coming off a good run of wins keeping them alive in the hunt for finals, while Hill End wanted to keep in touch, after a disappointing performance at home against Fish Creek.

From the first bounce, both teams looked like they had a lot to prove, not just for themselves and their opponents, but also the rest of the league.

Hill End started better, coming away with an early lead due to some straight kicking from Aaron Fawcett. Hill End had burst out of the gate and were showing better movement and vision with the ball, looking like they were going to run ahead and look to put the Creek behind them.

However, Stony weren't going to roll over, and with some great defensive efforts from the likes of Jacob Byrnes and John Phillips, who held strong all day.

Like the proverbial bull at the gate, Hill End got out to another fast start, looking to keep the pressure on the Creek.

They started looking around the ground, finding some good link ups to put the squeeze on the Stony defence and mids.

However, they held strong, and some overuse of the pill caused breakdowns in front of goal, causing some wasted opportunities.

This culminated in yeoman, Nick Svenson slotting one at the other end to put the Creek only 4 points behind at the main change.

In a tale that had been written already, Hill End come out of the blocks hard, looking to capitalise on a good third quarter to easy away.

With the ball pinging back and forward, with turnovers aplenty from a lot of midfield pressure, the found the big sticks twice before the 10-minute mark.

However, it was turning out to be a bit of a shootout between these two teams, and it wasn't long before the Creek had responded with two of their own, to keep in touch and set up what was looking to be an all-important final term, with Hill End still holding a 4-point buffer.

It looked like it was going to come down to the wire in the last, with both teams kicking early goals to keep the crowd on their toes.

However, through the hard work by the Hill End midfield, including the reigning best and fairest winner, Ambu Uliando, the visitors started to pull away around the contest, culminating in an 11-point victory.

Stony Creek will be ruing their chances during the bye week, while Hill End will head back home to invite MDU up to Willow Grove to continue their march into finals.



Bayley Paul and Sam Marriott clash for possession.



The Lions were unable to prevail against a stronger Hill End side on Saturday. Photos: Gerard Bruning

## Beaten by the better side, says MDU

By Rob Popplestone

better than seven goals.

"Great day for footy...MDU were what we expected which was a real competitive edge with some top end talent," said Troy Hemming, Tarwin coach.

"Pete is a very respected coach and person, and his players play a good system.

"Our boys grinded away

and played some really sharp football especially in our second quarter.

"We have a few more players stepping up each week which is really exciting. I'm really enjoying watching the boys keep developing."

MDU coach Peter Harris admitted they were beaten by a better side.

"Had all the play in the first but we were unable to put

any scoreboard pressure on, then Tarwin got a run on in the middle two quarters," he said.

"Proud of the boys' effort to run the game out."

For MDU the season still has a bit to offer, the Demons still capable of impacting the shape of the final six, whilst for Tarwin the dream continues, as the Sharks continually improve.

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Luke Gervasi celebrated his 150th club game on Saturday. Photo: Annie Holland

# Another sore loss for Mirboo North Tigers

THE FOSTER Tigers comfortably defeated the Mirboo North Tigers by 58 points in Saturday's clash at the Foster Showgrounds between the proud 130-year-old clubs.

It was Foster's highest score and biggest win for the season that featured a combination of willpower, horsepower and firepower in contested ball situations and heavy tackling confrontations.

With four more matches remaining and its destiny in its own hands, Foster is fourth on the ladder, half a game clear of Hill End in the race to grand final day on Saturday, September 10.

However, following its eighth loss in 2022, Mirboo North will miss the MGFNL finals after competing in 17 consecutive campaigns

by Rover

since 2002 and collecting five senior premierships.

Prior to the match, Foster and Mirboo North's senior and reserves sides lined up to honor the memory of Peter Trease, following his passing in Townsville, Queensland earlier in the week.

Before his National Service duties in 1969 — that included 12 months on the front line in Vietnam — Peter was a reserves footballer for Mirboo North and later, a long serving committee man at Foster.

As the game unfolded, Mirboo North stayed in touch with Foster until quarter-time, but by the long break, it was 32 points in arrears.

Thereafter, no matter how hard Mirboo North fought the

good fight, or how much inexhaustible energy it used, it was unable to match Foster's free-flowing teamwork out of defence, through the midfield and into its scoring zone.

Leading the way to that end for the home side were Matthew Clark, Brendan Neville, Michael Howell and Owen Lemchens with fast and furious coordinated football.

In the final wash-up, six goals from power forward Michael Cooke, plus three apiece by Tom Bartholomew, Will Mattingley and Billy Flavelle, told the story of Foster's dominance inside its 50-metre scoring arc.

Hard runners, Hudson Kerr, Ben Campbell and skipper, Damien Turner, were strong performers for Mirboo North, whilst Liam Nash, with four majors and

some glorious high marking in the packs, was the visiting Tigers' only multiple goal kicker.

A highlight for Mirboo North occurred in the final quarter when 15-year-old first game sharpshooter, Max Woodall, marked cleanly in front of his opponent and tidily kicked his first goal in senior footy and his side's eighth major for the day.

As the ball flew through the middle of the big white sticks from Max's 33-metre set shot, his Mirboo North teammates rushed from every section of the oval to pat him on the back.

In a show of its unrelenting determination, Mirboo North kicked the final two goals for the match, culminating in a superb left-foot snap from Campbell.

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 13

» FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

» MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

**133**  **75** 

FOSTER

MIRBOO NORTH

Foster 4.2 11.3 16.6 21.7 (133)

Mirboo North 3.3 5.7 6.8 11.9 (75)

**GOALS**, Foster: Michael Cooke 6, Tom Bartholomew, Billy Flavelle, Will Mattingley 3 each, Todd Bastion, Jake Chasing, Michael Green, Trent Hamilton, Alex Kane, Brendan Neville 1 each.

**BEST**: Matthew Clark, Brendan Neville, Michael Cooke, Will Mattingley, Michael Howell, Oliver Lemchens.

**GOALS**, Mirboo North: Liam Nash 4, Joe Brooks, Jonathon Burge, Ben Campbell, Hudson Kerr, Max Woodall, Rhys Kratzat, Josh Taylor 1 each.

**BEST**: Hudson Kerr, Ben Campbell, Liam Nash, Damien Turner, Josh Taylor, Jacob Blair.

### RESERVES

Mirboo North 2.3 7.5 11.7 14.12 (96)

Foster 1.2 1.3 3.4 3.4 (22)

**GOALS**, Mirboo North: Patrick Aveling 5, Jake Brown, Luke Gervasi, Tyron Stevens 2 each, Jedd Felmingham, Jean Jikow, Jake Peters 1 each.

**BEST**: Izayah Terrick, Lachlan Dight, Luke Gervasi, Jedd Felmingham, Tyron Stevens, Patrick Aveling.

**GOALS**, Foster: Sam Payne 2, Eddie Smith 1.

**BEST**: Eddie Smith, Brad Coates, Ollie Cox, Jaxon Cripps, Dylan Edgar, Ben Smith.

### THIRDS

Mirboo North 4.0 8.5 11.11 13.12 (90)

Foster 2.3 2.5 4.6 8.8 (56)

**GOALS**, Mirboo North: Ethan Woodall 5, Blake Peters 3, Daniel Master 2, Beau Melbourne 2, Harrison Reville Gent 1.

**BEST**: William Lewis, Reid Melbourne, Sam Bradley, Jack Couper, Harrison Reville Gent, Jesse Chila.

**GOALS**, Foster: Zak Maynard-Barrett 5, Khy Davy 2, Will Roffey 1.

**BEST**: Zak Maynard-Barrett, Zayne Lewis, Toby House, Jedd Davy, Khy Davy, Toby Delaney.

» TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

**80**  **49** 

TOORA

THORPDALE

Toora 4.1 5.3 9.6 12.8 (80)

Thorpdale 2.4 3.5 5.10 6.13 (49)

**GOALS**, Toora: James Maurilli-Pullin 4, Josh Griffin 3, James Symons 2, Linden Dyson, Jake McFarland, Callan Walker 1 each.

**BEST**: Kristian Harper, Peter Grant, Jake McFarland, Josh Griffin, James Maurilli-Pullin, James Symons.

**GOALS**, Thorpdale: Mitchell Gorman 2, Shannon Pickering 2, Michael Chapman, Jason Winderlich 1 each.

**BEST**: Shannon Pickering, Joel Monger, Matt Richardson, Daniel Powell, James Durkin, Mitchell Gorman.

### RESERVES

Toora 5.4 11.10 20.16 25.19 (169)

Thorpdale 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

**GOALS**, Toora: Mark Glowrey 5, Zac Clavarino 4, Casey Ferguson 4, Luke Grylls 3, Aron Rhodes 2, Jarron Vening 2, Luke Anedda, Leigh de Boer, Ben East, Jake Mabilia, Michael Roberts 1 each.

**BEST**: Marc Stone, Casey Ferguson, Ben East, Zac Clavarino, Luke Anedda, Jackson Moore.

**GOALS**, Thorpdale: Benjamin Sheppard, Dan Hammond, Andrew Irwin, Cory Hender, Daryle Brennan, Ben Thorneycroft.

## THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 16

» MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 14

Boolarra v Thorpdale

Hill End v MDU

Tarwin v Newborough

Toora v Fish Creek

Yinnar v Mirboo North

Foster, Morwell East and Stony Creek - BYES

### » IN OTHER GAMES

#### SENIORS

Boolarra 8.12.60 d Morwell East 6.5.41

Newborough 8.9.57 d Yinnar 8.7.55

#### RESERVES

Boolarra 5.10.40 d Morwell East 2.5.17

Newborough 7.7.49 d Yinnar 5.7.37

#### THIRDS

Yinnar 15.15.105 d Hill End 4.2.26

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 13

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Tarwin	11	1	199.30	48	Newborough	12	0	387.41	52	Mirboo North	13	0	300.23	52
Newborough	9	3	159.97	40	Toora	11	1	350.84	48	MDU	9	4	154.57	36
Boolarra	8	3	122.43	38	Tarwin	10	2	220.54	44	Yinnar	7	6	163.44	28
Foster	8	4	140.21	36	Yinnar	9	3	351.44	40	Foster	7	6	111.24	28
Hill End	7	4	116.91	34	MDU	7	5	131.82	32	Hill End	2	10	31.48	8
Yinnar	7	5	176.74	32	Stony Creek	7	5	109.70	32	Tarwin/Fish Creek	1	12	26.69	4
Morwell East	7	5	126.55	32	Boolarra	6	6	103.64	28	Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Stony Creek	6	6	95.68	28	Morwell East	5	7	113.10	24	Newborough	0	0	0.00	0
Fish Creek	4	8	83.58	20	Hill End	4	8	51.58	20	Toora	0	0	0.00	0
MDU	4	8	76.58	20	Fish Creek	3	8	41.18	16	Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Mirboo North	4	8	69.48	20	Mirboo North	2	10	44.11	12	Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	1	11	46.50	8	Thorpdale	2	10	28.05	12	Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	1	11	38.21	8	Foster	0	12	13.48	4					

# Cobras' sting no match for Bulldogs' bite



The Bulldogs secured a solid win over Cobra rivals on Saturday.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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» PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

 **102**  **43**

PHILLIP ISLAND CORA LYNN

Phillip Island 3.10 7.14 10.16 14.18 (102)  
Cora Lynn 1.1 5.4 6.5 6.7 (43)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Cameron Brown 3,  
Jack Taylor 3, Jesse Patullo 2, Jordy Patullo,  
Max Blake, Harry O'Brien, Billy Taylor,  
Zak Vernon 1 each.

**BEST:** Paul Fermanis, Matthew Lello,  
Kodie Walker, Zach Walker, Daniel Brown,  
Troy Brown.

**GOALS, Cora Lynn:** Nathan Gardiner 2, Cory  
Machaya 2, Luke Ryan, Brent Urwin 1 each.

**BEST:** Luke Ryan, William Thomas,  
Nathan Gardiner, Robert Hill, Cory Machaya,  
Lachlyn Peluso.

**RESERVES**

Phillip Island 0.4 1.6 4.8 5.11 (41)  
Cora Lynn 1.0 1.3 2.4 4.8 (32)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Liam Dayson 2, Levi  
Robinson 2, James Nicolaci 1.

**BEST:** Tarquin McMillan, Liam Dayson,  
Jack Opitz, Will Taylor-Eagles, Matthew Jones,  
Hayden Smith.

**GOALS, Cora Lynn:** Matthew Ferguson, Liam  
Taylor, Nathan Villella, Max Wolbers 1 each.

**BEST:** Sean Wilson, Tory Drew, Darcy Robinson,  
Dylan Ross, Nathan Villella, Max Wolbers.

**THIRDS**

Phillip Island 1.0 3.2 3.3 4.7 (31)  
Cora Lynn 1.2 1.4 1.5 2.7 (19)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Dylan Susic 2,  
Brodie Gude, Tyce Kleverkamp 1 each.

**BEST:** Brady Ross, Brodie Gude,  
Tyce Kleverkamp, Tully Dickie, Jack Johnston,  
Brayden Kleverkamp.

**GOALS, Cora Lynn:** Toby Goswell,  
Max McDermott 1 each.

**BEST:** Caelan Addis, Benjamin Baird,  
Oliver Sail, Ashton Hermanus, Bailey Brougham,  
Ryder Milne.



Phillip Island's Jordan Patullo takes a magnificent mark. Photos: Carol Ratcliff

AFTER the surprise announcement from coach Beau Vernon that this will be his final year of senior coaching at the Bulldogs, the seniors went into this game determined to ensure Beau's final weeks were something to be treasured.

And against the arch-rivals Cora Lynn, the game offered a mouth-watering challenge against a team with seven wins in a row.

A sizzling start from the Bulldogs, looking stronger and more tuned in than at any time through the year, saw them hold sway.

A little like the week before, the return from the sizzling start wasn't what was hoped with 13 scoring shots yielding only three goals in the first.

Aside from the second where the Cobras matched the bulldogs resulting in a 22-point deficit at the half time break, the first was to set the scene for the rest of the game, with the Bulldogs dominating all aspects of play.

With the backline - being led by the ever-green Damien Holmes - repelling the Cobras advances, and the Patillo-2 up to their dashing best, the Bulldogs were able to take charge through the back and mid-field.

Captain Youle led the way in the middle, being feed from the ruck contents by that man Pederson.

Billy Taylor took charge wherever he was positioned, Brendan Kimber was back to his best and Jack (Bison) Taylor and Max Blake causing havoc in the forward line.

A strong supporting contingent with Cam Brown's scintillating forward play, Orlando (Noosh) Kane-Gillard and Kai Mackenzie returning to close to their best, the Bulldogs looked good all over the ground.

The Cobras certainly didn't give up.

Led by Luke Ryan, Nathan Gardiner, and Cory Machaya in particular, the boys from Cora Lynn kept the pressure on the Bulldogs.

Unfortunately for them, they lacked the ability to slice through the strong Bulldog mids and defence, almost certainly finding the conditions not to their liking.

The second half saw more return from forward forays for the Bulldogs, with a 7-4 to 1-3 return.

The final margin of 59 points was certainly an accurate reflection of the return to form from the Bulldogs, and an exciting prelude to the final weeks of coach Vernon's reign at the kennel.

## Dates set for 2026 Commonwealth Games

THE Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games dates are locked in and a process is open for additional sports to be added to the program.

The Commonwealth Games will be held between March 17-29, 2026, beginning with the Opening Ceremony at the Melbourne Cricket Ground where athletes and visitors from around Australia and the world will gather to celebrate the start of the Games.

The Opening Ceremony will be followed by 12 days of competition between the Commonwealth's best athletes across regional Victoria.

An expressions of interest process for additional sports to be included in the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games has commenced, and will involve submissions from international sporting federations with support from recognised or affiliated Australian organisations.

The period for consideration will close on August 19.

Victoria 2026 will introduce a multi-city model to four regional hubs in Gippsland, Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat.

Each of those hubs will have its own athletes' village and host a range of sports.

International Federations wanting to express an interest in participating in Victoria 2026 should contact Victoria2026Sports@sport.vic.gov.au

# Demons outplay determined Magpies

DALYSTON bled young Max Connell and welcomed Koo Wee Rup down the highway to overcast conditions each looking to pick up a post-bye win.

The visitors didn't waste much time getting into their work, as Luke McMaster found livewire small forward Jason Wells for the first goal of the contest within one minute.

Not long after, McMaster would get on the board himself, following a nice grab, before Wells slotted his second and the Dees' third in a row to open proceedings.

The hosts finally got on the board thanks to young gun Brad Monson, who was on the end of a nice centring ball off the boot of Blake Carew.

The 'Pies then made it two in a row as Hayden Wallis used his burst and skills to find Mason Storr on the goal line.

But it was McMaster joining Wells with two first quarter majors' moments later, Dalyston fought hard to end the term, denying the visitors' forward thrusts for the final ten minutes.

Clay Tait was miraculously back amongst it, after an early heavy hit, directing play in the back half for the Mag-



Koo Wee Rup's Nathan Muratore fights hard to maintain the lead in the second quarter against Dalyston's Curtis Murfett. Z39\_2822

pies, with Louis Armstrong and Lachy Ireland, the Demons led by 17-points at the first break.

Koo Wee Rup started the second term as they had the first, with a goal to star midfielder Matt Voss in the first minute.

The Demons began to look much more potent with the Voss brothers, Nathan and Matt creating plenty of shots alongside Mitch Cammarano, the Pies' pressure acts causing them to miss, keeping them in the contest.

Finally, Nick Prowd was able to burst out and mark on the lead and kick truly to extend the Dees' lead to five goals, a lead they carried into the main break.

The hosts were the ones to start the third quarter hot, as debutant Max Connell found Wallis on the lead, allowing him to go back and boot through a major, before Curtis Murfett made it two in a row.

Daly' lifted their effort and matched the visitors around the contest, although couldn't make it count on the scoreboard,

a late goal to Wells extended the Demon lead to 39-points at three quarter time.

The fourth began with a Jack Paravicini goal, after a nice delivery from Wallis, who took a shot himself soon after that barrelled into the post, the Demons then went through the middle and McMaster made him pay.

The visitors then really tuned up their spread, stretching the Dalyston side as they worked it out of defence, Nathan Muratore and James Lucas the beneficiaries with goals.

To make matters worse for the Magpies, Jack Legione suffered a clash of heads and was helped from the field, leaving them a soldier down to finish the match.

Wells' fifth the icing on the cake for the Demons, who claimed victory by 56-points, they'll look to make it two in a row next week in Garfield.

As for Dalyston, another decent effort despite the result, they'll be tested again next week when they travel to Western Park to take on the Dusties.



Dalyston's Curtis Murfett continued to be a major contributor for his team all game. Z40\_2822

## Positives for Panthers despite loss

DESPITE being beaten by 74 points, Kilcunda Bass showed encouraging signs against the high-flying and undefeated Tooradin Dalmore outfit.

"I stated to my boys after the game it was our most pleasing effort for the year and that we were matching it with the best in the competition," Panthers coach Lee Rowe said.

Kilcunda Bass was particularly competitive for much of the second term before the Seagulls broke away late to set up a 26-point halftime lead.

The Panthers' hopes of eating into that deficit were dealt a couple of blows early in the third quarter, with winger and midfielder Kye Benson and halfback Jack Soroczynski suffering hamstring injuries in the opening five minutes of the stanza.

However, overall their coach saw positives in the match.

"We think we can challenge sides now," Rowe said.

As well as the injury setbacks during the game, the Panthers had a couple of COVID-enforced absences along with a skipper sidelined by injury.

Rowe was philosophical about the COVID situation saying, "That's the climate we live in at the moment."

He paid tribute to the Seagulls, acknowledging there is a bit of a gap to the rest of the competition at the moment.

Julian Suarez topped Tooradin Dalmore's goalkicking list with five majors, one ahead of teammate and best-on-ground Brady Egan.

"All their forwards are beneficiaries of their midfielders' delivery," Rowe said.

With multiple strong forward targets, Seagulls midfielders are adept at putting the ball into space and finding teammates on the lead.

"They're low spearing kicks and it's really hard to stop," Rowe said of Tooradin Dalmore's classy delivery.

However, with the continued excellent ruckwork of Dale Gawley, a couple of Panther midfielders also impressed.

Nathan Foote was a standout whether with ball in hand or applying pressure to opponents.

"He's our key midfielder, always in and under and both sides of his game

are really good," Rowe said, referring to Foote's ability to balance attack and defence and tackle strongly when the opposition has the footy.

With other teams alert to Foote's potency, the midfield powerhouse is becoming increasingly proficient at dealing with extensive attention.

Christopher McKay managed to take the field for the Panthers, before a dash to Docklands for his work responsibilities with St Kilda Football Club and was another solid contributor in the midfield.

After a few weeks out with a groin issue, Ben Eddy returned to the Kilcunda Bass side, this time rolling off halfback rather than performing his customary midfield duties, playing well but tiring in the heavy conditions after his recent lack of onfield action.

While there was little rain during the match, previous deluges ensured it wasn't easy going, but both sides coped admirably and displayed good skills.

Kilcunda Bass now sets itself for an away clash with Cora Lynn, a side a couple of wins ahead of it.

### WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIORS						RESERVES						THIRDS						FOURTHS						ROUND 13					
W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts av	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts						
Tooradin-Dal	13	0	321.73	52	Tooradin-Dal	13	0	1017.83	52	Tooradin-Dal	10	1	548.39	3.64	Inverloch-K	12	0	633.53	4.00	Phillip Island	10	1	411.73	3.64					
Phillip Island	11	2	204.60	44	Phillip Island	11	2	270.80	44	Nar Nar Goon	11	2	204.78	44	Garfield	8	2	323.79	3.20	Warragul Ind	9	3	303.47	3.00					
Inverloch-K	11	2	188.63	44	Bunyip	8	5	194.55	32	Koo Wee Rup	8	5	180.20	32	Tooradin-Dal	8	2	282.31	3.20	Cora Lynn	7	3	163.75	2.91					
Nar Nar Goon	10	3	177.08	40	Bunyip	8	5	194.55	32	Koo Wee Rup	8	5	180.20	32	Phillip Island	7	3	140.17	2.80	Phillip Island	7	3	140.17	2.80					
Warragul Ind.	8	5	131.60	32	Cora Lynn	8	5	164.61	32	Cora Lynn	8	5	164.61	32	Nar Nar Goon	4	7	78.32	1.46	Nar Nar Goon	4	7	78.32	1.46					
Cora Lynn	7	6	116.55	28	Cora Lynn	8	5	164.61	32	Cora Lynn	8	5	164.61	32	Inverloch-K	10	1	548.39	3.64	Kor-Bena	7	5	167.83	2.33					
Bunyip	5	8	99.33	20	Inverloch-K	7	6	122.20	28	Warragul Ind	9	3	323.79	3.20	Tooradin-Dal	8	2	282.31	3.20	Kor-Bena	7	5	100.00	2.33					
Koo Wee Rup	5	8	77.80	20	Warragul Ind.	4	9	62.55	16	Koo Wee Rup	3	8	83.31	1.09	Phillip Island	7	3	163.75	2.91	Phillip Island	7	3	163.75	2.91					
Kilcunda-Bass	5	8	61.12	20	Dalyston	4	9	57.11	16	Bunyip	3	8	47.18	1.09	Cora Lynn	2	8	40.06	0.73	Dalyston	0	9	7.93	0.00	Dalyston	0	9	7.93	0.00
Dalyston	2	11	45.66	8	Garfield	2	11	54.58	8	Bunyip	3	8	40.06	0.73	Kor-Bena	2	8	40.06	0.73	Kor-Bena	2	8	40.06	0.73	Kor-Bena	1	11	12.52	4
Kor-Bena	1	12	34.26	4	Garfield	0	13	34.74	0	Kilcunda-Bass	1	12	15.20	4	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	1	11	12.52	4
Garfield	0	13	34.74	0	Kor-Bena	1	11	12.52	4	Kilcunda-Bass	1	11	12.52	4	Warragul Ind.	0	0	0.00	0.00	Warragul Ind.	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

### WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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#### » DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

 **95**  **39**

**KOO WEE RUP** **DALYSTON**

Koo-Wee-Rup 4.5 6.8 10.10 14.11 (95)  
Dalyston 2.0 2.0 5.1 6.3 (39)

**GOALS, Koo-Wee-Rup:** Jason Wells 5, Luke McMaster 3, Nick Prowd 2, Matthew Voss 2, James Lucas, Nathan Muratore 1 each.

**BEST:** Nathan Voss, Luke McMaster, Ethan McDonald, Travis Bindley, Jason Wells, Cosi Anagnostou.

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Blake Carew, Brad Monson, Curtis Murfett, Jack Paravicini, Mason Storr, Hayden Wallis 1 each.

**BEST:** Clay Tait, Curtis Murfett, Louis Armstrong, Lachy Ireland, Jack Paravicini, Matthew Howell.

#### RESERVES

**Koo-Wee-Rup** **5.2** **11.3** **14.7** **17.11 (113)**  
**Dalyston** **1.1** **1.3** **2.4** **4.4 (28)**

**GOALS, Koo-Wee-Rup:** Benjamin Miller 5, Archie Whitta 3, John Ramos 2, Riley Battams, Matt Bolleman, Marcus Clavant, Samuel Cox, Mitch Molloy, Kalin Parker, Jason Stokkel 1 each.

**BEST:** Jesse Cammarano, Benjamin Miller, Archie Whitta, John Ramos, Kalin Parker, Marcus Clavant.

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Dean Wylie 2, Adam Banks, Andrew Magro 1 each.

**BEST:** Luke Gheller, Ryan Birkett, Dean Wylie, Alexander Geyer, Jack Sheerin, Moomen Amin.

#### THIRDS

**Koo-Wee-Rup** **5.2** **11.3** **14.7** **17.11 (113)**  
**Dalyston** **0.1** **0.2** **0.2** **0.2 (2)**

**GOALS, Koo-Wee-Rup:** Seth O'Hearn 7, Tyler Evans 4, Tyson Twite 4, Lachlan Bonner 3, Joshua Farr, Charlie Hobson, Corey Lucas, James Voss 1 each.

**BEST:** Seth O'Hearn, Lachlan Bonner, Tyler Evans, Tyson Twite, Cooper Webb, Max Allen.

**BEST Dalyston:** Noah Martin, Beau Hull, Chase Krause, Leit Bellaart, Jaxon Foon, Ryda Kay-Darts.

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» KORUMBURRA-BENA FOOTBALL CLUB

**95**  **53**

INVERLOCH-K

KORUMBURRA-BENA

Inverloch-K 4.3 5.5 6.9 14.11 (95)  
Kor-Bena 1.1 4.2 5.5 8.5 (53)**GOALS**, Inverloch-K: Tristan Van Driel 4, Toby Mahoney 3, Oscar Toussaint 2, Thomas Wyatt 2, William Turner, Michael Eales, Lachlan Scott 1 each.**BEST**: Lachlan Scott, Corey Casey, Lachlan Johnson, Lewis Rankin, Todd Mackie, Jarvis Pryor.**GOALS**, Kor-Bena: Paul Fermanis 4, Joel Cuman, Darcy Hargrave, Bailey Nation, Joshua Westerman 1 each.**BEST**: Paul Fermanis, Matthew Lello, Kodie Walker, Zach Walker, Daniel Brown, Troy Brown.**RESERVES**

Inverloch-K 5.1 10.4 14.9 15.13 (103)

Kor-Bena 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 (6)

**GOALS**, Inverloch-K: Dylan Taylor 5, Stuart Kilsby 3, Patrick Jobling 3, Campbell Scott, Callan O'Flynn, Jacob Strickland, Jordan Tomas 1 each.**BEST**: Tyler Leonard, Jacob Strickland, Stuart Kilsby, Jordan Tomas, Dylan Taylor, Andre Toussaint.**GOALS**, Kor-Bena: Colin Terry 1.**BEST**: Jed Harris, Aussie Gardiner, Kyes Waetford Morrison, Luke Walker, Hamish Boys.**THIRDS**

Inverloch-K 4.2 7.5 10.8 14.12 (96)

Kor-Bena 1.0 2.3 4.4 5.4 (29)

**GOALS**, Inverloch-K: Sasha Allen 4, Jak Spinks 3, Callan O'Flynn 2, Saher Biggs, Taite Cumming, Jordan Bertacco, Archie Cornell, Jed Rosenow 1 each.**BEST**: Taite Cumming, Callan O'Flynn, Jack Duff, Archie O'Neill, Ashton Hewitson, Jak Spinks.**GOALS**, Kor-Bena: Ben Fort 3, Finn Donohue, Max Donohue 1 each.**BEST**: Mitchell Croatto, Tyler Roberts, Luke Walker, Charlie Carew.**FOURTHS**

Inverloch-K 4.2 5.2 5.2 8.5 (53)

Kor-Bena 0.1 3.2 4.5 5.6 (36)

**GOALS**, Inverloch-K: Jett Gammie 3, Jobe Scapin 3, Jordan Bertacco 1.**BEST**: Archie Terlich, Jordan Bertacco, Zak Box, Willem Duursma, Jobe Scapin, Lucas Allen.**GOALS**, Kor-Bena: Ben Fort 3, Mitchell Croatto, Lachlan Wilson 1 each.**BEST**: Max Donohue, Finn Donohue, Tommy Burgess, Raph Jefferis, Ben Fort, Tanner Walker.

» IN OTHER GAMES

**SENIORS**

Nar Nar Goon 11.16.82 d Bunyip 4.5.29

Warragul Ind. 13.18.96 d Garfield 5.4.34

**RESERVES**

Nar Nar Goon 10.6.66 d Bunyip 10.4.64

Warragul Ind. 8.8.56 d Garfield 7.7.49

**THIRDS**

Bunyip 4.5.29 d Nar Nar Goon 2.12.24

**FOURTHS**

Bunyip 7.8.50 d Nar Nar Goon 6.3.39

Warragul Ind. 6.15.51 d Garfield 2.5.17

**THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW**

SATURDAY, JULY 16

» GIPPSLAND ROUND 14

Drouin v Sale  
Leongatha v Morwell  
Maffra v Wonthaggi  
Moe v Bairnsdale  
Traralgon v Warragul

» WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 14

Cora Lynn v Kilcunda-Bass  
Garfield v Koo Wee Rup  
Inverloch-Kongwak v Tooradin-Dalmore  
Korumbura-Bena v Bunyip  
Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon  
Warragul Industrials v Dalyston**WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION**

Nar Nar Goon 11.16.82 d Bunyip 4.5.29

Koo Wee Rup 14.11.95 d Dalyston 6.3.39

Warragul Ind. 13.18.96 d Garfield 5.4.34

Inverloch-Kongwak 14.11.95 d Korumbura-Bena 8.5.53

Phillip Island 14.18.102 d Cora Lynn 6.7.43

Tooradin-Dalmore 15.16.106 d Kilcunda Bass 4.8.32

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Barry Withers gets the handpass off to Lewis Rankin. B11\_2822



Korumbura Bena's Joel Cuman with a huge smother off the boot of Todd Mackie. B12\_2822

## Sea Eagles survive a Giant scare

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK welcomed back some troops and looked to kick start their run to finals action when they hosted Korumbura-Bena.

And the hosts came out firing, finding their star full forward Tristan Van Driel to draw first blood in the match within minutes of the opening siren.

However, desperate to avoid another embarrassing defeat and sporting some crucial ins in themselves, the Giants hit back hard, pressing well and booting their first in reply.

IK then found a groove and their gun midfielder Oscar Toussaint slotted his first major.

The ball then went back and forth between the scoring arcs for several minutes until Michael Eales broke through with a goal, much to the delight of his teammates.

Van Driel's second led the Sea Eagles into the first break with a 20-point buf-

fer, as tensions flared, and players were pulled from a scuffle in the middle.

The visitors started the second term perfectly, swiftly moving the ball down to their big forward Paul Fermanis who converted for his first and celebrated hard.

IK continued to press and place immense forward pressure on the underdog Giants, eventually leading to an opportunistic Thomas Wyatt major on the goal line.

The hosts lead whittled down to 9-points at the half.

The third quarter began with both sides pressing hard, and the pressure gauge lifted a few notches, drying up scoring early until Toby Mahoney broke through with his first of the day.

The Giants were good enough to apply though thanks to a clever crumbing goal off the boot of Bailey Nation.

At the final break, Inverloch Kongwak still led by 10-points.

The final term started with more hot footy and IK surged forward and found Van Driel for his third.

However, as they had for much of the day the visitors replied quickly, as some

rare ill-discipline from IK resulted in another goal to the men in orange.

The Sea Eagles were forward press was again set up brilliantly, holding the Giants from breaking out of their defence, despite multiple misses in front of goal.

The Sea Eagles finally broke from defence and pulled off one of their classic link up plays, ending in a major to Will Turner, before his captain slotted his second.

The hosts slamming on seven unanswered goals to start the fourth, as the young Giants started to run out of puff, with a bench once again full of injured soldiers.

They were able to reply with a goal, but Van Driel answered straight back with his fourth, a classy goal out of the ruck.

An unlucky end for the Giants, who were simply magnificent for the first three quarters, putting on some of the toughest pressure the Sea Eagles have seen all year.

They will take this momentum into next week and look for their second win on the year when they host Bunyip.

As for IK, they look to be the first defeat Tooradin-Dalmore, when the Seagulls come down the highway.



Oscar Toussaint had another great game, kicking two goals and gathering plenty of possessions. B15\_2822



Josh Williams gets the quick hands away under pressure. B13\_2822

# Wonthaggi Power celebrate Harley's milestone in style

WONTHAGGI got off to a flying start against Drouin and never looked back, winning each quarter resoundingly on its way to a 102-point win.

However, Power coach Jarryd Blair felt the Hawks were more competitive than the scoreboard suggested.

"It was a decent hit out and around the contest they were pretty good, but they broke down a little bit going forward and we were able to set up reasonably well defensively," he said.

Blair was pleased with Wonthaggi's ability to lock the ball in its forward line and create scoring opportunities.

Power's victory made for a fitting celebration of Troy Harley's 150th senior game, with the man of the moment honoured with a pre-match banner, and going on to boot three goals.

Flynn Anderson was one of the reasons Drouin's forward forays reaped minimal rewards, performing strongly across the halfback line and earning recognition as Wonthaggi's best player for the day.

"He defends really well for us and gets involved with ball movement from there, and he backs his decisions in reading the play, then uses the ball well coming back the other way," Blair said.

Crafty half forward Andrew Murray had a day out for the Power with four goals.

"He works hard up the ground for us and uses the ball well going back inside 50, and he takes his time to find the right option," Blair said.

Jack Hutchinson covered plenty of ground as he always does, matching Murray's four-goal output.

"He's a talented young player and his work rate matches his talent," Blair said of the 21-year-old.

Joshua Bates worked hard, playing one of his better games for the year on the wing. He had a positive impact



A ruck contest between Wonthaggi's Toma Huther and Drouin's Tom Johnson ends in a clearance with a behind for Wonthaggi. Z33\_2822

both offensively and defensively.

Toma Huther continued his stellar season for Wonthaggi, creating opportunities for teammates with his ruck-work and getting involved in the action around the ground.

"He's in pretty good form, jumping well and following up at ground level," Blair said.

Dan Clebney and Charlie Wans were best for the Hawks, with midfielder Clebney catching the eye of the opposition coach.

"He won the contested ball when he needed to," Blair said of the tough player who is also adept on a wing.

Power's Jordan Staley is on the road to recovery, having undergone surgery after suffering a broken nose, collarbone and hand during the round 12 match against Leongatha.



Wonthaggi Power celebrated Troy Harley's 150th senior game on Saturday against Drouin, celebrating his commitment to the club since 2008. Z31\_2822

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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### » WONTAGGI POWER FOOTBALL CLUB

**129**  **16**

WONTAGGI



**DROUIN**

Wonthaggi 5.6 9.8 13.13 17.16 (118)

Drouin 0.0 1.0 1.3 2.4 (16)

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Jack Hutchinson 4, Andrew Murray 4, Troy Harley 3, Harry Dawson 2, Jaxon Williams 2, Noah Anderson, Tom Davey 1 each.

**BEST:** Flynn Anderson, Andrew Murray, Joshua Bates, Aiden Lindsay, Kyle Reid, Toma Huther.

**GOALS, Drouin:** Tom Johnstone, Rhys Salter 1 each.

**BEST:** Jack Fraser, Charlie Wans, Tom Barr, Callum Tyler, Ryan Taylor, Timothy Hancock.

### RESERVES

Wonthaggi 6.5 10.9 14.12 20.15 (135)

Drouin 0.0 1.1 1.1 1.1 (7)

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Private Player 10, Darcy Brosnan 5, Zachary Storry 2, Mitchell Davey, Ry Ennoss, Ben Wingfield 1 each.

**BEST:** Jye Gilmour, Lachie Jones, Jack Steinfort, Darcy Brosnan, Mathew Ware.

**GOALS, Drouin:** Ross Stapleton 1.

**BEST:** Aaron Marsh, Jake Simpson, Mitchell Diston, Harrison McConnell, Regan Hodge.

### THIRDS

Drouin 4.2 7.4 12.5 15.7 (97)

Wonthaggi 1.1 1.3 1.3 5.4 (34)

**BEST, Drouin:** Aaron Mitchell, Thomas Young, Benjamin Brasier, Thomas Wans.

**BEST Wonthaggi:** Hunter Tiziani, Ollie Dawson, Reeve Moresco, Ethan Dickison, Kyle Yann, Nathan Gundrill.

### » LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

**137**  **50**

LEONGATHA



**BAIRNSDALE**

Leongatha 8.7 11.12 15.19 19.23 (137)

Bairnsdale 1.1 4.2 4.2 8.2 (50)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Cameron Olden 5, Tallin Brill 4, Jack Ginnane, Aaron Heppell, Tom Marriott, Aaron Turton 2 each, Aaron Hillberg, Cameron Stone 1 each.

**BEST:** Cameron Stone, Aaron Heppell, Tom Marriott, Cameron Olden, Aaron Turton, Luther Juric.

**GOALS, Bairnsdale:** John Gooch 3, Oscar Clarke, Nathan Dennison, Liam Gove, Thomas Hudson, Brayden McCarrey 1 each.

**BEST:** Josh Wykes, Logan Austin, John Gooch, Brayden McCarrey, Simon Deery, Samuel Park.

### RESERVES

Leongatha 5.4 9.9 15.10 20.14 (134)

Bairnsdale 0.1 0.3 1.4 2.4 (16)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Nick Nagel 5, Tom Crocker 4, Flynn Materia 3, Dylan Garnham 2, Jake Mackie, Reegan Kemp, Kyle Materia 1 each.

**BEST:** Levi Hickey, Dylan Garnham, Lachie Wright, Tom Crocker, Ricky O'Loughlin, Nick Nagel.

**GOALS, Bairnsdale:** James Dore, Lucas Lakay 1 each.

**BEST:** Daniel Kurrel, Lucas Lakay, Tyran Rees, Paul Bills, Casey McGarigle, James Dore.

### THIRDS

Bairnsdale 1.2 6.3 7.7 10.10 (70)

Leongatha 2.1 2.4 4.5 7.5 (47)

**BEST, Bairnsdale:** Tate Clay, Oscar Pike, Harry Wilmot, Aiden Williams, Jake Anderson, James Dore.

**BEST, Leongatha:** Luke Marshman, Beau Graham Andrews, Trent McRae, Cooper Rickard, Jett Clark, Sebastian Borg.

### FOURTHS

Leongatha 3.8 6.13 6.18 8.23 (71)

Bairnsdale 0.0 1.2 3.3 5.7 (37)

**BEST, Leongatha:** Zavier Lamers, Aydan Williams, Eli Pitts, Will Brown, Hamish Gill, Campbell Reid

**BEST, Bairnsdale:** Oscar Dullard, Nick Mooney, Kael Frith, Lachlan Cloak, Xavier Bromage, Samuel O'Kelly.

### » IN OTHER GAMES

#### SENIORS

Sale 16.14.110 d Maffra 10.6.66

Traralgon 15.9.99 d Moe 8.13.61

Warragul 10.8.68 d Morwell 20.9.129

#### RESERVES

Maffra 9.10.64 d Sale 6.3.39

Traralgon 12.9.81 d Moe 6.5.41

Morwell 6.11.47 d Warragul 6.7.43

#### THIRDS

Maffra 14.13.75 d Sale 4.2.26

Moe 11.9.75 d Traralgon 6.13.49

Warragul 8.12.60 d Morwell 6.7.43

#### FOURTHS

Maffra 9.9.63 d Sale 3.6.24

Traralgon 28.6.174 d Moe 2.2.14

Warragul 23.14.152 d Morwell 0.3.3

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	13	0	244.54	52	Leongatha	12	1	529.72	48	Maffra	12	1	183.06	48	Traralgon	12	0	617.51	48
Wonthaggi	8	4	139.90	34	Wonthaggi	12	1	309.39	48	Bairnsdale	9	4	134.75	36	Maffra	10	2	214.47	40
Traralgon	8	5	143.51	32	Maffra	11	2	481.89	44	Warragul	8	4	193.84	32	Warragul	9	2	250.97	36
Sale	8	5	121.88	32	Morwell	6	6	88.67	26	Traralgon	8	5	147.00	32	Bairnsdale	5	6	100.64	22
Morwell	8	5	96.91	32	Sale	6	7	85.10	24	Moe	8	5	82.71	32	Leongatha	5	6	71.41	20
Maffra	7	6	128.07	28	Bairnsdale	5	7	58.16	20	Drouin	7	6	110.41	28	Moe	4	8	64.18	16
Moe	6	7	87.03	24	Moe	5	8	51.20	20	Morwell	4	9	79.90	16	Drouin	4	7	55.12	16
Warragul	3	9	61.19	14	Warragul	3	9	51.10	14	Leongatha	4	9	65.49	16	Sale	2	8	60.77	10
Bairnsdale	2	11	58.92	8	Traralgon	3	10	64.26	12	Wonthaggi	3	10	58.05	12	Morwell	0	12	17.21	0
Drouin	1	12	47.99	4	Drouin	1	11	19.51	4	Sale	2	11	62.68	8	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0

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After eight years coaching football locally, at Leongatha and Phillip Island, Beau Vernon will be moving on to something else in 2023. Photo by Carol Ratcliff.

## Island's champion considers his future

ARGUABLY, Beau Vernon will finish his term as coach of the Phillip Island Football Netball Club this year as the club's greatest coach of all time, certainly one of them.

Appointed at the end of the 2017 season, after taking Leongatha to a drought-breaking first premiership in 16 years, by a heart-stopping one point over the club's arch nemesis Maffra, Vernon put together a dream team in 2018 at Phillip Island that swept the competition.

They finished the year defeating Koo Wee Rup by a record 99 points in the grand final, allowing the hapless Redlegs just three points on the day, while kicking 14.18.102.

But it was the homecoming for Vernon that everyone in football wanted to see.

It was harder the next year, in 2019 against Cora-Lynn, but Phillip Island still finished

the year as the best team, winning the grand final by four points 9.11.65 to Cora-Lynn's 9.7.61.

Phillip Island Football Netball Club President Chris Ross allows himself the indulgence, when talking about Beau's impact on the club since returning to where it all began, that he could have won three, even four premierships on the trot.

It's a reasonable argument.

Phillip Island was still the benchmark team when the 2020 season was cancelled, at the height of the Coronavirus outbreak, and they were still on top of the ladder, in 2021, when the season had to be abandoned, agonizingly close to the start of the finals, early in September that year.

Could they have won four? They'd certainly have been in the fight.

Phillip Island was named 'minor premiers' last year, a title that should not be dismissed for all the effort and preparation that goes into getting a senior team to finish the home and away season on top.

But they weren't on their own.

Hill End in the Mid Gippsland FNL finished top in 2021 and looked set to breakthrough for their first flag in more than 40 years after being runners-up in 2019.

The Woodside Wildcats were another team robbed of the chance in 2021 and there were dozens of other hard-luck stories all over country Victoria.

But four premierships in four years, that would have taken some beating, according to Chris Ross, who places a lot of the credit at the feet of Beau Vernon.

"What he has done for this club is just

incredible, and I'm not just talking about winning, in fact, I'm specifically not talking about winning. It's all the other things as well."

Ross was speaking briefly about what Beau Vernon has achieved at the club in the wake of a low-key announcement during the week, that he would not be continuing on as senior coach next year.

"Look, I don't mind people knowing about it," said Beau in a text message during the week.

"But I won't be saying much until the end of the season," he said.

There's still a job to be done. After the Island's big win over Cora-Lynn on Saturday, they're sitting equal second, and you never know, even with Tooradin-Dalmore's dominance, anything can happen if you make it to grand final day.

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