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## FIRE ENGULFS NEWSAGENCY

THE community was left in shock after Korumburra Newsagency was largely destroyed following a devastating fire on Sunday, July 24.

The incident occurred at about 7.22pm and on arrival, crews found flames coming through the roof at the rear of the Korumburra Newsagency premises.

Korumburra CFA firefighter, Sarah Davies, lead the team that included 10 CFA vehicles with additional support from Fire Rescue Victoria.

"Korumburra Pumper arrived on scene first to the front of the premises," Sarah said.

"Smoke was visible via the door and vent, but flames were unsighted."

"A member arrived at the rear of

the building, and they could visibly see flames."

On scene within minutes, Breathing Apparatus crews donned their gear and headed in whilst more appliances were paged from nearby brigades to the fully involved fire.

Supported by Leongatha and Ruby at the rear, crews managed to prevent the fire from spreading to adjacent buildings, with the fire coming under control at 9.27pm.

"The adjoining buildings only incurred smoke damage, but we were able to make sure the fire was contained to the one building; the rear roof has collapsed in," Sarah said.

"Being a newsagency, it had the fuel load and was going."

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**Korumburra Newsagency was decimated by a fire that tore through the building on Sunday evening. C16\_3022**

**\$20m solution needed for Wonthaggi Primary**

WONTHAGGI Primary School (WPS) launched their bid for \$20 million in redevelopment to bring their facilities up to scratch.

Joined by Liberal Candidate for Bass and WPS alumnus, Aaron Brown, Wonthaggi Primary School explained that whilst they are leaders in student wellbeing and literacy, their 112-year-old facilities are simply inadequate, and their creativity and finances are being pushed to the limit.

According to the school, the canteen has moved offsite, and the space is now a science room. The old library is an art room, with the library now split between three spaces, and art room two classrooms.

Their newest addition, the BER Building, is 12 years old, in need of a coat of paint and bursting at the seams.

Outdated and inadequate space comments are not from the teachers alone with students also highlighting the issues they face in learning.

Students McKenzie, Axl, Ollie and School Captain, Boyd explained their desire to see IT rooms, bigger learning spaces, a state-of-the-art science lab, more specialist classrooms and hopefully one day even a 3D printer.

"The history and character of Wonthaggi Primary School is what sets us apart from all other schools in Bass Coast and we believe this needs to be maintained," School Council President, Caroline Moore stated.

"Our growth is already reaching projections 12 months into the five-year Department of Education and Training figures, which is largely due to the hard work of Wendy, her team and School Council.

"But not only are these projected enrolments concerning; the overall Bass Coast growth in Primary School aged children is projected to be nearly six percent over the next 15 years.

"Our quaint and historical facilities are sub-standard and need to be brought up to a contemporary teaching standard that will provide students with the best start to their education."

In recent years, the administration space has been refurbished, classroom walls have been built and pulled down as well as patched, painted and repaired.

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# Fire engulfs newsagency

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Bass Coast Group Rehabilitation Unit attended the scene alongside Morwell's Fire Rescue Victoria Aerial Pumper and Bayswater BA.

"(The rehabilitation) we use to check (firefighters) heart rates and make sure people are rested, it is underrated and a really important piece of gear," CFA Commander and Regional Duty Officer, Gavin Parker said.

"The aerial pumper has a thermal imaging camera mounted on the boom, so you can put it over the top, have a look and check again for fire extension and conditions – at roof level it certainly makes a safer environment."

With suspected asbestos, South Gippsland Shire also attended. Due to the heat and fire, firefighters also checked neighbouring properties and fortunately there was no fire extension or water damage into those properties.

"A really good firefight by all the crews," Koorumburra Brigade Captain, Shane Maskell added.

"It was very hot and intense, and visibility was near zero at the start due to the smoke and fuel load."

Fire investigators attended the scene on Monday and are still determining the cause, however, the blaze is not being treated as suspicious.

## Home fire at Glen Alvie

FIREFIGHTERS battled an intense blaze last Thursday night (July 21) at a property in Glen Alvie.

CFA was notified at 7:53pm and on arrival, crews found a weatherboard structure fully involved with all occupants out of the building.

According to local brigades, no injuries were reported at the time.

The incident was declared under control at 8:43pm.

Fire investigators were on scene last Friday to determine the cause.

## Frightening incident at Carpet Court

AN ELDERLY lady was taken to Leongatha hospital for observation with superficial injuries and shock after accidentally driving into the front of Bair Street business Carpet Court on Friday afternoon around 2.45pm.

"She was startled by a car horn which caused her to heavily accelerate, mount the kerb and make contact with the shop-front," Senior Sergeant Brad Steer said.

The vehicle struck a pedestrian's dog, which required veterinary treatment.

The dog's condition is not available at this stage, while Senior Sergeant Steer said the pedestrian was not hit.

While damage to the business appeared extensive, Senior Sergeant Steer said that was fortunately not the case.

"The local shire structural examiner came out and the majority of damage was just to the window, and it hasn't done any structural damage to the premises," he said.



Liberal Candidate Aaron Brown joined students and School Council representatives at Wonthaggi Primary School on Tuesday. C01\_3022

## \$20m solution needed for Wonthaggi Primary

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The School Council has worked tirelessly alongside teachers and an architect to develop a Master Plan, that details the major capital works that the Council believes need to occur to bring their facilities into the 21st century.

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

"The Department of Education and Training recommend 82 square metres per classroom, our classrooms average 50 to 52 square metres."

"We waited 100 years (for the BER Building) we don't want to wait another 100 – we are doing this for our students now."

The Master Plan is split into three stages – the first (\$7 million) for the demolition of the wooden quadrangle allowing for the new STEM teaching spaces, library and classrooms; the second stage (\$6 million) for the purpose-built administration building freeing up more classrooms;

and the third stage (\$7 million) for the sporting precinct.

"We need the government to invest in our kids and secure the future of WPS."

"If we do it now, we are setting up the future specialists, doctors, nurses and medical professionals that are going to staff our amazing hospital facility that is being built."

"Giving them an education in outdated, cramped facilities, what message are we telling them now?"

With leading standards in student wellbeing and in the top band for literacy, WPS does not want to leave any student behind.

"I believe that the staged redevelopment of the parts of the school is extremely important," Aaron Brown said.

"Primary school education is a key function of state government and having children learning in facilities that are inadequate is simply not acceptable. The classrooms are too small to enable optimal learning in the modern-day classroom. Some of the buildings appear to be used

for purposes other than what they were originally designed for."

Under the first round of the Minor Capital Works Fund in 2020, WPS were allocated \$395,665 to upgrade existing playgrounds to incorporate inclusive sensory play spaces, which is scheduled for completion in November 2022, and has the support of Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale.

"I met with the School Council and continue to advocate alongside other schools in the Bass electorate," Jordan Crugnale MP stated.

Like a number of State schools, WPS purchases stationery and equipment to ensure no student misses out and provides a breakfast club hosted by volunteers.

But their voluntary \$260 per year contribution from families has seen a mere 35% uptake this year.

With the rising costs on every level, the school is calling for the government to step in, stop the band-aid fixes and provide adequate learning resources for the next generation.

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Arrest in Yarram

ON FRIDAY, July 22, thanks to information received from the public, Yarram Police arrested a 47-year-old male as he attempted to steal items from a local business.

The male was bailed to appear at the Sale Magistrates Court after being charged with the attempted theft, as well as a number of other thefts that had occurred over the last week in the Yarram CBD.

### Foster in shock after 'street fight' death

THE community of Foster is in shock after news that a 39-year-old man has died after reports of a street fight on July 20 at 5.45pm.

The incident occurred in front of the town's supermarket.

The deceased man has been named as Paul Doran, 39, of Toora.

Homicide Squad detectives continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of a man.

A 43-year-old Foster man was arrested and assisting investigators but released on Thursday pending further enquiries.

At this stage investigators believe those involved were known to each other.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at [crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://crimestoppersvic.com.au)

### Male remanded in custody

YARRAM Police responded to an incident involving parties known to each other at a private premises in Yarram on July 21 at 8am.

As a result, a 62-year-old male was arrested and remanded to appear at the Sale Magistrates Court at a later date for charges including threats and assault.

Anybody with information that may be relevant to this incident are encouraged to contact the Yarram Police on 5182 5033.

### Intoxicated collision in Inverloch

SUNDAY morning a car collided with a power pole on the corner of Bayview Avenue and Cuttriss Street after travelling through the intersection in Inverloch.

The 37-year-old male driver was uninjured but intoxicated at the time, allegedly blowing a reading of 0.197 – four times the legal limit.

His driver's licence was immediately suspended by police, and the written off vehicle was towed from the scene.

The accused has been summoned to appear in court at a later date.

### Car fire in San Remo

CFA responded to reports of a car fire at Phillip Island Road, San Remo at 6.41am on Friday, June 22.

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## 6 Day Weather Forecast

### SOUTH GIPPSLAND



**TUE | July 26**

Showers.

Wind AM: W-NW 20-30km/h  
Wind PM: SW 30-40km/h

7° **13°**



**WED | July 27**

Showers.

Wind AM: SW 25-35km/h  
Wind PM: W 15-20km/h

8° **15°**



**THUR | July 28**

Showers.

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

8° **14°**



**FRI | July 29**

Shower or two.

Wind AM: S-SW 15-25km/h  
Wind PM: S-SW 15-25km/h

5° **12°**



**SAT | July 30**

Partly cloudy.

Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

4° **12°**



**SUN | July 31**

Mostly sunny.

Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

3° **13°**

## IN BRIEF

### Leongatha hospital on bypass

THE Leongatha Hospital's urgent care centre has been placed on bypass as it deals with significant staff shortages.

In a statement this week by the Gippsland Southern Health Service, which runs the Leongatha and Korumburra hospitals, it says it is continuing to provide services to the community despite grappling with unprecedented staff illness.

CEO Mark Johnson says, like most health services, the organisation has been hit hard with COVID and influenza cases.

The urgent care centre has been placed on bypass due to lack of staff. However, the hospital says all patients presenting to the centre will be triaged on-site by a nurse.

Patients will then be directed to either their GP, nurse-on-call, or the emergency department at Bass Coast Health (Wonthaggi hospital) or Latrobe Regional Hospital.

### Can't tell you that!

BASS Coast Shire puts a lot of money into its plant and machinery each year but it has refused to publish a list of all current machinery "for security purposes".

In answer to a question from Joe Warallow at last week's council meeting, the shire simply said it discloses the value of its plant, machinery and equipment as well as the annual movements that relate to additions, disposals, write offs and depreciation.

It is all it is required to provide.

### Buses boost for Mirboo North, Leongatha

THE state government has invested \$350,000 in six new initiatives to improve local transport access for Victorians living in regional areas.

And both Leongatha and Mirboo North are on the bandwagon

The government will invest \$200,000 in three new buses at Pyramid Hill, Leongatha and

Mirboo North to support local community access to transport operations.

The investment in buses will allow the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation to replace its 17-year-old bus.

Leongatha Community House will receive a new 12-seater bus.

### Cyclist airlifted at Inverloch

CYCLIST error was to blame and not the driver of a car which collided with a bike on Surf Parade Inverloch last Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

Police responded to reports of a collision in the area during the morning.

Investigators were told a car collided with a man riding a bicycle along Surf Parade at around 10am.

The cyclist was travelling in the same direction as the vehicle and reportedly turned right in front of the passing car without warning.

The male cyclist, 75, was airlifted to hospital in a critical condition after sustaining head injuries. He was not wearing a helmet.

The female driver of the car stopped at the scene and assisted police with their enquiries.

Investigations are ongoing but police believe the cyclist was at fault, not the driver.

### Question time strikes again

BASS Coast Shire Council has had ample opportunity to provide details on where its grant money was being spent, but it took a question from local resident, Melissa Dagg, in 'Question Time' at last week's council meeting to get the information.

Would council please disclose what unbudgeted grant monies have been allocated to the 185 projects and give names of the projects funded:

Council couldn't provide all 185 but it did disclose a few:

- Upgrade of Rhyll boat ramp - \$3.3 million
- Cowes Cultural Centre - \$750,000

Guy Road shared path - \$1.4 million

Wonthaggi Activity Centre - \$1.25 million

Pavilions project (PI Croquet Club, Wonthaggi Croquet Club and Wonthaggi Tennis Club) - \$1.779 million

Rhyll Boat Ramp and seawall - \$550,000

Transfer station upgrade - \$458,000

Kindergarten expansion project - \$97,000

Thompson Reserve cricket nets - \$90,000

Agrilinks - Glen Alvie Road - \$87,000

Powlett River Bridge - \$83,000

Dalyston netball pavilion - \$50,000

Thompson reserve lighting - \$27,000.

### Why borrow so much, shire asked

ALTHOUGH the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan had trouble reading out Kym Lightfoot's question to council last week, about the level of shire' new borrowings (\$26.689 million) and the level of its unallocated surplus (\$6.572 million), the council did not correct the figures in its response.

Ms Lightfoot wanted to know why council is borrowing so much when it has almost \$6.6M in surplus.

The council responded by saying it has a budgeted surplus of \$2.237 million after accounting for borrowings and reserve movements.

### DELWP still delaying Inverloch path

THE long-winded 'Cape to Cape Resilience Project' and the Coastal Hazard Assessment plan to come out of it continues to hold up the next stage of the Surf Parade shared pathway.

The issue was the subject of a question to the council meeting last week, asking how long it will take council to complete the Ozone Street to Goroke Street section.

In reply, the council said it

"recognises that the completion of this path is a high priority for the community" but that it "is reliant upon the completion of the Coastal Hazard Assessment being undertaken by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning".

Council expects the DELWP report to be out in August 2022, "which will help inform the designs for Stage 3B" which is the section beyond Ozone Street.

### Where will \$11.78m grants go?

WHAT is Bass Coast Shire Council going to use the \$11.78 million listed in its 2022-23 Budget as still being available from its previous budget?

This was the subject of a question to council last week from John Kuzma – short answer, we don't know.

Council replied that a note will be included in the council's end-of-year statement that discloses details about its grants.

### Why are questions "disallowed"?

PUBLIC Question Time at Bass Coast Council has been the source of some controversy but after last week's council meeting, will continue to be a 'must' at every monthly council meetings.

At last week's meeting, Melissa Dagg wanted to know why some questions are not allowed.

The shire's new Governance Rules 2022 includes some of the following reasons:

- It relates to a matter outside the powers of Council.
- It is defamatory, indecent, abusive, offensive, irrelevant, trivial or objectionable in language or substance.
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- It relates to personnel matters.

There are several other reasons why a question might be disallowed but when the questions are ruled out, a copy must be provided to councillors.

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# Why you're at risk of getting fined in Cowes and Wonthaggi

BE WARNED, Smart Parking sensors are being rolled out in Wonthaggi and Cowes from Monday, August 8.

And if you want to avoid a \$91 fine for overstaying the time limit, by even a minute or two, you'll almost certainly have to change your attitude to parking in the two towns.

According to an email sent to business owners by the Bass Coast Shire Council last Friday, July 22, the Smart Parking project will involve the installation of 730 parking bay sensors, a Coke-can sized electronic device, which will be buried under 498 parking spots in Cowes, (Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street, The Esplanade and Cowes Transit Centre) and 262 in Wonthaggi (Graham Street and McBride Avenue).

And that's just for starters.

These sensors will record when a car stops over the top of a parking bay and will "ping" a message to the shire's enforcement officers, known as 'Community Safety Officers', who can be there in a matter of minutes to slap down a \$91 fine.

There's no need for chalk marks on the tyres or surveillance anymore, however the officers must turn up in person, photograph the offending vehicle and issue the notice on-the-spot.

Ken Hailey, a committee member of Island Voice, says it's an expensive overkill.

"For nine or 10 months of the year, we haven't got a problem here. It's still just that six weeks over the summer that it's busy," Mr Hailey said.

"Most of the time, you haven't got a problem finding a park.

"What this is actually going to do is catch the older resident who has come up the street to put in their prescription and maybe meet a friend for a coffee. They'll get back to their car two or three minutes late, and boom, they've got a \$91 fine.

"They say it's for traffic management, but it's revenue raising pure and simple.

"Someone from Melbourne has come to the shire to work and said, 'I know a great parking system you can introduce here' and they've gone for it.



Bass Coast Shire is automating its parking fine system in Wonthaggi and Cowes.

"In the City of Hobsons Bay or Frankston, they'd make a system like this pay in a couple of years, but how long will it be until we cover the infrastructure costs here?" Mr Hailey asked.

Former member of the Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association, Terry Earl, said he wondered how the Smart Parking sensors could be introduced in Wonthaggi when the shire was yet to complete its Wonthaggi Streetscapes Masterplan, for which council approved the application for a \$1.5 million grant to the Growing Suburbs Fund at last week's council meeting.

"How much parking will be lost for the pedestrian crossings? Where will they be replaced? Where is the all-day parking in the town?"

"You don't want to be seen as moaning and groaning but the consultation hasn't been all that flash," Mr Earl said.

What does it cost?

The shire has consistently claimed that the Smart Parking Project will cost \$300,000, paid for out of the Capital Works budget of 2021-22.

However, in the 'contracts awarded' spreadsheet on the council website, the contract amount for the Smart Parking Project (Australian Parking & Revenue Control Pty Ltd) is listed at \$377,819.

In the 'Contracts Awarded and Extended' section of the council minutes of February

16, 2022, the Smart Parking Project contract (Australian Parking & Revenue Control Pty Ltd) is quoted at \$343,471.82. Hopefully the \$34,347 discrepancy is in the ratepayers' favour.

Mr Hailey said he understood the supermarket operators in Cowes; Coles, Woolworths and Aldi were far from happy with the arrangements, believing people will be driven into their private parking areas to park.

"It will only get worse for them when the new hospital, Cowes community centre and new hotel in the main street open.

"We've asked them to wait on installing the sensors until they've at least planned the upgrade of the Thompson Avenue and CBD streetscape, but to no avail."

The upside from the new system is that motorists will be able to download an app which will tell them where vacant parking bays exist in town, even from "suburbs away".

Illuminated signs will also be erected pointing to the location of vacant spaces.

The downside is that the APRC technology allows council to add more sensors, to further automate the system and potentially issue more fines.

Will it succeed in pushing business owners and their employees out of the limited in-town parking spaces, and

move on those who would otherwise outstay their time limit, or will it have a detrimental impact on business? Time will tell.

The work on digging holes in the carparking bays in Cowes and Wonthaggi have been scheduled as follows:

- Cowes: Monday, August 8 to Friday, August 19, 2022. Night Works from 8pm to 6am. Works include installation of 498 sensors in on-street bays in Cowes, on Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street, The Esplanade and at the Cowes Transit Centre Carpark.
- Wonthaggi: Monday, August 22 to Friday, August 26, 2022. Night Works from 8pm to 6am. Works include installation of 262 sensors in on-street bays in Wonthaggi, on Graham Street and McBride Avenue.
- Cowes: Monday, September 5 to Friday, September 9, 2022. Day Works from 7am to 5pm. Works include poles & VMS signage installation in Thompson Avenue, on Church Street and in Chapel Street.

While a normal parking fine is \$91, council has a range of other penalties including \$181 for parking in a disabled, no stopping or loading bay.

It's also \$91 for parking in the opposite direction or over the line.

It's \$109 if you park in a 'painted island'.

## How Wonthaggi's 'revitalisation' can continue

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is applying for \$2.86 million from the State Government's Growing Suburbs Fund to complete a range of measures across the shire.

A substantial part of that application is to continue the work of revitalising the Wonthaggi Activity Centre.

If successful the funding will generate more than \$3.1 million in works, including:

- The Rhyll Playspace and Heritage Walk \$295,000
- Anderson Street Reserve San Remo \$617,000
- The Bass Coast Rail Trail Wonthaggi \$438,000
- Wonthaggi UCAC screen and projector \$260,000
- Continue revitalising the Wonthaggi Activity Centre \$1.5 million

A further \$1.5 million in

grants for 'Revitalising Wonthaggi', would continue the work started under Stage 1, through \$2 million from the Regional Infrastructure Fund announced in May 2021, and \$1 million from ratepayers.

Here's a snapshot of works planned, started or completed so far under Stage 1 in Wonthaggi: The Biggs and Murray intersection has been completed. Wonthaggi Freight Study is in progress. Fairy lighting the trees in McBride Avenue is completed. Apex Park upgrade of toilets will be completed as part of these works alongside new signage in the activity centre.

Pedestrian crossings will complement these works, but these are an RRV project.

A shire spokesperson said Hansen Partnership have

been appointed to undertake the Streetscapes Masterplan works.

"It is progressing and will go out for community consultation in coming months. Engagement will include to key stakeholders and community consultation. We expect that it will go up to council for adoption in 2023."

However, while the old Wonthaggi Secondary College site has been identified in the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan as "critical to the transformation" of the Wonthaggi CBD, according to a shire spokesperson, it will not be a focus of the Streetscapes Masterplan and therefore not available as a parking option.

"It is not Council's land, DELWP owns the site. There is a misunderstanding by some

in the community that Council will be gifted the site. This is not the case and Council will need to enter into a lease with DELWP as it will not be owned by Council.

"Officers are preparing a report to Council that will outline the opportunities, likely costs under a range of scenarios and constraints with the current zoning that the Victorian Government has control over. Once Council has made a determination to enter into a lease arrangement, future grant opportunities can be considered.

"The Wonthaggi Revitalisation project, if funded, will enable works from the Masterplan to be continued to be developed. These works will concentrate on McBride Avenue and Graham Street."



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## Deputy Mayor's Message



Cr Leticia Laing

I AM excited to be bringing you the Deputy Mayor's message this week while Mayor Cr Michael Whelan is away.

In June I attended the Australian Local Government Association conference and National General Assembly in Canberra. As a first time attendee, it was a fantastic and eye-opening experience. It was inspiring to meet so many councillors and council staff from across the 537 local governments in Australia, who all have a deep care for their respective communities.

As a regional council with a small population, Bass Coast Shire is heavily reliant on state and federal financial assistance to get even the most basic of infrastructure and services for the community. One speaker we heard from was National Planning Institute of Australia president Dr Marcus Spiller who said Australian local councils do more with less and continue to do so, despite cost shifting, inadequate fiscal equalisation and rate capping across the country.

It was also wonderful to see that there are some very talented and professional women leading the way in the local government space. I had the pleasure of meeting the new Federal Minister for Local Government, Kristy McBain, a former New South Wales councilor.

I am passionate about encouraging women to become involved with local government. The Women Leading Locally fellowship program is an initiative of the Victorian Government, delivered by the Institute of Community Directors in partnership with Women for

Election. The program aims to increase the representation of women councillors and mayors in Victoria. Applications for the 2023 program are scheduled to open in March next year, with the 12-month fellowship to begin on 24 May 2023. Running for council and now being a Councillor, has been an incredibly rewarding experience for me. That's why Bass Coast will be hosting a local event to encourage local women to learn about the benefits of running for council. Myself, along with Crs Clare Le Serve and Rochelle Halstead hope to connect with as many women as possible, to encourage a more diverse representative group on our council board. At the event, will be sharing loads of information and some insights about our experiences. The details of the event are still being finalised, once we have everything locked in, we will let the community know.

Unfortunately, COVID is still dictating many aspects of our lives, with an expected increase in cases over the next few months. A fourth dose of the Covid booster is now available and if you are eligible, please don't hesitate to get it. Here at Council, we have taken precautions including having virtual meetings and mask wearing at our offices. This virus is continuing to spread throughout the country, so maintaining good hygiene, wearing a mask in busy areas and physical distancing are all still good ways to keep safe.

Many of you may have been hit hard with the virus and some are in hospital so please stay safe and well.



Councillor Rochelle Halstead is very disappointed at the state of funding libraries.

# 'Disgusted' at state abandoning libraries

ONCE upon a time, the State Government paid as much as 80 per cent of the cost of running municipal libraries, now, much to the disgust of Cr Rochelle Halstead, that percentage has fallen away to just 15 per cent in the case of the Bass Coast Shire.

Cr Halstead took the opportunity of a request at last week's council meeting, from the library corporation 'Myli', to allow admission of new member councils to spread the costs to criticise "successive governments" for allowing library funding to slip away.

"Mr. Mayor, before I offer my support for the recommendation, I do wish to express my disgust at what's happened with our public library funding over the years.

The reduction in funding has forced local governments to seek alternative arrangements in an effort to continue providing this service to our communities.

And we have seen services cease under the new structure, for example, the library bus in the Bass Coast Waterline was one of them.

"Prior to the 1980s public libraries were funded by the state governments to the tune of 80% of the funding, and by 1980, this had dwindled to just 50% and consecutive state governments have continued to reduce funding so that local governments now provide 80 per cent or more of the funding for their community libraries. In the case of Bass Coast, we're actually providing 85%.

The state now offers, through the Public Library's funding program and further through their libraries' infrastructure fund, that councils can apply for more funds, remembering that when councils apply for grants, they have to be prepared to also contribute funds.

"Over the years the state contribution toward running costs has

equated to no more than 20%. This has been another blatant cost-shift by the state government and another bitter pill for local governments to swallow.

Currently Bass Coast's contribution through the new system of Myli was \$1.92 million in 2021-22 and is fast approaching the \$2 million mark with a \$1.94 million contribution as part of our 2022-23 budget.

"In the 21-22 year, the state contributed just 15% at \$287,635 and we're yet to find out what the 22-23 state budget to Myli will be."

Cr Halstead went on to say that the cost of running libraries was an unacceptable burden for local ratepayers to bear especially as it was well documented that libraries contribute significantly to improving education outcomes, as well as the health and wellbeing of communities.

State Government, she said, should simply be contributing more to its libraries.

## Council Update



### Cowes Public Art Commission 2023 – Project Reference Group

Council is looking to establish a Project Reference Group (PRG) to guide the delivery of this year's Public Art Commission, to be located in Cowes. The PRG will be made up of local residents and stakeholders, who can guide the process and ensure the local community is represented throughout the project.

This is an opportunity to be involved in the process of contributing to the identity and character of your town.

It is anticipated that the PRG will meet at least five times over the commission period:

1. To establish the theme for the artist brief.....August
2. To review and approve the artist brief.....September
3. To shortlist artists from the field of entries.....October
4. To select the preferred artist/project.....December
5. To celebrate the delivery of the project.....June 2023

The first meeting will be held online, on Monday, 22 August from 4.30pm to 6.00pm.

To participate, please contact Team Leader Arts and Culture, David Burrows on [david.burrows@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:david.burrows@basscoast.vic.gov.au) or on the numbers below.

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# Councillor's 11th hour push to 'ditch' public question time

THE ongoing controversy surrounding Bass Coast Shire's new Governance Rules came to a head at last week's meeting, with Cr David Rooks putting forward a surprise motion to remove public question time.

Council adopted the Governance Rules 2020 on August 19, 2020, as part of the implementation of the Local Government Act 2020, which replaced the former Meeting Procedure Local Law.

However, a review was needed to reflect legislative changes.

The issue first arose when the draft document was presented to council earlier this year, which was released for public feedback, with fierce debate surrounding proposed changes to Public Question Time.

Initially, the shire was seeking to change the wording of Public Question Time to 'may' be held, instead of 'must' be held, at a council meeting.

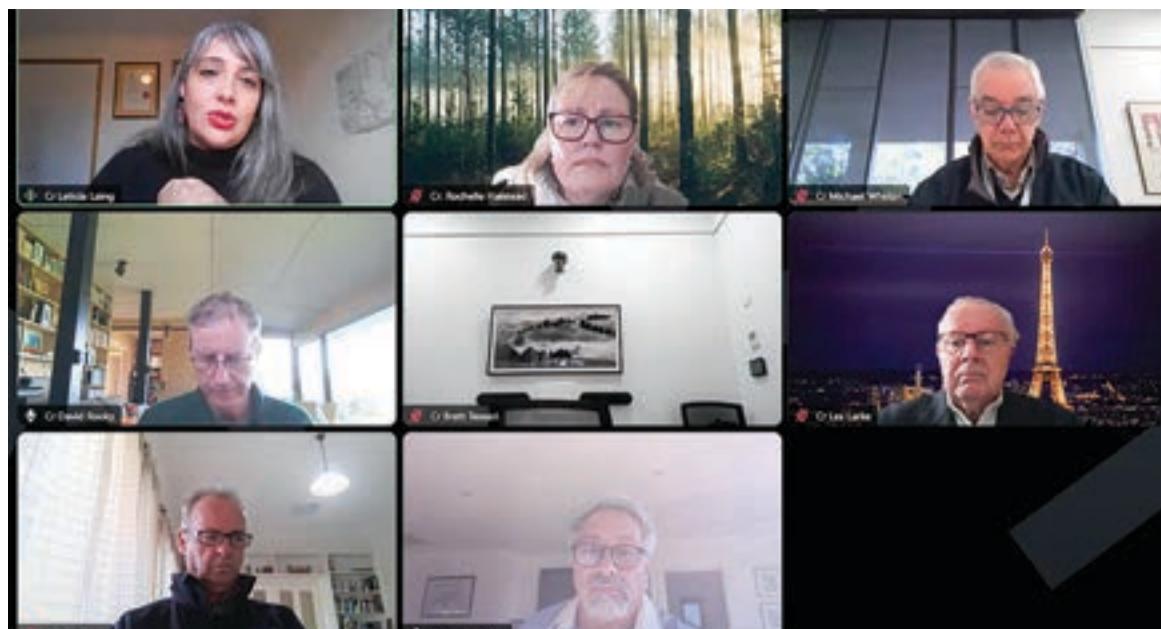
This meant the mayor, in consultation with the CEO, could determine not hold public question time at any council meeting.

However, the final document reverted to, "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."

But in a shock twist last week, Cr David Rooks put forward his motion seeking to remove Public Question Time.

Cr Rooks justified his position stating that the community now uses many alternatives, such as emails and social media, to contact council and receive information.

"Historically, Public Question Time at council meetings was an important occasion to meet and



**The shire's now adopted Governance Rules 2022 have attracted much debate among councillors, especially changes that were proposed regarding public question time.**

ask questions of council personnel," Cr Rooks said.

"For the last two months, our council has dealt with 5500 requests, most of these come via the website, email or phone.

"All 5500 responses are provided without the input of councillors.

"These requests may be basic questions, a complex formal submission, general feedback or a payment."

Cr Rooks went on to state that queries submitted for question time were, 'by far the most inefficient method for both council and community member.'

"These questions are reviewed by councillors, but they can be the same standard that thousands of others submit each month," he said.

"However, they are given an unwarranted high level of status, and a disproportionate amount of time just because they form part of a council meeting."

Cr Rooks equated that continuing with public question time was like 'supermarkets and milk bars', whereby the latter isn't as frequently used by the public anymore.

## Discussion ramps up

Cr Ron Bauer was scathing in his response to the motion.

"This alternative motion is an attack on one of the fundamental tenants of our democratic system going back to the Grecian days," he said.

"It goes to the core values of accountability and transparency. I will not entertain a bunker

mentality that changing the words must to may, will be seen by the community.

"We are the elected representatives of the ratepayers, and we are answerable to them.

"The monthly open council meeting is the forum where the ratepayers can formally question us on the record.

"Question time is a must, not a maybe."

Cr Bruce Kent said while he agreed with some of the points raised by Cr Rooks, he ultimately supported the community's right to submit questions, choosing not to support the alternative.

Cr Les Larke also added that question time was not only about transparency, but choice.

"I like the choice of going to the

Wonthaggi Milk Bar on occasions," he said.

"And on other occasions, going to the supermarket, so choice for me is a community asset."

The motion was ultimately voted against.

Cr Bauer subsequently moved his own alternative motion, seeking for the word limit to be raised from 50 words to 200 for public questions, which also had no support.

Council had received submissions from 10 individuals and two community organisations during the feedback period, with many relating to public question time.

Other elements of the new governance rules included:

- Determining the election of the mayor: Changes to election of the mayor to align with legislation. The provision of "lots" is no longer allowed in legislation. Election of the mayor must be by absolute majority. If absolute majority can't be achieved the election is to be held at a later date and time. Council can resolve to defer the meeting or elect a temporary chair to consider the remaining business of the meeting.

- Notice Of Motion: A motion that is lost cannot come before council again for three months in line with a recission motion. Change to deadline for submission of a finalised notice of motion to 5pm 10 days prior to the Council meeting agenda being published.

- Petitions and Joint Letters: Deadline for submission to 5pm 10 days prior to the Council meeting agenda being published.

With all the confusion and debate aside, councillors finally voted in favour to adopt the new governance rules.



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- Having a family history of diabetes
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- Having high cholesterol levels

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Some of these symp-

toms could be feeling constantly hungry, having a lack of energy, excessive thirst, frequent urination, blurred vision and tingling sensations in your hands or feet.

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# Bright spot for local hospitality businesses

WHILE hospitality businesses across the region continue to feel the impact current staff shortages, there is positive news at TAFE Gippsland with a crop of enthusiastic young people committed to a career in the industry.

Other students are at the beginning of their hospitality journey, learning skills and developing confidence that will be of value regardless of their chosen future direction.

Sentinel-Times visited the TAFE's Wildflower training restaurant on Wednesday, meeting a mixture of Leongatha Secondary College students who were working both front and back of house.

Those serving on the floor have just commenced their Vocational Education and Training Certificate II in Hospitality.

Students working in the kitchen included a blend of those undertaking Certificate II in Commercial Cookery, and others completing Certificate III in Commercial Cookery, with the latter being apprentices.

Bryce Gazzard of Mirboo North was one of Wednesday's waiters, making this scribe feel welcome and well looked after.

While the year 12 student only recently commenced his quest for a hospitality career, he has thrown himself into learning, having now begun his Certificate II in Hospitality at the TAFE while also undertaking work experience at Lamezleighs cafe in his hometown.

Such is Bryce's desire to make hospitality a long-term career, he approached Lamezleighs for the opportunity.

He outlined what he enjoys about hospitality and his aspirations in the industry, along with his willingness to build a strong knowledge base.

"I like seeing people's faces when they have a nice meal and get served well," Bryce said, adding that he is keen to gain a broad mix of skills across all hospitality sectors



**Bryce Gazzard serves vegetarian lasagne at TAFE Gippsland's Wildflower training restaurant.** A01\_3022

in the coming years.

That desire is reflected by the fact that while he is out front with customers at Wildflower, Bryce is learning kitchen skills at the Mirboo North café.

His goal is to eventually own a club or restaurant.

Hospitality trainer Kevin Campbell provides support and guidance at the TAFE restaurant and loves seeing the transformation in his young charges from nervous beginnings to confident individuals who have gained valuable practical job skills.

While some started that journey on Wednesday, Kevin pointed out that a number of those honing their skills at Wildflower are already a part of the broader hospitality industry.

"We've got some who work in the local area, and some have got hospitality jobs from doing the course at the moment," Kevin said.

Second year apprentice and Leongatha Secondary College VCE student Zara McKenzie was hard at work in the Wildflower kitchen, inspired to become a chef by her father.

She now works alongside him in the Leongatha RSL

kitchen, while further developing her skills at the TAFE.

"I like the creative side," Zara said, explaining that she loves exploring the different ways you can present food and its array of colours.

"It's a hobby as well as a job," Zara added.

Kevin spoke of both the immediate appeal of working in hospitality and the benefits of making a career in the industry.

"There are so many job opportunities for people in hospitality and the opportunities are endless once we teach them the basics," Kevin said.

He highlighted the massive shortage of hospitality staff in the local region, saying people in the industry often call the TAFE seeking new staff.

That demand ensures Kevin can confidently make a promise to new students about their futures.

"I say to them when they start, 'If you come to every class and learn, I'll get you a job,'" Kevin said.

He added that with the course finishing in October, students will have gained the skills and confidence to work in local businesses as the busy tourist season

approaches.

Kevin has 25 years' experience in the hospitality industry both front and back of house in a wide range of business types.

"If you have a job in hospitality you can work anywhere in the world; you can get so much work and you can learn so many different things," Kevin said, adding that in hospitality you are always learning.

As well as different approaches from business to business, he noted food and beverage trends change dramatically, such as the current popularity of alcohol free spirits that enable people to remain sober while enjoying the real flavours of cocktails.

Cookery trainer and assessor Jacki Driscoll looks after the Wildflower kitchen and spoke of the importance of rebuilding the hospitality skill base given the current shortage of staff sparked by the pandemic.

"We had a lot of people lose their jobs in hospitality because some businesses just couldn't survive and we've now got a huge skills shortage because people have found jobs in other areas," Jacki said.



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Liberal and Nationals party MPs including candidates Brett Tessari and Aaron Brown were joined by Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund's secretary and treasurer, Peter McMahon and president Don Turner last week.

## Opposition pledges to fulfill Island's dream of pool facility

IN WHAT was huge news for Islanders last week, the Liberals and Nationals Government announced they would contribute \$42 million towards an aquatic facility on Phillip Island.

The shire had adopted the Bass Coast Aquatic Leisure Centre Feasibility Study and the Phillip Island Aquatic Leisure Centre Feasibility Study, and the Economic and Funding Strategy earlier this year.

The project entails the redevelopment of the Bass Coast Aquatic Leisure Centre at an estimated cost of \$41.842m, and construction of a new centre on Phillip Island at \$52.817m, with the shire seeking an investment of \$79.3 million to deliver a two-pool strategy.

Council had purchased land in Cowes on the southwest corner of the intersection of Phillip Island and Ventnor Roads, in

anticipation for a future aquatic and recreation precinct.

The opposition parties gathered at the site last week to announce the funding, which will be implemented if they are elected in the upcoming state election.

Liberal Candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown and The Nationals candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari, were also in attendance.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan spoke with the Sentinel-Times following the announcement.

"We really welcome the announcement, it's a key part of our advocacy strategy for two centres here on the Island and Wonthaggi," he said.

"The strategy is very strong and shovel-ready to go on this."

Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund's secretary and treasurer, Peter McMahon and president

Don Turner, were also ecstatic about the funding.

"My background is in education and schools, and I have a passion for water safety in general," Mr Turner said.

I've surveyed schools about their own learn to swim programs and they've all said they've got inadequate programs, apart from Cowes, who have their own pool.

"But all the other schools have been unable to get good access and it's the same for the swimming clubs.

"This (funding) is all going to lead to much better programs."

According to the shire, a future aquatic centre on Phillip Island would be designed to be a district facility, and recommended to contain the following components:

• Main competition pool with 25m x 8 lanes

• Warm water/leisure/learn to swim program pool

• Water play unit and splash pad with adjoining toddlers pool

• Dry and steam saunas

• Foyer, reception, merchandising cafe

• Offices, administration/staff rooms and meeting rooms

A Victorian Government spokesperson said the government is committed to supporting community sport and active recreation.

"Community sports infrastructure funding on Phillip Island has been significant, including \$1.78 million for the Bass Coast Shire Pavilions Project, comprising a new pavilion for the Phillip Island Croquet Club, and more than \$1 million for new 200 lux LED lighting at Cowes Recreation Reserve," the spokesperson said.

## Start date locked in for community hospital

WORKS are expected to commence on site for the new Phillip Island Community Hospital in November after ongoing delays and setbacks.

The project has been delayed due to the relocation of the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL), with works originally scheduled to take place in June.

The site at 50-56 Church Street, Cowes will expand the current Phillip Island Health Hub and be operated by Bass Coast Health.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said plans are well advanced for the community hospital and completion is still on track for 2024.

However, she noted completion is likely to be finished in late 2024, due to Bass Coast Shire's delay in relocating PICAL.

"We should have been onsite last month doing early works with major construction towards the end of the year," she said.

"Our first look renders are just being finalised and will be out in the coming weeks and we can't wait to share them with our community."

"We will take them first to our Community Consultative Committee who inputted into the designs and work towards a public release very soon thereafter alongside potential information forums and events so we can also let people know what services, programs and supports will be coming and the integration of care with Wonthaggi Hospital."

The procurement and awarding of the contract is being managed by the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA).

Bass Coast Health CEO, Jan Child, confirmed works are ready to commence in November, and that the shire had 'assured' them that PICAL's new build will be ready.

"The (community hospital) PICH will deliver an expanded Urgent Care Centre, a Day Treatment Unit providing Chemo and Dialysis, two low complexity operating theatres, and a dental service.

"BCH will be working with VHBA and the contractors to deliver this project in late 2024."

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## South Gippsland Shire Council News **Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy**

South Gippsland now has a new Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy after it was adopted at last week's Council Meeting.

The strategy aims to strengthen creativity in our community by establishing a creative vision, goals, themes and a five-year action plan.

It builds on previous strategies and encourages the further development of a thriving arts and creative industry in South Gippsland.

One of the first actions outlined in the strategy is the establishment of a South Gippsland Advisory Network who will work with Council to guide the implementation of the strategy.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 17 August 2022, 2.00pm

(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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Other actions include support for youth-focused programs to provide mentorship and training in the creative industries sector, development of an events policy that supports the growth of cultural events, advocating for State and Federal funding for local creative projects and encouraging opportunities for creatives of all abilities.

To view the strategies and more actions, please visit:

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### SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

#### I Sent a Postcard



I Sent a Postcard is an initiative to celebrate local artists and to express - through art - their COVID19 experience. As part of the project artists created postcard-sized designs based around the themes: Isolation, Connection and Emergence. These designs have now been printed on to postcards and are being distributed across the Shire.

Pick up your free postcards from local art galleries, cafés, libraries, Council reception, Prom Country Visitor Information Centre, Coal Creek Community Park and Museum and neighbourhood houses.

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.

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# Early Learning Centre tenant confirmed

WITH construction of the Leongatha Early Learning Centre about half complete, it has been confirmed the facility will be leased to the adjoining Leongatha Children's Centre Incorporated, which has operated a preschool and kindergarten since 2001.

Councillors voted unanimously to approve that outcome at Wednesday's council meeting, having previously put that proposal out for public feedback.

Just one public response was received, with an objection lodged.

The objector, Lindsay Love, argued in a written submission that the rental rate for the Early Learning Centre is too low for this lease compared to the market rental rate applicable to 'for profit' organisations.

His submission draws attention to the need for council to comply with the National Competition Policy (NCP), introduced in 1995 to help avoid anticompeti-



**Leongatha's Early Learning Centre is now expected to be completed early in 2023.**

tive practices in Australia by allowing competitive markets to operate freely.

"Part of this policy aims to ensure that where governments, including local government, provide activities in markets where private

businesses also operate, they are competing fairly in those markets," council's July meeting agenda states.

In Victoria, the state's commitment under the NCP is implemented under the Victorian Government's Com-

petitive Neutrality Policy.

"Council has completed a competitive neutrality assessment of this proposed lease, and also sought legal advice on this matter and it is deemed that council is compliant with competitive neutrality policy principles," July's meeting agenda states.

Lindsay said in his submission that, "Council is proposing to lease this facility at a token rent of just \$104 per annum".

That figure is provided in council's March meeting agenda.

While construction of the Early Learning Centre was initially hoped to be complete by November 2022, it is now forecast to be finished early next year with contractor availability and material supply issues responsible for the delay.

The Early Learning Centre is located in Symmons Street Leongatha, providing 120 registered places.

## South Gippsland Shire 'dashes' Mardan Road plans

KOOROOMAN'S Rhonda and Warren Lester are questioning the lack of democratic transparency in South Gippsland after Shire councillors voted unanimously not to sell them a block of Mardan Road land they wished to use to establish a cattle underpass and safe tractor crossing point.

"It's a bit funny everyone's voting unanimously on everything and there are not many strong voices in there," Warren said after Wednesday's council meeting.

"They're telling me they're doing it all in a briefing session, so it's really a board they've got in there, it's not council," he added.

Both Warren and Rhonda were disappointed with the lack of discussion or debate between councillors on the Mardan Road issue during the meeting and the apparent pre-determined nature of the vote.

Since the current South Gippsland councillors took office following a period of administration, there have been only two items voted on during council meetings that did not produce a unanimous outcome.

All councillors voted unan-

imously at February's council meeting "to commence the statutory procedures to sell 630 Mardan Road Kooroaman to the adjoining owners (the Lesters) for the purpose of construction of a cattle underpass".

However, following a period of public consultation on the proposal to sell the land to the Lesters, council officers made a recommendation to councillors "that council does not proceed

to sell 630 Mardan Road

Kooroaman for the purposes of a cattle underpass as it is possible for the proponent to install an underpass directly via their own property".

The Lesters argue that while it is theoretically possible to build an underpass connecting their existing properties on either side of Mardan Road, that is impractical because the underpass would need to be excessively long.

At the July council meeting, Cr Jenni Keerie spoke prior to the public vote of councillors on the recommendation not to sell 630 Mardan Road for the purpose of a cattle underpass.

As conceded in council

was hoped for by all parties, I believe the best outcome has been achieved for all concerned in this matter and that an alternative solution may have been identified," Cr Keerie said on Wednesday, making it clear the vote's outcome was already decided prior to a public show of hands by councillors.

Cr Keerie outlined her support for the new recommendation.

"This alternate solution reduces the safety issues of moving livestock across a busy road, addresses some of the risk to biosecurity, leaving access along the lane open for future opportunities, and also leaves the area of 'Watson's Park' undisturbed for the animals established in this location," she said.

As previously outlined in the Sentinel-Times, 'Watson's Park' is a nickname bestowed on 630 Mardan Road in tribute to the late Gordon Watson who planted trees on the block after it was earlier purchased by council in 1909 to facilitate a road realignment.

While he maintained a calm demeanour, Warren expressed his disappointment with the decision, suggesting it may be too late when action is taken.

"We've got to continue doing what we're doing until there's an accident and they may revisit it," he said.

ers' plans for a safe tractor crossing, with sufficient vision of approaching traffic in either direction, rely on them being able to purchase 630 Mardan Road.

While six objections to selling the block to allow the cattle underpass were received, with concerns expressed about loss of trees and wildlife in 'Watson's Park', that was offset by 21 submissions in favour of selling 630 Mardan Road to the Lesters, with widespread concern expressed for the safety of the family, their stock and users of the road.

Had no objections been received, the statutory procedure to sell the land would likely have commenced as voted on by councillors in February, with the issue still having to go back before councillors for final determination.

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## Deputy Mayor's Message



**Cr Nathan Hersey**



IT'S my pleasure to bring you the Deputy Mayor's Message this week, as I step in for Mayor Davies while she is on leave.

A recent highlight for Council was the Community Grants Presentation Night.

This was the first of these events in two years, due to COVID-19 and was an outstanding celebration of our local organisations and volunteers. We recognised the 44 successful applicants from Rounds One and Two of the Community Grants program 2021/22.

I am personally excited to see the range of projects that will be commencing and those that have already begun. I am buoyed by the energy and vibrancy of our community.

I would like to commend the Council staff that organised the event and thank the community for coming along.

This provides a timely reminder about Round One of the Community Grants program for 2022/23. I strongly recommend that you look into the grants program and consider putting in an application on behalf of your community group, volunteer or not-for-profit organisation. If you need advice, contact Sophie Bolding on 5662 9200 or visit [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants)

This month Council endorsed the Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy. I'd like to thank you all or your input in this process. We spoke to over 403 individuals and community stakeholders in one-on-one interviews, and had feedback from many community members on the draft. This

document provides a framework into which we can build practical outcomes to support and grow a major sector in South Gippsland going forward.

The Draft Municipal Public Health and Well-being Plan is now available for your feedback.

These documents are vitally important as it is at this stage of planning for the future that we find out what the community wants and needs. To have your say before 4 August 2022 at 5.00pm, please visit: [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

This week was National Farm Safety Week, with this year's focus being on the intangible risks and hazards of life on a farm. Safety should always be at the front of our community.

I would like to commend the Council staff that organised the event and thank the community for coming along.

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Lastly, I want to personally congratulate Eleanor Patterson for winning gold at the World Athletics Championship in Oregon, USA this week! It is wonderful to see people in our community doing amazing things on the world stage.

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## Public spotlight no longer shines on submitters

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council has altered its policy for hearing members of the public speak about submissions they have made on council issues, with such sessions now taking place in private.

The Sentinel-Times queried why submissions regarding the proposed sale of council-owned 630 Mardan Road Kooroaman for the purpose of installing a cattle underpass, were not heard in a public meeting.

Council was asked why that matter was handled differently to the issue of whether to seal a new section of Gardner Lane Poowong, with submitters on that issue speaking in a formal public meeting in February this year.

Councillor and acting mayor Nathan Hersey addressed the issue, outlining what he describes as an improved submission process since the Gardner Lane hearing.

"The decision to update the process was made so that submitters can present openly to councillors without the added pressure of a public gallery or media presence," Cr Hersey said.

"Submission hearings can be intimidating for submitters, particularly if the position they are presenting is different from other applicants.

"Additionally, many hearings involve sensitive planning or property-based issues with submitters that are known to one another."

Cr Hersey believes that by enabling submitters to verbally outline their views to councillors out of the public spotlight, it is more conducive to honest and open conversation.

Former South Gippsland Shire mayor Don Hill submitted a question ahead of Wednesday's council meeting in relation to the Mardan Road matter.

"Were the hearings on 11 May to hear submissions for Mardan Road heard at council in public with press and the public invited to be in attendance or were those hearings conducted behind closed doors?" Don asked.

Council CEO Kerryn Ellis responded to his enquiry.

"The submissions to discuss the proposed sale of 630 Mardan Road were heard at a closed briefing; council conducts briefings in a closed setting as it allows submitters to speak openly without the added pressure of a public gallery or media presence," Kerryn said.



# Councillors 'in step' on Mardan Road

Warren Lester stands on Lesters Road beside 630 Mardan Road at the point where he hoped a pathway to the cattle underpass and safe tractor crossing would run. A05\_3022

THERE was a substantial shift in the advice put to councillors in relation to selling a piece of council-owned land at 630 Mardan Road Kooroaman for the purpose of a cattle underpass, between February's council meeting and that held this month.

While the initial recommendation was to commence the statutory process to sell that land to the Lester family for safe crossing of livestock, the recent advice issued to councillors was to not sell the land.

Both recommendations were adopted unanimously.

At the February meeting, four councillors spoke enthusiastically about setting the wheels in motion to commence the sale process of 630 Mardan Road, subject to public consultation, with any objections received to put the process on hold.

"I'm pleased to see some small but sensible decisions about helping us with use of roads and cattle and this is a very good decision," Councillor Sarah Gilligan said then.

Councillor Mick Felton also supported that course of action.

"Having the cattle go (through) the underpass is going to be much better for anybody that uses that road in regard to the safety aspect, so I think it's a great idea," he said.

Councillor Nathan Hersey endorsed the February recommendation.

"This is the beginning of the statutory process to sell this parcel of land to a local farmer

who will be able to enhance his operations, and the land will not be able to be used for development or for housing," Cr Hersey said.

Being a farmer himself, he elaborated on his support for those in the industry.

"As our community is primarily a farming community, where we can give support to farming businesses or farming groups or individuals to better their operations, to make it safer and to make it more viable, as councillors we should consider that," Cr Hersey said.

During the February meeting, Cr Jenni Keerie reflected on the history of the 630 Mardan Road block and its links to the Lesters, also throwing her support behind selling the land to them for the purpose of a cattle underpass.

"I believe that the original parcel of land was acquired by council from the ancestors of the people who own 631 Mardan Road, and going out to that property and having a look at the landscape it makes perfect sense for that land to be used for that purpose, especially the safety aspect, instead of cattle crossing the road in that particular location," Cr Keerie said.

The recommendation put to councillors ahead of the July meeting not to support the sale of 630 Mardan Road, for the specified purpose was based on council officers' belief the cattle underpass could be installed between the Lesters' existing properties on either side of

Mardan Road.

The Lesters had already stated this was a theoretical possibility but was impractical due to the excessively long underpass it would require.

There were six objections to the sale of 630 Mardan Road due to concerns about damage to vegetation on the block, including trees.

Council's July meeting agenda document supports that concern, without detailing specific trees or vegetation deemed to require preservation.

Supporting the latest recommendation not to sell 630 Mardan Road to the Lesters, Cr Gilligan stressed councillors have not backflipped on the issue.

"All we resolved to do originally was to commence the statutory procedure to investigate selling the land, and what has been discovered is a sensible solution for where that underpass should go without having to disturb any of our treed blocks that are left in our landscape," Cr Gilligan said.

Cr Hersey highlighted the lack of design drawings prepared for the Lesters' proposal, indicating such designs may have helped councillors consider the issue in greater detail.

The Lesters told the Sentinel-Times they had not arranged for such drawings to be prepared as they didn't yet know if they would be able to purchase 630 Mardan Road, and that they were also willing to be flexible in terms of the exact location of the underpass to mini-

mise damage to any vegetation assessed to be valuable.

It was not made clear why the lack of detailed plans wasn't considered important when the initial council vote was taken to commence the statutory procedure to sell the land.

On Wednesday, Cr Hersey spoke of the importance of safety for farmers.

"I don't believe there's been anything here to say that we don't care about safety, but what this recommendation says to us is that there are alternative options that should be considered before selling a parcel of land to make those safety improvements," he said.

Councillor Hersey touched on an issue raised by council officers that should the Lesters get the go ahead to buy 630 Mardan Road and use it for their intended underpass, they would still have to cross stock over council-owned Lesters Road.

"We would still have cattle walking over what is currently a roadway and that is probably one of the things that I have had to consider," Cr Hersey said, adding he is confident that council officers will work towards finding a solution.

The Lesters pointed out prior to the July meeting that regardless of the location of a Mardan Road underpass, they will still need to walk livestock along Lesters Road as they have a property at 70 Harrisons Road and need to move animals between there and their other land.



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# FROM the CLASSROOM



## Holly awarded top honour

NEWHAVEN College student Holly van der Pligt received top honours this week for her outstanding VCE results in 2021.

Holly received a Premier's VCE Award for excellence in Environmental Science making her one of the top Environmental Science students in the state.

Holly thanked her teachers for their support during her years at Newhaven College.

"Your teachers reverberate the amount of energy you put into your studies, and it would be illogical to not draw on their knowledge and guidance throughout such a challenging year," she said.

"Take advantage of every opportunity you are given, do what you love and do it passionately and there's no doubt you will succeed."

Newhaven College principal Tony Corr said the entire school community was proud of Holly.

"We are very proud of Holly and her exceptional academic performance. She worked very hard, and her results are a testament to her dedication and commitment," he said.

Holly's teacher Karyn Scott mentioned that Holly's thoughtful questioning was what set her apart from other students.

"It's been a privilege teaching Holly throughout her time at Newhaven College, from Year 7 she exhibited a genuine interest and curiosity in both people and the world around her," she said.

"While always diligent, Holly recognised the importance of careful analysis and questioning in her academic studies."

"This contributed to not only her outstanding VCE success, but also her ability to formulate and express thoughtful perspectives on contemporary environmental issues."

"A humble and caring person, Holly embodies the Newhaven College motto 'In quietness and confidence shall be your strength'."

To view the full Honour Roll and to read more about the Premier's VCE Awards, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-vce-awards>

## Amber Zuidema Foster Secondary College

### Health and Human Development



Amber Zuidema receives her Premier's VCE Award.

## Future baker receives VCE honour

AMBER Zuidema who is now pursuing her dream of becoming a baker recently received a Premier's VCE Award acknowledging her outstanding academic results last year.

The annual awards recognise the top performing students in the state, with Amber's bestowed for excellence in Health and Human Development.

Foster Secondary College acting assistant principal, Daryl Callcott, is delighted to see the school's 2021 Dux further honoured for her achievements and dedication.

Amber has been a very ambitious and self-motivated student, and the entire Foster Secondary College community is proud of her and would like to congratulate

her on being the recipient of such a prestigious award," Daryl said.

Amber was one of just 298 students across Victoria to be honoured in this year's Premier's VCE Awards.

She is now studying a Certificate III in Baking, with Daryl looking forward to sampling some of the tasty treats she creates.



St Joseph's students Luciano, Seamus and Olive are thrilled with their new classrooms. B03\_3022

## New abode for grade 5/6 students

GRADE 5/6 students at St Joseph's Wonthaggi have had a busy start to term three moving back into their newly refurbished building.

"They're pretty good," student, Luciano said.

"When we moved in, I was a tiny bit disappointed that there was no cool furniture because the grade threes' have beehives and

stuff, but I've come to think they're not bad."

The new state of the art facilities is designed with interactive learning in mind.

"I think they're quite cool, I was excited to move in because we got to see the other classes again," Seamus added.

Additionally, students were visited recently by

Gill and Jamie from Unleashing Personal Potential who spoke about positive peer relationships.

Students learnt about treating people how they wish to be treated and filling people's buckets by giving compliments and being kind.

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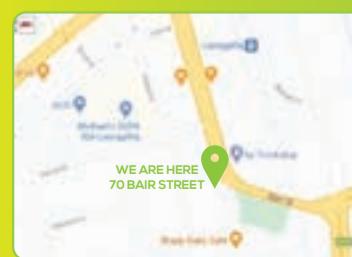
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## Pedestrian lives lost equals 2021 total

PEDESTRIAN deaths this year have reached the same number as for all of 2021, as Victoria Police warn all road users to take greater care.

There have been 28 pedestrian deaths since January, with 10 recorded in June alone.

Victoria Police has previously spoken about its concern over the trend, with winter especially high risk because it's darker earlier and poor weather reduces visibility.

Taking extra time to ensure you can cross safely and slowing down in high-pedestrian areas to reduce the incidence and severity of crashes is critical in reducing these tragic events.

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## Laws updated for holiday noise, cars and bins

PEOPLE who offer houses and units for holiday and short-stay rental accommodation can expect to have their businesses more highly regulated under the Bass Coast Shire Council's new Local Law No. 1 Neighbourhood Amenity 2022.

Not only will they have to register their property with council and pay a fee for service, they'll also have to provide council and neighbours with contact details in the event there's a disturbance or other problem.

The owners will have to ensure that no more than the appointed number of cars are parked at the property and that a waste management plan is in place.

The owners or agents must also ensure that bins aren't left out longer than a day either side of collection day.

Where owners don't have a rubbish bin plan in place, the council will supply a 240-litre general waste bin for an additional fee.

Council also has the right to cancel registration for breaches of the new Local Law.

For example, if Council receives three or more substantiated complaints concerning the activities taking place at the short stay accommodation property from other nearby residents over a 12-month period it could cancel the registration.

Speaking about the new Local Laws, which also bring in a range of other changes, including extra protection for significant and protected trees, Island Ward Councillor David Rooks said he hoped the Short Stay Accommodation changes would reduce the angst over the fortnightly pick up of red rubbish bins.

His Island colleague, Cr Ron Bauer, wasn't quite so sure, predicting there will be on-going problems with the collection of the landfill bins in holiday areas.

With 2805 properties currently available to book for short stay rental accommodation in Bass Coast, and potentially many others, it's a big issue and council has been advised that the new laws won't come into effect until January 1, 2023 to provide time for a community education program.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Michael Whelan explained: "By registering short stay accommodation providers, Council can help ensure a minimum standard of guidelines."

"These will in turn minimise the risks of this accommodation affecting the peace of neighbours. Waste was also identified as a big issue.

The Bass Coast community continues to lead the way in terms of waste management and recycling, and we will seek waste management plans from property owners alongside registration.

"Now the Local Law has been adopted, Council Officers will develop the process for how owners of properties will need to register their short-term accommodation, outline the responsibilities of owners and set the fees to register a Short Stay Accommodation property."

Cr Whelan said the systems and processes for the Significant Tree Register will also be developed over the next six months.

"This will help us to determine how the register will be formed and the different stakeholders who will be involved in the project," Cr Whelan said.



## New Guide Park progressing

WONTHAGGI'S Guide Park redevelopment is starting to take shape with a number of key works in progress.

As of July, construction has seen drainage works completed as well as irrigation, water feature, concreting and tower fabrication works underway.

The \$1.77m project began in April and is expected to be opened by the end of the year and will include:

- The development of new regional scale playspace including a mine themed slide tower, flying foxes, a trampoline, carousel, gentle exercise area and nature based play.
- Supporting infrastructure including a drinking fountain, bike racks, pathways, fencing and an accessible
- barbecue.
- Landscaping works including garden beds, mature trees and irrigation works.
- Changes to the internal road configuration to create more parking and improved vehicle access.



The toilet block, existing shelter and surrounding grounds will remain open where possible during construction period.

The exit at the southeast corner onto Graham Street will be permanently closed.

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# Pearl

While we closed the doors for a little break, some of the team were busy working their magic. Pop in and see if you can spot the changes or just pop in for some amazing Malaysian food and friendly service.



The works are nearing completion on the major safety upgrade to the South Gippsland Highway, look out for intermittent lane closures.



Motorists are now driving on the new bridges over the Tarwin River as part of the South Gippsland Highway major safety project.

## Motorists diverted to the new bridges over Tarwin River

THE South Gippsland Highway upgrade has reached the final construction milestone ahead of project completion in the coming weeks, with motorists now driving on the two new bridges over the Tarwin River.

A new alignment has removed nine sharp bends from the South Gippsland Highway between Old Koonwarra-Meeniyian Road and Minns Road,

known as the Black Spur.

The two new bridges over the Tarwin River have been constructed as a part of the project, which will reduce the length of the highway by more than a kilometre between these two roads, from 3.4km to 2.3km.

Now that traffic is travelling along the new section of highway, the project team will be

able to undertake works in areas they are currently unable to access.

There will be increased traffic management in place to enable the safe redirection of traffic.

With traffic travelling on the new section of highway, there will be intermittent lane closures between 7am and 6pm until the end of August while

works continue to complete this important infrastructure project.

The speed limit will also remain at 60km/h (40km/h when completion works are occurring in specific areas) through the area.

Electronic message boards on the road will provide the latest information about what to expect.

## Projects on the go in Bass Coast

WITH projects like the \$27.2 million Cowes Cultural Centre on the go, it's not surprising the Bass Coast Shire Council has a big program of capital works on the agenda.

In the 2021-22 budget, it was \$35 million in capital works, backed up in the 2022-23 budget with \$29 million more but with a population growing at 25% more people in five years, government has to cater to that growth.

Here are some of the contracts let by the shire in the past six months:

- Refinancing Interim Loan Facility of \$11.737 million (Treasury Corporation of Victoria \$350,525.51)
- Grantville Landfill Gas Flare (Run Energy Pty Ltd \$496,886.50)
- Construction of Cricket Practice Enclosure Thompson Reserve Inverloch (iDwala Pty Ltd \$384,434.60).
- Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve Power Upgrade & Consolidation Project (O'Brien Electrical Hallam \$454,066.25).
- Replacement of Toilet Block, Apex Park Wonthaggi (GR Design & Construction Pty Ltd \$336,195.53).
- Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan (Hansen Partnership Pty Ltd \$280,808).
- Wonthaggi Arts Centre Loading Dock (TS Constructions Pty Ltd \$190,190).
- Surf Parade Shared Pathway Inverloch Veronica St - Ozone St Stage 3A (SR Excavations Pty Ltd \$828,919.30).
- Smart Parking Project (Australian Parking & Revenue Control Pty Ltd \$377,819).
- Wonthaggi Guide Park Playspace (Planned Constructions Pty Ltd \$1,722,682).
- Design & Construction of Lighting Towers at Cowes, Dalyston and Inverloch Recreation Reserves (RJC Electrical Solutions Pty Ltd \$1,074,491).



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Baby and Me program with Rowanne at Waterline Community Library, Grantville.

## 'Baby and Me' program a hit at MYLI

MYLI – My Community Library's new Baby and Me program hosted at the Waterline Community Library has been a hit.

The 30-minute program is held in the library at Grantville, led by a Myli team member, co-hosted by a team of 'Reading Bears' donated by the Wonthaggi Library Knitters group. It features gentle rhymes, stories and songs suited for babies 0-1 however, all children are welcome and provides the opportunity to connect with other parents and carers.

The Baby and Me program has already engaged with lots of new families who are thrilled with the program and the opportunity it provides to meet other new families in the Waterline area. The next Baby and Me program at the Waterline Community Library is on Wednesday, July 27, at 2:00pm.

Baby Rhyme Time is a fun-filled program led by a Myli team member with stories, rhymes and songs designed to develop language learning and communication skills.

It is an opportunity to meet other families and have some silly fun. It is suitable for ages 0-2 years, however, all children are welcome. Thirty-minute programs are available at libraries in San Remo Community Library on Wednesdays at 10:30am, Wonthaggi on Thursdays at 11am and Korumburra on Mondays at 11.30am.

Baby and me, birth to three sessions are hosted in the Mirboo North Library Children's Corner on Thursdays at 11am.

These 30-minute programs are filled with rhymes, songs and socialising for both parents, carers and children. Engaging babies with movement,

rhythm, sound and connection with others stimulates learning, acquisition of language and is fun to boot.

Family Story Times are a favourite at the Bass Valley Children's Centre on Wednesdays.

This one-hour program, led by a Myli team member, is suited for babies, toddlers and preschool children. It features stories, rhymes and craft activities and the opportunity to connect with other parents.

The next Family Story Time is at 9:30am on Wednesday, August 17, at the Bass Valley Children's Centre located in Corinella at 60 Corinella Road. 30-minute sessions are also available at Wonthaggi Library on Mondays at 2pm.

Story Times are a fun, free, 30-minute session for children and their parents and carers led by a Myli team member. Sessions are aimed at preschoolers aged 2-6 years, however all children are welcome. These programs feature storytelling, singing songs, rhymes and craft activities. Story Time is available at San Remo Community Library on Thursdays at 10:30am, Inverloch Library on Wednesdays at 10:30am, Korumburra Library on Mondays at 10:30am, Leongatha Library on Thursdays at 10:30am and Foster Library on Fridays at 10:30am.

Myli – My Community Library host a wide range of free events for all ages every month across Bass Coast, South Gippsland and Baw Baw Shires. To find out more about what's on at your local library visit in branch, online at [myli.org.au](http://myli.org.au) or call 1800 HI MYLI (1800 44 6954) for event details and bookings.

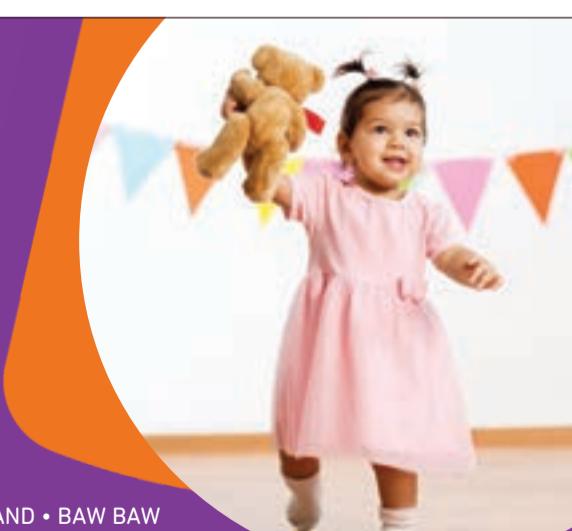
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Emma Conway with CEO Natalie MacDonald at the Spirit of CFA Awards

## Emma awarded for Excellence in Leadership

CFA District 9 Commander Emma Conway has been recognised for her exemplary leadership by winning the inaugural CEO Excellence in Leadership award, as part of the biennial Spirit of CFA Awards.

Acting Deputy Chief Officer Glenn Pröbstl, who nominated Emma for the award, said she was an amazing role model and leader who represents CFA's values in all the work she does and leads with genuine heart and passion.

"Since achieving the rank of Commander (previously Operations Officer), Emma has devoted her time and energy to assisting members and brigades in South East Region," Acting DCO Pröbstl said.

"Emma is a highly respected leader by staff and volunteers alike, who has spent a significant amount of time performing higher duties as Assistant Chief Fire Officer in District 10, where she made significant advancements.

"She is passionate about helping members grow, and devotes her time, expertise, and experience to crucial initiatives like the Captains Peer Mentoring Program and the Commander Development Program."

Winning this award, according to Emma, means a lot and is significant recognition of her efforts from the organisation she

values deeply.

"CFA is where my heart is. I value the culture, history and meaning deeply," Emma said.

"I joined CFA in 2007 as staff, having previously been a volunteer.

"After a 12-year career with the Australian Navy, I was looking for something more community focused and decided that CFA was pretty much as community focused as you could get.

"CFA epitomises community, with volunteers taking so much from their brigades back into their communities. This was something I wanted to be part of, as connection to the community is so important for me.

"I went and worked my way through the ranks, but my interest was always to get to this particular role to be able to work directly with volunteers developing capability and capacity."

As District 9 Commander, Emma enjoys working with people the most.

"I get a huge buzz working with volunteers. I love being part of such a diverse network of people coming together for a common purpose and sharing common values. It's just a wonderful feeling to be involved."

"And it's really challenging, some days are really hard but the team that I have around me makes those days bearable."

When Emma initially learned she was a

finalist for the Excellence in Leadership award, which honours CFA members who exhibit inspirational leadership, she was quite humble.

"It means a great deal to be a finalist for this award, as CFA is where my heart lies – even just being nominated is pretty amazing," Emma said.

"And while it's wonderful to be recognized as a CFA leader, I can't do what I do without the team that I have working around me – they are critical to be able to function and the volunteers that I get to work with are just amazing people who every day remind me why I get up and do what I do."

"It's absolutely about the team and while the leader is the one up the front that takes the hits, and gets the pats on the back, it's the teams around them, constantly, consistently getting up and doing the work that make everything possible."

"I'm incredibly privileged to work with amazing people."

What is next for Emma who is currently studying a Master of Business Administration?

"My focus is to continue to develop leadership capability within my district, whether that be staff or volunteer, I think it's absolutely my responsibility as a leader to develop the next generation of leaders."

## Manhunt hits Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson

ONE of the most anticipated fly-on-the-wall series of 2022, Hunted, premiered Sunday, July 17, at 7.30pm on 10 and 10 Play, and this weekend eagle-eyed viewers may spy Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson on screens in exciting episodes airing on Sunday and Monday evenings.

In this real-life game

of cat and mouse filmed in Victoria, 18 ordinary Australians went on the run from a team of expert Hunters. As paranoia sets in, the fugitives must go to great lengths to evade capture for 21 days. Where will they hide? Who can they trust?

Flying under the radar to avoid detection from the Hunters is no easy feat, with some of the country's top experts working to track their every move.

As the fugitives criss-cross the state of Victoria, the Hunters' net will tighten around them. Those who manage to outsmart the Hunters and make it to a final Extraction Point will win a share of the \$100,000 prize money.



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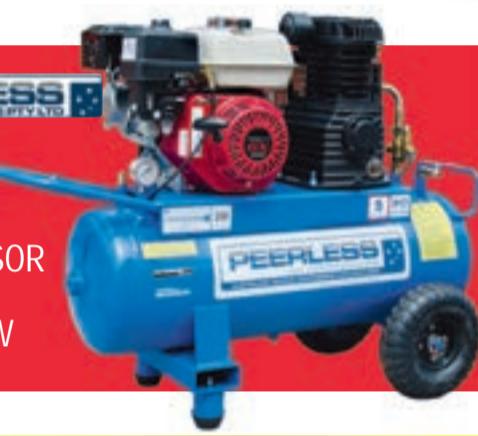
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## National Tree Day is this week

FOUR events are scheduled across Bass Coast and South Gippsland for the 2022 National Tree Day by PlanetArk on Sunday, July 31.

Established in 1996, National Tree Day has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event.

Join thousands of volunteers across Australia as they get their hands dirty and give back.

**Cape Woolamai Coast Action - 4 The Esplanade, Cape Woolamai from 9am to 11am.**

Infill planting along the Cape Woolamai Foreshore to re-establish the coastal integrity. This area has been gradually re-established over the past five years and Sunday's planting is an attempt to finalise areas where previous planting has failed or needed improving.

**Bass Coast Shire Council - 23 Kowloon Crescent, Coronet Bay from 10am to 12pm.**

The locals of Coronet Bay have been involved in restoring the foreshore for many years, and will continue with their fantastic work for National Tree Day.

**South Gippsland Conservation Society - Thompson Reserve, Cuttriss Street, Inverloch from 9am to 2pm.**

South Gippsland Conservation Society are joining Inverloch Scouts and local Ambulance Victoria Volunteers to plant 1000 plants into Thompson Reserve in Inverloch. No prior experience required. You can come for some or all of the day. Entry to car park via Cuttriss St.

**3 Creeks Landcare Bridge Creek Walkalong - 160 Hawkins Rd, Dalyston from 8am to 3pm.**

Starting at the end of Hawkins Rd, Dalyston and following the creek to its confluence with Woolshed Creek and the Powlett River to the South. There will be designated planting zones along the walk with volunteers planting understory plants to infill past revegetation sites and removing invasive weeds. This will enhance habitat values and reduce erosion along the creek.

**Hallston Regenerative Agriculture Group (Landcare) - 2915 Grand Ridge Rd, Hallston from 10am to 4pm.**

The planting is the fourth in a series to create shelter belts and bird/native animal corridors on a former 127-acre dairy farm. As a grazing property it is predominating pasture preventing native animals (koalas, wombats, possums, birds, reptiles, insects) moving between the Hallston Bush Reserve and the Tarwin River West Branch.

For more information and to register your attendance visit treeday. planetark.org/find-a-site

# CFA to assist ambos with cardiac response

FIRE Medical Response (FMR) is being introduced to 50 CFA volunteer brigades across Victoria.

CFA Deputy Chief Officer Operational Response Garry Cook explained that FMR is a pre-ambulance response to enhance the chances of cardiac arrest survival in regional and rural Victoria.

"The evidence is pretty clear – if you can introduce CPR and get a defibrillator, to a person that's in cardiac arrest, you enhance the chances of survival," he told the Sentinel-Times.

Ambulance Victoria (AV) do an incredible job, but unlike CFA Brigades that are scattered in small communities, AV often find themselves driving 30-40 minutes, if not more, to a community from their nearest ambulance hub.

Brigades will be selected and consulted with two major factors determining suitable zones – statistics and location.

"We are working with AV and their cardiac arrest data to identify which communities cardiac arrest is most likely to occur and determine the best locations to place our Fire Medical Response brigades," Mr Cook said.

"But it's not just about numbers it is also about location – having FMR brigades in small communities where the nearest ambulance station is a reasonable distance away."

Brigades will also have the



**CFA have joined forces with Ambulance Victoria in rolling out the Fire Medical Response in coming months. C06\_2922**

option to opt out.

"Once identified, we'll go and talk individually with those brigades and step them through the process – how the calls will be received and the type of calls that would be received, so they're fully briefed and fully aware. Then we'll work with that identified brigade to confirm that they wish to be involved in the program," he said.

"There's a desire in many communities to have some form of enhanced response to give their members of their community the best chance of survival."

Fifty brigades across Victoria

will receive the final accreditation, with FMR rolled out to 10-15 brigades in the coming months and the first brigades available in early 2023.

FMR brigades will be alerted at the same time paramedics receive the call from triple zero.

"Call takers are trained to talk people through how to do CPR, if our brigade is able to get there and continue that chain of survival by having enhanced training, an AED and oxygen equipment then they can continue that chain of survival prior to the arrival of paramedics," he said.

"Victoria has phenomenal cardiac arrest survival rates, some of the best rates in the world, which is great, but we still know that there are people that could be given a better chance."

"We also see the potential for new members in communities to join our fire brigades who may not necessarily want to be firefighters but may have some form of medical or healthcare training, background or interest."

"We always welcome new volunteers across the state."

"If anyone is considering they should contact their local fire brigade or visit [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)."

## Protect yourself against current COVID wave



flu," Ms Child said.

"If you haven't had a flu jab it's not too late. If you are eligible for a fourth COVID dose you should get it."

"You just need to be aged 30 and over, it must have been three months since your previous COVID infection and your previous COVID vaccination, and

you can even have your flu and COVID vaccinations at the same time.

"In addition to vaccination, I would implore people to wear masks indoors and when you can't physically distance, sanitise and wash your hands often, avoid crowds, work from home if you can, and gather outdoors or

in ventilated indoor spaces wherever possible.

"These actions help to reduce transmission of bugs."

COVID and flu vaccinations are available from GPs, Pharmacies and the Chitty Chitty Jab Jab mobile vaccination bus run by the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit.

This bus will be at the Wonthaggi Town Hall on Saturday, July 30, from 10am-2pm.

No bookings are necessary but arrive early.

COVID and flu vaccinations are available for all age groups. Bring your Medicare Card and children must present proof of age.

# 2022

## Bass Coast Business Awards vote or nominate now!

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Voting for People's Choice and business nominations close 5.00pm Sunday, 28 August 2022.

# Meals for those in need

FOR the last seven weeks, more than 100 homeless and needy people every week have walked out of Rob's Fresh Fish & Takeaway Coffee Lounge in Wonthaggi with a delicious, hearty, free meal.

It started on June 7, a very early regular customer from Melbourne, Ram Bolla gave Chris and Di \$200 and asked them to 'share the love' by providing meals to local homeless individuals and those in need.

"Ram had noticed a lot of homeless walking the streets, early in the morning," Chris explained.

"He handed me a couple of hundred dollars and asked us to cook some meals for them.

"We decided to match it dollar for dollar.

"We put it on Facebook and had overwhelming feedback – that's how it started."

A no questions asked policy, owners Chris and Di match local customer and businesses donations whether \$50 or \$200.

Meals vary each week but have included satay chicken and rice, butter chicken and rice, curried sausages and rice, chicken and veggie soup and mango chicken and rice.

And what makes the new initiative so special is that it's regular people and businesses from across the community who are pitching



Chris and Di of Rob's Fresh Fish & Takeaway Coffee Lounge are matching donations to feed those in need. C02\_3022

in and contributing.

"The most unassuming people are giving," Chris said.

"St. Vinnie's have also started sending those in need down."

Alan and his wife are two of the many incredible contributors.

"Beautiful food, Chris and Di are absolutely wonderful people," Alan said.

"Who else takes these people in and feeds them out of their own pocket..."

With the pandemic and rising costs pushing many businesses and individuals to the limit, Chris and Di are grateful to those who have contributed, especially as many are struggling themselves.

"We've been pleasantly surprised by the local

support. It's something simple that grew into a positive experience. What a wonderful community we live in!

"We look forward to keeping it going as long as we can."

Individuals in need of a feed are welcome to pop into Rob's, 113-115 Graham Street, Wonthaggi on a Wednesday.

## Community raise more than \$31,000 for Ukraine

THE Anglican Parishes of Leongatha and Mirboo North joined forces with the South Gippsland community to raise a whopping \$31,000 for on-the-ground humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

The parishes hosted two gala events, a dinner in May and a luncheon in June, that offered a three-course Ukrainian feast and stories from guest speakers, live from Ukraine.

Ukrainian-Gippslander, Olga Rysko migrated to Australia in 2005 and now lives in South Gippsland with her children.

Through her daughter's school community, Olga met school parent The Revd. Belinda Seabrook, Parish of Mirboo North, and together the women devised the fundraising event and recruited a team from the Anglican and wider community to deliver the event.

"Donations can still be made to the Ukraine humanitarian aid fund. All money deposited will go directly to Ukraine. Please remember to put the reference 'Ukraine'. Thank you for your support.

from Olga's home-town church friends were also shared with the attendees.

All donations of the gala are supporting on-the-ground humanitarian aid to people in Ukraine.

Food, shelter, clean-up of debris, emotional and physical assistance to refugees are all current and urgent needs. Donations can still be made by direct deposit.

"The heart-breaking situation in Ukraine has stirred within the community great compassion and generosity. We are just everyday people doing our best to encourage everyday people in an impossible situation. Our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine," Anglican Parish of Mirboo North, The Revd. Belinda Seabrook said.

All the food was generously donated by local businesses and made with love and skill by local caterers and cooks.

Guest speakers included Olga, who talked of her 84-year-old mother and sister living in Kiev that have been subjected to significant bombing around their neighbourhoods.

Via a live video-link to Kharlyk, Ukraine, stories



## SENIOR PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSIONS

These information sessions are essential for students and their parents to attend in order to gain insight into the programs available at the Wonthaggi Campus and the process of selecting subjects for the 2023 school year. In particular, with the phase out of VCAL across Victoria at the end of 2022, these sessions will be critical for students and their parents to gain an understanding of VCE and the VCE Vocational Major options for their Year 11 & 12 years.

### Year 9 into Year 10 Information Sessions

Monday, August 1 at 7pm

@ San Remo Campus (Specialist Building – Library) of Bass Coast College

Tuesday, August 2 at 7pm

@ Wonthaggi (Senior) Campus (Library) of Bass Coast College

### Year 10 into Year 11 (Senior Programs)

#### Information Session

Thursday, August 4 at 7pm

@ Wonthaggi Arts Centre (Graham St)

These sessions are open to current BCC students and prospective students for the 2023 school year.

Please note that students who attend an information session may be given preference to access programs and subjects.

An advertisement for Reggie's cafe. It features a photo of a hand using tongs to serve food, a photo of a person holding an orange coffee cup, and a photo of a person smiling. The text 'HOT FOOD &amp; COFFEE ON THE GO' is overlaid. A map shows locations in Rosedale, Leongatha, Wonthaggi, and Inverloch. A logo for 'QUALITY COFFEE PARISTA MADE' is shown. Logos for Evans Petroleum, Castrol, and a 50th anniversary logo are at the bottom. Text at the bottom right says 'COLD, HUNGRY? GRAB SOMETHING ON THE GO AT REGGIE'S CAFE!' and 'WARM UP WITH A COFFEE AND DELICIOUS HOT FOOD TO HELP YOU THROUGH YOUR DAY. REGGIES ALSO HAVE A RANGE OF FRESH SANDWICH AND SALAD ROLLS, PLUS A VARIETY OF DRINK OPTIONS ALL READY TO GO. SO IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO REFUEL AND RECHARGE, STOP BY REGGIES CAFE TODAY!'.

# Virtue Homes awarded Regional Residential Builder of the Year



A masterpiece by Virtue Homes includes 6 John Henry Drive.

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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 understand 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.

Virtue Homes was involved with the client from the very start of this project.

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.

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# More volunteers needed for health service

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS) is hoping to boost its volunteer numbers as activities ramp up after COVID-19 lockdowns.

The number of volunteers supporting the health service has declined significantly during the pandemic, prompting a new recruitment campaign.

A lot of the volunteer work at GSHS is centred on aged care and Nurse Unit Manager of Kooroaman House, Angela Richmond, says the contribution of volunteers is invaluable.

"It gives patients and residents a better quality of life when they have connection to people in the community," Ms Richmond said.

"We have some people who don't get many visitors so it can be a social outlet for them. It also helps them to better engage with activities."

The house's regular bingo sessions are one activity impacted by the lack of volunteers.

"We used to have a crew that helped with our bingo session which meant some people who aren't very able-bodied could still participate. Now we just have the caller running a large group and they can't help individual people."

Volunteers have also helped with feeding, spending one-on-one time with people and working alongside activity personnel and diversional therapists.

Kooroaman House is down to two volunteers but could use more than a dozen.

Many other areas of GSHS's operations could also benefit from volunteers, including palliative care, chemotherapy sessions, and volunteer drivers.

"COVID has impacted," Ms Richmond said.

"Some volunteers were getting quite elderly and they haven't returned after the COVID lockdown. It's going to take some work to build up again."

There is a mandatory training program for all volunteers.

Anyone interested in volunteering at GSHS can contact volunteer coordinator Justine Gumey, on 5654 2738.

## Services continue despite illnesses

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) is continuing to provide services to the community despite unprecedented levels of staff illness.

CEO Mark Johnson said that like most health services and many other sectors, GSHS had been hit hard by COVID-19 and influenza.

"We've got sick leave all over the place with COVID-19 and flu but we're still providing care," Mr Johnson said.

"Our services are functioning but they are under significant stress due to absenteeism from COVID and influenza," he said.

"It's the same everywhere but we continue to find ways to cover rostered positions, and we ask that people are understanding during this difficult time," he said.

The GSHS Urgent Care Centre has occasionally been placed on bypass due to a lack of staff caused by illness, however, all patients presenting to the centre continue to be triaged onsite.

"People who attend Urgent Care during these occasional diversions will be triaged as usual and then either directed to their general practitioner, Nurse on Call or the emergency department at Bass Coast Health or Latrobe Regional Hospital," Mr Johnson said.

"We still have a nurse available and ensure the person presenting is properly cared for."

Mr Johnson said everything from aged care to executive management was being impacted by illness.

"The high levels of illness in the community, coupled with staff absences, is impacting our ability to provide services as usual, but we are managing to keep our heads above water at this point," he said.

Mr Johnson urged people not experiencing urgent or life-threatening trauma to consider other options, including calling Nurse on Call 1300 60 60 24 or Healthdirect on 1800 022 222.

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# Citizen of the year Maie Riseley passes



IT'S hardly surprising that Irene 'Maie' Riseley knew almost everyone in the Leongatha district by name and they knew her.

Such was her family's involvements in the sports and other activities of the district, and her own extensive involvement in community, school and sporting organisations that she personally interacted with hundreds of people on a regular basis during her 87 years in the local area.

It was these untiring community efforts, borne out of a determination to support her family in business and at all levels that she was awarded the South Gippsland Shire Citizen of the Year award in 1991 – an honour of which she was extremely proud.

Born Irene Challis at Red Hill on the Mornington Peninsula on August 25, 1928, she was the only daughter in

a family of six boys.

'Maie' first moved to the local area with her family, to Tarwin Lower in 1935, living on farms there and at Poowong before the family purchase a dairy farm at Ruby-Fairbank which remains in the extended Challis family today.

During her younger years, Maie was a serious runner and joined an athletics club in Melbourne where she trained with future Olympians.

She studied nursing at Jessie McPherson Private Hospital in Melbourne before returning home to work.

She met Phil Riseley, a local bus driver and the couple married on May 29, 1950 with the strong sporting lines of the Challis and Riseley families a regular feature in local sports over the following 70 years.

The couple were involved

in various local businesses, including petrol sales, firewood sales, buses and ultimately starting Riseleys Transport which has become an iconic business in the local area.

All along the way, Maie was fully involved in all business, community and sporting activities with a long list of those involvements read out at her Memorial Service at St Andrews Uniting Church in Leongatha last Friday, July 15.

They included, but were not limited to the following: CWA, Leongatha Art & Craft, Rotaryannes, Girl Guides, Berrys Creek Tennis Club, Baby Health Centre, Nerrena Hall Ladies, Nerrena Rec and Cricket Clubs, state and high school parents' clubs, Red Cross, swimming pool committee, singing groups, organiser of Watsons Garden Party fundraiser, Leongatha Primary School Learning and

Assistance Committee, Leongatha FNC, and Woorayl Lodge Committee.

Maie Riseley was a familiar sight on the sidelines at the Leongatha football over the years, with her friend Elaine Ollie and such was the pairs' knowledge of the game that they should have joined the coaching ranks, according to the eulogy presented at the funeral.

Mrs Riseley died on Thursday, July 7, 2022, aged 93.

And just as she remembered us, her contribution to the life and times of Leongatha and district will not be forgotten.

Much loved wife of Phil (dec.) she was the loved mother and mother-in-law of Meg and Jude, Kevin and Jenny, Narelle and Graeme, Leanne (dec.) and Bill, Trevor and Catherine, Allen and Cindy. There are 25 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren.

## National Water Week poster competition now open

By Westernport Water

WESTERNPORT Water marks National Water Week (NWW) each year by running a poster competition for local primary school students within the service area.

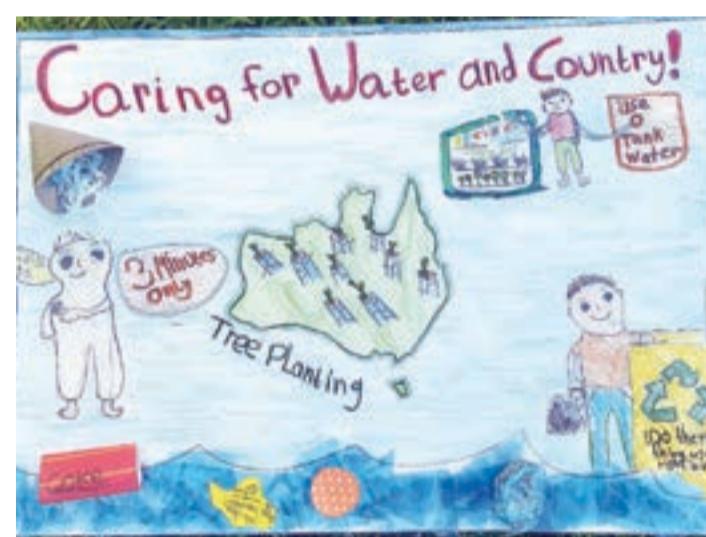
The competition provides a great opportunity for students to put their artistic creativity to the test by creating a colourful A3 poster.

The theme of this year's NWW and poster competition is 'Our water stories'.

We invite students to reflect on what water means to them and to share their own individual connection to water through their poster.

A water story could be about a favourite watering hole, a beach to walk along, or a shoreline to surf.

Maybe it's sitting quietly by a river, walking through a rainforest, or just drinking



that first glass of water in the morning. What 'springs' to mind when you hear the word WATER?

Westernport Water will award prizes to the best three posters in each age category,

and local winners will also be entered into the state-wide poster competition and judged against winners of other regions for even greater prizes.

In addition to the student prizes, all participating

schools are entered into a random draw for a \$500 contribution towards a sustainability project, purchase of water efficient products or educational materials of the school's choice.

Students have until 5pm on Friday, September 2, 2022, to enter, and winners will be announced during National Water Week, October 17 – 23 2022.

This year, posters need to be uploaded via our new website, a collaboration with other Victorian water corporations who run the competition, and with funding provided by the Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning.

All competition guidelines and information on how to enter can be found on our website - [westernportwater.com.au/nww-poster-competition-2022/](http://westernportwater.com.au/nww-poster-competition-2022/)

## Know where your firewood comes from says Parks Victoria

THE Conservation Regulator and Parks Victoria are urging people purchasing firewood this winter to think before they buy by asking some key questions, to help stop illegal firewood operators.

Each year Victorians are caught out unintentionally buying illegally sourced firewood which can lead to the loss of important wildlife habitat such as hollow logs and dead trees.

Firewood is often sold on social media websites, at roadside stalls and by word of mouth, and it can be difficult for customers to know where firewood for sale comes from, so before buying check the following information:

- Where does your wood come from? Your firewood seller should be able to provide the details of where the wood they supply is sourced from. This includes a wholesale supplier, commercial wood lot or private land with the permission of the landowner.
- Can I get a receipt? Your firewood seller should provide a tax receipt with a business name and ABN listed.
- Why is the wood so cheap? If you're buying firewood through social media websites and the firewood seems cheap, ask your supplier why.

The Conservation Regulator targets those suspected of unlawfully collecting and selling firewood from public land. The community can play a key role by reporting any suspicious behaviour to DELWP on 136 186.

Offenders found guilty of cutting or taking away more than two cubic metres of fallen or felled trees from Crown land face a maximum penalty of \$9087 and/or one year imprisonment. Individuals may also face an additional fine of up to \$9087 for destruction of wildlife habitat, while vehicles and equipment such as chainsaws and trailers may also be seized

and forfeited upon conviction.

For more information visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/buying-firewood>

Firewood for personal use can only be collected from domestic firewood collection in the autumn and spring firewood collection seasons. For details of where, when and what firewood can be collected, visit: [ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region](http://ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region)

Financial support is available for people who rely on firewood for heating or cooking. To find out if you are eligible, visit: [ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/energy-concession-and-support](http://ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/energy-concession-and-support)



Grantville Garden Supplies' Andy Wallis wasn't kidding when he said they've got tonnes of firewood! He expects it all to be gone soon, so get in quick. Ns023022

### All your gardening needs in one location

GRANTVILLE Garden Supplies has been proudly family owned and operated for almost 30 years, offering excellent service and a wide range of choices.

After taking over the business from his father, Andy Wallis and wife Emma are now at the helm and couldn't be happier.

Andy said the business has continued to expand and they now offer even more for their customers.

"We can supply all of your mulch, screenings, garden soils and turf blends," he said.

"We even have recycled bricks and we're just starting to establish a nursery.

"There's also large garden rocks for retaining walls or to make exposed riverbeds."

Andy highlighted they currently stock a huge supply of red and blue gum firewood, which he expects to be gone within a week!

"The redgum is from NSW and the blue gum is Victorian from plantation wood," he said.

"That always sells super quick around this time of year."

Mr Wallis said since taking over the business during the pandemic and lockdowns, fortunately many customers have been busy renovating their homes and gardens, helping them to rapidly expand.

**"We can supply all of your mulch, screenings, garden soils and turf blends,"**

"Rather than us stocking items and expecting customers to buy it, we're becoming really flexible with our products and what people want," he said.

"We've also got a delivery service all over Bass Coast, from Phillip Island to Cape Paterson, Korumburra and Lang Lang."

Their mulch options also range from garden and mushroom compost, organic bush mulch and dyed wood chips.

They even have swimming pools available for purchase.

Andy and his friendly team, which includes his wife Emma, are always up for a chat even if you just need some advice on your next gardening project.

For more information visit their website at [grantvillegardensupplies.com.au](http://grantvillegardensupplies.com.au) or contact 03 5678 8357



Owners of Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage Dean and Jenni Lewandowski with friendly pooch Harvey provide safe and secured undercover and external storage for boats, caravans and shipping containers. Z05\_3022

### Safe and secure storage space

BASS Coast Boat and Caravan Storage have provided a safe and secure space for boats and caravan's for over five years.

They are now expanding their site to accommodate an additional 60 external storage areas, including space for shipping containers that will be ready by the end of August.

Owner Dean and Jenni Lewandowski manage the family-owned business based on Bass Highway in Glen Forbes, with their rural property ideally positioned in a central location for both Bass Coast and South Gippsland locals.

"Our property can securely store a large boat

or caravan in our premium undercover storage shed, designed with 8m x 3m bays; perfectly positioning a 20 ft caravan or boat," said Jenni.

The storage is available at an affordable price with flexible short or long-term lease options, including a minimum month to month booking or a yearlong reservation paid in advance.

The premium undercover space is available for \$1,200 per year or \$110.00 per month and an external site is available for \$66.00 per month or \$660.00 per year.

"Our contracts allow our customers to come in and out, making use of their boats or caravans as

they please, some clients book a year in advance to secure their position but travel and use their caravans for long trips all year round," said Jenni.

"We provide a safe and secure space for our customers so their additional vehicles or items aren't taking up the space on their property and we have just opened a section for shipping containers for those who may be moving house or renovating."

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Corinella General Store manager Jaime Poulier and her colleagues Ebony McMaster, Sandra Jerger, Mary Mifsud, and Kim Rosenow enjoy working with and for the local community. Z06\_3022

## Convenience for the community

OPENED since the mid-18th century, the renowned Corinella General Store continues to service the growing Bass Coast community and support local businesses in surrounding suburbs.

Manager Jaime Poulier has serviced the community in the general store for over 17 years, making it her priority to provide a friendly and professional environment.

"All of our team can assist with everyday general supplies, providing our customers with petrol, fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh meat from Kelly's butchers in Tooradin or fresh milk from local Bassine Specialty Cheese," said Jaime.

"The instore post office has a mail contract for all of our residents in Corinella, Coronet Bay and Tenby Point, giving them a safe and secure location for their large parcel drop or delivery service."

The Australia Post division instore

manages parcel and mail solutions, the sale of phone credit, management of bills including rates, insurance, power and VicRoads and has a variety of office supplies and gift ideas.

Locals or town visitors can also gain access to the selection of fishing equipment, ice or bait and the generous staff can assist with fishing licenses for those that are heading to the Corinella boat launching ramp only a minute down the road.

"We also stock marine oils, Castrol car care products, cleaning products, pet food, household essentials, magazines and newspapers," said Jaime.

The store operates as a license liquor

outlet and a fish and chip shop, providing homemade burgers to takeaway for those looking for convenience.

Open seven days a week from 7am until 7pm, the Corinella General Store is a welcoming convenience store working with and for their local community, located at 54 Smythe Street, Corinella.

***"All of our team can assist with everyday general supplies, providing our customers with petrol, fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh meat from Kelly's butchers in Tooradin or fresh milk from local Bassine Specialty Cheese."***



Colin, Simone and the official store mascot, Mr Charlie, are ready to welcome you to Bass Coast Stock Feeds.

## No island tax in Grantville

COLIN Kelly takes pride in offering a wide array of products at Bass Coast Stock Feeds in Grantville.

A background in farming and rural produce, which includes rearing cattle and racehorses, Colin is a self-confessed animal person.

"I grew up on a farm with animals, I'm still farming today," Colin smiled.

"Animals have been my whole life."

Bass Coast Stock Feeds manager, Simone Gracey is a local equestrian competitor.

With first-hand experience on both sides the duo and their team are ready to help you with all your animal needs.

"We stock a full range of local and Victorian hays from little squares to round bales for rabbits, guinea pigs, alpacas, horses and cattle, with

delivery available for single and semi-loads to Phillip Island and across Gippsland.

"We joke that we don't charge the island hay tax!"

Bass Coast Stock Feeds also carry a full supply of horse feed including chaff, and pallets for general, race, show and equestrian; and even supply local horse trainers.

"We have a bit of everything and with 2-3 deliveries a week we can source what you need and even keep it permanently stocked.

"A full range of domestic animal foods, medications, husbandry, litter, toys, harnesses, collars and leads for all our fury little friend's needs.

"We also focus on Australian made and owned products – in particular our dog treats are Australian."

Brands stocked include Drysdale Chaff, Green Valley, HyGain, Barastoc, Black Hawk, Life-Wise, Coprice, Meals For Mutts, A La Carte, True Colours, Prime100 and local raw pet mince.

International brands Supercoat, Royal Canin and Hills are similarly available.

Colin is also a proud supporter of the local community.

"We buy local as much as possible to keep money local. We are also a proud sponsor of the community – including the local footy clubs."

With products to suits the smallest of kittens and chooks to cattle and horses, support a local business that is supporting the community.

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### Waterline sees a return to the '60s thanks to The Grantville Grocer

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The Grantville Grocer (TGG) is bringing back that 1960s level of service with their free home delivery service of not only alcohol and groceries but get this, fully prepared restaurant quality gourmet meals.

They certainly didn't have that in the 1960s.

TGG have made it even easier now with their express order facility on their website.

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This will bring up a pop up window where you enter

your phone number and what you would like to order, or you can just simply ask for someone to call you back.

Then a friendly member of TGG will call you back to see what you would like to order or simply to confirm what you have ordered, and then get it on its way to you as long as you are within a 20km radius of Coronet Bay.

Even if there is something you don't see on the website but would like to order, you can even make an enquiry there on the express order form and they will do everything they can to source the product for you.

"We were well aware that Grantville needed a supermarket, but we wanted to go above and beyond with service. Our goal is to create a unique grocery shopping experience" says Mr McConville, owner of The Grantville Grocer.

They have certainly achieved that, because all through winter and into spring they are having what they call their "Winter Meal

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And winter is the perfect time for something like this.

If you get home and you don't feel like cooking, you don't even have to go out into the cold because you can get the meal deal of your choosing delivered free, straight to your door, with the choice of beer, cider, or wine to go with that.

Head over to [www.tggdelivers.com.au](http://www.tggdelivers.com.au) and order yours today.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** The Grantville Grocer has something for everyone and even offers delivery.



Manager of the Grantville Grocer Laura Culhane is working from the Coronet Bay store during the Grantville renovations. Z04\_3022



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While Grantville and surrounding areas continue to develop rapidly, rental prices are rising. Ns013022

### Skyrocketing rents impacting waterline communities

RENT increases for a house in Coronet Bay and Grantville were among the highest state-wide according PropTrack's Rental Report June 2022.

Wonthaggi also had one of the highest rent increases for units, with the median weekly rent at \$385, a year-on-year growth of 20.31%.

For Coronet Bay, rental asking prices for a house was at \$370, a 23.33% year on year increase, while Grantville was \$395, a 23.44% increase.

The report by PropTrack also showed rental prices in regional Victoria were up 9.7% year-on-year.

The median weekly rent for houses was \$420 in June, while it was \$330 for units.

However, promisingly, for those looking to rent regionally, the num-

ber of potential renters per listing has fallen -17.5% year-on-year, indicating competition for rental stock is easing.

Bass Valley Community Group centre manager, Roderick McIvor, said the issue of rising rents throughout the waterline communities of Bass Coast has been ongoing for years.

"It has got to this situation where you couple that with the massive rise in house prices, it really means it is inaccessible for people on anything other than very significant incomes to buy or rent," he said.

"So, A: buying costs an absolute fortune and B: rentals are non-existent."

Mr McIvor said he believes another contributor to rising rents is due to the number of empty properties or

holiday homes.

"In these areas they are empty because they're holiday houses, you have places like Coronet Bay which I believe has more than 40 per cent of properties empty," he said.

"So, housing is a very dire situation here."

Mr McIvor added that the centre has seen an increase in people seeking assistance, with a number of residents also forced out of the area due to the rental situation.

"That's been going on for some time," he said.

"With the rising market, a lot of people who own houses and rent them out thought 'I don't need this, I'm going to sell, it's doubled in price'.

"A lot of that has meant significantly less rentals than there was."



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# Addressing our planet's \$15 trillion of waste

ACCORDING to IBM, the world wastes USD 15 trillion, or 28% of global GDP, annually.

Australian technology startup EarthTech recently launched a global platform which streamlines the mobilisation of resources towards 17 of the world's biggest social and environmental challenges.

EarthTech's Co-Founders, serial entrepreneurs Anthony Moorhouse and Brian Keayes, have spent two decades in the technology and innovation eco-system.

The fathers came together to create EarthTech after witnessing the effect that Greta Thunberg's youth movement had on their children's generation. Both had a sense of guilt and shame about the world that our status quo systems were leaving for future generations.

Moorhouse stated that "The EarthTech Platform is designed to help entrepreneurs who have the innovative ideas needed to create a sustainable planet to get deals done with investors, philanthropists, corporations and governments who need to create sustainable ways to deliver outcomes to their stakeholders."

The EarthTech Platform uses sophisticated algorithms to matchmake and curate relationships between the buyers and sellers of innovation, in a similar way to online dating apps.

The platform is available to all entrepreneurs and investors/philanthropists who believe in the power of technology-for-good and can be customised for large investment funds, organisations and governments who need to invest in and procure innovation to meet their ESG strategies on behalf of their customers, shareholders, and citizens.

## Regional hospitality jobs with wage incentives available

JOBS Victoria is providing wage top-ups to attract 240 trainees to tourism and hospitality roles in regional Victoria.

Jobs Victoria is partnering with community-based registered group training organisation Westvic Staffing Solutions to coordinate training and work placements with employers throughout regional Victoria.

Trainees will receive paid training and 12 months guaranteed employment while undertaking placements across regional host businesses.

They will also receive wage supplements up to \$10,000 over 12 months on top of the award wage and other support, including individualised mentoring, to support a positive start to their new careers.

The program will roll out across regional Victoria over the next 12 months.

Businesses can register their interest at [westvic.org.au/hospitality-traineeship-employer-expression-of-interest/](http://westvic.org.au/hospitality-traineeship-employer-expression-of-interest/)

## Australian-first sick pay guarantee for casual workers

THE \$245.6 million Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee scheme will provide vulnerable workers a safety net to take time off when they are sick or need to care for loved ones.

Workers are now able to register for the two-year pilot program, and it is anticipated that more than 150,000 workers will be eligible in this first phase.

Occupations included in the first phase include hospitality workers, food trades workers and preparation assistants such as chefs and kitchen hands, supermarket and supply chain workers, retail and sales assistants, aged and disability care workers, cleaners and laundry workers and security guards.

The Government is fully funding the scheme over the first two years.

To find out more visit [vic.gov.au/sick-pay-guarantee](http://vic.gov.au/sick-pay-guarantee) and to apply for a payment if you're eligible visit [service.vic.gov.au](http://service.vic.gov.au).



Set on 27 acres of lush farmland is the courtyard of the Chapter Barn with amazing views over the Gippsland Hills and Bass Coastline. Photo credit: Claire Davie

## A picturesque vision unique in style

IN the small country town of Outram, with breathtaking views of the South Gippsland hills and coast is the 2022 Gippsland Business Award finalist - Chapter Barn, a family owned, and managed Airbnb studio and barn wedding venue set amongst 27 acres of lush farmland.

The vision of the studio and barn came from the owners Rainer and Melissa's own wedding planning ten years ago; the couple were in search of a stylish and relaxed venue that they could set up and style to achieve their own unique vision.

"During our planning we simply could not find something that felt like home, so now after ten years of planning, renovation and design, we have created a venue which allows our couples to create their own love story on the hill," said Melissa.

Amongst a field of 43 businesses selected as finalists to represent the Gippsland business, Chapter Barn has demonstrated their ability to change and adapt in unprecedented times, delivering their studio and barn under the accommodation category after receiving 116 5-star Airbnb reviews in only 10 months.

The Chapter Barn is styled with arched windows that brings in an abundant

of natural light, a heighted ceiling showcasing exposed beams and that takes you out to a sunlit courtyard overlooking 180-degree views of the Bass Coast and Gippsland hills.

"The barn is available for relaxed cocktail receptions or a formal seated dinner. You can decide what suits your perfect wedding day," said Melissa.

"At Chapter Barn we have something unique and special for weddings. The venue allows you to relax and prepare in the luxury studio, have your ceremony either in the gardens or on the lawn areas and the Barn can be styled for the celebration the way you want. With views that go as far as the eye can see, there are many photo opportunities on the 27-acre property. It's the perfect setting for all your wedding dreams, which means an enjoyable and relaxed celebration of love."

The choice of suppliers and styling is made easy with Chapter Barn, and many are local, including food trucks for your desired cuisine, florists and stylists to design the venue. Many couples have also chosen a bus service to ferry guests, so they really enjoy the wedding celebration.

"Included in your Chapter Barn wedding festival

is two nights of luxury accommodation in the studio, plus three days in which to relax on the property – this is what sets us apart from other venues," said Melissa.

The historic studio has been formally transformed into a tranquil retreat, featuring high ceilings with handcrafted historic beams, beautifully styled rooms and picturesque views.

"The chapter barn has been lovingly and purposefully restored and we are adding our final touches with an indoor bar and guest amenities, ready for 2023 weddings," said Melissa.

Each of the category winners of the 2022 Gippsland awards will be announced at the gala presentation event on Friday, August 26 at Federation University's Gippsland campus in Churchill. The major winner, the Gippsland Business of the Year, will come from the category winners and will also be announced at the ceremony.

For more information on this desirable venue or to see if the Chapter Barn is right for your special wedding day or event, visit [www.chapterbarn.com.au](http://www.chapterbarn.com.au).

If you are looking for a unique country getaway, the studio is available for bookings via Airbnb.

## Gippsland Business Awards finalists revealed

A FIELD of 43 businesses representing the Gippsland business and industry sector will be vying for the coveted 2022 Federation University Gippsland Business Awards.

Gippsland Business Awards committee chairperson, Graeme Sennett, said once again, Gippsland businesses had demonstrated their ability to change and adapt in unprecedented times with this year's awards attracting a wide range of outstanding entries.

The finalists were announced recently, with 43 businesses making it to the finals across the 11 industry and specialist categories.

"Never before have we seen such a diverse range of finalists," Mr Sennett said.

"The fact there were entries from every part of Gippsland shows how our small to medium businesses continue to grow and develop despite recent challenges."

The categories are: Accommodation, Beauty and Personal Care, Business and Professional Services, Food and Wine Producers, Health and Well-being, Hospitality, Manufacturing / Export, Mechanical Trades and Construction, New Business, Retail, Tourism Activities and Attractions.

Each of the category winners will be announced at the gala presentation event on Friday, August 26 at Federation University's Gippsland campus in Churchill.

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Mr Sennett acknowledged the many great entrants who were not selected as finalists.

He added that following the cancellation of the 2020 awards and virtual presentation of the 2021 awards, this year's face-to-face awards would be an "extra special" occasion.

"We look forward to acknowledging and honouring all our finalists at this premier business event in Gippsland."

Local finalists this year include:

- Accommodation; Yarram Holiday Park
- Business and Professional Services; FIMA Finance (Inverloch)
- Food and Wine Producers; Gurneys Cider (Foster), Harman Wines (Wattle Bank), Prom Country Cheese (Moyarra)
- Manufacturing / Export; The Fibreglass Factory (Yarram)
- New Business; Wattlebank Farm (Wattle Bank)
- Retail; The Ivy Plant Studio (Newhaven)

For further details of finalists refer to the Federation University Gippsland Business Awards website at [www.gba.org.au](http://www.gba.org.au)



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IT comes as no surprise that this award-winning, family-owned business of 14 years is one of the finalists in this year's Gippsland Business Awards for Mechanical Trades and Construction.

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"It's nice to be recognised for the hard work we are doing, and we always appreciate the great feedback from our customers."

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Gemma Cook exercises on a Pilates reformer with the guidance of physiotherapist Chris Bucello. A04\_3022

## Going above and beyond for patients

CONQUER Health Physiotherapy's small but professional team, which consists of two physiotherapists and a couple of reception and administration staff, has a strong focus on helping each individual.

Complex chronic or persistent pain requires expert assessment to determine the best course of action, something the practice's physios Chris Bucello and Tejus Mistry are passionate about.

Chris spoke of the importance of not just treating symptoms but getting to the underlying issue.

That includes determining when it is appropriate to treat a client and when that person needs to be referred to other medical services first.

Clinical Pilates is available, with Chris contrasting that with standard Pilates classes.

"Clinical Pilates is more focused around people in pain or with an injury who need a tailored plan," he said.

Sessions are limited to a maximum of six people, with the option of reformer or mat-based Pilates, or a blend of the two according to people's individual circumstances.

Pilates and the use of other exercise equipment in the centre's bright, refurbished rehabilitation studio are supervised by a physio to ensure people use

correct exercise techniques and follow their tailored programs.

Gemma Cook, aged 10, has noticed great benefits since she started attending weekly appointments at Conquer Health Physiotherapy around four months ago.

"She has achondroplasia, which is the most common type of dwarfism, so her joints are quite loose and there are a lot of potential associated medical problems," Gemma's mum Angela said, explaining the importance of strengthening Gemma's core.

Gemma is also working hard to improve her hips and knees, with Chris having tailored her program to her body type and condition.

He closely scrutinises her technique and progress and provides encouragement during their sessions.

"It's given her the ability to join in with her classmates, and she plays netball on the weekend and does swimming and it keeps her pain free," Angela said.

Gemma said she no longer has pain in her knees and can run better and more easily when playing netball as a wing attack or wing defence.

The business has recently been named a finalist in the Gippsland Business Awards.

For more information, visit [conquerhealth.com.au/](http://conquerhealth.com.au/)

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#### Old school oval just the ticket for parking

NO ONE likes getting a parking ticket.

However, after the Bass Coast Shire Council introduces its Smart Parking sensors in Cowes and Wonthaggi next month, it's more likely that locals, both shoppers and CBD workers, as well as visitors will get fined for exceeding the time limit.

What the introduction of so-called 'Smart Parking' will also do is highlight the lack of all-day parking, especially in Wonthaggi.

Solution: Open up the grounds of the old Wonthaggi Secondary College, now, to all-day parking.

It's already been more than two years since the government opened the new \$32.7 million Wonthaggi Secondary College senior campus, and a big 'thank you' for that, but it's high time the future use of the old site was considered.

There's a popular misconception that the school site has been gifted to the Bass Coast Shire Council, which it hasn't. Instead, we understand that the shire will have to enter into a lease with the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning for access.

The shire, we understand, is also preparing a report to council "to outline opportunities" for the site, however, while the ultimate use of the centrally located land will take years to come to fruition, it should immediately be turned over to all-day parking in the interim.

Wonthaggi's retail is getting strangled by a lack of parking and the loss of spaces for the introduction of pedestrian crossings, plus the impact of the Smart Parking sensors is only going to make matters worse.

The shire should immediately seek DELWP approval to establish a major new carpark on the old secondary college oval (off McKenzie Street) and open up other available areas on the school site for parking.

It would be a game-changer for Wonthaggi business, and it should happen now!

#### Talk to Inverloch for a better outcome

When it comes to urban planning and design, most people understand there are numerous Acts, Regulations and Local Laws that affect the way subdivisions, building developments and town plans are conceived and constructed.

In Inverloch, there is also a Policy Statement and a Design Framework to guide the implementation of every development in town, backed up by the Inverloch Strategic Framework Plan and the Town Centre Restructure Plan.

The planning objective behind all these documents is simple and succinct: To support the development of Inverloch as a consolidated and sustainable coastal village that optimises existing natural assets and character, and services the lifestyle and recreational needs of residents and visitors. (Clause 11.01-1L-08: Bass Coast Planning Scheme "Settlement")

Together, these documents provide a clear roadmap for the way our community sees the future of our town and form a carefully thought out and peer-reviewed framework so that everyone understands what the community expects the nature and character of every future development will be.

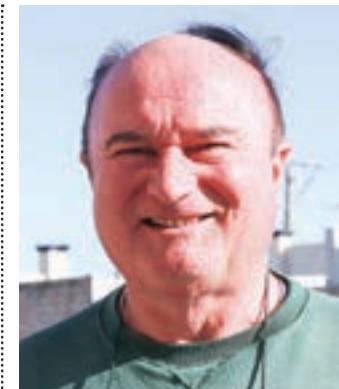
## Vox Pop

What are your top three priorities ahead of the upcoming November state election?



**Georgia Tsaousidis**

1. Rental housing affordability for the working class and the unemployed.
2. Lift the vaccination mandates to help the unemployed get back to work.
3. Provide affordable mental health care services.



**Gregory Jarosch**

1. A better health care system with more specialist care, including dental.
2. Road maintenance, driving has become dangerous due to the number of potholes.
3. Work with local councils to lower land taxes, they're unaffordable.



**Kimberley Neave**

1. Remove the vaccination mandates.
2. We need trust and integrity - show the public the health records from the pandemic.
3. Provide affordable mental health care services.



**Jodie Martin**

1. Implement protocols to make MP's accountable and honest.
2. Stop the pay rises for MP's when the general public don't see them.
3. Repair the public amenities in Wonthaggi, provide safe access for the elderly and disabled.

Recently however, a proposal for development of 2-4 The Esplanade into serviced apartments (and two shops) was placed before Council where the planning team and Councillors seem to not have fully understood such community expectations.

Moreover, albeit in the face of more than 60 written objections, a permit for the development has now been issued (with restrictions) that fails key principles set out in the Inverloch Design Framework for built form and density. Namely:

- Manage built form and design in terms of height, density and architectural quality
- Encourage a high-quality design outcome with a community focus on the private land within the foreshore precinct.
- Building height in the town centre is required to be a maximum of 9.5 metres from natural ground level to roof line

The property at 2-4 The Esplanade is a landmark site that has been recognised in the Planning Scheme by a site-specific Design Development Overlay (DDO10); with the DDO itself being a recommendation contained in the Inverloch Design Framework.

In addition to the points listed above, DDO10 requires the development to:

- Protect and enhance visual permeability of the site
- Create strong orientation toward the foreshore and integration with surrounding public open space, in particular, The Glades Picnic Ground
- Minimise the impact of development on surrounding areas by utilising contemporary coastal design principles and landscaping

Arguably, the now approved development does not comply with these expectations.

While the applicant is clearly a builder of imagination with a recent portfolio of modern and innovative designs, there is now a very real possibility that the whole matter will descend into bickering, planning appeals and litigation as the developer and the community come to grips with a less than satisfactory outcome for both.

Why do opportunities of this nature always seem to be characterised by adversarial "must have - can't have" responses that diminish everyone's expectations? Why can't our Council work with developers to ensure community expectations like those set out in DDO10 are treated respectfully and with a sense of vision.

What was needed was engagement and imagining of this iconic location so that the opportunity was afforded a solution that Inverloch could be proud of - one that met the community vision for our town.

Warranted or not, maybe the community could have been consulted about possible uses like public art, climbing wall, all weather shade/seating and landscaping above the Glade, community facilities for The Amazon Project or the Inverloch Historical Society - heck, why not even discuss with Council the possibility of redeveloping the entire site and incorporating an updated Bunurong Environment Centre!

Unfortunately, there may now be a precedent for other developments to also not match the community expectations outlined in the Inverloch Design Framework.

Our planning experts must do better when it comes to managing community expectations and assessing development applications against design objectives that were clearly intended to meet the community's vision for Inverloch.

**Trevor Forge, Inverloch.**

10-30 minutes once a month, so the time required is not onerous.

Fortunately, the motion failed, thanks to our other Councillors, but the community has a right to know why councillors Rooks and Laing tried to stop Public Question Time?

**Linda Marston, Secretary, Island Voice**

#### Liz says thanks

I had a 'Big Lunch' at the Inverloch Bowls Club (no charge) on June 15, to raise money for the new Ultrasound Machine at Wonthaggi Hospital and raised \$3100.

I would like to give thanks to the generous shopkeepers in Inverloch and Wonthaggi for their donations, and to everyone who came to my lunch.

Tim at Mitre 10 for the beautiful blue three piece outdoor setting, \$25 voucher from The Esplanade Hotel, two bottles of very nice wine from South East Real Estate, \$30 voucher from Trudy and Adrian at Paperplay Newsagents, \$30 voucher from Grant at The Muffin Break, a wall hanging from Janine at Sweet Treats, four special mugs from The Discount Shop in Wonthaggi, \$50 from Russell at the Inverloch Post Office, three platters of yummy slices from Nicole and Ebony at The Bay-side Lady, lots of bread from Robyn and Paul at Paul the Pieman Bakery, 50 bread rolls from Lucy at Paradise Bakery, four gifts from Liz at Bliss in Inverloch, tea, coffee, sugar and milk - value of \$35 from Tracey at Foodworks, two yummy platters of sandwiches from Lenore at Reggie's in Wonthaggi, three varieties of soup - carrot and pumpkin, scotch broth and sweet potato and pumpkin, made by my husband John of 54-years, and leek and potato soup made by our friends, Kaye and Peter.

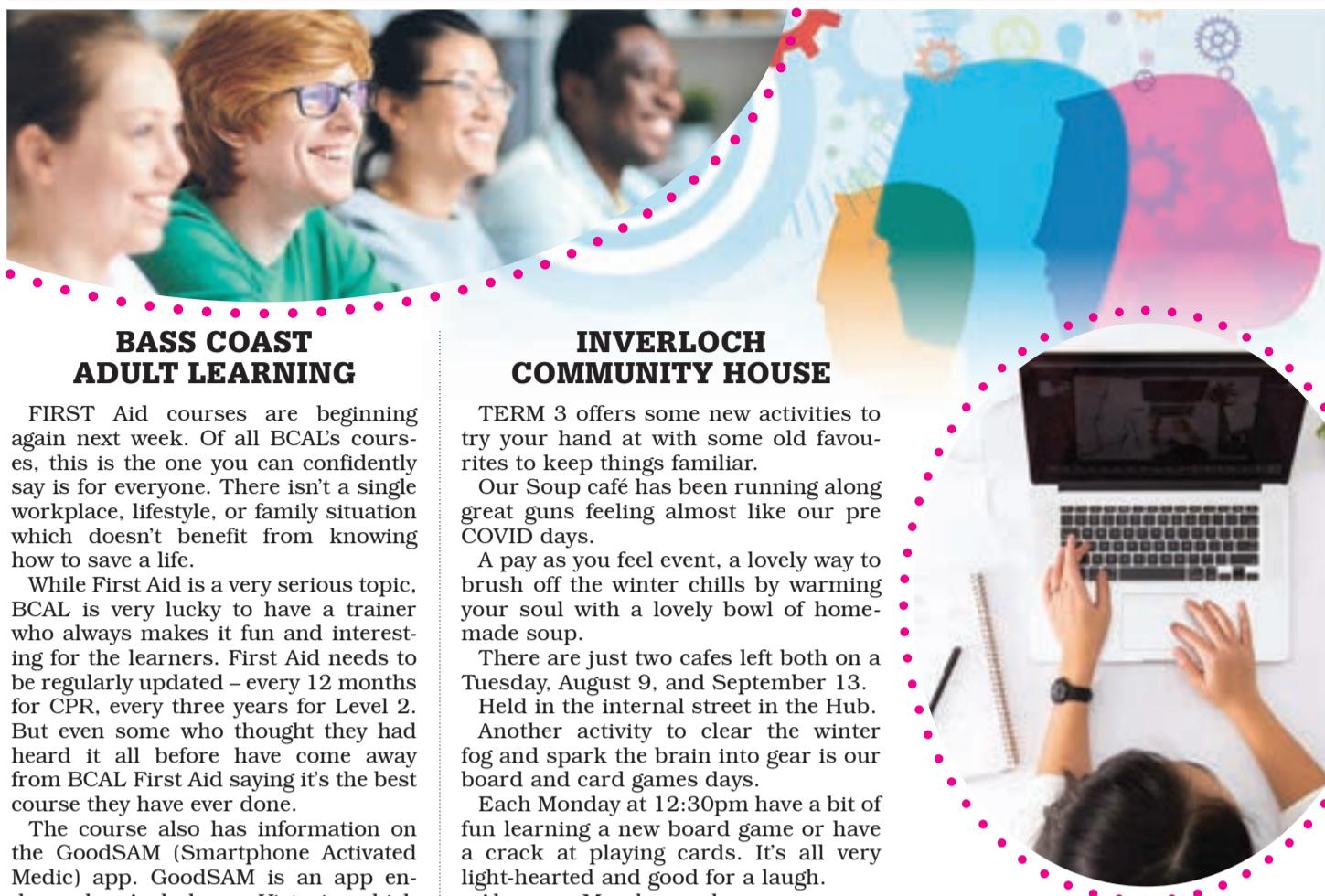
I was speechless by the generosity shown to me.

This was my 14th 'Big Morning Tea/Big Lunch' here in Inverloch and previously in Blackburn, and my highest fundraiser so far.

Thanks to all who helped me on the day. A very positive day.

**Liz Duthie**

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.



## BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

FIRST Aid courses are beginning again next week. Of all BCAL's courses, this is the one you can confidently say is for everyone. There isn't a single workplace, lifestyle, or family situation which doesn't benefit from knowing how to save a life.

While First Aid is a very serious topic, BCAL is very lucky to have a trainer who always makes it fun and interesting for the learners. First Aid needs to be regularly updated – every 12 months for CPR, every three years for Level 2. But even some who thought they had heard it all before have come away from BCAL First Aid saying it's the best course they have ever done.

The course also has information on the GoodSAM (Smartphone Activated Medic) app. GoodSAM is an app endorsed by Ambulance Victoria which alerts first aiders if someone nearby is in need of CPR while an ambulance is dispatched. Having a trained first responder on the scene while an ambulance is on the way can save lives.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit [www.bcal.vic.edu.au](http://www.bcal.vic.edu.au) or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

### ■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

Composting is at the heart of productive food gardening. It feeds the soil by replacing necessary nutrients and microbes.

With that in mind, the volunteers boosted the garden's compost stockpile with a sprinkling of wood ash, pea straw, chopped green waste and a barrel of weed tea: a mix of marinated weedy greens and water.

All the garden members contribute to the compost every time they weed or clear out their plots.

Knowing what can and can't go into the compost will be easier for members and visitors now thanks to a restored and relocated information board, located right at the compost bays.

There is a nice looking pile ready to go where and when plants are hungry.

For more info about the activities at the garden contact [tgordon@westnet.com.au](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) or drop in for a visit on a Thursday between 10 and noon.

### ■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Last Friday, the Woodies gratefully accepted a donation of equipment from the Inverloch Men's Shed.

Of most interest were two jigs for creating dovetail joints. This will greatly speed up the production of pieces needing multiple joints like cabinets and drawers.

Also included in the donation was a mortising jig and router. The furniture making group will have a lot of fun with these. The Woodies thank the Men's Shed for their generous contribution.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit [www.wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au](http://www.wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au) or call in at the workshop.



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## INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HOUSE

TERM 3 offers some new activities to try your hand at with some old favourites to keep things familiar.

Our Soup café has been running along great guns feeling almost like our pre-COVID days.

A pay as you feel event, a lovely way to brush off the winter chills by warming your soul with a lovely bowl of homemade soup.

There are just two cafes left both on a Tuesday, August 9, and September 13.

Held in the internal street in the Hub.

Another activity to clear the winter fog and spark the brain into gear is our board and card games days.

Each Monday at 12:30pm have a bit of fun learning a new board game or have a crack at playing cards. It's all very light-hearted and good for a laugh.

Also on a Monday, we have one on one sessions with Geoff for those of you who need a helping hand with your Android phone or tablet such as Samsung Galaxy phones.

Geoff can help you get set up, trouble shoot and teach you how to navigate your phone in no time at all.

Book in for a session on either Monday or Tuesday 1-3pm.

Mondays also brings Cyber Security sessions with Peter.

The aim of the information sharing sessions is to discuss, understand and help you avoid exposure to an array of threats and vulnerabilities from cyber-criminals and hackers.

These sessions are proving to be very popular.

Towards the end of the month, we have our SnapFish photo book sessions.

Create your book of choice whether it's a book on your last holidays, your grandchild's favourite game, family holidays or a special event, it's bound to impress.

Our volunteer, Gero will be there to help you create your memories for those that are new to the world of Snap-Fishing.

BYO photos on device, laptop or tablet. Email address required. Suitable for all abilities. Every fourth Wednesday of the month with the first one for the term on July 27.

Lastly gather your garments for repair and bundle up any clean garments and textiles for Upparel recycling.

Our volunteers at the Garment Repair café can repair garments, sew buttons and hems, simple repairs on pillow-case and generally renew garments and freshen your wardrobe.

The café also supports Upparel.

An organisation on a mission to reduce the number of textiles/clothing that end up in landfill. Your items will be upcycled into socks and quality useful products.

The Repair Café takes place the last Saturday of the month beginning July 30, 10am to 12pm.

For bookings and more information on any of our activities contact our office on 5674 2444 or go to [www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au](http://www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au)



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## Innovative grant fund supports Bass Coast creative

STATE Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale recently announced a \$40,835 grant to local multi-disciplinary artist Chelle Destefano of North Wonthaggi as part of the Creators Fund.

Chelle is among 70 Victorian creatives and creative collectives supported through the grant pool of almost \$2.7 million.

Chelle will develop a series of performance videos interpreting Auslan poetry into choreographed dances, working under the mentorship of Nina Sanadze.

Chelle is also currently installing 'What I Wish I'd Told You', a major deaf exhibition in collaboration with Claire Bridge, opening July 23, at 3pm and running until August 28, at Footscray Community Arts Centre.

Since its launch in 2017, the Creators Fund has invested almost \$6 million directly into the careers of Victorian creatives.

To find out more about the Creators Fund, recipients and their exciting projects, visit [creative.vic.gov.au](http://creative.vic.gov.au). For current creative grant opportunities visit [creative.vic.gov.au/grants-and-support](http://creative.vic.gov.au/grants-and-support). To book tickets (free) to Chelle's exhibition visit [footscrayarts.com/event/what-i-wish-id-told-you/](http://footscrayarts.com/event/what-i-wish-id-told-you/)

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## Understanding the context

Father Darren Howie, Parish Priest St. Joseph's Parish, Wonthaggi

WHEN people read passages from the Bible for example Isaiah 66:12: "For thus says the Lord: Now towards her (that is Jerusalem) I send flowing like a peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations."

It is easy for people to think this type of language is artificial, unreal, and exaggerating because they are not familiar with how the original listeners would have heard it, they are not familiar with the context and the expressions used.

As Australians, or to be more precise Victorians, if we heard someone say on July 2, 2022, that the Bombers reigned victorious over the Swans you would not think that language was stilted or artificial because you understand the context in which it is written.

No doubt last September there were many Christians who were jubilant that the Demons (Melbourne Football Club) had triumphed.

It is virtually impossible to write a large body of work which will be understood as it was originally intended some 2000 years later if you are not familiar with the culture of the times in which it was written.

The point being there have been many people who having become more familiar with how the original audience would have understood a scripture passage came to appreciate scripture even more.

When we read scripture, we may pick up a lot of the meaning for example the Last Supper and the parable of the prodigal son, but we will not pick up all the nuances of meaning which an original listener would have, or someone who has studied scripture in-depth.

Unfortunately, there are some scripture passages for which if we do not understand the expressions used at the time, we are in danger of getting the wrong picture of Jesus altogether.

For example, in Luke 9:59-60 are found the words: 'Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Jesus' listeners knew that the young man's father had not just died.

The father could have lived another 10 to 20 years or even more.

The more someone appreciates scripture as it was originally intended the more, they can see that as stated in John 10:10: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."



Mark Avery and Jenny Alexander were delighted to receive \$5k in funding for the Fishy Stories Festival last Wednesday as part of South Gippsland Shire's Community Grants program.



Ken Scrimshaw of Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Cricket Club and Andrew Brick of Koonwarra Recreation Reserve Committee of Management were thrilled with the funding the organisations received.



Friends of Toora and District Pool's Alyssa Bennett was thankful to council to receive more than \$6k for shade umbrellas.



Miranda Wilson of Leongatha Gymnastics Club was ecstatic that the club received \$10k through council's community grants.



Jeanette and Greg McGrath of Jeetho Hall and Strzelecki Lions Club president Russell Jones were pleased with the funding they received through the shire's community grants program.



Jess Hill of Loch and Mycalie James of Wonthaggi enjoyed being back at bowling again after the pandemic. C05\_3022



Maddie Thompson of Foster and Lauren Potter of Budgeree enjoyed a couple of rounds of bowling on Friday. C06\_3022



Emily Betts of Leongatha and Nathan Sammut of Foster wait their turn at ten pin bowling. C07\_3022



Daniel Anderson of Leongatha and Dean Kimmer of Korumburra strike it lucky with Dean securing his first turkey. C08\_3022

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at South Gippsland Shire's community grants evening, the All Abilities League at Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling and the Footy 4 Fun clinic at Inverloch Recreation Reserve.



Natalie, Kathy and Tyler of Bass Coast Specialist School grab a bite before hitting the lanes for Friday's all abilities league. C10\_3022

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Shelley Banders of Strzelecki Public Hall was overjoyed that the group received \$10k for the hall's community plan.



Hawks fan Arianna Hetherington had her t-shirt signed by the Hawthorn AFLW players including Bridie Hipwell on Saturday. Z13\_3022



Harlow Reed of Inverloch took part in the Footy 4 Fun clinic at Inverloch Recreation Reserve on Saturday morning, meeting AFLW Hawthorn players Charlotte Baskaran and Bridie Hipwell.



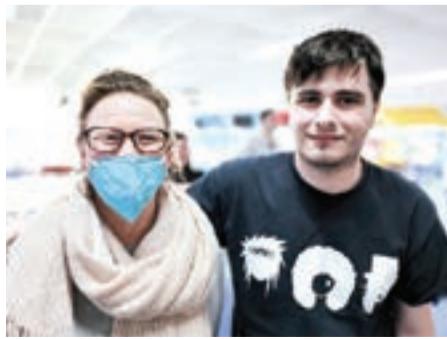
AFL Victoria partnership coordinator for East Gippsland Mitch Hawkins and partnership officer for South Gippsland and Bass Coast, Bianca Hooper managed the Footy 4 Fun clinic in Inverloch.



Seth and Emmit of Bass Coast Specialist School prepare for this week's ten pin round at Phillip Island. C12\_3022



Ben and Sara celebrate Ben's first results and prepare for the second bowl. C11\_3022



Luke Chetcuti of Wonthaggi and disability support worker, Melissa Bourke of Leongatha love the team spirit of bowling in all abilities league. C09\_3022

# Live music and much more at The Cally

THE Caledonian Hotel, Wonthaggi, continues to revive its heritage as a top destination for a night out, with their exciting *Absolutely 80s* show coming up soon.

Live music has always been part of The Cally's DNA, and there's no shortage of talented artists heading their way in the coming months.

*Absolutely 80s*, which will be held on Friday, August 19, is set to feature Scott Carne (Kids in the Kitchen), Bryan Mannix (Uncanny XMEN) and Ally Fowler (Chantoozies).

This show is part of their UK Hits Tour where they pay tribute to the best of British New Wave and New Romantic acts of the 80's including Simple Minds, Billy Idol, The Clash, U2 and Kim Wilde. They will also play their own big hits including 'Everybody wants to work', 'Change in mood', 'Wanna be up', 'Current Stand', '50 years' and 'Witch Queen' and loads more 80s chart toppers.

It's a high octane two hour show with the UK's biggest hits sung by the 80s stars who know how to hold the crowd in awe and whip 'em up into a dancing sing along frenzy. Ticket available at [shorturl.at/eqtxY](http://shorturl.at/eqtxY)

While Twisted Horizon are visiting on September 24, as part of their tour supporting the release of their album, *Road to*

Revival Tour.

And direct from America, the official Blues Brothers Revue will land on Saturday, October 8, with tickets available at [shorturl.at/fzCL5](http://shorturl.at/fzCL5)

There will also be a comedy night featuring Dave O'Neil on Thursday, October 13, with tickets going on sale soon.

Other exciting upcoming shows include:

- Friday, July 29: The Spitting Swallows
- Saturday, July 30: DJ Boof
- Friday, August 5: DJ Boof
- Saturday, August 6: The Flaming Mushrooms
- Friday, August 12: Alysha and Duffy
- Saturday, August 13: Roller Toaster
- Sunday, August 14: Mao and Bec (from the Cover Council)

There are dozens of other acts to suit the tastes of all patrons including Sunday Afternoon acoustic sessions, karaoke and DJ's along with live bands every Saturday night (free entry before 9pm on Saturday nights). Check out the events page on the Cally's Facebook page for details.

The Cally also offers a free courtesy bus, the 'Cally Cruiser'.

The kitchen is open from 12pm through to 8pm, seven days a week, with seniors discounts available.



The official Blues Brothers Revue will be performing at The Cally on Saturday, October 8.

## Winterfest is coming to Mirboo North this week

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/](http://www.instagram.com/mirboonorthwinterfest/)



The Winterfest festival will be held in Mirboo North across the weekend of July 29.

**Absolutely 80s**  
UK HITS TOUR  
KIDS IN THE KITCHEN / UNCANNY XMEN / CHANTOOZIES  
PLAYING ALL THEIR MASSIVE HITS WITH THE ABSOLUTELY 80s BAND  
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**WONTHAGGI BINGO**  
LOCAL RADIO **3mFM** 88.1 89.1 89.5  
Workmen's Club Thursday nights  
Eyes down at 8pm  
Raffles, Door prizes,  
Lucky number jackpot  
3mFM Bingo... Now both Wednesday & Thursday  
30 Games! Volunteers needed to help make our Bingo even better!



## Bass Coast Fine Film Group presents "Compartment No. 6"

AT 10.45am, Sunday, July 31, the Bass Coast Fine Film Group (BCFFG) is screening the Cannes Festival winning film from Finnish director, Juho Kuosmanen, "Compartment No. 6".

Set during the 1990s in Russia, Finnish student Laura has been abandoned by her lover, glamorous professor Irina on a planned joint trip across the country to visit a historic site.

Taking the trip on her own, she has to share a train compartment with misogynistic drunk, Vadim. As the journey progresses, Laura and Vadim forge an unlikely bond.

Director Juho Kuosmanen has created a sparkling and inventive film about connection between two very disparate people in the tradition of films such as *Lost in Translation*, that the *Wall Street Journal* praised as "an impossibly beautiful film".

Screening at 10.45am on Sunday, July 31, at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Tickets are available at the box office, or through Trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=933576&>

Details and trailer for the film are available through the BCFFG website:

<https://bcffgfilms.weebly.com/compartment-no-6.html>

BCFFG members entry free; general public welcome with tickets at usual box office prices.

The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored and supported by the Bass Coast Shire.

**Bass Coast Fine Film Group**  
10.45am SUNDAY 31st JULY  
COMPARTMENT NO. 6  
Cannes Film Festival winner & 'one of the best films of the year', Compartment No. 6 is an unusual love story that takes place as two strangers share a train journey across the Arctic Circle.  
Tickets via Trybooking or Box Office  
Members, remember your membership card!  
@ Wonthaggi Union Cinema  
96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.  
Check the website for more info:  
[basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com](http://basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com)



## QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

### AUSTRALIAN TRIVIA

- [\$100] Which one of the following people became Prime Minister first? A. Kevin Rudd. B. Malcolm Turnbull. C. Julia Gillard. D. Tony Abbott.
- [\$200] What is the main ingredient of Vegemite? A. Peanuts. B. Malt extract. C. Brewers' yeast. D. Cabbage.
- [\$300] Which one is further north? A. Mackay. B. Airlie Beach. C. Bowen. D. Bundaberg.
- [\$500] How much of Australia's population lives on the coast? A. 25%. B. 45%. C. 65%. D. 85%.
- [\$1000] Who was Australia's Prime Minister when Queen Elizabeth II became Queen of England? A. Ben Chifley. B. Robert Menzies. C. Harold Holt. D. Frank Forde.
- [\$2000] What is the largest desert in Australia? A. The Great Victorian Desert. B. Great Sandy Desert. C. Tanami. D. Simpson Desert.
- [\$4000] When did the Gold Rush start in Australia? A. 1781. B. 1821. C. 1851. D. 1911.
- [\$8000] According to the 2021 Census, how many people live in Victoria? A. 4.5 million. B. 5.5 million. C. 6.5 million. D. 7.5 million.
- [\$16,000] Who named New South Wales? A. Abel Tasman. B. Captain Cook. C. Captain William Bligh. D. King Henry VIII.
- [\$32,000] Which cake is often referred to as "the national cake of Australia"? A. Lamington. B. Vanilla slice. C. Pavlova. D. Passionfruit sponge.
- [\$64,000] Which town is known as the "cherry capital of Australia"? A. Young NSW. B. Bathurst NSW. C. Dandenong Ranges Vic. D. Huon Valley TAS.
- [\$125,000] How long is the Great Barrier Reef? A. 1230km. B. 1400km. C. 1630km. D. 2300km.

- [\$250,000] What was the first national park in Australia? A. Royal National Park. B. Lamington National Park. C. The Grampians National Park. D. Springbrook National Park.
- [\$500,000] When did Canberra become the capital city? A. 1936. B. 1922. C. 1914. D. 1901.
- [\$1,000,000] How many UNESCO World Heritage sites are there in Australia? A. 10 sites. B. 14 sites. C. 19 sites. D. 23 sites.

**Quiz Answers:** 1. A. Kevin Rudd. 2. C. Brewers' yeast. 3. C. Bowen. 4. D. 85%. 5. B. Robert Menzies. 6. A. The Great Victorian Desert (48,750 sq.km). 7. A. Young NSW. 8. C. 6.5 million. 9. B. Cappachin Cook. 10. A. Lamington. 11. A. D. 267,250 sq.km. 12. D. 2300km. 13. A. Royal National Park. 14. A. 1936. 15. C. 1914. 16. D. 1901. 17. A. D. 1922. 18. C. 1914. 19. B. 1851. 20. B. 1936. 21. C. 1914. 22. D. 1901. 23. A. 10 sites. 24. B. 14 sites. 25. C. 19 sites. 26. D. 23 sites.

## SUDOKU

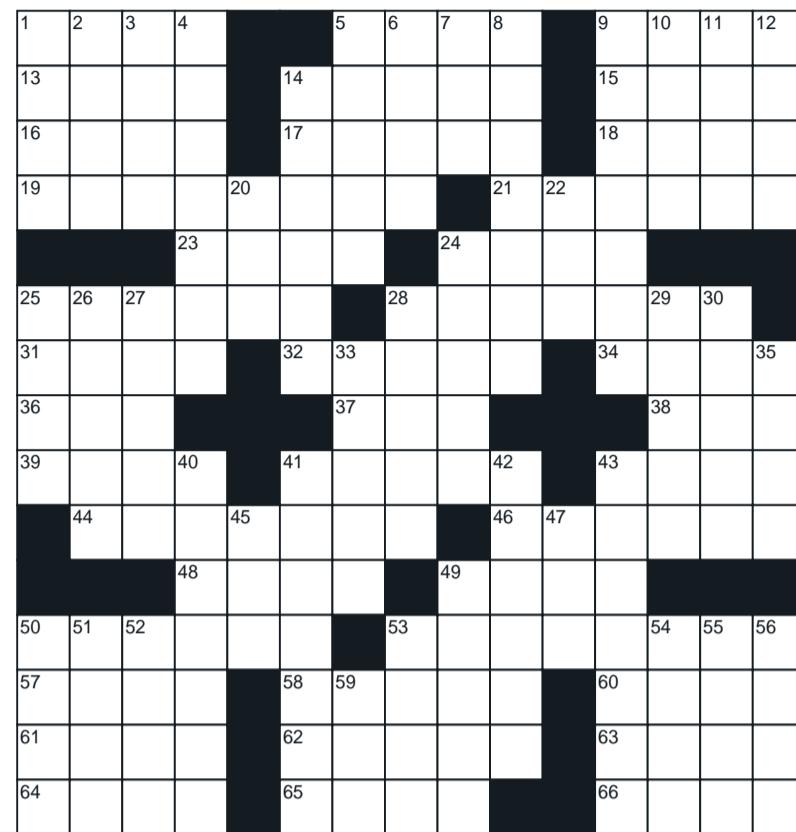
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## CROSSWORD



## CALCUDOKU

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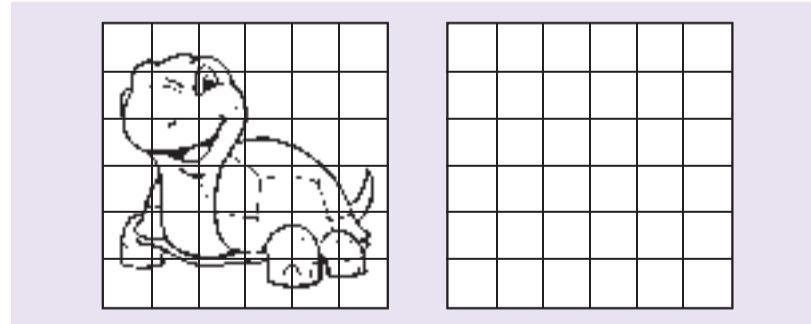
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## WORD WHEEL



Create as many words of 4 letters or more, using the letters once only and always including the letter in the middle of the wheel.

## COPY THE PICTURE



#### Quick Crossword:

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#### Sudoku:

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SOLUTIONS: July 19, 2022



## Executive residence

LOCATED in the highly sought-after village of Meenyan, is this executive style home.

Luxuriously appointed with quality fixtures and fittings throughout, you will love everything about this property. From the open plan spaciousness in the main living area, to the expansive surrounding outlook. Built by a reputable local builder.

Some of the great features of the home are:

- Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, one study
- Open plan kitchen/dining/living area, second living/rumpus room, additional parents retreat room
- Spacious master bedroom with walk in robe, and resort style ensuite
- Remaining three bedrooms are all generous in size and feature built in robes
- Fully appointed kitchen with Caesar stone bench tops, quality appliances and massive walk-in pantry
- Stylish second bathroom with a separate powder room
- Solid fuel heating and reverse cycle air conditioners
- North facing, outdoor alfresco area
- Spacious double lock up car garage
- Separate, spacious laundry
- Approximately 3492m<sup>2</sup> block, with back yard access
- Massive shed, perfect for the tradie, lock up, concrete, power & electronic roller doors

This stunning residence is in immaculate condition and boasts a very functional floor plan for everyday living.

The desirable location provides the best of both worlds, with easy access to all town amenities as well as the openness of a large block in town.

Don't miss the opportunity to inspect this gorgeous home.

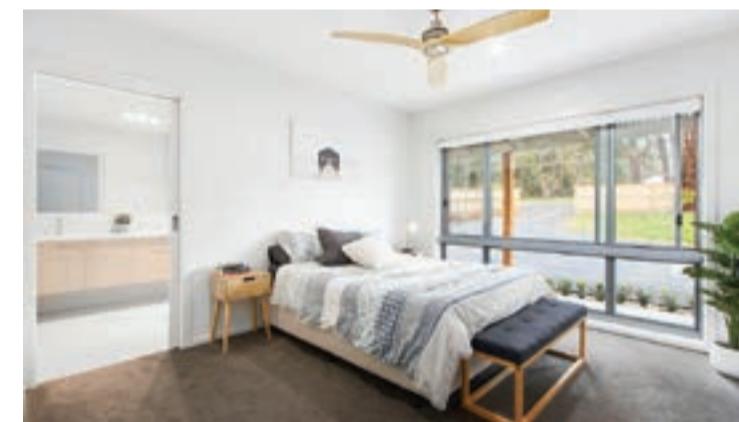
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12-14 Whitelaw Street, **Meenyan**

**For Sale** \$1,250,000

**Agent** Nutrien Harcourts

Kellie Thomas 0438 647 449



### Nutrien Harcourts

### Harcourts

NEW LISTING



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FOR SALE



#### HALLSTON

3.3 Acres approx. with Planning Permit!

- Current planning permit to build your home.
- 3.3 acres approx. parcel of land.
- Proposed 3 bed, 2 bathroom home.

**FOR SALE** \$470,000

#### DUMBALK

Magnificent Valley Views!

- Set on 50.14 acres with beautiful rural views.
- Modern 3 BR, 2 bathroom BV home.
- 2 living areas with natural light.

**FOR SALE** \$1,250,000

Barry Redmond



0477 622 292

Director/Licensed Estate Agent

Kellie Thomas



0438 647 449

Licensed Estate Agent

#### MEENIYAN

All the Works Been Done!

- Fully renovated 3 BR, 2 bathroom home.
- New kitchen with all modern appliances.
- Lovely undercover alfresco area.

**FOR SALE** \$650,000

Matt Redmond



0418 357 341

Licensed Estate Agent

#### YALLOURN NORTH

Acreage, Views & Comfort!

- Ranch style 4 BR, 2 bathroom BV home.
- Open plan kitchen, dining and family area.
- Set on 2.5 acres of well maintained land.

**FOR SALE** \$899,000

Monique Dightman



5662 2292

Office Administrator & Digital Marketing Manager





# Choosing the right agent for you

WHAT qualities do you look out for when selecting an agent to handle one of the most significant transactions you'll ever make?

It's a very important decision and often involves the most money you may ever invest in your lifetime; therefore, it's imperative to know you're in good hands.

Whether purchasing, selling or leasing property, be sure to know your agent is acting in the best interests of their client and aiming to achieve the best possible outcome for all involved.

Be sure to know that you're receiving expert and up to date advice; it's also important the agent has experience, and there is clear, open and constant communication and a high-

quality service, not just a flashy discounted rate to secure your business.

What many people may not realise is the rental and sales departments work synergistically together to provide a holistic service to each sector.

At Alex Scott & Staff, they love nothing more than helping match people to properties and establishing a long-standing relationship with tenants, landlords, vendors and purchasers.

Alex Scott & Staff pride themselves on their rich history within the local farming and residential communities in the area that realises business repeated many times over via these strong relationships.

There's no denying Korumburra and surrounding areas have become increasingly popular for new families

and businesses making a lifestyle change and each of the team has strong demand for residential and commercial rental properties, as well as all forms of real estate from houses, to blocks, farms and industrial premises.

Commercial Portfolio Manager, Tara Cooper, was "astounded by the number of people looking for commercial premises to lease for new businesses, particularly in Korumburra" and would welcome some more.

Scott McKenzie and Christie Nelson from the sales team have both been in the industry since 1998 and 2000, respectively, and say they've never seen such a high ratio of buyers compared to listings.

The strong sales market has also

put some pressure on the availability of rentals due to a number of properties being sold with vacant possession.

Full-time Residential Property Manager, Bek Carrolan, welcomes a friendly chat about the management of your property and can answer any questions regarding the recent changes to the Residential Tenancies Act you may have.

Bricks and mortar investments are still a wonderful long-term asset and with vacancy rates at basically zero, Bek would be more than happy to assist with the management of your property.

Please don't hesitate to make contact with any of their friendly Korumburra team to assist you with your real estate journey.



## Tara Cooper Commercial Property Manager

Tara has had more than 10 years' previous commercial experience, including working in shopping centre management-owned/managed by companies such as JLL, Colliers, Aventus Property, to managing large portfolios that consist of a mix of commercial, retail, industrial and commercial farm leases.

Tara was property leasing officer at the City of Casey and commercial agreements officer at Parks Victoria before joining the Alex Scott & Staff team in 2019. Tara manages the entire commercial leasing portfolio for all the Alex Scott & Staff branches. Call Tara on 0428 022 715.



## Scott McKenzie Licensed Estate Agent

Scott has been working in the industry since 1998 and is one of the longest-serving real estate agents in the Korumburra area. His farming background and knowledge of the local area is a tremendous asset when it comes to selling property in the region.

Over the 23 years spent in the real estate industry in Korumburra, there are not too many properties Scott has not visited or sold, and in some cases sold multiple times. Call Scott on 0427 552 898.



## Bek Carrolan Residential Property Manager

We are excited to welcome Bek Carrolan to our Alex Scott & Staff Korumburra team.

Bek offers over four years experience in the Real Estate industry and is our full time Property Manager, looking after all our residential and small rural properties in Korumburra. Bek can assist with management of properties in Korumburra, Bena, Jumbunna and all surrounding areas.

Bek is diligent, friendly and approachable and is looking forward to helping all our current and future clients with all their Property Management needs.



## Christie Nelson Licensed Estate Agent

Christie is a licensed agent who began working in the real estate industry when she was 18 and therefore has a career that to date, spans over approximately half of her adult life; so it's fair to say the job is in the blood.

Christie is an excellent communicator, has extensive experience with all forms of real estate, including new estates, lifestyle, residential and rural properties and combines this experience with a personable, no pressure approach to real estate dealings. Call Christie on 0407 812 904.



## Character filled residence in the heart of Leongatha

ALEX Scott Leongatha is proud to present this magnificent property boasting character and charm set on an incredible residential block of approximately 1169 sqm with a laneway to the rear.

The current owners have worked extremely hard to bring this property to life with their tasteful design ideas and respect for the original features of the home.

Nothing more to do, this home has had new weatherboards to the exterior, new windows installed, 6.6kw solar panels added and a great sized entertainer's deck built out the back.

The brand-new large kitchen is a real standout, highlighting soft close grey cabinetry with gold handles, white subway tiles as the backsplash, timber floating shelves either side of the rangehood, wall oven with microwave slot above, gas cooktop, dishwasher and ample cupboard space with the bonus of a large walk-in pantry.

The master bedroom is carpeted and includes a reverse cycle air conditioner, large walk-in wardrobe plus mirror fronted built in robes.

The two other bedrooms boast the polished timber boards, one with mirror fronted built in robes and large ceiling rose.

The ensuite has been cleverly designed

to include a corner shower, full sized bath, toilet, vanity and timeless black and white floor tiles that complement the black tap ware.

There is a study nook/ sunroom to the back of the home that has direct access onto the deck, the separate toilet plus laundry/ family bathroom branch off this space.

Externally the property contains a well-maintained concrete driveway and parking area with established plants and trees creating a sense of privacy and fruit bearing.

Behind the sides gates there is a large shed with concrete flooring and power which is perfect for parking and/or a workshop space.

The backyard is rather flat, massive in size and will be perfect for your pets or children to play.

3 | 2 | 4 | 1,169m<sup>2</sup>

15 Ogilvy Street, Leongatha

For Sale \$849,000

Agent Alex Scott & Staff

Emily Clifford 0422 622 299

Andrew Newton 0402 940 320



**LEONGATHA**



**Unit 3/4 Miles Lane**

- 2 Bedroom, 1 bathroom
- 1 lock-up garage
- Close to CBD

**\$385,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**LOCH**



**6430A South Gippsland Highway**

- Genuine Vendors moving on
- Dual occupancy on 4.94 acres, pool
- Fantastic shedding, studio, B & B potential

**\$1,290,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**GRANTVILLE**



**167 Grantville-Glen Alvie Road**

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- 3.3 acres of lifestyle
- Subdivision potential

**\$1,290,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**16 McMahon Way**

- Executive residence in top location
- 3 living, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Massive "Man Cave" to rear

**\$749,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**MEENIYAN**



**1 Ross Street**

- Beautiful cottage on large block
- 2 bedroom, 1 bath + shed
- Ideal central location near CBD

**\$599,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**54 Shellcot Road**

- 713m<sup>2</sup> block with site cut
- Adjoining Daisybank Estate
- NB: dirt piles soon to be removed

**\$235,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**CORINELLA**



**3 Gaudi Boulevard**

- 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Neat family home
- An entertainers delight

**\$760,000-\$790,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**6 Fairywren Close**

- Perfect retirement position
- 3 large bedrooms, open plan living
- Easy walk to CBD

**\$799,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**Unit 2/29 Jeffrey Street**

- Stunning 2 storey apartment
- Beautiful upgrade throughout
- Close to CBD & schools

**\$455,000 - \$485,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**134 Isabella Boulevard**

- Daisybank Estate
- 759m<sup>2</sup> - Ready to build on
- All services available

**\$265,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**JAM JERRUP**



**78 Foreshore Road**

- 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Foreshore frontage
- Uninterrupted bay views

**\$790,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**19 Merrin Crescent**

- Amazing restoration, perfect location
- Sunny north aspect, large living zone
- Huge rear yard with lane access

**\$885,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**20 Koonwarra Road**

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Carport and lock up shed
- Low maintenance, close to CBD

**\$530,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**26 Hillcrest Way**

- Immaculate 3 bdrm home on 1.25 acres
- Stunning rural views, edge of town
- Ensuite, private setting, ent. & shedding

**\$950,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**GLEN FORBES**



**2185 Dalyston-Glen Forbes Rd**

- Maccas Farm
- 158 acres
- Massive agri-tourism enterprise

**Auction this Saturday**

Contact: Grantville Office

**KILCUNDA**



**3270 Bass Highway**

- Super rare small acreage with views
- Trendy modern home
- Views from every room

**\$1,580,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**

**5662 0922**  
41 Bair Street

Andrew Newton 0402 940 320  
Emily Clifford 0422 622 299

**KORUMBURRA**

**5655 1133**  
36 Bridge Street

Christie Nelson 0407 812 904  
Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

**GRANTVILLE**

**5678 8433**  
1505 Bass Highway

Greg Kane 0477 020 267  
Nathan Cleeland 0497 114 568  
Emily Clifford 0422 622 299

**WONTHAGGI**

**5672 1911**  
Cnr Murray & Billson Streets

Dan Huther 0418 334 801  
Cal Nation 0439 334 163  
Mick Chambers 0418 349 783  
Phil Hanley 0417 140 508



## FARMING BRIEFS

### Pollination season to proceed

AGRICULTURE Victoria has taken steps to ensure this year's almond pollination season goes ahead with permits to be issued to Victorian, Queensland and South Australian beekeepers allowing them to enter the Sunraysia region.

Agriculture Victoria will continue to review the situation and consider making amendments to the permit system as conditions change.

The state's almond producers, located in the Sunraysia region require between 150,000 and 200,000 hives to pollinate crops every August.

Permit applications can be made through at [agriculture.vic.gov.au/varroa](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/varroa)

### Women in Dairy roadshow

IN RESPONSE to the recent outbreaks of FMD and LSD in Indonesia, hear from Agriculture Victoria District Vets, Dr Dianne Phillips and Dr Nikkie Chadee on the potential impacts on the ag/dairy industry, general information on FMD and LSD, what to look for, transmission and the likelihood of either disease entering Australia, biosecurity measures that are put in place if there was an outbreak of either disease and a Q and A.

Each session will run from 11am-1pm and run in Yarram (Wednesday, August 3), Warragul (Tuesday, August 9) and Macalister Irrigation District (Wednesday, August 10). Register at [dairyaustralia.com.au/events-calendar](http://dairyaustralia.com.au/events-calendar)

### Call for riverside camping halt

THE VFF is calling for an immediate suspension of the rules that allow camping on riverside farmland due to the biosecurity risks posed by both LSD and FMD.

"Uncontrolled public access to farmland presents the most serious risk to farm biosecurity and we believe it's a no brainer to suspend the rules that allow camping on riverside farmland," VFF President Emma Germano said.

Strict biosecurity measures at farms designed to keep out disease could be rendered useless if public access remained open.

"Farmers carefully protect our biosecurity because it is fundamental to our ability to produce quality, nutritious and safe food for our community, and to maintain market access around the globe."



The South Gippsland Dairy Expo is back, on September 7 and 8, expanded now to take in a wider sweep of farming interests.

## Former St Kilda star at dairy expo

IT'S back! The Strzelecki Lions Club's South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo will be back at the Korumburra Recreation Reserve for the first time in three years on Wednesday, September 7 and Thursday, September 8.

And despite missing two physical events in 2020 (virtual expo) and 2021, the expo will celebrate more than 21 years of providing the local dairying community with an event showcasing the latest innovations, products, and services available to the dairy industry.

Organisers expect the usual spread of exhibitors and supporters, and will be offering visitors plenty of incentive to come back including the chance to win \$5000 in the Udder Truth show bag competition, which is sponsored by South-East Organic Fertiliser.

One of the organisers of the event, Deanne Kennedy, said the response to the return of the expo had been very encouraging.

"We are looking forward to making our big return to Korumburra in September. The

committee is looking forward to renewing its core objective to provide our local farming community with a one-stop shop for them to enable them to conduct their business and see the latest in services and technology," said Deanne.

"We're also excited to announce the involvement of Westpac as our major sponsor."

Ms Kennedy said this year's expo would provide broader appeal to the farming community of Gippsland.

"The committee has added the word 'Farming' to the South Gippsland Dairy Expo this year. This addition is to reassure other agricultural enterprises that we have plenty of exhibitors who not only service the dairy industry."

There has already been a big response from exhibitors.

"The committee has received a fantastic response from sponsors and exhibitors; with the current allocation of sites almost complete, the committee will look at opening up additional locations."

So, the expo is set to pick up from where the 2019 expo

left off.

"Bring it on, as Graeme Lancley, an inaugural committee member says, bigger and better than ever."

"We'd expect that there will be upwards of 120 exhibitors."

Matt Harms from OnFarm is also back again, hosting a session called 'Are you seen as an employer of Formula One standard?'

Matt will be presenting on Wednesday, September 7 at 11am.

Many people know the formula for what makes a great employee; this is an opportunity to come along to learn the formula to make you an employer of choice.

Panel members include: Andrew Perry, dairy farmer, Kongwak; Jasmine Kneebone, farm employee, Denison; Lachlan Harms, farm manager, Leongatha; Tamara Loughridge, farm employee, Poowong North; and Matt Taylor, farm employee, Kongwak.

They will share their ideas on what makes a great employer and what they seek from a career in the dairy industry — Is

your farm up to speed?

South Gippsland Shire Council is the sponsor of this session.

What's on?

- Keynote presentation: On Thursday, September 8 at 11am, Nathan Burke will speak — a former champion with St Kilda Football Club and current coach of the AFL Women's Western Bulldogs team. He will share his experiences about 'Achieving your goals and relying on other people to deliver'. Reid Stockfeeds and the National Australia Bank are sponsoring this session.
- The Gumboot Gift: On Wednesday, September 7 at 1pm, the prestigious 120-metre gumboot footrace will take place. It is a must-see and do event, with male and female sections and a prize pool of \$4000.

South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo opening hours are 10am to 3.30pm daily, and the cost is \$15 (free admission for under 16s). For more information, phone Deanne Kennedy on 0419 878 055 or email: [dairyexpo@jaydee.net.au](mailto:dairyexpo@jaydee.net.au)

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## Saputo distribution comes 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 Meeniyan-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



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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, Meeniyan 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 Moorey) 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.

## MARKET REPORT

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### Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monay, July 18, 2022

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 Friesian Heifers .....\$130 to \$800  
 Beef Bulls .....\$40 to \$780  
 Beef Heifers .....\$40 to \$510  
 Number of Calves: **380**  
 Number purchased to rear: **129**

### Feedlot demand growing

WHILE one seller at Friday's Koonwarra store sale described the early action as "a buyers' market", there were still some solid prices paid.

Rohan McRae, Elders Korumburra and Leongatha branch manager and auctioneer, found plenty of demand for a feature line of Omeo District bred Angus steers.

The 109 animals from Julie Kay livestock, weighing between 550 and 600 kilos each fetched an average price of a just over \$3000, with Rohan referring to them as "well bred".

Nutrien auctioneer Brian McCormack said competition between feedlot operators is quite strong at the moment, particularly for cattle in the 420 to 530 kilogram range.

"The market's going alright for this time of year," he said.

Louise Brooks and Bevan Brinkley of Inverloch came to buy, with Louise a regular at the store sale.

"I love it, just the whole atmosphere," she said.

Over 800 head of cattle were up for sale.

## CONJUNCTIONAL DAIRY SALE

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For more information on Landcare Week activities, to read about some incredible Landcare stories and see what is happening at your local Landcare visit [landcareaustralia.org.au](http://landcareaustralia.org.au).

### Dire climate scorecard

THE recent State of the Environment report paints a dire picture of environmental harm that comes as no surprise to Australian farmers, who see first-hand the damage done by climate change.

Farmers for Climate Action CEO Dr Fiona Davis said climate change, driven by the burning of fossil fuels, is hurting rural communities by making floods, fire and drought worse.

"Farmers and their communities rely on a healthy environment for their livelihoods, and to grow the food we eat," Dr Davis said.

"They deserve safety and security."

"Farmers are leading the way on emissions reduction, and it's time the coal, gas and transport sectors did their bit too."

A report produced by EY for Farmers for Climate Action found agriculture could reach net zero by 2040 whilst increasing production and without shrinking the beef herd or sheep flock.

## LARDNER PARK BI-MONTHLY DAIRY SALE

An established regular market for all classes of dairy cattle held on the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month.

### NEXT DAIRY SALE:

**Friday, August 5  
at 11am**

**A/c - T.J Santucci - Drouin South –  
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**25** - In milk Holstein cows having calved from May to freshly calved. Large framed with majority on 2nd-4th lactation being bred using Glomar Stud Sires by Medallion, Merit, Roumare, Planet & Quantum. Current Production Avg 23ltrs, 3.7BF, 3.0Prot, 125,000 BMCC. Grass only. No bale feed

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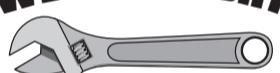
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Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan visited the Western Port Woodlands calling on greater action and a reverse of the government's sand mining approval.

## Environment report paints dire picture of climate inaction

Australia:

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- Stop all new coal and gas projects and phase out existing reliance on fossil fuels
- Ensure all environmental assessments of new gas and coal projects are responsible and evidence-based, and include scope 3 emissions from all projects.

The report also found that since the early 20th century, average Australian land temperatures have increased by 1.4 °C, and regional sea surface temperatures by 1.1 °C.

The report states that overall, the state and trend of the environment of Australia are poor and deteriorating as a result of increasing pressures from Climate Change, habitat loss, invasive species, pollution and resource extraction.

The latest State of the Environment Report has even prompted Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, to make a direct request to the Victorian Planning Minister about sand mining in the Western Port Woodlands.

"That is a problem we have here as well," Mayor Whelan stated.

"This beautiful Western Port Woodlands is under threat from sand mining.

"The (state) Minister recently approved sand mining extending into this area which will mean this will be bulldozed.

"It's really important for the movement of animals - we must save it."

For further information on the Climate Council go to [climatecouncil.org.au](http://climatecouncil.org.au) or to view the report visit [soe.dccew.gov.au](http://soe.dccew.gov.au)

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# Changing seasons in the Gippsland Hills

KARDELLA'S Meredith Freeman will speak about her recently released book 'A Garden of Useful Plants, Seasons in the Gippsland Hills', this Saturday as part of Korumburra's current art exhibition.

The book centres on the Freemans Strzelecki Ranges property of nine acres.

"I've put it in the context of a year of seasons," Meredith said, explaining she has set the book with regard to eight indigenous seasons as opposed to the four seasons known to settlers from the northern hemisphere.

That reflects a sense of seasonality based on what plants and animals were doing in a particular period and on the weather.

The Hot North Wind and Fish Trap Season is the first described.

"During this period of intense heat and hot north winds, daily life was centred on the waterways and river camps," the book says.

Meredith notes that with river flows at their lowest for the year, that season was ideal for repairing existing fish and eel traps and constructing new ones.

With the season running between what is now December to February, Meredith then describes what happens during that period at the Freemans property.

Throughout the book she touches on ideas concerning the environment and biodiversity.

"It all focuses on our nine acres," Meredith said.

"There's a lot about veggie gardening in it because I've always grown veggies, but it's not just another gardening book."

A bird list also features, along with one outlining native food plants and another on exotic fruit and nut species.

The watercolours of Gil Freeman, Meredith's husband, sit alongside her writing throughout the publication.

Some of the original watercolours will feature at Saturday's event.

Meredith will speak from 4pm on Saturday, July 30, at the Rotary Korumburra Federation Art Gallery, which adjoins the town's library.

## Former Wonthaggi student now an author

A STUDENT at the former Wonthaggi Technical and High School, who is now a freelance writer and author, recently visited the town.

Hartley Henderson, author of the recently published novel, Plantation Man, grew up on a dairy farm at Bena.

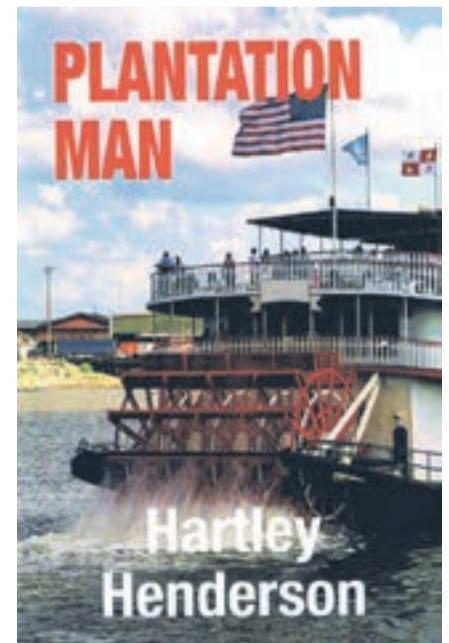
In 1961, he completed Year 12 at the then Wonthaggi High School where he was a prefect, member of the first 18 football team, and senior athletics champion.

His first job after leaving school was as a cadet journalist with the then Korumburra Times.

Later, after moving to Melbourne, he completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree at La Trobe University in politics and economics.

He is a writer who has worked on both sides of the media fence, as part of the media as a journalist, and at other times dealing with the media as a corporate communications manager.

Senior appointments have included national program director with the Productivity Promotion Council of Australia, national operations manager with a marketing company in Sydney, communications manager with Melbourne Water, and account director with a corporate communications



consultancy in Melbourne.

For the last 20 years he has worked as a freelance writer for a wide range of industry focused magazines.

Topics he has covered include advanced manufacturing, developments in packaging and labelling, supply chain management, exporting, product

piracy, water and energy conservation, construction productivity, green construction and solar power.

During his career he has also written advertising copy, video film scripts, newsletters, speeches for senior people within industry and government, and contributed to a book of readings on physical distribution management.

His novel Plantation Man is set in the southern US state of Louisiana.

It provides a sensitive account of how a catastrophic event such as a major hurricane can result in the lives of complete strangers being impacted and intertwined.

Jack Lansell, a surgeon from New York, finds himself for a few weeks in New Orleans assisting in dealing with medical trauma in the wake of the hurricane. How did he come to rescue a black man from destitution, own a plantation, go on to discover love, and a new life in the deep south?

Hartley lives on the Mornington Peninsula and has travelled widely, especially in the USA.

Plantation Man can be obtained by going to: [booksonlineaustralia.com.au/plantation-man](http://booksonlineaustralia.com.au/plantation-man)

It is also available at Amazon and Kindle.

## Another Gippsland mental health service folds

A GENERAL meeting of members of Gippsland mental health advocacy, Barrier Breakers, recently voted to place the non-for-profit agency into liquidation.

According to a statement, the association's Board had recommended this drastic course of action as the agency was considered insolvent, as it could not meet its creditor's demands.

Barrier Breakers has provided free advocacy services to people with a mental illness in Gippsland since its formation in 2006.

Founder and long serving director, Derek Amos, said he was deeply saddened by the decision, but accepted the association had no choice but to close its doors.

"The association had pleaded with governments for funding over the years, but little support had been provided," he said.

"It is a tragedy that two of the region's major mental health NFP agencies have been allowed to wind-up their services within the same week."

The other agency, Within Australia, went into voluntary liquidation last week.

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

Typically, these services included one-on-one support for those with mental health needs, as well as social and activity programs, including such things as a photography course.

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

a fragmentation with NDIS services.

As previously reported in the Sentinel-Times, this left 60 staff redundant at offices in Bairnsdale, Sale, Traralgon and Wonthaggi and more than 400 clients with mental illness and disability to find another provider.

Mr Amos said that the (Barrier Breakers) Association's Board had taken steps to transfer its clients to another agency in order to protect their consumers interests.

"The last thing a person, suffering from depression, needs to know is that their needs are no longer being looked after," he said.

"We have gone to great lengths to ensure that their interests are protected and that every possible endeavour will be made to gain a favourable decision for them.

"Our deep concern is for our long-term creditors, who have stood by us over the years."

Mr Amos said that the region's loss of now two pioneering mental health agencies will deal a serious blow to many families in Gippsland.

"Perhaps we should be excused into thinking that the relatively recent Royal Commission into Victoria's mental health system was going to improve people's access to good mental health outcomes," he said.

"We believe Barrier Breakers made a valuable submission to the Commission and we thought the state government's response to its findings by accepting all the recommendations was very heartening."

"However, it leaves us with a sour taste in our mouths for the region to be now be faced with the complete loss of two advocacy agencies, who had a tremendous record of providing help to many thousands of Gippslanders."

## How to get great staff locally

THE Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association is encouraging local business owners to consider attending a free information evening about attracting and retaining qualified staff.

The event will be held on Wednesday, August 3, from 5:30pm – 6:30pm at the Country Universities Centre Bass Coast, 21-23 Baillieu Street, Wonthaggi.

"This event aims to highlight ways we can all work together to create positive opportunities for students in Gippsland, linking them with workplace learning opportunities during their studies," said

University Centre Manager, Andrea Evans-McCall.

The guest speaker's list includes:

- Martin Fuller – CEO, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
- Matt Cook – Director, Deery Consulting - Structural & Civil Engineers
- Jane Darling Sloyan – Community and Business Development Officer, Federation University
- Andrea Evans-McCall – Centre Manager, Country Universities Centre Bass Coast

For more details please email: [futurestudents@federation.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@federation.edu.au)

# Arts direction set in South Gippsland

SOUTH Gippsland Shire's creative future will be guided by the Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy (ACCI) 2022-2026, with the final version of the document receiving the unanimous support of councillors at their July public meeting.

A few of the key stated goals are to attract creative industries to the South Gippsland region, support artists of all abilities, and to establish the shire as a 'creative place of difference' to surrounding areas.

The potential use of the Leongatha Memorial Hall as a performance space and community venue will be explored, the strategy document says.

In the short term, council intends to undertake a business case and feasibility study for the redevelopment of the Memorial Hall.

That will consider a large number of factors such as demographics including population growth, potential of the hall for a multi-use facility, expected demand, impact on small towns within the shire, and whether operational costs can be supported.

A strong business case would need to be demonstrated in order to be in a position to obtain the State and Federal Government funding required to make such a significant project achievable, the strategy document makes clear.

South Gippsland Shire's small halls' ability to bolster the local arts scene is also considered, with the need to better promote these venues through a revamped South Gippsland Small Halls website and encourage more hall committees to participate in the Small Halls Network.

While Coal Creek is considered a potential tourist drawcard, with scope for arts, culture and creative industry engagement to drive visitation, that is defined as a 'medium term' goal.

"To assist Council in deciding on the future of Coal Creek, there needs to be a rigorous business case, community engagement and a cultural impact assessment carried out as soon as possible to enable the longer-term planning for a future use of the site to be determined," the newly adopted strategy states.

The Great Southern Rail Trail's ability to link people to areas of cultural value along its route is considered in the ACCI Strategy.

One area of potential it highlights is the opportunity to "investigate elements of Aboriginal heritage interpretation and sites of significance along the rail trail to highlight rare or special environmental features and flora".

There is a recognition in the ACCI Strategy that most arts organisations in the shire are run by ageing volunteers and that council needs to not only acknowledge their contribution but provide support and training to assist committees.

Investigating options for shared resources with Creative Gippsland is another important consideration noted in the latest ACCI Strategy, with that body including all six councils across Gippsland.



Tony Parisi sees real potential for local arts to become a draw-card for Coal Creek. A14\_3022

# Proof in pudding for South Gippsland arts

KORUMBURRA artist Tony Parisi says the proof will be in the pudding when it comes to South Gippsland Shire Council's commitment to arts in the region.

Tony, along with fellow local artist George Manis, was part of a video conference, contributing ideas during the community consultation process for the Arts, Culture and Creative Industries (ACCI) Strategy 2022-2026.

They did so as representatives of Art Connect South Gippsland.

Tony sees tremendous potential for Coal Creek to draw people to the region, believing it offers an opportunity for a thriving arts setting.

He is pleased to see Coal Creek featured in the new ACCI Strategy, and that it is made clear there is a willingness to explore its scope for arts, culture and creative industry engagement and for driving visitation to the area.

However, Tony feels the ACCI Strategy outlines broad goals and would like to see more specific timeframes specified.

"There are no timelines in terms of a commitment on any projects, and the how and the why are missing, as usually is the case with strategies which are broad documents," he said.

The ACCI Strategy defines a general timeframe for each of its specified goals, describing them as short, medium, or

long term, or as ongoing.

In some cases, the strategy makes clear action needs to be taken as soon as possible.

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Tony would like to see consideration given to establishing centres of excellence in different South Gippsland towns, that takes account of things they are already doing well in the arts scene.

He gave the example of Meenyan, which he said has proven itself adept at attracting musical talent, with that helping bring visitors to town.

"Each town has its own unique story in terms of the arts," Tony said.

Council emphasises the importance of the arts in its new ACCI Strategy, including an ability to generate economic benefits and foster connection between people across the shire, adding vibrancy to its towns.

Tony feels the arts haven't previously been seen as a significant contributor to revitalising the shire's towns and hopes for meaningful action on that front.



Budding and emerging artists stand in front of *The Coming of the Light* (top) by Safina Stewart. Photo: Kate Harmon, Thru the Lens, BCAL Capacity Building.

## Artists visit ArtSpace

RECENTLY a group of budding artists and emerging photographers visited ArtSpace Wonthaggi to view the annual Exhibition of Indigenous Art.

The group consisted of Bass Coast Adult Learning's (BCAL) Thru the Lens Photography and Exploring Art participants and was guided by BCAL tutors Lisa Ovejero and Geoff Ellis.

Geoff, president of ArtSpace and co-chair of the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group (BCSGRG), spoke to the group about the historical context of the exhibition within the tragic displacement of First Nations.

The exhibition was started eight years ago by BCSGRG with the aim of spotlighting local First Nations artists during NAIDOC week and empowering them to

run their own galleries and exhibitions.

One of the paintings featured in the exhibition is *The Coming of The Light*, by Safina Stewart, which has been purchased by Bass Coast Adult Learning as part of BCAL's reconciliation journey.

Thru the Lens and Exploring Art are capacity building programs funded through the NDIS that enable people to exercise their talents and abilities in a welcoming environment.

For more information about NDIS programs and general courses go to [bcal.vic.edu.au/](http://bcal.vic.edu.au/)

The Indigenous Art Exhibition continues until August 14 at ArtSpace Wonthaggi and can be viewed on-line at [naidoc-art.com.au/](http://naidoc-art.com.au/)

## 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 26

2.52am 0.51m  
10.24am 1.44m  
3.12pm 1.00m  
9.26pm 1.32m

WEDNESDAY  
July 27

3.53am 0.52m  
11.20am 1.46m  
4.24pm 1.01m  
10.24pm 1.30m

THURSDAY  
July 28

4.53am 0.50m  
12.14pm 1.49m  
5.30pm 0.97m  
11.22pm 1.31m

FRIDAY  
July 29

5.47am 0.47m  
1.00pm 1.53m  
6.26pm 0.91m

SATURDAY  
July 30

12.16am 1.33m  
6.35am 0.45m  
1.39pm 1.57m  
7.14pm 0.85m

SUNDAY  
July 31

1.05am 1.37m  
7.17am 0.44m  
2.14pm 1.60m  
7.55pm 0.78m

MONDAY  
August 1

1.51am 1.40m  
7.54am 0.44m  
2.46pm 1.63m  
8.32pm 0.71m

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**Foster's Alayne McKenzie and Beth Curram.**

## FOSTER

### Ladies

FOSTER Ladies played stableford on Wednesday with conditions very wet underfoot.

The winner was Beth Curram (22) 34 points with a birdie on the 16th certainly helping on a tough day.

BDTL: Barb Britten (19) 29 points and Jenny Mountford (22) 27 points.

NTP: 6th Beth Curram and Janette Best 17th.

9-hole: Alayne McKenzie (39) 15 points.

Congratulations to Elise Nudelman and Annemarie Starrat who won the 27 holes foursomes board event at Yarram.

Foster ladies Barb Britten and Beth Curram along with partners Frankie MacLennan and Glenda Knowles also competed.

Raffle winner was Viv Reid. Thank you to Jenny Alexander for the raffle donation.

Next week August 3, Monthly medal.

## KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's competition

Tuesday, July 19: Stableford (19 Players)

A Grade: Steve Duffield (14) 41 Points, B Grade: Pete Van Agtmaal (18) 38 Points

NTPs: 1st Steve Rose, 7th Roland Rees, Brian Clasby and 13th Roland Rees.

Thursday, July 21: Stableford (12 Players) Dale Wyhoun (25) 35 Points

NTPs: 1st Mick Belvedere, 7th Chris McConnell, 10th Chris McConnell and 13th John Hermens.

Saturday, July 23: Sponsor: Greg Wilson and Mick Bull

Men's 2 Man Ambrose Championship's Round 1

Scratch: Mat Wrigley and Steve Bromby 67

Handicap: Rob Gallagher & Shayne Harland 65 Nett.

Sunday, July 24:

Men's 2 Man Ambrose Championship's Round 2

Scratch: Mat Wrigley and Steve Bromby 66

Handicap: Mat Wrigley and Steve Bromby 64.75

Overall Champions 2022

Scratch: Mat Wrigley and Steve Bromby 133

Handicap: Mat Wrigley and Steve Bromby 130.5

NTPs: 1st Ian Morris, 7th Roy Fleming, 10th Tim O'Neill and 13th Paul Hopkins.

### Ladies

SCORES reflected how hard the course is at present.

Winning with 26pts on a count back was Shelley

Snooks (20). R/up was Trudy Olden (38). NTP on the 13th green went to Shelley.

Eight women enjoyed the warm weather on Saturday.

Well done to Aliesha Wrigley (26) who was the winner with 32 pts. R/up was Merrissa Cosson (12), 31 pts and Shelley Snooks (20) won a BDTL with 29 pts. Trudi Mantell was NTP on the 1st and 13th greens.

## MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, July 21, Stableford.

A Grade: P Woodall (6), 36pts

B Grade: J Kus (19) 36pts c/b

DTL: S Mc Kenzie 35, S Mills, 34. N Whichello 31 NTP: 4th, P Woodall.

Birdies: 4th P Woodall, 6th, P Woodall, T Whitelaw, 16th, S Mc Kenzie

Saturday, July 23 Par.

A Grade: B Bradshaw (13) 7 up

B Grade: J Mc Farlane (18) sq.

DTL: S Evison, B Skinner sq, T Baker, R Felmingham -1 c/b

NTP: 4th, J Hughes 6th, J Mc Farlane, 13th, T Bradshaw, 16th, R Scurlock

Birdies: 6th D Beyer, D Felmingham

President trophy final, S Mc Innes def T Traill 4/3

## LEONGATHA

TUESDAY Wormburner Stableford, July 19.

A-Grade Winner: Andrew Smith with a score of 36 on a countback. R/up: Norman Hughes with a score of 36

B-Grade Winner: Ken Lay with a score of 40. R/up: Raymond Fallu with a score of 38

NTP 14th: Bob McGahey at 3.04m

NTP 16th: Phil Strike at 1.48m

Wednesday Mudrunners Plate Round 2 Stableford, July 20.

A-Grade Winner: Kay Dumbleton with 35 points. R/up: Maryanne Gartner with 31 points on a countback

NTP: 5TH Geoff Daff 7th Wayne Morris 10th Morgan Ward 17th Rob Hayden

Nine Hole Stableford winner was Peter Matthews (31) with 18 points.

Wednesday, July 20, Ladies Stroke Monthly Medal.

A grade Winner: Karen Green (11) with Nett 76

B Grade Winner: Glenda Longshaw (30) with nett 76

C Grade Winner: Robyn Docker (38) with Nett 73

Monthly medal Winner - sponsored by EMG Consulting was Robyn Docker

NTP: 7th Megan Elbaz 10th Liz O'Neill 12th Roz Reid

Best Putting: Karen Green 26 putts Best Gross: Karen Green - 87

Nine-hole Stableford competition winner was Sandy Barker (45) with 17 points

Thursday, July 21, Open Stableford.

Rob Chambers (26) was the winner with 41 points on countback from John Maglica (28)

NTP: 5th Sean O'Brien

B Grade Winner: Stuart Smith with a score of 39 points. R/Up: Rod Mackenzie with a score of 38 points on a count back

C Grade Winner: Ian Debdenham with a score of 37 points on a count back. R/Up: Dot Stubbs with a score of 37 points

D Grade Winner: Luis Castagna with a score of 36 points on a count back. R/Up: Alan Black with a score of 36 points

NTPS: 14th Hole John Fedderson 140cm, 16th Hole John Ryan 150cm

### Ladies

IT WAS perfect winter weather for the final round of the Mudrunners Plate.

Life Member and Sponsor, Pat Pease, presented the trophies to the winners. Lianne Adamson was congratulated for coming up from 6th position last week to come away with the best aggregate score of 62 points.

The A Grade winner on the day was Kay Dumbleton with 35 points.

Lianne Adamson won B Grade with 33 points and Noreen Williams had 30 points to take out C Grade.

The runners up in each grade were A Grade Maryanne Gartner 31, B Grade Shirley Welsford 31 and C Grade Lyn Shaw 30 points.

DTL: were won by Alison Strong 31 points, Wendy Brown 31, Libby Seebeck, Wendy Parker and Jill Moor all on 29 points.

For the fourth week in succession Wendy Parker was again the only accurate player on the 16th. Deb Miller was closest to the flag on the 14th.

## PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, July 19, Men's Stableford.

Winner was Shane Harding (37) with 37 points. R/Up was Garry Birch (36) with 36 points on countback

NTP: 5TH Geoff Daff 7th Wayne Morris 10th Morgan Ward 17th Rob Hayden

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NTP: 5th Sean O'Brien

Saturday, July 23.

A Grade Winner: Glenn Marsham with a score of 42 points. R/Up: Patrick McDonald with a score of 36 points

NTP: 5th Sean O'Brien

7th John Savas 10th Gerard Ferrari 17th Rod Ward.

Nine-hole competition winner was Ian Bray (31) with 20 points

Saturday, July 23, two Men's Stableford

A Grade winner was Wayne Morris (11) with 40 Points. R/Up was Reece Jamieson (11) with 38 Points

B Grade winner was M Larkin (13) with 38 Points. R/Up was Steve Regnier (14) with 36 Points

C Grade winner was C Sanderson (19) with 39 Points on countback. R/Up was Vince Colella (28) with 39 Points

Ladies Stableford winner was Ira Septiana (24) with 36 points from Helen Coghlan (26) 34 Points

NTP men's: 5th Graeme Cuff 7th Tim Duff 10th B Niven 17th M Larkin ladies NTP: 10th Ada Anglin 17th Lorraine Hammon

Nine-hole winner was Steve Rieger (25) with 20 points

Sunday, July 23.

9 Hole winner was Geoff Daff (14) with 17 points

## WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results July 23. S.R 71. Competition type: Stableford

A Grade: Alan Cubbon 43

B Grade: A Hooton-Shandley 36

C Grade: Alan Anstey 36

EAGLE: Mat Johnson 10th

Men's results July 21.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71

Winner: Ian Johnson 32. R/Up: Warwick Judkins 31

Men's results July 21.

Competition type: Stableford Front 9-hole, SR. 34.5. Winner: Craig Harvey 18. R/Up: Robert Geyer 17 C/B

### Ladies

WEDNESDAY'S event was Par and it's a tough game anytime but when you play it in winter it's even harder.

We had 13 girls play 18 holes and the winner was decided on countback with Irene Walsh back-to-back winner with (24) -8 from Marg Ryan (30) -8

BDL were given to Andrea Grenville -9, Wendy Cross -10, Marg Johnson -10

## WOORAYL

### Ladies

THERE were six ladies who played in the Stableford event.

The winner was Elly Berryman (14) 33pts with a BDLT to Heather Sullivan (21) 30pts on a countback from Kath Davis.

Kath did not miss out as she had the best 9 out with a great 19pts.

NTP went to - 8th Kath Davis, 11th Sharyn Rayson and 17th Elly Berryman. Special mention - Birdie to Elly Berryman on the 7th.

It is Stableford this week 9am for 9.30am tee off.



**Wonthaggi Bowls Club winners (Wednesday) Arthur Moule, Veronica Griffiths, Barry Dicker and John Hill.**

## INVERLOCH

PRACTICE matches have been set for Saturday Pennant Players.

Saturday, September 3, at Hastings, Saturday, Sept 10, at Inverloch (v's Morwell), Saturday, October 8, at Wonthaggi.

Sheets for all three practice matches are at the Club Rooms, please add your name if you wish to play. The List for Saturday Pennant Players has been removed. Should any players not on the list wish to be included, please contact one of the Selectors.

Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 5.30pm pie night for both the Mid-Week and Saturday Pennant Players.

Thursday's Social Bowls was conducted in perfect bowls weather. 32 players were greeted with sunshine and clear blue skies.

Players competed over 2 games of ten ends with a break for lunch. The 8 teams of fours provided excellent competition.

No team won 2 games and there were some drawn games.

The runners up were Ron Burge (skip), Joyce Arnold, Richard Huntress and Bryan Hensley on 26 points. Finishing only 1 point in front on 27 points were Bruce Corrigan (skip), Gail Burge, Rob Howard and John Turner.

## MIDWEEK

THURSDAY 21, mid-week bowls was played at Corinella with 21 happy bowlers ready to do battle for a top spot the day was perfect no wind and the sun was most welcoming everyone was in good spirits on such a lovely day.

Winner 36 points runners up 33 points and one game winners 22 points

## Knights put United to the sword

WITH their gaze firmly fixed on the upcoming final series, the Leongatha Knights played a composed game, working on improved combination passes and making efficient use of space.

The game provided an opportunity for junior player Luke Murphy to make his senior debut with some great minutes on the pitch.

Player of the match for Leongatha went to Aidan Hall, who has shown consistent development over the course of the season.

The Knights were dominant throughout the match, running away with a huge 13-0 victory.

## Mixed results for Gippsland FC teams

### U15s JBNPL – Gippsland Vs Ashburton

AFTER a really strong start, the Gippsland U15s looked to right a few wrongs from recent clashes with Ashburton FC.

The boys looked switched on early with high pressure on the ball carrier, passes hitting their marks and a couple of attempts on goal.

Then all of a sudden, it all stopped and for the next 25 minutes the boys went missing, in this time Ashburton were able to put a goal on the board and Gippsland were chasing tail the rest of the game.

Ashburton did manage another goal, however, the approach from the team was much improved.

In the last few minutes Gippsland pressed hard, Siya Mapiye managed a well taken goal after some hard work on the wing by Aiden Rodriguez.

The last few minutes were all Gippsland as they pushed relentlessly for the equaliser, but Ashburton managed to hang on, winning 2-1.

### U16s JBNPL – Gippsland Vs South Melbourne

Gippsland's Under 16s travelled to Princes Park in Caulfield to take on South Melbourne, who sat one point ahead of them on the ladder.

The game was hard fought with both teams having numerous shots on goal and the defenders were all working hard to keep the ball out of the net, with keeper Jeffrey Pearson making many great saves.

When given the opportunity to move the ball forward, Gippsland's midfield of Nicolas Nardone and Levi Colantuono controlled the ball before slotting it through for the forwards to strike the back of the net.

Unfortunately, though, South Melbourne's keeper was able to stop all attempts and the game finished in a nil-all draw and Abraham Konyi was awarded player of the day.

### U18s JBNPL – Gippsland Vs Mornington

The Gippsland under 18 boys travelled out for an early 11am kick off on the Mornington Peninsula to take on a determined home team.

Gippsland winger Julian Colantuono was able to pounce on a defensive error to put his team ahead.

Gippsland would maintain their status on top of the game throughout the rest of the first half, before Charlie Cockell forced an error in the Mornington midfield, skilfully dinking the ball over the keepers head to double the lead.

With only a few minutes left in the game, Campbell Dastey belted the cover off the ball and smashed it into the back of the net for Gippsland's third goal, securing three points.

# Stars keep finals hopes alive with win over Island



Inverloch Star Noyen Limbu sinks the boot into it.



Jack Harvey kicks long.



Teerawhat Panyo looks upfield.

WITH the possibility of playing finals a big motivator, the Inverloch Stars under 14s took to the pitch against the power of Phillip Island knowing they needed to bring their 'a' game to secure a win and that's exactly what they did.

A quick early goal had everyone on their feet and that's where the crowd stayed as the play flowed quickly up and down the pitch.

Coach Dean Harvey was very pleased with the Stars' play.

"It was fantastic to see Inverloch playing for each other and shutting down constant attacking forward movement by Phillip Island; bringing in what we have been practicing at training into their game," he said.

Mitchell Reed played defensive mid, in which he dominated and stopped almost anything Phillip Island threw at the Stars.

The skills and speed of Noyen Limbu were on show with the young Star hitting the net three times and the hard running from Finn Clunie and Teerawhat Panyo saw them rewarded with one goal each.

The team welcomed Ronan Chamoun for his first game of the season in the right back where he played really well cutting off several Phillip Island runs.

A penalty awarded in the second half saw Jack Harvey bury the ball in the back of the net and the game went to Inverloch 6-2.

Inverloch takes on Leongatha at home next week to keep their dream of playing finals alive.

## Korumburra and Drouin play out exciting tie

KORUMBURRA City women travelled to Drouin on Sunday for an important fixture for both teams, as the home and away season approaches its climax and final qualification spots are tight.

Once the game got started it was a 10-player Korumburra side that applied the early pressure, however, Drouin were well organised and maintained a strong defensive line to deny Korumburra any chance at goal.

As the game progressed, Drouin grew in confidence and at the 20-minute mark they broke the deadlock, counter-attacking quickly as the ball broke to Rebecca Bickerdike who took a looping shot.

It flew over the Korumburra defence, leaving the Korumburra keeper scrambling to the far post in vain.

Following the restart both

teams had opportunities but neither could break the other's defence, so at half time the score remained 1-0 to the hosts.

In the second half, Korumburra came out with a purpose, and they upped the intensity.

As the clock ticked down Korumburra were holding on, in the last play of the game Drouin were awarded a penalty following a hand-ball in the area.

Rebecca Bickerdike stepped up and calmly struck the ball past the Korumburra Keeper to level the match, and finish what was a very entertaining and competitive game of football, played in great spirit.

Unfortunately, due to an outbreak of COVID in Drouin, both the Reserves and senior men's matches were postponed until later in the year.



Korumburra's Daisy Grumley gets a kick away against Drouin.



## Kylee celebrates game 100 for Wonthaggi

THE Wonthaggi United Women's team headed to Leongatha on Sunday for what was always going to be a tough match.

The lady knights from Leongatha have been the strongest team all season giving them a secure top spot on the ladder.

Wonthaggi worked hard and were first to score early, but Leongatha found the equaliser before halftime.

Both teams started the second half well, but Leongatha once again proved too strong.

Not the result Wonthaggi wanted to celebrate the 100th game of superstar

Kylee Steer.

Long-time player Kylee is handy both in the midfield, as a determined defender or in Sunday's role as the goalkeeper.

Kylee is only the fourth player in club history to reach this milestone.

Kylee's dedication is an asset to the club, and the club hopes she can continue to be an integral part of the Wonthaggi United Women's team.

**RIGHT:** Wonthaggi's Kylee Steer became the fourth player in club history to reach 100 league games on the weekend.



Wonthaggi's Wendy Crellin is taking ballet classes for over 60s at the State Coal Mine rescue centre. Photo: Simon Schulter (*The Age*).



Wendy Crellin and with her class of ballet students recently. Photo: Simon Schulter (*The Age*).

## Wendy's teaching old dogs' new tricks

THEY say you can't teach old dogs' new tricks, well try telling that to 80-year-old Wendy Crellin who is doing just that.

After many years of experience dancing in the National Theatre, the former PE teacher has put age aside and began to teach ballet to those over 60 in the region.

Every Tuesday, Crellin gets her group together at the Wonthaggi state coal mine's century old Rescue Centre, now an arts centre of which she is the president.

It has grown so popular that she's had to expand to two classes.

Speaking to the Sentinel Times recently, Crellin spoke on what gave her the idea and her history with ballet.

"It's something I've always done, since I was a little girl, I've danced and I kept on doing community ballet since moving back here," she said.

"Then my John died five years ago, he was the resident surgeon here for 40 years and I guess I was a bit sad and thought 'what can I do'."

"I spend a couple of days a week at the state coal mine rescue station, and I looked at the space and thought we could put some bars up here and offer some classes for mature age people."

Having moved back to Wonthaggi and taken classical ballet classes, PE classes and chorography with the local theatre over the years, Crellin had the nous for teaching, she even took the local under 18 footballers for a ballet class at the oval.

"My boys were very good footballers and trained for the rovers down here and I actually took the thirds for ballet classes around the football oval, hanging onto the fence, so footballers have done ballet," she said.

Obviously, the Wonthaggi local is no stranger to the performing arts and passing on her knowledge to those willing to learn.

"I possibly am a better teacher than I was a dancer, even though I danced with the National Theatre I love to teach, I love to see other people get joy

from dance," she said.

Her talents are being put to good use too, with regular attendees seeing many benefits and enjoyment from Crellin's classes.

"What do they get out of it, well, they seem to enjoy it and they seem to be getting fitter.

"The reason they've come is because they either have a love for ballet and they've never experienced it, or they want to rekindle that love they had when they were 10 and went to the church hall."

"They've come because they want to stretch, they want good posture, strength and most importantly balance, because as we get to my age (nearly 81) our balance isn't good, so it's pretty important in the class."

Crellin preached the old adage "if you don't use it, you lose it" when speaking of reasons to get involved with her classes, and expressed the great level of support the group has for one another.

"We go down there and work out, have fun and achieve

something, we're very careful we don't do anything that is going to cause an injury, they work at their own pace, but also as a unit."

"They're all different shapes and sizes and ages, anyone can do it male and female, we've got one man and ex footballer with broken fingers, and he loves it, I'd just say if anyone has that desire to come along, they can."

"All the ballet terms are in French so they're learning another language as well, so that's exciting too."

The ballet classes are all free of charge and Crellin said she's looking forward to many more classes in the future.

"I'm happy to continue going down there and running some classes as long as people want to come, we're going to have an open day where anyone can come along and just see what a class is like."

The open day is scheduled for November and all over 60s are welcome to join classes on Tuesday at the State Coal Mine rescue centre.



Experienced swimmer Hayden gives Brooklyn feedback on her race.

## Local swimmers have one last crack in Traralgon

TRARALGON offered many South Gippsland Bass swimmers a chance to get a qualifying time in events they don't yet have for one for, before the Victorian Country Short Course Championships.

The club is aiming for a top four finish, and everyone wants to be part of the action, so several were throwing everything at their events to get the qualifying times last weekend.

About 43 swimmers ventured over the hills, a mix of experienced swimmers and some new kids - racing their first season of short course and loving it.

It was a larger event with 256 swimmers attending, making it a busy day, the races were held in the 50m pool which can also be turned into a 25 m pool for short courses, meaning more events can be held there.

Coaches Sam and Dylan were pleased with how the swimmers performed.



The young swimmers test out the facilities at Traralgon.

## Sensational seven off to National championships

SEVEN South Gippsland Bass swimmers have been selected to represent Victoria as part of the School Sport Australia national meet being held at the Brisbane Aquatic centre next month.

They will don the School Sport Victorian Representative uniform, many for the first time, as they compete in a range of events.

Over the past few weeks, the young guns had a chance to meet their teammates and train together.

Those selected to represent the state are Archie Smyth, Olivia Holmes (San Remo and Newhaven College), Zac Sherar, Sophie McKenzie (Korumburra and Korumburra Secondary College), Rex Brocklesby (Inverloch and Inverloch Primary) and Rahni Matheson (Leongatha and Leongatha Secondary College).

Milla Laub (Inverloch and Wonthaggi Secondary) was also selected but had to withdraw.

The club is very proud of the effort they have all put in and for their selection, according to head coach Dylan Muir.

"The younger ones are only a few years in but even at a young age they're already heavily committed to what they're doing, our youngest,



SGB Victorian representatives Zac Sherar, Sophie McKenzie, Rahni Matheson, Olivia Holmes, Archie Smyth, Rex Brocklesby (Absent: Milla Laub).

Rex and Archie their training four times a week already," he said.

"Then for the older ones to make it, for someone like Sophie she's training eight times a week and she's gone from not even a state finalist to state finals, state medals and now she's made team Victoria."

"So, it's years and years of hard work, it's like that old iceberg picture where you only see 10 per cent."

The coaches, Muir especially, were also chuffed to have such a great contingent of representatives.

"I was ecstatic, in the past we've had some swimmers make it but the most we've had is two, so to have a team like this, this year, all making

it was absolutely awesome to see," he said.

"To have seven swimmers from a small regional area is very exciting for the club, it shows that even if you are from a small town, or region, and may not have access to all the facilities that cities have, you can still aim high and achieve high levels of success in your pursuits."

"They're just a great group of individuals, not just good swimmers, but they're good people, it warms out hearts to see good kids that are committed to what they do, get the rewards they are now."

The swimmers range in age from 11 and under through to the open aged events, with each bracket determined by

the age the athlete will be by years end.

The opening ceremony will be held on August 15, for the kids who fall within the 13-19-year-old age bracket.

The swimmers will compete in several individual events and relays as set out by School Sport Victoria coaches with the closing ceremony being held on August 20.

The 10-12-year-old Team Victoria representatives will then follow suit with their opening ceremony kicking off on August 19 and closing August 23.

Olivia and Zac met the qualifying criteria last year, however, the event was cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

Olivia is looking forward to the opportunity to meet swimmers from all over Australia and feels honoured and excited to get the opportunity to swim for her state.

As a 12-year-old, this will be her first national meet due to the age requirements outside of school sports, only allowing girls 13 years and over to compete at a national level.

The kids also get to spend a day at Dreamworld with their Team Victoria squad which they are also very excited about.

## Great start to season for Wonthaggi table tennis

IT has been encouraging to see new names on the list for the winter A1 comp starting at Wonthaggi Table Tennis this week.

There are still spaces for regular fill-ins, always needed with COVID, flu and injuries creating havoc from time to time.

There is a spare table available for practice on comp nights (Mondays) from 6.30 pm.

Social table tennis continues on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12.00 mid-day.

All welcome. Any age. Equipment provided.

The junior's social group with David and Trish is also underway again.

All abilities welcome.

For more information on all programs phone Trish on 5672 3421.

## A record balance on boardriders' committee

THE Phillip Island Boardriders Club Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, July 15, and with it they created a record with 8 women and 9 men on the committee.

"So many people stepped up to help as a result of the successful previous season - I am humbled by the support...it really is amazing to see how progressive the club is," president Hannah Eisen said.

"All the members bring different skills and talents which will set this 60-year-old club in great stead to celebrate their 60th year in early 2023."

"We also have two juniors who have offered to help out - Poppy Corbet and Tate Russell. The courage to step up is fantastic at this age."

The 2022/23 committee is made up of Hannah Eisen, president; Geoff Russell, vice president; Emily Scott, secretary; and general committee members Matt Krumins, Poppy Corbett, Sarah Hain, Nic Huigsloot, Keith Vincent, Ash Easton, Jo Stubbs, Andy McHenry, Nat Van Der Heyden, Deb Leonard, Tim Agonousto, Jake Eisen, Kirra Marlborough, and Tate Russell.

The treasurer and club captain roles will be determined at the first committee meeting.

## Island Superbike tickets on sale

ON THE way back from a two-year Superbike World Championship hiatus, organisers have announced that tickets for the 2022 MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship season finale, hosted by Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit from November 18 to 20 are now on sale.

Whether you plan to be along the Gardner Straight fence line, perched up at Lukey Heights or roaming around the circuit soaking up the atmosphere, then General Admission is for you!

Maybe access to the 'Holeshot', an exclusive new outdoor bar overlooking Turn 1, with panoramic views from Turn 3 to 6, appeals.

Or perhaps you're after a VIP pack, one with the lot!

Whatever your preference you better get on it and secure your tickets now at <https://www.worldsbk.com.au/get-tickets/>

Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit is back on the world superbike calendar for 2022, with Australia to host the season finale of the Superbike World Championship.

The Island's thrilling 4.445km circuit, considered by many in the paddock as their favourite track in the world, has for 14 years launched the world's leading production bike championship.

However, this November Phillip Island will bring down the final curtain on the season, and if the title fight goes down to the wire as it did in 2021, you could be set for a scintillating season-decider.

It is expected that the Phillip Island round of the World Superbike Championship will then return to its traditional timeslot as the season opener in 2023.

You can also register your interest in becoming a volunteer official at [www.worldsbk.com.au](http://www.worldsbk.com.au).

General Manager, Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, David Bennett, is looking forward to the return of the bikes.

"Everyone from the world superbike community is keen to get back to Phillip Island, and we are raring to go, so its great news that we're back on the championship calendar in 2022," said David.

"We thank DORNA and the Victorian Government for their assistance in securing the final round of 2022 for Australia, and we look forward to potentially crowning a new champion at Phillip Island."



Carlee Proudlock, Daphne Van Hoorn, Ava Privitera and Bethany Henderson danced in the nine and under 11 Jazz Solo Novice on Saturday morning, a part of the South Gippsland dance eisteddfod in Leongatha. Z20\_3022



Taya Cameron and Chelsea Lees of Lisa Pellin Dance School performed in the 13 and over jazz duo at the South Gippsland dance eisteddfod in Leongatha on Saturday morning. Z21\_3022

## Dancers showcase their talents

THE South Gippsland Annual Dance Eisteddfod began on July 22 until July 24, at the Mesley Hall in Leongatha, with performances from dancers across 15 dance schools in the community.

President Carley Nelson welcomed adjudicator Donna Lierse to judge the weekend competition that included performances in contemporary, ballet, song and dance, tap, jazz and demi character.

"Friday and Saturday included solos, duos and trio's and Sunday were all group performances from ages six years and over all the way up to 15 years and over," said Carley.

"It has been two long years without our eisteddfod, and it is wonderful to welcome our students back to the stage, our eisteddfod isn't about the competition, rather about participation."

The South Gippsland Dance Eisteddfod is in its 13th year, with 2022 being the 11th year on stage after two years of students learning online due to the interruption of classes during lockdowns.

"Despite the disruption of class time, our students have returned this year with confidence and enthusiasm, thrilled to step back onto the stage and showcase their love for dance,"

said Carley.

Although the South Gippsland Dance Eisteddfod is grateful for the support from Creative Victoria and the South Gippsland Shire, they are too feeling the lack of support for performing arts within the community.

Nelson explained that funding is continually going into grassroots sporting facilities and clubs, and the arts sector is forever missing out, having to hold large events in small, outdated and spoilt facilities that miss out on financial support.

"We would like to raise awareness that performing arts is a huge sector that brings in hundreds of families from all

around Melbourne and regional Victoria, and it would be nice to be able to welcome our children into better facilities to perform," said Carley.

"The stages are too small; our roofs are leaking in the winter weather and the lack of financial support to repair these facilities for arts is disappointing."

The South Gippsland Dance Eisteddfod is aiming to work in collaboration with the shire and or state government, to achieve better facilities for their students and families.

For more information on the South Gippsland Dance Eisteddfod, email [hello@sgde.org.au](mailto:hello@sgde.org.au)

## Bowlopolis supports inclusion at Phillip Island



Students from Bass Coast Specialist School participate in Friday's session alongside Yooralla. C13\_3022

BOWLOPOLIS is a CGI cartoon about a boy who must play a giant talking pin at bowling to win back his kidnapped father, save the world and win a trophy.

And whilst there may be no kidnapped fathers in sight on Phillip Island, hopefully, the concept spurred an idea for owners Jeremy Westaway and Craig Holmes; an all abilities league across participating disability services and schools.

"Between five and seven minutes each the series gave you hints on how to bowl," Jeremy explained.

"We had the all abilities groups initially watch it, then we gave them some hints to take to their bowling - we basically created Bowlopolis."

In its 10th year, bar two years of the pandemic, students and adults have hit the lanes at Phillip Island for the fun and interactive all abilities league.

And what started with 25-30 individuals now sees over 100 participants weekly across multiple sessions.

A seven-week season, participants across all organisations collectively merge for the gala and perpetual shield presentation sponsored by local Bass Coast Rotary Clubs.

"All the organisations come together - everyone gets up for a bowl, we integrate all the differ-

ent groups and put on a lunch before presentations.

With in-house competitions running between each organisation and school, all participants leave with a medal or trophy, and those at the top leave with the gala day winning trophy and/or season team winning trophy.

This year Bass Coast Specialist School, South Gippsland Specialist School, Scope, Interchange, Connecting2Australia and Yooralla have teams.

Ramps, balls with handles and wheelchair accessibility, Phillip Island Ten Pin Bowling has seen the confidence of bowlers grow

to incredible heights.

"Some bowlers have integrated to the point they no longer want bumpers."

"They're so comfortable here - I've had some of the guys that are in Yooralla and the large groups that have come through the specialist schools, Bass Coast Specialist School and South Gippsland Specialist School, and are now in Yooralla, Connecting2Australia and other organisations."

The smiles as individuals participate for the first time to scoring their first turkey (three strikes in a row) is undeniable.

"Love it!" Yooralla Disability Support Worker, Emily said.

"To come along and just join in - it's such a good program."

Bass Coast Specialist School echoed the comments.

"Fantastic for the kids," Primary Pod Leader, Kathy added.

"A rare opportunity to go out - it's difficult for the families to take their kids out at times."

"It's great to participate in the sports like this."

### Phillip Island Ten Pin Week 2 Results

2s Company: 1st on 6pts The Hounds, 2nd on 5pts King Pins and 3rd on 4pts Jail.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legs): 1st on 25pts Pinnpals, 2nd on 25pts Island Sector and 3rd on 23.5pts Storm.

Business Early: 1st on 5pts Bettys, 2nd on 4pts Redundants, 3rd on 4pts Balls Deep and 4th on 3pts Happy Hour.

Business Late: 1st on 6pts Holy Splits, 2nd on 4pts Redundants, 3rd on 4pts Balls Deep and 4th on 3pts Happy Hour.

This week's top scorers across all leagues are:

Men - 205 Graham Peterson, 203 Raff Merante and 200 Peter Macinnes.

Women - 179 Chloe Else, 147 Lisa Walker and 150 Bec Betram.

## July Clay target results

WESTERNPORT Field and Game held their monthly shoot on July 17, with 66 shooters attending.

Two rounds of 38/37 were shot with Aaron Brett shooting a perfect 25 round.

High Gun: Aaron Brett with a score of 70.

Grade winners

AA Grade: 1st Ben Studham (68), 2nd Matt Hall (67) and 3rd Matt Harris-Spencer (63).

A Grade: 1st Steven Jarvis (61), 2nd John Passarin (58) and 3rd Darren Robertson (58).

B Grade: 1st Murray Huitson (59), 2nd Paul Studham (56) and 3rd Bill McFee (55).

C Grade: 1st Brendan Goodman (43), 2nd Christopher Bone (36) and 3rd John Burns (36).

Juniors: 1st Joel Passarin (46), 2nd Hayden Gourlay (37) and 3rd Ebony Passarin (23).

Ladies: 1st Deb Bradley (52), 2nd Brooke Tangey (52) and 3rd Sarah Fritsch (46).

Veterans: 1st Lionel Bradley (65), 2nd Warwick Cumberland (60) and 3rd Danny Genovese (49).

Our next shoot is our John Paterson Memorial Shoot on August 20-21, consisting of 75 targets each day with nominations commencing at 9:30am.

Self-nominations will be available through MCMS before the event.

There are \$3500 worth of door prizes up for grabs.

Check out their Facebook page for further details.

Clay target shooting is suitable for all genders, ages and fitness levels with juniors shooting for free.

## A chilly start for Grand Ridge Trail parkrun

CALM cold conditions of six degrees greeted 13 runners, walkers and one first time runner this week. Our first timer came from Leongatha.

The variety of eager dogs barking made it difficult for Run Director, Liz to be heard. It was a deafening dogs chorus.

Steve Quirk led the group and ran consistently finishing in a time of 22:12. He had reported that the fallen tree had been removed which had bridged the trail.

It is heartening to see the consistent walkers and runners and the improvements made each week in their times.

Thanks to all the volunteers and park runners this week.

Next week is Winterfest in Mirboo North and there will be many activities as well as a market in town. Hope to see many in attendance.

Results: [parkrun.com.au/grandridgerailtrail/results/](http://parkrun.com.au/grandridgerailtrail/results/)



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Over 100 children were registered for the Inverloch Footy 4 Fun clinic at the Inverloch recreation reserve on Saturday morning, partaking in drills with the AFLW Hawthorn team. Z19\_3022

## AFLW Hawks lead by example

BASS Coast Shire and Hawthorn Football Club partnered together to bring a Footy 4 Fun program to Inverloch on Saturday, July 23.

The AFLW Hawthorn team shared their stories and skills on the grounds of Inverloch recreation reserve.

More than 100 children aged between six to 14-years registered to partake in the footy clinic; rotating around four stations to learn the basics in kicking, handballing and marking followed by a warmup game to practice the critical skills.

In attendance was AFLW Hawks defender Louise Stephenson who began her AFL career seven years ago with the GWS Giants; known for her running ability she spoke one on one with the children to share her tips and tricks for on the field.

"It is great to be able to get out on the ground with the kids, today we met some that have never played football before and we were able to teach them the basics and show them what they



Rhianna Brown of Inverloch Kongwak was in her element on Saturday morning at the Inverloch recreation reserve playing football with the AFLW Hawthorn team for the Footy 4 Fun clinic. Z16\_3022

can achieve," said Louise.

Dominique Carbone is a new season player for Hawthorn, who said she fell in love with the professionalism of the game and was thrilled to share her journey from the VFLW through to her first season with the AFLW.

"Sharing our experiences with the young local players is as rewarding for them as well as it is for the whole team, it's great for team bonding and it gave us the

opportunity to give back to the community and empower young girls in grassroot clubs," said Dominique.

The whole AFLW Hawthorn team took the time to introduce themselves to the kids and spend an hour on drills, before meeting them inside the Inverloch club rooms to sign autographs.

Assistant coordinator for Inverloch Auskick Rod Price said our club offers both boy and girl

programs as well as combined groups, so opportunities like this just reinforces to our girls that there are pathways to achieve their goals.

"At Inverloch we have 143 registered Auskick players and these numbers are a testament to the healthy program we have available for all children aged four to 12 years," said Rod.

Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Ali Wastie attended the Footy 4 Fun event on Saturday morning and was thrilled to see the level of participation from the community, including those that haven't played football before.

"Our partnership with Hawthorn Football Club was established as an initiative to encourage participation and create an introduction into AFL, as well as support gender equality in sport; this morning's community clinic was just the beginning of a great future for the children in Bass Coast," said Ms Wastie.

For more information on how to be a part of AFL Auskick, visit [www.aflvic.com.au/auskick](http://www.aflvic.com.au/auskick)

## Young Sea Eagle continues to soar



Xavier Lindsay in action for Victoria Country at the NAB under 16s National Championships.

"We lost all three which was disappointing, two of the games were close and one got blown out in the last quarter against South Australia."

Despite sporting many brilliant accolades already, the Invincible remained humble when talking of his individual performances, which were much greater than he gave himself credit for.

The silky playmaker was a key cog for the big V, finding plenty

of space and run in all three contests, and setting up plays with his powerful left foot, he topped off a great string of games with a team-high 30 possessions and 8 marks against eventual champions South Australia.

The young Sea Eagle spoke with pride and a wry grin when asked if he hit his goal of playing good footy and 'kicking some snags'.

"I put one through, I kicked 1.3 in the end, I managed to put one

through in the first game which was good, and I got in the best (players) in the first and second game which is good," he said.

Lindsay's performances across the year have certainly not gone unnoticed and he was last week selected to make his debut for Gippsland Power under 19s, he spoke excitedly on the milestone.

"I'm playing in the under 18s for Gippsland Power on Sunday, I've been training with them ever since I got picked for the Vic Country stuff," he said.

"Hopefully I just enjoy it, get a feel for the way they play the game and prepare myself for next year."

Lindsay was also grateful to those that have helped him throughout the year.

"Obviously like to thank my mum and dad for travelling all over the country to watch me play and their flight got cancelled so they had to drive back from Adelaide on Sunday morning so that was a big day for them," he said.

"All the coaches and that involved that made it a pretty easy and smooth run was good too."

Lindsay ran out with fellow Sea Eagles representatives Archer Reid and Jenson Garnham at Kingston Twin Ovals last Sunday, he gathered 17 possessions and nine marks in Gippsland Power's loss to Tasmania, playing just 50 per cent game time.

Lindsay's performance earned him a spot on the best players list.



Leongatha's golden girl Eleanor Patterson being congratulate by Burra Foods CEO Stewart Carson. The local milk processor has backed Patterson's tilt at world athletics glory as Brand Ambassador.

## Praise pours in for milk ambassador Eleanor

BURRA Foods joined the chorus of praise last week for Leongatha's Eleanor Patterson after backing the local athletics star with a Brand Ambassador sponsorship over the past three years.

And, in turn, Eleanor's father Mark Patterson has thanked Burra Foods for their support, especially during the disruption caused by the pandemic.

Together with local politicians, community members and friends, Burra Foods repeated what many commentators have said about her World Championship Gold Medal effort last week as "stunning".

"Burra Foods Brand Ambassador Eleanor Patterson is the new women's high jump world champion," said Burra Foods in a statement this afternoon.

"The Leongatha local and former Commonwealth Games champion produced a stunning career best and equalled the Australian record of 2.02 metres to win the gold medal at the World Championships in Eugene, Oregon."

"This makes Patterson Australia's 10th track and field world champion. Her performance in Eugene was an improvement of two centimetres on her previous personal best and a goal she had been working to for some time."

With his daughter already on the way to the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, it was left to father Mark to pass on his daughter's thanks to Burra Foods and the local community.

"The support and well wishes from back home have been amazing," said Mark Patterson over the weekend.

"We'd especially like to say a big 'thank you' to Burra Foods who have supported Eleanor over the past three years in these difficult times and of course Lachie Hughes, back in the St Laurence's Primary School days, who started her love for the high jump."

# Leongatha gold!

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"It was a phenomenal competition, such a high calibre from all the women out there and so I had to really dig deep and stay calm," said Eleanor.

Speaking about how she felt after scaling the highest mountain in her sport, Eleanor said she felt overawed.

"It's crazy. I think I'm going to be shaking my head and in disbelief for the whole week, month, year, who knows."

But Patterson hasn't got too long to bask in the glory of World Championship Gold, she's already off to the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham UK, starting on July 28, where she'll get plenty of stiff competition, not least from the likes of her own teammate Nicola Olyslagers (McDermott) who won Silver at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

The preliminary rounds of the Women's High Jump will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2020.

Eleanor's parents, Mark and Helen, were in attendance in Oregon to see their daughter's incredible achievement.

"Certainly, it's a bit surreal at the moment but when they play the national anthem, it sort of hits home a bit but yeah, it's quite amazing," Eleanor's proud dad Mark said on Gippsland ABC Radio the following morning.

Mark spoke to the Sentinel-Times this week.

"For Helen and me, just being able to make the trip, regardless of the outcome, was a big thing after the past two and a half years when travel overseas has been restricted.

"The competition was a



Leongatha's Eleanor Patterson is congratulated by her parents, Mark and Helen, after winning gold at the World Athletics Championships in Oregon, USA.

very high standard where at 1.98m there were still quite a number of competitors in the running, with Eleanor in fifth place from memory, and moving into fourth at the 2.0m height. At this point not in medal position.

"Moving up to 2.02m, Eleanor cleared her first attempt also being a personal best for her and putting herself into first place.

"The wait, and then to have

Mahuchikh from Ukraine clear on her second attempt, was pretty nerve-wracking.

"Both girls then had chances at 2.04m where neither made a clear jump giving Eleanor the gold.

"To be there and watch her emotion after clearing the 2.02 was incredible but at the same time we had to wait for Mahuchikh to complete her attempts.

"We are still finding it strange to think she has achieved a

rare gold for Australia."

Mark explained that Eleanor is now in transit to the UK in preparation for the Commonwealth Games.

"The support and well wishes from back home have been amazing."

"And we'd like to say a big 'thank you' to Burra Foods who have supported Eleanor over the past three years in these difficult times and of course Lachie Hughes, back in the St Laurence's Primary School days, who started her love for the high jump."

### Mayor full of praise

The whole South Gippsland community has gone up as one in praise of Leongatha's Eleanor Patterson.

"It's just a fabulous story, isn't it," said South Gippsland Mayor Cr Mohya Davies.

"She's worked so hard for this."

"She's an amazing athlete and role model and we're just so proud of her and pleased for her."

Gippsland South MLA Danny O'Brien also passed on his warmest congratulations.

"Eleanor has carried herself with such dignity through the ups and downs of her career and this win is just reward for all of her work," said Mr O'Brien.

The Leongatha Little Athletics Club, where it all began, immediately posted its congratulations: "Congratulations to former Leongatha Little athlete Eleanor Patterson on her spectacular performance in Oregon! We are all very proud of you."

And so say all of us!!

## Swimmers combine for a fun weekend



SGB representatives, Maggie, Emily, Jedda and Josie ready to race.



Age champions Daisy (8-year-old girls) and Brooklyn (9-year-old girls).

IT WAS a busy weekend for the South Gippsland Bass (SGB) team with swimmers scattered at several events earlier this month.

Several swimmers attended the Surrey Park Short Course in Melbourne, which had many competitors in each race, but SGB swimmers came away with several top 10 positions and some very impressive personal time improvements.

Thirty-two swimmers ventured to Morwell for the Geoff Peterson Sprint Meet on Sunday, July 16.

The event, which focused on under 14s and the shorter distances on offer, was ideal for many of the younger swimmers in the squad as the shorter day meant less waiting around.

It was also an ideal event for those chasing down qualifying times for the Victorian Country and State Short Course Championships coming up in the next few weeks.

Several swimmers came home with extra events added to their schedule for those meets.

"I love seeing the kids who started in our development squads learning how to do

turns and dive here racing, they have come along so well," Coach Lori said.

"We had a number of swimmers finish the day with country times, swimmers who have been getting closer each week so it was pleasing that they got them now."

A number of swimmers were competing at their first meet away from their home pool and it was a good way to learn how to marshal, start and the procedures of the day.

There were a lot of smiles all around and they felt much happier and prepared for their next meets.

Also included in the events was a family relay with Billy and Maggie Fisher emerging with third spot.

Maggie also won the 10-year-old girls Age Champion, along with Holly Hurst, 11-year-old girls, Brooklyn Packer 9-year-old girls and Daisy 8-year-old girls.

A third group attended their first training session for the School Sport Victorian Team that they have been selected for, with uniforms being distributed and a training session under the watchful eye of the state coaches.



Emerging ruckman for Essendon, Sam Draper, has been described as 'a beauty' for the team. Photo: AAP Image/Morgan Hancock

# 'He's a beauty'

Matthews, Rutten praise emerging Bomber

VFL/AFL legend Leigh Matthews says Essendon have got a "beauty" in emerging ruckman Sam Draper.

Draper's raw talent was on display in the Bombers' 48-point win over Gold Coast, kicking one of the goals of the season after a wonderful solo run and finish.

The 23-year-old's agility at ground level reminds Matthews of one of his former legendary Hawthorn teammates.

"I love ruckmen who do more than hit-outs," Matthews told Sportsday.

"I mentioned the fact that Don Scott, who was the ruckman when I played

**By Alex Zaia**

at Hawthorn for most of the time I played, he was inducted as a Legend into the Hall of Fame for Hawthorn on Friday night.

"I love ruckmen who are big, powerful, aggressive and if they've got a bit of agility at ground level, gee, they're valuable.

"Don Scott had that and certainly Sam Draper has.

"You've just got to remind yourself he's 23 and played 30-odd games. He's a beauty."

Essendon coach Ben Rutten sees Draper shouldering a larger portion of the ruck duties in the coming years.

The Bombers cult figure has played 38 games since making his AFL debut in 2020.

"He's such an energetic, spiritual kind of guy for our group. He really does generate some momentum for us," Rutten said on Sportsday.

"He's in his third season, he's just ticked over 35 games, so it's a really big ask to ask a young ruckman to be able to shoulder the ruck load on their own.

"That's been a fair bit of the decision making that we've had around playing Andrew Phillips, he's a 30-year-old ruckman for us, a pretty seasoned

competitor, and Nick Bryan has also got some game time.

"We're certainly finding that Sammy Draper's presence and his energy around the ball is certainly more beneficial and playing about 60 to 65 per cent ruck time seems to be a nice little sweet spot for him at the moment.

"We think as the years go on, he'll be able to build that resilience into his body and be able to play more ruck and more game time himself.

"But I think that's about right for him at the moment and we're seeing some reward with his performance as a result."

## Five young Cats sign contract extensions

GEELONG has re-signed a core group of five youngsters in a huge win for the side long-term.

The new contracts: Toby Conway (2025), Max Holmes (2024), Mark O'Connor (2024), Ollie Dempsey (2023) and Shannon Neale (2023).

Holmes is quickly establishing himself in the Cats' best 22, having played 11 games this year.

O'Connor has played

'I don't think it was an error': Dogs comment on Young and Lipinski

WESTERN Bulldogs CEO Ameet Bains has commented on losing Lewis Young and Patrick Lipinski following the duo's strong starts to the 2022 season.

Both Young and Lipinski requested trades away from the Dogs in the 2021 trade period, with the former joining Carlton and the latter Collingwood.

The Dogs had tabled multi-year deals to both players and hoped they would stay, although both left searching for more senior opportunities.

Lipinski played 11 games in the red, white and blue last year, while Young managed nine.

Despite both becoming integral pillars of their current sides, Bains doesn't lose sleep over the lost talent at the Dogs.

"I don't think it was an error," he told SEN's Whateley.

"Lewis Young had a two-year contract offer, Pat Lipinski had a three-year contract offer, so I think there are little misnomers about

**By Nic Negrepontis**

79 games for Geelong in a number of roles since being brought to the club from Ireland.

Conway, who signed the longest extension, is yet to debut. The 205cm ruckman was selected with pick 24 in the 2021 National Draft.

2021 Rookie Draftee Dempsey has played two games this season, while Neale has played the one since being selected in the 2020 National Draft.

**By Seb Mottram**

losing them because we wanted both players to stay.

"They were out of contract, they wanted more opportunity, which from both players' perspectives they've got.

"They made the right move for their careers they would say and ultimately we wanted them both to stay, and we made them contracts we felt were fair and reasonable."

Given Carlton's injuries to key defensive stocks, Young has been forced to play above his weight and has held his own in a side challenging for the top four.

Meanwhile, Lipinski hasn't missed a game this year, averaging career-best figures in disposals, inside 50s and clearances.

The Dogs secured pick 43 and pick 52 in the 2021 draft in exchange for the two 23-year-olds.

The club selected Sam Darcy, Arthur Jones and Luke Cleary with their three picks in the National Draft last year.

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**A GRADE**

Fish Creek 40 d MDU 37  
 Hill End 19 lt Yinnar 81  
 Newborough 68 d Foster 41  
 Stony Creek 20 lt Toora 59  
 Thorpdale 21 lt Morwell East 75

**B GRADE**

Fish Creek 56 d MDU 52  
 Hill End 26 lt Yinnar 59  
 Newborough 58 d Foster 27  
 Stony Creek 27 lt Toora 64  
 Thorpdale 22 lt Morwell East 56

**C GRADE**

Fish Creek 21 lt MDU 48  
 Hill End 36 lt Yinnar 43  
 Newborough 74 d Foster 6  
 Stony Creek 37 lt Toora 41  
 Thorpdale 21 lt Morwell East 38

**D GRADE**

Hill End 29 lt Yinnar 40  
 Stony Creek 16 lt Toora 27  
 Thorpdale 21 lt Morwell East 45

**17 & UNDER**

Fish Creek 31 lt MDU 42  
 Hill End 24 lt Yinnar 57  
 Newborough 50 lt Foster 55  
 Stony Creek 19 lt Toora 50

**15 & UNDER**

Fish Creek 14 d MDU 22  
 Hill End 22 lt Yinnar 29  
 Stony Creek 18 lt Toora 54  
 Thorpdale 43 d Morwell East 16

**13 & UNDER**

Fish Creek 35 d MDU 9

## » LADDERS

**A GRADE**

	%	pts
Mirboo North	179.43	56
Toora	173.39	54
Morwell East	193.38	52
Yinnar	155.82	50
Fish Creek	110.64	40
Newborough	107.64	40
Boolarra	93.59	28
MDU	100.58	32
Tarwin	84.71	24
Hill End	77.87	24
Foster	52.61	16
Stony Creek	31.94	12
Thorpdale	52.85	8

**B GRADE**

	%	pts
Morwell East	157.63	58
Mirboo North	172.02	54
Toora	175.66	52
Yinnar	154.25	48
MDU	115.57	36
Boolarra	103.64	32
Fish Creek	102.77	36
Newborough	98.08	32
Hill End	82.90	22
Stony Creek	59.21	18
Foster	62.63	16
Thorpdale	54.21	12
Tarwin	47.91	8

**C GRADE**

	%	pts
MDU	232.22	60
Newborough	160.93	54
Yinnar	142.19	46
Toora	123.68	46
Morwell East	147.18	44
Mirboo North	136.18	42
Tarwin	105.63	26
Hill End	87.64	26
Boolarra	85.27	26
Fish Creek	91.53	24
Stony Creek	63.52	18
Thorpdale	48.59	8
Foster	20.21	8

**D GRADE**

	%	pts
Yinnar	199.17	58
Morwell East	163.29	52
Mirboo North	179.91	50
Hill End	128.72	48
Newborough	98.38	44
Toora	105.19	38
MDU	82.46	30
Boolarra	58.54	28
Tarwin	55.81	28
Stony Creek	61.48	20
Thorpdale	53.77	16

**17 & UNDER****15 & UNDER****13 & UNDER****11 & UNDER****9 & UNDER****7 & UNDER****5 & UNDER****3 & UNDER****1 & UNDER****0 & UNDER****NETBALL**

## SPORT | NETBALL



Grace McRae works well under pressure against Phillip Island in the first half. Z32\_3022



Stony Creek and Toora battle for possession.  
Photo: Gerard Bruning



Fish Creek defending hard against MDU.

**LEONGATHA**

NETBALL game day report, round 15. Leongatha versus Warragul.

Under 13: Score: Leongatha 27 def Warragul 21

Super cold morning in Warragul for the 13s this week. They started strong in the first half, Warragul came back hard in the second half for very close last quarter, but we held our lead for a good win.

Under 15: Score: Leongatha 68 def Warragul 11

An easy game which offered us a chance to mix up positions and focus on smaller parts of our game play. A great win for the girls before heading into the bye next week.

Under 17: Score: Leongatha 31 def Warragul 25

Another super tough game coming away with the win. Strong defence and small passages of teamwork helped to take control of the game.

C Grade: Score: Leongatha 34 def Warragul 31

What a game! We had it all, the good, the bad and everything in between. We started strong but Warragul put in all their efforts in the last quarter, knowing a win would keep their finals hopes alive. Looking forward to Maffra in a couple of weeks.

B Grade: Score: Leongatha 65 def Warragul 35

Great game by the girls - even when mixing up some different combinations across the court. Amazing work rate and intensity for all four quarters. Enjoy the week off, it's going to be a huge end of the season with two very important games before finals.

A Grade: Score: Leongatha 67 def Warragul 36

Awesome game ladies. We stayed strong for all four quarters and played our own game. Credit to the team holding our heads high and our standard of netball even higher. Great way to finish the day with a clean sweep of six netball teams taking home the win.



Dalyston's Chloe Bramley worked well defensively against Phillip Island in a fast first quarter. Z31\_3022

## WEST GIPPSLAND

## » RESULTS

**A GRADE**

Dalyston 40 d Phillip I. 36  
 KWR 18 lt Kor-Bena 63  
 NNG 7 d Warragul I. 25

Tooradin-D 34 lt Bunyip 57

K-WR drew Inverloch-K 46

K-WR 40 d Kor-Bena 26

NNG 106 d Warragul I. 24

Tooradin-D 60 d Bunyip 54

Tooradin-D 34 lt Bunyip 57

Tooradin-D 18 lt Bunyip 52



Nyora's Tiana Heylen (A Grade) looks for options.



Poowong's Ashley Snell (A Grade) tries to avoid the intercept. Photo: Jeff Tull



Wonthaggi's Freya Scapin sends the ball through to the goal circle for a score against Traralgon. Z28\_3022



Wonthaggi's Bridgette Tack takes front position against Traralgon's Ashlyn Pavey in the second half. Z30\_3022



Bella Anderson of Wonthaggi gets the intercept against Traralgon in the final quarter. Z27\_3022



Fish Creek's (A Grade) Lara Stefani wants the ball in the goal circle.



Wonthaggi's Cassidy Bowman and Brogan Tiziani were solid defenders in the second half despite a strong lead from Traralgon. Z26\_3022

## ELLINBANK

### » RESULTS

#### A GRADE

Trafalgar 82 d Yarragon 23  
Poowong 36 It N-Darnum 81  
Nyora 21 It Neerim South 84  
Ellinbank 63 d Buln Buln 36  
Longwarry 55 It Catani 71

#### B GRADE

Trafalgar 76 d Yarragon 43  
Poowong 19 It N-Darnum 68  
Nyora 19 It Neerim South 89  
Ellinbank 58 d Buln Buln 43  
Longwarry 29 It Catani 60

#### C GRADE

Trafalgar 35 d Yarragon 22  
Poowong 19 It N-Darnum 43  
Nyora 25 It Neerim South 32  
Ellinbank 49 d Buln Buln 19  
Longwarry 53 d Catani 36

### » LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	302.45	56	Trafalgar	207.51	48
Trafalgar	136.55	48	Poowong	134.67	44
Nilma Darnum	166.96	42	Ellinbank	112.66	42
Ellinbank	142.91	40	Catani	134.05	40
Lang Lang	120.66	40	Buln Buln	108.23	32
Catani	97.12	28	Lang Lang	102.08	32
Buln Buln	85.38	26	Longwarry	99.61	26
Nyora	68.40	16	Yarragon	87.57	20
Longwarry	73.61	12	Nilma Darnum	70.43	20
Poowong	65.86	12	Neerim South	53.70	8
Yarragon	36.43	4	Nyora	45.14	8

#### B GRADE

Ellinbank	261.96	56	Longwarry	214.86	58
Buln Buln	168.53	48	Yarragon	185.07	40
Trafalgar	150.45	40	Buln Buln	179.85	40
Nilma Darnum	127.00	36	Trafalgar	143.35	38
Catani	112.90	36	Ellinbank	137.25	36
Neerim South	156.15	34	Catani	136.12	36
Lang Lang	98.23	34	Poowong	114.58	30
Nyora	71.31	16	Nilma Darnum	92.77	26
Poowong	50.00	12	Lang Lang	30.30	8
Longwarry	52.35	4	Neerim South	15.06	4
Yarragon	38.90	4	Nyora	0.00	0

#### C GRADE

Nilma Darnum	207.61	52	Trafalgar	222.86	52
Ellinbank	211.01	48	Longwarry	134.60	40
Longwarry	182.86	48	Nyora	131.54	40
Buln Buln	127.53	44	Yarragon	144.36	36
Neerim South	125.51	40	Nilma Darnum	108.39	32
Catani	107.64	36	Buln Buln	88.76	32
Lang Lang	75.35	20	Lang Lang	109.52	30
Trafalgar	73.02	14	Catani	94.04	20
Nyora	61.11	14	Neerim South	66.87	12
Poowong	45.89	4	Poowong	48.26	10
Yarragon	37.96	0	Ellinbank	42.31	6

## GIPPSLAND

### » RESULTS

#### A GRADE

Bairnsdale 44 It Drouin 51  
Warragul 36 It Leongatha 67  
Morwell 57 d Maffra 31  
Sale 27 It Moe 29  
Wonthaggi 49 drew Traralgon 49

#### B GRADE

Bairnsdale 42 d Drouin 41  
Warragul 37 It Leongatha 65  
Morwell 38 It Maffra 45  
Sale 40 It Moe 56  
Wonthaggi 32 It Traralgon 73

#### C GRADE

Bairnsdale 30 It Drouin 49  
Warragul 31 It Leongatha 34  
Morwell 25 It Maffra 36  
Sale 23 It Moe 34  
Wonthaggi 29 It Traralgon 45

### » LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Morwell	171.14	58	Sale	172.56	60
Leongatha	158.91	48	Traralgon	173.90	56
Moe	128.95	44	Wonthaggi	123.06	40
Traralgon	103.19	36	Morwell	101.45	32
Wonthaggi	113.76	34	Leongatha	99.14	30
Drouin	108.65	32	Drouin	90.89	30
Warragul	90.92	20	Maffra	95.44	24
Maffra	81.65	16	Bairnsdale	96.35	22
Sale	57.56	12	Warragul	58.30	8
Bairnsdale	50.94	0	Moe	48.10	0

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Leongatha	186.43	60	Maffra	180.09	58
Moe	127.36	48	Traralgon	295.12	52
Maffra	125.66	48	Sale	208.99	52
Traralgon	151.61	44	Leongatha	153.06	38
Bairnsdale	77.40	28	Bairnsdale	120.95	28
Morwell	98.60	20	Wonthaggi	100.00	24
Drouin	80.24	18	Moe	82.17	24
Wonthaggi	70.86	18	Wonthaggi	37.57	12
Warragul	71.71	8	Drouin	24.67	6
Sale	67.83	8	Warragul	27.40	2

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Maffra	165.27	60	Traralgon	294.21	60
Leongatha	188.30	52	Sale	267.71	56
Morwell	121.64	38	Bairnsdale	184.97	48
Traralgon	114.02	38	Wonthaggi	97.47	32
Drouin	85.37	32	Maffra	100.00	28
Warragul	105.25	30	Leongatha	77.51	28
Sale	78.66	16	Moe	51.95	16
Wonthaggi	73.05	16	Warragul	50.47	16
Moe	81.75	12	Morwell	50.00	12
Bairnsdale	57.64	6	Drouin	42.26	4

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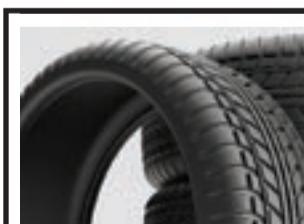
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# 'Blues' continue for Thorpdale

By Rob Popplestone

MORWELL East arrived at Thorpdale confident of success.

But more importantly, also wanting to play the style of footy that would have them competitive against some of the better teams in the MGFNL.

The Hawks had been hit and miss for most of the season, and their inconsistency had put in doubt their chances of a place in finals.

Morwell East delivered a clear message to the league, and that is that they want to play finals football.

"We wanted to take control early and luckily we did just that," said Devon Soutar, Morwell East coach.

"Despite a mediocre second quarter we were able to put the game to bed early in the third which gave us enough breathing room to somewhat cruise to the line."

The pressure remains on the Hawks as they continue to fight fiercely for a finals position, while for Thorpdale, the frustration of not being able to put together four full quarters remains.

"Some great passages of footy but once again can't sustain it longer than a quarter. When we stick to the plan we can more than hold our own," said Ray Pickering, Thorpdale coach.

That remains the secret for the Blues as we head towards seasons end, but you wouldn't be taking Thorpdale too easy either as they are capable of bobbing their head up when you least expect it.

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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» FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

» MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

 **80**  **59**

**FISH CREEK**

**MDU**

Fish Creek 2.3 5.3 7.6 12.8 (80)

MDU 3.1 6.3 9.3 9.5 (59)

**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Jai Stefani 3, Jack Hayes, Jordan Shaw 2, Thomas Cameron, Travis Manne, Matthew McGannon, Sam McGannon, Colin McPhee 1 each

**BEST:** Matthew McGannon, Thomas Cameron, Ryan McGannon, Willem Voorham, Tom Valenta, Lachlan Marr

**GOALS, MDU:** Wayne Stewart 3, Jarrod Hoy 2, Jake Bromley, Jacob Whiteside, Timothy Harris, Samuel Wilson 1 each

**BEST:** Timothy Harris, Connor Krohn, Mitchell Hoober, Alexander Battersby, Stephen Hawkins, Kieran Bohn

**RESERVES**

MDU 5.2 7.4 9.9 13.10 (88)

Fish Creek 2.0 4.2 5.6 6.7 (43)

**GOALS, MDU:** Jack Dunn 3, Ben Cantwell, Aaron Trease, Benjamin Maxwell 2, Jake Brydon, Max East, Brenton Faltum, Rhys Fisher 1 each

**BEST:** Jake Brydon, Jacob Proctor, Aaron Trease, Max East, Ben Cantwell, Benjamin Maxwell

**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Liam Edgeland, Brock Stefani 2, Tyler Williams, Adam Bright 1 each

**BEST:** Liam Howard, Owen Straw, Ryan Williams, Brock Stefani, Peter Mueller, Levi Cocksedge

**THIRDS**

Tarwin/Fish Ck 2.0 4.0 7.1 9.1 (55)

MDU 2.2 4.2 6.5 6.7 (43)

**GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Ck:** Thomas Vuillermin 3, Toby Mitchell 2, Tige Brewer, Zac McRae, Tom Millton, Joseph Rysko 1 each

**BEST:** Archie Moore, Wilkie Edgeland, Tom Millton, Thomas Vuillermin, Thomas Hughes, Toby Mitchell

**GOALS, MDU:** Ryland Bell 2, Eddie Colwill, Kyra Helms, Angus Kemper, Rhys Weaver 1 each

**BEST:** Brody McEwan, Kayden Scrimshaw, Timothy Hibberson, Tyson Harris, Tadhg Dennehy, Jarvis Lacy

## » IN OTHER GAMES

### SENIORS

Hill End 7.8.50 d Yinnar 7.6.48

Morwell East 19.7.121 d Thorpdale 9.7.61

**RESERVES**

Yinnar 19.13.127 d Hill End 5.4.34

Morwell East 22.11.143 d Thorpdale 2.8.20

**THIRDS**

Yinnar 13.19.97 d Hill End 2.2.14



Fish Creek's Col McPhee gathers the ball under pressure from MDU's Stephen Hawkins.

# Finals hope reignited for Fish Creek



FISH Creek's chances of competing in the finals were very slim, almost nil, prior to their clash with MDU.

And all that was needed by the Kangaroos to keep the dream alive heading into the last month of football was to keep winning, and that is exactly what they did.

"Terrific to win a close one this week, this year we've lost those closer games, so it's satisfying. Really pleased for the boys, it's been a frustrating year but to hit some form late is reward for some hard work," said John Danckert, Fish Creek coach.

Although it seems that the Kangaroos run has come a little late, at least it's there and is a tremendous foundation from which to build a 2023 season.

MDU too, it must be said,

continues to show all the signs of a side on the way up.

"Cracking game of footy. Unfortunately, we made some skill errors that Fishy were able to capitalise on late. Boys played a great brand of footy that we should be proud of," Peter Harris, MDU coach said.

"Need the bye next week with plenty of sore boys after today's contest."

The brand of football being played throughout the league should be commended, it's honest, aggressive, hard but skilful, and you get the feeling the best is yet to come.

**LEFT:** Fish Creek's Owen Schnoor lays a tackle on MDU's Mitchell Hoober.

# Mirboo North's biggest test yet this weekend

by Rover

Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights."

Boolarra, which currently sits in second spot on the MGFNL ladder after nine victories from 13 matches, is primed to record just its second win in 20 years at Mirboo North against the Tigers.

Mirboo North's 11 consecutive wins at home against the Demons since 2009 have ranged from 30 to 201 points, at an average of 59 points per victory.

This year, however, Mirboo North, — which will miss the finals for the only time since 2002 — will be the clear underdog in its clash with its nearest neighboring club.

Boolarra will look to top performers, Joel Mason, Brendan Mason, Nicholas Miller, Luke Marriott and Sam Mazou to continue the match-winning form they've shown all season.

Mirboo North will be relying on the big motors of Liam Nash, Joe Brooks, Joel Lambourn, Hudson Kerr and Ben Campbell to be firing on all cylinders if it hopes to match Boolarra's integrated systematised and seamless synchronization introduced into its 2022 game plan.

As well, Mirboo North's younger brigade of Beau Peters, Harry Mahoney, Rory Peter, Taj Wilkins and the Woodall cousins, Ethan and Max, are also expected to play

a big part in the Tigers' quest for victory.

It's understood Boolarra coach, Tony Giardina, has recently beefed up the Demons' progressive overload resistance training program in preparation for the Mirboo North match — prior to their first appearance in finals since winning the club's fourth Mid Gippsland flag 11 years ago.

There's also been a report — albeit unofficial — that a couple of Boolarra's speedy onballers have been training in Australian Army high ankle combat boots, so they'll feel like they're travelling on air against the Tigers, in their ultra-light blade runners.

# Lions tear apart Magpies

By Rob Popplestone

STONY Creek came off their bye week refreshed and ready to come home strong, while Toora were coming off a close loss to Fish Creek the week before.

From the first contest in the centre bounce, Stony Creek looked to put their foot down early in the match.

They kicked true and found the big sticks with three early goals within the first 5 minutes of the game.

Stony Creek maintained this pressure, and it took 15 minutes for Toora to finally find the goals.

This started a burst for the away team, finding them again soon after to cut the deficit.

Only through solid work from the Stony defence, the likes of Jacob Byrnes in his usual role, were they able to hold fast against a flurry of inside 50's to put themselves comfortably 25 points ahead at quarter time.

If only to continue the woes of the away team, the second quarter started just like the first.

It took just 30 seconds for power forward Darren Granger to add to his tally of the day, one of his six.

This started a purple patch for the Creek, but they were unable to capitalise on this with some poor kicking in front of the sticks.

From 12 scoring shots for the quarter, they kicked 6-8, peppering the goals at some points.

However, this didn't relieve the pressure on the Toora backline, even with the enormous effort of young Leigh Biemans.

This led to some unfortunate unforced errors, including one from a way-

ward kick in. At the main break, the Creek were looking good with a 50-point lead.

The second half started almost directly like the first, with two very quick goals to Stony, to start pushing the margin even further out.

However, fortune was good for the away side, with Jake McFarland finding some reprieve down the other end, kicking true from a set shot to kick one of two for the day.

Alas, this was only short lived, with the home team showing class against the undermanned Toora side. With Rhys Dixon showing strong hands and solid marking, he kicked another goal, with a bag of five himself for the day, to enter the last change pushing the margin out to 89 points.

With the sun setting, both teams looked to keep their flow and systems going, while maintaining their pressure in the last quarter.

Like the previous three, Stony found the sticks early, pushing their lead further ahead.

However, Toora's midfield weren't going to let them go easy, with Lachie Scott and Jesse Biemans still seeing lots of the ball and using it well under the circumstances.

Nevertheless, a final sealer for the Creek saw them wrap it up by a substantial 105-point margin.

Toora will enjoy their bye next week, looking to get some numbers back, while Stony Creek head down to Shark Park, against the ladder leaders, looking for a upset to keep their season alive.



The Lions scored an incredible victory over Toora on Saturday.



Rhys Dixon and Jake Dows clash for possession. Photos: Gerard Bruning

## Foster's surprise victors over Newborough

WITH a fair bit of heat below both of these teams, a win was crucial for each but only possible for one, as the Tigers arrived at the 'Kennel'.

Foster still fighting to secure their top six spot, Newborough desperately keen to retain the second position on the ladder.

The clash didn't disappoint either, with the visitors surprising the home side favourites with a 27-point victory.

"Big day for us against a very good Newborough side,

they obviously have high quality players on every line," said Sam Davies, Foster coach.

"It took a quarter to get the play on our terms, but I thought we were super for quarters 2, 3 and 4. It's nice for the playing group to see what our best looks like. Discipline and experience adds up..."

The good news for Foster spells danger for Newborough, with the Bulldogs dropping from their second spot

to third and with some work to do over the next few weeks.

"The weekend was another good start against good opposition and felt we had control of the game early, and maybe that was the problem because mid-way through the second quarter there was a momentum shift and at half time we knew we were going to be in a fight after losing Zac Skinner for the day and struggling to find answers as to why we were being beaten in so many areas of the

ground," said Craig Skinner, Newborough coach.

"Sam and Foster earned their win today and have some serious firepower up forward now. They will be the most dangerous come finals."

It appears that finals time will present the most intriguing series for the MGFNL in many years, with every side capable of beating any other on their day, and at this stage whose day it will be is anyone's guess.

### MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	ROUND 15			
															W	L	%	pts
Tarwin	11	2	199.30	52	Newborough	14	0	389.12	60	Mirboo North	15	0	300.23	60	15	0	300.23	60
Boolarra	9	3	122.43	46	Toora	13	1	350.84	56	MDU	10	5	154.57	40	10	5	154.57	40
Newborough	10	4	159.97	44	Yinnar	11	3	350.26	48	Yinnar	8	7	163.44	32	8	7	163.44	32
Foster	9	4	140.21	44	Tarwin	10	3	220.54	48	Foster	8	7	111.24	32	8	7	111.24	32
Hill End	9	4	116.91	42	MDU	9	5	131.82	40	Hill End	2	12	31.48	8	2	12	31.48	8
Morwell East	8	5	126.55	40	Stony Creek	7	6	109.53	36	Tarwin/Fish Creek	2	13	26.69	8	2	13	26.69	8
Stony Creek	7	6	95.68	36	Boolarra	7	6	103.64	36	Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Yinnar	7	7	176.74	32	Morwell East	6	7	113.10	32	Newborough	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Fish Creek	6	8	83.58	28	Hill End	4	10	51.69	20	Toora	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Mirboo North	5	8	69.48	28	Mirboo North	2	11	44.11	16	Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
MDU	4	10	76.58	20	Fish Creek	3	10	41.18	16	Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	1	13	46.50	8	Torpdale	2	12	28.05	12	Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	1	13	38.21	8	Foster	0	13	13.48	8									

### MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 15

» STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

» TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

**140**

**35**

STONY CREEK

TOORA

Stony Creek 6.2 10.10 17.15 20.20 (140)

Toora 2.1 3.2 4.4 5.5 (35)

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Darren Granger 6, Rhys Dixon 5, Dylan Zuidema 3, Tully Bernaldo 2, Darcy Atkins, Sam Marriott, Nick Svenson 1 each

**BEST:** Tully Bernaldo, Sam Bright, Julian Stone, Darren Granger, Darcy Atkins, Rhys Dixon

**GOALS, Toora:** Jake McFarland, Jack Weston 2, James Symons 1

**BEST:** Jake McFarland, Jack Weston, Jesse Biemans, James Symons, Lachlan Scott, Oscar Cashmore

**RESERVES**

Toora 4.1 7.4 7.7 9.14 (68)

Stony Creek 1.2 1.6 3.8 4.8 (32)

**GOALS, Toora:** Bennett Osborne 4, Josh Griffin, Jarryd Guganovic 2, Brad Stone 1

**BEST:** Josh Griffin, Wellesley Jenkins, Bennett Osborne, Ben East, Nicholas Green, Jordan Knox

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Ryan McKnight 2, Jack Spencer, Zac Van Delft 1 each

**BEST:** Glenn Gray, Jesse Harris, Ryan McKnight, Lachlan Elliott, Jarrad Byrnes, Jack Spencer

» FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

**113**

**86**

FOSTER

NEWBOROUGH

Foster 4.2 9.4 13.6 17.11 (113)

Newborough 6.7 9.10 10.12 12.14 (86)

**GOALS, Foster:** Michael Cooke 7, Will Mattingley 4, Tom Bartholomew, Billy Flavelle 2, Matthew Clark, Callan Van Dyke 1 each

**BEST:** Michael Cooke, Callan Van Dyke, Billy Flavelle, Will Mattingley, Trent Hamilton, Mitchell Green

**GOALS, Newborough:** Josh Pearce 5, Joel Mitchell 4, Jake Bowden, Joshua Bland, Joshua Hecker 1 each

**BEST:** Josh Pearce, Liam Cordner, Liam Flahavin, Nicholas Caldow, Josh Monacella, Joshua Bland

**RESERVES**

Newborough 4.6 10.8 15.11 20.15 (135)

Foster 0.0 1.0 1.1 1.1 (7)

**GOALS, Newborough:** Jack Brincat 4, Rohan Richards, Mathew Leicester 3, James Grant, Tyler Mander, Lachlan Westhrop 2, Patrick Frendo, Samuel Lodge, Robert Wilson, Jarod Wood 1 each

**BEST:** James Grant, Mathew Leicester, Tyler Mander, Jarod Wood, David Warnock, Jack Brincat

**GOALS, Foster:** Lee Hulse 1

**BEST:** Brad Coates, Eddie Smith, Scott Bradley, Jaxon Cripps, Jake Chaseling, Bryce Judd

**THIRDS**

Mirboo North 2.3 7.6 8.8 11.11 (77)

Foster 1.3 2.5 4.10 5.12 (42)

**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Ethan Woodall 4, Daniel Masters 3, Tarmah Little 2, Jack Couper, William Lewis 1 each

**BEST:** Ethan Woodall, Jack Couper, Reid Melbourne, Blake Peters, Tarmah Little, Ronan Byrne

**GOALS, Foster:** Zak Maynard-Barrett 2, Cooper Butinar, Khy Davy, Reghan Lewis 1 each

**BEST:** Jack Rathjen, Jake Matheson, Reghan Lewis, Leevi Lidstone, Darby Hoskins, Flynn Lomax

### THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 30

» ELLINBANK

ROUND 17

Buln Buln v Trafalgar

Nilma Darnum v Nyora

Neerim South v Lang Lang

Catani v Ellinbank

## ELLINBANK &amp; DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 16

## » POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

**173** **23**

POOWONG NILMA DARNUM

POOWONG 8.3 14.5 17.8 26.17 (173)

Nilma Darnum 2.2 2.3 3.5 3.5 (23)

**GOALS, Poowong:** Patrick Harmes 7, Jayden Sullivan 4, Joshua Harvey 3, Connor Cunningham, Jack Hazendonk, Alex Henshall, William Robertson, James Scott 2, Alex Doria, Mitchal Whiting 1 each

**BEST:** Patrick Harmes, Alex Doria, Jed Benham, Joshua Harvey, James Scott, Mitchal Whiting

**GOALS, Nilma Darnum:** Malcom Hunter 2, Oxley Huson 1

**BEST:** Nathan Campbell, Nick Carrig, Oxley Huson, Munashe Munjoma, Boeden Fries, Ethan Carlile

**RESERVES**

POOWONG 4.7 9.7 11.9 13.13 (91)

Nilma Darnum 1.0 1.1 4.2 4.2 (26)

**GOALS, Poowong:** Mitchell De Kleuver 5, Sam Edwarcs, Adam Miller 2, Brian Jefferis, Kyle Loveridge, Michael Robertson 1 each

**BEST:** Reece Attenborough, Mitchell De Kleuver, Gary Miller, Adam Miller, Jake Lewis, Kyle Aitkeng

**GOALS, Nilma Darnum:** Ezra Slade 2, James Clark, Harry Moore 1 each

**BEST:** Harry Moore, Corey Wright, Paul Alger, Justin Dessent, Adam Cameron, James Clark

**FOURTHS**

Neerim Sth 5.4 8.8 10.15 14.27 (111)

POOWONG 1.0 1.1 3.1 3.1 (19)

**GOALS, Neerim South:** Riley Morehu, Joseph Sheehan 4, Nate Chandler 2, Seth Chandler, Kyson Cornwall, Blair Owen, Max Williams 1 each

**BEST:** Isaac Guy, Kyson Cornwall, Max Williams, Riley Morehu, Nate Chandler, Joseph Sheehan

**GOALS, Poowong:** Angus Halliwell, Rory Nettle, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton 1 each

**BEST:** Angus Halliwell, Aaron Damon, Ryder Dowlan, Rory Nettle, Jett Blackwood, Anthony Orsini

## » NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

**125** **47**

NEERIM SOUTH NYORA

Neerim Sth 5.4 10.5 16.7 19.11 (125)

Nyora 0.2 2.7 4.9 6.11 (47)

**GOALS, Neerim South:** Chris Urie 5, Lachlan Bambridge, Luke Kinder 3, Nathan Bayne, Kody Wilson 2, Issac Fuller, Ashley Lockett, Josh Morrison, Josh White 1 each

**BEST:** Kody Wilson, Matthew Edwards, Nathan Bayne, Chris Urie, Tyssen Morrow, Josh White

**GOALS, Nyora:** Scott Pugh 3, Jesse Heylen, Adam Pugh, Travis Stewart 1 each

**BEST:** Lachie Fievez, Dylan Heylen, Kallon Rigby, Andrew Dike, Nick Fairbank, Jesse Heylen

**RESERVES**

Neerim Sth 8.3 16.5 25.9 32.15 (207)

Nyora 0.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 (8)

**GOALS, Neerim South:** Toby Bayne 14, Eddie McGillivray, Christian Robertson-Edgar, Mitchell Sayburn 3, Declan Bagot, Chris Saunders 2, Tim Fraser, Rhys George, Scott Muir, Harry Notman, Adam White 1 each

**BEST:** Rhys George, Toby Bayne, Adam White, Harry Notman, Chris Saunders, Eddie McGillivray

**GOALS, Nyora:** Shaun Lamb 1

**BEST:** Shaun Lamb, Lincoln Brock, Heath Clarke, Luke Tagliaferro, Jake Jennings

## » IN OTHER GAMES

**SENIORS**

Trafalgar 12.7.79 d Yarragon 8.2.50

Buln Buln 8.8.56 d Ellinbank 3.6.24

Longwarry 14.26.110 d Catani 8.6.54

**RESERVES**

Trafalgar 13.8.86 d Yarragon 10.6.66

Ellinbank 13.6.84 d Buln Buln 4.5.29

Longwarry 36.9.225 d Catani 1.4.10

**THIRDS**

Neerim South 24.10.154 d Yarragon 2.2.14

Buln Buln 9.8.62 d Ellinbank 6.7.43

**FOURTHS**

Yarragon 5.15.45 d Trafalgar 0.1.1

Ellinbank 7.10.52 d Buln Buln 1.1.7



# Poowong continues winning ways

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed Nilma Darnum for the seniors and reserves and Neerim South in the Fourths, with the ground in a good condition having dodged the wet Saturdays.

Poowong were forced to make one change Jaemeel Knecht in for TJ Loughridge injured, with possibly of a couple of players back after the bye next weekend, when we play Neerim South away. The club had two Senior players reaching milestones, Connor Cunningham and Josh Harvey both playing their 150th senior games.

The game opened with Nilma Darnum scoring the first goal of the game to the Nyora end, and a couple of points before Poowong found the big sticks with Jayden Sullivan, Paddy Harmes and Will Robertson goaling, followed by three points.

Nilma Darnum were moving the ball around and managed their second goal for the quarter. Poowong finished the quarter with a five-goal burst.

The home club were not having it all their own way as Nilma Darnum concentrated on finding teammates with their kicks when going forward.

Poowong came out at half to time determined to continue where they left off.

Nilma Darnum was equally determined to hit the scoreboard adding a point from a



Poowong's Pat Harmes manages to escape the scramble. Photo: Jeff Tull

kick from CHF, then they received a fifty-metre penalty to add their third goal then missed another opportunity with a point.

Down one player, Poowong had to work even harder Mitch Whiting goaled before a couple of points.

Nilma Darnum had another chance but kicked out of bounds, Paddy Harmes had a late chance but ran too far and was penalised.

Poowong players were asked

to be more direct in their play, from this they added nine goals nine from 18 shots, without Nilma Darnum hitting the scoreboard.

Poowong opened with a point followed by Connor Cunningham to Harmes for his sixth.

Will Robertson added his second followed by another poster, Josh Harvey added a point before Connor Cunningham kicked his second.

Jack Hazendonk added a point before James Scott

kicked his second, Josh Harvey kicked his third in amongst three late points.

Poowong home by 150 points.

A good win on the day, Nilma Darnum battled hard all game but were unable to finish off their forward moves with Poowong's back line on top.

Poowong are in fourth place at the moment, and it will come down to the games ahead whether we can sneak into third place

# Competitive Saints fall as Cats remain unbeaten

AFTER an improved five weeks of footy, Nyora faced a massive test last weekend, as they hosted the formidable ladder-leaders Neerim South.

The Saints needed to be at their best, although their best was not how they started as the visiting Cats brought the heat early and booted five goals to none in the first quarter to lead by 32-points.

The second term was more competitive from the hosts, creating many more shots at goal, they were just unable to finish their work, settling for just two goals from seven shots.

The dominant visitors on the other hand, continued on their merry way, soaking up the Saints fightback to kick another five goals of their own for the quarter.

Neerim South stretching their lead out to 46-points at the main break.

The match continued to be a great battle despite the teams occupying positions at either end of the ladder, the Cats just able to flex their muscle

towards the end of each quarter and kick away.

The third quarter proved to be the visitors best, as they slammed on six goals to two to crack the 100 mark and push their lead to an even 70 at the final break.

Although, the young Saints did not give in, saving their best quarter for last holding the Cats to just three goals whilst they slotted two of their own.

The young Nyora side showed great courage, disallowing the dangerous Neerim side from completely blowing them away while also kicking the highest score the Cats have allowed all season.

A great little takeaway for Dylan Heylen and his side despite the 78-point loss.

The Cats keep their undefeated season intact, they'll look to make it 15 wins in a row next week when they host Lang Lang.

As for the Saints, they are on the right track and will hope to claim their sixth win of the year next week at Nilma Darnum.



Aidan Simmons gets the handball away under pressure.

## ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 16

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	14	0	425.27	56	Ellinbank	13	1	419.51	52	Neerim South	12	1	802.73	48	Longwarry	13	1	447.01	52
Trafalgar	11	3	227.17	44	Trafalgar	12	2	285.71	48	Ellinbank	10	3	165.24	40	Yarragon	12	1	339.26	48
Buln Buln	11	4	204.63	44	Neerim South	11	3	524.53	44	Buln Buln	7	6	73.52	28	Neerim South	8	5	160.23	32
Longwarry	10	5	174.44	40	Lang Lang	11	3	311.94	44	Longwarry	6	7	73.46	24	Ellinbank	8	5	118.32	32
Yarragon	8	6	167.43	32	Buln Buln	10	5	279.23	40	Yarragon	4	10	37.28	16	Lang Lang	4	8	62.96	16
Ellinbank	8	6	164.38	32	Longwarry	8	7	154.96	32	Lang Lang	0	11	39.38	0	Trafalgar	3	9	37.77	12
Longwarry	7	8	89.58	28	Poowong	5	10	60.04	20	Poowong	0	0	0.00	0	Poowong	2	11	37.41	8
Yarragon	5	10	83.24	20	Yarragon	5	10	58.41	20	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Buln Buln	2	12	30.40	8
Nyora	5	10	60.54	20	Nyora	4	10	39.68	16	Trafalgar	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Catani	1	14	26.99	4	Nilma Darnum	1	13	8.33	4	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	14	14.73	0	Catani	0	15	7.78	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0

# Wonthaggi and Traralgon can't be split

AN epic battle between two committed sides ended in a fitting draw in what was a gripping spectacle throughout the day in Wonthaggi.

Wonthaggi and Traralgon showed tremendous discipline and organisation in defence, contributing to the low scoring nature of the match.

While the Power appeared set to get on top for much of the second half, Traralgon held strong and the Maroons threatened to inflict heartbreak, having late scoring opportunities.

Wonthaggi hearts were in mouths as Harvey Neocleous lined up for goal for Traralgon approaching the 26-minute mark of the final term, but his gettable shot fell short of registering a score.

Jack Hutchinson's pair of final term goals proved critical in enabling the Power to salvage a couple of premiership points.

Hutchinson finished with three majors for the game, being named the Power's best.

Ryan Sparkes set the standard for Wonthaggi, willing himself to get to a huge number of contests and hurling himself into everyone, having a vast impact from the outset whether in the air or at ground level.

Troy Harley was another who provided momentum for Power and was quick to set a positive tone, with his crunching tackles combined with his ball winning ability and an early goal.

Harry Dawson was a solid contributor for Power, particularly early in the match when he took a courageous mark around half back and followed up not long after by intercepting an opposition pass and snapping a goal to get Wonthaggi underway.



Forward pressure on Wonthaggi's Shannon Bray by Traralgon's Dylan Lopreste in the first quarter. Z22\_3022

Darcy Brosnan was rewarded for strong form in the Power reserves and provided energy and a positive approach.

Traralgon was well placed and confident at the final change.

A Brett Eddy set shot goal after the three quarter time siren sent Traralgon to the huddle with momentum and a 9-point lead.

While Wonthaggi had been brilliant in the second term, with Power dominant in the air whether marking teammates passes or intercepting opposition kicks, they had little to show for it on the scoreboard.

Power led by just 11 points at the long break, scoring 2.7(19) in the second stanza to the Maroons' two behinds.

Still, much credit goes to the Traralgon backline that stood up well under great pressure

during that period and didn't allow Wonthaggi many easy opportunities.

Momentum swung between the sides throughout the contest.

In the early minutes of the game both teams had chances to score, with the Sherrin moving from end to end.

Wonthaggi settled soonest and appeared set to head to the first break with a slender lead.

However, Traralgon pounced when the footy spilled out the back of a pack, registering a goal at the 17-minute mark.

That followed a couple of Power majors and sparked the Maroons, with the impressive Matthew Northe capitalising on the visitor's sudden momentum with a couple of quick goals to ensure a quarter time lead for Traralgon.

## Wonthaggi make unique history with another draw

IN their draw with Traralgon on the weekend, Wonthaggi has now drawn two matches this season.

This makes the Power the first senior team in the Gippsland League since Leongatha in 1978, to have two matches in a single season end in draws.

Including last weekend's round, the league, since 1954, has had 6037 matches played, of which 56 have ended in a draw, meaning approximately one game in every 108 results is a draw.

The record number of drawn matches in single season in the league stands at three, with Yallourn (1959), Warragul (1965) and Trafalgar (1965).

# Parrots soar over young Gulls at Western Park

UNDERDOG Warragul worked hard to stay in touch with unbeaten Leongatha, with the Gulls just 16 points behind at the long break.

The Parrots were creating opportunities but struggling to make them count on the scoreboard, managing just 4.7(31) in the first half.

"They had a heap of kids playing so they were enthusiastic and I thought they played really well in the first half, and you could tell they had a fair bit of energy about them," Leongatha coach Trent McMicking said of the spirited opposition his side encountered.

The Parrots slammed on five goals to one in the third term, ensuring their winning run wouldn't yet be halted.

Justin Pellicano returned to action for Leongatha after time on the sidelines recovering from a nasty knock to the knee, and

had an impact with a couple of goals.

That scoring output was matched by fellow Parrots Tallin Brill, Kim Drew and Lachie Wright, showing once again that Leongatha has plenty of avenues to goal.

Jed Lamb was again a focal point for Warragul up forward, booting a couple of goals to take his season tally to 57, which has him leading the competition's spearheads.

Lamb could have finished with a more profitable return were it not for a few shots registering behinds, but was well contained by Jackson Harry in the second half.

Another prominent goalkicker for the Parrots, Jack Ginnane, has just one less major than Hillberg but appears to have had his season ended by a hefty suspension of eight matches following a round 12

incident in which Wonthaggi's Jordan Staley was injured.

Jack Hume sits next on the Parrots' goalkicking table but couldn't add to his tally of 25 during the encounter with the Gulls.

The victory gives Leongatha the edge in away contests at Warragul, with the Parrots having now won 31 of those battles to the Gulls' 30.

Leongatha has now won its last three clashes with Warragul, with the Gulls holding sway by a solitary point before that run commenced.

On Saturday, Jake van der Pligt featured prominently in Leongatha's best, winning the footy impressively in close, as he makes strong progress since his return from injury and illness.

Luther Juric, up against his old side, excelled on a wing and up forward for Leongatha,

using his strength effectively and topping the Parrots' best players list.

"His work rate and effort and his run both ways, defensive and offensive, was a real highlight for us," McMicking said.

Cam Stone and Luke Bowman were solid as usual for the Parrots, with Ned Hanly again impressing with his hard work and pressure.

Cade Maskell made a welcome return for the Parrots having recovered from a hamstring injury.

"He had an influence straight away and took a heap of marks in the first half," McMicking said of Maskell's importance across halfback.

Despite falling away in the second half, Warragul's losing margin of 63 points was a slight improvement on the sides' round 6 clash in which the Parrots prevailed by 68 points.

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	15	0	234.03	60
Sale	10	5	143.54	40
Wonthaggi	9	4	139.96	40
Traralgon	9	5	147.64	38
Maffra	8	7	118.08	32
Morwell	8	7	96.70	32
Moe	7	8	81.88	28
Warragul	3	11	56.87	14
Bairnsdale	2	13	59.54	8
Drouin	2	13	50.98	8

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	14	1	481.45	56
Wonthaggi	14	1	302.56	56
Maffra	12	3	446.08	48
Sale	8	7	112.52	32
Morwell	6	8	72.05	26
Bairnsdale	6	8	66.37	24
Moe	6	9	49.55	24
Traralgon	4	11	65.29	16
Warragul	3	11	50.79	14
Drouin	1	13	22.22	4

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Maffra	14	1	189.63	56
Warragul	10	4	201.55	40
Moe	10	5	88.70	40
Traralgon	9	6	129.49	36
Bairnsdale	9	6	126.05	36
Drouin	9	6	123.28	36
Leongatha	5	9	69.77	20
Morwell	4	11	80.11	16
Wonthaggi	3	12	55.26	12
Sale	2	13	58.69	8

FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Traralgon	13	0	595.08	52
Maffra	11	2	237.23	44
Warragul	10	3	192.04	40
Leongatha	6	7	78.61	24
Drouin	6	7	66.34	24
Bairnsdale	5	8	94.33	22
Moe	5	9	67.59	20
Sale	3	9	64.70	14
Morwell	0	14	16.92	0
Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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### » WONTHAGGI POWER FOOTBALL CLUB

 **62**  
WONTHAGGI

 **62**  
TRARALGON

Wonthaggi 2.2 4.9 5.14 8.14 (62)  
Traralgon 3.2 3.4 8.5 9.8 (62)

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Jack Hutchinson 3, Noah Anderson, Harry Dawson, Troy Harley, Travis Krause, Jake Thomas 1 each

**BEST:** Jack Hutchinson, Joshua Bates, Harry Dawson, Flynn Anderson, Steven Scott, William Lenehan

**GOALS, Traralgon:** Brett Eddy, Matthew Northe 3, Jake Best, Dylan Lopreste 1 each

**BEST:** Conor Little, Tye Hourigan, Tom Schneider, Hugh Dunbar, Luis D'Angelo, Matthew Northe

**RESERVES**  
Wonthaggi 4.2 8.2 15.6 20.11 (131)  
Traralgon 1.1 4.4 4.6 5.7 (37)

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Blake Cornelis 6, Elliot Staley 5, Tyson Andrichtetto, Ryan Cornell, Jye Gilmour 2, Ry Ennoss, Lachie Jones, Ben Wingfield 1 each

**BEST:** Ryan Cornell, Elliot Staley, Blake Cornelis, Kieran Mohen, Jye Gilmour, Lachie Jones

**GOALS, Traralgon:** Jacob Van Iwaarden, Fletcher Watts, Kade Ruyters, Joshua Fraser-Hanley, William Brent 1 each

**BEST:** Ollie Turnbull, Luke Phillips, Fletcher Watts, Jacob Van Iwaarden, Kade Ruyters, Gabriel Wood

**THIRDS**  
Traralgon 2.2 6.3 7.10 10.11 (71)  
Wonthaggi 2.3 4.5 6.7 8.8 (56)

**GOALS, Traralgon:** Jarn Macumber 3, Joshua Hamilton, Connor Scandrett 2, Makai Maaka, Cooper Millar, Fletcher Watts 1 each

**BEST:** Jarn Macumber, Makai Maaka, Connor Scandrett, Campbell Peavey, Baxter Kennedy, Tom Said

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Reeve Moresco 2, Jackson Baker, Cade Brown, Matrix Chisholm, Ollie Dawson, Ethan Dickison, Jai Williamson 1 each

**BEST:** Joel Dickison, Ollie Dawson, Kyle Yann, Cade Brown, Ethan Dickison, Blake Baker

### » LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **88**  
LEONGATHA

 **25**  
WARRAGUL

Leongatha 1.4 4.7 9.11 12.16 (88)  
Warragul 0.1 2.3 3.6 3.7 (25)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Tallin Brill, Kim Drew, Lachie Wright, Justin Pellicano 2, Luke Bowman, Tom Marriott, Nick Nagel, Aaron Turton 1 each

**BEST:** Luther Juric, Jake van der Pligt, Cade Maskell, Cameron Stone, Ned Hanly, Luke Bowman

**GOALS, Warragul:** Jed Lamb 2, Mitch Nobelius 1

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## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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» DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

» PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB



PHILLIP ISLAND

DALYSTON

Phillip Island 6.3 12.8 17.13 28.17 (185)

Dalyston 2.2 3.3 6.3 7.3 (45)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Jack Taylor 6, Max Blake 5, Billy Taylor 4, Cameron Pedersen, Eli Richards 3, Jack Papas, Zak Vernon 2, Orlando Kane Gillard, Harry O'Brien, Jesse Patullo 1 each**BEST:** Cameron Pedersen, Jack Taylor, Zak Vernon, Jordy Patullo, Mark Griffin, Max Blake**GOALS, Dalyston:** Musa Amin, Hayden Wallis 2, Blake Carew, Curtis Murret, Jack Paravicini 1**BEST:** Michael Harris, Curtis Murret, Jack Paravicini, Michael Marotta, Matthew Howell, Hayden Wallis**RESERVES**

Phillip Island 7.3 11.7 15.12 18.18 (126)

Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Alex Duyker 5, Liam Dayson 4, Cooper Logan, James Nicolaci 2, Lucas Chihotski, Jake Black, Hayden Smith, Tully Dickie, Arie Cook 1 each**BEST:** Alex Duyker, Rob Linford, Hayden Smith, Cooper Logan, Will Taylor-Eagles**BEST, Dalyston:** John Jones, Alexander Geyer, Joshua Wright, Jack Sheerin, Andrew Magro, John Armstrong**THIRDS**

Phillip Island 7.3 19.4 23.11 31.14 (200)

Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Dylan Susic 8, Hunter Clarke 5, Sunny Mattock 3, Finn Cashman, Lucas Chihotski, Tully Dickie, Brodie Gude, Sonny McMillan, Brady Ross 2, Daniel Caffieri, Brayden Kleverkamp, Thomas Niven 1 each**BEST:** Hunter Clarke, Dylan Susic, Jett McMillan, Sunny Mattock, Brady Ross, Noah Muller**BEST, Dalyston:** Beau Hull, Ryan Gray, Chase Krause, Ryda Kay-Darts, Brandon Mentiplay**FOURTHS**

Phillip Island 3.2 4.8 10.11 18.12 (120)

Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Zac Walker 7, Leo Savona 3, Jack Huther 2, Max Arceo, Benjamin Chihotski, Oliver Duggan, Charles Martus, Charlie O'Garey, Finn O'Brien 1 each**BEST:** Yianni Caffieri, Zac Walker, Max Arceo, Charles Martus, Timothy Niven, Sonny Merryfull**BEST, Dalyston:** George McCausland, Lincoln Harris, Noah Forrest Mabilia, Cooper Shepherd, Harry Howell, Chase Krause

## » IN OTHER GAMES

**SENIORS**

Cora Lynn 22.10.142 d Garfield 7.5.47

Nar Nar Goon 13.5.83 d Warragul Ind 7.10.52

Tooradin-Dal 18.17.125 d Bunyip 4.4.28

**RESERVES**

Cora Lynn 15.14.104 d Garfield 1.2.8

Nar Nar Goon 12.10.82 d Warragul Ind 6.9.45

Tooradin-Dal 14.16.100 d Bunyip 2.3.15

**THIRDS**

Cora Lynn 6.8.44 d Garfield 5.11.41

Tooradin-Dal 20.11.131 d Bunyip 4.2.26

**FOURTHS**

Warragul Ind 17.5.107 d Nar Nar Goon 1.0.6

Bunyip 10.13.73 d Tooradin-Dal 3.2.20

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 30

» GIPPSLAND ROUND 16

Traralgon v Bairnsdale

Warragul v Sale

Wonthaggi v Morwell

» WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 16

Bunyip v Kilcunda-Bass

Dalyston v Cora Lynn

Inverloch-Kongwak v Garfield

Koo Wee Rup v Warragul Industrials

Nar Nar Goon v Korumburra-Bena

Phillip Island v Tooradin-Dalmore

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Cora Lynn 22.10.142 d Garfield 7.5.47

Phillip Island 28.17.185 d Dalyston 7.3.45

Inverloch-Kongwak 12.20.92 d Kilcunda-Bass 4.7.31

Koo Wee Rup 18.13.121 d Korumburra-Bena 9.5.59

Nar Nar Goon 13.5.83 d Warragul Industrials 7.10.52

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# Bulldogs light up the Dalyston evening

THE Bulldogs started well and were quick to put the boys from Dalyston to the sword, with a consistent first half seeing 6 goals in each quarter, and a 9-goal half time lead.

The Taylor boys were waxing again as if it was their backyard, with Billy leading the charge with three first quarter goals.

Brothers Jack and Max Blake were having a day out as well as the new look backline was being superbly led by Mark Griffin and Levi Robinson in particular.

The Dalyston boys came out fighting in the third, with Mason Storr and Michael Harris providing plenty of drive and Musa Amin and Max Connell being elusive.

A couple of Dalyston goals stung the Bulldogs back into action, with Cam Pedersen and Zac Vernon in particular being strong, and stand-in captain Kimber back to his best on the ball.

Eli Richards was continuing his recent superb form, and Jordy Patullo was having a great battle on his wing.

Coach Vernon laid down a three-quarter time challenge – a score of 170 plus points, which seemed a tall order.

With the locals activating their brand-new lights the last quarter was played in something resembling broad sunshine!

The challenge worked. Appreciating the lighted conditions, the Taylors, Max Blake, and Pedersen dominated the last, Jack Papas bobbed up for a couple as the plucky Magpies tired.

A last quarter 11 goal blitz saw the final margin of 140 points.

All in all, a strong win for the Bulldogs, with all sights now turned to next week's return blockbuster against Tooradin at home.



Phillip Island's Zach Wagner prepares to elude Dalyston's Brad Monson and Clay Tait in the second quarter. Z38\_3022



Dalyston's Robert Davey targets an option in the final quarter and handballs out of the Island's 50. Z37\_3022

## Bass Coast Breakers win in a close one

THE Breakers welcomed back Oona Shepherd for the clash with Edithvale-Aspendale and she had an immediate impact at full back, attacking the ball and backing herself to win the contest.

The conditions were great for the Friday night clash and both teams contested strongly in an even and low scoring first quarter.

The Breakers found some more space in the second quarter but despite controlling much of the play went into the

half time break trailing, disappointed to concede a late goal after a solid defensive effort.

The Breakers came out more composed in the second half and continued their pressure all over the ground, with Montana Campbell laying some great tackles and creating a contest in the forward pocket.

Doing all the attacking early – the Breakers got on the board quickly to take back the lead before Edithvale-Aspendale took their turn at controlling

the play.

Chelsea Connell's ability to break through the pack is great to watch and led to the Breakers second goal of the quarter, with Kate Caughey finishing off a great play from the centre.

With both teams still in it at the final break, the last quarter continued at a high intensity however, a lovely snap from the pocket by Kate Caughey (her third for the match) gave the Breakers a bit of breathing space.

It was another strong four quarter performance by Ahlee Penry, who was dominant in the ruck and contested well through the middle, and Tess Wingfield who's clearance work and ability to hit targets around the ground was impressive.

It was the Bass Coast Breakers adding another win to their tally, to the tune of 9-points in a tight contest.

They head to Karingal next week for a 4.40pm Saturday clash.

# Inaccurate Sea Eagles take down Panthers

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK welcomed back some troops and were near full strength when they travelled down the road to Bass to take on the Panthers on Saturday.

Killy-Bass were up for the fight though, winning centre clearances and surging the ball forward as Nathan Foote and Taylor Gibson looked lively early, combining for some great plays going forward.

The hosts continued to put the pressure on and finally broke through with their first major, off the boot of Gibson, following a brilliant coast to coast passage.

The Sea Eagles looked as though they were going to blow the Panthers off the park throughout the first term, although struggled with accuracy, kicking just one goal and eight behinds, taking a slim five-point lead into quarter time.

IK lifted their play around the ground to kick off the second term but continued to frustrate the Sea Eagle faithful with more skill errors, particularly in front of goal, it was as though the whole team had 'the yips'.

The hosts took great advantage of IK's uncharacteristic lack of polish and increased the heat on the ball, as the contest became quite fiery.

The visitors started up the third quarter in sensational fashion, winning the centre clearance thanks to some slick work from Marcus and Oscar Toussaint and gun recruit Ethan Park.

The hosts kept pressing

hard and were keen on making the premiership contending Sea Eagles work for every last possession.

Although try as they might to score, they just could not seem to get past Michael Eales in defence for IK, tackling with ferociousness and intercepting everything that came his way.

The hosts were being led by the dominance of Dale Gawley, who was giving them everything, showing he is a real weapon in the ruck, as his running ability and skills make him more likened to a 'fourth midfielder'.

IK continued to gather plenty of footy, but just could not put their opponents away, their inaccuracy still affecting them throughout the third term.

Toby Mahoney slotted his first for IK as they extended their lead to 44 in rainy conditions at three quarter time.

The final term started with a rough contest inside as neither side scored through the first five minutes.

Although the third placed IK finally found their groove, moving the ball untouched from the back pocket for another major.

Lewis Rankin was huge for IK, holding Panther's spearhead Gibson to just one goal as the Sea Eagles ran away with a 61-point victory.

They'll look to carry this momentum into their next matchup with Garfield at home, while Kilcunda-Bass will hope to claim another victory in Bunyip in round 16.



Lewis Rankin gets the kick away for IK. B07\_3022



Mitch Hewitson looks to dispose of the ball by hand for IK. B09\_3022

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 15

» KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

» INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

 92

 31

INVERLOCH-K

KILCUNDA-BASS

Inverloch-K 1.8 3.14 8.19 12.20 (92)

Kilcunda-Bass 1.3 2.3 3.5 4.7 (31)

**GOALS**, Inverloch-K: Clinton McCaughan 4, Dylan Clark, Toby Mahoney 2, Oscar Toussaint, Mitch Hewitson, Taite Cumming, Thomas Wyatt, Jordan Tomas 1 each

**BEST**: Tom Hams, Lewis Rankin, Michael Eales, Oscar Toussaint, Marcus Toussaint, Dylan Clark

**GOALS**, K-Bass: Dale Gawley, Taylor Gibson, Cam McKenzie, Ethan Watts 1

**BEST**: Dale Gawley, Nathan Foote, Sam Watson, Cam McKenzie, Benjamin Eddy, Dale Crawford

### RESERVES

Inverloch-K 5.8 13.13 19.17 24.20 (164)

Kilcunda-Bass 0.0 0.2 0.5 0.5 (5)

**GOALS**, Inverloch-K: Patrick Jobling 9, Oscar Beaton, Stuart Kilsby, Dylan Taylor 2, Travis Bergmeier, Jasper Kempster, Tyler Leonard, Thomas Miller, Tom Whelan, Joshua Bertacco 1 each

**BEST**: Jordan Teakle, Thomas Miller, Joshua Bertacco, Ashton Hewitson, Patrick Jobling, Tyler Leonard

**BEST**, K-Bass: Phillip Winmar, Robert Taylor, Kadison Duff, Lachlan De Kleuver, Espen Gelsi, William Campbell

### FOURTHS

Inverloch-K 2.2 4.4 6.6 6.7 (43)

Kilcunda-Bass 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 (6)

**GOALS**, Inverloch-K: Harry Butcher 2, Jett Garnham, Andot Mankhong, Callum McLeod, Jobe Scapin 1 each

**BEST**: Lucas Allen, Andot Mankhong, Augustus Finsterer, Charlie Shaddock, Jobe Scapin

**GOALS**, K-Bass: Alexander Barbat 1

**BEST**: William Campbell, James Lewis, Alexander Barbat, Ryan Cargill, Jarrad Francome, Matthew Dakin

### » KORUMBURRA-BENA FOOTBALL CLUB

 121

 59

KOO WEE RUP

KOR-BENA

Koo Wee Rup 4.5 6.8 12.10 18.13 (121)

Kor-Bena 3.1 5.4 8.5 9.5 (59)

**GOALS**, Koo Wee Rup: Jason Wells 6, Luke McMaster 5, Nathan Voss 4, Nathan Muratore 2, Jesse Cammarano 1

**BEST**: Cosi Anagnostou, Bailey Galante, Nathan Voss, Mitchell Cammarano, Luke McMaster, Tyson Twite

**GOALS**, Kor-Bena: Darcy Hargrave, Alaster Bradley, Joshua Westerman 2, Nicholas Besley, Paul Fermanis, Christian Sewell 1 each

**BEST**: Joshua Westerman, Josh Hargreaves, Matt Kennewell, Zach Walker, Jordan Graham, James Dunn

### RESERVES

Koo Wee Rup 7.5 14.9 19.12 28.16 (184)

Kor-Bena 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)

**GOALS**, Koo Wee Rup: Benjamin Miller 10, Mitch Alderson 3, Troy Dolan, Mitch Molloy, Kalin Parker, Jason Stokkel, Leroy Yomo 2, Matt Bolleman, Devlin Parker, David Ramos, John Ramos, Ryan Wilby 1 each

**BEST**: Kalin Parker, Mitch Alderson, Samuel Cox, Brannon Harrison, Tyler Evans, Leroy Yomo

**BEST**, Kor-Bena: Jed Harris, Luke Walker, Matthew Hancock, Tane Derrick, Corey Whelan

### THIRDS

Kor-Bena 2.2 4.3 7.4 8.6 (54)

Koo Wee Rup 3.2 4.4 4.11 5.14 (44)

**GOALS**, Kor-Bena: Joel Cuman 3, Kodie Walker 2, Josh Checkley, Tadgh Gannon, Jake Fowles 1 each

**BEST**: Lachlan Smith, Braith Minchin, Josh Checkley

**GOALS**, Koo Wee Rup: James Voss 2, Zak Banks, Tyler Evans, Cooper Webb 1 each

**BEST**: James Voss, Cooper Webb, Benjamin Pugsley, Dante Di Pietro, Zak Banks, Max Allen

### FOURTHS

Kor-Bena 4.1 6.6 6.7 8.9 (57)

Koo Wee Rup 0.0 2.0 3.2 5.3 (33)

**GOALS**, Kor-Bena: Mitchell Croatto, Ben Fort, Jake Fowles 2, Max Donohue, Nathan Halliday 1 each

**BEST**: Max Donohue, Tommy Burgess, Lachlan Wilson, Daniel Whelan, Tadgh Gannon, Bryce Riddell

**GOALS**, Koo Wee Rup: Luke Briganti 2, Mack Brown, Levi Ducasse, Drew Simmons 1 each

**BEST**: Zak Banks, Levi Ducasse, Matthew Huxtable, Noah Pugsley, Luke O'Keefe, Cullen Anderson

## Encouraging signs for Korumburra-Bena despite loss

KORUMBURRA-Bena was highly competitive in the first half of its away clash with Koo Wee Rup, sitting just 10 points adrift of the Demons at the long break.

Giants runner Mat Walker was impressed by the side's ball movement during that period.

"We were prepared to take the game on and gave our forwards some opportunities," he said.

However, Koo Wee Rup slammed on six goals to three in the third term to establish a firm grip on the match.

Young Giants began to tire late in the quarter after competing against bigger-bodied opponents, helping Koo Wee Rup

to break clear on the scoreboard.

The Demons didn't let up in the final stanza, with six majors to one helping propel them to a 62-point win.

With last minute work commitments forcing regular ruckman Dan Brown out of the Giants' lineup, young Evan Allaway, and James Dunn stepped up to fill the void.

Allaway played his junior footy with Korumburra-Bena, but has focused on cricket in recent times, being a promising player in that sport.

"In the off season he came back to try to get a bit of fitness and fortunately for us he's six foot four, so he got thrown in

the deep end," Walker said.

Dunn excelled as the second ruckman behind Allaway.

"He competed extremely well," Walker said, adding that Dunn was the Giants' best on the day.

While Dunn was to captain the Korumburra-Bena reserves this year, he has found himself in the seniors throughout the season.

Sometime key backman and midfielder, Darcy Hargrave played forward with his movement restricted a little by a recent calf injury and booted a couple of the Giants' goals.

While Korumburra-Bena spearhead Paul Fermanis was held to just one major, he

didn't play badly.

His low tally was partly due to a lack of precise delivery combined with strong Koo Wee Rup defence, and Fermanis also spent time in the midfield.

Jordan Grabham was a notable performer across half back for the Giants, with the small defender taking strong intercept marks, while teammate Zach Walker competed ferociously in his fullback post.

Koo Wee Rup had multiple dangerous options up forward, with Jason Wells its most prolific scorer with six goals.

"He is an accurate set shot who doesn't miss," Walker said of Wells.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Tooradin-Dal	15	0	318.65	60	Tooradin-Dal	15	0	977.35	60	Tooradin-Dal	10	2	494.31	3.33	Inverloch-K	14	0	664.80	4.00
Phillip Island	13	2	211.00	52	Nar Nar Goon	13	2	200.87	52	Phillip Island	10	2	287.46	3.33	Phillip Island	12	1	489.60	3.69
Inverloch-K	12	3	180.94	48	Phillip Island	12	3	279.30	48	Garfield	9	3	282.53	3.00	Warragul Ind	11	3	358.00	3.14
Nar Nar Goon	11	4	167.76	44	Koo Wee Rup	10	5	227.92	40	Cora Lynn	9	3	191.60	3.00	Kor-Bena	9	5	167.24	2.57
Warragul Ind	9	6	133.90	36	Cora Lynn	10	5	200.98	40	Bunyip	9	6	183.45	36	Garfield	8	5	101.96	2.46
Cora Lynn	9	6	132.07	36	Bunyip	9	6	135.10	32	Inverloch-K	8	7	77.38	1.33	Bunyip	6	7	106.61	1.85
Koo Wee Rup	7	8	91.20	28	Warragul Ind	5	10	70.45	20	Phillip Island	9	3	48.33	1.23	Koo Wee Rup	6	8	69.34	1.71
Bunyip	6	9	97.88	24	Dalyston	4	11	47.14	16	Cora Lynn	9	3	80.68	0.92	Kilcunda-Bass	4	9	42.14	1.23
Kilcunda-Bass	5	10	57.35	20	Garfield	2	13	47.63	8	Nar Nar Goon	4	8	43.01	0.92	Bunyip	3	10	37.90	0.86
Dalyston																			

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There it is, the first World Championship Gold Medal in High Jump by an Australian and it was won by our own Eleanor Patterson. Congratulations.  
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# Leongatha gold!

## - Eleanor Patterson jumps for world joy

IT WAS simply a 'wow' moment, a lump in your throat feeling for Leongatha and district people, anyone who has passed Eleanor Patterson in McCartin Street with her mum Helen, sat next to her at school or even competed against her at a local Little Athletics meeting.

To see her jump into the gold medal position at the World Athletics Championships in Oregon, USA, last Wednesday, July 20 by establishing a new personal best mark of 2.02 metres, at her first

**By Aiden Box**

attempt, was an incredible moment

It was a sensational comeback, in more ways than one, for the 26-year-old Australian, jumping last in the order, having knocked the bar off twice at 1.98 metres, but she took the lead by being the first to clear 2.02 metres as the other competitors dropped away, going on to take a last free shot at 2.04 metres, shaking her head in disbelief, as she prepared herself on the

runway, in the knowledge that the gold was safely in her keeping.

She missed it but it didn't matter, Leongatha had a new golden girl, the first time any Australian has won the High Jump at World Championship level.

It was a fantastic performance by Patterson, who claimed a silver medal at the World Indoor Championships recently, where she again went up against the competition favourite, Ukrainian rival Yaroslava Oleksiyivna Mahuchikh, a super star of the sport.

Having cleared 2.02 metres at her second try, Mahuchikh joined Patterson in trying for the next height, but both XXX'd out at 2.04 metres, handing Patterson the win by countback, reward for being first to set the new height.

The 'Gatha girl' was beaming having become the 2022 world champion, after battling back from a loss of form in 2018, which saw her miss selection in the 2018 Commonwealth Games team after becoming the third youngest Australian-ever to win a

Commonwealth Games Gold Medal at Glasgow in 2014.

She took a year out of the sport, and didn't even enter a gym for more than a year, before coming back and qualifying for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics where she finished 5th, jumping 1.96m, 0.08m behind the eventual winner, Russian Mariya Lasitskene.

Eleanor recalled her lowest days in the sport when interviewed after the win but chose to accentuate the positive.

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