

Tayla, Rhonda, Chelsea, Sophie and Warren Lester highlight the dangerous crossing point from Lesters Road across Mardan Road, with a car appearing from around the bend. A18_2922

SHIRE BACKFLIP

– Mardan Road sale may fall through

PLANS for a cattle underpass in Koorooman may require significant adjustment, or potential scrapping, with South Gippsland Shire councillors voting on a recommendation not to proceed with the sale of council-owned 630 Mardan Road.

Warren and Rhonda Lester, owners of 631 and 570 Mardan Road wish to buy the council-owned block and install an underpass between it and their land at 631 Mardan Road in order to avoid the hazardous movement of stock between their properties across an increasingly busy road.

Councillors voted at February's council meeting to commence the statutory pro-

cedure to sell the land to the Lesters and give public notice of the proposal inviting written submissions from the community.

That sparked a flurry of submissions, 21 of which supported the proposal, with six others objecting to it.

Supporters pointed to significant risks to Warren, Rhonda and other family members in getting stock across a busy road with a 100 kilometre per hour speed limit.

Margo Campbell made a submission saying she has lived in the area concerned all her life and has noticed an "enormous increase in traffic" and supports the Lester family's intention to install the underpass for the safety of their

family and others using the road.

Warren and Rhonda's neighbour Charlie Le Page was another to stress safety concerns.

"I have lived next to the Lesters for the past 16 years and have watched Warren and Rhonda and their three daughters regularly endanger not only their own lives but the lives of their stock and motorists on a dangerous section of the very busy Mardan Road," he wrote.

Many submissions of support referred to the lack of visibility for motorists coming around the corner as they approach the point where the Lesters' animals currently cross the road.

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Baa-stard of a crossing

HAVING to move cattle and sheep across Koorooman's busy Mardan Road is a hazardous undertaking for Warren and Rhonda Lester and family, including young daughters Tayla, Chelsea and Sophie, prompting hopes of a cattle underpass.

Purchasing council-owned 630 Mardan Road is viewed by the Lesters as a practical option, making it possible to establish a short underpass to their property at 631 Mardan Road.

However, concerns have been raised about the destruction of trees in 'Watson's Park', a nickname given to the long-term council-owned 630 Mardan Road block after the late Gordon Watson who used to plant trees on it.

Council's July meeting agenda refers to concerns about vegetation loss on the block should the underpass be situated there.

"Mr Lester showed Council officers various options for the position of the underpass within 630 Mardan Road Koorooman which may have merit, but no design drawings have been prepared, and the loss of vegetation

may occur due to disturbance of tree roots," it states.

Warren said the lack of detailed drawings demonstrates the flexible approach he and Rhonda have to the precise positioning of the underpass, in order to ensure valuable trees in Watson's Park are preserved.

The Lesters argue much of the vegetation on the block is wild pittosporum, which is regarded as a significant environmental weed.

Council documentation also expresses concern about the use of Lesters Road for crossing cattle.

"This proposal would still require livestock to cross Lesters Road which may be required to be open for public traffic, given Lesters Road is the only abuttal to an allotment further south," it states.

Warren points out Lesters Road is not open to that block.

"The bloke who owns it comes in from Garvies Road," he said.

Given the Lesters also own land at 70 Harrison's Road, the installation of an underpass under Mardan Road won't elimi-

nate the need for their livestock to walk along Lesters Road when moving between that address and their other properties.

Warren and Rhonda currently use Lesters Road when crossing livestock over Mardan Road.

"I get that they've got to allow for the future and there could be a hundred houses down here, but they've also got to allow for present users," Warren said while standing on Lesters Road.

The road is classified in council documentation as 'disused' and is currently too muddy for two-wheel drive vehicles to negotiate.

While council officers have proposed a couple of options for running a cattle underpass between properties owned by the Lesters, it is conceded that doesn't provide the safe tractor crossing they seek.

The Sentinel-Times took the opportunity to sit in the tractor taking in the highly limited views in both directions along Mardan Road.

Warren painted the potential scenario he faces when

getting his tractor and equipment across Mardan Road.

"There could be a milk tanker full of milk hooting down here to the depot," he said, inviting this correspondent to hop into the tractor and determine how confident he would be to pull out.

It was not a manoeuvre one could undertake with confidence.

"I want to move the crossing of our tractor and equipment up the road further so we've got vision of the long straight," Warren said.

Sentinel-Times inspected the potential crossing point from 630 Mardan Road, which provides much better vision of approaching vehicles, particularly those coming down the slope.

The Lesters say that should they succeed in purchasing 630 Mardan Road, they have no intention of using it for anything other than moving livestock and equipment and that they are happy for that to be stipulated as a condition of the sale.

Mardan Road sale may fall through at council meeting

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As well as wishing to situate one end of the cattle underpass at 630 Mardan Road, Warren wants to use the block to create a safe tractor-crossing point.

Currently having to cross Mardan Road from Lesters Road provides limited visibility in both directions due to the close proximity of bends on Mardan Road.

While council officers have indicated there is potential to run a cattle underpass directly between the Lesters' properties on either side of Mardan Road, council documentation concedes "This would not resolve the tractor crossing (issue)".

Objectors view the 630 Mardan Road block as a treasured piece of woodland and wildlife habitat, nicknamed 'Watson's Park'.

One of them is Warren's cousin Dick Lester, a former South Gippsland Shire councillor

and nursery owner who was raised on the family farm, now owned by Warren and Rhonda and situated across Lesters Road from 'Watson's Park'.

The late Gordon Watson planted trees, both deciduous and native, on the council-owned site which adjoined the farm he owned with wife Linda, with Dick saying he has continued Gordon's habit of planting trees in 'Watson's Park'.

Wendy McIndoe and husband Craig own the farm that belonged to the Watsons.

Having lived there for 36 years, they feel a strong connection to 'Watson's Park' and are keen to maintain Gordon's legacy.

In their submission against the sale of the land to the Lesters, the McIndoes suggested they buy 630 Mardan Road from council to provide revenue for more urgent council projects.

The McIndoes would then be in a position to preserve 'Watson's Park'.

Warren also mounted his case for wanting to purchase 630 Mardan Road.

"It's the only practical solution for us to get an underpass," he said, explaining that to construct the underpass anywhere else would require it to be much longer than would usually be the case and that the 630 Mardan Road site would enable the most direct route to be taken.

However, the advice now put to councillors is, "That council does not proceed to sell 630 Mardan Road Koorooman for the purposes of a cattle underpass as it is possible for the proponent to install an underpass directly via their own property."

"It is possible to place an underpass directly from the Lesters property in two

separate positions," Council's July meeting agenda states.

Warren and Rhonda argue those proposed crossing points are impractical because one would require the underpass to run on an angle and the other would necessitate it being extended to run under crown land to reach their property.

Councillors Sarah Gilligan, Mick Felton, Nathan Hersey and Jenni Keerie have previously expressed support for the sale of the council land to the Lesters, saying that the construction of the underpass would boost safety and convenience for road users.

Nobody has disputed the need for an underpass or the danger of getting cattle across Mardan Road, with objectors arguing the underpass should go directly between Warren and Rhonda's properties despite the significantly longer distance that would require.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councils welcome new library members

OF COURSE, the three councils that make up the former West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation, now called 'Myli', welcome new members.

But they are also being asked to consider admitting new member councils to Myli, not only to share the considerable resources of the library group but also the costs.

It will be an issue considered at the Bass Coast Council meeting this week.

Shire to sell Dalyston road

THE Bass Coast Shire Council proposes to sell the full extent of Back Lane Walker Street road reserve at Dalyston.

The council received a request from an adjoining landowner to purchase the road reserve amounting to 255sqm in area, and have since declared it surplus to their needs.

None of the other adjoining landowners have expressed an interest in buying the land and council will be asked to commence the statutory procedures to discontinue the road.

New hire fees for shire halls

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is proposing to standardise the fees charged for the hire of a number of the shire's small to medium-sized halls.

From September 1, 2022, the cost of hiring the halls will be \$20/hour or \$15/hour full price or 50% of that for community users.

The halls in line for a change to fees are the following: Cape Paterson Hall, Corinella Community Hall, Coronet Bay Hall, Dalyston Reserve, Dalyston Hall, Glen Alvie Community Hall, Kernot Community Hall, Krowera Community Hall, Newhaven Hall, and Rhyll Community Hall.

"Council seeks to provide a consistent approach to the fair, transparent and appropriate management of its community facilities," said Council.

Question time still 'a must'

PUBLIC response has killed off the proposal that question time may or may not be held at a Bass Coast Shire Council meeting.

As part of the final Governance Rules, set to go up to council for adoption this week, question time will be retained as a must have part of every Ordinary Council Meeting.

Here's the flavour of the community response to the proposal of not necessarily having question time:

"I am strongly opposed to the proposed change to the Governance Rules concerning Public Question Time. Surely it is a basic right of all residents to be heard by the people who elected them. Question Time should be open and transparent and available to all residents of the Shire."

The only change proposed to question time at the council meeting is as follows:


"Not all questions are required to be read at the meeting. Any question which has been disallowed by the Chair will not be read at the meeting."



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SUN | July 24
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Wind PM: Light
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IN BRIEF

Accident at Giffard West

A SINGLE vehicle accident occurred on the South Gippsland Highway in Giffard West at approximately 8.30am on Wednesday (July 13).

A 48-year-old female was the only occupant and was trapped in the vehicle.

Police, ambulance, CFA and SES attended and the driver was successfully extracted using specialist emergency service equipment.

The driver did not suffer any major injuries and was transported to a local hospital for assessment.

Police would like to thank the quick response times from ambulance, CFA and SES and acknowledge the excellent work these services provide through both employed and volunteer workers, as well as the members of the public who stopped to assist the female driver whilst the emergency services were en-route.

House fire at Port Welshpool

CFA were notified of a house fire at Lewis Street, Port Welshpool last week.

On arrival, crews found a single storey house well alight with flames in the roof.

Breathing Apparatus crews were used to help extinguish the fire and the scene was declared under control at 1.46pm on Friday, July 15.

Four CFA vehicles attended from Toora, Hedley, and Welshpool brigades.

The cause is under investigation.

Police impersonator and spate of thefts in Yarram

YARRAM Police have interviewed a 44-year-old man from the Yarram area in relation to impersonating a police officer.

Investigations are ongoing with the man expected to be summonsed to court at a later date.

Yarram Police members and

detectives at the Wellington Criminal Investigation Unit also executed a search at a rural Yarram property on July 13, following a spate of alleged burglaries at the Yarram Secondary School, the Golf Club, Dunkley's Machinery, Yarram Aerodrome and other private properties.

Police acted on valuable information from the community which resulted in the recovery of a large amount of allegedly stolen property from the address.

This included three trailers of stolen tools and property, pressure cleaners, a motor-bike, there E-Bikes, push bikes which are amongst other items.

The trailers were also stolen as part of this offending.

A 32-year-old Rosebud male was arrested in Morwell regarding these matters, and he was remanded in custody.

He was interviewed for the Yarram incidents and other offending elsewhere.

The investigation is ongoing.

Police would like to thank the community as it was their pivotal information that helped police piece together everything, and encourage residents to continue to report crime as it is happening.

Car alight at Kilcunda

CFA was called to reports of a stolen car on fire on Bass Highway, Kilcunda.

Seven CFA vehicles attended from Wonthaggi, Bass, Kilcunda, Dalyston, and San Remo brigades.

The stolen Volkswagen Golf with fake plates is currently under investigation by Wonthaggi CIU.

Anyone with footage around the time or further information is urged to call Crimestoppers or Wonthaggi CIU on 5671 4100.

Is this road Cape's disgrace?

AN increasingly dangerous road in Cape Paterson is the subject of a petition, signed by

48 people, which will be tabled at the Bass Coast Shire Council this Wednesday.

The road in question is the unmade Park Parade Road between Anchor Parade and Anglers Road.

The petition reads: "The undersigned respectfully request that the Bass Coast Shire Council implement the necessary measures to resolve the escalating safety risk in Park Parade Road. This risk is the outcome of the following interrelating factors: (i) The physical condition of the road. (ii) The increasing through traffic on the road. (iii) The driver behaviour of vehicles travelling on the road. (iv) The increased use by pedestrians and bicycle riders. (v) The lack of traffic safety measures to modify driver behaviour. (vi) The Cape development causing increased usage by residents and service vehicles.

Council is likely to commit to presenting a report to council on the problem no later than the August council meeting.

Cigarette thief continues burglaries

IGA Korumburra was burgled early Friday morning (July 15) followed by Grantville Post Office in the early hours of Sunday morning (July 17) by the same offender as last week's cigarette burglary spree.

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

Individuals with details or footage around those locations between 2am and 4am, or information regarding the red Holden are urged to contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000, Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100 or Knox Police Station Eastern Region Crimes on 9837 7133.

Unlicensed drivers caught

A 29-YEAR-OLD South Gippsland female had her car impounded on July 17, by Bass

Coast Highway Patrol in Kardella after being caught with a suspended licence.

In a second incident, an unlicensed male driver was caught on July 17, in Welshpool with an unregistered car.

House fire at Welshpool and car accident at Port Welshpool

POLICE and CFA attended a house fire at Port Welshpool and a short time later a two-car accident in Welshpool on July 15.

The house fire in Lewis Street, Port Welshpool resulted in considerable damage to one wall of the premises and was only contained to that due to great work from CFA units from Hedley, Welshpool and Toora and power company staff that were nearby at the time.

A short time later CFA crews and police returning from the fire attended a two-car accident in the main street of Welshpool.

No injuries have been reported and traffic had minimal disruption due again to volunteers from the CFA and assistance from local business.

Deer poaching on private property

POLICE are again receiving reports from areas of plantations, forest and private landowners in relation to deer poaching.

If caught, offending persons will likely lose their firearms and face charges in relation to firearms offences, trespass and possibly criminal charges as well other offences.

Changes to firearm storage reminder

FIREARMS are very topical at present with changes pending in relation to storage and numerous other things with effect on August 30.

For example, the old school locker is no longer suitable; storage must be purpose built.

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The Reconciliation Bridge Walk was led by Traditional Owners and members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community on Friday. Photo: Joel Nichol

Reconciliation Bridge Walk inspires the next generation

FRIDAY'S Bridge Walk was a monumental display of support for reconciliation by the Bass Coast and South Gippsland communities.

The event saw well over 1000 people line the bridge from one side to another, as they walked from San Remo to Millowl (Phillip Island) to show their support for a reconciled community.

The walk for reconciliation celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, starting with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by Auntie Sonia Weston-Hume and her son Daniel from the Bunurong Land Council, before participants made their way across the iconic Island bridge with their flags and messages of support.

"The Bridge Walk was postponed on two occasions over the past two years, so I'm delighted it was able to go ahead (today)," Patrice Mahoney, Bass Coast Shire Council, said.

"We asked the community to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! and they did in large numbers., it was so heart-warming.

"NAIDOC and Reconciliation weeks are an important time and provide opportunities for people to reflect, learn and listen to stories, celebrate culture, and individual achievements. In doing so, show their support for reconciliation."

Individuals cleansed their feet as part of the Smoking Ceremony before taking to the bridge.

"It's a good event for non-Indigenous people to meet Indigenous people and come together as one," Daniel Hume explained.

"In the past we've talked, now it's time to walk together; to be on the right side of history."

The walk was led by Traditional Owners and members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, followed by hundreds of school children and allies.

Following the walk, participants heard from Traditional Owners, local councillors and individuals who reflected on their reconciliation journey and shared stories of accomplishment and achievement.

"We're all committed to the

ongoing development and progress of reconciliation, strengthening relationships and community spirit by working with and supporting First Nations people," Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said.

The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network provides much needed support to make these events possible and is made up of members from Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Health, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bunurong Land Council, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.

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Proud opening for new early learning centre

THE new Island Kids Early Learning Centre in Cowes has officially opened the doors to their new children's education centre on Monday, July 18 providing kindergarten and long-daycare service to the families of Bass Coast and surrounds.

The well-designed space located within the Cowes industrial estate welcomed their kindergarten children aged three to four years prior to the official opening, to cater for the high demand in Bass Coast.

But on Thursday, July 14 the children were introduced to their brand-new learning space.

Approved provider Jackie Murphy and centre manager Caitlyn Watkins are pleased to be able to provide a new centre for families with children aged 0-4 years, who have been on a waiting list within Bass Coast for over six months.

"We knew there was a high demand for both kindergarten and long-daycare service on Phillip Island and we are so proud to be opening the doors and welcoming our new families," said Jackie.

The centre has been designed to accommodate babies, toddlers and kindergarten students who require a long-day care service, designed with



Island Kids Early Learning Centre approved provider Jackie Murphy and centre manager Caitlyn Watkins officially opened Phillip Islands new kindergarten and long-day care centre on Monday, July 18.

individual open spaces that encourage independence and imaginary play, including individual outdoor spaces for all ages.

"Each of our rooms are managed with a one to four ratio, meaning one childhood educator per four children and our early childhood teachers in the upstairs kindergarten room will provide a three- and four-year-old kinder program," said Jackie.

"Despite our centre being at full capacity with a waiting list

prior to our opening, we have had to cap the number of children we can provide care to, due to the current shortage of educators."

There are study options and financial support available for those looking at a career in early childhood education and care, both pathways to become an educator or pathways to upskill and become an early childhood teacher.

The Victorian state government are financially

supporting a career in early childhood education for the rewarding, dynamic, and flexible profession that will always be needed.

State member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said the area is growing and this career is invaluable, the state government are also committed to financially supporting kinder parents with the new massive overhaul and reform in kindergarten that will help save families up to \$2,500 per year.

Island Kids offer families the benefit of a safe inclusive environment with their long-day-care service for those that are unable to work around sessional kinder times, opening from 6:30am until 6:30pm Monday to Friday.

"The new government funding will reduce the kinder fees for families and minimise their total expense of care per year, and our centre will manage the subsidies accordingly for each family," said Jackie.

For a career opportunity at Island Kids Early Learning Centre visit www.islandkidscc.com.au or for more information into a career in childhood education visit Early childhood teaching: make a difference | Victorian Government (www.vic.gov.au)

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Parking sensor installation slated for August

SENSORS are expected to be installed in Wonthaggi and Cowes throughout August as part of Bass Coast Shire's Smart Parking project.

The shire stated that the sensors are expected to arrive late this month, with installation poles also anticipated to arrive.

Smart Parking is proposed to include 375 on-street bays in Cowes, on Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street and The Esplanade, 123 off-street bays at the Cowes transit centre carpark; and 262 on-street bays in Wonthaggi, on Graham Street and McBride Avenue.

According to the shire, the new technology is being installed in the asphalt of each on-street parking bay and will provide data insights to make parking more efficient.

However, law officers will still be monitoring parking over-stays and issuing infringements in person.

A schedule of the project includes:

August: Poles anticipated to be installed.

Early August: Installation and commission of LED signage for drivers in Cowes.

Mid-August: Installation and commission of LED signage for drivers in Wonthaggi.

October: 'Go-Live' with Smart Parking guidance mobile app for Cowes and Wonthaggi.

The 2021/22 Capital Works budget included \$300,000 to deliver the project.

Graham Street works underway



Julie Wade owner Joanne Mesch said while she understands that works along Graham Street are necessary, she is concerned how the removal of carparks will impact the area. Ns042922

REGIONAL Roads Victoria (RRV) is commencing construction of two new raised pedestrian crossings in Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

The locations for the new raised pedestrian crossings on Graham Street are:

- Outside the Plaza Arcade
- In front of the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

Raised pedestrian crossings give priority to pedestrians with the traditional white stripes seen at zebra crossings.

The crossings will include:

- Flashing lights to alert drivers to slow down to allow pedestrians to cross
- 40km/h speed limit to significantly reduce the likelihood of a serious injury occurring if a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle
- New streetscaping consisting of plants, seating and pavement artwork to enhance the look and feel of the Wonthaggi CBD
- Artwork by indigenous Australian artist Koorin Edwards to be installed on the footpaths at the three crossings to symbolise connection, coming together and gathering.

The project will remove 14 car spaces, convert two regular car parks into disabled use only and create an additional drop-off area in front of the Community Arts Centre.

Car parking concern

WITH works underway outside Plaza Arcade in Wonthaggi, a Graham Street business owner is concerned about how the removal of car parks will impact the CBD.

"I don't know how that will go during the peak season when people are crossing the road constantly," she said.

"And during school time when the road is full of traffic... there will be a constant stream of people."

And while concrete works were also underway out the front of her business, with fencing partially surrounding her premises, she said fortunately this has had little impact so far.

"This is the quietest month anyway, so it was the best month to do it," she said.

"But it has to be done and the workers have been nice, they're trying their best to help the business."

Major works progressing for new Cowes cultural centre

CONSTRUCTION of the new Cowes Cultural and Community Centre continues to take shape.

As of late June, the following works have been completed:

- Theatre gallery area concrete pour complete
- Function/amenities area concrete pour complete
- Stage area strip footings poured
- Sewer installation progressing

The \$27.2 million project is expected to be completed next year.

RIGHT: An aerial view of works being undertaken in late June.



Council Update



Proposed Road Discontinuance: Public Notice Inviting Submissions Under Section 223

Council, acting under clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), proposes to discontinue the back laneways abutting the rear of Fuller Road and Morey Street, Wonthaggi between Ormsby Grove and Utting Avenue, an area of approximately 954m² each laneway (roads), as shown by the shaded area on the plan below.

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

Council gives public notice of the proposal pursuant to Sections 207A and 223 of the Act. Interested persons are invited to make a written submission to Council no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, 17 August 2022. Submissions on this proposal will be considered in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.

Written submissions quoting reference F20/6246 must be addressed to Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi, Vic, 3995, emailed to basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au, or delivered to the Council office at 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi.

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



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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



LOCAL conservation hero, Dr Peter Dann, is retiring from Phillip Island Nature Parks. The man credited with bringing the Little Penguin colony back from near collapse is humble and about to start a new era in his life.

He has had an incredible, positive impact on the Phillip Island environment and will be missed despite leaving a great team behind him. Good luck in retirement and the bucket list Peter.

We are all about to get our rates notice and because some property values in Bass Coast have increased substantially over the past 12 months, some people may see a large jump in their bill.

For the 2022/23 financial year, the State Government's rate cap has been set at 1.75 per cent. The rate cap applies to the total income Council receives from General Rates and the Municipal Charge; it does not apply to waste charges or the Fire Services Property Levy.

The 2022 revaluation of properties in Bass Coast may affect the overall percentage increase of your rates. This is due to either an increase or decrease in your property valuation, when compared to the average increase of the whole Shire.

If your valuation increased and was greater than the Shire average, then your rates may increase to an amount higher than the rate cap percentage.

If your property valuation is lower than the Shire average, then your rates may increase by less than 1.75 per cent, or even decrease.

We are really mindful that there will be some people in our community who may find it difficult to pay their rates this year.

There is no doubt that many residents will be feeling the pressure of higher interest rates, bigger power bills, and petrol and food prices going up.

We recognise that some people are doing it tough, so we have special assistance measures to help people pay their rates.

We know everyone's situation is different, if you receive your rates notice and you are concerned, make sure you talk to us. Our friendly Rates Team is happy to talk to you about your account, what you can afford, and how frequently you can make payments.

We encourage you to please contact us to discuss your account so we can help you manage the outstanding amount according to your individual circumstances.

We encourage you to sign up to eNotices, which will give you the option of using direct debit to pay your rates off in quarterly instalments, or we can arrange flexible payment options for ratepayers who are struggling financially and might find it easier to make weekly or fortnightly payments.

We welcome early conversations about hardship and we can provide more payment options to those who qualify under our Hardship Policy.

If you need a little extra help or just need to talk to someone about your finances, consider getting in touch with a local support service, such as Rural Financial Counselling Service and the Salvation Army. Services Australia offer free finance webinars and our Community Supports Guide also lists a range of support services at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/support.



Deb Eales, Deb Allott, Harriet Shing, Mohya Davies, Kerry Ellis, Danny O'Brien, Nathan Hersey, and Mick Felton make the ribbon cutting a team effort. A12_2922



Foster's stadium was the centre of attention on Friday. A14_2922

Revitalised stadium the pride of Foster

THE community turned out in healthy numbers for the official opening of Foster's revamped sports stadium last Friday, which is now larger, modernised and more accessible.

Basketball Victoria's Jarryd Moss was delighted with the new basketball court, which owing to widening of the existing basketball centre has a generous run off area, with a high-quality sprung wooden floor.

He was equally impressed with the installation of an accessibility ramp and toilet and change facilities suited to those with mobility issues.

"It ensures everyone can play basketball, all ages and all abilities," Jarryd said.

Judi Buhagiar, Eastern region manager for Netball Victoria said the revamped stadium gives

local netballers the opportunity to train indoors, and provides female-friendly change facilities.

Victorian Minister for Equality, Regional Development and Water, Harriet Shing had the honour of opening the stadium, joined by a ribbon-cutting party that included representatives of the Foster Showgrounds Community Asset Committee, South Gippsland Shire Councillors and Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien.

When opening the facility, Harriet described it as a place for everyone from around South Gippsland.

She noted its improved accessibility and increased female friendliness.

"Women deserve to have access to modern fit-for-purpose facilities," Harriet declared.

Chatting to the Sentinel-Times after the opening, the minister recalled her own modest history as a netballer.

"I'm an enthusiastic spectator and a fierce advocate for (improved) community facilities," Harriet said, noting the importance of community participation.

The Foster Showgrounds Community Asset Committee played a huge role in ensuring the stadium project was ready to implement as soon as funding was secured.

The committee's secretary Deb Eales and president Deb Allott were among those who contributed countless hours and were on hand for the opening celebration.

Secretary Deb said the now compliant basketball court was wanted by Basketball Victoria and will assist with junior development, with all basketball

competition at the centre also clearly benefiting.

Aerobics participants were on hand to offer their views on the new court, with the floor's greatly improved grip earning the thumbs up.

A kitchenette also featured in the stadium upgrade and was in use for the opening event, with representatives of the South Gippsland Hospital Auxiliary in action, providing catering.

The organisation raised more than \$58,000 for Foster's hospital last year, with the auxiliary paid to provide catering services and the funds generated directed to the hospital.

The stadium project was made possible with a \$2.26 million grant through the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Program, along with

an additional \$253,000 of funding from the South Gippsland Shire Council.

Becon Constructions carried out the work, widening the existing stadium, and building the new amenities, offices, and kitchenette.

Project manager Peter Leach said it is always challenging working with an existing structure, and it was a battle protecting the structure from the harsh Gippsland weather while the works were carried out.

He is proud of the seamless outcome and the successful blend of old and new elements and appreciated the chance to celebrate the achievement.

While excited to see the community gathering in the revitalised facility, he looks forward to seeing a basketball match there.

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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:
VFS.FARMFORESTRY@VICFORESTS.COM.AU



The exclusive Phillip Island fox has finally been found and removed.

Fox threat removed for now

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks has successfully removed a fox from the Island after an intensive two-month monitoring and control program lead by Nature Parks' staff.

The fox was captured on the Island's southern coastline and humanely euthanised to protect native species on the Island.

The fox was tracked to the location following the discovery of its footprints and with the assistance of conservation detection dog 'Jazz'.

Nature Parks had taken swift action after a number of chickens were killed on a local property in early May.

Prints and a scat were found initially, before infrared surveillance cameras captured a photo of a fox.

Acting Phillip Island Nature Parks chief executive Peta Wittig said the fox incursion response was a priority for Nature Parks as foxes are the number one threat to native species, livestock and domestic pets, as well the Little Penguins.

The work included setting the traps, night-time surveys and detection dog searches across the island.

The scat and other samples underwent genotyping to determine the sex and obtain a DNA profile of the fox.

Ms Wittig congratulated

the Nature Park's Conservation Team who had been working around the clock to find fox evidence.

"Our team worked tirelessly with resources in the field daily, tracking the fox's movements and we will continue to stay diligent with these control efforts," Ms Wittig said.

She also thanked the local community for its help by keeping Nature Parks staff up to date with fox sightings.

"We will continue to remain vigilant and conduct extensive surveys until we are certain that the Island is fox free again," Ms Wittig said.

"Foxes are the greatest land-based threat to Little Penguins on Phillip Island, so we've been monitoring the Summerland Peninsula regularly to ensure the safety of the colony."

Phillip Island was declared fox-free in 2017, after around 25 years of dedicated effort.

It is still not known how the fox arrived on Phillip Island.

The fox-cam was operating on the San Remo bridge and would have detected a fox crossing from the mainland.

Foxes have been known to swim significant distances in search of new territory and food.



Panu Kuhne, Greg Welsford and Rebecca Meadley of MJA Wealth. A19_2922

More services to meet the needs of customers

MJA Wealth is excited to welcome clients to its new ground floor offices at 16 McCartin Street, below the existing level 1 offices.

The refurbished ground floor office houses MJA reception and client meeting rooms.

Many clients will be pleased to not climb the stairs to meet with their accountants and financial advisers.

MJA Wealth has been helping clients across Gippsland meet their financial goals since 2019.

The business has experienced significant growth, leading founding adviser Greg Welsford to expand the team to four staff.

He has been joined by senior adviser Panu Kuhne.

Panu grew up in Meeniyan before undertaking university studies in Melbourne and working in financial advice businesses.

He has since returned to Leongatha with his wife and two young children to enjoy the lifestyle South Gippsland offers.

Panu is approaching 20 years' experience in financial services, with almost 10 years as a financial adviser.

Much of his time as an adviser

has been within businesses that combine tax and accounting services with wealth advice.

He provides expert advice in superannuation, retirement planning, self-managed superannuation and wealth creation.

MJA Wealth works with a broad range of people, helping them make smarter decisions with their money.

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Clients value MJA Wealth's help as its experts listen carefully, gaining a thorough understanding of each person's current financial situation and what they want to achieve financially, and tailor advice to the needs of each individual.

Advisers inform clients of the relevant financial issues they are facing and ensure they understand the options available to them.

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meet their goals.

At all times it is clear MJA Wealth is working for the client, in their best interest.

Why come and see its advisers now?

The investment and planning landscape continues to change.

Higher interest rates have led to more opportunities to earn an improved and more certain income on various defensive assets.

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These strategies provide opportunities for clients to structure their retirement assets in more favourable ways that have the potential to provide significant initial and ongoing tax savings.

MJA Wealth invites you to make an obligation free initial appointment to discuss your situation and hear how its advisers can help you take control of your financial future.

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Cut the grass and bring in your bin

YOU can't leave your rubbish bin out on your nature strip, anywhere in the Bass Coast Shire, for more than a day before or after collection day.

There's a local law and a corresponding penalty about it.

You can't try to sell your car, boat or caravan on the side of the road or on council land.

You're not allowed to undertake any unauthorised landscaping on your nature strip.

And, technically at least, you can't hold a family reunion, birthday party or other social gathering, attracting more than 30 people, in a council park without a permit.

These and many other rules that try to keep the peace, protect the amenity of the shire's residential areas, and impact the way you're allowed to live your life are contained in a revised new set of Local Laws that have been a long time in the making.

But despite the concerns of 25 respondents to the community consultation stages of the review, there will be no new rules governing the erection of wind turbines in residential backyards.

"Council is presently unable to intervene on this matter under any of its statutory abilities. There are no existing avenues from a planning, building or environmental perspective that permit Council to prevent the construction of a domestic wind turbine," was the explanation given as part of the draft new 'Neighbourhood Amenity'



Even if you own a holiday house in Bass Coast, you're not supposed to leave your rubbish bin out for more than a day either side of the pick-up.

rules that go up to council this Wednesday, July 20, for adoption.

They've been nine months in the making and are being introduced just in time.

According to the council agenda, the old Local Law No. 1 Neighbourhood Amenity 2012 came into operation July 2012 and will cease to operate on July 25, 2022.

"The Local Law must be reviewed every 10 years, to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the community," said the Bass Coast Council.

"The purpose of this review is to identify what is working well in our current Local Law, any gaps in the legislation and to create items to address new and emerging issues.

"The Local Law covers a range of things - from unsightly land, roadside and footpath trading and planting on nature strips, to building sites."

One of the proposed changes

to the Local Law is the introduction of a set of Short Stay Accommodation rules, including registration.

There are other rules about the following:

- Fireworks: No fireworks can be lit on any land in the Bass Coast Shire.

- Camping on Private Property: You can't camp on your own property for any more than 28 days in a year without a permit.

- Artificial Light: An occupier of land must not use, or cause to be used, on their land a light which an Authorised Officer or Delegated Officer determines creates a nuisance to any other person or animal.

- Significant Trees and Protected Trees: An owner or occupier of private property must not, without a permit: (a) Cut, trim, lop, prune or otherwise interfere with, or cause or allow to be cut, trimmed, lopped, pruned or otherwise interfered with, on any private property

any significant tree or protected tree.

(Protected Tree means a tree with a single trunk circumference or combined trunk circumference greater than 155 centimetres measured at one metre above ground level but excluding species which are noxious weeds).

(Significant tree means a tree that is recorded on Council's Significant Tree Register).

- Nature Strips: An owner or occupier of private property must ensure that the grass on the nature strip adjacent to or otherwise referable to that land is: (a) Maintained in a neat and tidy condition; and (b) Does not contain grass exceeding 300mm in height. (2) A person must not, without a permit: (a) Plant or remove vegetation from a nature strip or undertake any landscaping on a nature strip, road or municipal place; or (b) Remove soil from a nature strip, road or municipal place.

- Keeping of Animals Generally: There's a full list of the types and numbers of animals you can keep on your property. For example you can have up to 12 chooks in your backyard but only two cats and/or dogs.

- Bees: An authorised officer of the council can direct the owner of private property to remove any beehives that are "a risk to safety".

The registration of Short Stay Accommodation has also been the subject of a major review in the new Local Laws.

Guy Road pathway to begin in August

THE Guy Road Shared Pathway project is still expected to recommence in August after significant Aboriginal artefacts were identified earlier this year, which significantly delayed works.

The project was originally scheduled to be completed in March but is now anticipated for completion in October-December.

The artefacts found were shell middens (the remains of meals of shellfish once gathered and eaten by Aboriginal people) and two silcrete angular stone fragments, known as low-density artefact distribution.

Following the discovery, a Cultural Heritage Management Plan was undertaken.

According to council, the shire received approval for the Cultural Heritage Management Plan in late June, which is now required to be submitted to the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register.

Prior to works commencing a cultural induction will be undertaken, which has been scheduled for the third week of July.

Works will commence shortly thereafter.

The \$2.8m shared pathway will be a six-kilometre-long, 2.5-metre-wide shared cycling and walking link between the Corinella Community Centre to the Bass Valley Primary School and Children's Centre, via Tenby Point.

The pathway will run in a westerly direction from the Bass Valley Primary School, along Corinella Road before turning north at Cemetery Road and following unused Road Reserve to Guy Road, continuing west along unused Road Reserve to Tenby Point.

Once at Tenby Point, it follows the northern edge of Guy Road west, to connect to Jamieson Street.

From Jamieson Street to Balcombe Street, the path follows the south side road reserve of Smythe Street in Corinella.

Grants for businesses

MINISTER for Small Business Jaala Pulford has launched the next round of the \$60 million Small Business Ventilation Program.

Eligible businesses can access between \$500 and \$5000 for air ventilation and filtration equipment, works or professional services that will help improve air quality indoors.

Under the program, businesses can apply for two types of support:

Ventilation Rebate - a \$500 rebate to take immediate actions such as purchasing an air purifier or hiring a qualified tradesperson to undertake minor services to improve ventilation.

Ventilation Grant - matched grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to invest in larger projects such as building works or engaging professional services or equipment to improve ventilation.

Applications will be assessed for eligibility on a first-come, first-served basis until 11:00pm Thursday, September 8, 2022, or when funds are exhausted.

The program builds on the Government's already strong focus on improving ventilation to limit the spread of COVID-19. For more information on the program visit business.vic.gov.au.

70-metre rock wall in place

A HUGE rock bag seawall has been completed at the Pymble Avenue picnic and barbecue precinct in Inverloch.

Bass Coast Shire had contracted MAW Civil Marine Pty Ltd to undertake the Kyowa Rock Bag Seawall project, in order to protect the public assets from wave erosion.

Works has seen the construction of a 70-metre rock bag seawall, which was completely installed last week.

According to the shire, the rock bag structure is designed to provide protection for a minimum of 10-years.

The seawall was chosen as the preferred structure type, based on recommendation from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

DELWP has preference for a removable structure as opposed to a fixed seawall, due to the lack of sand near the project site.



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The Victorian Government has released a Consultation Paper on the preliminary design of the **Victorian Transmission Investment Framework (VTIF)**, which sets out its proposed approach to developing Renewable Energy Zones.

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

energy.vic.gov.au

Details of online information sessions are available at engage.vic.gov.au/victorian-transmission-investment-framework where you can also read the Consultation Paper, make a submission or take a short survey to give your views.



Environment, Land, Water and Planning



South Gippsland Shire Council News

Get Ready. Get Techy.

There are a range of apps that can help you stay informed during an emergency. But sometimes it can be difficult to know how to download and use them.

During August and September, Council is running free Get Ready. Get Techy training that will guide you – step-by-step - through the set-up process and show you how to get the most from your emergency apps.

Free training sessions will be held in the following locations:

Leongatha Community House
16 Bruce Street, Leongatha

Thursday 4 August 4 - 2.30 to 4.00pm

Thursday 8 September – 2.30 to 4.00pm

Milpara Community House
21 Shellcott Road, Korumburra

Wednesday 10 August – 11.30 to 1.00pm

Wednesday 7 September – 11.30 to 1.00pm

Toora Community Hall and Library
23 Gray Street, Toora

Thursday 11 August – 10.00am to 11.30am

Thursday 15 September – 10.00am to 11.30am

To book, please contact Tanya or Kalsie on 5662 9200 or direct with the venue.

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/emergencymanagement

Do you hold a Diploma of Early Childhood Education?



An exciting program is now available that lets people with a diploma complete a Bachelor of Early Childhood Teaching in only two years – with \$25,000 scholarships available! The course is being delivered by Victoria University (VU) with support from the State Government.

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

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

If you cannot attend the 'open' component of the Council Meeting in person, you can access a live stream through Council's website:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live
Council conducts its meetings according to COVID Safe Plan requirements. Please contact the Governance team for questions about Council Meetings.

WORKS THIS WEEK

For a list of upcoming works, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/works

IMPOUNDED VEHICLE

Council impounded the following vehicle in accordance with Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1989:
2001 Silver Ford Sedan
Impounded on: 5 May 2022
Impounded from: Smith Street, Loch
Registration Number: 1RU3YK
Engine Number: JC0AAASHPL1R47472
Unless this vehicle is collected and relevant fees paid within 14 days of the date of this notice, the vehicle will be offered for sale to the public. For enquiries, please contact the Local Laws team on 5662 9200 during office hours.

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. All South Gippsland residential

properties are eligible to receive one collection at a fee of \$145 per property. A reduced rate of \$51 applies for pension card holders. Bookings 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:
<https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste>

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Leongatha railway precinct coming to life

STAGE 1 of the \$6 million project to develop Leongatha and Korumburra railway precincts is progressing in Leongatha.

Works currently underway involve a general clean-up of the site, renewed and upgraded drainage which is largely complete, and new and upgraded carparking and access.

New paths and lighting will also be added during the current stage of the project.

The overall funding for the railway precinct developments in the two towns consists of \$3 million through the Commonwealth Government's Building Better Regions Fund, \$2 million from the Victorian Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund and a \$1 million contribution from South Gippsland Shire Council.

Promoting activity in the centre of Leongatha and Korumburra and increasing community open space in the towns are the major aims behind the project.

As well as creating much-needed additional car parking for both towns, the plan is to develop new path connections to their business centres.

A pedestrian footbridge will eventually be constructed in Leongatha, connecting the station area to Bair Street.

New playground equipment, trees



The railway precinct in Leongatha will soon be utilised, with stage 1 works currently taking place as part of a major project in Leongatha and Korumburra. A02_2922

and landscaping are other features of the overall project, with greenspace to feature.

Leongatha Business Association president Johnny Ozols is delighted to see stage 1 works advancing in what is an underutilised part of town despite its proximity to the business district.

"It's a fantastic addition and a sensible extension of the Bair Street works, and it's going to add value to the town centre making it easier for

people to get around and do things," Johnny said.

He is pleased that creating a new public space will be a feature of the project along with the boost to carparking, describing both as "welcome additions".

Concept plans for the Leongatha and Korumburra railway precincts can be viewed on South Gippsland Shire Council's website at southgippsland.vic.gov.au by searching 'railway precinct'.

Korumburra Station restoration on track

RESTORATION of the heritage listed, grand but rundown Korumburra Station is in progress to transform it into a place for locals and visitors to enjoy.

The station will be reinvigorated, with much-needed structural repairs to take place.

There will be concessions to modern requirements, with the planned installation of a kitchenette and accessible toilet to enable the building to be used for community events and meetings.

Its restoration is being carried out through the Victorian Government's 'Community Use of Vacant Rail Buildings Program', which involves refurbishing vacant station buildings across the state so they can be used by local communities.

That program is delivered by VicTrack on behalf of the Victorian government, with a building contractor engaged to complete the work.

Korumburra Station's heritage status is an important consideration in how the project is carried out.



The ornate interior of Korumburra Station will lend itself to community use after restoration of the building is complete.

"All works will be delivered in conjunction with an expert heritage architect to ensure the restoration is sympathetic to the heritage values of the building," a VicTrack spokesperson said.

Once the works are complete, South Gippsland Shire Council will be the head tenant and the building will be

managed by The Station at Korumburra community-based working group as a multi-purpose community facility.

"Restoration works at Korumburra Station will transform this beautiful building into an asset the whole community can enjoy," the VicTrack spokesperson said.

Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies



THIS week, I had the privilege of attending the opening for the refurbished Foster Stadium. As a regular user of the Foster Stadium, I have been watching the redevelopment with great interest.

I grew up playing basketball and other sports at this stadium and have watched all the members of my family play basketball and other activities there. To see the stadium go from what it was to a truly spectacular building and asset for the Foster community, I am really impressed.

It was a day of great pride for me seeing this project be completed and I would like to commend the Foster Showgrounds Community Asset Committee and the Council staff that oversaw the project and worked closely with the construction company to get the stadium to where it is today. It has been constructed during a time of great uncertainty and unforeseen challenges, which makes this feat all the more amazing.

The stadium and the surrounding showgrounds are vital to our local community. Like many other towns in South Gippsland, our township of Foster is heavily involved in sport and recreation and this new modernised facility will be a great asset for many years to come.

For those who need some big rubbish taken care of, you can now book your annual hard waste collection.

In South Gippsland, the hard waste collection service is operated under a 'user pays' system. Put simply, this means that to book the service, you must pay a fee. Unlike other Councils, South

Gippsland does not impose a fee as part of your rates for this service. This ensures that only those who need to use the service pay for it. A user pays system also helps to encourage waste reduction and recycling, rather than throwing things away.

For more information on the cost of the hard waste collection and to book your collection to take place in October and November, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Wednesday 20 July is our next Council Meeting day. As I do every month, I strongly encourage you to get involved and engage in whatever way suits you. Live streaming of Council Meetings was something we were keen to continue once we were elected to ensure more people could view the meetings. You can watch the meeting live or when you have time using this link: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Finally, I encourage you all to take care when out-and-about.

Mayor's Message

With many illnesses circulating through our community, I encourage you to be cautious and consider having the relevant vaccinations. Fourth doses for COVID-19 vaccination are available to those aged over 30 years of age and the flu jab is available in many locations across our region. I have had my flu jab and my fourth dose.

Please, if you haven't done so already, consider getting those vaccinations. I also encourage you to wear masks in public spaces or crowded areas and take practical steps to keep yourself and your loved ones safe from what is proving already to be a particularly nasty cold and flu season.



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Inflation

- What, how and why

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

IN this editorial the topic of inflation will be explored by delving into what it is, how it is measured and controlled, and why it is important to understand particularly in the current economic context.

Simply put, inflation refers to the rise of prices of goods and services. The rise in prices of goods and services changes the cost of living required by households to maintain a given standard of living. In short, the purchasing power of money decreases. To combat this one can either spend less or make more, with the latter putting pressure on wage inflation which is something we are currently experiencing.

What causes inflation comes down to supply and demand of goods and services. If demand is high and supply remains the same, prices will go up. If people and companies make more money as consumers they will buy more or pay more for existing goods and services, which pushes prices up. On the supply side, if some sort of catastrophic event like a natural disaster or war (think Ukraine) hinders companies' ability to produce enough of certain goods to keep up with consumer demand, thereby reducing supply, then this allows the companies' to raise prices.

If the opposite occurs and prices decline than it is called deflation. And whilst deflation sounds like a good thing it can actually be worse than inflation as history tells us deflation commonly coincides with economic depressions.

Inflation is measured as the rate of change in prices of goods and services over time, usually yearly, and is expressed as a percentage. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the most well known indicator to measure inflation, although there are a number of other indexes which use varying inputs to track the change in prices. CPI and other indexes are calculated and published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) which are used by the Government and Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) to try and control inflation levels.

The Government's power to increase or decrease public spending and taxation (which are known as fiscal policies) can help change inflation, but does not fully control it. The RBA also has

influence on the change in inflation by increasing or decreasing the interest rates and quantity of money circulated within the economy (known as monetary policies).

The fiscal and monetary policies are therefore correlated with inflation and, depending on which levers are pulled and pushed, can ultimately influence inflation.

At present we are witnessing high inflation and the RBA is applying one of its monetary policies by increasing interest rates. The aim here is that by increasing interest costs people will be forced to cut back on spending and tighten their budgets which will subsequently reduce demand, which in turn will see companies respond by dropping their prices thereby reducing inflation.

Whilst increasing interest rates helps curb inflation it is a double edged sword for home owners and businesses as the cost of finance is higher and so too are the costs of goods and services generally, therefore everything is more expensive until such time as inflation is brought under control.

Conversely it is a positive for depositors and those investing in financial products providing interest income. With interest rates going up it is yielding higher returns on cash and mortgage investments.

The concern with high inflation is it has the potential to bring on a recession, so it is a tough balance to get right and keep right. The target inflation rate set by the RBA is between 2-3% and most economists consider a small amount of inflation a sign of a healthy economy. This means individuals and companies are making more and spending more, which keeps the economic cycle turning.

In summary inflation plays an important part in the economy both domestically and abroad. For most of us it is a necessary evil as no one likes paying exorbitant prices for petrol, fruit or vegetables as it causes a negative wealth effect but we do like (and need) to spend money and make money, which is a result of the overall positive wealth effect.

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Alex Scott and Staff Leongatha branch manager Andrew Newton. A22_2822

Property market still healthy

WHILE demand in some areas of the real estate market has decreased, properties in other sectors are still much sought after, Andrew Newton, branch manager of Alex Scott and Staff in Leongatha explained.

"Median priced homes in most of the regional towns are still going really strong," he said.

Although Leongatha's median price is in the low \$500,000 bracket, residential properties anywhere between \$400,000 and \$900,000 are still selling well.

However, Andrew has seen a decline in demand at the top end of the market for properties valued at over \$1 million.

He considers that is attributable to a decline in Covid-driven buying urgency.

"The fear of missing out on houses has backed off a little bit, so it's become more of a level playing field between sellers and buyers," Andrew said.

There is still strong demand for good homes in Leongatha, with Andrew citing the example of a house that's less than 10 years old on a good-sized block with a shed, something that is scarce.

Demand for house blocks remains strong, but they are in short supply.

"The residential market

for Leongatha is strong, as is that for towns such as Meeniyan, Dumbalk and Foster," Andrew said.

While demand for rural lifestyle properties ranging from a couple of acres in size to about 20 acres has declined, other sections of the rural property market are performing admirably when available.

"Farmlets, or what we call turnout blocks are still really popular, and there's hardly any supply," Andrew said.

Turnout blocks can range from 50 acres through to around 200 acres and are separate to the main farm.

"If you're a dairy farmer you've got your farm where you milk your cows and you might have a separate block where you run your heifers or your dry cows," Andrew said.

The current positive state of the dairy farming sector, driven by improved milk prices, is prompting many farmers to prioritise buying turnout blocks in preference to continuing to lease them.

Such blocks are also sought after by beef farmers who may populate them with steers or young heifers.

"Probably the area of the rural market that is the strongest at the moment is turnout blocks

with no homes on them," Andrew said.

While there would also be interest in dairy farms in the vicinity of 300-500 acres, there is currently little availability of such properties, he observed.

Andrew reflected on the Covid-driven demand for country properties.

"It's been a great couple of years from a real estate point of view," he said, adding that those who own real estate in a regional area have seen their asset value rise.

Andrew said it's a difficult period for those striving to break into the housing market for the first time.

"We feel for those people and that's where we're trying to encourage new land subdivisions so there's a good supply of suitable properties and it gives people the opportunity to get into the market," he said.

He also commented on the lack of available rental premises, with many landlords selling residential tenancy properties.

Overall, Andrew is confident the future is bright for the real estate industry in South Gippsland, believing farming in the region remains strong, but saying it is a field that will always be subject to ups and downs and it is a matter of meeting challenges as they arise.

Regional Victoria feels rental squeeze

A NEW analysis of rental vacancies rates shows tenants living in regional areas across the state are most vulnerable to rent increases, as landlords look to recoup the cost of rising interest rates.

Everybody's Home - the national campaign for real housing solutions - has analysed and ranked rental data from SQM.

The five regions impacted most by the state's rental crisis show rental vacancy rates well below one percent at the same

time rents have increased between 6 - 14 percent.

In Gippsland there are 37,161 rental properties with a vacancy rate of 0.78 percent and asking rent of \$404.

Everybody's Home spokesperson, Kate Colvin, said as mortgage interest rates doubled many landlords would seek to pass the cost on to tenants.

"Renters are in for a seriously difficult time as landlords capitalize on historically low vacancy

rates to shift the rising cost of interest rates on to their tenants.

"After a decade of inaction on social and affordable housing from the previous Commonwealth Government we really are in a perfect storm.

"There are limited options for people who can't afford to buy but want to stay in their local community.

"Just because you rent, doesn't mean you haven't established deep roots in a community."

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Brett Moore (right), who has joined the Redi Milk team from Bridge Dairy, and Redi Milk owner Gary Beardsley are proud to be servicing the South Gippsland and Bass Coast areas. Ns022922

Saputo distributes to South Gippsland

ONE of Gippsland's significant employers, Saputo Dairy Australia which has processing plants in Leongatha and Maffra, is now proudly distributing its products locally with Redi Milk Australia.

Redi Milk is one of the largest distributors of dairy and food service products in Victoria, with its main depot operation located in Hallam.

Redi Milk maintains a modern fleet of refrigerated trucks and has expanded into South Gippsland with the retirement of close associate, Terry Stephens of Bridge Dairy in Leongatha.

Terry has been actively involved in the dairy industry for more than 47 years and welcomed Redi Milk to South Gippsland.

Like Bridge Dairy, Redi Milk is a family-owned business and has been operating for over 30 years. They are well known in the industry and very much respected for their professional operation and fleet presentation.

Co-incidentally, the owner of Redi Milk Gary Beardsley, is a past resident of Leongatha and contributed actively at the time within the community.

He is a past president of the Leongatha Lions Club and still enjoys and values a number of friendships in the area.

His sons, Adam and Shannon, were beginning their love of football in the area, with Adam playing in the junior competition with the Meenyan-Dumbalk Football Club.

The family were regular participants in the Table Tennis competition conducted at the Leongatha Stadium.

Gary has been strong in his gratitude to Terry and his staff for the assistance in the changeover, and in particular of the customer recognition and support for choosing to stock the Saputo branded products.

Amongst the Saputo brand range are some very well known names such as Devondale, Sungold and FM flavoured milks.

One could go on with including their cheeses, butters and wide array of UHT products.

Further, Redi Milk stocks a wide array of food service products including cold pressed juices and kombucha, eggs, coffee cups, smallgoods and an

enormous range of 'plant based' alternative milk products keenly sought by today's coffee baristas.

Not only is Saputo a significant contributor to the Gippsland farming community, but is already becoming well appreciated for the generous support being provided to sporting groups across Gippsland such as – Leongatha Netball Courts, Meenyan Dumbalk United Football Club Recreational Reserve, Phillip Island Football Netball Club, Maffra Oval Development have all been recipients of their generous assistance.

Brett Moore is one local who has joined the Redi Milk Team from Bridge Dairy.

Brett (or better known as Moo-rey) is a well-known Leongatha resident, having been a fairly keen cricketer and footballer in his younger days and now with his family growing into sport in the area.

Brett is a keen Richmond supporter and keeps another eye out for his NRL favourite - Storm.

Be sure to keep an eye out for all of Saputo's products now hitting the shelves throughout the region.

Golden Wattle on the move

SERVICES Australia's Mobile Service Centre, Golden Wattle, is continuing to travel the region to offer locals easy access to Centrelink, Medicare and Department of Veterans' Affairs services.

Golden Wattle will visit:

- Mirboo North on Monday, July 18, opposite the Shire Hall, Strzelecki Highway (9:00am to 4:00pm)
- Grantville on Tuesday, July 19, at Grantville Transaction Centre car park, Bass Highway (9:30am to 4:00pm)
- Lang Lang on Wednesday, July 20, opposite IGA, Westernport Road (9:30am to 4:00pm)
- Neerim South on Thursday, July 21, opposite the CFA Station, Main Neerim Road (9:00am to 4:00pm)
- Yarra Junction on Friday,

July 22, at the Yarra Centre car park, Warburton Highway (9:30am to 3:00pm)

Mobile Services Centres are 20 tonne trucks operated by staff from Services Australia, providing regional and rural Australians with friendly face-to-face service and tailored support. Staff on board this trip can help with:

- Centrelink claims
- Medicare registrations, and
- Accessing online services.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services will also be available.

All services will be offered with strict COVID-19 safety precautions in place.

For more information, including stopping times, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

BCAL launches sustainability courses in Plastic Free July

SUSTAINABILITY is a buzz word, but what does it actually mean?

Bass Coast Adult Learning has launched two new courses to explore different aspects of sustainability; social, environmental and economic.

"This month is Plastic Free July® and the perfect time to enrol at BCAL to learn more about how small changes can make a real difference!" says Program coordinator, Olivia Hurrell.

Living Sustainably

If you would like to learn more about relevant global movements, such as Plastic Free July®, and/or the role individuals can take towards sustainability in their everyday lives, the Living Sustainably course is for you. Starting on July 29, topics include waste management, climate change, food miles, energy generation and more. Excursions, guest speakers, action plans and practical projects are all a part of this course.

Permaculture Workshop Series

Is the price of lettuce eating you up? Do you want to grow your food in an easy, sustainable and cheap

way? Then BCAL has the course for you!

As part of the Sustainability Series, well-known permaculture expert Rick Coleman is presenting a series of six workshops related to food, gardening and environmental sustainability. Topics will include gourmet garden produce, water resilience, and natural pest management, among others.

The sessions are geared to be fun, social and accessible to all ages and levels. You can come to individual workshops or book in to all six at a special rate. The workshop series will be on Wednesday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm starting on July 27.

For Further Information

These two new courses are part of a broader series of courses on environmental sustainability BCAL is presenting throughout the second half of the year. Other courses will include Sustainable Workplace Practices and a Renewable Energy Project.

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[bcal.vic.edu.au/sustainability](https://www.bcal.vic.edu.au/sustainability)

COVID advice for winter

THE state government is providing more advice on how the community can protect themselves and their families this winter. According to the government, the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants, which are now dominant along the east coast of Australia, are expected to continue to cause increases in new cases, reinfections and hospital admissions.

A new investment will boost public health messaging and engagement efforts with the community to encourage third and fourth COVID-19 vaccination doses, flu vaccination, the benefits of wearing a mask and maximizing ventilation indoors.

The Stay Well in Winter campaign will run across TV, radio, outdoor and digital channels.

The Government is also announcing another round of its Small Business Ventilation Grant Program, to help businesses invest in equipment that will keep their workers and customers safe in indoor settings.

In line with AHPPC advice, the period when someone is considered a recently confirmed case (and therefore exempt from testing and isolation/quarantine requirements) has been revised to four weeks, down from 12 weeks.

Positive cases are still required to isolate for seven days from the day they took their test but an additional reason to leave home has been added – to provide transport for a household member to obtain food, if essential.

The infected person will need to remain in the car and wear a face covering at all times.

Mask wearing indoors and crowded settings is strongly recommended to protect yourself, but there will not be any changes to current face mask requirements with these new pandemic orders.

For more information about how to fight COVID-19 and stay well this winter visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au



Kylie Ashton (Deputy Director of Nursing Leongatha), Kirsten Amos (Quality Manager), Rinosh Palathinkal Thomas (Multifunction Ward Nurse Unit Manager Korumburra), Kymberley Jose (Nurse Educator), and Tracey Edmonds (Director of Nursing Korumburra) celebrate Gippsland Southern Health Service's accreditation. A01_2922

Gippsland Southern Health awarded ACHS accreditation

THE Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS), Australia's leading healthcare accreditation agency, has recognised the high-quality care given to patients of Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) by awarding its accreditation through the NSQHS Standards or EQuIP6 program.

Mark Johnson chief executive officer for GSHS, said it is important to achieve accreditation as it confirms how a healthcare organisation provides safety and quality care to patients.

"ACHS accreditation sends a clear message to the community

that GSHS across all its facilities, its management and staff, are committed to excellence in health care with a strong and continuous focus on safety and quality," said Mr Johnson.

"I would like to commend all staff involved, as well as the consumers for their contribution, not only during the assessment and evaluation process, but also for their support and commitment to quality through continuing dialogue and improvement initiatives.

"By listening to the community's requirements and expectations of GSHS we have

identified and carried out valuable improvements.

"We are aware that both patients and consumers today demand high standards of health care and are pleased that GSHS has been recognised for meeting this expectation."

Accreditation is used by health care organisations to continuously improve the quality of care they deliver to the community.

Organisations must demonstrate during either a three or four-year period how they have improved their services.

"The fact that GSHS has

achieved ACHS accreditation is a strong recognition of everyone's input into the accreditation process."

The ACHS is an independent, not-for-profit organisation which has received international recognition for assessment and evaluation from the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) and accredits the majority of health-care organisations in Australia.

For more information please contact; Kirsten Amos (GSHS Quality Manager) on (03 5667 5501) or via kirsten.amos@gshs.com.au

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Boarding bus to hit the road

GIPPSLAND Grammar is about to embark on a regional trip thanking families whose children board, or have boarded at the school, welcome others to the school community and answer questions of anyone thinking boarding could be the solution for their child successfully completing their secondary schooling.

The Gippsland Grammar Boarding Roadshow will travel to Mallacoota, Orbost, Bairnsdale, Latrobe Valley, Yarram, Inverloch, Warragul and even Phillip Island over four days from July 21-26.

Head of Boarding Stuart Llewellyn will be on hand to discuss your child's education and help you discover more about the wonderful boarding program offered at Gippsland Grammar.

"We are the only Boarding School east of Melbourne's suburban fringe. We are a home-away-from-home for students from far East Gippsland, South Gippsland, Victoria's High Country, and the Latrobe Valley and Melbourne," Mr Llewellyn explained.

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Garnsey Senior Campus, Blackwood House Boarding facility boasts large common spaces, study rooms, outdoor courtyards as well as twin ensuite rooms in two separate wings.

A private chef caters for the students' meals and a dedicated bus is available to ensure students get to all their community after-school, or even before-school, activities.

Yoga with an accredited instructor is a regular and valued part of the students' well-being regime.

Boarding captain Jess McLindin, lives in the seaside town of Metung, and has been a border for the last three years.

"I began boarding at the beginning of term 3 in Year 10," Jess said.

"Blackwood House has a daily time schedule for homework, recreation, sports, sleep, technology and mealtimes. This has made me become punctual and disciplined. As a boarding student, I have had to take care of my own washing and cleaning which has increased my independence and organisational skills and certainly has me better prepared for university life next year."

Visit gippslandgrammar.vic.edu.au for full details about the Boarding Roadshow, including all of the stops on the itinerary.

Anyone with questions should contact Gippsland Grammar's Enrolments Team by calling 5143 6388 or emailing enrolments@gippslandgrammar.vic.edu.au



Calrossie parents Vicki and Lachlan McLeod helping their children, Hamish and Rory who are both parttime boarders at Gippsland Grammar, become the best versions of themselves.



Gippsland Grammar Head of Boarding Stuart Llewellyn will take the bus on the road for the 2022 Boarding Roadshow.

Local mum underestimates the value of boarding

A Gippsland Grammar mum has admitted to totally underestimating the value of boarding at the local independent school.

"We actually chose boarding to reduce the travel to and from school," Vicki McLeod from Calrossie, north of Yarram, said.

"But I totally under-estimated the value of it. It's all the extra things like study support and the structure, access to tutors, the camaraderie, the proximity to school and even the yoga, that's added value and has made a difference for my children."

Year 12 twins Rory and Hamish McLeod are casual boarders at Blackwood House, which means they always have a bed available if they want it.

Gippsland Grammar Head of Boarding Stuart Llewellyn said the McLeod boys usually stayed a couple of nights a week, but which nights, depended on their individual schedules.

Mr Llewellyn explained there were many ways to board at Gippsland Grammar.

"Some students are full time boarders and some live locally and just stay afterschool, study with us and enjoy dinner, and then go home. There are many options when it comes to boarding with us."

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Year 10 @ 6.00pm

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Year 12 @ 7.30pm

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A NEW Fire Danger Rating System is being developed using the latest science to be more accurate and relevant to where you live.

The new system will be used across the country, so whether you're at home or traveling, you will see the same system being used.

The new Fire Danger Ratings have four levels (instead of six) - Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic.

The new Fire Danger Ratings will be online from September 2022.

What you need to know

- The Australian Fire Danger Rating System is a new way of determining and communicating Fire Danger



Ratings.

- The rollout of the system will be supported by an extensive community engagement and education campaign.
- Using the latest science and community input, the new system aims to provide more accurate and timely information about fire danger.
- The new system has four levels of fire danger ratings and actions, bringing national consistency to the public display of ratings. There are four levels of fire danger in the new system:

- Moderate - Plan and prepare
- High - Be ready to act
- Extreme - Take action now to protect your life and property
- Catastrophic - For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

Fire Danger Ratings will be issued on days when there is a fire risk.

Each fire danger will have a clear set of messages including actions the community can take to reduce their risk.

You'll be able to check the daily fire danger for your area on the CFA website.

You can also utilise the VicEmergency smartphone app to check the fire danger for your area.



Bass Coast Health welcomes A/Prof Julian Hunt-Smith as their new Clinical Director of Anaesthetics and Perioperative Services.

Julian to bring wealth of knowledge

A NEW clinician at Bass Coast Health (BCH) is looking forward to the expansion of surgery when the new Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion theatres open in 2023.

Associate Professor Julian Hunt-Smith is the new Clinical Director of Anaesthetics and Perioperative Services at BCH.

He is excited for the new hospital to open, which will bring increased surgical capacity and capability to the community, enabling more patients to be managed closer to their homes.

"The biggest thing is to have a high-end anaesthetic service so that we can bring more anaesthetists and therefore more surgeons and patients here," he said.

"We will be able to do more complex operations and treat sicker patients because we will have the capability to do so."

"At the moment, if you are particularly sick or have a more involved surgery, you are often transferred to another hospital with larger capability, so if we can build that here, it will be a game changer for the Bass Coast community."

As part of increasing surgical capacity, A/Prof Hunt-Smith wishes to expand the number of General Practitioner Anaesthetists (GPAs) and Fellows of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (FANZCAs) at BCH.

A/Prof Hunt-Smith was attracted to BCH by the expansion of services proposed and the regional location.

"I'd always wanted to work in a regional area and I thought it's now or never," he said.

A/Prof Hunt-Smith brings an extensive range of experience to BCH and the community. He is a dual trained Intensivist and Anaesthetist with 20 years' experience in specialist practice.

Trained at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, A/Prof Hunt-Smith has worked as Director of Critical Care Services at John Fawcner Hospital and Director of Intensive Care at Epworth Richmond Intensive Care Unit, as well as being Medical Director of that hospital for 18 months.

A/Prof Hunt-Smith has served as the chair of the Victorian Regional Committee for Intensive Care Medicine, has advised State Government on the Intensive Care Advisory Committee, and conceived and facilitated courses and meetings at state and national level.



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Limited spots available—must register ASAP to participate by contacting Trevor and Kim 0435 065 309 or Rob and Wendy 0448 787 367

LS Finance expanding into Korumburra

SEAN Main is a familiar face around LS Finance Broking in Wonthaggi, but he's soon to become a familiar face in Korumburra, as the team celebrated the opening of their new office.

"I was looking to expand and Korumburra seemed the ideal town to do this," director Lynda Sainsbury said.

"With the major banks having exited the town, there appeared to be a huge opportunity for a finance broker to step in and offer some personal service to the locals.

"Our aim is to assist clients who want to refinance to a lower interest rate than what they are currently paying, with their current provider – trying to ease the current rapid rise in interest rates."

Located in the Alex Scott arcade at the top of the hill, Sean can assist with home loans, investment loans, refinancing, bridging finance, pre-approved loans and personal loans.

And in true South Gippsland style, clients will be greeted by a husband-and-wife duo with Sean's wife Hannah, stepping from Wonthaggi to Korumburra also.



Sean Main and Murphy look forward to welcoming clients at the new LS Finance Broking in Korumburra. C02_2922

Office dog Murphy will occasionally be on hand to help calm any nerves individuals may have, especially first home buyers.

"There are more opportunities now to secure a competitive offer for our clients," Sean said.

"Whether refinancing or a first home buyer, we can compare across 35 lenders under one roof rather than individuals visit the one bank in town, head to Leongatha or spend hours

comparing across multiple sites online."

Supported by Lynda, who has close to 30 years' experience in the industry, Sean is looking forward to working with new clients and being able to give people multiple options.

"The excitement of first home buyers and helping them is one of my favourites – it's satisfying.

"It's a good time for people to shop around and there's a very good chance we can beat it."

With new estates in Korumburra, it has never been a better time to give residents a local option they can turn to, and with asset finance on the way – watch this space.

"We work with 35 lenders including the non-conforming lenders – it also means more complicated loans and those with unfavourable Credit Files, may be possible.

"My goal is to offer a diverse market of lenders.

"We can do everything under one roof – we can compare and it's a lot easier for us and a lot more convenient for our clients."

With plenty of breathing room and a warm inviting feel, book your appointment today.

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Sean is contactable on 0422 853 468 or sean@lsfinance-broking.com.au

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Tattoo artists Oliver, Kozic and Bugsy opened the studio doors to the community for the tattoo flash day on Saturday welcoming hundreds to the small town of Newhaven.

Tattoo flash day raises \$5000 for free 3D hands

PHILLIP ISLAND Tattoo collaborated with local businesses and 13 Melbourne artists on Saturday, June 25 to hold a tattoo flash day raising more than \$5000 for free 3D hands.

Artist Bugsy opened the doors to the private studio in Newhaven where 70 people were tattooed by well renowned artists from Melbourne, all of whom generously donated a portion of their profits.

"A flash day is an opportunity for a tattoo artist to showcase their favourite pieces, clients are then invited to select a specific artwork or allow the artist to choose, it's a great day to invite the community into the studio and for them to see the talent of these artists," said Bugsy.

Phillip Island Tattoo worked closely with Ivy Plant Studio, The Seaside Provider, Ocean Reach and Island Primary Produce to raise funds for Mat Bowtell and his team at free 3D hands, an Australian charity designing, manufacturing and providing assistive devices to anyone with upper limb differences.

"When it came to choosing a charity for the flash day it was an obvious choice, the fact that Mat so generously and humbly donates to all his clients is remarkable, it was nice to give back to someone who gives so much to others," said Bugsy.

Island Primary Produce, Cowes corner takeaway and Ocean Reach generously catered for the community on the day, together with Ivy Plant Studio and Seaside Provider who generously contributed to the community raffle.

Certified organic fruit and vegetables delivered to your door

WE FIRST met 'Gippy Organics' founders Meg MacLagan and Travis Snelling back in January 2021, shortly after they launched their small business, with the view to bring quality fresh certified organic produce to our local area.

Now 18 months on, we caught up with them again to see how things are going.

"It has been a whirlwind 18 months," said Meg.

"And we have been blown away by the welcome we received from the community, and all their amazing positive feedback."

Launching at the peak of COVID restrictions and lockdowns, 'Gippy Organics' has faced many obstacles.

And now with the current economic climate seeing fruit and vegetable shortages, and prices being driven through the roof, Meg and Travis admit that there is concern over the potential effect on their small business.

Despite these challenges, how-



'Gippy Organics' founders Meg MacLagan and Travis Snelling love delivering fresh, high-quality produce straight to your door.

ever, Travis stated "Our customers have been so amazing, and they understand that on occasion we have to make last minute changes to what we put in their boxes, due to last minute shortages."

Meg and Travis said that despite the current challenges, they continue to be able to provide their customers with the same level of quality and value for their money.

What they offer

'Gippy Organics' is an online store, where you can select from a variety of fruit, vegetable, or mixed fruit and vegetable boxes.

The contents of the boxes vary from week to week, depending on what is in season, and what looks good at market.

'Gippy Organics' deliver to households across Bass Coast and South Gippsland, and they offer a flat rate delivery fee of

\$4.95. Orders over \$100 however, will receive free delivery.

Ordering is available as a 'one time purchase', or you can subscribe to a regular weekly or fortnightly delivery, and you will receive a 5 per cent discount and extra produce in your box.

You can visit the store at www.gippyorganics.com.au

Meg and Travis launched 'Gippy Organics' with busy families in mind, to provide a convenient service that brings top quality fresh seasonal certified organic fruit and veggies right to your doorstep.

Gippy Organics was nominated for the 2021 Bass Coast People's Choice Business Award, for which they received the 'Runner Up' award in the 'online, mobile and homebased' category.

Meg and Travis said they were very surprised and humbled to receive this honour, but that seeing their customers healthy and happy was all the reward they needed.

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Walsh calls for more action on Foot and Mouth Disease

THE Federal Government has come under fire from Leader of the Nationals and Shadow Minister for Agriculture Peter Walsh for failing to implement strict new biosecurity measures to stop foot and mouth disease (FMD) reaching Australia.

The disease affects all cloven-hoofed animals, including cattle, sheep, pigs and goats.

Mr Walsh is calling for the government to enforce sterilisation of footwear for all people arriving from Indonesia given the current FMD outbreak there.

“FMD is easy to transmit but will be impossible to combat if it breaches our borders, which is why we must take every action now to prevent it reaching Australian farms,” he said.

Mr Walsh’s comments were prompted by the visit of Federal Minister for Agriculture Murray Watt to Jakarta to meet with authorities on the FMD outbreak in Indonesia.

The Nationals Leader said that the Federal Government has chosen to focus its efforts on advertising at the airport rather than introducing strict measures to ensure footwear that may be carrying the disease is sterilised or disposed of.

“With thousands of Australians travelling to Indonesia at the moment, more safeguards must be put in place,” Mr Walsh said.

He put the potential cost for a small, contained outbreak of FMD at up to \$6 billion.

“Victorian and Australian producers can’t afford the comprehensive trade restrictions and strict isolation protocols that would be required if an outbreak occurred,” Mr Walsh said.

The Federal Government early this month announced a range of additional measures to prevent an FMD outbreak occurring in Australia.

They include extra screening of travellers, luggage and mail arriving from Indonesia and additional training for airport biosecurity staff, with biosecurity officers to board flights coming from Indonesia to provide FMD advice to passengers.

Detector dogs trained to identify meat and other animal products will be assigned to duty at Darwin and Cairns Airports, with such dogs already stationed at other international airports in Australia.

Additional signage and the distribution of flyers at major airports is intended to inform travellers of FMD risk and precautions.

Since Mr Watt’s visit to Indonesia last week, the Federal Government has announced it will provide \$1.5 million to support that nation’s response to its FMD outbreak.

“The funding will provide at least 1 million FMD doses for Indonesia’s vaccination program, following a formal request for assistance from the Indonesian Government,” a joint statement from Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong and Minister for Agriculture Mr Watt says.

Further, it is indicated that Indonesia’s vaccination program is focused on the small-holder farming sector, saying that accounts for around 90 percent of the nation’s cattle industry.

The number of cattle requiring FMD vaccination in Indonesia is not stated, nor how many doses the Indonesian government is providing.

The Australian Government said its assistance with FMD vaccination is in addition to 435,000 Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) vaccine doses currently being distributed to affected Indonesian provinces.

The Federal Government has also committed \$500,000 to Meat and Livestock Australia, which is coordinating support from Australian industry for the Indonesian feedlot sector’s emergency response to FMD and LSD.

New measures were announced following Mr Watt’s meeting with Indonesia’s Minister for Agriculture, Syahrul Yasin Limpo, and its National Disaster Management Authority head Lieutenant General Suharyanto.

“During my meeting with Lieutenant Suharyanto we offered to share Australian expertise on emergency disease management and biosecurity,” Mr Watt said.



Amy Graham (Doorways team leader), Sloane McAuley (site administrator), Evie Dekker (student placement, Open Colleges), Neena Allen (case worker), Liz Hatch (volunteer), Nicky Roffey (student placement, TAFE Gippsland) at Leongatha’s Salvation Army centre. A03_2922

Salvos in demand

THE SALVATION Army is witnessing the impact of rising living costs on community members, with the need for assistance spiking in Leongatha and Wonthaggi.

Amy Graham is the Doorways team leader, running emergency relief services.

“We’ve definitely seen an increase in demand due to the cost of living,” Amy said.

That followed a previous surge in the need for assistance sparked by the pandemic.

Amy has heard many community members speaking of financial hardship due to escalating prices.

“As well as that, we’re seeing a lot of people’s rent being put up, so that’s causing more financial hardship,” she said.

The upwardly spiralling cost of energy is a significant concern.

“We’re hearing a lot of stories from people living on their own or elderly people saying they are not using their power because they are so fearful of their electricity bills, so they’re not turning on any lights or putting their heater on,” Amy said.

She added people are resorting to measures such as using a torch, or going to bed once it gets dark to avoid using their heaters.

“We’re encouraging people to come in and we’re assisting them with the \$250 energy compare bonus,” Amy said.

“It takes us five minutes and all people have to do is bring their energy bill with them and we can do it online.”

Amy explained that opportunity is available to anyone who has their name on a power bill.

A key message is that the Salvos can help out with food, assisting people to manage other essential costs.

“If you’re paying off your electricity bill or trying to save enough money for your rego, we say to people to come in and see us and get your food because we always have food,” Amy said.

She explained while it’s not always possible to help people financially, by assisting with food it enables them to save money at the supermarket that they can then put towards other essentials.

Locally the Salvation Army sources food to assist community members in multiple ways.

As well as purchasing food from Foodbank and the Salvation Army Material Aid Centre, local Salvos staff visit Woolworths and Aldi, picking up ‘Second Bite’ items such as bread and fruit and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste but is fine to eat.

“We’ve usually got bread, fruit and vegetables, meat, frozen meals, pantry items, toiletries,” Amy said.

People can also be assisted with essential items from the Salvos’ Wonthaggi and Leongatha thrift shops for free.

The Salvation Army is also able to help people make use of other available assistance.

“For people who are worried about the cost of energy, the government has things like a Utility Relief Grant that people on a Healthcare Card are entitled to, and that can be up to \$1,300 per year on water and electricity,” Amy said.

Older community members sometimes miss out on available assistance due to their lack of internet access or email, with the Salvos always happy to help them take advantage of any services and savings they are entitled to.

Amy said people visiting the Salvation Army often have huge power bills, with heaters a major contributor to their energy use, adding electric blankets are far more energy efficient than running a heater overnight.

“I want to encourage our community members to check on their neighbours,” Amy said.

That is an opportunity to make others aware of the assistance the Salvos can provide, if for instance a neighbour is fearful of turning on a heater due to cost.

The Salvation Army’s emergency relief service, Doorways operates in Wonthaggi on Mondays and Thursdays on a drop-in basis between 10am and 12pm.

The service is available in Leongatha on Tuesdays and Fridays by appointment, with appointments able to be booked by phoning reception on 5662 6400.

Those wishing to make donations can do so locally in Leongatha or Wonthaggi.

Bass Coast College celebrate at Year 12 Formal



BASS Coast College year 12 students recently descended on Silverwater Resort in San Remo for their all-important Formal.

The event, the first held since lockdowns hit, provided students the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments to date and embrace the final chapter of their high school days.

“It was an amazing event,” Bass Coast College Wonthaggi Campus Principal, Ross Bramley said.

“It’s the first time we have been able to really run a celebratory activity for our year 12’s in the last couple of years.

“It was wonderful this year to be able to see the year 12s dress up and be excited about what they’ve achieved in the first semester this year – it’s a good opportunity for them to reflect and celebrate.”

Strong focus on Year 9 at Newhaven College

YEAR 9 places and scholarship opportunities are available at Newhaven College for 2023.

“Our Year 9 curriculum is aimed at catering for the specific educational and pastoral challenges faced by 14-15 year old students. Everything we do has a place, everything we do has a purpose and everything we do is for a reason. This targeted approach has strong support by research on what works for Year 9 students,” said Ric Pearce, head of Year 9 at Newhaven College since 2008.

By the middle of the 1990s, a growing body of research demonstrated that Year 9 is a period when students begin to explore their world view and personal identity, seeking out time for self-discovery and experiences that go beyond the four walls of the classroom.

Newhaven College’s program gives students the best framework to help develop their personal and academic skills and dedicated teachers work closely as allies and mentors, to find the best way to connect with each child and encourage them to learn.

Newhaven College believes in growth through engagement with nature and adventure.

Year 9’s unique learning space is based at the secluded Environmental Centre set away from the main College campus.

Looking out over Westernport Bay, the open space and healthy atmosphere help to shape a student’s mindset.

Students and teachers have open minds, keen to learn and take on new ideas.

Wearing their special Year 9 ‘ranger-style’ uniforms, complete with hiking boots and fleece jumpers, students are ready to move between the classroom and outdoor activities as opportunities arise.

While maintaining a high level of academic focus on core subjects, the Year 9 program expands the mind and challenges the body.

The Mind Body Soul program incorporates physical activities with health and mental wellbeing as students work to improve fitness and build interest in outdoor activities.

Community projects are a focus, which may include rearing calves, mentoring younger students or visiting nursing homes. Focus on building relationships with others is key.

Highlights for Year 9 students include participating in two challenging camps.

The City CITE Experience is a two-week intensive immersion into city life.

Students hear from a wide variety of guest speakers, learning about homelessness and other social issues students may be protected from in everyday life.

Wollangarra ‘Meet the Mountains’ hike and camp provide a tremendous opportunity for students to interact with their peers in a positive and supportive manner.

The camp is fully off-grid, allowing students to connect with nature in a new way.

Newhaven College Alumni often cite Year 9 as the highlight of their time at school.

The year provides a foundation of friendships, respect and resilience.

Newhaven College has high expectations of their Year 9 students, not only in exams but as members of the school community.

Students become thoughtful, caring and brave. They look at the world beyond themselves and aim to make a meaningful difference.

Newhaven College is excited to announce available places and scholarship opportunities for students entering Year 9 in 2023.

For more information contact the College’s Registrar, Belinda Manning on 5956 7505 or belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au or go to the College website. Applications for scholarships close Friday, August 12.



Newhaven College Year 9 students Riley Harris, Taite Cumming, Jenna Harman and Hayley Woollard weren’t afraid to get their hands dirty while participating in the incredible programs offered at the college.



Newhaven College students Joseph Thompson and Jack Middleton love the opportunities they have at the school.

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Limited Year 9 places and scholarship opportunities available for 2023

Applications close Friday 12 August 2022

For more information head to newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships

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Make your own long weekend this winter

LOCALS are being encouraged to Take a Not-So Public Holiday as part of a new tourism initiative launched by Visit Victoria.

The Take a Not-So Public Holiday initiative – part of the Stay close, go further campaign – aims to drive extended stays in regional Victoria during the winter months by inspiring Victorians to add a day or more of annual leave onto their weekend away.

New data from Visit Victoria showed that 75 percent of Melbourne travellers feel they need more than a weekend to feel refreshed and relaxed when visiting regional Victoria.

The data also showed that Melburnians currently hold high balances of annual leave, with 48 percent stating that they had three weeks or more owing and 63 percent saying they would consider using annual leave on a trip to regional Victoria in the next 12 months.

More than half of those surveyed were unaware of the long gap between official public holidays in Victoria during the cooler months – a whopping 103 days between Queen’s Birthday and the AFL Grand Final in September.

More information on the Take a Not-So Public Holiday initiative visit visitvictoria.com/notso-publicholiday

Help protect Gippsland from future bushfires

FOREST Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) is looking for people in Gippsland who are after a challenging and rewarding job helping protect Victorian communities for the upcoming bushfire season and to assist with land management activities, to join its team.

FFMVic’s Sam Quigley said applications are now open for approximately 90 project firefighters (PFF) to work in Gippsland.

“These fixed term positions are a fantastic opportunity for people from all walks of life who are physically fit to get out in the bush, protect Victoria from bushfires and help to maintain public land right across the state,” Mr Quigley said.

“You could be operating machinery one week and responding to an emergency the next.

“The roles involve being on the frontline fighting bushfires, conducting planned burns, managing roadside vegetation, pest and weed control, maintaining access to fire trails and roads, and supporting other emergency work to help protect the community and environment.”

The range of PFF roles available include general firefighters, fire support officers and rappel crew. Eighteen roles are also solely dedicated for Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people across Victoria.

“Successful recruits will be fully trained and get the opportunity to work with experienced staff from a range of fire management agencies right across the state, and potentially nationally and internationally if required.”

Driver licence and medical and fitness assessments are required. Applications are now open and close on July 31, to apply visit jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/pff or call 136 186.

Brett’s sights set on election

By Nick Sinis

AFTER announcing his candidacy for the State Election as The Nationals candidate for Bass, well-known local Brett Tessari says he’s ready for the challenge.

Mr Tessari’s candidacy was announced in June, and he has since been accompanying Nationals MPs throughout the electorate.

In what is shaping up to be a hotly contested election in Bass, Mr Tessari is running against the incumbent Labor MP Jordan Crugnale, Liberal candidate, Aaron Brown and Independent Jeni Jobe.

And with the electorate now encompassing new boundaries across the Westernport area including Tooradin, the pressure is on for the candidates.

Mr Tessari, who is currently a councillor and was former mayor of Bass Coast Shire, said his eyes are firmly set on the upcoming election, which he described as fulfilling his dream of representing his community at a state level.

He spoke with the Sentinel-Times on why he chose to run for The Nationals.

“From the moment I stepped away from the mayor’s role I had set myself for the November election,” he said.

“When The Nationals approached me with the idea of being their candidate.....they put it to me that The Nationals are a great fit for regional and rural Victoria.

“Only running candidates in rural and regionals seats, they are 100 per cent committed to a fair go for country Victoria and that really touched base with me.

“Part of their guarantee of a minimum 25 per cent infrastructure spend in the



The Nationals candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari, is looking forward to getting out and about more as the state election ramps up.

budget, is just what regional Victoria deserves.”

Mr Tessari said he had carefully studied the party’s policies before agreeing to run, ensuring they aligned with his values.

When asked about the party’s climate policies, as Mr Tessari has strongly campaigned for more action on climate change during his time in council, he said he was pleased.

“They’re definitely a lot more in tune with what’s going on at the moment,” he said.

“They understand that the community has an expectation that more needs to be done on climate action.”

“They’re giving me as much as room as I need to continue to push for that.”

Key issues and projects Mr Tessari plans to campaign for include the need for more

housing in Bass, better road maintenance, coastal erosion solutions and much more.

“There’s erosion across the whole shire, as well as issues relating to our roads, transport and public transport,” he said.

“I’m really excited by the challenge and excited to further understand the issues facing communities in Lang Lang, Koo Wee Rup, Tooradin and Pearcedale.”

Other aspects of his campaign will include focusing on improving CFA facilities and better parking for schools.

“I’m really looking forward to building on the foundations I have achieved as a councillor and taking the next step.”

Mr Tessari also highlighted he had been disappointed by some decisions and policies of the Andrews Government, citing

this as another reason to run in the election.

“There’s so many issues facing us here and I’m disappointed they’re not being addressed,” he said.

“The needs of our CFA brigades are being ignored and we know that our police and ambulance staff are seriously under resourced.

“Victoria’s health system is at breaking point and while we’ve got a new hospital in Wonthaggi, where are the extra staff going to come from and where are they going to live?

“But rather than just complain about it, I have committed to raising my hand and going into bat for our community.”

Mr Tessari also plans to learn more about the issues facing the electorate’s farming and agriculture community.

Destined for politics, Aaron’s ready to represent his community

LIBERAL candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown, believes he has the right experience and values to be the next elected member for the electorate.

A former councillor and deputy mayor, Mr Brown said he’s always loved the electorate he grew up in and would be privileged to be its next MP.

It almost seems like Mr Brown was destined for politics, as his father, the well-known Alan Brown, was the Liberal member for Westernport (later renamed Gippsland West) until 1997.

“I got to go around with dad particularly in his later years, so I had the opportunity as a child to attend all the different events,” he told the Sentinel-Times.

“I was always interested in talking about what he got up to and who he met.”

Aaron said his vision for the electorate is to see it thrive and be an ideal place for residents to raise a family, while genuinely listening to the community’s concerns.

Mr Brown has been a member of the Liberal Party since 2009, and joined after being concerned about the development of the Wonthaggi Desalination Plant.

“That was one of the main issues that made me want to join the party, I got involved in the local branches and really enjoyed

it,” he said.

Since announcing his candidacy earlier this year, Mr Brown has been busy taking opportunities to meet the community and hear about local issues.

“For example, when we announced funding at Lang Lang Showgrounds, I was able to meet with them and hear how they desperately needed upgrades and I was able to get a commitment from our party if we are elected,” he said.

“It was the same with the Phillip Island Football Club; it’s all about focusing on your electorate as a candidate. And if you’re lucky enough to become an MP”

Other issues Mr Brown plans to focus on include erosion at Inverloch and shire wide, as well as concerns regarding sand mining operations in Grantville.

To also avoid any confusion, as Mr Brown and Nationals candidate Brett Tessari are both running in the election under parties which form a Coalition in the state government, he wanted to make it clear he is running against Mr Tessari.

“I’m committed to winning the seat and gaining the trust of the Bass electorate.”

Mr Brown and the party had also recently announced they would invest \$6m towards erosion issues at Inverloch if elected.



Aaron Brown plans to have a strong focus on erosion throughout the Bass electorate.

Dedicated to her electorate; Jordan's ready to run again

CURRENT Labor member for Bass Jordan Crugnale says she is determined as ever to ensure the electorate has all the programs, supports, services and investments it needs now and into the future.

Since being elected in 2018, Ms Crugnale said her focus and energy has been to fight, advocate and deliver for the communities she is honoured to represent.

"We have a massive reform and capital investment agenda that is and will continue to bring change for the better in how we live, how we are supported, how we define ourselves as a community and society," she said.

"Kindergartens, schools, TAFES, hospitals, environment, housing, mental health and youth services, state funded aged care homes.

"We continue to support small businesses, new and emerging industries and are responsible for major roads, public transport, emergency services, agriculture and much more.

"We are making three and four-old-kinder free across the state from 2023 saving families up to \$2500 per child per year.

"We are delivering universal Pre-Prep for four-year-olds, establishing 50 government owned childcare centres over the decade. This is in addition to continuing to roll out 15 hours of three-year-old kindergarten.

"We are leading the nation



Incumbent Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale says she will continue to advocate for vital projects and infrastructure in the Bass electorate.

in treaty and truth telling processes and are deeply committed to Aboriginal self-determination and working proactively to support this work in line with the aspirations of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria."

Ms Crugnale said the government is also leading the nation in climate change, adaptation, transition to renewables, new and emerging industry investment.

"We see that right here with our work on the Cape to Cape coastal erosion and resilience project, our investment in offshore wind, our solar homes

program, our free TAFE courses which we partner with industry so as there are meaningfully, attainable pathways to local, secure jobs for our kids and peers," she said.

"We have the biggest investment in social and affordable housing of any jurisdiction in Australia - we have a minimum \$25 million allocated for Bass Coast and both Casey and Cardinia are priority areas already seeing projects built and we can't stop just there."

Ms Crugnale urged the community to deeply think about what causes activate them

and what their priority focus area is.

"What do they see as enabling positive change and to take the time to ask questions, get the facts so as to make an informed decision at the polls in November of who best will represent them, their families, the community members living amongst us not travelling so well and have not been afforded all the opportunities in life," she said.

"One of the main ones for me is our Mental Health Royal Commission, its recommendations and implementation.

"This is big, impactful, a game changer reform, a system that is currently broken but we are well on the way to being rebuilt and it'll take a good 10 years and I know what the risk will be should there be a change in government."

Ms Crugnale said as the community continues to grow, this brings more opportunities but also new challenges.

"We're just getting started here in Bass and whilst the investment into our area has been remarkable and unprecedented, we have more stories to tell, voices to listen too, aspirations to fill, more opportunities to grasp and heaps more investments to be made," she said.

"I am totally up to continuing to work for and beside our community to deliver more because each and every person, every family, every club, group, organisation, service is worth it."

Dementia deaths high among Gippsland females

DEMENTIA is the second highest cause of death among females in Gippsland and the sixth among males with an average of 171 deaths a year.

This was revealed in Gippsland Primary Health Network's priority issues paper on 'Dementia' last week.

The number of people in Gippsland with dementia is expected to double over the next three decades to 13,783 by 2058, and an estimated 438 people have younger onset dementia (under 65 years).

Forty per cent of people living in aged care facilities have a dementia diagnosis.

The paper also captured feedback from people living with dementia, their families, carers and health professionals.

People living with dementia said it was important to stay fit, well and connected.

At times they experienced feelings of confusion, frustration and embarrassment, and were concerned about the future, losing independence and being a burden.

Carers and family members said support after diagnosis was needed to help the carer and person living with dementia to adapt to the diagnosis.

While the carer role is essential, they said it could be very demanding and the system navigation challenging.

Anyone worried about their memory or thinking is encouraged to speak with their general practitioner (GP). A major change to memory or thinking is not normal at any age.

For more information about local services, see the Gippsland PHN website (gphn.org.au).

The Dementia Help Line 1800 100 500 or dementia.org.au, is a free telephone service for anyone seeking information, advice or support about dementia.

Preventing deaths by suicide

GIPPSLAND Primary Health Network's 'Suicide' priority issues paper recently released highlights the impact of suicide on families, friends and communities.

The paper outlines protective (safety) factors including effective clinical care for mental, physical and substance use disorders; easy access to a variety of clinical interventions and support for help seeking; support through ongoing medical and mental health care relationships; strong connections to family and community support; and skills in problem solving, conflict resolution and non-violent handling of disputes.

Services and supports available are also detailed along with the many resources developed as part of the Place-based suicide prevention trials projects, led by Gippsland PHN in partnership with the Victorian Department of Health in Latrobe and Bass Coast, can be found at gphn.org.au/what-we-do/programs/suicide-prevention-program/

Resources include free online suicide prevention training for anyone living, working or studying in Gippsland.

The training aims to help identify the warning signs of someone at risk, give confidence to speak to them about their thoughts and provides the tools to connect them with professional care.

If you need support, talk to a GP or health professional, or call Life-line (24 hours) 13 11 14, Suicide Call Back Service (24 hours) 1300 659 467 and Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 – including safety planning.

Jeni's as independent as they get for this election

FOR Jeni Jobe, her decision to run in this year's state election is all about representing the electorate, without political party influence.

Jeni has been involved in numerous community groups over the years and stood for local government in 2020.

Ms Jobe is running as an independent for the Bass Electorate, which she believes will allow her to advocate for community values.

"Normally, no one knows who I am, I always get work done in the background," she said.

"In an election campaign, you have to broadcast your good deeds."

"The biggest thing that led me to becoming politically involved is Totally Renewable Phillip Island.

"Back in 2018, there was a meeting on Phillip Island with more than 200 people, they wanted to decarbonise the Island and become carbon neutral by 2030.

"Being in the room and participating in meetings with the member groups and industry professionals was really eye opening and inspirational."

Ms Jobe was inspired to run as an Independent due to the influence of Cathy Mc-



Jeni Jobe is running as an independent for the electorate of Bass.

Gowan, who won the seat of Indi in North East Victoria during 2013 becoming the first independent member, as well as her successor Dr Helen Haines.

"They managed to get a lot of infrastructure investment in their electorate," she said.

"It should always be about making decisions based on need in your community, rather than what benefits a career path through a political party."

If elected, Jeni plans to have a strong focus on

improving planning guidelines, social infrastructure, health impacts of sand mining, protecting the Westernport Bay and ensuring the electorate has community cultural spaces available for groups and organisations.

"I do wonder how housing was allowed to go from being a basic human right to a money making business," she said.

"If we all start having multiple houses with a lot of these homes standing empty, there's a proportion of the

community that has less and less options and they're put out on the street, and as a result of the effects of homelessness they are more dependent on health services.

"We should make sure planning is brought up to date with community batteries and innovative housing solutions, we can build better communities.

"A lot of residents have to travel to Melbourne to get proper mental health services.

"Currently there's no reason for some professionals to relocate to the regions and open up their practices, if we work on making our communities more culturally rich, vibrant and a better place to live in, we will draw them out to regional Victoria."

"When we invest in community infrastructure and the arts, reduce our dependency on fossil fuels, plan for innovative housing and shared community spaces. When we support our local businesses that give our townships character. We create more livable townships, where people want to bring up their kids, or move back to when they become professionals."

"We can create communities we all want to belong to and that is worth voting independent for!"

TS Constructions proud to be



TS Constructions award winning project, Yarram Integrated Healthcare Centre at 85 Commercial Road, Yarram. Photos: Alan Foon of Foons Photographics

TS CONSTRUCTIONS Pty Ltd was named South East Commercial Regional Builder of the Year for the Yarram Integrated Healthcare Centre development.

The award was announced on Friday, July 1 at the 2022 South East Master Builders Victoria Regional Building Awards.

The awards were held at the Traralgon Vineyard with the Yarram healthcare centre build receiving top honours, and being awarded with Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$3M-\$6M.

Master Builders Victoria (MBV) director Corrie Williams addressed 170 guests on the night before presenting the major award of the year to TS Constructions Pty Ltd.

Director and project manager Mark Patterson said the project was a good challenge for trades, with the architectural

design requiring engineers to make the design work in a 15-month period.

"The construction was completed in 2020 and with the nature of the build being unique, our regional projects team had to work with new challenges and new systems, constructing curved internal ceilings and curved heavy steel work features outside; we are very proud of this build," said Mark.

Despite the economic pressures on the building industry, Mr Patterson confirmed the architecturally designed build was of high value with engineers allocated to manage the regional project, one that required unusual design features.

MBV CEO Rebecca Casson congratulated TS Constructions on their success and said they had a strong reputation for delivering high-quality medical facilities



We'd like to extend a big congratulations to the team at D.J Young Constructions Pty Ltd and TS Constructions for their recent recognition at the 2022 Master Builders Victoria Regional Building Awards - South East.

They were jointly awarded the Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings award for projects between \$3 million and \$6 million for their work on the YDHS Integrated Healthcare Centre.

We're thrilled to see their work recognised and the way in which they were able to realise our vision for the centre is truly remarkable.

The building is a wonderful asset for the community.

In addition, we'd also like to acknowledge the achievements of D.J Young Constructions Pty Ltd for also being awarded the South East Victorian Commercial Builder of the Year.

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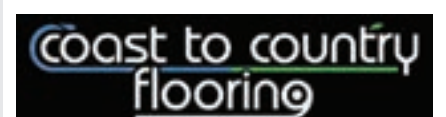
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while working within the constraints of an operational hospital.

Ms Casson said consistency in construction methodologies and careful management of finishing trades, ensured a stylish finish with robust materials that will cope with years of patient care.

"The systems implemented during all aspects of the project ensured the highest possible standards as this facility will encounter heavy traffic and constant usage," she said.

"TS Constructions ensured that every aspect of the build was first class, met or exceeded the stakeholders' expectations, and will be usable and durable for a long time."

Ms Casson said works consisted of demolishing the existing consultation and day procedure room and constructing a new integrated health care building, as an extension

of the existing hospital.

"The new building consisted of a waiting/reception room, open staff office, boardroom, consultation room, and new day procedure rooms and recovery," she said.

"The new building has several unique features including curved plaster and timber-lined ceilings and eaves, and a front façade boasting curves clad with VM Zinc vertical metal panels."

Mr Patterson gives a special thank you to all the contractors and suppliers during the building process as well as gratitude to the management and staff of the hospital.

TS Constructions will now compete in the Victorian Excellence in Construction Awards on Friday, August 12 at The Palladium at Crown.

For more information on TS Constructions and their award-winning projects visit www.tsconstructions.com.au



TS Constructions director Mark Patterson accepted the Regional Commercial Builder of the Year award from MBV director, Corrie Williams.

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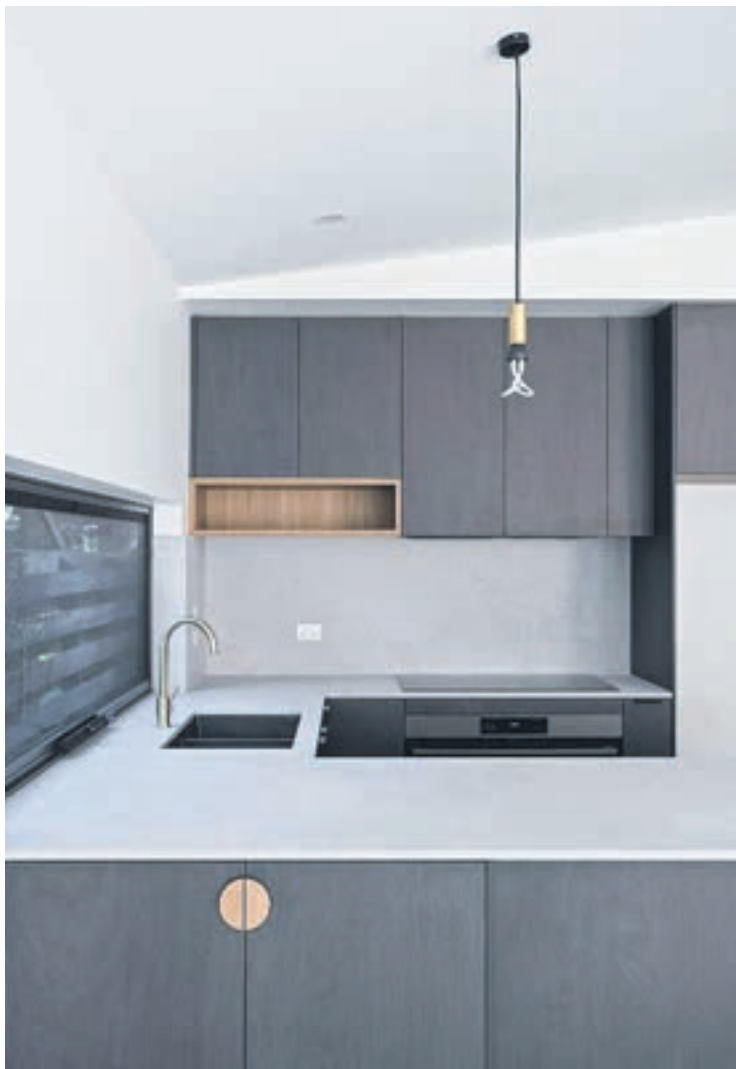
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High end

DAVIDSON Builders scooped up the 2022 South East Master Builders Victoria Best Custom Home \$300,000-\$400,000 Award at this year's regional awards evening.

"It's nice to be rewarded for all the hard work," Owner, Clint Davidson said.

"You don't set out to win awards."

Designed by Environmental Homes & Landscapes, this is the second time Clint has worked with the homeowners to create a stunning, contemporary holiday home space.

"Every house we build is custom and suited to the block - owners know what they want to live in and what they want to get out of their home."

"They are tailored to suit everyone's needs."

"Our style comes naturally from how I like to detail and finish the product."

The award-winning Florida in Inverloch is an outstanding home that reflects a design of contemporary and luxurious living.

The façade is a modern statement, with contrasting materials suitable for its natural beach side location, whilst the well thought out design offers fantastic

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outdoor entertaining complete with a tranquil outdoor stone bath, perfect for the Victorian coastline. The home includes two spacious bedrooms and a master suite with custom-built joinery. The main living zone with raked ceiling and north-facing glazing allows for ample natural light, and the kitchen and laundry work perfectly for everyday living and entertaining guests. It has a spacious garage with easy access storage, perfect for grabbing your bikes or surfboards for a quick trip to the beach. "We build high quality crafted homes," Clint added. "I like using natural sustainable products, in particular timber. Utilising timber that lasts and is not exposed to the weather and harsh elements." Davidson Builders may be reasonably new to the scene celebrating their sixth birthday this year, but owner Clint Davidson and his team have been in the industry much longer, with Clint building in Inverloch for the last 15 years. Upfront from the begin-

ning is what sets Davidson Builders apart. The team are dedicated to every project, down to every last detail. "We want to make the building experience stress-free and enjoyable through collaboration and teamwork, to give you a home that fits your lifestyle and environment. "My favourite part of this home is the clever design. "The central living space opens to an external living area with external bath – the connectivity of the two in a small house is really clever." With a number of significant projects coming through the pipelines with one guaranteed to be a masterpiece for Bass Coast, and beautiful creations in the Veronica, Murrays Road and Ripple to name but a few Davidson Builders are upping the stakes across our stunning coastline. "I'd like to thank our suppliers and trades for their hard work – it really is a team effort. Without them we couldn't do it." Visit davidsonbuilders.com.au to see their creations.



Clint Davidson director, and Neil Grenfell, business development representative- VIC/NSW, Australian Gas Networks.

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Roseleigh Homes was awarded Best Custom Home \$600,000 to \$800,000 for Lillico Road in the 2022 Master Builders Victoria Regional Building Awards. Photo: Jonathan Tabensky of JT Photo.

Award winning custom homes

ROSELEIGH Homes was awarded Best Custom Home \$600,000 to \$800,000 for Lillico Road and Best Display Home over \$500,000 for the 'Audrey', in the 2022 Master Builders Victoria Regional Building Awards for the South East.

Roseleigh were acknowledged for their unique custom homes in the Gippsland region.

General manager Brad Chugg said there is nothing more satisfying than seeing their client's unique vision of a home come to life.

"Our expert team works with clients every step of the way so that our client's expectations are exceeded."

The Lillico Road two storey home sits prominently on a sloped site, unashamedly contemporary in its design featuring interconnected twin gable roofs.

Designed to both capture the views to

the Strzelecki's and utilise the fall of the land, the home has been thoughtfully designed to maximise space and includes a ground floor studio, three bedrooms, two living areas, study and large merbau deck area.

The Audrey display was recognised for its unique façade featuring James Hardie Linea weatherboards with a contrasting smooth concrete rendered finish, the carefully considered floor plan of this home maximises comfort, style and convenience.

To find out how to build a custom unique home visit www.roseleighbuilders.com.au or visit their award-winning display home, The Audrey, open Saturday to Wednesday from 1pm to 5pm, or by appointment. The Audrey is in the Waterford Rise Display Village, Longview Road, Warragul.



Virtue Homes awarded Regional Residential Builder of the Year

VIRTUE Homes is proud to announce they have been recognised as Regional Residential Builder of the Year at the 2022 Master Builders Victoria Regional Building Awards.

Announced recently, the awards recognise the excellent work of MBV's residential master builders in regional Victoria.

The award is given to the residential home builder that demonstrates exceptional craftsmanship and standards of excellence, something that Virtue Homes have built their reputation on for nearly 20 years.

Mick Nicola, Virtue Homes owner said, "Being awarded Regional Residential Builder of the Year is testament to our dedicated team, taking time to under-

stand our clients' needs and living to our values of Building Excellence."

The 'Traralgon' build was judged by a group of building industry peers from Master Builders Victoria as the prime example of a custom-built residential home.

Externally the vision was to create a home with a unique street appeal and differentiate itself from other homes in the street with contemporary features that will also stand the test of time.

Internally the home features large windows throughout to "bring the outside in" focusing on the pool, extensive outdoor entertaining and living areas and beautifully designed landscape areas.

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HARRIS Build was awarded the Best Sustainable Home for their Viminalis project in Cape Paterson on Friday, July 1 at the 2022 Master Builders Victoria Regional Building Award in South East held at the Traralgon Vineyard.

The Gippsland and Bass Coast custom builders were recognised for their design that was centred on sustainability, harnessing materials that sequesters carbon while efficiently absorbing and disbursing energy.

The project interacts with its environment, capturing solar gains with carefully positioned passive solar design, working to passively heat and cool the home.

Director Troy Harris said the home was designed to be as energy-efficient as possible, with a 9-star energy rating and follows healthy home building biology principles.

“The home was built to house a large family within a cleverly designed small footprint, which consists of four bedrooms, an office, two bathrooms and a light-filled open plan living,” said Troy.

The colour palette and material textures speak to the naturist surroundings, tying the project into the rich Live at The Cape Biodiversity.

Harris Build are committed to creating the best possible building experience, building homes that are finely crafted to bring each client’s vision to life, whilst still being functional and environmentally friendly.

“With the cost of living so expensive at the moment there has never been a better time to build a sustainable home, this home has little to no utility expenses,” said Troy.

To find out more about custom sustainable homes visit www.harrisbuild.com.au



ABOVE: Director of Harris Build Troy Harris and Jess Cuman of Adapt Design Group onsite at the award-winning Viminalis project in Cape Paterson.



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Congratulations Harris Build

Most Sustainable Home award for their project Viminalis at Live At The Cape

Road safety funding for Gippsland

MORE than \$700,000 has been invested in rural and regional communities to drive down trauma as part of the \$1.5 million Community Road Safety Grants Program. Local key funding recipients include:

- Bass Coast Specialist School to receive \$8190 for speed advisory messages and variable messaging signs.
- Salvation Army to receive \$4800 for Changing Gears education program to be run at Yes Youth Hub

Bass Coast Shire Council to receive:

- \$1000 for Primary Schools Bike Education Challenge.
- \$4000 for bike education instructor training.
- \$4950 for bike education maintenance and equipment and
- \$3000 for Safer Cyclist Innovation to be delivered by the Phillip Island Bicycle who will engage with all primary schools in Bass Coast to support the Bike Education Program.

This year's grants program supports the Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030, which aims to halve road deaths and reduce serious injuries by 2030 and eliminate road deaths by 2050.

For more information, please visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-programs/vicroads-community-road-safety-grants-program/standard-grants-program

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood centre

THE Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre has been rocked by the most unexpected passing of our Centre Manager Iain Ritchie early last week.

He will be greatly missed, and our condolences and sympathies go out to his partner, family and friends.

So bear with us for a while as we adjust to this.

We remain open for you to take part in our friendly, stimulating and enjoyable groups and activities.

We like making these things available to you and feel that you may like to be a part of our centre here at Mitchell House on Murray Street, next to Apex House.

Have you been enjoying our activities and being part of our groups over the years?

Met our lovely volunteers and want to be part of this great community centre? Then read on...

Volunteer opportunities:

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre relies on a team of volunteers to carry out a number of tasks including, working on the front desk answering phones, providing customer service and general office duties.

We have day shifts available for 9.30 am - 4.00pm or half day shifts if that is more suitable.

Come along and join a great team and gain experience working in your local community, it looks great on the resume.

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Complete the online volunteer application form and we will be in touch with you.

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Call Mitchell House or keep up to date on our Facebook page at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



Florence, Safina and Graeme are inviting members of the community to the Wonthaggi Uniting Church this Thursday. C11_2922

From the heart, a universal call to enrich all of the nation

ON Thursday (July 21), members of the Yarning Circle from Wonthaggi Uniting Church extend an invitation to all members of the community to join in a panel webinar of history, truth telling and The Uluru Statement from the Heart.

In this online webinar, The Uniting Church National History Society in association with the University of Divinity and the School of Indigenous Studies, will bring together Indigenous leaders, historians and non-Indigenous members of the Uniting Church to discuss the significance of this historical framing; unpacking the background and application of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

This is the Uluru Statement from the Heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs.

Now is the time to stand together.

"Will you walk with us?" Florence of Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group (BCSGRG) asked.

This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

The Statement is written to the people, and it's only through the heart in redeeming that the Church bring the Statement to the people.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

Finding the Heart of a Nation by Thomas Mayor is a tremendously informative and incredible read that helps guide individuals through understanding.

"It's opening a conversation," Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artist, Safina Stewart said.

"Working as a team – together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders walking together in friendship."

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for 60 millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last 200 years?

The Yarning Circle is an invitation from Safina for individuals to come and engage in gracious conversations with Aboriginal people.

"We went there first of all sit and listen, and as the weeks unfolded, we begin as non-Indigenous members of the group to be able to tell our stories as well," Florence said.

"It's a very prayerful reflective time."

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Taking elements from nature it's a safe and sacred place.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people

on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

"I received a Welcome to Country by Bunurong Elder Uncle Anthony Egan," Inverloch Uniting Church's Graeme explained.

"It was incredibly profound."

"I'm a fifth generation, second nation of the Hunter Valley – receiving a personal Welcome to Country here, there's a deep sense of trust."

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

The spirituality of land and Place.

"Each of us recognises the deep spiritual sacredness of living on Bunurong country and therefore, our responsibility to live lives to bring positive change and healing, and this is actually the call to justice," Safina stated.

"Everyone is responsible for their own response."

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

"We have to keep encouraging everyone to dig deeper and be bigger, and perhaps see the bigger picture and calling."

"This has to do with making things right in a land where violence was the foundation to every injustice that has pervaded since."

"That is why we are inviting people to join the conversation."

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

A journey of healing of the loss of the Indigenous people of this country and the healing of the land itself.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

"One of the things that is becoming clearer and clearer as we move into a different way of looking at our land that's now called Australia is connecting more and more to the Indigenous spirituality and practice of the ancient in Indigenous people who still live here, still practice and still honour and love their land and care for their land," Florence said.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

The Statement of the Heart is a universal call to enrich all of Australia.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

Come together with an open heart to Wonthaggi Uniting Church (8 Broome Crescent) on Thursday evening at 6.45pm for a 7pm webinar start.

Students bookmark their best stories

CHILDREN from across the country are encouraged to put pen to paper for the inaugural Fishy Stories Writing Challenge.

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, with 12 of the Writing Challenge entries to be performed live at the festival.

More than 12,000 bookmarks have been printed, with 8000 being distributed to children in schools across South Gippsland to encourage imagination and creativity in the lead up to the festival.

The remaining 4000 will be seen in libraries and local cafes, as well as in Melbourne.

The bookmark, while helpful in not losing your spot in a book, also makes it easy to enter the Writing Challenge; children in Grades 1 to 8 or their parents can simply scan the QR code and submit their entry.

And best of all, the stories can be about anything and in any form - be that a poem, play, dialogue or something else!

A panel made up of adults and children will consider the following when selecting the 12 stories to be performed:

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

Now that you have the criteria, you may be wondering, 'Where do I start?'

That's where world-renowned

author and illustrator Alison Lester comes in.

Alison, who will officially welcome everyone to the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories on September 18, has a few tips for inspiring writers.

In a recent video interview Q&A with some of her young readers, Alison was asked by a seven-year-old, "Where do you get your ideas for your amazing books?"

"My ideas come from all over the place," Alison said, as part of The Guardian's kids' book series.

"Usually from things that have happened to me and my family but sometimes they come from funny places," she said, adding the title of the book 'Kissed by the Moon' was inspired by a tag on a jumper and night walks.

Details

Entries for the Writing Challenge are open and should be submitted using the entry form at fishystories.org.

The closing date is Friday, August 12, 2022, with stories selected on August 26.

Twelve stories will be selected from entries, with the writers' parents to be contacted, and performed at the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories on Sunday, September 18.

Conditions: All entrants must reside in Australia; entrants must be in Grades 1-8; the word limit is 350 words (including the title); entries must be original and in English, and one (1) story per person.

For more information, go to fishystories.org and click on 'Writing Challenge'.



Twelve of the Writing Challenge entries will be performed live at the festival by TV personality, actor and comedian Claire Hooper.

Young minds inspire Janeen's passion for writing

SCIENCE fiction writer, Janeen Webb, who lives near Foster, values the opportunity for feedback that the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories offers.

"The festival is a great way to meet young readers and I always look forward to hearing what they are thinking," Janeen says.

She explains that she learns from them.

When writing young adult fiction, Janeen's philosophy is to create the books she wanted to read as a child, and she will share some of her work with festival goers.

"I'll be talking about The Sinbad Chronicles, where the hero is a young girl who gets caught up in a whole range of magical exotic adventures," she says of what festival participants can expect.

Janeen wants to inspire bud-

ding writers to work on their projects for the sheer joy of creating something new and unique and sharing it with the world, letting them know it's okay to be different and to write what they want to read.

While her love for books and for writing goes back to childhood, Janeen branched out into fiction in the late 1990s after starting her published career with works of non-fiction.

Those early non-fiction works included essays, textbooks, and reviews, and Janeen also became an editor and anthologist.

She explains her shift into fiction writing.

"I always knew I'd write fiction, but earning a living kept getting in the way," Janeen reflects.

"The breakthrough was realising that the techniques I use for academic research are exactly the same for back-

grounding fiction, with the results just applied differently," she says, adding fiction is much more fun to write.

Growing up with folktales and fairy tales along with a love for Greek, Roman and Norse mythology, Janeen then discovered Tolkien, saying she "lived for a while in Middle Earth".

She describes her style as 'fantasy', seeing that as a natural fit for the tales she wants to tell.

Janeen's young adult novels are a combination of mythologies, high adventure and contemporary issues.

A curiosity for all things scientific sparks her passion for creating works of science fiction.

Janeen's latest novel is The Gold-Jade Dragon, a fantasy based on the idea that Hong Kong is secretly run by shape-shifting dragons, which was released last year.



Janeen Webb strives to write the books she wanted to read as a child.

Wonthaggi North Primary says thank you

WONTHAGGI North Primary School (WNPS) really values connections with the local community and beyond.

Thank you to George Telford of Challenging Learning, for helping WNPS grow and develop as a school.

George has been working with teachers at WNPS for the past three years focusing on the areas of challenge, feedback, growth mindset and a language of learning.

Thank you also to John Taylor,

By Wonthaggi North Primary School

a pre-service teacher (PST) from Curtin University, for his help during placement earlier this year.

John was in the 1/2A classroom with mentor teacher, Mrs Courtney Standfield.

In his second year of the four-year course, John chose to study online which means, he can 'tailor my study load to fit in with my life.'

John said some of the things he will remember most about WNPS are, "the enthusiasm for learning demonstrated by the students.

"The commitment and hard work of the staff."

And last, but in no way least, thank you to Bunnings Wonthaggi for donating two clothes racks to the WNPS Art Room last year.

RIGHT: Evelyn and Jaidon pictured with their art-smocks and big grins next to one of the new drying racks.



MYLI proud to highlight Refugee Week

FORMING Refugee Week celebrations, MYLI hosted a number of refugees and migrants at libraries across Gippsland.

These sessions opened the floor for individuals to tell their story to a keen and eager audience, it also allowed audience members the opportunity to ask questions and discuss their stories.

"The theme for this year's refugee week is healing," facilitator Rebecca Selvarajah-Hutchinson explained.

"I think that is something that we can all relate to, whatever our background is.

"I was born in Sri Lanka and moved to Kenya when I was eight years old.

"My dad moved there for work. He was only meant to go for two years, but he liked it a lot and sent for us.

"In those days traveling overseas, in the early 80s, was a big deal - the journey was three days.

"You spent a night in the Seychelles and then you took a flight to Nairobi.

"For most of my life, I've lived in Kenya.

"I've lived in different towns, attended different schools, did my first degree in Kenya, and got married and had two children.

"After my marriage ended, I met someone from Australia, and I've lived here for the past 10 years.

"I guess I've had that migrant experience in a few more ways than one - first as a little child from Sri Lanka to Kenya in East Africa and then moving from Kenya to Australia."

Individuals at Wonthaggi Library also had the pleasure of meeting Dr Remi Yusuf, a teacher and psychotherapist who was born in Nigeria.

"Even though it's refugee week, I'm not a refugee, not that there's anything wrong in being a refugee but we say that because some people think that every migrant, especially from Africa in Australia is a refugee," Remi explained.

"But that's not true. Ninety-eight percent of Nigerians in Australia are professionals, the two percent international students - most postgraduate, or medical students.

"I've lived in South Africa at the end of apartheid. And from South Africa, I lived in Canada, from Canada to Australia. I've lived here now for 17 years.

"(I moved to South Africa) to join my husband with my one-year-old at the time - it was just the three of us.

"Nigeria took a lot of South Africans in especially for political asylum, so when apartheid finished they wanted a lot of black professionals to come and empower the black people in South Africa.

"When I went to South Africa, I was teaching in a girl's school and the school employed predominantly black teachers, because it was black girls, they wanted to empower them to become something, to aspire that black people are not just for slave or menial jobs - it was really productive.

"That was where I met Mandela for the first time."

Sentinel-Times COMMENT

Council has listened, your questions are a 'must'

Just about no one on Phillip Island wanted to spend \$27.2 million on the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre.

Almost everyone agreed a few million dollars spent on a renovation of a perfectly workable facility would have been enough.

And by any measure, the \$676,000 that the Bass Coast Shire Council is considering spending on the Anderson Road car-park for the part-time Cowes Boat Ramp is excessive.

There was also the issue of the \$7.7 million shared pathway between Inverloch and Wonthaggi where the council didn't even produce a feasibility study and trotted out years' old consultation about the Bass Coast's Aspirational Network Pathways Plan from 2015-16 to justify the project.

Most of the time when the Bass Coast Shire undertakes 'community consultation and engagement' they're just ticking the box for a decision they have already made. We all know that.

We see it time and time again and those committed to getting the council to change its mind have to launch petitions and comprehensive campaigns just to get council to listen.

The community had to do it again when elements on the council and its administration wanted to do away with 'Question Time' at the monthly council meeting as a result of some woke interpretation of 'workplace safety'.

The Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association took it on as a major issue and members of the community got involved as well. Here's what one of them had to say during the consultation process on the draft Governance Rules:

"I am strongly opposed to the proposed change to the Governance Rules concerning Public Question Time. Surely it is a basic right of all residents to be heard by the people who elected them. Question Time should be open and transparent and available to all residents of the Shire."

Hear, hear!!

So, thankfully the council has listened this time and made it a 'must' that question time be a key part of the agenda at every Ordinary Council Meeting, but the council is still retaining the right to rule out questions they don't like, as follows:

"Not all questions are required to be read at the meeting. Any question which has been disallowed by the Chair will not be read at the meeting."

Council needs to expect a robust exchange of views with the community over such contentious issues as special charge schemes. In fact, they should genuinely encourage it and facilitate it.

Receiving the occasional abusive letter is regrettable and the community must be respectful at all times, but the reality is, it's going to happen every now and then. It goes with the territory.

Farm safety matters

Farming plays a huge role in the Gippsland economy and is an essential part of our local communities - but it also presents dangers every day.

The theme for this year's National Farm Safety Week, which will be acknowledged July 18-24, 2022, is 'Recipe for Averting Disaster'.

Farmsafe Australia will be heading a national campaign to raise awareness of the risks and hazards experienced on farms including fatigue, complacency and the often blurred line between the home and work environment.

For many of us our farms are our homes



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grob' Robinson.

and it is important to keep our families as well as workers safe.

Alarming, the 2021 Safer Farms Report showed that 13.8 per cent of on-farm fatalities that occurred in 2020 were children under the age of 15.

The 2022 Safer Farms Report that will be released during Farm Safety Week will give a snapshot of on-farm accidents that occurred throughout 2021 and discuss methods to avoid future accidents.

I encourage all Gippsland farmers, both owners and employees, to take the time to read the Safer Farms Report and use this week as an opportunity to review the safety practices of their workplace.

Let's keep our farms - and homes - safe places to be and work.

Yours sincerely,

Danny O'Brien MP - State Member for Gippsland South, Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health, Shadow Assistant Minister for Ambulance Services

Close scrutiny warranted

Information from the South Gippsland Conservation Society (SGCS) in the Sentinel-Times (July 5) that no Bass Coast councillor accepted SGCS's invitation for them to attend an onsite meeting at (2-4) The Esplanade prior to councillors voting on that site's proposed development, illustrates that the SGCS and the local community were denied the satisfaction and confidence in knowing that councillors were fully aware of all the issues involved.

Even if all councillors had received a full copy of SGCS's submission to council, actually seeing the site and discussing the implications and lost opportunity for alternative use, would have been an appropriate use of councillors' ratepayer funded attention.

I also find it concerning that council has been quoted as regarding the Provisions of the Design Development Overlay (DDO10), which specifies a maximum building height of 9.5 metres currently applicable to (2-4) The Esplanade, as only "desirable" rather than "mandatory".

This flexible attitude by council warrants close scrutiny by councillors and an ability to communicate directly with those affected, particularly when councillors are voting on an issue whose impact needs to be visualised on site rather than be approved, due to council's defeatist belief that council could not win if the developer went to VCAT.

Rosemary Hutchinson, Inverloch

Time for a change in government

A boost to the regional tourism economy is just one of a swag of benefits for country Victorians ahead of the Commonwealth Games in 2026.

With the date now set for a March 17 opening ceremony, we must not waste any time planning the work that must be done to make sure our rural and regional towns are ready for an influx of tens of thousands of tourists, athletes and support staff.

The Gippsland region, Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong have already been announced as host cities, while other regional locations like Mildura, Shepparton and Wodonga are crying out to be brought into the fold.

But while regional Victoria continues to suffer from inequality in allocation of government funding for new infrastructure and severe worker shortages across the healthcare workforce, upgrades to sporting infrastructure will be just part of the planning puzzle.

Regional Victoria deserves our fair share. More visitors will mean more demand on our country roads, public transport, health services and our small businesses which is why planning to host the 2026 Games must take into account necessary upgrades to hospitals and transport infrastructure.

Remember this November that Labor has been in government for 20 of the past 24 years.

In that time Labor's presided over a catastrophic neglect of road asset maintenance, a flailing regional V/Line network and failed to plan for future demand that growing regional communities will have on our hospitals.

Only The Nationals in government will invest to build new hospitals at Mildura, Warragul and Melton - with more announcements still to come - as part of our plan to fix the health care crisis in Victoria.

We'll also deliver the nation's first Regional Infrastructure Guarantee that 25 per cent of new government spending on infrastructure will go into regional Victoria.

This includes for those works that will be needed to prepare our communities for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

We deserve our fair share. Only a change in government in November will make sure it's delivered.

Peter Walsh - Leader of The Nationals, Member for Murray Plains

Vox Pop

What's your favourite place to take your visitors?



Leigh Croft

"Ronni's Wonthaggi for dinner and Phillip Island - walks on the beaches. I love the island and San Remo."



Hank Wolswinkel

"A drive down the main street of Cowes - I remember it as a kid and loved it..."



Graeme Finlay

"Port Welshpool - to see Long Jetty, it's quiet. Tours, Agnes Falls, Tarra Valley, lots of nice little spots."



Allana Henson

"Inverloch - the beaches and coastline to Cape Paterson and over to Phillip Island. That's the beauty of living in this area..."

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.

Sylvia May Carter

30-04-1919 - 03-07-2022

SYLVIA Carter, Rhyll's oldest resident passed away on July 3, aged 103.

She had a remarkable life, born at Leongatha in 1919 at the time of the Spanish Flu.

She grew up on farms at Tarwin Meadows, Gunya and Ryton with her parents.

After leaving school with her Merit Certificate, she had various housekeeping jobs then worked at the Boolarra Store and at the "Kia Ora Café" at Warragul where she met Clive.

War came and Clive enlisted in the RAAF and Sylvia worked at the Government Aircraft Factory in Melbourne, riveting wings onto the Beaufort Bombers.

They worked around the clock, and she remembers going to sleep at her bench.

We wonder how those wings stayed on the planes.

Sylvia and Clive married at Williamstown in 1943 and after the war they share farmed at Molesworth and trapped rabbits, before buying the farm at Rhyll in 1945.

They milked cows, fattened pigs and grew chicory.

They had three children, Shirley, Colin and Leonard.

Sylvia had always worked hard on the farm, but also worked



for others from the war years packing food parcels in the Rhyll Hall to send to England.

Then many years supporting Moonya with their fund raising to more recent years knitting rugs first for Red Cross, then Salvation Army and more recently The Cottage by the Sea at Queenscliff.

She had knitted hundreds; we wish we had kept count.

Sylvia loved the farm life and drives through the Gippsland hills, barbecues, picnics, her garden, cooking, clothes, shopping and her regular coffee at the Cowes Bakery.

Her big highlight was her 100th birthday party at the Rhyll Hall.

Sylvia had seen and given so much in her life and leaves behind her daughter, Shirley, son Colin, eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

A wonderful life lived, sadly missed but cherished and loved by all.



The enormous bundle of knitted donation pieces will this week head to NSW for Flood victims and to mothers in need. C08_2922

Knitted goods head to new homes

MORE than 35 full sized blankets, 10 baby blankets, 40 trauma teddies, and an assortment of beanies, and small knitted toys are headed to new homes this week thanks to the incredible support of Close Knit.

Most the items will head to NSW via Need for Feed for individuals and families affected by the floods, whilst at least ten of the smaller baby blankets

will find homes with new mums and their babies.

The stories behind each item are incredible, with one wool blanket making its way from Perth to Pakenham to Wonthaggi ready for NSW.

"Powlett Freemason volunteers have donated over 40 trauma teddies," Close Knit's Cath explained.

"Usually these teddies find their way to the hos-

pital but due to COVID they will find a new home with the flood victims.

"It's good to have the community come together and thank you to everyone who contributes."

Every colour and piece of yarn is used to create beautiful pieces that will mean more to the receiver than the maker.

"We would really like to shout out and thank the anonymous individuals

who have donated items and yarn in the box at Wonthaggi Library," Librarian Sandra added.

"If you need supplies do not hesitate to pop in."

Close Knit runs each Thursday from 1pm to 3pmish at Wonthaggi Library and individuals are welcome to join.

Donations (items and yarn) are also warmly welcome.



Vale Ruth Heffer

15/09/1925 - 09/07/2022

A MEMORIAL service will be held for Ruth Heffer who sadly passed away on July 9, at 96 years of age.

The service, organised by Maru Koala and Animal Park, will be held on Thursday, July 21, at 9:30am at the park on 1650 Bass Highway, Grantville.

The park gave a touching tribute to Ms Heffer on social media, whose family began the Grantville phase of the Maru business in the early 1980s.

"Ruth was much loved and valued by the local community and was an active member of multiple groups and associations and regularly volunteered her time for many causes," the park stated.

"Everyone who met Ruth was touched by her warm smile, humble nature and great sense of humour.

"Ruth was a true lady who will be greatly missed by all.

"A memorial service will be held at Maru in Grantville at 9:30am on Thursday, July 21.



Photo: Maru Koala and Animal Park

"All who knew Ruth are welcome to attend.

"Depending on how many attend, social distancing may not be possible so you may wish to wear a facemask.

"Flowers are welcomed and if you wish to you can also make a donation to the organisation Legacy, that Ruth received support from and also volunteered her time as a Legatee.

"You can donate directly here www.legacy.com.au/ donate in Ruth's memory."

Out of respect for Ruth, the Maru attractions and business will be otherwise closed to visitors until 12noon on this day.



Remembering Iain Ritchie

Belinda Henderson

You were the person I could talk to, when nobody else would

You were the person who helped keep me fed; and thought of my children

And less of the rats in the Food Pantry

You were the person who taught me how to use my phone, and be vaccinated

While discussing the mysteries of life

You kept people safe, and made them feel valued

We will never forget you

Sylvia Davey, Chair of the Committee of Management

To the man at the Neighbourhood Centre - Vale Mr Iain Ritchie

We are saddened at the sudden and unexpected passing of Iain.

Iain was our friend, our colleague, and our leader as the manager of Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre.

He created a warm, comfortable and inclusive atmosphere at both Mitchell House and the Harvest Centre.

Iain was everyone's friend, supporter and mentor. He was always there to listen, and to help whenever help was needed.

Iain will be remembered for his generosity and kindness, he was exceptionally patient, welcoming, and open-minded, and will also be remembered for his great sense of humour, not to mention his wonderful cooking skills!

We are all incredibly grateful and forever indebted to Iain for his calm, steady, dedicated and focused leadership of the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre.

Felicia

IAIN Richie, manager of Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, passed away suddenly on Tuesday July 12.

He allowed SGRAR to hold events each time we asked with full facilities available.

We needed to borrow some chairs; certainly, you're welcome, we wanted to hold a lunch for our refugee friends at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre; certainly, you're welcome.

Iain was everyone's friend, supporter, and mentor if they needed one.

He was always there to listen and help if help was needed.

Iain made our community house a friendly, warm, clean, well-furnished home where all were welcome and the answer was YES.

His love permeated our community home and the people who came there.

Iain's Love, kindness, generosity of spirit and great cooking skills remain within us and within the very walls of our community house.

With love to all.

Upcoming events at Myli

Book Chat at Wonthaggi Library

JOIN Sabine and Jenny who love their books and a good chat. Bring a book to share and join in a cuppa on Wednesday August 10, September 7, October 5, November 2 and November 30 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm at Wonthaggi Library.

Family story time on Mondays

ENJOY songs, rhymes, stories and craft activities and connect with other parents at 2pm on Mondays at Wonthaggi Library. Call 5672 1875 for more details.

Baby rhyme time and story time

“It’s never too soon to start your child off on their journey into the wonderful world of reading and literacy.”

Join Wonthaggi Library on Thursdays from 11am to 11.30am for Baby Thyme Time and Fridays from 11am to 11.30am for Story Time.

Free film screenings at Wonthaggi Library

THE Duke is screening this July 29 at Wonthaggi Library. Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren star in this uplifting true story

about a man who set out to change the world and managed to save his marriage after stealing Goya’s portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery.

Whether the morning screening at 11.30am is your cup of tea or the afternoon at 2pm, settle down with a free ice cream and enjoy a great film with great company.

Bookings are free but essential – visit tinyurl.com/wonmovie or call 5672 1875 – to book your place.

Meet artist Fiona Kennedy

LOCAL and international artist and writer, Fiona Kennedy will be at Wonthaggi Library on August 9 at 11am.

Head down to hear about her unique artwork, her writing and where and how she finds inspiration.

Supporting rural women

Drop into Wonthaggi Library on August 31 between 10am and 3pm for the Rural Women Online Wonthaggi Open Day.

A digital literacy day, the event will kick off a longer literacy weekly drop in for women to build their digital skills – whether you need help with MyGov, word or anything inbetween.

L2P receives \$5000 grant

THE Bass Coast TAC L2P program recently received \$5000 to deliver driver training for 16–23-year-olds from families of disadvantage through the Bass Coast Community Foundation.

The program supports young learner drivers aged 16-23 years who do not have access to a supervising driver or car, and who are unable to get the required 120 hours of supervised driving practice to get their Ps and be safe independent drivers.

Participating learner drivers are matched with a volunteer mentor driver and have access to three program vehicles for supervised driving practice.

In addition, learners can access a number of lessons with a professional driving instructor to further support their learning and readiness for independent driving.

From July 2021 to June 2022, 61 young learner drivers across Bass Coast drove with a volunteer mentor, and 20 learner drivers reached 120 hours of driving practice, passed their drive test and gained their probationary licence.

“We are very grateful for the funding from the Bass Coast Community Foundation, which ensures the program can continue to operate at full capacity.” Program coordinator Melanie Mumford said.

“Having a driver’s licence greatly improves employment, education and recreation opportunities for



L2P Learner Karisah and mentor Burt on the day Karisah got her P’s.

young people.”

Comprehensive learner driver education improves driver safety and contributes to a reduction in serious crashes.

“L2P is a worthwhile program that pays dividends in reducing the road toll,” a current mentor stated.

“As a mentor I find it very rewarding.”

It is also incredibly rewarding for the young drivers.

“Without the program I wouldn’t

have been able to get my hours and get my licence – it’s been a big help,” one P-plater added.

Volunteer mentor drivers are always in high demand.

Mentors must have a full driver’s licence with a good driving history.

Anyone interested joining the L2P program as a learner driver or volunteer mentor can contact Melanie on 0467 590 679 or basscoastl2p@wonthaggi neighbourhoodcentre.com.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

IN JUNE, the migrant English students and teachers went for an excursion to Federation Square.

There were lots of selfies taken and happy conversations which made the bus journey enjoyable. They visited the Ian Potter Art Gallery and saw many colourful paintings.

After lunch, the group walked along the river to Birrarung Marr where each student spoke for one minute at Speaker’s Corner.

They all had a fantastic day and enjoyed seeing new things.

This is one of the stories from BCAL’s winter e-newsletter, emailed to members every quarter.

To sign up, please email contact@bcal.vic.edu.au.

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

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Everybody loves good neighbours.

The gardeners are lucky to be part of BCAL’s campus on White Road, sharing a boundary with U3A Wonthaggi.

U3A volunteers have recently rehabilitated a lovely pocket park next to their classrooms, which now provides a pleasing aspect from the garden’s side, as well as showing off the productive garden plots, and gardeners at work.

The garden has also been blessed with a new fence to give a little more security for members’ plots and produce.

Thanks to the BCAL committee and Bass Coast Shire for their efforts with the fence.

There’s more good news on the garden’s rat problem: trapping, vigilance and the campus cat have combined to move them on for now!

For more info on activities at the garden contact us at tgordon@westnet.com.au or visit us on a Thursday between 10 and noon to see what’s happening.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Watercolour pencils. Gel and glitter pens. These aren’t the types of tools you might immediately associate with woodworking, and yet they are still useful.

The pyrography group use these and other colour sources to augment what would otherwise be a monochrome design. Pencils and pens – the same ones you see on the stationery shelf – are used to add colour to the design before they are coated in a more common wood finish. However, they have to left for several weeks for the ink to completely dry before the finish is applied.

Do you enjoy colouring in? You could be a woodcrafter!

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



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

IT IS Term 3 and it was lovely to have smiling faces in the house again after the school break. Recently, our crochet class commenced and our Fibre Appreciation Group meet, Tuesday, July 19, at Nyora.

Pending numbers, the Art of Story Writing kicks off for this term on Wednesday, July 20.

This is a great class that the students love, the feedback is always very positive.

Therefore, if you are interested in developing your writing skills there is no better time than now. The tutor delivers the class via zoom, so you can do it at home or

here at Milpara.

As the class is recorded you can do it at a time and on a day that suits you!

Sunshine Spreaders is back this term, we have cleaned out the cupboard and there are some fantastic art/craft supplies ready to be turned into smile spreading items.

The aim of this session is to get people together to enjoy a chat, cuppa and work on projects that can bring a smile to them and others.

So why not come along and give it a go it will be on Thursday mornings each week.

We also have someone who is happy

to teach others to knit a scarf so bring along your supplies if you’d like to take up that opportunity.

Explore Art with Gayle will start on Tuesday, July 26, and run over eight weeks.

Delve into different art ideas and share an environment with like-minded creative people.

Milpara can be contacted on 5655 2524 for more information.



21 Shellcot Rd, Korumburra PH: (03) 5655 2524 www.milparacommunityhouse.org.au

• FAITH FACTOR

Where can I find Help?

I TURNED the TV on last Tuesday evening to watch the news and was met with the headlines: ‘Interest Rates are up’; ‘Cost of living increases’; ‘Wages can’t keep up’; ‘Energy prices are going through the Roof’; ‘Floods in the Sydney basin for the 3rd time in 12 months’; ‘Another shooting in the US’; and ‘The War continues in Ukraine’.

All I then wanted to do is go to bed and put my head under the pillow, do what I call an ‘Ostrich’ – put my head in the sand and pretend this wasn’t happening.

It’s becoming tough to live and make ends meet. With so little good news around us what hope is there?

Fortunately, there is hope out there and there is support if you look close enough. Most churches will help where they can, such as through a food pantry, like we at St George’s Wonthaggi do twice per week. But there is a deeper spiritual help also available that can give you peace, even during difficulties and tough times.

The Psalmist wrote:

Rev. Graeme Liersch, Wonthaggi/Inverloch Anglican Parish

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

2. My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121).

My wife and I have been in that horrible spot of not knowing how we will pay the bills, we’ve thrown our hands in the air, looked to God and given the problem to him.

A simple prayer of: ‘Help God I can’t do this anymore’, sufficed. Somehow the bills were paid.

I encourage you to take the time to find peace with God in these tough times. Say to Him; “God, if you’re there I want to know you and I need your help”. I know He will surprise you.

St George’s Food Rescue program operates Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00 – 11:30am, McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi.

Other forms of help are also available outside of these times.

Simply contact the church office on 5672 5002 Tuesdays – Fridays.



Tony and Tom Moon with Tony's stunning 1930 Chevrolet. A10_2522

Glorious trip back in time

TONY Moon's stunning green 1930 Chevrolet was unmissable during a recent Sunday visit to Leongatha with son Tom.

The Korumburra pair took advantage of an unseasonably glorious winter's day with sunshine gleaming off the stunning automobile.

Tony bought the car in Outtrim from a gentleman who originally planned to restore it but was distracted by other projects.

While Tony has owned the Chevy since 2005, it took nine years to get it on the road.

"It was stripped back to bare metal and completely rebuilt,"

Tony said.

The almost 100-year-old vehicle still has its original engine with new bearings, gaskets and seals.

Tony explained that the internet has made it far easier to source parts for historic cars than would once have been the case.

The dark green that covers most of the Chevy's body is close to its original colour, albeit a mid-1960s Jaguar green.

Some trimmings and the wire wheels are a light green, which Tony believes was a Renault colour.

Once again, the internet

played a crucial role in locating the rare wheels bought from New Zealand.

Driving the car takes some getting used to Tony explained.

The three-speed manual doesn't have a synchromesh gearbox, requiring double clutching.

Although Tom has his sights on a Lamborghini when he is older, he loves the uniqueness of his dad's Chevy, noting with pride that it has won best in show awards at Show 'N' Shine events in Leongatha and Morwell.

On the road the glamorous green machine has a cruising

speed of 75 kilometres an hour.

The Moon family feel a strong connection to the Chevy, with Tony's dad Kevin and sons Tom and Phill all having helped work on various aspects of the car.

Tony is the secretary of the South Gippsland branch of the Gippsland Historical Automobile Club, based at the Leongatha velodrome and meeting on the first Thursday of each month.

There's no reason to think the car won't still be going strong well beyond its hundredth birthday, assuming the federal government hasn't banned petrol by then.

Driving down the cost of car repairs

AUSTRALIAN drivers will soon have the freedom to have their vehicle serviced by any mechanic.

New cars are computers on wheels.

Real-time access to vehicle information such as digital files and codes vary from car to car but are needed to complete many aspects of a repair or service.

Car manufacturers generally own and control this technical information and in many cases only share it with their dealership's networks and affiliated repairers, making it difficult for independent repairers to effectively compete for business.

The Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme, requires car manufacturers to make motor vehicle service and repair information available to purchase by all Australian repairers and registered training organisations at a fair market price.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) will monitor and enforce the Scheme to ensure information is shared consistently and on time.

Where necessary, the ACCC has the power to take enforcement action, with a maximum penalty of \$10 million for systemic breaches of the Scheme.

The Australian Government recognises the significant contribution from the Australian automotive industry in both developing and launching the Scheme.

The Government has appointed the Automotive Service and Repair Authority Limited (AASRA) to the statutory role of Scheme Adviser.

As Adviser, it will undertake key functions including appointing facilitators to mediate disputes in relation to the Scheme, publishing information regarding the cost of scheme information and working with the Government and the ACCC to ensure the Scheme's success.

AASRA has advised Government it intends to help facilitate easy access to and supply of scheme information through an online information sharing portal, which will be entirely run by industry for industry.

Renewed plea to prioritise vehicle safety

THE concerning number of Victorians dying in older vehicles has prompted a plea for people in the market for a car to do their research and put safety first.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll said new figures from the Transport Accident Commission, show around two thirds of drivers

and passengers killed on Victorian roads last year were travelling in vehicles aged more than 10 years.

So far in 2022, 28 out of the 54 driver and passenger deaths have occurred in a vehicle built more than a decade ago and the average vehicle on Victoria's roads is around 10 years old, meaning far too many cars

are without the latest lifesaving technologies found in more modern vehicles.

The Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP) and Used Car Safety Ratings (UCSR) are free to access and provide the latest vehicle safety information to help people in the market make an informed choice.

Life-saving safety features

people should look for include auto-emergency braking, lane keep assist, blind spot monitoring, electronic stability control, and front, side, and curtain airbags.

People can see the latest ratings, look for information about vehicle safety features and check how safe their car is here howsafeyourcar.com.au

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Former president of the recreation reserve committee, Robbie Allan, and wife Jeanette were please to be invited to the stadium opening in Foster. A05_2922



Elizabeth Hurst and Daniele Chamley, both of Foster, love the town's revamped stadium and are enjoying aerobics on the new floor. A05_2922



Joan Webley, Faye Holmes, Emmah Welsh and Marj White are impressed with the expanded and modernised Foster stadium. A06_2922



Year 12 Foster Secondary College students Isabelle Callcott and Harrison Garlick check out the new facilities. A07_2922



Alani, Logan and Lachlan from Wonthaggi North Primary School marched across the bridge on Friday in support. C23_2922



Wonthaggi North Primary School students Matilda and Maggie were proud to be attending the Reconciliation Bridge Walk on Friday. C22_2922



Zack and Ella of Wonthaggi North Primary School were glad to be supporting the community on Friday. C21_2922



Olive and Rachel Petersen of Corinella and Nancy Legg of Cape Woolamai walked alongside First Nations people on Friday. C20_2922



Pauline Humbert of Ventnor, Simon Chipper of Newhaven and Jane Dyer of Newhaven showed their support in Friday's sunshine. C24_2922

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Foster Stadium opening and the Reconciliation Bridge Walk at San Remo.



Debbie Brooks of Wonthaggi, Lilly Narkle of Cape Paterson and Kara Nasilasila of Wonthaggi walked together for reconciliation on Friday. C19_2922



John Sagasser of Foster and Melissa Hussong of Port Welshpool admire the new facilities. A08_2922



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Safina Stewart, Bunurong Elder, Uncle Anthony Egan and Bunurong Land Council representative, Aunty Sonia Weston on Friday. C28_2922



Geoff Russell and Sally O'Neill prepare for the Reconciliation Bridge Walk in San Remo last Friday. C14_2922



Carolyn, Malcolm Beasley, Leith Cummins and Holly Parker of Bass Coast College were in San Remo last Friday for the walk. C15_2922



Dudley Campus' Alex and Georgia of Bass Coast Colleges participate in the Reconciliation Bridge Walk 2022. C18_2922



Bass Coast College's Grace, Miah and Julianne enjoyed the sunshine for Friday's walk. C17_2922



The two JC's (Bass Coast Health CEO, Jan Child and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale) said it was a huge honour to walk with our First Nations people on Friday. C25_2922



The Winterfest festival will be held in Mirboo North across the weekend of July 29.

Winterfest is coming to Mirboo North

LAUNCHING on July, Friday 29, to Sunday 31, in the hilltop village of Mirboo North, Winterfest promises a celebration of the warmth and light that fosters connection in the cold, dark of winter.

A festival which celebrates fire and ice, light and art, food and drink,

Winterfest retains the beating heart of the arts, encompassing the long-running Mirboo North Art Show, which is now in its 39th year.

Winterfest will kick off on Friday night with the Art Show's opening party, the show will run all weekend in the Shire Hall, while the ever-popular Arty Bras exhibit will be in full swing at the ArtSpace.

A bumper Mirboo North Market will take place on Saturday morning with all your favourite stalls on deck, but with a wintery twist you're sure to love.

The town will be a-buzz with Parkrun taking place on the Grand Ridge Rail Trail at 8am, and a home game for the Mirboo North Football and Netball Club at the Walter J Tuck Reserve.

Workshops will run throughout the weekend, with something for all ages - kids, teens, adults and all! Join a West African drum and dance workshop, learn to DJ, develop your own beautiful abstract artwork, or take on a session of modern stitching or rebel floristry.

On Saturday night, Mirboo North's first ever lantern parade will see the main street closed and transformed into a trail of light from beautiful handmade lanterns made by locals and visitors alike. Local businesses are offering up special winter-themed drinks, meals, treats and live music to welcome you in from the elements.

Meanwhile, over in Baromi Park an eclectic pop-up tipi will act as a hub for the festivities, including live music, fire twirlers, live ice sculpting (!), food vans, and a bar.

Winterfest is a COVID-safe, family friendly event, so dress warm, gather some friends and family and help us celebrate all that is wonderful about winter in Mirboo North.

For more information see: www.instagram.com/mirboonorthwinterfest/



Artwork by Tina v T Bowden will be showcased at the upcoming art exhibition fundraiser.



Local artists will display an array of artwork in support of the community health centre.

Artists' support local health services

THE Tarwin Lower and District Community Health Centre is showcasing the work of local artists at an upcoming exhibition on Sunday, July 24, from 2pm until 6pm.

Committee member Patricia Freeman invites the community to come along and enjoy a selection of fine food and wine for a small \$5 donation to support the Gippsland Health Service; a service that is run by the dedication and hard work

of local volunteers.

Guests will be entertained by musicians Julia Hawkins and Phillip Bowden playing live music as they stroll through the exhibition.

Artists will be displaying a variety of mediums including drawing, oil, acrylic, watercolour, print and photography.

"We invite the community to join the Tarwin Lower Community and District Health Centre fundraiser

and welcome the discussion of potentially volunteering," said Patricia.

Those who wish to volunteer their time to the health centre are also welcomed to join the next annual general meeting to be held on Monday, August 22.

The Tarwin Lower Community and District Health Centre is located at 19 Walkerville Road, Tarwin Lower, to find out more about the exhibition or volunteering call 5667 5680.



Nine of the ten active foundation members, from left, Val Wilson, Don Wilson, Gwen Sunderland, Annette Sims, Bill Sims, Maureen Matthews, Thelma McAsey, Doris Legg and Shirley Broad.

San Remo Probus celebrates thirty years

San Remo Probus Club celebrated its 30th birthday on Monday, June 20 at the Old Dalyston Church restaurant.

Nine of the 10 still active member foundation members from 1992

joined in the day's celebrations.

At lunch those members expressed emotionally what Probus had meant to them over the last 30 years.

The San Remo Probus

Club meet at 10am on the second Monday of each month at the Ne-whaven Public Hall, visitors are most welcome to come along and see what the Club has to offer retirees.

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The master bedroom enjoys a walk-in robe and toilet and vanity, and the second bedroom includes a built-in robe.

Additionally, there is a guest room with separate entry and ensuite giving purchasers the opportunity for Airbnb (STCA).

The family bathroom is just divine and includes a walk-in shower, freestanding clawfoot bath and vanity.

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The property showcases a beautiful cottage garden, lawn and treed surrounds

plus many raised veggio beds and fruit trees.

A timber constructed garden hut would be ideal as a small studio or garden retreat. Numerous water tanks supply the home plus there is two dams for stock water.

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Luxurious home within the Woolamai House Estate

THIS stunning residence is set amongst some of the best homes that Phillip Island has to offer within the Woolamai House Estate.

Offering four bedrooms, two spacious living rooms, oversized theatre room, downstairs outdoor entertainment area with salt water swimming pool, upstairs alfresco built to take in the amazing water views out to Cape Woolamai safety beach.

This exceptional home showcases style and substance designed to meet every demand from the quality fixtures and fittings it's one that will tick all the boxes.

Entry the home you are presented by the stunning hardwood timber floors and high ceilings, which immediately sets a tone of sophistication and luxury.

Three of the four bedrooms are on the ground level, all fitted with quality carpets and built-in robes with one of the bedrooms complete with private ensuite.

These bedrooms share a family bathroom with a floor to ceiling tiles, spacious shower, and freestanding vanity.

Also on this level you will find a central and laundry with access through to the spacious garage.

The 6x4.4m theatre room offers a stunning viewing experience complete with your own projector and screen, this space will be the perfect place to relax.

The rear rumpus room with high ceilings has plenty of room for family gatherings, leading out to the rear entertaining area, and what a space with bespoke landscaped gardens, Travertine French pattern pavers all flowing to the inground heated salt water pool.

Designed with upstairs living in mind, you will find the heart of the home.

The kitchen presents a highly functional space with a large island bench, quality appliances, an abundance of storage, and a large walk-in pantry.

The kitchen flows into the open plan living room and then onto the alfresco perfectly positioned to take in the water views of Cape Woolamai safety beach and sweeping coastline.

The huge master bedroom is located towards the front of the home and offers a beautifully ensuite finished with twin vanities, a walk-in shower, and large walk-in Robe.

On this level you will also find a powder room, and a fifth bedroom or home office.

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- Approx. 780 m2 allotment
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TRIVIA

1. **[\$100]** How long is an Olympic swimming pool (in metres)?
A. 30 metres. B. 50 metres.
C. 80 metres. D. 100 metres.
2. **[\$200]** Which of these countries was not part of the original Axis in World War II? A. Germany. B. Italy.
C. Turkey. D. Japan.
3. **[\$300]** How long is New Zealand's Ninety Mile Beach? A. 55 miles.
B. 70 miles. C. 90 miles. D. 105 miles.
4. **[\$500]** What is the most consumed manufactured drink in the world?
A. Tea. B. Coca-Cola. C. Beer.
D. Coffee.
5. **[\$1000]** What is "cynophobia"?
A. Fear of snakes. B. Fear of ants.
C. Fear of dogs. D. Fear of cats.
6. **[\$2000]** Which country invented ice cream? A. China. B. USA.
C. Norway. D. Denmark.
7. **[\$4000]** What was the first toy to be advertised on television?
A. Lego. B. Monopoly.
C. Mr Potato Head. D. Barbie.
8. **[\$8000]** How long do elephant pregnancies last? A. 9 months.
B. 12 months. C. 16 months.
D. 22 months.
9. **[\$16,000]** The unicorn is the national animal of which country?
A. Scotland. B. Ireland. C. Bulgaria.
D. Hungary.
10. **[\$32,000]** Which of these was not one of the four main characters in the TV series "Golden Girls" which ran from 1985-1992? A. Dorothy.
B. Rose. C. Blanche. D. Angie.
11. **[\$64,000]** What type of animal or plant is a Flemish giant? A. Fir tree.
B. Rabbit. C. Mushroom. D. Rodent.
12. **[\$125,000]** What is the name of the man who launched eBay back in 1995? A. Mark Zuckerberg.
B. Mike Cannon-Brookes.
C. Pierre Omidyar. D. Chris Morris.
13. **[\$250,000]** How many languages are written from right to left?
A. 8. B. 12. C. 16. D. 20.
14. **[\$500,000]** Who named the Pacific Ocean? A. Vasco da Gama.
B. Ferdinand Magellan. C. Francis Drake. D. Christopher Columbus.
15. **[\$1,000,000]** What is Harry Potter's Patronus? A. Jack Russell Terrier.
B. Fox. C. Stag. D. Hare.

Quiz answers: 1. B, 50 metres, 2. C, Turkey, 3. C, Mr Potato Head, 4. A, Tea, 5. C, Fear of dogs, 6. A, China, 7. C, Mir 55 miles, 8. D, 22 months, 9. A, Scotland, 10. D, Angie, 11. B, Rabbitt, 12. C, Pierre Omidyar, 13. B, 12 (Arabic, Arabic, maic, Azeri, Divehi, Fula, Hebrew, Kurdish, N'ko, Persian, Romiṅga, Syriac, Urdu), 14. B, Ferdinand Magellan, 15. C, Stag.

SUDOKU

Level: MEDIUM

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Instructions:

Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

QUICK CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 1 French cook
- 5 Veer
- 9 Cast
- 10 Make copy of
- 11 East
- 12 Eastern religion
- 13 Poisonous acid
- 15 Accomplished
- 16 Hand bomb
- 18 Avenge
- 21 Boxer Muhammad
- 22 Show up
- 26 Knife
- 28 Shina
- 29 Pope's country
- 30 Decorative needle case
- 31 Glen
- 32 Liability

DOWN

- 1 Gent
- 2 Stillness
- 3 Canal
- 4 Rim
- 5 _ Lanka
- 6 Singer Ronstadt
- 7 Refastens
- 8 Music used as practice
- 10 Mucus
- 14 Disagreeable
- 17 Lacked
- 18 Speedy
- 19 Thrill
- 20 Type of infection
- 23 Assess
- 24 Chow
- 25 Modify
- 27 Building addition

WORD FILL

A 15x15 crossword puzzle grid. The words 'ACHIEVE' and 'CHIEF' are filled in. 'ACHIEVE' is a vertical word starting at row 1, column 6, and 'CHIEF' is a horizontal word starting at row 1, column 10.

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3 LETTERS

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5 LETTERS

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6 LETTER
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HOBBS
IMPALE
NELLIE
ONEILL
RELATE
SUNLIT
VENETO

6 LETTERS

BREEZE
HOBBS
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ONEILL
RELATE
SUNLIT
VENETO

MATH SQUARES

Instructions:

1. You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 9 in the puzzle.
2. You can only use the numbers once.
3. Each row and column is a math equation.
4. Don't forget that multiplication and dividing are performed before addition and subtraction.

	x		+		78
x		+		-	
	x		-		7
+		/		+	
	+		+		10

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SOLUTIONS: July 12, 2022

Crossword:

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Sudoku:

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Word wheel:

4 letter words: ERGS, FIGS, GINS, GRIN, RIGS, RING, SIGN, SING

5 letter words: FEIGN, GRIEF, GRINS, REGIS, REIGN, RINGS, SINGE

6 letter words: FEIGNS, FINGER, FIRING, FRINGE, REIGNS, RESIGN, RISING, SINGER, SIRING

7 letter words: FINGERS, FRINGES

9 Letter word: SIGNIFIER



Denison dairy farmer Ross Anderson learnt the empowering value of stepping out of his comfort zone in the Australian Rural Leadership Program.

I need to put my own oxygen mask on

UNTIL recently, fourth-generation dairy farmer Ross Anderson seized opportunities as they arose, rather than seeking them. As a young adult he grasped the chance to move from the temperate climate of Denison in Gippsland, southern Victoria, to work as a qualified builder – and play footy – on Queensland’s Gold Coast. The adventure rolled into 10 years away from the Macalister Irrigation District in Victoria, with Ross plying his building trade in London and Perth until 2006. “I came home when I was 30 to farm with my folks because I was mature enough to give it a go,” he said. Now aged 45, Ross farms 300ha and milks 500 cows with his parents Graeme and Chris, and partner Jenni. Their rotary dairy has a workforce of seven, with the Andersons in the transition phase of farm succession. “I love the dairy industry; it’s challenging and rewarding. I love being on the land with animals and producing food,” Ross said. Since his homecoming in 2006, Ross “didn’t shy away” when industry peers nudged him to apply for leadership roles and development opportunities. He served five years on the GippsDairy board, and six years (three as chair) on Herd Improvement Co-operative Australia (HICO); and is an alumnus of the 2020-21 Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP), sponsored by Gardiner

By Corinna Boldiston Dairy Foundation. The 15-month ARLP is a flagship leadership development course, which includes four challenged-based sessions throughout Australia and overseas. Despite the challenges created by COVID, he was grateful for the overall ARLP experience and the valuable addition of ongoing personal mentoring. “Even though some of our course sessions were via Zoom because of COVID, the ARLP taught me the power of experiential learning; it kept pushing me out of my comfort zone,” he said. “I think my strengths are I’m authentic and prepared to be vulnerable; I’m not one to shy away from tough situations, and I’m prepared to wear my heart on my sleeve. “One of my biggest takeaways during the one-on-one coaching sessions during the ARLP was understanding that I need to put my own oxygen mask on before I can help anyone else with theirs. “I had been spreading myself too thin and not hitting the mark anywhere, so I stepped aside from GippsDairy and HICO to focus on my wellbeing and my relationship with my children.” Applications for ARLP Course 30 are open until July 31 at rural-leaders.org.au/programs/australian-rural-leadership-program/



Bass Coast Landcare Network Nursery Volunteers with Nursery Supervisor Stevie Wynen, growing plants for their 2021 VLG projects

Victorian Landcare grants now open

LANDCARE grants are now open to groups across West Gippsland with project grants and funds on offer to support Landcare and environmental volunteering groups and networks. The annual funding is offering grants of up to \$20,000 for on-ground works, education or capacity building projects focused on protecting and restoring the region’s land and environment. Groups who complete the yearly group health survey will receive a \$500 support grant to assist with tasks such as insurance and administration. This funding will be delivered through Victoria’s 10 catchment management authorities (CMAs), providing the important environmental outcomes that can be achieved through collaboration between CMAs, environmental groups, local communities, and the government. In 2021, the program supported initiatives in West Gippsland as creative and diverse as the groups themselves. One such example is South Gippsland Landcare Network’s Dung Down Under in Southern Gippsland – a project to monitor dung beetles which play a role in improving waterways and soil fertility. It is a partnership led by Cassie Wright, Projects and Education Coordinator for South Gippsland Landcare Network and working with Robbie Gray from Bass Coast Landcare Network. The unique initiative involves over 30 landholders taking part in monitoring dung beetles across Bass Coast and South Gippsland. Although small, these beetles play a huge role in catchment health by breaking down and reducing high nutrient and sediment loads entering surface waters and polluting dams, waterways and marine environments in turn threatening sensitive marine environments and their outstanding environmental values. The Victorian Landcare Grants support the implementation of Protecting Victoria’s Environment – Biodiversity 2037, which is Victoria’s 20-year plan to stop the decline of native plants and animals and improve natural environment and Victorians Volunteering for Nature – Environmental Volunteering Plan. Find out more and apply at delwp.smartygrants.com.au/WGCMA2022VLG Applications close at 5pm Tuesday, July 26.

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AUSTRALIA'S littlest livestock, its precious European honey bees, are under siege from the hive-destroying Varroa mite.

The parasite was first detected in hives at the Port of Newcastle but has quickly spread to multiple locations across New South Wales.

Rural Aid have launched the Buy a Bee fundraising campaign with the unequivocal support of the industry's peak body, the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said the situation is volatile and distressing for beekeepers across the country.

“Beekeepers are in an awful state right now as they anxiously wait for news on how far the Varroa destructor mite has spread,” Mr Warlters said.

Rural Aid is offering beekeepers and their families free counselling through its nation-wide team of qualified counsellors.

Rural Aid is also supporting its affected beekeepers with financial assistance in the form of \$500 pre-paid Visa cards.

Donations can be made at ruralaid.org.au/hiveaid/

Beekeepers who aren't already registered with Rural Aid are encouraged to do so at faa.ruralaid.org.au/

Farmers act on FMD threat

CONCERNS about potential incursions of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) from Indonesia prompted a strong take-up of the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) webinar on the issues last Thursday.

Over 1,200 people registered for the event, forcing multiple upgrades of the VFF's Zoom account to ensure everyone could participate.

“The overwhelming response to this webinar highlights how much of an issue FMD is for Australian producers and everybody in the red meat supply chain and other industries,” VFF president Emma Germano said.

While speaking of the importance of getting the message out to anyone travelling from Indonesia to Australia regarding the need to take precautions to prevent FMD and LSD returning with them, she conceded those in the livestock industry are most likely to be associated with an outbreak.

“The reality is that if we end up with an incursion of FMD in Australia, it is most likely to happen because someone from an Australian farm goes to Bali or somewhere in Indonesia and brings it home, so our industry is probably the greatest threat,” Ms Germano said.

She said that makes events like the webinar crucial to ensure those in the indus-

try are talking about how to mitigate the risks involved.

The VFF president said everyone in the industry can play their part using tools such as social media to ensure important messages about FMD and LSD are distributed as broadly as possible.

Ms Germano dismissed calls for banning travel between Australia and Indonesia.

“Not just our trading relationship but also having good neighbours in our region for security reasons make it important that we don't throw out the baby with the bath water,” she said.

Ms Germano spoke of past damage to relations due to the Australian Government's ban on live transport of Australian livestock.

Dr Chris Parker, head of the National Animal Disease Taskforce for the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, outlined the recent Indonesian outbreaks of FMD and LSD and the differences between the diseases.

“LSD was found in March this year, and then in May we had FMD detected in Indonesia as well,” Dr Parker said.

“LSD is a pox virus that is spread by a wide range of biting insects. It's just a disease of bovines, meaning cattle, and buffalo.

“FMD's a very different virus that's transmitted by

contact with infected material from an infected animal, whether that be milk, semen, meat or virus particles on individuals.”

Dr Parker described both as “significant exotic diseases”, and an outbreak would significantly affect our relationships with trading partners.

He said an outbreak of FMD in Australia has been forecast to cost around \$80 billion.

While figures in relation to a LSD outbreak are still being worked out, Dr Parker spoke of potential multi-million dollar losses in terms of trade alone, in addition to the costs of disease eradication.

Dr Parker explained why Australian livestock is not yet undergoing vaccination for either FMD or LSD.

“The only effective vaccine for LSD is a live vaccine and if we use that we essentially have Lumpy Skin Disease and we can't tell trading partners that our animals are negative,” he said.

“The situation for FMD is different; it's a killed vaccine and what would happen is we would lose our current trading status.”

Dr Parker added that a nation has one of three classifications in relation to FMD.

The first is that you have FMD as a country.

Otherwise, FMD is under control through vaccination, or you have FMD free status.

“Australia is free of FMD and that means you have a

much wider variety of countries you can trade with,” Dr Parker said.

“You would be able to trade with a large number of countries, but not as many if you have FMD controlled with vaccination, so there's no way we would voluntarily start vaccinating with a killed FMD vaccine because it would significantly change our trading status and those countries we could trade with.”

He indicated an Australian-owned vaccine bank in the United Kingdom would enable the production of a million doses in seven days, should an Australian FMD outbreak occur.

During the webinar, farmers were advised to consider extra biosecurity measures to minimise the number of people coming in contact with their livestock.

Principal officer – Emergency Animal Disease, Chief Veterinary Officer's Unit of Agriculture Victoria, Dr Megan Scott provided advice on that topic.

She described the fence around a farmer's property as a “second border”.

Dr Scott said the electronic tracing of livestock movements in Australia will be advantageous should there be an outbreak in the nation, and urged farmers to ensure they are vigilant in tagging their animals.

A recording of the VFF FMD webinar is available to watch on YouTube.

Achieving future goals with whole farm planning

GIPPSLAND farmers will have an opportunity to investigate a range of farm management practices and planning tools in an upcoming whole farm planning course to be held online during July and August.

Livestock Industry Development Officer James Paulet said the whole farm planning course assists with goal setting for future business planning by presenting farmers

with relevant information to better understand their farm as it is, and to identify potential areas for improvement.

“The content includes computer farm mapping, farm design and layout, soils and land classing, and climate risk management.

“By the end of the course, participants will have developed a whole farm plan of their property with the aim of making the most of their

current infrastructure and assets, while also being presented with ideas to help them realise the potential of their property in line with land capability,” he said.

Mr Paulet said the whole farm planning course is relevant to farmers of all ages and experiences, with different farming enterprises.

“Course presenters have expertise in a variety of topic areas including soils, farm

biosecurity, climate and pastures.”

The free online course is being offered by Agriculture Victoria over six weeks and follows a successful course held late last year and is highly recommended by several of the participants.

Farmers interested in attending the course should contact James Paulet on 0447 695 839 or at james.paulet@agriculture.vic.gov.au

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The 2022 Gippsland dairy region grantees, past grantees and leadership fellows of the Gardiner Scholarship programs.

Gardiner Foundation grants a boost for dairy communities

TWENTY-ONE projects in Victoria's main dairy regions – Gippsland, Northern Victoria, and South-West Victoria – have been awarded \$91,833 in grants, which will help to build the capacity of local community organisations and improve digital connectivity. The grants are through the Gardiner Dairy Foundation Community Grants Program, which is delivered by the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) and marks the 20th year of the program. The latest round of grants of up to \$5000 will

go to grassroots organisations and not-for-profits that are critical to the sustainability of dairy farming in Victoria. Gardiner Dairy Foundation Chief Executive, Allan Cameron, said he is delighted to continue supporting dairying communities. Community groups were presented with their funds at a series of ceremonies. Gippsland Dairy Region 2022 recipients were from Foster, Port Albert, Toora, Venus Bay and Welshpool and include Manna Gum Community House Inc.

with funding for Manna Gum Gathering Place Stage 3; Port Albert Maritime Museum to enhance the tourism experience with audio installations to increase inclusivity and access; Toora Primary School's netball lines in the stadium (increasing access to all weather facilities); Venus Bay Tarwin Lower and District Mens Shed Inc. for 'Stop Washing Dishes by Hand and Greater Community Participation.'; and Welshpool and District Primary School through the delivery of IncrediGirls.

MARKET REPORT

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Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, July 13, 2022				
Bullocks				
14 Ferguson CT Longford	640.4	512.6	3,282	
1 Marx P & R Trafalgar South	600.0	510.0	3,060	
2 Battista D & S	580.0	499.6	2,897	
1 Temsi P/L Ferndale	635.0	495.6	3,147	
1 Bentley DJ Leongatha Sth	575.0	495.6	2,849	
8 Dessent AR & ML Foster	606.3	485.0	2,940	
Steers				
3 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	440.0	605.6	2,664	
1 Glover BT & D1 Lang Lang East	410.0	590.0	2,419	
1 Marx P & R Trafalgar South	460.0	580.0	2,668	
2 Freeman H Mirboo Nrth	362.5	580.0	2,102	
2 Beilharz D & W Pty Ltd				
Lang Lang	330.0	560.0	1,848	
1 Bailey & Wyatt2 Boorool	260.0	530.0	1,378	
Heifers				
2 Glover BT & D1 Lang Lang East	427.5	550.0	2,351	
1 Knox GD & R Loch	395.0	535.6	2,115	
2 Beilharz D & W Pty Ltd				
Lang Lang	325.0	520.0	1,690	
2 Knox GD & R Loch	455.0	513.6	2,336	
5 Homebush Pastoral Co Dumbalk	472.0	513.6	2,424	
1 Sinn John Longworry	270.0	513.6	1,386	
Cows				
1 Katelea Past Toora	695.0	400.0	2,780	
8 Mirra Booka Tarwin Lower	738.8	399.6	2,952	
4 Knox EA & Morrison SL	620.0	397.6	2,465	
1 Jasmel Nominees Tarwin Sth	560.0	395.0	2,212	
1 Katelea Past Toora	590.0	395.0	2,330	
1 Index Farming Pty Ltd Flynn	855.0	391.6	3,348	
Bulls				
1 Nimmitibel P Co Jeetho	880.0	382.0	3,361	
1 Grabham AC Kongwak	845.0	379.6	3,207	
1 Index Farming Pty Ltd Flynn	685.0	370.0	2,534	
1 Melaleuca Pastoral Meeniyen	865.0	359.6	3,110	
1 Bowron RJ & MJ Sandy Point	1,060.0	355.0	3,763	
1 Smith NB6 Pound Creek	820.0	343.6	2,817	

Lardner Park Calf Market Report	
Monday, July 11, 2022	
Jersey & Jersey x	\$25 to \$75
Friesian Bulls	\$40 to \$160
Friesian Heifers	\$320 to \$760
Beef Bulls	\$120 to \$580
Beef Heifers	\$50 to \$560
Number of Calves: 307	
Number purchased to rear: 134	

Milk-price boost a welcome move for farmers

THE Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) says the move by Coles to lift their own-brand milk price is welcome for farmers and reflects the mounting costs being incurred by producers at the farm gate. VFF United Dairyfarmers of Victoria Vice-President Mark Billing said the move would help put value back into the supply chain and is a culmination of several factors. "We've got fertiliser costs that have gone through the roof and significant costs around energy and grain that farmers need to feed to our cows. "Farmers can't continue to fully absorb these costs and that's part of the reason we're now seeing retail level prices start to increase. "Many dairy producers are just breaking even in terms of mounting costs. To have milk, we need dairy farmers, and this move helps ensure that. "The retail price of milk has remained stagnant for many years now, so from a farming point of view this change has been a long time coming," Mr Billing said. Mr Billing added he hoped other supermarket chains would pass on the rise. "If this price rise from Coles is followed by other supermarket chains, it will help put sorely needed value back into the supply chain," Mr Billing said.

RSPCA launches short course for Victorian hobby farmers

ANYONE who currently owns a farmlet or is interested in hobby farming is encouraged to sign up to RSPCA Victoria's first-ever short course for hobby farmers to improve their knowledge. With many people opting for a tree change post-pandemic, this fun and engaging course comes at the perfect time. The new course, to be held from 9am-12pm on Saturday, October 15 at RSPCA Burwood East, will provide an introduction to owning and caring for livestock in small acreage systems to optimise animal health and wellbeing. The course will also cover how to conduct management and husbandry practices in a safe manner for both animals and people, promoting responsible livestock ownership and stewardship. While this course will not cover caring for horses and ponies, there will be a course focusing specifically on these animals coming up shortly. Find out more or register at rspcavic.org/we-bought-a-farmlet



RSPCA Victoria launches second session due to overwhelming response.

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ARESTIA, Giovanni (John):

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Much loved Nonno of his 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Loved and cherished and will be sadly missed by all.

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DURRAN, Faye:

The President, Committee and Members of the

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are saddened by the passing of a loved member. She will be greatly missed.

MARRIOTT, Steven Bruce:

The Karmai Community Children's Centre family (Board Members, Life members, Staff, families and children) past and present would like to express from deep within our hearts our sincere condolences to Beck, Rani, Regan and Jed, and Fay, Kerrie, Kylie and families on the loss of beautiful Steve.

We send our love, hugs, support, and strength at this sad time. The whole family hold a very special place in our hearts at Karmai.

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DEATHS

NICHOLAS (Richards), Marjorie Jean:

Passed away peacefully at Cooida Lodge, Warragul on July 11, 2022.

In her 99th year.


Dearly loved wife of Laurie (dec.). Much loved mother of Sylvia and Thelma. Loved mother-in-law of David.

Adored Nan to all her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.

Mum and Dad Reunited.

A laugh, a smile, a joke or two, that's the way we'll remember you.

A Service of Committal was held at the Drouin Cemetery, followed by the Memorial Service to celebrate Marjorie's life at the Nielsen Funeral Chapel on Monday July 18.



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PEARCE, Terry:

Passed away peacefully.

Aged 69 years.

Loving husband of Deb.

Loved Dad and father-in-law of Daniel and Melissa, Andrea and Adam, Liza and Cam, Abby and Chris, Maddison and Brenton, Brittany, and James.

Adored Poppy to his 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A big man with a strong heart who had great expectations, principles, and pride.

At rest in shiny shoes.

PEARCE, Terry:

Son of Harry (Hacka) and Mary.

Dear brother and uncle to Sandra, Ken (dec.), Peter, Mark and Mandy and their families.

An amazing man, rest peacefully. We will never forget you.

DEATHS

PEARCE, Terry:

Thank you for helping me become the man I am today.


Your words of wisdom and advice I will miss forever but I take comfort in knowing I called you my mate.

Our Pearce-Bowler Punters Club memories are now priceless.

Rest Easy Mr Treasurer.

Love to Deb and Family.

Russell, Mandy, Ryan and Sophie, Sarah, Scott, Summer, and Sonny.



PEARCE, Terry:

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PEARCE, Terry:

TS Constructions Social Club Members and their families are saddened to hear the passing of our only Life Member.

His guidance and support were invaluable.

Our Sympathies to Deb and all the family.

VALE Terry you will be missed.

PIKSONS (Jnr.), Alvis Miles:

14.03.1998 - 05.07.2022.

Alvis snr. and Kim are devastated to announce the passing of their precious son Alvis jnr.

RITCHIE, Iain Hunter:

Born 13.08.1961 in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Died 12.07.2022 in Melbourne, Australia.

Loving son of Irene and John Ritchie (both dec.).

Loved brother of David Ritchie (dec.).

Loved and adored partner, father, grandfather and best mate of Andrew, Peter and Kiah, Ryan, Lucy and Pippa.

The hole in our heart will never be filled.

DEATHS

RITCHIE, Iain:

We are incredibly grateful for Iain's calm, steady, dedicated, and focused leadership of the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre.

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RITCHIE, Iain:

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The family would like as many of his mates to hear about his memorial/celebration and be able to attend:

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WRIGHT (nee Lumsden), Judith:

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DEATHS

WILSON, Charles Robert Grant (Charlie):

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PEARCE:

The Funeral Service for Mr. Terry Pearce will be held at the Leongatha Football/ Netball Club Rooms, 54 Routhead Street, Leongatha on Thursday July 21, 2022, commencing at 11.00am.

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PIKSONS:

A Memorial Service to Celebrate the life of Alvis Miles Piksons jnr. will be held at the Salvation Army Leongatha 2 Long Street, Leongatha TOMORROW, Wednesday July 20, 2022, at 2.00pm.

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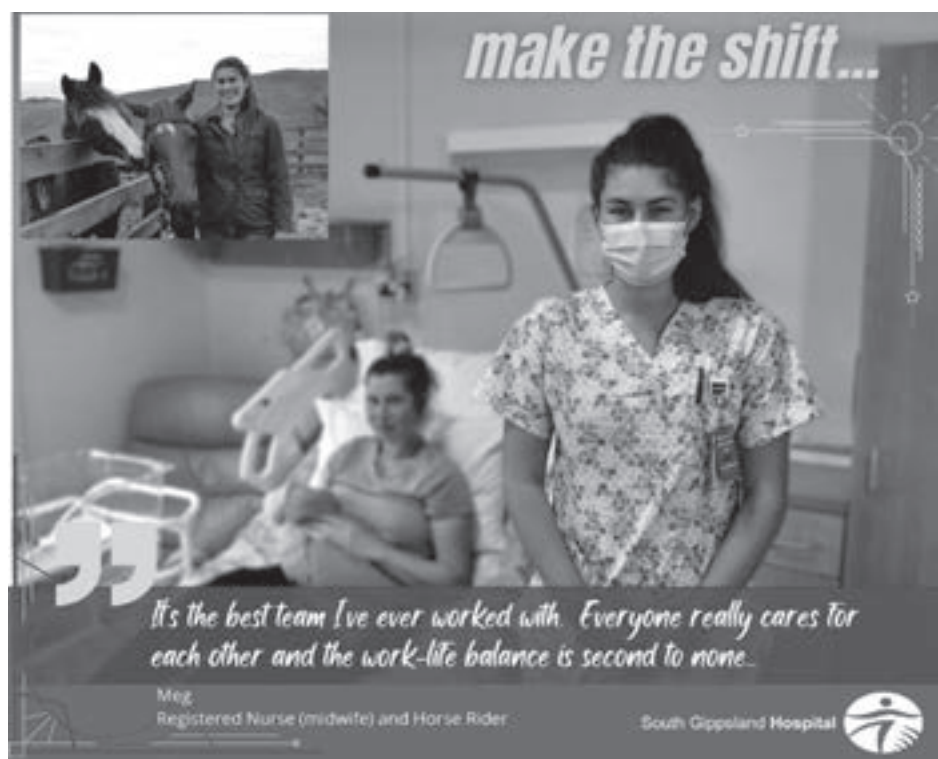
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All applications are to be in writing with current references and resume.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Memorial Service for Ruth Heffer

**Thursday, July 21
9.30am**

at Maru Koala and Animal Park
1650 Bass Highway, Grantville

All who knew Ruth
are welcome to attend

Flowers welcomed and if you feel
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in memory of Ruth via
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Ruth Heffer

**15.09.25 - 09.07.22
(96 years of age)**

On the 9th July Mrs Ruth Heffer sadly passed away aged 96 years of age. Ruth and the Heffer family began the Grantville phase of the Maru business in the early 1980's. The original Maru Craft has gone on to evolve into the Maru Koala and Animal Park business seen today.

Ruth was much loved and valued by the local community and was an active member of multiple groups and associations and regularly volunteered her time for many causes.

Everyone who met Ruth was touched by her warm smile, humble nature and great sense of humour.

Ruth was a true lady who will be greatly missed by all.

A memorial service will be held at Maru in Grantville at 9.30am on Thursday, July 21. All who knew Ruth are welcome to attend. Flowers are welcomed and if you wish to you can also make a donation in memory of Ruth to the organisation Legacy, which Ruth received support from and also volunteered her time with as a Legatee.

**Out of respect for Ruth the Maru attractions and business
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This will include support to set up the first stage of the new Wonthaggi Hospital which will be completed towards the end of this year.

To express your interest or to find out more, please contact Lynne Winterburn, Director Support Services via email
lynne.winterburn@basscoasthealth.org.au

Here's a fresh start for business

THE Business Victoria Bus is coming to Cowes and Inverloch next week.

The bus will be visiting the Cowes Jetty Triangle between Tuesday, July 19 between 10am and 4pm and also the Inverloch Visitor Information Centre on Wednesday, July 20 also between 10am and 4pm.

You can just roll up or make a booking for a free 45-minute session "to get your business moving" on such topics as developing business ideas, identifying the key direction for your business and a business action plan.

You can make a booking online at Business Victoria <https://calendly.com/businessvicsbb2/45min-mentor-session-inverloch?month=2022-07>

How to get farm workers

THE South Gippsland Local Network Group is hosting a seminar at the Leon-gatha RSL on Wednesday, July 27 called 'Securing Agricultural Workers' from 11.30am to 2pm with a guest speaker.

The special Guest Speaker is Aubrey Pellett. He will be discussing how he managed the process of securing and supporting immigrant workers on his Gippsland dairy.

You'll receive updates from other key regional stakeholders on current initiatives supporting South Gippsland Agricultural and Food & Fibre industries.

Mr Pellett has been strategically operating his 500-herd dairy farm at Hill End over 20 years. In 2014, Aubrey was awarded a Nuffield Scholarship, exploring productivity enhancements for pasture-based Dairy.

A current director of the Gardiner Dairy Foundation, Aubrey previously held directorships at RFCS Gippsland, GippsDairy, Bonlac Supply Co. and Food & Fibre Gippsland.

Want to get a grant?

The Bass Coast Shire Council has announced that it is providing a new service, the 'Bass Coast Grant Finder' to all local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals.

This site provides a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities available to you and your business or community group.

The shire's free service means you will never miss a grant opportunity again!

You can register to receive emailed alerts for new grant opportunities and to access tips to help you apply for grants.

The Bass Coast Shire Council is partnering with GrantGuru to provide you with this service. For details go to: <https://basscoast.grantguru.com.au/>

An evening with Paul Kennedy

COME and join The Friends of Inverloch Library in welcoming Paul Kennedy and hearing of his many adventures on Friday, July 29, at the Inverloch Library at 6.00pm.

Paul is a well-known sports commentator, journalist and television reporter and is currently the ABC national television presenter.

He has written three books- the latest being Funkytown: A year on the Brink of Manhood (2021). Paul talks about growing up in Frankston and describes his book as being "Told with poignancy and humour...Funkytown is a love letter to adolescence, football, family and outer suburbia".

Come and join The Friends of Inverloch Library in welcoming Paul and hearing of his many adventures on Friday, July 29, at the Inverloch Library at 6.00pm.

Bookings via QR code or at trybooking.com/events/landing/913417

Tickets are \$10 and include drink, nibbles and a raffle ticket.



Animator Shaun Freeman shows off one of the sculptures he cast from a mould he created.

Creative Freemans

THE CREATIVITY of the Freeman family will be on display at the Korumburra Federation Art Gallery, with painting and sculpture exhibits and a musical performance.

Eight family members are involved in the show which runs for two weeks.

While the art exhibition gets underway tomorrow, the musical session takes place on Saturday afternoon.

Liam Freeman will play a guitar he recently made entirely of Australian timbers, and will be joined by his nephew Aaron Lopez Freeman.

“It’s a combination of watercolour, acrylic and sculpture,” Gil Freeman said of the art exhibition, which will include his works.

Sculptures include ones that are 3D printed and others that are moulded, with Gil’s son Shaun their creator.

He lives in Korumburra and works as an animator for films, making models of the creatures he creates.

Gil’s granddaughters and daughter-in-law are also participating in the event.

The family is taking over part of the gallery, which adjoins the Korumburra Library.

A number of the paintings and sculptures displayed will be available to buy.

Gil’s wife Meredith Freeman will speak about her recently released book, ‘A Garden of Useful Plants, Seasons in the Gippsland Hills’, on the second Saturday of the exhibition.

When: Wednesday, July 20, until August 3 inclusive, open during library hours.

The musical performance of Liam Freeman and Aaron Lopez Freeman takes place on Saturday July 23 from 4pm until 5pm.

Meredith Freeman talks about her recently launched book on Saturday July 30 between 4pm and 5pm.

Where: Korumburra Federation Art Gallery on the corner of King Street and the South Gippsland Highway.



Liam Freeman plays the guitar he recently made as he looks forward to performing with it in public for the first time.



The state government had announced \$5m in funding towards Phillip Island Nature Parks’ Penguin Parade upgrade earlier this year.

Boost for Island’s iconic penguins continues

DETAILED designs are progressing for the massive upgrade of Phillip Island Nature Parks’ Penguin Parade.

The multi-million-dollar project will include new accessible boardwalks to the penguin viewing stands, which will become a ‘stadium style’ area, additional seating, and a new sky box.

Earlier this year, the state government had announced \$5m in funding towards the project, which is expected to generate up to 19 full time jobs and expected to be finished in

June 2024.

Nature Parks’ manager major projects and planning, Jarvis Weston said the concept plans, which were designed in 2019, were progressing to the detailed design phase.

“The project is around \$20m,” he said.

“At the moment the Penguin Parade is walk in and back out, but what we’re looking to achieve is a circular path, which provides a much better experience and pedestrian flow.

“We’re upgrading the concrete stand into a more stadium

style seating.

“There’s another smaller boardwalk viewing platform on the beach, we’re giving that an upgrade as well.

Mr Weston said toilet facilities would also be upgraded.

“We were hoping to get some funding and that eventuated (\$5m from state government),” he said.

“What we’re looking to do with that funding is take the detailed design, developing now in the draft format, and go out to tender hopefully in September-October.

“Then advance a \$5m package of works from those detailed designs.

“We’re finalising those designs and hoping to take it back to the board for final endorsement and approval in late August.”

Mr Weston also added that the upgrade is part of the larger masterplan for the Summerland Peninsula Trails, which includes 18km of new trails, boardwalks and bridges.

“That’s a \$37.8m project, we’re seeking further funding for that,” he said.

Wonthaggi Hospital opens Dennis Ginn Garden

A NEW garden has opened at Wonthaggi Hospital thanks to a community effort, with funds donated by the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi, Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Health and a bequest from the estate of the late Dennis Ginn.

The Dennis Ginn Memorial Garden was opened on Friday, July 8 and is located between the hospital’s main building and Armitage House, currently the Emergency Department.

“The garden will provide a quiet space for staff, patients and visitors to reflect, and will improve the wellbeing and health outcomes of all,” Bass Coast Health Board Chair Don Paproth said.

“We at Bass Coast Health are grateful to Dennis, to the Ginn family, to Rotary and to Bass Coast Shire Council.”

Mr Ginn was a member of the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi for more than 30 years and was known for his passion



At the opening of the Dennis Ginn Memorial Garden were, from left, Rotary Club of Wonthaggi President Nicky Chung, Jasper Ginn, Christine Ginn, Rotary Club of Wonthaggi Immediate Past President Ray McCurry, Bass Coast Health Board Chair Don Paproth, Drew Ginn and Bass Coast Shire Councillor Brett Tessari.

for the club and his contribution, including conducting auctions at club fundraisers and leading a Rotary Group Study Exchange to Germany.

Mr Ginn passed away on

March 27, 2020 at his property, Yancowinna, at Cape Paterson.

He was husband to Christine, father to Drew, father-in-law to Melanie, grandfather to Kyra

and Jasper, stepfather to Tyrone and the son of Len (dec).

A successful real estate agent, Mr Ginn was also a well-known breeder of Angus cattle and a member of the cattle industry.

“Dennis was a highly respected member of Rotary and our community,” Mr Paproth said.

Drew, who attended the opening with his son Jasper and Dennis’s wife Christine, said his father was in the care of Wonthaggi Hospital several days before he died.

“Having an outdoor area like this is really important for people. Knowing there is somewhere that you can go for a walk and where you can sit outside is really important for people when they are recovering,” Drew said.

“Dad loved seeing the community grow and improve. He would be looking down and loving the fact that his contribution is being recognised in this way.”

More funds raised for Ukraine thanks to locals

CRUCIAL assistance to people in need in Ukraine received a further boost with another successful fundraising event held in Leongatha recently.

The lunch at St Peter’s Anglican Church raised \$10,420 to assist those in need in the conflict-ravaged nation.

The success of both events

was possible due to an enthusiastic band of volunteers from the Leongatha and Mirboo North parishes of the Anglican Church, as well as the generosity of attendees and other donors.

Leongatha local, Olga Rysko, originally from Ukraine, sparked the fun-

draising initiative through her concern for those suffering in her homeland.

Money raised through the lunch was quickly in the hands of Olga’s trusted friends in Ukraine, as was the case with funds from the dinner event.

Those enjoying a traditional Ukrainian meal at both events

heard from one of those friends, Daniel Gollan via video link.

Daniel, originally from Australia, and wife Priscilla have worked as missionaries in Ukraine for over 30 years, providing practical assistance to the people.

Funds raised help ensure food supply for those in need.

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 19	WEDNESDAY July 20	THURSDAY July 21	FRIDAY July 22	SATURDAY July 23	SUNDAY July 24	MONDAY July 25
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9.31am 0.40m	10.18am 0.49m	11.02am 0.60m	11.45am 0.70m	7.36am 1.47m	8.31am 1.45m	9.28am 1.44m
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10.13pm 0.52m	11.00pm 0.47m	11.45pm 0.45m		7.03pm 1.49m	7.45pm 1.42m	8.32pm 1.36m

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Inverloch Bowls' Pam Sutcliffe, Nel van Grunsven and Nic van Grunsven



Wonthaggi Bowls Wednesday winners were Peter Morgan, Chris Rose and Frank Tagell.



Wonthaggi indoor bowlers Linda Newman, John Stewart, Heather Wallace and Phyliss Peterson.

INVERLOCH

DO you need a new Club Shirt for the coming summer Bowls season?

If you do, a list has been placed on the bench below the notice board in the clubrooms, please put your name on this list, together with your size and sleeve option.

The Men and Ladies sizes are shown on the form and the cost of all shirts will remain at \$60 for this season.

There is a lead-time in getting the shirts from our supplier so the Club order will close on August 2, 2022, to ensure that we will get the shirts before the first practice match in September 2022.

As the year is progressing quickly, members should make sure they check their emails, club noticeboards, this paper, the club website and our Facebook page.

Good weather greeted 26 bowlers for social bowls last Thursday.

Runners-up were Bryan Hensley, Pat Sheedy and Christine Corrigan.

The winners on 34 points were the team of Pam Sutcliffe, Nel van Grunsven and Nic van Grunsven.

MIDWEEK

THURSDAY, July 14, mid-week was played at Lang Lang with 27 happy bowlers.

The green was in good condition, and we had mem-

bers from Lang Lang join us.

As usual the competition was fierce for the top spots.

The happy banter could be heard across the greens which made for a great atmosphere.

Scores were winners 36 points, runners up 32 points and one game winner 26 points.

We had a few wrong bias so the RCH did well with our members giving generously.

Thank you to the members who brought in items for the free raffle especially Gwen Jeffrey who brings in homemade cake and we all scramble to win a piece.

Contribute to the free raffle its lots of fun.

Thank you to Marianne and Colin who looked after us and made our stay at Lang Lang very pleasant.

Next week we will play at Corinella 10am at the club for a 10.30am start, please be on time BYO lunch.

Please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5972.

WONTHAGGI

WEDNESDAY saw a smaller but happy group of bowlers take to the greens on a sunny day with a cool breeze.

The format for the day were teams of three playing two games of 10 ends.

There was only one team that was a two-game winner being Peter Morgan, Chris Rose and Frank Tagell with a score of 2 wins and 34

points.

Saturday was called off even though the weather was fine but it was cold and not very pleasant.

There will be better days in the near future, with the forecast looking better for Wednesday.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30 pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30 pm.

WONTHAGGI

Indoor

ONCE again another competitive week of bowling which saw some good scores turned in.

The winners on Tuesday with a plus 19 were Pat Novak, Jim Rodhi and Phillip Fowler coming second with a plus 5 were Linda Newman, John Rook and Jan Milkins.

Friday saw another good win with John Stewart, Linda Newman, Phyliss Peterson and Heather Wallace winning with a plus 10 runners up with a plus 2 were Thelma Kavanagh, Ken Peterson, Judy Sweetnam and Marg Beaumont.

All teams won both their games.

We are starting to compile a history of Indoor Carpet Bowls in Wonthaggi if anybody out there has any information they think would be of interest, please feel free to ring Allan Ireland on 0429 291 676.



Midweek bowls winners Luke Monckton (3), Jenny Smith (L), Enid Johnston (2) Tony Heppleston (S).

FOSTER

FOSTER Ladies winners Wednesday, July 13.

Barb Warren on a count back from Robyn Galloway and Elise Nudelman, (14) 31 points.

NTP: 17th Beth Curram. Nine Holes Karen Saunders (34) 12 points.

Raffle Beth Curram and thank you to Frances McGlead for donating the raffle.

Next week July 27, Stableford.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, Worm Burners Stableford July 12.

A-Grade winner: Kevin Michael with 39 points on a countback

A-Grade runners-up: Winton Knop with 39 points on a countback

NTP 14th: Andrew Smith at 1.75m

NTP 16th: Malcolm Legge at 2.97m

Mud Runners round 1, July 13.

On Wednesday, we had 19 women brave the weather for the first round of the Mud Runners.

Thank you to Pat Pease for her continued sponsorship of this event.

A-Grade winner: Pat Pease 30 points

A-Grade runner-up: Alison Strong with 28 points

B-Grade winner: Robin Smith with 32 points

B-Grade runner-up: Sue Woods with 30 points

C-Grade winner: Karen de Groot with 33 points

C-Grade runner-up: Elizabeth Gedye with 28 points

14th NTP: Wendy Ann Parker 2.79m

Thursday Stableford July 14.

We had 70 players in our 18-hole Stableford event on Thursday.

A-Grade winner: John Hargreaves with 37 points

A-Grade runner-up: Winton Knop with 36 points

B-Grade winner: Philip Edwards with 37 points

B-Grade runner-up: Bryan Roylance with 37 points

C-Grade winner: Alan Sperling with 37 points

C-Grade runner-up: Paul Luck with 37 points

14th NTP: John Hargreaves 3.18m

16th NTP: Geoff McDonald with 1.96m

Saturday, July 16.

A Grade winner: Mark Wilson with a score of 1up

A Grade runner-up: Chad Clasby with a score of 1 down on a countback

B Grade winner: Phil Edwards with a score of 1up

B Grade runner-up: Greg Welsord with a score of square on a countback

C Grade winner: John Fedderson with a score of square

C Grade runner-up: Frank Gill with a score of 1 down on a countback

D Grade winner: Alan Black with a score of square

D Grade runner-up: Michael Delaney with a score of 2 down on a countback

NTP: 14th Hole Tim Hogan 218cm

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Karen de Groot, Sue Woods, Else Gedye, Robin Smith winners and runners up in the Mudrunners Plate.

LEONGATHA

Ladies

THE course conditions were appropriate for the first round of the Mudrunners Plate.

The event sponsor, Life Member Pat Pease won A Grade with 30 points.

B Grade was won by Robin Smith on 32 points and Karen de Groot, with the best score of the day won C Grade with 33 points.

This puts Karen in the lead for the final round next week.

The runners up in each grade were Alison Strong 28, Sue Woods 30 and Else Gedye 28 points.

Down the line balls were won by Lianne Adamson 29, Nan Meagher 28, Deb Miller 28 and Diana Holmberg 27.

Wendy Parker was again the only accurate player on the day with her shot on the 14th.

Glenys Day had 19 points in the 9-hole competition.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, July 14, Stableford.

Day winner: N Whichello (18), 36prs c/b.

DTL: J McFarlane, 36. S Mc Kenzie, 35. G Renwick, 34 c/b.

NTP: 6th M Payne, 16th T Bradshaw.

Saturday, July 16, Stableford.

A Grade: S Mc Innes (5) 40pts

B Grade: J Hughes (17) 37pts

DTL: G Renwick, 39. J Mc Farlane, 34, B Bradshaw, S Mills, 33 c/b

NTP: 4th, J Robbins 6th, M Payne. 16th, R Matthews.

Birdies: 13th S Mc Innes, 16th R Matthews.

President trophy play off, T Traill def S Mc Kenzie 3/1, S Mc Innes def R Clark 3/1.

Next week: T Traill v S Mc Innes.

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O'Halloran, Russell Parker and Alan Jones 60.75.

Howard Mackinder, Norm Burne, Steve Laing and Jim Jordan 62.125.

NTPs: Kevin Jamieson 2nd, Robbie Geyer 4th.

Mat Johnson (propin) 8th, Chris Alford 13th, Graham Crawford (money) 17th.

Men's results July 14.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71.

Winner: Brad Andrew 35, runner-up: Peter Young 33, Ball sweep: Peter Magnussen 33, A Hooton-Shandley 33, Graeme Campbell 32, Neil Waters 31, Graeme Crawford 30 C/B.

Attention all golfers, you can enter the Wonthaggi 9-hole competition any day of the week with vouchers and balls down the line to win.

Golf Australia's play 9 is back, and it is time to play your way to the Australian Open, golfers across the country can play in a 9-hole competition at any club or facility across the country from July 1- September 30, 2022, and they automatically go in the draw to win.

Players can participate in as many 9-hole competitions as they like, with each round counting as an entry into the competition.

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Mal Dunn snared the first place token in his 251st event.

Inverloch Parkrun

By Heather McKinnon

IT WAS a beautiful morning at Inverloch parkrun as a field of 48 parkrunners/walkers set off at 8am.

We welcomed two first-timers to parkrun, Jessica and Karen, and three parkrun tourists – Linc and Dianne from Reynella East parkrun, South Australia and Paul from Wanneroo in Western Australia.

Paul had travelled from Bendigo at 3am this morning to complete his parkrun alphabet with an ‘T’.

Linc was excited to finish with a time of 25:33, giving him another position in his ‘Stopwatch Bingo’ – only two to go now.

Local woman Annie, reignited her parkrun journey with her fifth event, having not done parkrun since February 2018 – welcome back Annie.

Three runners achieved PBs this week, all finishing in the top seven.

Relatively new to parkrun, Tim finished in 2nd place taking 20 seconds off his previous PB. Not far behind him in 5th place, was local boy Lawson Hawking, who ran a blistering time of 23:25, taking 39 seconds off his last PB.

Another local, Jacob Hall finished 7th and took 60 seconds off his PB. Jacob began parkrun at the end of January this year and has reduced his PB by 8 minutes and 19 seconds in that time.

It was lovely to see such happy smiling faces from all our runners and walkers; from the babies in prams, the young kids having a go, our older participants and everyone in between. The biggest smile on the course was probably that of local runner, Mal Dunn, who crossed the line first.

It was Mal’s 251st parkrun and the first time he had snared the 1st place token – well done Mal.

Special thanks to our wonderful volunteer team of Matilda, Jacob, Lee, Anne, Shem, Judy, Greg, Kylie and Megan.



Darcy Linforth in his orange vest volunteering.

The 101st Grand Ridge Rail Trail Parkrun

By Darcy Linforth

I WAS back volunteering this week again after a very rare run for the GRRT 100th parkrun last week.

To watching a little man building a stick fort which is just outstanding stuff!

In the very high-end fashion orange parkrun volunteer vest, we saw 19 parkrunners on the track this morning and of course a couple of over excited puppy dogs.

It wasn’t big surprise to see Steve Quirk in the number 1 spot over the finish line with a time of 22.11 which is a pretty standard effort by him.

Of course, his wife Carmel was the first female home with a time of 27.16.

Results parkrun.com.au/grandridgerail-trail/results/

Knights secure the three points

Reserves: win 2-0

LKFC arrived at Trafalgar’s pitch a number of players down due to illness.

But with the call up of Under 17s players James Heneghan and Jack Jagusch and along with senior substitutes Jack Bainbridge, Sven Gebele and Henry Mbuthia the reserves were able to take to the pitch with a full squad. Not use to the width of the Trafalgar home pitch, it took a while for the Knights to find their rhythm.

However, exploiting space on the wing with the speed of their Under 17 players combined with the strong combination play in the midfield saw captain Stu McNaughton seal the opener goal with a classic header.

Ten minutes later, the Knights found the back of the net with a lovely combo play off a throw in from Andy Corponi that found the head of player of the match Jack Jagusch, who sealed Leongatha’s lead going into half time.

Though the pace of the game slowed in the second half, the



LKFC striker Jethro Alison gets the jump on his Trafalgar opponent.

confident defensive play of the Knights kept all threats from Trafalgar at bay ensuring the Reserves side victory.

Seniors: win 3-2

Continuing to fight for the top spot of the GSL ladder, the Senior Knights arrived at Trafalgar’s pitch ready to secure another three points. With the return of Captain PJ O’Meara and midfielder Sven Gebele, the team were looking strong but struggled initially to adapt to the width of Tra-

falgar’s home pitch. A penalty call saw Trafalgar take the lead. Eventually finding their rhythm, Leongatha started to link up to create some solid attack plays. A determined hustle in the six-yard box saw the Knights opening goal come from left winger Henry Mbuthia’s boot. Leongatha furthered their advantage with a goal from forward PJ O’Meara but an equaliser from the home side saw the game level at 2-2 at halftime. Leongatha took to the pitch in the second

half determined to take home the points and it was a team effort from the midfield and wingers that saw the ball get to the feet of striker Jethro Alison who secured the winning goal for the Knights.

LKFC v Trafalgar
Under 12s win 6-1, reserves win 2-0, seniors win 3-2.
Alternate fixtures
Under 14s v Drouin Dragons
White: loss 1-7
Under 17s Girls v Drouin: Draw 3-3

Good weekend for Gippsland Football Club juniors

U15s JBNPL – Gippsland versus Ringwood, July 17.

A tough old game this Sunday for the Gippsland U15s, however they were able to weather the storm and come away with a hard fought 1-1 draw.

Slow to start after some promising recent form, the boys from Gippsland went toe to toe with Ringwood in the first half. Both sides earned themselves a yellow card each before they settled into the match. Ringwood held sway for much of the first half with Gippsland struggling with their forward movement and players trying to do too much with the ball at times. It would be Ringwood that would get on the board first scoring from a free kick just outside the 18-yard box, a lead they would hold going into the second half.

After a bit of soul-searching at halftime, Gippsland came out the better-looking side in the second stanza, their team play starting to put pressure on the Ringwood defence. Henry Wynne evened up the game from the penalty spot after rough bit play in the box from

Ringwood earned Gippsland a kick from the spot. Gippsland went on the offensive from this point continuing to create chances however their luck eluded them. In the end the two teams had to share the points.

Player of the match was Ryder Colantuono in defence playing with a mixture of skill and grunt. Spencer Boughton and Dylan Rosato worked will in the midfield and Cadell Weston ran his heart out when given his chance up forward.

U16s JBNPL – Gippsland versus Ashburton

The Gippsland under 16s travelled to Ashburton to play the second placed team.

The conditions were tough, with wind, rain and a very patchy pitch. Gippsland had the first chances at scoring without success and Ashburton made them pay, scoring twice in the opening 15 minutes.

Undeterred, Gippsland defended well, led by Abraham Konyi. Levi Colantuono controlled the ball in the middle and was well supported by Rex Parini and Lucus Vick.

Gippsland soon pegged one goal back. The forwards pressured the Ashburton defenders with Ronald Kong slotting the ball past the goalkeeper.

In the minutes before half time, Rex Parini took a corner kick, which was deflected to the ground and Levi Colantuono was able to tap the ball past the keeper.

At half time the scores were level.

G.F.C. came out with a desire to win, unlike their opponents. They controlled the ball. Neither side had many attempts on goal in the second half, yet Gippsland made the most of their opportunities. Nicolas Nardone scoring the final goal halfway through the second half. Gippsland then controlled the ball with no rash moves to ensure they took home the win. The final score 3-2. Player of the match was Ronald Kong and Ben McCartney celebrated his 50th NPL game.

U18s JBNPL – Gippsland versus Ashburton

Gippsland u18 made the trip down the highway once again,

this time to face Ashburton.

With the pitch resembling an ice rink, it would be the home team to score first following a goal mouth scramble.

Despite the early setback, Gippsland began to create numerous chances and could’ve had a couple with a bit of luck.

The visitors were well on top and it would be Julian Colantuono who would beat the keeper, leveling the scores up at one apiece, heading into the break.

Gippsland were playing some fantastic soccer, Tanna Betera and Harry Tosch had control of the midfield and when the ball went down back Harry Bettridge cleared everything up.

With 20 minutes left in the game, an expert cross to Charlie Cockell would see him head the ball home, giving Gippsland the lead.

The last minutes of the game were frantic as Ashburton did everything they could to level the scores. Gippsland held firm, calmly seeing the game out for a well-deserved 2-1 win.

Lopez-Freeman snares six for Korumburra City

SUNDAY saw Korumburra City welcome Lang Lang United to the Richard Street recreation reserve.

Korumburra started strong against an under-manned Lang Lang team and quickly applied pressure to the Lang Lang defence. Daisy Grumley broke through in the second minute to open the scoring, which set to tone for the rest of the game.

As soon as the game restarted, Alana Lopez-Freeman burst through and scored her first of six goals that afternoon, as she played a wonderful game in the muddy conditions.

Dakota Decarlo also chipped in with a first half hatrick to give Korumburra a commanding 8 – 0 lead at half time.

Credit must go to Lang Lang United, as they never gave up, and came out in the second half and created a few opportunities for themselves, however, the home side were too strong and continued to score regularly.

The game finish 15 – 0 to Korumburra.

At 3pm the senior men’s team took to the soggy field, most of the standing water had drained to leave a very slick playing surface.

The game started with both sides testing each other’s defence, however, it was Korumburra to break the dead lock at the 15-minute mark when Liam Richards rounded the last defender, to only have the keeper to beat, he kept his composure and slotted the ball into the back of the net.

A few minutes later the ball was played through to Harrison Clarke, who was making his first senior start, who calmly fired the ball into the back of the net.

At the half hour mark, Danny Lloyd was introduced following an injury to Ben Lineham

at right wing, with his first involvement of the game Danny fired in a low cross, which bounce of the Lang Lang defender for an unfortunate own goal.

Korumburra won a corner, just before half time, and that man Danny popped up in the area to head in to make it a 4 -0 lead at half time.

The second half some more dominate play from the home site, with Harrison Clarke and Liam Richards completing their hatricks, the game ending in a 10 – 0 victory for Korumburra, who travel to Drouin next week.

Ryder and Sansaa dominate dog events countrywide

INVERLOCH locals Judith and John Strachan recently got back from Queensland where their beloved German Shepherds Sansaa and Ryder won numerous awards.

Judith spoke of the busy year they've had going to several dog shows around the country.

"We've been travelling all over the place for the last eight weeks, we've had three major shows, the first one was in Canberra and was just showing, then we went to Sydney which our national show," she said.

"So that's German Shepherds from all over the country, then we went to Brisbane and that was another two-day show."

At just 14-months old, Sansaa proved she has a bright future according to Judith, while Ryder had a sensational three shows himself.

"At Canberra, the little girl Sansaa, she got second on the first day and first on the second day and there was over 30 in the class, and Brisbane had obedience events which she won on both days," she said.

"He was in open (age) and if they're high quality at the shows they get an excellent medallion and he got those in Canberra, then in Sydney he did well and in obedience he got an excellent



Judith with her superstar duo Ryder and Sansaa with their many awards.

medallion which is very hard to get at Nationals."

"On the Saturday in Brisbane, there's an award for best in show and trial and you have to do obedience and the show side of it, and he won that, there's not many dogs that can do both."

To top off the fantastic eight weeks of competition for the Strachan's and their dynamic duo, Sansaa was also adjudged runner-up best female in the Brisbane show, a rare achievement for such a young dog.

Judith and John have been

training them since they brought them in when they were eight weeks old and are extremely proud of them, as Judith explained.

"It felt amazing because we've been showing dogs for many years, there's a lot of work that goes into it preparing them, getting them fit enough, making sure their coats are nice," she said.

"Conditioning them, we do a lot of walking them and running them on the beach to get them fit."

The Inverloch couple have been training dogs for over 30 years and they gave their advice and best tips for training German Shepherds.

"It's very rewarding, we also do tracking with them as well where they have to go and find lost people, we do lots of things with them, it keeps us very busy training them in all the different disciplines," she said.

"Most of my training is based on fun and playing with the dog and building up a bond with that dog right from day you bring them home, that's how I train my dogs so they're working towards getting a ball and getting a play."

"With a German Shepherd you have to keep their minds active you can't just do nothing with them."

Judith also touched on the couple's plans for the future.

"What's next is with the female, with the shepherd club, they have to go through rigours tests to make sure they're suitable for breeding, so we'll probably do that with her next year at some point," she said.

"She'll have a litter of puppies and I'd also like to do sheep herding with them."



Cherie and Graham Prichett prepare for Biketoberfest.

Leongatha's Biketoberfest set to rev

LEONGATHA'S inaugural Biketoberfest will roar into life on October 29 with between 3,000 and 5,000 motorcycles of all varieties expected, and with planning progressing well.

The event is supported by the Leongatha Business Association, with a small subcommittee established to organise it, and will run on a not-for-profit basis with a strong community focus.

Members of the subcommittee met on Wednesday evening to start more detailed planning, with representatives from the local Rotary Club and the South Gippsland Ulysses Motorcycle Club there to learn how their organisations may be able to assist in the running of Biketoberfest.

Subcommittee member Cherie Pritchett explained the simple rationale behind holding Biketoberfest in Leongatha.

"We love motorbikes, and we want to showcase the town," she said.

"It was just four of us sitting around having a drink one night and we thought let's do something to show off Bair Street."

Along with Cherie and husband Graham, Roz and Steve Busana were part of that initial discussion.

John Burke is the other founding member of the subcommittee, with all members sure to be busy over the next few months.

Black Dog Ride is supporting the day, established in 2008 to create awareness of depression and since raising millions of dollars for mental health programs.

There will be an opportunity to contribute to the cause through gold coin donations.

Attendees can wander along Bair and Lyon Streets checking out the motorbikes, with those streets dedicated to motorcycle parking for the day.

"We're wanting all bikes to come," Cherie said.

That includes dirt bikes, postie bikes, even trikes and motorcycles with sidecars, scooters, road bikes, and anything else people wish to bring along.

There'll also be a classic bike display in the Memorial Hall and an SES demonstration in the Woolworths carpark.

There will even be a wheelie machine, complete with a motorbike on which you can do controlled wheelies.

A selection of motorcycle-related stalls will be in town for the day, with organisers keen to hear from others interested in running a stall.

It's expected there'll be a broad range of stalls.

"One girl's doing air brush tattoos," Cherie said, making it clear that stalls don't all have to be directly bike related but will be considered if they fit into the event.

Stalls will be centred around Michael Place.

There'll be food vans and coffee available, along with local businesses that choose to operate on the day.

Music from Fiona Curram of Foster and Korumburra's CCM will add to the atmosphere of the occasion.

Radio station 3GG will be at the event in the morning.

Biketoberfest runs from 9am until 3pm, with motorcyclists arriving and departing as they wish throughout the day.

Anyone keen to discuss the possibility of running a stall at the event is encouraged to call Cherie on 0417 057 297.



The Victorian U19 Silver medallists with coach Kevin Chisholm.



The Victorian U15 Team.

Breathtaking results from the National Underwater Hockey Titles

THE Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club (WUWHC) has again demonstrated that it is the powerhouse of junior development in this state, with 16 players returning from the National Titles on the Gold Coast.

Along with the junior athletes, the club also had several WUWHC players representing Victoria in the Elite Men's and Women's Divisions.

The Victorian under 15 Team consisted of seven Wonthaggi Club players, and for many this was their first experience playing at a National Event.

The young team finished fifth overall and according to Coach Lucero Perdomo Cruz, they saw a huge improvement over the course of the week with some outstanding goals and strong teamwork being displayed.

Wonthaggi under 15 representative Levi Addison gave his thoughts on the tournament.

"It was an awesome experience, and I can't wait for next

year. Some of the kids from other states were much older than our team so we have a lot to look forward to," he said.

The state under 19 Team was stacked full of local players (9 out of the 10 were from WUWHC) and had an outstanding tournament, bringing home a silver medal against the best in Australia.

Victoria defeated South Australia, Queensland's B squad and Malaysia (invitational team) in the pool games and fought out a 1-all draw against a strong Western Australia squad.

They were unfortunately defeated by Queensland's A squad in the round robin format 8 - 2.

They headed into their Semi Final needing to beat WA to secure a spot in the gold medal match.

This was an epic rematch played under lights at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre and was one of the matches

of the Tournament.

"The teams were evenly matched, and the game was full on. We scored the opening goal, but WA came storming back to even the scores at the half," said Wonthaggi local and player Hamish Scothern.

The crowd support for both teams was deafening with spectators crowding the edges of the pool cheering for their respective states.

Victoria surged forward in the second half and scored another goal to take the lead and Foster local and state captain Kasey Hoskins proudly explained how they dug in for the win.

"We had to hang on under intense pressure from WA forwards as they threw everything at us," she said.

"We played some incredible hockey and defended our goal numerous times, locking the puck into the corner for the last few minutes of the game."

The home team - Queensland

A, were too strong in the final taking home gold, but Victoria made them earn it, pushing them until half time and just running out of legs in the second half.

Under 19 coach and Archie's Creek local Kevin Chisholm was very happy with his side's performance, as was WUWHC president Matt Hoskins.

"I couldn't be prouder of the teams' effort, every player gave it their all and they should all be super proud of their achievements," he said.

"The Wonthaggi UWH Club has a long and proud history of producing state players, and this year was no different - we are super proud of their efforts and achievements. The key is junior development."

Every Thursday night at 7pm the Wonthaggi pool is awash with enthusiastic juniors, working on skills, drills and games under the guidance of highly experienced state players.

Gippsland sports clubs rally around road safety

THIS year marks 31 years of the TAC and AFL Victoria working together to speak to Victorians about road safety in order to eliminate deaths and serious injuries on the roads.

Across the region, all clubs in the Gippsland, Alberton, Ellinbank District, Mid Gippsland, North Gippsland, West Gippsland, East Gippsland and Omeo District leagues took part in Road Safety Round.

With all clubs, coaches, players and supporters donning a blue armband to show their commitment to eliminating death and serious injury on the region's roads.

The armbands were used to raise awareness and encourage community discussion, paying homage to the black armbands traditionally worn on the field to honour a death in the community.

The blue armbands are a reminder that everyone has someone to drive safely for so road safety impacts everyone, as AFLV CEO Ben Kavenagh explained.

"Across the state, we know that our players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters are spending a huge amount of time driving to and from training and matches, often at night, in the wet, on country roads or after a long day at work."

So far this year, 10 people have lost their lives in the Gippsland region and in 2021, a total of 24 people died on the region's roads.

Everyone, whether they are affiliated with a club or not, is encouraged to promote the TAC and AFL Victoria Road Safety Round across relevant media channels within the club, outside of the club and on social media.

West Gippsland Football Netball competition operations manager Brandon Milburn supports the special round.

"The WGFNC are fully behind Road Safety Round," he said.

Magpies committed to safety of young drivers

Dalyston Football Netball Club is committed to road safety and takes the chance each year to support and promote the annual TAC AFL Victoria Road Safety Round.

In recent years, two young Dalyston footballers lost their lives in separate incidents travelling to and from football games.

The impact of these accidents on their families, friends and the Club was and continues to be devastating, and the club is committed to doing everything possible to promote and encourage road safety.

Dalyston Netball Club president Oona Shepherd spoke on their partnership with the L2P Program.

"While lots of our young players use training and matches as an opportunity to accumulate hours in different conditions while on their Ls, not everyone has this luxury," she said.

"By having program co-ordinator Melanie Mumford and volunteer Ray Cox along to our junior training we are aiming to promote road safety while also making it easier for our young people to access the L2P program."

The TAC L2P Program is a community based program developed to assist eligible young Victorian learner drivers between the ages of 16 and 21 years who do not have access to a supervising driver, or an appropriate vehicle, to gain the driving experience required for a probationary license.

Region's swimmers deserve better, says coach Dylan Muir

THE Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Wonthaggi is Bass Coast's only indoor aquatic centre, putting pressure on the region's swimming clubs.

According to the shire, the centre has aging infrastructure with a limited range of facilities and is no longer meeting the needs of the community.

The Sentinel-Times spoke with South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimming club head coach Dylan Muir on the matter recently.

"From a club perspective we outgrew the size of that pool years ago, we've got demand, but we can't get people in because it's a six-lane pool, and it's the same with the community," he said.

"The recent study said there's a 30 per cent increase (in population), yet that pool's been there for 40 years so even if they built an eight-lane pool the day that opens there'd be no space left."

"So we are in desperate need for facilities in Wonthaggi and Phillip Island."

The current facilities or lack of facilities is a huge issue Muir's club, which has experienced great growth in membership, participation and success in recent times.

"Well, I mean at Phillip Island there's nothing, but Wonthaggi is only a six-lane pool so from a club perspective we can't use that for racing, there's no blocks, it's too small both the pool and the pool deck area," said Muir.

"So, we have to run competitions at Leongatha and even then, we're limited, our swimmers have to travel."

"We've got kids trying to aim at the performance end, they're travelling to Leongatha to get the required amount of sessions in our national squad



Members of the SGB are desperate for new facilities.

they train seven plus times a week.

"We can't offer that at Wonthaggi because we don't have the space, so if we've got kids living in Phillip Island or Grantville for them to train the required amount to be competitive it's a two hour round trip to Leongatha on top of all the travel already to Wonthaggi."

"There's no blocks, so our kids get to competitions and they're behind from the start, the pool is shallow, so they have trouble with turns, so facility does effect results."

Muir explained his solution to the issue and how it would assist the whole region.

"We have people coming from Phillip Island, Bass, Grantville, Leongatha, Inverloch, Wonthaggi, Korumburra all coming to Wonthaggi to use that facility, it's a lot of travel," he said.

"So, ideally we need two new pools, and they need to be adequate size for a growing population that's on the coast."

"I think that's something that is often overlooked, because in coastal areas everyone wants to learn how to swim, it's important on the coast that every-

one's getting the opportunity to learn how to swim and to have those facilities there to allow them access to do so.

"If they built a proper facility, we'd have the option of hosting major championship meets, there'd be 600 to 700 hundred swimmers the amount of money they bring in to not just the centre, but the community is massive."

"We don't have that option, we can't even hold a day meet, so our swimmers have to travel, we're not bringing back to the community so to have a top facility and be able to hold those kinds of meets is great for the community as well."

As Muir mentioned, large competitions attract massive crowds as hundreds of competitors and their families travel and stay in the host community, something that would be invaluable for the region to hold.

"We're constantly for the last five years trying to create ways to get more kids in, but our program in Leongatha and how we've expanded in the last 12 months, we can't run at Wonthaggi because there's no space," he said.

"Our kids are training mornings because we can't get access to nights, so they're training mornings, our top swimmers at Wonthaggi they train five mornings a week which puts a lot of stress on them."

Muir also encouraged the community to come together and join the conversation to fix this issue.

"The biggest thing is making noise about it, from my perspective there's a lot of demand, but sometimes that isn't shown because people don't know the right avenue to express it."

"So, I guess, anything that can be shared amongst the community to say, 'well if we want one this is what we need to do' would be fantastic."

Council's Aquatic Strategy 2015 recommends that the existing facility be replaced with a new centre and that a new district aquatic leisure centre at Phillip Island is developed.

Due to the size of the shire, travel times, population spread and catchment indicators, there is an identified need for two aquatic facilities to service the Bass Coast Shire.

PE teacher takes fitness into his own hands



Athletes assemble at the start line for the recent Meeniyan event.

LOCAL PE teacher Craig Couper is promoting the physical fitness of not just his students, but also the community, outside the school grounds and times.

His plan is to hold 12 Events in 2022, spread across the Prom Coast area.

The events will each feature a choice of a 5k run/walk or a 10k run and there is no registration, costs or prizes.

The idea is for like-minded people to meet and have a run or walk then perhaps enjoy the local cafes and galleries afterwards.

Couper hosted his seventh event recently at Meeniyan.

Unfortunately, it was too cold, so much so that ice was on the trestle bridge causing everyone to slow down and tread carefully.

However, it didn't deter Sasha, whose legs sped across the ice and gained a big enough lead to hold Ash off in the 5k (23:48), who held off a fast-finishing Fergal (23:58).

First timer Kas negative split the 10k in 59:46 with Georgie rapt with her 63:15.

It was great to see the numbers back up the next event is in Fish Creek on Saturday August 6, followed by Foster and new venue Port Franklin.

• OBITUARY



The late Alan Hart being chaired off after being best on ground for the 1958 grand final.



Alan running onto the ground to receive his 1960 Kerslake medal on grand final day.

~ Vale Alan Hart ~

Passing of a local football legend

THE recent passing of Alan Hart signalled the end of the life of one of the most decorated footballers in South Gippsland.

Alan migrated from England as a one-year-old and grew up in Kilcunda where his father was a coal miner.

Alan was a very humble man who was very reluctant to talk about his achievements.

The dissolution of clubs and leagues resulted in the loss of many records, so it is hard to definitively document his career.

He started playing relatively late and first played at Dalyston in 1945.

Kilcunda did not have a team during World War 2 and quite a few players from Kilcunda played at Dalyston.

In 1946, the Kilcunda Football Club was recreated and joined the Wonthaggi and District Football League.

Alan joined Kilcunda at that point and though there are no records of his achievements, he was invited to train at Fitzroy that year.

He played in a practice game with Fitzroy against a combined Bendigo League side because Fitzroy were looking for a centre man and he was already considered an outstanding centre man.

Alan was a country boy at heart and didn't like the prospect of living in Melbourne.

His good form continued because in June 1948 he received a letter from the Melbourne Football Club inviting him to train there.

They offered to find him employment, accommodation and after 6 games membership to the MCC. Given the value of membership these days it was a pretty attractive offer.

Up until 1950, he played at Kilcunda with his brothers Tom and Jim who moved to

Sale for work.

Both Tom and Jim had outstanding football careers and are both legends of the Sale Football Club.

Jim also coached the Latrobe Valley Football League to the Victorian Country Championship. There are no records of this period, and little is known about whether he won best and fairest during this time.

Given he won best and fairest pretty much every year where records exist and VFL clubs were trying to sign him, there is a fair chance he did.

In 1951 he joined Korumburra who were so keen to secure his services that A.E. Wilson and Sons, a Korumburra House removalist and club sponsor, arranged for a car to collect him from his home at Archies Creek and take him back home on game day.

The driver apparently liked a drink and though he didn't mind a drink himself he often wondered how they got home some nights.

At Korumburra he won the best and fairest by a street in 1952 and was so highly regarded that he made their equivalent to team of the century.

In their team of the century booklet, he was described as a brilliant centreman.

The book also states, "he was so highly respected in Korumburra that he and his family were given a public send off. He had been a fine leader and clubman."

In 1953 he joined Glen Alvie and played the '53 and '54 seasons where he won the best and fairest both years and was a member of the '54 premiership side where he was awarded the best on ground medal.

He also made their team of the century.

It's interesting to note that he never met the games

played criteria for team of the century for Korumburra and Glen Alvie, yet his contribution was so significant that he made both sides. It should also be noted that as much as he loved footy it was also a job for him.

He was earning less than three pounds a week working at the Archies Creek butter factory and up to 10 pounds a week for playing football.

VFL players were earning much less than that in those days and this could be part of the reason playing in Melbourne was of no interest to him.

In 1955 he was back at Kilcunda where he had an immediate impact.

It was the first year of the Bass Valley and Wonthaggi District Football League and he won his first Kerslake Medal for best and fairest of the league.

There are two newspaper articles claiming that he won four Kerslake medals, but this cannot be confirmed.

Records show he won the 1955 and 1960 Kerslakes and he definitely won three but a fourth cannot be confirmed.

Alan was also runner up for a League medal while playing at Korumburra.

He missed out by one vote but had missed four games with an injured knee.

In 1957 Kilcunda and Bass merged with instant success winning the premiership.

It is most likely that he won one of his Kerslakes that year because he won it in 1960 which was another premiership year.

He retired at the end of the 1957 season but was coaxed back into playing late in 1958 and was a member of the Reserves premiership team where he was voted best on ground.

He was back playing senior football in 1959 and in 1960

aged 34 won the club and league best and fairest and was best afield in the premiership side.

Alan finally retired at the end of the 1961 season and umpired for many years and was also on the League tribunal.

He was also named in the Kilcunda Bass team of the century.

It is very rare for footballers to be named in two teams of the century let alone three.

Alan's life in football reflects who he was a person.

He was a humble man and though a high achiever did not like the limelight.

He was a friendly person without being overly outgoing and having played at so many clubs made long friendships with players and supporters from all over South Gippsland.

As a footballer he was quick, smart, an exceptional ball user and had more than enough mongrel in him to manage the attention he got from opposition teams.

In many of the newspaper articles from that time it was inferred that to beat the team he was in his influence had to be minimised.

Though he was often targeted he generally gave better than he got and was quite comfortable getting in first.

He was extremely nimble on his feet and early on in his football career, it was suggested that he could have had a career as a soccer player and that English soccer clubs would be interested in him.

He had an amazing work ethic and because he was being paid, he always wanted to ensure he earned his pay.

Alan died on June 4, two weeks after his 96th birthday.

He lived on his farmlet at Kilcunda until late April and remained fit and active until the end.

Turning fishermen into fighters

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"We've been to Shepparton, North Melbourne twice, Mornington, we constantly go to these development days to enhance their skills and experience," he said.

"For the size of us, we've produced some really good athletes, gold medals, silver medals at Australian Titles, Scotty's taken guys overseas, they've won in Canada, Ireland, New Zealand."

"For a little club we punch above our weight, in 2019 we had five at the National Titles, Boxing Victoria have really got behind it to promote boxing in general."

This year, the club had three representatives qualify for the under 19 National Titles, although Kinesha Anderson and Jaxon Lewis withdrew due to injury, Sebastian Saulwick was able to compete and win silver.

Anderson proudly reminisced on his young athlete's tournament.

"There's three categories, school age, junior and youth, Sebastian fought in the juniors, he fought a boy from NT in his first bout, he fought a really good fight to win and get into the gold medal bout," he said.

"He had a real crack, he wasn't as experienced as his opponent, he's only had five fights which was the minimum qualification for juniors, but he was awesome, got a silver, second best in Australia."

Sebastian is just one of an impressive line of Corner Inlet representatives to make waves in the sport at national and international level.

"It was just disappointing for the other two because they do a lot of training camps through the year, they would've been in the youth category for Nationals and winning the Australian title opens the door to go to the youth worlds."

"We also had Lachie Lewis who won the Victorian title and got knocked out in the Commonwealth Games qualifiers and Jarvis Bindloss just came back from Commonwealth Games trials, they've got 100 fights between them."

Although Anderson ensured that his beloved club is not all about young athletes winning medals in the ring.

"We produce athletes who want to compete, but we're open to anybody who wants to just come in for fitness and learn the basic art of boxing really," he said.

"We've got kids from nine years old, up to one bloke who's 61, not everyone wants to hop in the ring, we train everyone the same, even if you don't want to compete."

Unfortunately though, as Anderson and Bindloss said, boxing in the region is struggling following the pandemic.

"It's not great, people know we're here, but we don't have a huge membership or athlete base, we don't really have any sponsors, we try to run off our own steam."

"But we're at the point now where it's been tough, we're going to have to go and try get some sponsors or else we might have to close the doors."

"We're doing it because we love what we do, Scotty and I donate our time 3-5 days a week, but we're finding it tough because we don't have the support we could probably do with."

Closing the doors to such as successful and beloved club would be heartbreaking for all involved, and both coaches encouraged anyone interested in getting involved to do so, and stressed the sport isn't as intimidating as it may appear.

"It's not everyone's cup of tea, I think sometimes people can be a little bit intimidated, but it's totally not like that, we're a really good family unit, boxing really needs a good pump up," Anderson said.

"Come down, just come down we're open to everybody, yeah, we want to produce more athletes, but we just like people coming down, as you can see it's not just guys either there's girls in there, we're all ages and all abilities. There's nothing like it."

Boxing is a great way to stay fit, learn new skills and get stronger and the Corner Inlet boxing club is always looking for new members, they're based at 2 Holt Street, Leon-gatha and at the Foster footy oval.

The club will host a tournament in Leon-gatha on October 16.

A GRADE
Boolarra 59 d Thorpdale 35
Hill End 30 lt MDU 44
Tarwin 31 lt Newborough 48
Toora 49 d Fish Creek 30
Yinnar 65 lt Mirboo Nth 72

B GRADE
Boolarra 50 d Thorpdale 37
Hill End 32 lt MDU 65
Tarwin 32 lt Newborough 55
Toora 50 d Fish Creek 38
Yinnar 47 d Mirboo Nth 36

C GRADE
Boolarra 28 d Thorpdale 25
Hill End 18 lt MDU 41
Tarwin 26 lt Newborough 31
Toora 40 d Fish Creek 29
Yinnar 41 d Mirboo Nth 33

D GRADE
Boolarra 22 d Thorpdale 18
Hill End 29 d MDU 18
Tarwin 12 lt Newborough 26
Yinnar 43 d Mirboo Nth 24

17 & UNDER
Hill End 20 lt MDU 58
Tarwin 33 lt Newborough 34
Toora 22 d Fish Creek 15
Yinnar 26 lt Mirboo Nth 38

15 & UNDER
Boolarra 26 d Thorpdale 25
Hill End 24 d MDU 18
Toora 30 d Fish Creek 7
Yinnar 27 d Mirboo Nth 21

13 & UNDER
Hill End 36 d MDU 0
Toora 33 d Fish Creek 13

A GRADE	%	pts
Mirboo North	179.43	52
Toora	173.39	50
Morwell East	184.83	48
Yinnar	145.98	46
Fish Creek	110.83	36
Newborough	103.39	36
Boolarra	93.59	28
MDU	101.27	24
Hill End	85.15	20
Tarwin	84.71	20
Foster	51.77	16
Stony Creek	31.79	12
Thorpdale	55.39	8

B GRADE	%	pts
Morwell East	152.17	54
Mirboo North	172.02	50
Toora	171.43	48
Yinnar	149.20	44
MDU	117.87	36
Boolarra	103.64	32
Fish Creek	102.32	32
Newborough	92.80	28
Hill End	87.31	22
Stony Creek	61.32	18
Foster	64.39	16
Thorpdale	55.63	12
Tarwin	47.91	4

C GRADE	%	pts
MDU	232.53	56
Newborough	139.19	50
Yinnar	144.54	42
Toora	124.82	42
Morwell East	144.94	40
Mirboo North	136.18	38
Hill End	88.07	26
Fish Creek	96.65	24
Tarwin	105.63	22
Boolarra	85.27	22
Stony Creek	61.07	18
Thorpdale	48.03	8
Foster	21.69	8

D GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	207.51	54
Morwell East	158.33	48
Hill End	137.75	48
Mirboo North	179.91	46
Newborough	98.38	40
Toora	100.47	34
MDU	82.46	26
Boolarra	58.54	24
Tarwin	55.81	24
Stony Creek	61.65	20
Thorpdale	54.67	16

17 & UNDER	%	pts
MDU	225.81	54
Morwell East	131.06	52
Fish Creek	151.71	44
Mirboo North	133.98	44
Yinnar	100.64	38
Tarwin	91.74	32
Newborough	87.03	30
Toora	82.77	28
Stony Creek	44.77	24
Hill End	48.62	18

15 & UNDER	%	pts
Yinnar	232.09	52
Thorpdale	197.53	52
Mirboo North	178.22	44
Boolarra	169.79	44
Toora	188.10	40
MDU	98.37	32
Hill End	96.95	32
Morwell East	51.47	28
Newborough	48.84	20
Stony Creek	35.34	20
Fish Creek	40.25	16

13 & UNDER	%	pts
Mirboo North	100.00	56
Boolarra	85.71	52
Hill End	75.00	48
Toora	62.50	44
Foster	28.57	36
Fish Creek	25.00	32
Tarwin	14.29	32
MDU	12.50	28



IK centre Kelsey Buxton defends her Seagulls counterpart. B12_2922



Tayla Smith was great in defence for IK on Saturday. B10_2922



Korumburra's Ashlee Cuff (centre) weighs up her options.



Emma Fowles keeps the ball in her sights. Ns062922



Leongatha's Taylah Brown looks for a pass. Ns072922



Jess Edgar hopes for nothing but net. Ns082922

LEONGATHA

NETBALL game day report Round 14, Leongatha versus Morwell.

Under 13: Leongatha 34 def Morwell 16

Good win Parrots, everyone played as a team and deserved the win. Bring on next week.

Under 15: Leongatha 39 def Morwell 33

Everyone played really well as a team, it was a tough win but we worked hard and deserved it. With three out this week it was a great test for us. Fingers crossed we're all healthy next week.

Under 17: Leongatha 33 def Morwell 26

A great win in tough conditions. An early injury causing some changes led to players out of usual positions. They pulled together to get the win and it was a great one at that.

C Grade: Leongatha 37 def Morwell 19

A great battle between second and third, with the game feeling a lot closer than the score on the board. A great team effort.

B Grade: Leongatha 59 to Morwell 30

Slower start but got it together for the second half. Great performance from the defenders, especially Kasie Rump, the new record holder of the most senior club games.

A Grade: Leongatha 38 def by Morwell 44

We knew it would be a tough game coming up against a very polished and undefeated Morwell side. A great game by the girls - fought to the last seconds. Unfortunately, we couldn't get the job done, well done to all.

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A GRADE

Garfield 55 d KWR 32
Inverloch-K 48 d Tooradin-D 31
Kor-Bena 21 lt Bunyip 48
Phillip Island 40 lt NNG 58
Warragul I. 45 lt Dalyston 65

B GRADE

Cora Lynn 36 lt K-Bass 59
Garfield 58 d KWR 34
Inverloch-K 33 lt Tooradin-D 45
Kor-Bena 22 lt Bunyip 63
Phillip Island 41 d NNG 36
Warragul I. 44 lt Dalyston 77

C GRADE

Cora Lynn 57 d K-Bass 18
Garfield 31 d KWR 18
Inverloch-K 44 d Tooradin-D 16
Kor-Bena 20 lt Bunyip 57
Phillip Island 27 d NNG 23
Warragul I. 14 lt Dalyston 43

D GRADE

Cora Lynn 19 lt K-Bass 40
Garfield 33 d KWR 23
Inverloch-K 37 d Tooradin-D 18
Phillip Island 11 lt NNG 60

17 & UNDER

Cora Lynn 36 d K-Bass 28
Garfield 11 lt KWR 41
Inverloch-K 32 d Tooradin-D26
Kor-Bena 33 d Bunyip 11
Phillip Island 50 d NNG 20
Warragul I. 14 lt Dalyston 65

15 & UNDER

Cora Lynn 13 lt K-Bass 20
Inverloch-K 32 d Tooradin-D 9
Kor-Bena 38 d Bunyip 29
Phillip Island 37 d NNG 17
Warragul I. 9 lt Dalyston 33

13 & UNDER

Cora Lynn 24 d K-Bass 6
Garfield 16 lt KWR 41
Inverloch-K 16 lt Tooradin-D 24
Kor-Bena 29 d Bunyip 8
Phillip Island 43 d NNG 13
Warragul I. 26 d Dalyston 5

11 & UNDER

Cora Lynn 11 drew K-Bass 11
Garfield 6 d KWR 5
Inverloch-K 21 d Tooradin-D 12
Phillip Island 3 lt NNG 30

A GRADE

	%	pts
Inverloch-K	206.34	52
Tooradin-Dal	136.85	48
Bunyip	173.74	44
Dalyston	143.04	44
Nar Nar Goon	118.55	40
Phillip Island	122.26	32
Cora Lynn	97.35	20
Kor-Bena	82.31	20
Garfield	82.24	16
Warragul Ind	62.31	12
Koo Wee Rup	40.76	4
Kilcunda-Bass	0.00	0

B GRADE

	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal	170.00	52
Bunyip	176.89	48
Phillip Island	138.89	48
Nar Nar Goon	153.67	40
Inverloch-K	141.59	40
Dalyston	116.95	36
Garfield	74.22	18
Kilcunda-Bass	91.70	16
Cora Lynn	66.72	14
Kor-Bena	68.13	10
Koo Wee Rup	61.36	10
Warragul Ind	45.65	0

C GRADE

	%	pts
Bunyip	305.42	56
Dalyston	168.27	48
Garfield	155.00	44
Inverloch-K	196.84	42
Nar Nar Goon	132.26	38
Phillip Island	106.58	32
Cora Lynn	94.17	26
Tooradin-Dal	82.18	18
Koo Wee Rup	63.82	16
Kor-Bena	63.30	8
Kilcunda-Bass	48.82	8
Warragul Ind	28.22	0

D GRADE

	%	pts
Inverloch-K	247.12	44
Bunyip	221.74	36
Dalyston	217.92	36
Nar Nar Goon	191.56	36
Kilcunda-Bass	93.99	20
Tooradin-Dal	66.84	16
Garfield	69.71	12
Cora Lynn	61.60	8
Phillip Island	47.42	8
Koo Wee Rup	39.46	8
Kor-Bena	0.00	0
Warragul Ind.	0.00	0

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
Dalyston	290.00	56
Kor-Bena	211.54	52
Phillip Island	204.07	48
Inverloch-K	169.82	40
Bunyip	106.73	38
Tooradin-Dal	105.80	28
Cora Lynn	95.77	24
Koo Wee Rup	85.68	24
Nar Nar Goon	69.57	12
Kilcunda-Bass	60.20	12
Warragul Ind	38.51	8
Garfield	19.38	0

15 & UNDER

	%	pts
Phillip Island	213.84	52
Inverloch-K	193.88	52
Kor-Bena	144.16	44
Bunyip	148.58	38
Dalyston	104.21	36
Nar Nar Goon	108.16	30
Koo Wee Rup	90.40	22
Kilcunda-Bass	76.41	20
Tooradin-Dal	81.50	16
Warragul Ind	62.89	12
Cora Lynn	58.19	8
Garfield	0.00	0

13 & UNDER

	%	pts
Phillip Island	228.64	52
Koo Wee Rup	225.13	48
Nar Nar Goon	215.14	44
Warragul Ind	158.85	40
Cora Lynn	193.59	38
Tooradin-Dal	146.91	34
Kor-Bena	105.63	24
Inverloch-K	89.47	24
Garfield	47.67	12
Dalyston	23.44	12
Kilcunda-Bass	20.99	4
Bunyip	15.08	0

11 & UNDER

	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	1032.35	48
Inverloch-K	359.02	40
Tooradin-Dal	163.64	32
Dalyston	154.17	28
Phillip Island	90.85	26
Kilcunda-Bass	52.67	16
Koo Wee Rup	48.97	14
Cora Lynn	47.47	12
Bunyip	30.37	4
Garfield	16.39	4
Kor-Bena	0.00	0
Warragul Ind	0.00	0



Poowong's Erin Trewin (A Grade) takes this shot under pressure. Photo: Jeff Tull



Nyora's Milla Buchana (A Grade) attempts to get past her Yarragon opponent.



Fish Creek's Ella Schauble (A Grade) defends against Toora's Brylee Angwin.

Thrills and spills for Wonthaggi netballers

WONTHAGGI Power netballers retained their position in the 'top five' of the Gippsland League A Grade competition with a comprehensive 57 to 35 victory over 8th-placed Maffra on Saturday.

They put their stamp of authority on the game from the outset with a 15 to 7 opening term and continued on from there, forcing turnovers in defence, dominating the mid-court and with Courtney Brann right on target, well supported by Courtney Young and Jess McRae.

The Gippsland Isuzu UTE Player of the Day was Zahli Anderson who took home the \$50 Harvey Norman voucher.

But the win wasn't without its concerns after wing defence Olivia Gilmour collided heavily with a teammate, both going for the ball, and copping a very heavy head knock as she hit the ground.

The match had to be stopped while all precautions were taken.

Olivia was reportedly concussed and spent the night in hospital but was back home



Wonthaggi A Grade wing attack hooks the ball in one handed under pressure from Maffra goal defence Chelsea Allman as Power puts its stamp on the game in the first half.

on Sunday having avoided any of the more serious outcomes.

There were ups and downs on the day elsewhere too for Power, featuring a thrilling come-from-behind win in the 17 and Unders and a narrow loss in the Under 13s; an important result between the 4th and 5th teams.

Power was well beaten in B

Grade, C Grade and Under 15s.

But the Under 17s produced the match of the day, trailing by 2 at the last change after a slow start.

Maffra and Wonthaggi played entertaining end-to-end netball but ultimately it was Power which put their noses in front before the final

siren.

Final scores

A Grade Maffra 35 lost to Wonthaggi 57. B Grade Maffra 54 def Wonthaggi 34. C Grade Maffra 45 def Wonthaggi 24. Under 17s Maffra 35 lost to Wonthaggi 36. Under 15s Maffra 47 def Wonthaggi 29. Under 13s Maffra 39 def Wonthaggi 34.



Wonthaggi B Grade centre Bella Anderson puts everything into taking possession of the ball ahead of Maffra's Rebecca Bourke.

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» RESULTS

A GRADE		17 & UNDER	
Trafalgar 47 d Catani 42		Trafalgar 38 d Catani 26	
Poowong 41 lt Buln Buln 49		Poowong 46 d Buln Buln 29	
Nyora 63 d Yarragon 31		Nyora 8 lt Yarragon 35	
Lang Lang 31 d N-Darnum 30		Lang Lang 33 d N-Darnum 17	
Ellinbank 74 d Longwarry 60		Ellinbank 42 d Longwarry 39	
B GRADE		15 & UNDER	
Trafalgar 73 d Catani 44		Trafalgar 19 d Catani 15	
Poowong 32 lt Buln Buln 78		Poowong 23 lt Buln Buln 32	
Nyora 68 d Yarragon 34		Lang Lang 13 lt N-Darnum 17	
Lang Lang 30 lt N-Darnum 41		Ellinbank 25 lt Longwarry 29	
Ellinbank 88 d Longwarry 23		13 & UNDER	
C GRADE		Trafalgar 33 d Catani 6	
Trafalgar 36 lt Catani 44		Poowong 21 d Buln Buln 18	
Poowong 22 lt Buln Buln 44		Nyora 26 d Yarragon 25	
Nyora 37 d Yarragon 34		Lang Lang 22 d N-Darnum 21	
Lang Lang 12 lt N-Darnum 45		Ellinbank 10 lt Longwarry 29	
Ellinbank 43 d Longwarry 36			

» LADDERS

A GRADE			17 & UNDER		
Neerim South	295.75	52	Trafalgar	204.74	44
Trafalgar	136.55	44	Poowong	132.71	40
Lang Lang	120.66	40	Ellinbank	113.02	38
Nilma Darnum	162.38	38	Catani	137.20	36
Ellinbank	140.66	36	Buln Buln	109.69	32
Catani	94.51	24	Lang Lang	102.08	32
Buln Buln	85.99	22	Longwarry	99.79	26
Nyora	73.58	16	Yarragon	94.26	20
Longwarry	73.31	12	Nilma Darnum	71.57	20
Poowong	66.97	12	Nyora	43.02	8
Yarragon	37.23	4	Neerim South	50.41	4
B GRADE			15 & UNDER		
Ellinbank	278.77	52	Longwarry	220.40	54
Buln Buln	180.43	48	Buln Buln	191.03	40
Trafalgar	145.65	36	Yarragon	193.16	36
Lang Lang	98.23	34	Catani	147.16	36
Nilma Darnum	118.34	32	Trafalgar	143.51	34
Catani	108.10	32	Ellinbank	140.17	32
Neerim South	143.50	30	Poowong	116.10	28
Nyora	71.31	16	Nilma Darnum	92.07	24
Poowong	51.80	12	Lang Lang	30.30	8
Longwarry	52.64	4	Neerim South	15.06	4
Yarragon	38.37	4	Nyora	0.00	0
C GRADE			13 & UNDER		
Nilma Darnum	206.23	48	Trafalgar	252.05	52
Ellinbank	208.03	44	Longwarry	128.69	36
Longwarry	186.53	44	Nyora	122.47	36
Buln Buln	137.98	44	Yarragon	145.53	32
Neerim South	125.31	36	Lang Lang	109.52	30
Catani	112.84	36	Catani	100.37	30
Lang Lang	75.35	20	Nilma Darnum	104.09	28
Nyora	60.11	14	Buln Buln	87.20	28
Trafalgar	69.09	10	Neerim South	71.92	12
Poowong	46.02	4	Poowong	47.52	10
Yarragon	36.62	0	Ellinbank	39.05	6

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» RESULTS

A GRADE		17 & UNDER	
Traralgon 40 d Warragul 33		Traralgon 47 d Warragul 21	
Moe 72 d Bairnsdale 40		Moe 20 lt Bairnsdale 52	
Leongatha 38 lt Morwell 44		Leongatha 33 d Morwell 27	
Drouin 46 lt Sale 47		Drouin 25 lt Sale 48	
Maffra 35 lt Wonthaggi 57		Maffra 35 lt Wonthaggi 36	
B GRADE		15 & UNDER	
Traralgon 56 d Warragul 33		Traralgon 74 d Warragul 6	
Moe 50 d Bairnsdale 32		Moe 16 lt Bairnsdale 65	
Leongatha 59 d Morwell 30		Leongatha 39 d Morwell 33	
Drouin 52 d Sale 36		Drouin 9 lt Sale 82	
Maffra 54 d Wonthaggi 34		Maffra 47 d Wonthaggi 29	
C GRADE		13 & UNDER	
Traralgon 36 d Warragul 26		Traralgon 50 d Warragul 11	
Moe 28 drew Bairnsdale 28		Moe 12 lt Bairnsdale 27	
Leongatha 37 d Morwell 19		Leongatha 34 d Morwell 16	
Drouin 28 d Sale 26		Drouin 7 lt Sale 54	
Maffra 45 d Wonthaggi 24		Maffra 39 d Wonthaggi 34	

» LADDERS

A GRADE			17 & UNDER		
Morwell	170.17	54	Sale	173.26	56
Leongatha	158.91	44	Traralgon	176.19	52
Moe	129.90	40	Wonthaggi	128.25	40
Traralgon	103.47	34	Drouin	91.46	30
Wonthaggi	114.98	32	Morwell	97.44	28
Drouin	108.08	28	Leongatha	99.14	24
Warragul	90.92	20	Maffra	98.49	24
Maffra	84.09	16	Bairnsdale	94.88	18
Sale	56.15	12	Warragul	58.30	8
Bairnsdale	48.82	0	Moe	46.98	0
B GRADE			15 & UNDER		
Leongatha	186.43	56	Maffra	179.40	54
Moe	126.37	44	Traralgon	299.62	48
Maffra	126.22	44	Sale	199.17	48
Traralgon	146.67	40	Leongatha	153.06	34
Bairnsdale	75.79	24	Bairnsdale	112.21	24
Morwell	99.81	20	Wonthaggi	107.97	24
Drouin	79.06	18	Morwell	86.06	24
Wonthaggi	74.23	18	Moe	39.12	12
Warragul	71.71	8	Drouin	25.35	6
Sale	67.55	8	Warragul	27.40	2
C GRADE			13 & UNDER		
Maffra	166.76	56	Traralgon	297.76	56
Leongatha	188.30	48	Sale	257.62	52
Morwell	127.36	38	Bairnsdale	177.82	44
Traralgon	111.03	34	Wonthaggi	104.65	32
Warragul	105.25	30	Maffra	96.85	24
Drouin	80.30	28	Leongatha	77.51	24
Sale	79.50	16	Moe	56.17	16
Wonthaggi	73.83	16	Warragul	50.47	16
Moe	78.73	8	Morwell	48.49	12
Bairnsdale	57.31	6	Drouin	43.48	4

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Essendon vice-captain re-signs for two years

ANDREW McGrath has signed a two-year contract extension with Essendon.

The deputy-vice captain's new deal means he will remain at the Bombers until at least the end of 2024.

McGrath has played 106 games for Essendon since arriving as the No.1 in the 2016 National Draft.

"I've loved my six years at the club so far and I'm extremely excited to continue my journey with the Essendon Football Club," McGrath told the club's website.

"My love for the playing group is immense and I'm very grateful for the faith the club has had in me.

"I'm determined to

By Alex Zaia

push myself and the entire playing group to realise our capabilities and achieve our ultimate goal.

"By no means are we a finished product, but the processes we are putting in place now, despite a tough year, will hold us in a strong position moving forward.

"I believe we are building something special and creating an environment to be successful. It's an exciting time to be an Essendon person."

McGrath has played through the midfield and across half-back throughout 2022.

The 24-year-old took out the AFL Rising Star award in 2017.

Ricciardo moves to address F1 future

DANIEL Ricciardo has quashed speculation about his McLaren future.

The Australian confirmed via a statement that he is committed to the team and intends to see out his contract in 2023.

Rumours have swirled that Ricciardo and McLaren could part ways at the end of this season.

McLaren boss Zak Brown conceded in May that the 33-year-old's performances weren't meeting the team's expectations.

Ricciardo, an eight-time Grand Prix winner, said on social media: "There have been a lot of rumours around my future in Formula 1, but I want you to hear it from me.

"I am committed to

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McLaren until the end of next year and am not walking away from the sport.

"Appreciate it hasn't always been easy, but who wants easy!

"I'm working my ass off with the team to make improvements and get the car right and back to the front where it belongs. I still want this more than ever.

"See you in Le Castellet."

Ricciardo sits 12th in the Drivers' Championship, 47 points behind teammate Lando Norris.

McLaren occupy fourth spot in the Constructors Championship at the halfway mark of the season, equal on points with fifth-placed Alpine.



The Western Bulldogs CEO is confident that Josh Dunkley will remain with the team beyond 2022.
Photo: AAP Image/Matt Turner

Bulldogs hold "productive" talks with midfielder, deal for star close

WESTERN Bulldogs CEO Ameet Bains has provided an update on Josh Dunkley's contract status.

Bains has revealed the Bulldogs, Dunkley and the player's manager Liam Pickering held "really productive" talks over a new deal last week.

The Dogs chief is increasingly confident the 25-year-old will remain at Whitten Oval beyond 2022.

By Alex Zaia

"There've been some really productive meetings between Sam (Power) and our list management team with Josh and Liam Pickering earlier in the week," Bains told SEN's Whateley.

"We're probably a lot more confident now with getting a deal done over the coming weeks too."

SEN's Sam Edmund

reported earlier on Thursday morning that talks on a new contract have ramped up between Dunkley's management and the Bulldogs.

The other big-name out-of-contract player the Bulldogs are looking to lock away is Bailey Smith.

Bains says the club is closing in on a new deal for the 21-year-old.

"I think we've spoken

about Bailey before and not being too far away," Bains said.

"Part of the delay in finalising that has been waiting for him return to play and let that be his sole focus, which will obviously occur tomorrow night.

"We anticipate that will get tidied up pretty quickly between Sam Power and his manager Paul Connors."

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Nyora too strong for Yarragon

NYORA delighted its home fans, with the Saints marching in by 49 points against Yarragon, a side which got the better of them by almost five goals early this season.

“Our team’s progression has been tremendous over the past four weeks with three wins,” Nyora playing coach Dylan Heylen said.

He helped inspire his charges as one of the Saints’ best and slotted a couple of goals.

Despite the round 4 defeat by the Panthers, the Saints took on Saturday’s challenge with confidence.

“We came out strong into the wind in the first quarter,” Heylen said.

The Saints were able to apply pressure to their opponents and move the ball well into the breeze, doing so with such effectiveness they took a one-goal lead into the first break.

Nyora maintained its impressive contest work in the second term, winning plenty of the footy and capitalising on its wind advantage.

Yarragon fought back slightly in the third quarter,

but was only able to trim the Saints’ advantage to 25 points heading into the final term.

Nyora steamed home with four goals to none to finish the day in style.

Scott Pugh was most damaging around the big sticks for the winning team, notching four majors, with teammate Travis Stewart playing a terrific game and booting three goals.

Yarragon was made to earn its goals, mustering just five for the match, with no Panther managing more than one.

While next week’s match will be tough against Neerim South, Heylen is looking forward to the challenge against the undefeated team, an opportunity to further gauge the Saints’ recent improvement.

Back in round 6, Neerim South won by a little over 100 points, with the Saints confident of a much-improved performance this time.

“Our aim is to win a few more before the year’s close,” Heylen said, demonstrating the increased positivity building in Nyora.



Aiden Simmons flies for the Saints.

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>> NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

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NYORA		YARRAGON	
Nyora	2.3 8.8	9.8 13.12	(90)
Yarragon	1.3 2.4	5.7 5.11	(41)

GOALS, Nyora: Scott Pugh 4, Travis Stewart 3, Dylan Heylen, Adam Pugh 2, Angus McGillivray, Jack Rosenow 1 each.

BEST: Travis Stewart, Scott Pugh, Kallon Rigby, Jesse Heylen, Adam Pugh, Dylan Heylen

GOALS, Yarragon: Tom Dovaston, Devin Pollock, Kallis Keady, Nicholas Denholm, Private Player 1 each

BEST: Devin Pollock, Taylor Rainey, Tyler Hotchkin, Harrison Perry, Bradley Morgan

RESERVES

Yarragon	4.0 5.4	7.6 9.7	(61)
Nyora	1.1 5.4	7.5 9.6	(60)

GOALS, Yarragon: Paul Harvey, Corey Binzer 3, Daniel Burke 2, Ryan Young, Jarvis 1

BEST: Joshua Smith-Butterworth, Christopher Demicoli, Ryan Young, Paul Harvey, Daniel Burke, Corey Binzer

GOALS, Nyora: Trent Breen 3, Christian White 2, Daniel McDnald, Luke Tagliaferro 1 each

BEST: Shaun Lamb, Harrison Berry, Jack Harris, Lincoln Brock, Trent Breen, Christian White

>> POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

52

44

BULN BULN		POOWONG	
Buln Buln	3.2 5.4	6.9 7.10	(52)
Poowong	3.0 4.0	4.0 7.2	(44)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Robert McCallum 4, Samuel Batson, Jared Doyle, Matthew Stevens 1 each

BEST: Trent Baker, Robert McCallum, Shaun Beecroft, Matthew Gray, Thomas Axford, Brandon Allen

GOALS, Poowong: Patrick Harmes 3, Jack Hazendonk 2, William Robertson, Jayden Sullivan 1 each

BEST: Matthew Cozzio, Cody Loughridge, TJ Loughridge, William Lumby, Jed Benham, William Robertson

RESERVES

Buln Buln	7.4 9.5	13.10 18.14	(122)
Poowong	0.0 0.1	0.1 0.1	(1)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Ricky McKerrow 4, Ben Dixon, Matthew Garner, Bryce Monahan 2, Daniel Axford, Fynn Hammond, Corey Jagoe, Jaryd Kelly, Angus Mulconry, Patrick Smythe, Brent Waddell, Brendan Wall 1 each

BEST: Brendan Wall, Jaryd Kelly, Ricky McKerrow, Bryce Monahan, Jacob Pickthall, Brent Waddell

BEST, Poowong: Mitchell De Kleuver, Mitchell j Rowe, Michael Robertson, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton, Brodie Ardley, Rhys Schulz

FOURTHS

Buln Buln	2.2 4.5	7.8 8.10	(58)
Poowong	1.1 2.2	4.2 5.3	(33)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Matthew Cahill 3, Tyler Best, Brett Gilbert, Jesse Jagoe, Aiden Smythe, Jake Vaughan 1 each

BEST: Logan Leatham, Jake Vaughan, Brett Gilbert, Tyler Best

GOALS, Poowong: Jett Blackwood, Aaron Damon, Thomas Sherar, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton, Bryce Townsend 1 each.

BEST: Calvin Langford, Kohen Mandemaker, Jett Blackwood, Matthew Heywood, Anthony Orsini, Marty Cook

>> IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS			
Trafalgar	13.18.96	d Catani	2.3.15
Lang Lang	22.15.147	d Nilma Darnum	4.5.29
Ellinbank	12.7.79	d Longwarry	5.3.33
RESERVES			
Trafalgar	31.26.212	d Catani	0.1.1
Lang Lang	29.14.188	d Nilma Darnum	0.1.1
Ellinbank	19.13.12	d Longwarry	5.1.31
THIRDS			
Buln Buln	12.12.84	d Yarragon	4.6.30
Ellinbank	8.5.53	d Longwarry	5.5.35
FOURTHS			
Yarragon	8.11.59	d Trafalgar	1.1.7
Longwarry	8.6.54	d Ellinbank	4.2.26

Poowong go down against Buln Buln



Poowong’s Mitch Whiting goes for the mark.
Photo: Jeff Tull

POOWONG welcomed Buln Buln in all grades which included their thirds playing Yarragon in a catch-up game.

Poowong had no changes from the previous week but had half a dozen out with injuries.

There was raffle to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness Day and they raised around \$1200 for the day.

Well done to everyone involved and to those that donated to the cause, the Poowong senior players supported the day wearing pink socks.

This was an important day for both clubs in their endeavours to finish top three, great to see the game was covered by SEN, we thank SEN for supporting local football in Gippsland.

Poowong kicked to the Drouin Road end, Buln Buln started off with two points before Jack Hazeldonk scored the first goal for Poowong, followed by Paddy Harmes and Jayden Sullivan with Buln Buln adding two late goals to end the quarter with a two-point lead.

Play was tight with both teams playing determined football.

Poowong appeared to be a bit tense and were not as clean in previous games.

Buln Buln started the second term off with a goal from a strong

mark followed by a goal from a free kick aided by 50 metre penalty for their fifth for the day, play was being played between the back lines.

Poowong managed to go forward with Paddy Harmes awarded a free kick for Poowong’s fourth but still down by 10 points at half time.

The third quarter opened with both teams working hard with the game on the line, Poowong coaches made some adjustments at the interval which in the end nearly won the game.

Poowong went forward often enough but were unable to finish off with Buln Buln holding a 21-point lead going into the last.

Poowong continued to push but Buln Buln cleared under pressure and a snap from the boundary found the big opening to give them an 8-point lead, this was the final margin.

A great game between two evenly matched teams, Poowong believe they have the game plan for the matches ahead, and with Buln Buln scoring five of their seven goals from free kicks gives them confidence going forward.

Next week, Poowong host Nilma Darnum and the boys will be looking for a victory before the bye on July 30, prior to the last three games.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS														ROUND 15					
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	13	0	425.27	52	Ellinbank	12	1	432.11	48	Neerim South	11	1	778.11	44	Longwarry	13	1	447.01	52
Trafalgar	10	3	227.17	40	Lang Lang	11	3	311.94	44	Ellinbank	10	2	179.16	40	Yarragon	1	1	323.79	44
Buln Buln	10	4	204.63	40	Trafalgar	11	2	309.13	44	Buln Buln	6	6	69.47	24	Neerim South	7	5	141.09	28
Poowong	9	5	174.44	36	Neerim South	10	3	471.97	40	Longwarry	6	7	73.46	24	Ellinbank	7	5	109.68	28
Ellinbank	8	5	167.43	32	Buln Buln	10	4	332.90	40	Yarragon	4	9	41.50	16	Lang Lang	4	8	62.96	16
Lang Lang	8	6	164.38	32	Longwarry	7	7	129.00	28	Lang Lang	0	11	39.38	0	Trafalgar	3	8	40.03	12
Longwarry	6	8	89.58	24	Yarragon	5	9	56.83	20	Poowong	0	0	0.00	0	Poowong	2	10	40.07	8
Yarragon	5	9	83.24	20	Poowong	4	10	52.61	16	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Buln Buln	2	11	31.44	8
Nyora	5	9	60.54	20	Nyora	4	9	46.02	16	Trafalgar	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Catani	1	13	26.99	4	Nilma Darnum	1	12	7.33	4	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	13	14.73	0	Catani	0	14	8.14	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0



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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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MDU FOOTBALL CLUB



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HILL END

MDU

Hill End	5.7	8.9	12.10	(82)
MDU	1.4	1.5	3.6	(24)

GOALS, Hill End: Ashley Payne, Dane Fawcett 3, Calvin Rees, Chase Saunders 2, Robert Fiddelaers, Mugzy Mooka 1 each

BEST: Tyler Pratt, Aaron Fawcett, Dane Fawcett, Ashley Payne, Nathan Balfour, Robert Fiddelaers

GOALS, MDU: Harry Vanderzalm 2, Samuel Wilson 1

BEST: Nick Tuckett, Ryan Giliam, Kieran Bohn, Harry Vanderzalm, Connor Krohn, Brendan Tomada

RESERVES

MDU	5.0	8.2	10.3	13.4	(82)
Hill End	0.5	0.5	3.5	4.6	(30)

GOALS, MDU: Jack Dunn, Brenton Faltum 3, Ben Cantwell, Rhys Livingstone 2,

Jacob Whiteside, Angus Kemper, Daniel Campbell 1 each

BEST: Jack Dunn, Martyn Beacham, Benjamin Maxwell, Max East, Yani Zorzos, Ben Cantwell

GOALS, Hill End: Jarryd Harris, Joe Pedemont, Joshua Hammond, Ariki Matwijkiw 1 each

BEST: Rikki Caldwell, Joe Pedemont, Lachlan Answer, Ariki Matwijkiw,

Andrew Tangusso, Jarryd Harris

THIRDS

MDU	4.2	11.6	12.9	16.13	(109)
Hill End	0.3	0.3	1.4	1.4	(10)

GOALS, MDU: Timothy Hibberson 4, Angus Mcinnes 3, Tadhg Dennehy, Finn Dunn, Tyson Harris, Alexander Johnston, Angus Kemper,

Harry Scrimshaw, Billy Trotman, Burke VanderZalm, Rhys Weaver 1 each

BEST: Lachlan Hibberson, Angus McKenzie, Jarvis Lacy, Burke VanderZalm, Angus Kemper, Alexander Johnston

GOALS, Hill End: Lincoln Mulley 1

BEST: Liam Cumiskey, Lachlan Answer, Mark Ferguson, William Orton, Nicholas Roberts, Kyan Mulley

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



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FISH CREEK

TOORA

Fish Creek	3.2	5.9	6.12	9.15	(69)
Toora	1.3	2.3	4.3	7.3	(45)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Tom Kercheval 3, Trevor Hooker 2, Jake Anderson, Jack Hayes, Sam McGannon, Mathew Watkins 1 each

BEST: Kairon Dorling, Ryan McGannon, Lachlan Marr, Thomas Cameron, Tom Valenta, Jai Stefani

GOALS, Toora: James Maurilli-Pullin, Jackson Moore 2, Zac Clavarino,

Jonathan Pintus, James Symons 1 each

BEST: Jack Weston, Jordyn Coulthard, Zac Clavarino, Harley Hoppner, Peter Grant, Oscar Cashmore

RESERVES

Toora	4.0	5.8	8.11	8.18	(66)
Fish Creek	1.0	2.0	2.1	3.1	(19)

GOALS, Toora: Luke Haustorfer 3, Josh Griffin 2, Casey Ferguson, Mark Glowrey, Craig Hanratty 1 each

BEST: Jake Dows, Craig Hanratty, Aron Rhodes, Brad Stone, Mark Glowrey, Nicholas Green

GOALS, Fish Creek: Josh Harry, Adam Bright, Liam Edgelow 1 each

BEST: Toby Redpath, Levi Cocksedge, Ryan Williams, Matthew Pocklington, Bradley Perks, Seth Fenton

THIRDS

Foster	5.5	9.8	15.11	20.16	(136)
Tarwin/Fish Ck	0.0	1.1	2.1	2.2	(14)

GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Ck: Maximus Fenton, Joseph Rysko 1 each

BEST: Thomas Vuillermin, Wilkie Edgelow, Archie Moore, Rory Standfield, Zak Bright, Ostin Pedley

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 23

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 15

Fish Creek v MDU

Hill End v Yinnar

Newborough v Foster

Stony Creek v Toora

Thorpdale v Morwell East

Boolarra, Mirboo North and Tarwin - BYES



Fish Creek youngster Lachie Gale rises above his opponent with Jordan Shaw ready to pounce.

Confidence continues to drive Fish Creek

By Rob Popplestone

CONFIDENCE is a key to performance, and although not as tangible as some of the must haves within a good side, for players and a club to believe they are capable can sometimes provide momentum that is very hard to stop.

Toora had reluctantly waited to round 13 before scoring their first win of the season, but with that performance under their belt and at home to an undermanned Fish Creek, the Magpies were given a very real chance to make it two in a row, but this week

although fighting to the end, they fell short.

John Danckert, Fish Creek coach said, "We always have a battle facing Toora on their home ground. "We felt like we held them off for most of the day, they challenged us in the last quarter, and we responded.

"We have enormous motivation heading into this week against MDU."

Matthew Ponton Toora coach noted, "It was a hard fought game all day both

teams played with aggression which excited the fans.

"Our running and attack on the ball got the Toora fans excited as well, Jack Weston broke the lines four to five times and really turned the game in our favour.

"We brought it right to Fish Creek and had our chances, but unfortunately a few late goals sealed our fate."

Four weeks of home and away football remain, and another win for the Magpies is not out of the question.



Fish Creek's Jack Hayes marks in front of his Toora opponent.

Comfortable win for Hill End

By Rob Popplestone

THE pressure had been starting to build on Hill End for more than a month and if anything, it only intensified on the weekend.

The Rovers sat precariously in fifth position going into round 14 and faced the very proposition of falling out of the top six, given they were also being hotly pursued by two teams within a game.

The Demons made the journey to Willow Grove hoping to cause a headache for the home team, but the fact is the visitors never really got warm.

"Hill End structured up really well behind the footy and comfortably won the clearances which made it difficult for us all day. Our tackle pressure was the lowest it has been all year," said Peter Davies, MDU coach.

Mike Santo has his boys going as well as he can in what has been a season of frustrations caused by COVID, injury and the ire of all coaches, player availability.

However, if the Rovers can manage to get everything to click at the most crucial time in just a few weeks, there is no question they will be a force to be reckoned with.

Hill End have faced some adversity this year and one can be sure there will be more to come, but what they have done is managed to maintain ladder position and will be ready to strike if the opportunity arises.

No stopping Boolarra's rise

BOOLARRA had exceeded most experts' expectations for season 2022 already.

The Demons sat third on the ladder prior to the weekend, with a win providing at least an opportunity to climb a spot to second and in doing so, have them in prime position for a short cut through to the grand final in just over a month's time.

All that stood in their way was Thorpdale, but not for long, as the Demons cruised through to a comfortable victory.

"It was good to get another four points. It was a consistent four quarters from the boys," said Tony Giardina, Boolarra coach.

"The only thing keeping us from having a big win was our bad kicking for goal. To Thorpy's credit they kept going all day. We have a rest next week then Mirboo North away will be interesting."

The Demons are answering every challenge presented, the prospect of them further improving will be daunting for those teams they lay ahead.

For Thorpdale, improvement is also needed, but it will need to be complemented by patience.

"The first quarter was a good response to our woeful effort last week, really taking it to a strong Boolarra side but unfortunately as is the same most weeks we couldn't sustain it and by half time the game was essentially over," said Ray Pickering, Thorpdale coach.

"We fought the second half out well but Boolarra were just too strong all over the park."

This was a tale of two sides at very different stages of their development, what the Blues might be happy to hear, is that like Boolarra, their fortunes can change very quickly.

Tigers get the job done

MIRBOO North used four-time senior premiership utility, Dom Pinneri's 250th club appearance as its motivation to meritoriously defeat Yinnar by four points.

It was the mighty Tigers' fifth win from 13 matches this season.

Yinnar's last home victory against Mirboo North was in 2017, when it won by a point.

Amazingly, Mirboo North has now recorded 10 wins by eight points or less and two draws since its most recent tight loss — when it went down to Thorpdale by a point in round four, 2018 at Tigerland.

Remember too, all ye trivia buff nuff-nuffs, that Mirboo North's last three senior premierships have come with three, one and two-point grand final victories against Yinnar in 2017 and Newborough in 2013 and 2014.

On a kindly 12c winter's day with spurts of sunshine, zero wind and no rain, Mirboo North's 15-point, three-quarter time lead dwindled to less than a goal, as the clock wound down to the final siren.

Although Mirboo North engineered several promising build-ups in the last quarter, it only managed to score three behinds.

The Magpies were finishing strongly after two final term goals, but the desperate Tigers' determination to 'win for Dommy', held them out.

Alas, in the dying minutes, Yinnar — desperate to keep sixth spot on the MGFNL ladder —couldn't find the extra major it required for victory.

The motivated Tigers started fast with four opening-quarter goals, that gave them a nine-point advantage at the first break and by half-time, the

By Rover

visitors were 18 points in front and chock-full of confidence.

Mirboo North had five youngsters — Harry Mahoney, Rory Peter, Beau Peters, Taj Wilkins and Max Woodall — with a combined total of 42 senior games, providing skill and energy to the team and crowd appeal too, with their exciting and adventurous play.

The pace and swift ball movement of the first half continued during the third term, with both teams providing zeal and real pressure to every contest.

Rhys Kratzat, Joel Lambourn, Peters and skipper Damien Turner, teamed well in the back half for Mirboo North, whilst their teammates, Hudson Kerr, Jacob Blair and Ben Campbell's busyness through the mid-field, proved frequently troublesome for their opponents.

Liam Nash, Joe Brooks and Pinneri, whose authority in and around the packs ignited the Tigers, were other key contributors for Mirboo North.

Strong performers all day for Yinnar were Ned Marsh and Sebastian Famularo, both of whom kicked two goals, Riley Adams, Zac Cantrill and Harrison McColl.

The triumphant Tigers left the field as one with Pinneri hoisted on the shoulders of his premiership teammates, Nash and Taylor, in front of the other playing group members.

This weekend, Mirboo North has the bye before it hosts Boolarra in its fifth annual Indigenous round fixture on Saturday, July 30.



Dom Pinneri celebrated his 250th game for Mirboo North in their matchup against Yinnar on Saturday.

Newborough gets their revenge over Tarwin

THE unusual layout of the 2022 MGFNL fixture meant that these two teams were to face each other for the second time inside a month.

Tarwin grabbed the points in the first occasion, but with Newborough super motivated to make sure it was their turn this time around, it was never going to be anything but a massive challenge for the home team.

And that's what they got with the visitors making one win a piece for 2022.

"We got our first look at Shark park and are thankful to Troy and Tarwin for the opportunity to participate in

By Rob Popplestone

a mental health awareness game run by Mindful AUS," said Craig Skinner, Newborough coach.

"With a draw that gave us a second crack at Tarwin, we had more to play for, regarding ladder positions and the first quarter showed that.

"We hunted the ball as well as we have all year, the second quarter was all Tarwin as they denied us the ball and controlled the quarter.

"Josh Hecker and Mitchell Stanlake got their hands dirty in the third which gave our forwards more chances and

Joel Mitchell converted those chances to goals.

"Wade Anderson's game is going to a new level down back and would be one of the competitions best attacking defenders."

Tarwin coach Troy Hemming said the opposition played a good brand of football.

"Credit to skins for rallying his boys for a good solid effort,"

"They used the ball really well, on the back of us not pressuring like usual.

Very proud of the boys that came in and played their role, Harrison Cummings and Max

Burton came in and gave us 100 per cent effort.

"It was Max Burton's first senior game also, but we have a hard-earned rest this week.

"Regroup and then we play Stony creek who will have a full side in and will be playing to make finals so it's a huge game for us and our last home game for the year."

At this stage these two sides are in prime position to meet again in a final that will provide the winner direct route to the 2022 MGFNL grand final, but with four weeks of football remaining, there is still a lot of work to be done.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB



MIRBOO NORTH	4.0	5.2	7.4	7.7 (49)
Yinnar	2.3	2.5	4.7	6.9 (45)

GOALS, Mirboo North: Josh Taylor, Max Woodall 2, Liam Nash, Beau Peters, Josh Smith 1 each
BEST: Rhys Kratzat, Joel Lambourn, Hudson Kerr, Liam Nash, Ben Campbell, Damien Turner
GOALS, Yinnar: Sebastian Famularo, Ned Marsh 2, Matt Dyke, Matty Nardino 1 each
BEST: Ned Marsh, Riley Adams, Zac Cantrill, Sebastian Famularo, Harrison McColl, Matty Nardino

RESERVES

Yinnar	7.5	10.12	14.17	22.21 (153)
Mirboo North	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1 (1)

GOALS, Yinnar: Josh Bugeja 5, Timothy Hutchinson, Mark Quigley, Tige Renwick 3, Elijah Lappin, Shane McColl, James Quinn 2, Lachlan Alexander, Dean Linton 1 each
BEST: Dean Linton, Tige Renwick, Elijah Lappin, Jamie winters, Ryan Mayo, Mark Quigley
BEST, Mirboo North: Trevor Hart, Shaun Logan-Brown, Lachlan Dight, Michael Aveling, Nicholas Gervasi, Luke Stothart

THIRDS

Mirboo North	2.4	6.6	8.11	8.13 (61)
Yinnar	0.2	2.5	5.6	8.9 (57)

GOALS, Mirboo North: Daniel Masters 3, Ethan Woodall 2, Sam Bradley, William Lewis, Tarmah Little 1 each
BEST: Robert Shervell, Beau Kratzat, Blake Peters, Daniel Masters, Ethan Woodall, William Jacka
GOALS, Yinnar: Keegan Zielecki 4, Luke Cheffers 2, Ben Burrows, Zac Schill 1 each
BEST: Flynn Schill, Mack Rieniets, Zac Schill, Keegan Zielecki, Ben Burrows, Luke Cheffers

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB



NEWBOROUGH	5.5	6.8	13.11	15.16 (106)
Tarwin	1.4	4.8	6.9	11.9 (75)

GOALS, Newborough: Joel Mitchell 7, Josh Pearce 2, Joshua Bland, Liam Flahavin, Hayden Prestidge, Mitchell Stanlake, Jayden Van Dyk, Jake Bowden 1 each
BEST: Mitchell Stanlake, Wade Anderson, Joshua Hecker, Joel Mitchell, Liam Flahavin, Jake Bowden
GOALS, Tarwin: Cooper McInnes 5, Max Dyball 2, Noah Bee-Hickman, Ben Ellen, Jack Vanderkolk, Max Burton 1 each
BEST: Ben Ellen, Harrison Cumming, Fergus Warren, Kaj Patterson, Cooper McInnes, Noah Bee-Hickman

RESERVES

Newborough	2.3	5.7	7.9	11.10 (76)
Tarwin	1.1	2.1	2.2	2.5 (17)

GOALS, Newborough: Jack Brincat, Warren Hester 2, Andrew Bertoli, Samuel Lodge, Jordan McMahon, Will Troy, David Warnock, Rohan Richards, Daniel Smith 1 each
BEST: Andrew Bertoli, Tyler Mander, Wade Smith, Robert Wilson, Jarod Wood, Rohan Richards
GOALS, Tarwin: Nick McRae, Vaughan Van Dillen 1 each
BEST: Oliver Maclean, David Leggo, Jarvis Brown, Daniel Cardy, James O'Sullivan, Todd Lomax

THIRDS

Foster	5.5	9.8	15.11	20.16 (136)
Tarwin/Fish Ck	0.0	1.1	2.1	2.2 (14)

GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Ck: Maximus Fenton, Joseph Rysko 1 each
BEST: Thomas Vuillermin, Wilkie Edgelow, Archie Moore, Rory Standfield, Zak Bright, Ostin Pedley

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

THIRDS

Foster	5.5	9.8	15.11	20.16 (136)
Tarwin/Fish Ck	0.0	1.1	2.1	2.2 (14)

GOALS, Foster: Zak Maynard-Barrett, Jack Rathjen 4, Khy Davy, Lachlan Lewis, Reghan Lewis 3, Harrison Garlick 2, Ethan Lee 1
BEST: Oliver Lemchens, Harrison Garlick, Lachlan Lewis, Jack Rathjen, Toby Delaney, Cooper Butinar

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS	Boolarra	15.17.107	d Thorpdale	6.3.39
RESERVES	Boolarra	14.9.93	d Thorpdale	3.3.21

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 14

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Tarwin	11	2	179.20	48
Newborough	10	3	157.95	44
Boolarra	9	3	132.08	42
Foster	8	4	140.21	40
Hill End	8	4	124.51	38
Morwell East	7	5	126.55	36
Yinnar	7	6	170.22	32
Stony Creek	6	6	95.68	32
Fish Creek	5	8	87.20	24
Mirboo North	5	8	71.22	24
MDU	4	9	72.13	20
Thorpdale	1	12	45.75	8
Toora	1	12	39.70	8

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	13	0	392.38	56
Toora	12	1	350.63	52
Yinnar	10	3	389.30	44
Tarwin	10	3	191.79	44
MDU	8	5	138.17	36
Stony Creek	7	5	109.53	36
Boolarra	7	6	116.14	32
Morwell East	5	7	113.10	28
Hill End	4	9	50.45	20
Fish Creek	3	9	40.40	16
Mirboo North	2	11	38.08	12
Thorpdale	2	11	27.64	12
Foster	0	12	13.48	8

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Mirboo North	14	0	277.80	56
MDU	10	4	166.98	40
Foster	8	6	128.93	32
Yinnar	7	7	156.67	28
Hill End	2	11	29.53	8
Tarwin/Fish Creek	1	13	25.11	4
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Newborough	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0

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LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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LEONGATHA		MORWELL	
Leongatha	4.1	7.5	9.8 11.10 (76)
Morwell	4.4	5.4	8. 11.5 (71)

GOALS, Leongatha: Aaron Hillberg 3, Kim Drew, Jack Ginnane 2, Ned Hanily, Cameron Stone, Jake van der Pligt, Wil Dawson 1 each

BEST: Cameron Stone, Kim Drew, Travis Nash, Sean Westaway, Aaron Hillberg, Wil Dawson

GOALS, Morwell: Brandon McDonald 4, Nathan Noblett 3, Kuily Jiath, Max Linton, Tristen Waack, Tayler Weatherill 1 each

BEST: Tristen Waack, Tyler Brown, Ryan Hearn, Aidan Quigley, Tyler Hillier, Riley Oddy

RESERVES			
Leongatha	6.4	10.8	16.8 21.12 (138)
Morwell	1.0	4.1	5.3 6.5 (41)

GOALS, Leongatha: Nick Nagel 5, Lachie Wright 3, Christopher Rump 2, Noah Fixter, Flynn Materia, Joshua Schelling, Jake Mackie, Grant Fleming, Reegan Kemp, Kyle Materia, Blake Van Rooy, Beau Grabham Andrews, Paul Le Page, Trent McRae 1 each

BEST: Lachie Wright, Jake Mackie, Reegan Kemp, Joshua Schelling, Nick Nagel, Blake Van Rooy

GOALS, Morwell: Lachlan McDonald, Bryce Williamson 2, Brendan Briggs, Judah Leak 1 each

BEST: Mason Porykali, Judah Leak, Brendan Briggs, Lachlan McDonald, Sam Solomon, Brayden Gillespie

THIRDS			
Leongatha	5.2	8.2	10.2 11.2 (68)
Morwell	1.4	5.5	5.9 6.11 (47)

BEST, Leongatha: Beau Grabham Andrews, Sebastian Borg, Jesse Burns, Harry Scott, Thomas Hanily, Xavier Bolge

BEST, Morwell: Jet Hodges, Cohen Campbell, Callum Bailey, Lam Ruach, Zac Cheffers, Tom Gray

FOURTHS			
Leongatha	1.3	3.7	6.11 9.14 (68)
Morwell	0.0	0.3	1.3 2.5 (17)

BEST, Leongatha: Kade Berryman, Aydan Williams, Archie Fixter, Connor Richards, Nathan Skewes, Isaac Bolge

BEST, Morwell: Tarkyn Shankland, Raleigh O'Neill, Charlie Lappin, Daniel Carstein, Max Van Vliet, Zac Arnold

WONTHAGGI POWER FOOTBALL CLUB

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WONTHAGGI		MAFFRA	
Wonthaggi	4.2	6.5	11.8 17.17 (119)
Maffra	4.2	7.6	9.7 10.7 (67)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Troy Harley 7, Travis Krause 3, Aiden Lindsay 2, Harry Dawson, Jack Hutchinson, Andrew Murray, Jaxon Williams 1 each

BEST: Troy Harley, Ryan Sparkes, Harry Dawson, Travis Krause, Noah Anderson, Flynn Anderson

GOALS, Maffra: Thomas Jolly 4, Mitchell Bennett 2, Ben Brunt, Alex Carr, Jack Challands, Tom Thatcher 1 each

BEST: Thomas Jolly, David Adams, James Huts, William Fleming

RESERVES			
Wonthaggi	2.2	3.2	4.5 7.5 (47)
Maffra	1.2	3.4	4.4 4.6 (30)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana 4, Mitchell Davey, Jye Gilmour, Mathew Ware 1 each

BEST: Mathew Ware, Matt Coyne, Lachie Jones, Jye Gilmour, Ben Wingfield, Mitchell Davey

GOALS, Maffra: Jesse Oldham 2, Curtley Nettleton, Daniel Stubbe 1 each

BEST: Daniel O'Brien, Mitchell Harrigan, Kallan Killoran, Thomas Schacht, Chris Smart, Jesse Oldham

THIRDS			
Maffra	5.2	6.6	12.7 15.9 (99)
Wonthaggi	0.0	1.0	1.1 2.1 (13)

BEST, Maffra: Zach Felsbourg, Darcy Davis, Lachlan Allman, Sebastian Pendergast, Noah Christy, Shaymus Wain

BEST, Wonthaggi: Ethan Dickison, Reeve Moresco, Matrix Chisholm, Brodie Senior-Gibson, Charlie Dawson, Hunter Tiziani

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS			
Sale	18.17.125	d	Drouin 5.9.39
Moe	18.11.119	d	Bairnsdale 1.1.7.73
Traralgon	17.19.121	d	Warragul 6.4.40

RESERVES			
Sale	14.10.94	d	Drouin 5.7.37
Moe	7.16.58	d	Bairnsdale 4.8.32
Traralgon	14.11.95	d	Warragul 8.7.55

THIRDS			
Drouin	12.11.83	d	Sale 2.1.13
Moe	8.16.64	d	Bairnsdale 9.8.62
Warragul	15.5.95	d	Traralgon 3.13.31

FOURTHS			
Drouin	8.6.54	d	Sale 6.8.44
Moe	7.10.52	d	Bairnsdale 7.8.50
Traralgon	16.16.112	d	Warragul 4.3.27

Defence disaster opens door to Wonthaggi

FOR three quarters, the match between Wonthaggi Power and Maffra, played on the bowling-green smooth surface of the Maffra Showgrounds, was as good a match of country footy as you'd ever want to see.

It had a couple of dominant forwards at both ends, Wonthaggi's Troy Harley, who finished with a record-equalling seven goals by a Power player against Maffra, and Tom Jolly for the Eagles who got four.

Two terrific ruckmen, Wonthaggi's Toma Huther (32 hit-outs, 15 possessions) in a ding-dong battle with Maffra legend Will Fleming (24 hit-outs).

Plenty of great marks, fierce contests, and thrilling passages of play.

Two well-matched mid-fields boasting the likes of Ryan Sparkes (29 possessions), Aiden Lindsay (26), Jarryd Blair (20 possessions, most after half time) and Mitch Hayes (18); opposed to Danny Butcher, Edward Carr, Alex Carr and Lachlan Chan-ning.

Two opposing styles with Maffra using quick hands and breakaway pace to attack and Wonthaggi playing the pressure game front and back to create their opportuni-ties.

And when Maffra went end-to-end halfway through the third quarter to hit the front, the ninth lead change of the day, no one saw what was coming in the last quarter; a 52-point blowout in the Pow-er's favour.

But a couple of turning points, after Jolly produced Maffra's ninth goal, changed



Darcy Brosnan demonstrates the defensive efforts that made the difference for Power in a tough contest at Maffra.

the complexion of the game and once again it was Wont-haggi's pressure which made the difference.

In the final minutes of that third quarter, Wonthaggi charged back into the ascen-dency with three goals, two of them in disastrous circum-stances for the host club.

You could see the Maf-fra heads drop after what had been a draining contest

where every score was hard earned, and Wonthaggi went to the break as 13-point lead-ers.

It was a chance for every-one to catch their breath af-ter three thrilling quarters, but Power coach Jarryd Blair wasted no time calling his players in from their respec-tive groups to stress the im-portance of the first few min-utes of the last quarter.

"This is about desperation and doing the basic things well. These next few min-utes are crucial. We got those goals out of pressure and we've got to bring that again. Force yourself to get involved, force yourself down the line as an option. Come on," said Blair as they broke quickly.

And they brought it right out of the first centre break with Huther setting Blair himself on the way, driving the ball forward. Aiden Lind-say, Brosnan, Sparkes, Noah and Flynn Anderson, Harry Dawson, Kyle Reid; they all responded.

The Power peppered the scoring zone but ultimately the goals started to come: Aid-en Lindsay still running after a gruelling contest, found Harley in space, and after great lead-up work by Harry Dawson, Harley marked on the lead again and made no mistake with his sixth.

Bray, who had been ter-rific down back, Krause and Sparkes then went coast-to-coast to find Harley again for his seventh; three in-a-row to start the last quarter as they broke the game open.

Wonthaggi might have been missing the likes of Jack Blair, Fergus O'Connor, Jordan Staley and Tom Mur-ray but they have unearthed some fine young players, set to stand the club in good stead this season, and the years to come.

The game was a must-win with Sale, Traralgon and Morwell all in-form and pushing for a 'top three' spot. Wonthaggi hosts one of those contenders, Traralgon, at Wonthaggi this Saturday.

Leongatha sees off fierce Tigers to remain undefeated

WITH star player Tom Mar-riott unavailable, Leongatha's number 8 jumper was worn by Wil Dawson in his senior de-but, with the 16-year-old hav-ing a stunning impact in the Parrots' heart-stopping 5-point win over Morwell.

The gallant Tigers pushed undefeated Leongatha to the limit, leading late in the game having put the Parrots' defence under siege in the last term.

After Kuily Jiath kicked truly from a difficult angle to put Morwell ahead, a few tense minutes followed before Jack Ginnane's accurate pass found Dawson.

The youngster calmly sent his set shot through for a goal, or that's how it appeared, but the goal umpire saw it differ-ently signalling a behind.

Despite his inexperience, Dawson moved on quickly, ac-cepting the call and setting up the winning goal shortly after with a well-measured pass to

Aaron Hillberg in the Parrots' goal square.

Hillberg capped his 100th game in style, having already topped the highlights reel when he soared to take a spectacular third term mark.

"He wound back the clock and took a beauty," Leongatha coach Trent McMicking said of Hillberg's mark-of-the-year ef-fort.

Although he was confident in Dawson's ability to adapt to the pressure at senior level, McMicking was delighted with how well he played.

"He was outstanding and his ruckwork was really good, and he turned the game in the last quarter by giving us first use of the footy," the coach enthused. "He's a very competitive kid and not much phases him."

Dawson, from Mirboo North, but having played his last four years of juniors with Leon-gatha, made his Gippsland Power debut last week and was

available for the Parrots this round due to a Power bye.

He found out on Thursday night he would make his se-nior debut and kept the nerves to a minimum, something that stood him in good stead come match day.

"I saw him in the goal square so I thought I'd kick it to him," he said of his pinpoint pass to Hillberg, with the pres-sure of the moment not hav-ing sparked panic in the first gamer.

In an intense contest, played in good spirits, Parrot Sam Forrester suffered a hamstring injury and teammate Sean Westaway a gashed head.

While a number of regular se-nior players were missing, Mc-Micking's focus was on those who were available and the op-portunity for young players to display their capabilities.

They included Dylan Garnham who played well on a wing, Jackson Harry back

from an injury layoff, with Tom Crocker another to impress.

The match was tight through-out the day and McMicking's voice went up a notch at the last change as he implored his players to see off the threat.

"We're falling away from our structure and that's what I'm frustrated about, that blokes aren't playing their roles," he said.

He followed that with specific advice for players in a variety of positions, also urging the Par-rots to "work harder to cover off the shorts", feeling Morwell was able to find too many un-manned short targets.

"Make 'em defend something, deal with the heat and make good decisions," players were advised.

McMicking praised Morwell's efforts.

"They play a very good brand of footy," he told his players after the game, showing his re-spect for the Tigers.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

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SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	14	0	229.48	56	Leongatha	13	1	502.41	52	Maffra	13	1	200.23	52	Traralgon	13	0	595.08	52
Wonthaggi	9	4	142.91	38	Wonthaggi	13	1	297.70	52	Warragul	9	4	201.55	36	Maffra	10	2	214.47	40
Traralgon	9	5	151.21	36	Maffra	11	3	418.91	44	Bairnsdale	9	5	131.40	36	Warragul	9	3	197.25	36
Sale	9	5	130.01	36	Sale	7	7	94.19	28	Moe	9	5	84.14	36	Leongatha	6	6	78.88	24
Morwell	8	6	96.65	32	Morwell	6	7	80.11	26	Traralgon	8	6	129.73	32	Bairnsdale	5	7	100.30	22
Maffra	7	7	119.23	28	Moe	6	8	55.07	24	Drouin	8	6	121.34	32	Moe	5	8	66.51	20
Moe	7	7	92.19	28	Bairnsdale	5	8	57.99	20	Leongatha	5	9	69.77	20	Drouin	5	7	58.94	20
Warragul	3	10	58.70	14	Traralgon	4	10	69.78	16	Morwell	4	10	79.02	16	Sale	2	9	62.16	10
Bairnsdale	2	12	59.11	8	Warragul	3	10	51.75	14	Wonthaggi	3	11	53.58	12	Morwell	0	13	17.60	0
Drouin	1	13	46.57	4	Drouin	1	12	20.98	4	Sale	2	12	58.72	8	Wonthaggi	0	0	00.00	0



Phillip Island and Nar Nar Goon battle for possession. Photos: Carol Ratcliff

Bulldogs edge out The Goon

PHILLIP Island had a top four clash with Nar Nar Goon on home turf in what was a closely contested match. Pressure was on from both sides as they looked to solidify their positions, with Nar Nar Goon hoping to topple the Islanders who have continued to dominate the league. However, it wouldn't be easy, as each quarter was heavily contested with the Bulldogs leading by only a couple of points. As the teams ran out, the Bulldogs must have tripped on a black cat whilst running under a ladder! Luke James was knocked out cold from friendly fire in first 10 minutes, and then captain Youle exited with a badly broken wrist early in the second. In amongst all this excitement, the Gooners came to play. Whilst the bench was working out its rotations, the Gooners kicked the first 3 goals of the game, making a mockery of the tricky conditions in the howling wind. Led by Mathew Homfray run-

ning riot in the forward line, and Trent Armour and Brent Hughes around the ball, the Bulldogs couldn't get into the game early. The third quarter would prove pivotal as The Goon trailed closely behind The Bulldogs, with the scores sitting at just 59 for the home team and 54 for the visitors. The last was a tight affair, with the Gooners unable to score – with Max Walton in particular in defence being outstanding. The near-exhausted Bulldogs held sway, scoring just enough to run out victors by 13. A fantastic win given the circumstances, with the supporters able to clearly see that all effort had been expended by the remaining 18 fit players. Island players Eli Richards and Jack Taylor managed to bag two each for their side, with goals spread out between the team. It was a tough win for The Bulldogs against a strong adversary, as they now look to take on the struggling Magpies at Dalyston this weekend.



Levi Robinson makes a pass as The Goon closes in.

Kilcunda Bass improves the second time around

WHILE Kilcunda Bass wasn't able to get the better of Cora Lynn, the Panthers improved substantially from their previous clash with the Cobras, cutting the losing margin by 43 points. That was particularly positive given this was an away encounter. The Panthers got off to a competitive start, allowing Cora Lynn just an 8-point advantage at the first break. "We held our own and kept it inside our 50 when we got it in," Kilcunda Bass coach Lee Rowe said of the opening term. Fickle weather toughened the challenge in the second stanza, with the first quarter's still conditions replaced by a howling wind at the Cobras' backs.

Cora Lynn took charge, booting 5.8(38) to no score to go to the long break with an imposing 46-point lead. Kilcunda Bass came out strongly after halftime with the wind in its favour, narrowly winning the third term, but was held to a behind in the final quarter as Cora Lynn claimed a 67-point win. Unfortunately for the Panthers, Casey player Jimmy Munro was available for Cora Lynn due to a VFL bye, the second time Kilcunda Bass has copped him this season. "He's impossible to tackle and I think he's number two in the VFL comp for tackles laid," Rowe said of the midfielder who excels offensively and defensively. Rowe has been involved

with Munro at Casey and described him as "a bit of a bull and one of the stronger players in the VFL for a long time". While Cora Lynn had the class to win without Munro, he undoubtedly boosted the margin in favour of the Cobras. Munro was well supported by teammate Jaxon Briggs, with the quick onballer keeping Panthers players on their toes, albeit they managed the task well. The ruckwork of Dale Gawley and ball winning ability of Nathan Foote again served the Panthers effectively, with another onballer Cam McKenzie also performing admirably for Kilcunda Bass. Dale Crawford, who has been playing in the midfield,

got the tough job on Cobras spearhead Nathan Gardiner. While Gardiner finished with four goals, three of those came in the last term, with Crawford containing him well until then. Cora Lynn's fast and accurate delivery in the final quarter made Gardiner impossible to stop. Marcus Baxter was the only Panther to kick more than one goal, managing a couple. With Kilcunda Bass sitting ninth on the ladder, Rowe is keen to get as much as possible out of the remainder of the home and away season. "We're looking forward to the next month, and while we're not going to make finals we want to be the best side outside the finals," Rowe said.

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» PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

	67		54
PHILLIP ISLAND		NAR NAR GOON	

Phillip Island	2.1	5.8	8.11	9.13 (67)
Nar Nar Goon	3.1	5.2	8.6	8.6 (54)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Eli Richards, Jack Taylor 2, Cameron Brown, Brendan Kimber, Harry O'Brien, Cameron Pedersen, Zak Vernon 1 each
BEST: Eli Richards, Jack Taylor, Jesse Patullo, Levi Robinson, Jordy Patullo, Harry O'Brien
GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Matthew Homfray 4, Trent Noy, Flynn Parker, Cooper Pursell, Eamon Trigg 1 each
BEST: Trent Armour, Matthew Homfray, Flynn Parker, Brent Hughes, Eamon Trigg, Brendan Hermann

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon	2.0	5.1	6.4	6.7 (43)
Phillip Island	1.3	1.5	2.7	3.9 (27)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Tom Ferrari 3, Lachlan Graham, Matt Saunders, Darcy Young 1 each
BEST: James Cairns, Tom Ferrari, Lachlan Graham, Hayden Carney, Ryan Orridge
GOALS, Phillip Island: Will Taylor-Eagles, Kurt Lane, Hayden Smith 1 each
BEST: Coby Olarens Shaw, John McLachlan, Tarquin McMillan, Arie Cook, Rob Linford, Will Taylor-Eagles

THIRDS

Phillip Island	3.0	7.0	8.2	9.7 (61)
Nar Nar Goon	1.0	1.3	4.6	6.6 (42)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Dylan Susic 3, Huon Bould, Tully Dickie, Brodie Gude, Tyce Kleverkamp, Sunny Mattock, Jack Papas 1 each
BEST: Hunter Clarke, Brady Ross, Jack Papas, Thomas Niven, Sunny Mattock, Henry Peppard
GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Bayley Tytler 4, Daniel Cross, Connor King 1 each
BEST: Daniel Cross, Nathan Swan, Bayley Tytler, Brodie Kendray

FOURTHS

Phillip Island	3.2	6.5	8.7	9.8 (62)
Nar Nar Goon	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0 (6)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Zac Walker 5, Charlie O'Garey 2, Oliver Duggan, Darcy Thompson 1 each
BEST: Leo Savona, William Hill, Yianni Caffieri, Beau Davies, Zac Walker, Sonny Merryfull
GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Mitch Moresco 1
BEST: Jack Allchin, Mitch Moresco, Toby Cramer, Chace Parker, Jesse Smith, Kyron Smith

» KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

	107		40
CORA LYNN		KILCUNDA-BASS	

Cora Lynn	3.3	8.11	11.14	15.17 (107)
Kilcunda-Bass	2.1	2.1	6.3	6.4 (40)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner 4, Gus Da Costa 3, Cory Machaya 2, Heath Briggs, Jaxon Briggs, Chris Johnson, Jeremy Monckton James Munro, Matthew Ryan 1
BEST: William Thomas, Gus Da Costa, Chris Johnson, Jaxon Briggs, Jeremy Monckton, Lachlyn Peluso
GOALS, K-Bass: Marcus Baxter 2, Anthony Daraio, Nathan Foote, Dale Gawley, Yillber Zijai 1 each
BEST: Nathan Foote, Dale Gawley, Dale Crawford, Cam McKenzie, Benjamin Eddy, Christopher McKay

RESERVES

Cora Lynn	3.7	10.11	14.13	17.15 (117)
Kilcunda-Bass	1.0	1.0	2.1	2.2 (14)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Luke Foreman 5, Kyah Cronin, Bradley Parker, Matthew Scarlett 2, Lado Alphonse, Matthew Ferguson, Duoth Jock, Michael Palmer, Josh Wilson, Max Wolbers 1 each
BEST: Matthew Ferguson, Josh Wilson, Duoth Jock, Luke Foreman, Matthew Scarlett, Max Wolbers
GOALS, K-Bass: Phillip Winmar, William Speed 1 each
BEST: William Speed, Harry Maclean, Dylan Stacey-vansteensel, Phillip Winmar, George Blum

» IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS				
Koo Wee Rup	16.15.123	d	Garfield	7.5.47

RESERVES				
Koo Wee Rup	12.12.84	d	Garfield	2.2.14

THIRDS				
Garfield	7.7.49	d	Koo Wee Rup	3.3.21

FOURTHS				
Garfield	8.7.55	d	Koo Wee Rup	6.7.43

Gulls down Sea Eagles at the nest

INVERLOCH KONGWAK welcomed Tooradin-Dalmore down the highway to headline Road Safety Round.

The first goal of the day came off the boot of Brady Egan for the visiting Seagulls who were up and about early.

Their ball movement looking as though it was simply a cut above in blustery conditions in Inverloch, however, the IK back six stood tall throughout the first quarter.

After continually applying strong forward half pressure, the Sea Eagles were able to finally muster a shot at goal, and Toby Mahoney made it count, cutting the Seagulls lead to 8-points.

Both teams found it hard to score to begin the second term, until a great play from turnover led Tooradin Dalmore to their first, thanks to Blake Grewar.

The defences of both top four contenders were dominant, and despite play around the ground opening up with fast ball movement, neither side managed to create genuine separation on the scoreboard.

The Sea Eagle backs continued to defend hard in the absence of star Shem Hawking, with Lewis Rankin, Thomas Wyatt and Michael Eales stepping up.

However, just as they had last time, the Seagulls feasted on IK turnovers, turning them into scores of their own, this time it was Brent Macaffer the beneficiary with a goal.

Skills were high and run



Marcus Toussaint punches the ball away from Piva Wright. B06_2922

was aplenty to finish the second, although neither team could penetrate the opposition defence with a major, the visitors lead stretching to 15-points at the main break.

Man-mountain Piva Wright made his presence felt to start the third quarter, help-

ing the Seagulls draw first blood in the term off the boot of gun forward Stewart Scanlon.

IK tried to quell the visitors surge but their skills just weren't up to it, Sea Eagles turnovers the main source of Tooradin-Dalmore scoring.

After battling all game, the IK defence finally got their reward, seeing Mitch Hewitson bob up and snap truly for the hosts first major of the term.

Tooradin-Dalmore continued to press although their ill-discipline gave IK another opportunity to arrest some momentum, although they couldn't finish off their work, still 28-points adrift to end the third.

The final term began with a scrappy kick forward that ended in a nice goal to the visitors, hitting the open goal square and just having enough legs the roll through.

The Seagulls then missed three golden chances in front of goal as the brave Sea Eagles hung by a thread.

The hosts then turned it on through the middle but unfortunately more skill errors cost them a shot at another major, the visitors taking it down the other end making them pay.

The gallant Sea Eagles continued to fight all day long, although yet another turnover by foot gave the Seagulls another chance and Wright took it with both hands, booting a major out of the ruck.

Tooradin-Dalmore simply too good in the end, they won their 14th straight game by 32-points, they'll hope to keep their perfect record intact next week when Bunyip comes to town.

As or the Sea Eagles, they'll head down the road to Bass to take on the Panthers.

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» INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

	
70	38

TOORADIN-DAL	2.4	4.7	7.9	10.10 (70)
Inverloch-K	1.1	2.4	3.5	5.8 (38)

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Brady Egan, Brent Macaffer, Stewart Scanlon 2, Liam Adams, Blake Grewar, James Trezise, Piva Wright 1 each
BEST: Julian Suarez, Piva Wright, Liam Adams, Brent Macaffer, Blake Grewar, Adam Oxley
GOALS, Inverloch-K: Toby Mahoney 2, Mitch Hewitson, Taite Cumming, Tristan Van Driel 1 each
BEST: Lewis Rankin, Marcus Toussaint, Joe Soumilas, Oscar Toussaint, Corey Casey, Thomas Wyatt

RESERVES	2.6	7.9	7.14	9.17 (71)
Tooradin-Dal	0.0	0.1	1.1	1.3 (9)

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Lauchlan Gregson 2, Brett Coffey, Michael Hobbs, Adam Splatt, Dylan Wilson, Jordan Jones, Justin Smaluch, Joshua Trezise 1 each
BEST: Andrew Proctor, Michael Hobbs, Brett Coffey, Adam Splatt, Thomas Bethune, Jack Denereaz
GOALS, Inverloch-K: Patrick Jobling 1
BEST: Tyler Leonard, Jasper Kempster, Jacob Strickland, Brett Irwin, Jordan Teakle, Jordan Tomas

THIRDS	0.1	1.1	2.4	3.7 (25)
Tooradin-Dal	1.0	1.4	1.5	3.5 (23)

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Panos Papas 2, Jehi Esler 1
BEST: Jehi Esler, Brody Campbell, Jesse Craven, Panos Papas, Xavier Shinnars, Jack Hamilton
GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jak Spinks, Jack Butcher, Jett Garnham 1 each
BEST: Xavier Lindsay, Lucas Harmer, Jack Butcher, James Rowe, Callan O'Flynn, Jed Rosenow

FOURTHS	3.5	7.9	10.14	12.17 (89)
Inverloch-K	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0 (6)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jett Garnham 3, Max Scott, Harry Butcher, Jobe Scapin 2, Brayden Bertacco, Zak Box, Willem Duursma 1 each
BEST: Max Scott, Archie Terlich, Zak Box, Jordan Bertacco, Harry Butcher, Jett Garnham
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Chayse Campbell 1
BEST: Vasili Papas, Chayse Campbell, Koby Peck, Harrison Scott, Shannon Wakefield, Riley Sherwood

» DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

	
138	45

WARRAGUL IND	6.2	9.7	14.15	20.18 (138)
Dalyston	1.2	2.2	4.2	7.3 (45)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Mason McGarrity, Travis Ogden 4, Jackson Mockett 3, Todd Beck, Shane Brewster, Anthony Bruhn, Kyle Staples 2, Kane Oldham 1
BEST: Kane Oldham, Michael Debenham, Shane Brewster, Travis Ogden, Todd Beck, Mason McGarrity
GOALS, Dalyston: Mason Storr 3, Matthew Howell, Curtis Murfett, Jack Paravicini, Hayden Wallis 1 each
BEST: Matthew Howell, Lachlan Wright, Curtis Murfett, Jack Legione, Adam Honeysett, Hayden Wallis

RESERVES	15.14	104
Warragul Ind	3.7	25

FOURTHS	4.5	7.9	8.13	13.15 (93)
Warragul Ind	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0 (6)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: William Brewer, Jack Debnam 4, Arli Fleming's, Tom Logan, Benjamin Smith, Cody Templeton, Jarrod West 1 each
BEST: Alixander Tauru, Regan Awty, Cody Templeton, Joshua Bradley, Jack Debnam, Arli Flemings
GOALS, Dalyston: Jaxon Foon 1
BEST: Chase Krause, Heath Womersley, Sebastian Ori, Lincoln Harris, Bailey Anderson, Riley Brinkman

Switched-on Industrials leave Dalyston in their wake

DALYSTON made the trek up to Western Park in search of an upset win over the Warragul Industrials on Saturday.

The Magpies would have to do it without star Michael Marotta, and things did not get much better two minutes into the contest with captain Blake Carew limping from the ground with a leg injury.

The Dusties then got themselves going as Bailey Beck found his brother Todd for the game's first major.

Travis Ogden got on the end of the next one after the host's forward press successfully caused a Dalyston turnover, Ogden then set up the next one to Anthony Bruhn whose kick did not disappoint.

Mason Storr was finally able to break the hosts run

of goals with one of his own, after 20 minutes of play, but it was Jackson Mockett who started another Dusties flurry.

Mason McGarrity and Ogden adding goals to help their side end the first quarter with a 30-point lead.

It was the hosts that got the fast start again in the second, as Kyle Staples received a free kick close to goal and kicked truly.

Ogden made it two in a row soon after with a nice boomerang finish, before Shane Brewster added another with a floater that just cleared the hands of Louis Armstrong on the goal line.

Storr was able to stem the flow towards the end of the quarter with his second major, the Warragul lead at 47-points heading into the

main break.

The hosts bagged the first goal of the third term through Kane Oldam, but it was Daly who snagged the next two with Jack Paravicini and Storr finishing their work.

However, Dusties captain Brewster, steadied his ship with a long bomb from outside 50, inspiring a run of Warragul goals, three in a row to be precise.

The home side fought off a brave Magpies resurgence in the third term to take a commanding 73-point lead into three quarter time.

For the fourth quarter in a row, the first goal was scored off the boot of a Dusties player, this time it was Jackson Mockett with the opportunity to celebrate.

However, the 'Pies were

able to match it with the finals hopeful Dusties, the sides going goal-for-goal for the first 20 minutes of the last term.

Hayden Wallis, Bruhn, Matthew Howell, Mockett and Curtis Murfett all trading goals before McGarrity, Ogden and Staples all added to their tallies to end the match.

The Magpies battled hard but suffered another big defeat, as Warragul got a nice percentage boost winning by 93-points.

They'll continue their run to finals next week on the road in Nar Nar Goon in what will be a battle for fourth spot on the West Gippsland Competition ladder.

As for Daly', they will be back home for another big test when they host Phillip Island next week.

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Corner Inlet Boxing club duo Kinesha Anderson and Sebastian Saulwick in their team Victoria gear at the Australian National Titles.

The Corner Inlet Boxing Club members with coaches Scott Bindloss and Brad Anderson. B01_2922

Turning fishermen into fighters

FOUR fishermen turned fighters are refining their craft before taking on the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham later this month.

However, the quartet will be used to the travel, having made the trek over from their home of Kiribati to train at the Corner Inlet Boxing Club under the tutelage of coach Scott Bindloss.

"Last Commonwealth Games I was with Boxing Australia, and I wanted something different, so I got informed about some athletes at the games that didn't have a coach, they were from a country called Kiribati," Bindloss explained.

"So, made contact and offered my services, I've been flying back and forth training them, then COVID hit, they were meant to be over here years ago with me,

but it has finally happened with Commonwealth Games."

Sporting just one mouthguard between them, and no other equipment to their names, the four athletes Toaua Toangke, Eriu Temakau, Betero Haree and Timon Aaree moved to Australia to pursue their dream.

They moved in with Bindloss who has taken them under his wing, teaching them all they need to know about the language of English and the sport of boxing while travelling and training together.

"The highest point on their island is three metres off the soil, so when they got here, they went up Mount Oberon, they'd never been up a mountain before," Bindloss said.

"They've been training with me, living with me, we've been trav-

elling the countryside sparring, they've got no gear, any gear they have got, I took over years ago."

"We got their medicals, we got them used to the weather it's obviously very cold for them with Kiribati being on the equator, they've got nothing, so I give them some cash and they live with us and eat with us."

Taking a group of athletes from a small island in the Pacific to the Commonwealth Games, while teaching them a sport through a solid language barrier is no small feat, but Bindloss has his boys on a tough regime.

"They train in the morning, they're up at 5:30am training with me, then I go to work then they do a running session at lunchtime, sleep in between and I pick them, and we do a session at night," he said.

Regardless of their results, competing at Birmingham 2022 is going to be an unforgettable experience and remarkable achievement for the Kiribati team as their coach explained.

"They come from a developing country, they'd never been to cities, three of them have kids, they all have families and they've got no money, they're all fishermen back home so it's pretty exciting for them," he said.

"They live a tough life so hopefully it might make them heroes in their little country."

The three Kiribati fishermen will take off with Bindloss for the AIS this weekend before competing in Birmingham 2022, a massive achievement for the small pacific island nation of just 119,000 people.

Kiribati is made up of over 30

low-lying atolls spread across 3.5 million square kilometres of ocean, the four boxers will be looking to add to their country's one Commonwealth Games medal, a gold in 2014.

Local club punching above its weight

Bindloss' team received some funding from PacificAus Sports as part of the Commonwealth Games commission, although the majority of the Kiribati quartet's journey has been supported off Bindloss' own bat, much like the Corner Inlet Boxing Club itself.

Despite being non for profit, the club, based in Foster and Leongatha, is no stranger to producing outstanding talent, as coach Brad Anderson explained.

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