



Jareth Goss, Dom D'Agostino, Cr Jenni Kerrie, Michael Lorenz, South Gippsland Shire CEO Kerryn Ellis, and Tony Peterson visit the new Michael's IGA supermarket site in Korumburra. See story on page 5.

KINDER CANCELLED

- Staff shortages causing havoc for parents

KINDERGARTEN staff shortages across Bass Coast are causing a ripple effect through the community with pre-school children at a disadvantage for prep and employers frustration with 'unreliable' staff.

Several parents who preferred to remain anonymous contacted the Sentinel-Times raising their concern with the new Y kindergarten centre in Newhaven that opened its doors in February of this year.

The parents are concerned that the kinder is understaffed and as a result are cancelling sessions with minimal notice.

"I am a parent of a 4-year-old enrolled student, and we are receiving text messages the night before kindergarten

is scheduled, from as late as 7pm onwards to advise us of half days or cancellations," one parent told the Sentinel-Times.

"It gives us barely any time to organise care for our children and many parents have used all their carers and sick leave having to take time off due to kinder sessions being cancelled."

Other parents have confirmed that they are in extreme deficit of hours owing to the 4-year-old group, as they have only attended two full days of kinder with the rest either cancelled or had only half days offered in term two alone.

They claim the issue is causing a negative impact within the community, with parents

seen to be 'unreliable' in the workplace due to the unpredictable cancellations.

"95 per cent of the parents calling work to cancel or change their days are women, and when we're trying to move towards equality in the workforce - this is just a step backwards, and it's out of our control. Not to mention the behavioural shift within the children, as they require the stimulation that kindergarten is supposed to offer," they said.

Parents of the 4-year-old pre-school students are concerned that their children are already at a great disadvantage to their peers in other kindergartens, which will impact their school transition to prep in 2024.

The Y Newhaven Kinder 3 and 4-year-old program is designed to run over two full days 8:30am until 4pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the cancellations are a result of several factors including workforce challenges and no casual relief staff.

These issues were brought to the attention of Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, who said several parents have contacted her from a number of YMCA Ballarat Centres in Bass Coast.

"The teachers, educators and support staff are extremely passionate, dedicated and professional and doing their absolute best to provide quality

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Bass Coast families are concerned their 4-year-old kinder children won't be ready for Prep in 2024 due to continuous cancellations in their kinder sessions. Photo: AAP

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play-based learning, activities and a supportive environment to the children," Ms Crugnale said.

Jordan said this was first raised with her back in April and in turn she requested this be investigated by the Department of Education via the Minister's office.

"I was informed that the service has experienced staff shortages primarily due to teacher illness. We of course don't want anyone to go to work sick," she said.

"Then and now, the early years manager being YMCA Ballarat, are working on strategies that will reduce the incidence of service closures and the Department has offered, and will continue to offer, support to the YMCA Ballarat on workforce attraction," said Jordan.

Ms Crugnale met with Vicki Dobson executive manager, Children's Services from the Y Ballarat and said they covered a lot of ground, and it was an opportunity also to provide

some of the ideas being put forth by parent/carers and also relay their concerns directly.

Supports that have been provided to date include incentives to attract staff and the provision of the department's partnered recruitment agencies, which provides additional recruitment support for specific services and vacancies.

Ms Crugnale added that the department has discussed other opportunities for the YMCA Ballarat to address its workforce challenges, such as increasing its casual relief staff pool and broadening advertising for new staff.

"We need to think creatively as well in terms of attracting community members keen to learn more about the early years sector as it is so rewarding and a wonderful career pathway," said Jordan.

"We are offering scholarships, incentives, traineeships, and career advancement programs to support the workforce and help children get the best start in life."

Vicki Dobson executive manager of Children's Services

explained that the Y is a not-for-profit provider of early education across regional and metropolitan Victoria, and like all providers in the early years sector, they are being impacted by the unprecedented workforce shortages.

The workforce shortages are impacting in two ways; a shortage of staff to recruit into permanent and casual relief roles, and the high level of sickness being experienced that impacts on the service's ability to operate within the ratio requirements.

The Y has a number of items in place to try and manoeuvre through the impact of the workforce shortages, which include the use of agency staff, casual relief teachers (CRTs), recruitment agencies and relocation incentives – the shortage of supply of temps/CRTs is also part of the workforce shortages experienced across the sector.

"We are also fortunate to be able to request staff from different services to cover relief if they are available due to the cluster of services in the

region," said Vicki.

"We appreciate and are sympathetic to the impact that any adjustments to sessions have on our families, particularly at short notice and are working hard to bolster causal and relief options to support services."

In an attempt to reduce the total number of closures, the Y has trialled a number of different approaches, including shortened sessions that match staff availability or having smaller numbers attend the session that align with the regulatory ratio requirements.

"We will be taking on parent feedback about these measures in the new term and continuing to make adjustments," said Vicki.

Any session adjustments are notified to the Department of Education, and the Y work closely with them to ensure they are meeting their funding obligations.

"We encourage any qualified Early years staff to apply for our casual pool via our current vacancies page at ykinders.org.au."

Man airlifted after crash

A MAN was airlifted to hospital with life-threatening injuries after crashing into a tree on South Gippsland Highway near Jeetho Road at Bena just before 1am on Wednesday, June 28.

The male driver, and single occupant of the vehicle, was extricated safely by crews and handed to Ambulance Victoria.

The exact circumstances surrounding the crash are yet to be determined and police investigations are ongoing.

Five CFA units from Loch and Korumburra responded to the vehicle incident.

Police probe Corinella shooting

POLICE are investigating following reports of a shooting in Corinella on Sunday July 2.

Officers were told two males carrying firearms attended a property on The Esplanade about 2am.

It's understood there was an altercation between the residents and four people inside the home before a shot was fired.

The victims received non-life-threatening injuries and were assessed by paramedics on scene.

Investigators are working to establish the exact circumstances of the incident and a crime scene is in place.

It's believed parties are known to each other.

Loch oval torn up

THE Loch footy ground torn up by unknown drivers driving on the wet ground creating deep muddy wheel tracks across the ground, making it dangerous and unable to be played on.

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND



TUE | July 4

Showers increasing.

Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

6° **14°**



WED | July 5

Showers easing.

Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

8° **15°**



THU | July 6

Showers.

Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: N 15-20km/h

8° **16°**



FRI | July 7

Showers.

Wind AM: N 15-20km/h
Wind PM: NW 25-35km/h

8° **14°**



SAT | July 8

Showers.

Wind AM: NW 25-35km/h
Wind PM: W 30-40km/h

8° **13°**



SUN | July 9

Showers.

Wind AM: W 25-40km/h
Wind PM: NW 15-20km/h

7° **14°**

IN BRIEF

Bear Gully campsite remains closed

BEAR Gully campground, located within Cape Liptrap Coastal Park, is still closed after it was discovered that current camping and recreational activities may have impacted an Aboriginal place and artefacts.

The Sentinel-Times recently contacted Parks Victoria (PV) to see if there was an estimated time of reopening, however, no update could be given.

The decision to close the site came after PV received advice from First Peoples – State Relations (FP-SR) on the matter during April this year.

It was previously reported that PV closed the site to ensure that there is no further potential for harm to Aboriginal cultural values at this site.

PV has been working with FP-SR and Traditional Owner representative groups to understand the options available and to ensure they comply with the Act to manage Aboriginal cultural values.

Extra costs for Korumburra Community Hub

KORUMBURRA Community Hub's cost recently rose, with a contract variation of a little over \$150,000, excluding GST.

The variation was approved by South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerry Ellis in consultation with mayor Nathan Hersey.

A council spokesperson said the variation incorporates a number of separate items related to the build.

It was explained that the contingency allocation for the Hub project had been exhausted, requiring the contract variation, with that variation occurring during May and reported at the June council meeting as required.

The items are related to general construction, including handling unanticipated ground conditions and underground services, changes based on material availability, and adjustments

required to merge the design appropriately with surrounding streetscape works.

Works to satisfy service authorities and the responsible building surveyor, changes to occupant requirements, and other extra costs anticipated to successfully complete the project also added to the cost.

Pet census this week

THE State Government is launching Australia's first Pet Census to assist with its planning and Minister for Agriculture Gayle Tierney is encouraging all pet owners to get involved.

Opening at 10am on Monday, July 3, the Pet Census will ask Victorians a variety of questions to gather crucial information on pet ownership and the attitudes and experiences of owners.

Pet ownership rates in Australian households have risen from 61 per cent to 69 per cent since the pandemic, making it more important than ever for the Government to collect better information about pets, their owners and the important community organisations that support them.

Go to animalwelfare.vic.gov.au and click on Victorian Pet Census. The census takes about 15 minutes to complete.

Phillip Island tourism spend soars

THE latest data released by Tourism Research Australia has showed visitor expenditure in Victoria for the year ending March 2023 surpassed the 2019 pre-COVID peak of \$32.5 billion.

Regional Victoria continued to deliver outstanding results with all tourism regions hitting all-time highs, with visitor spending in Phillip Island increasing by 75 per cent.

Overall intrastate overnight visitation numbers to regional Victoria were up six per cent since 2019, with total nights increasing by eight per cent and expenditure up 58 per cent.

Welcome super increase

ABOUT 8.8 million Australians will benefit from a boost to their nest egg as the Super Guarantee rate increases from 10.5% to 11%.

From July 1 an extra \$330 a year will flow into the super accounts of the typical Australian worker.

This year's super boost may be small, but it will make a big difference to a worker's nest egg – with a 30-year-old on the median wage expected to have an extra \$18,300 at retirement due to the super rate lifting 0.5% on July 1. The Super Guarantee rate is legislated to rise to 12% by 2025 by annual 0.5% increases.

The bipartisan commitment to 12% super, will deliver an extra \$48,600 for the typical 30-year-old worker's retirement balance.

Now in its 31st year the Superannuation Guarantee is a critical response to the ageing population and improves retirement incomes of working people in a fiscally sustainable manner.

It has allowed millions of low to middle income earners to save for retirement when otherwise they would not have.

Power outage impacts San Remo

ON Sunday, June 25, San Remo residents experienced intermittent outages from 9am through until 6.45pm, which impacted 1360 of AusNet's customers.

A patrol was undertaken to determine the issue, which was a faulty fuse protection device. AusNet apologises for the inconvenience caused.

Car park works set to proceed in Korumburra

CONSTRUCTION of a new car park in the Korumburra Rail Precinct will commence in early July.

The works will extend from Bridge Street, behind the BP service station and adjacent to the Great Southern Rail Trail, to

behind the Rainbow Palace Chinese Restaurant.

The project will involve a upgrade of road pavement and new kerb, drainage and lighting.

It's anticipated that the works should be completed by the end of the year, depending on weather.

A council spokesperson said that while access to the rear of businesses in the area of the works will be impacted, the contractor will work with business operators to maintain access at all times.

The project will be undertaken in sections to minimise parking disruption caused by construction.

AWS Civil was awarded the contract for the works.

Council issues assurances on Korumburra Community Hub

CONCERNS raised by members of the public in relation to aspects of the Korumburra Hub works have been responded to by South Gippsland Shire Council.

One of the issues raised was mouldy insulation, with council acknowledging the situation has been rectified.

"Some insulation was impacted by adverse weather; the insulation has been replaced," a council spokesperson said.

More recently, a local business operator expressed concern about an open pit cover on the building site, arguing a pipe connection was unsatisfactory.

While council did not comment directly on that specific view, it moved to reassure the public that all work on the Hub will be properly assessed to ensure it is of a high standard.

"The Korumburra Community Hub is still under construction and works are in progress; works will be reviewed at an appropriate time and anything that is not to standard will be rectified by the contractor," the council spokesperson said.

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Land sale complete on new site for Michael's IGA

A NEW supermarket for Korumburra is now one step closer following Council's sale of a large parcel of land to Korriga Pty Ltd, who operates Michael's IGA supermarkets. The land parcel "which settled on June 30" includes 155-156 Commercial Street, 1 King Street and 28 Victoria Street.

The sale will enable a new full-line supermarket to be built in Korumburra on the site of the old Korumburra Library, which will soon be located in the new Korumburra Community Hub' currently running click and collect out of the Milpara Community House.

The sale has been several years in the making and the new supermarket is expected to be a welcome addition to the Korumburra commercial precinct.

The site was nominated as Council's preferred location for a supermarket complex in the Korumburra Town Centre Framework Plan, following significant community consultation.

A planning application for the supermarket has been granted and remains current.

South Gippsland Shire Councillor Jenni Keerie and Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis, met with Michael Lorenz from Michael's IGA on Saturday morning to celebrate the successful sale, bid farewell to the old library building and discuss the new beginnings for Korumburra.

Operations Manager Dom D'Agostino was on site explaining the layout of the new build and car park. The main entrance to the supermarket will be from the corner of King Street and Little Commercial Street with a car park to be formed between King Street, Victoria Street and Broughton Place.

Dom said being able to service the Korumburra community with a full-line



Councillor Jenni Keerie, Managing Director of Michael's IGA Supermarkets Michael Lorenz and South Gippsland Shire CEO Kerryn Ellis officially announced the completion of the land sale for Korumburra IGA's new site. Z31_2723

supermarket, well over 3200 square metres is something that 'we've envisioned for quite a long time'.

"We originally purchased some of these properties back in 2017, so now having the final property purchase complete, it marks the beginning of a new era for Michael's IGA.

"We're in a good position in terms of drawing, we're just waiting for Council's approval for some amendments to the original permit and hope to begin works within the next six to eight weeks."

"This is a big project," Dom continued.

"There is a lot of dirt to be moved with the site cut from the top of the streetscape to come down four and a half metres, there is also a lot of earthworks to provide

ample parking for customers."

Dom confirmed the build will take approximately 14 months, with an additional eight to thirteen weeks for internal fit out.

Upon completion, Michael's IGA will close its door to one store and move over to the new site, with opportunity for more local employment.

Shire CEO Kerryn Ellis said they are excited that this important milestone has been achieved.

"Council recognises that works still needs to occur to advance the site through to the development stage and will work with Mr Lorenz to help progress a new, full-line supermarket for Korumburra."



The alleged sneak thief has been caught on surveillance video at the Wonthaggi Hotel after allegedly stealing their tip jar.

Sneak thief alert in Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI traders and community members have been alerted to the activities of a sneak thief operating in the town in recent days.

In an effort to warn others, the Wonthaggi Hotel has posted surveillance photos of the local youth exiting the hotel's bistro on Saturday afternoon, at around 2.10pm, reportedly with the glass 'tip jar' under his blue, hooded jacket.

According to a spokesperson for the hotel, the man got away with about \$80 in cash, of which \$30 was in notes, but the rest in loose change.

"It's not about getting the money back. We don't expect that, but he has entered a number of premises, we have been told, looking to steal anything lying around.

"Not that the tip jar was out in the open. It was in behind a jar of roses, if you know what I mean.

It has been reported that the Banh Mi Shop café in Graham Street was also robbed of its charity jar, while it is alleged that the man also stole an item of value from a pensioner's scooter.

"He was seen around the town again on Sunday, in the same clothes, and has apparently the authorities are dealing with it now.

"But it's just a warning to be on alert for this sort of thing," she said.

Supermarket becoming a reality for Grantville

A LONG wait and a string of broken promises many years in the making is nearly over for the Grantville community with a supermarket finally set to open.

Manna Foods have purchased and will run the store, being the owners of seven other Foodworks Stores.

Grantville locals have been travelling quite a distance to do their shopping going to Lang Lang, San Remo or Wonthaggi.

While locals remain sceptical about it opening, Georgette Anderson, manager of the new Foodworks, assured the community that as soon as council assesses and approves the store, they can open.

"They've had so many broken promises, so they're all very hesitant about if its every going to go ahead. So, they've said we all want to believe it, but we won't believe it until the doors are open.

"I'll be happy when the hard work's done, and the doors are open and the

community's happy," Georgette said.

Georgette and the team have spent the last few months setting up the store and stocking shelves with non-perishable items and are expecting perishables to arrive this week, shortly before opening.

The Foodworks is also looking to source from local stockists and suppliers where possible, including flowers, meat and eggs.

Winter opening hours are anticipated to be from 7am to 8pm, seven days a week, with the potential for extended hours over the summer, depending on demand.

Manna Foods have also taken over Coronet Bay General Store, however, due to ongoing difficulties the store is currently closed.

RIGHT: The Grantville community have been waiting far too long for a supermarket to open in the town, however, the wait appears to be nearly over with new Foodworks set to open this month.



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Mayor's message

For Sama: an eye-opening ode to real life, refugee heroes



Cr Michael Whelan



On the weekend I watched the movie For Sama, at a charity screening organised by South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees.

It was compelling and harrowing. Real-life iPhone footage, shot by 26-year-old female Syrian filmmaker, Waad al-Kateab, documents the horrendous Syrian civil war raging around them. There are no actors, just real people. This includes being right inside the operating theatre of a makeshift hospital on the front line of Syrian capital city, Aleppo, during its siege by forces of dictator Asaad's regime.

Real heroes do not carry guns.

The story is recorded for Saba's daughter, born during the siege and who knows nothing but war for the first couple of years life. The incredible hero of the movie is Doctor Hamza al-Kateab, Waad's husband, who stays to care for his community, which is going through constant hell from Russian air strikes and shelling from Syrian government forces.

Dr al-Kateab could have left for a comfortable life in the west but chose to stay. He delivers care in a makeshift hospital where sterilisation is but a dream, with blood everywhere given the nature of gunshot and shrapnel wounds being treated.

Death is tragic but commonplace. Russian air force planes and choppers drop barrel bombs constantly on civilian residential areas, spreading terror.

The film juxtaposes good and evil.

It features wonderful people: the absolute selfless, best examples of humanity in the actions of the doctors;

extreme loyalty and love, from a mother in particular whose son has died from a bomb explosion.

Evil is not portrayed, but present through the unbearable impacts on innocent civilians: Ambulances are shot; barrel bombs dropped on apartment blocks; hospitals targeted for shelling. Those fleeing are shot at, many die. The only reason the hospital survives, is because it's not mapped, so not identified by Russian and Syrian forces.

After all this, sadly the resistance was overwhelmed. Hamza, Saba and their family are forced to leave, then miraculously make it through the Syrian checkpoint to the outside world.

I do not know their individual fate, but I do know that Syrian refugees who did make it to Australia were then put into the further hell of offshore detention.

The message is clear. Refugees do not uproot their lives at a whim. They flee to survive, after suffering vile regimes or war. The risks they take for safety are extreme and many do not make it.

The reports I hear of our welcoming community are heartwarming. We have groups that help refugees settle and be productive members of our society. I have welcomed many through the Shire's citizenship ceremony, and I look forward to welcoming many more.

I hope you join me in deeply honouring their unimaginable, heroic journeys.



Domestic cats throughout Bass Coast Shire must now be contained.

Cat containment starts... as well as hefty fines!

BASS Coast Shire's 24-hour cat containment laws came into effect on July 1, including fines of \$192.

Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-25 was adopted in July 2022 to which included the implementation of the new containment order.

The containment order garnered significant community interest as well as state-wide media.

According to the shire, cat owners have had 12 months to prepare, to ensure that appropriate cat enclosures can be established at the owner's home, ready for the new law.

Wild and roaming cats pose the biggest threat to native wildlife across Bass Coast, capable of killing up to 800 native animals every year.

Since the 24-hour cat containment requirement was announced, 106 cats have been found roaming, leading them to be placed in Council's Animal Shelter.

This is a reduction from the 2020-21 period, when 155 cats were impounded.

From July 1, 2023, owners whose cats are found roaming and picked up by Council Community Safety Officers risk a \$192 fine, as well as pound release fees.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said most pet owners understood why the outdoor cat ban is being intro-

duced, with many already choosing to enforce the curfew at home.

"The curfew doesn't mean cats need to be inside 24/7. But, if you want to let your cat outside, your yard must be safe and secure, with cat-proof fencing or a cat run in place.

"This order is to protect cats, as well as local wildlife. The cats we impound are the lucky ones. Others are hit by cars or never return home - becoming feral, feeding off native animals and continuing the feral population with unwanted litters."

Phillip Island Nature Parks' Conservation Manager, Jessica McKelson said their research found 90 per cent of feral cats on the Island carry the parasite toxoplasmosis, which is deadly to some native mammals and birds, including the endangered Eastern Barred Bandicoot.

This research also found uncontained domestic cats spend up to six hours a day away from home, with some travelling 700 metres to explore.

"To protect our wildlife and provide a safe home for threatened species, it is imperative that the threat posed by cats is eliminated," said Ms McKelson.

"The eradication of feral cats is possible only if domestic and stray cats do not contribute to the feral cat population. Encouraging and enforcing responsible domestic cat ownership on is critical to this goal."



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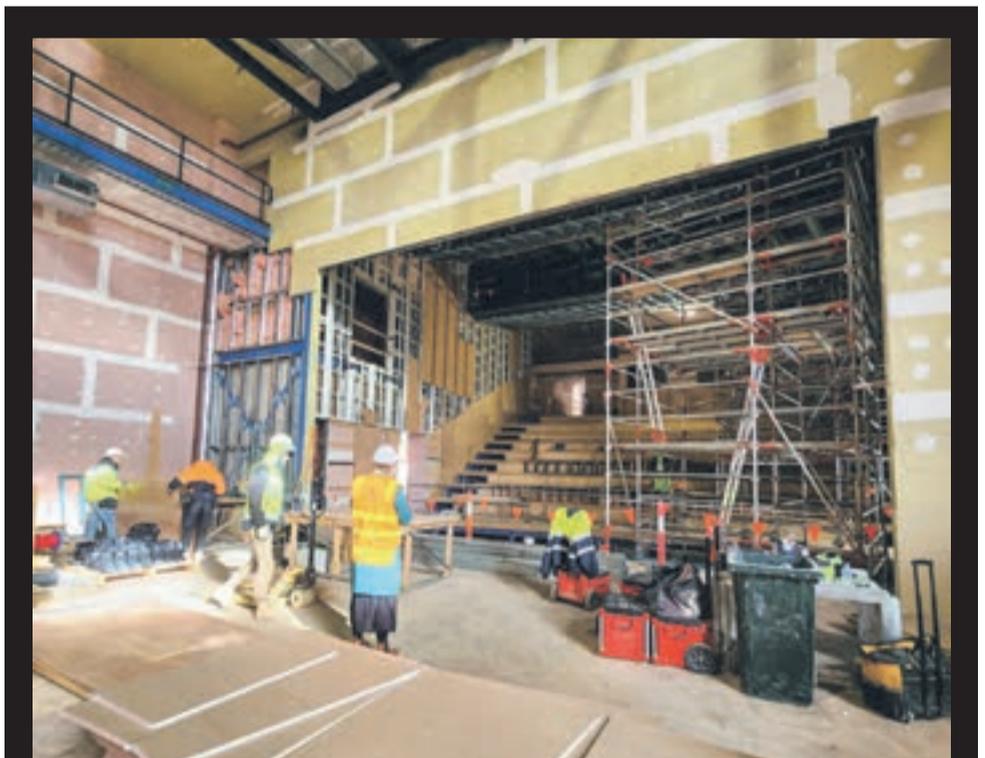
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Cowes Cultural Centre progress

THE Cowes Cultural Centre continues to take shape and is starting to look well advanced.

According to the shire, works completed as of June include:

- Continuation of panel installation to theatre and stair area.
- Plaster works ongoing throughout.
- Handrail installed to cross lighting bridge and lighting bridges.
- Solar panel installation ongoing.
- Function room, amenities and grand hall services rough in nearing completion.
- Preparing to lift mechanical equipment into plant room in coming weeks.
- Window frame installation ongoing.
- Library and office services rough in ongoing.
- Ground floor ceilings and partitions ongoing.
- Level 1 ceilings and partitions ongoing.
- Level 1 services rough-in ongoing.
- Framing and insulation to external walls progressing.
- Sub-floor works nearing completion.

Illegal firewood sellers target Hamanns Bush for drug money

LOCATED just north of Leongatha, Hamanns Bush Reserve, is a relic of a once vast, dense and almost impenetrable forest, which spread across the region.

Situated on the corner of Wild Dog Valley Road, Fairbank Road and Leongatha North Road, it has walking tracks and benches scattered throughout the reserve allowing for calm reflection within the depths of a wild forest.

Not now, of course, in the wintry weather but you should visit it sometime if only to get an idea of what this area used to be like.

Unfortunately, though, it is often the target of illegal private, and semi-commercial firewood cutting and collection.

Last Thursday, in the Korumburra Magistrate's Court, a former Mirboo North man, now living in Leongatha, was found guilty of his part in chainsawing down 10 old Eucalyptus obliqua trees, commonly known as messmate stringybarks, one of which allegedly brought down branches from other trees which fell across Fairbank Road.

The cut timber was to be sold, at \$240 a trailer load, for firewood, allegedly to fund a drug habit.

The incident, according to the police summary, happened on consecutive days, on Saturday and Sunday, July 2 and July 3 last year.

Police were called to the site, after a public report, at 5pm on Saturday and at around 5.20pm arrived to hear chainsaws whirring but soon after, falling silent.

They inspected the area and found a number of mature trees had been felled, they found a chainsaw near the scene but no one present.

The very next day, they were called



Hamanns Bush Reserve at Leongatha North is often targeted for illegal firewood collection but last year, bush vandals cut down 10 mature messmate stringybarks to sell for firewood.

out to Hamanns Bush Reserve again, at 7am, and again heard chainsaws, before they stopped on arrival. But they did find another chainsaw, logging wedge, axe, tools, a petrol can and oil, and a discarded McDonalds coffee cup.

In total, 10 messmate trees had been cut down.

They also discovered an unregistered Ford sedan and trailer but via the rego plates were able to track down one of the offenders who appeared in the Korumburra Magistrates Court last Thursday.

It was reported to the court that an officer of the South Gippsland Shire Council, which owns the reserve, did an assessment of the property, and confirmed that at least 10 trees had been cut down.

The court also heard that the young man's life had recently spiralled out of control due to drug use, ultimately resulting in him serving jail time and being subsequently placed on a Community Corrections Order.

The man's legal defence told the court, that while not seeking to minimise what was "relatively serious offending" there was the issue of "totality" sentencing and with the illegal logging occurring, at a time when the man was without prior convictions, before the drug offences, his time in custody and on a CCO needed to be taken into account.

Magistrate Julie O'Donnell agreed and placed the man on a good behaviour bond, taking into account of the totality principle.

But those who cut down and collect timber from state or council reserves can expect heavy penalties, however, with the state's Conservation Regulator urging people to help save critical wildlife habitat by not illegally taking firewood.

This year, as part of 'Operation Hollows' Forest Fire Management Victoria and Parks Victoria are educating the public about the rules and penalising thieves.

Anyone caught breaking firewood collection rules can face on-the-spot-fines of \$740 under the Forests Act 1958 or a maximum penalty of \$9,246 and/or 1 year jail if the matter is taken to court.

See also: <https://www.vic.gov.au/sad-reality-illegal-firewood-collection-victoria>



Police on the scene of a break-in at the Bass Coast Shire Council depot on Monday morning, July 3.

Break-in at shire's Wonthaggi depot

THE Criminal Investigation Unit from the Wonthaggi Police was at the scene of a reported break-in at the Bass Coast Shire Council depot in Loughran Drive Wonthaggi on Monday morning, July 3.

It was reported that the gate into the depot had been damaged in the incident and that keys to trucks and other equipment may have been stolen, but early reports are that none of the shire's valuable equipment has been taken.

It is understood that the break-in was discovered in the early hours of Monday morning, but it is not known yet whether would-be thieves may have been disturbed during the incident.

But some workers, arriving to start their week early on Monday were unable to get access to their trucks and machinery in the 'Top Depot'.

For others in the 'Bottom Depot', it was "business as usual".

A spokesperson for the Bass Coast Shire Council said they were unable to comment while police investigations were proceeding.

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Casper's no ghost after all after community campaign

THERE has been an outpouring on social media after Casper the lost rescue dog was found after 29 days on the loose in Wonthaggi.

He simply had nowhere to go after escaping from a foster home at the height of a storm on Wednesday night, May 31.

But he was found last Thursday, a little worse for wear, but alive after a harrowing ordeal.

Here's some of the response:

- Oskar Wilde: What a fantastic story. It has had the whole of Bass Coast intrigued and wishing for a safe return of this little guy and has had the perfect ending but nobody will forget Casper the wonder dog.

- Catherine Ongarello: What wonderful news. Congratulations to all those who never gave up on Casper.

You've no doubt read about Casper on social media, thanks to the efforts of digital marketing volunteer Kylie Carlos.

Or you might have seen a poster of a rather fetchingly scruffy pooch answering to the name of Casper, plastered around the town.

Lots did, and many offered to help, which proved crucial in the end.

So, how does a pet like Casper go missing, and why couldn't he find his own way home.

Rescue dog carer and founder of the foster dog and dog adoption agency, New Beginnings Animal Rescue of Korumburra, Kristal Forbes, explains.

"We foster out rescue dogs and ultimately try to get them placed for adoption," said Kristal.

"We'd only just placed Casper with a foster carer in Wonthaggi, I think five days earlier and he was still getting settled when some particularly stormy and windy weather scared him off.

"He clearly didn't know the neighbourhood and got lost. We did absolutely everything to try and find him, from the huge social media campaign that Kylie jumped

in and organised, to posters and word-of-mouth.

"It was massive and the response was overwhelming.

"We got help from everywhere.

"We were offered trail cameras and night-vision goggles from some local wildlife agencies and rescue groups.

"Helen came across from Phillip Island and after helping to find their lost dog 'Heide' over there, she brought her cameras and spent days looking for Casper.

"We put them out looking for him but ultimately didn't see him that way.

"People reported seeing him in the area of the Dudley high school campus and in the paddocks opposite but when we came, he was gone again."

Finally, at 1pm on Thursday, June 28 Kristal got a call to say a local resident had seen him and Helen Sellick, Kylie Carlos and Simonne Fleming from Rescue to Release rushed across there, found him and sat nearby, chatting to him and trying to coax the desperately timid dog to at least stay until Kristal arrived.

"I was at Cranbourne and it took me 45 minutes to come across but Simonne was sitting with him and when he heard my voice, he got confident enough to allow us to go to him.

"They actually found him gnawing on a dead kangaroo because he was no doubt very hungry but he was skinny and had a few injuries. He's no doubt been through quite an ordeal."

Casper spent a few days at the vets before Kristal took him home. Now she's reluctant to have him adopted out, but it hasn't been for lack of offers.

At present New Beginnings Animal Rescue has rescue dogs available for adoption and they're also looking to recruit further foster carers for dogs and cats that require temporary homes until they can be permanently settled. Visit www.newbeginningsari.org.au/



Foster dog and adoption agency founder, Kristal Forbes, of New Beginnings Animal Rescue was delighted to finally get Casper the rescue dog back last Thursday after a harrowing 29 days on the run.



Ecstatic members of the rescue team included Kylie Carlos, Simonne Fleming, Helen Sellick from Phillip Island and Kristal Forbes.



What are you doing this summer?

- ✓ Working outdoors
- ✓ Caring for the environment
- ✓ Protecting your community

Wonthaggi helps play a vital role in stroke treatment

AN INCREDIBLE 20,000 patients have received lifesaving stroke care over the past decade, thanks to the Victorian Stroke Telemedicine (VST) service, which has recently expanded to two new locations.

Run by Ambulance Victoria (AV) and operating across 20 regional hospitals throughout Victoria and Tasmania, VST allows clinicians to collaborate across organisational boundaries and provide time-critical care locally.

AV's Gippsland Regional Director Ross Salathiel said the service in Bairnsdale, Sale, Traralgon, Warragul and Wonthaggi plays a vital role in stroke treatment, with more than 700 consultations conducted between July 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023.

"Many rural and regional hospitals do not have a stroke specialist on site or lack around-the-clock access to this type of expertise," Mr Salathiel said.

"People in these areas are 19 per cent more likely to have a stroke and a poorer outcome, making VST a game-changer in the emergency care of patients."

AV's Director of Stroke Services Professor Chris Bladin said every minute matters when suffering a stroke, which is why VST is crucial.

"The world-class service connects patients with expert doctors who provide diagnosis and treatment, enabling them to receive the

right care at the right time regardless of their location," Prof Bladin said.

"With stroke telemedicine, patients are receiving clot-busting drugs an average of 40 minutes earlier and often within an hour of arriving at hospital."

VST operates in 18 regional Victorian hospitals.

VST is one of a range of health services Ambulance Victoria provides to the community as part of its ongoing commitment to world class research and best care for patients across the state.

When a suspected stroke case presents, the hospital contacts the 1300 number to speak directly with the on-call specialist. The specialist then has an audio-visual consultation with the patient, their family and treating clinicians via a secure video link.

Patients needing more specialised stroke treatment are promptly transferred by Ambulance Victoria to hospitals in Melbourne.

Know the signs of stroke:

- * Face Check their face. Has their mouth drooped?

- * Arms Can they lift both arms?

- * Speech Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?

- * Time Is critical. If you see any of these signs call 000 straight away

Drier weather expected

THE Bureau of Meteorology has moved from El Niño WATCH to El Niño ALERT, meaning that there is around a 70% chance of an El Niño developing this year.

Bureau of Meteorology Senior Climatologist Catherine Ganter said climate models and indicators now meet the Bureau's El Niño ALERT criteria.

The Bureau's criteria for the definition of El Niño ALERT have been developed

as part of a staged system to alert Australians on the increased likelihood of El Niño.

El Niño describes changes in the tropical Pacific Ocean that affect global weather and it occurs on average every 3 to 5 years.

During El Niño, there is a higher chance of drier weather in eastern Australia and it's more likely to be warmer than usual for the southern two-thirds of Australia.

Project firefighter* applications close on 30 July 2023



*Designated Aboriginal Positions available

AusNet pays rates, so why not here?

By Michael Giles

IT'S not an exact science, we're told. Some utilities; power, water, and telecommunications, pay rates. Some don't.

In the case of the Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICESSE), a \$10 million Hitachi 5MW/10MWh lithium-ion phosphate battery energy storage system owned by AusNet/Mondo, apparently not.

The shire has revealed that in lieu of rates, Bass Coast Shire is receiving lease payments of \$7150-a-year or \$137.50-a-week for a part of its new transfer station and depot site on Gap Road where the battery is located.

But that payment could be upwards of \$13,000 less than what Ausnet/Mondo should pay annually if subject to "industrial" rates like other utilities and businesses.

In fact, AusNet does pay rates, according to a spokesperson for the South Gippsland Shire Council, and at the going rate.

We asked SGSC, for example, does the owner of the power substation in Horn Street Leongatha pay rates on that facility? If so, how much? Are the rates levied equal to CIV x the 'Industrial' rate?

"Yes. Ausnet (as owners of the land) pay rates on electricity substations and the smaller electrical substation cabinets found in some subdivisions within the shire. They are levied as Capital Improved Value x Industrial rate in the dollar set in the Council budget.

"Often, when subdivisions are developed, a small area of land is carved out to house electricity infrastructure. This



AusNet is being leased part of the Bass Coast Shire's future transfer station and depot site on Gap Road.

small parcel of land is generally owned by Ausnet and rates are payable."

What about the substation on the corner of Bass Highway/Koonwarra-Inverloch Road at Leongatha South (Bald Hills Wind Farm substation)?

"Yes, as above," said the shire.

What about Toora and Bald Hills Wind Farms? How much do they pay in rates?

"The two windfarms are charged under 'Payment in Lieu of Rates' system (PILOR) for Electricity Generators in accordance with the Electricity Industry Act 2000 Section 94; and the calculation of PILOR which is set out in the Order of Council included in Victorian Government Gazette No G 34 25 August 2005. The calculations are quite complex."

More information can be found here: <https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/payment-in-lieu-of-rates-for-electricity-generators>

The Sentinel-Times has asked Bass Coast for a similar response about AusNet paying rates.

So, did the Bass Coast Shire get a good deal out of hosting the \$10 million AusNet battery on its own land on Phillip Island for \$7000-a-year or would it have been better off levying \$20,000 annually in rates, and not giving up valuable space that's sure to be needed when the Cowes depot is shifted away from Blue Gum Reserve? Should the \$13,000 in forgone rates be considered as subsidy paid by the ratepayers of the Bass Coast?

Close to jail for assaulting police

A WONTHAGGI man who allegedly assaulted police on January 16 this year, when they responded to complaints about an intoxicated person harassing people near the Fincher Street Reserve, has walked free from the Korumburra Magistrate's Court.

But he didn't go without a stern warning from the Magistrate Julie O'Donnell.

"You need to be aware that if you are charged with assaulting police causing injury, the matter would be heard in the County Court where very serious penalties can apply," Magistrate O'Donnell said.

She also chastised the man for speaking to police in an offensive manner, using several of the worst types of swear words to describe police, saying his situation did not excuse his behaviour.

According to the Police Persecutor LSC Tim Cavanagh, the accused man was drunk and creating a nuisance in a public place after they had raided his mother's home, where he was living, the day before, seizing a small number of cannabis plants, and dried cannabis.

He said the man lashed out at police when they tried to take him into custody, but fortunately causing no injury.

The man's legal counsel told the court that the incident, at his mother's house the day before, had caused a falling out between the two, and unsure of where he would now be living, the man had resorted to alcohol, drinking "two bottles cheap port" before police found him in a semi-conscious state.

She said police had taken hold of his arm, where the man had suffered an earlier surfing injury, promoting a reflex action from the accused.

But the lawyer acknowledged the magistrate's remarks about her client's situation not excusing his behaviour adding however, that he had since got his life back on track, gaining employment and living back with his mother.

With a warning about assaulting police, Magistrate O'Donnell fined the man \$800 on the drugs and public drunkenness charges.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Annual Budget 2023/24

A vital aspect of effective governance is comprehensive financial planning which is demonstrated through the development and implementation of an annual budget.

At last week's Council meeting the 2023/24 Annual Budget was adopted, ensuring South Gippsland Shire Council can deliver much needed services and infrastructure to support our community.

The primary purpose of Council's annual budget is to ensure the careful management of funding to be spent with the needs and priorities of our community in mind. The annual budget serves as a blueprint for financial decision-making, guiding the allocation of resources to deliver essential services, maintain and improve infrastructure, and foster community development.

The initial request for feedback on the original proposed budget allowed Council to promote a transparent budgetary process that fosters accountability, and engages residents in understanding how their rates and tax dollars are used.

Key components of Council's 2023/24 annual budget include:

- Invest an additional \$400,000 into Council's road and roadside network.
- Allocate \$155,000 in funding to implement actions from the Coastal Strategy, and the South Gippsland Planning Scheme review.
- Seek to protect our precious environment by developing a Climate Action Plan.
- Help to protect our community's data and information through investment in cybersecurity.

By allocating resources to our natural landscapes, infrastructure development, and community safety/security, Council aims to enhance the overall well-being of residents across the shire.

To view South Gippsland Shire Council's 2023/24 Annual Budget, please go to:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/yourcouncil

Community Grants



The second round of 2023 community grants will be open for application from Saturday 1 July to Thursday 31 August.

Community grants are an opportunity for Council to give back to local clubs and community groups who give so much to others.

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

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 19 July 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

South Gippsland Shire Council proudly welcomed six conferees at the Citizenship Ceremony on Wednesday 28 June 2023.

The new citizens are:

- Douglas Ray Bryant from the United States of America
- Wendy Karen Fourie from South Africa
- Jennifer Ann Lidstone from United Kingdom
- Nicholas Paul Meadows from United Kingdom
- Glenda Moro from Philippines
- Hildegard Maria Motton from Germany

BREASTSCREEN VAN IN LEONGATHA

BreastScreen Victoria van is visiting Leongatha from 3 to 18 July 2023 to provide free breast screens for women aged 50 to 74 years.

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

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

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM FOR YOUR GROUP WORKSHOP

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

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

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

To reserve a spot, please go to:

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John and Tricia Fleming are delighted with the work the team at Considine & Johnston have done for them. A08_2723



Tony Smith, Ross Considine and Phillip Johnston look forward to retirement after thoroughly enjoying their years running Considine & Johnston. A07_2723



Johanna and Ross Considine enjoy Friday's celebration of Considine & Johnston. A09_2723

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan

Last week, Council took another important step toward implementing the 2022-2026 Council Plan established for this term of Council, by adopting the updated Long-Term Financial Plan, 2023/2024 Annual Budget and Council Plan annual initiatives at Wednesday's Council Meeting. The Budget is fiscally responsible and ensures that we can continue to deliver much needed projects and services. It also allows us to have funds available for the things that are important to our community including roads, which will now receive \$400,000 in additional funding.

This Annual Budget also contains a \$36.832 million Capital Works Program that touches every corner of our Shire.

Thank you to those in our community who provided feedback on the proposed Budget. This was important to ensuring we are hitting the mark with our proposals.

To view the Annual Budget, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/budget

Planning Scheme Review

At the 28 June Council Meeting, Council adopted the South Gippsland Planning Scheme Review.

The Planning Scheme Review, which must be undertaken every four years, was a thorough review with an intention of ensuring the character and attributes that we all value about our unique townships are preserved and growth is responsibly managed. The review also established a program of priority strategic work to be progressed over the next four years.

This now means the Chief Executive Officer can pass along the Report to the Minister for Planning and request a Planning Scheme Amendment to adopt the changes.

If you would like to read through the adopted Planning Scheme Review Report, you can visit <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme-review>

NAIDOC Week 2023

This year's theme for NAIDOC Week is 'For Our Elders'. It encourages us to consider the important role Elders play in our communities and families.

In South Gippsland, we are working with a number of other partners to support the NAIDOC Week Indigenous Art Exhibition in Wonthaggi.

Councillor Catch Ups

On site 'Councillor Catch Ups' will resume soon. Along with Strzelecki Ward Councillors, Cr Felton and Cr Keerie, we will be providing opportunities for meetings with locals in our Ward.

More details will be available soon through this Message, South Gippsland Shire Council's Facebook page and the fortnightly eNewsletter 'In the Know'.

ArtCubes in Loch

The colourful ArtCubes have made their way to Loch. With photographers and artists of all ages utilising the Cubes while they are in town, I encourage you all to head to Loch and check them out. Currently artist Jo Quirk is doing free portraits!

For more details on the ArtCubes and what is happening in Loch until 25 July visit: <https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au/artcubes>

Emergency Resilience Funding

Council recently secured funding through Emergency Recovery Victoria's Community-led Recovery Support Grants Program.

With this funding, Council has run, in partnership with Red Cross, RediCommunities Workshops in Foster and Mirboo North. These workshops were designed to improve community disaster resilience planning.

Thank you to everyone who came along, including the emergency services and Council staff who made these workshops possible.

Builders leave impressive legacy as they head into retirement

CONSIDINE & Johnston has built a reputation for excellence, responsible for many well-known buildings and cherished homes in Leongatha and other South Gippsland and Bass Coast towns, with the building business closing so its owners can enjoy retirement.

The timing was right, with a gap between major projects, one of its retiring directors Tony Smith said, but the business will be missed by its loyal customers.

Many of those customers were part of a lively celebration held at Leongatha Bowls Club on Friday, along with the loyal Considine & Johnston staff and many others in the building industry.

Tony was the third of somewhere between 40 and 50 apprentices the business has trained, going on to become one of its directors.

Many of the other Considine & Johnston apprentices continue to build in the Gippsland region, demonstrating the positive impact on the building industry the business has had.

Ross Considine and Phillip Johnston started Considine & Johnston in 1975, having worked for builder Stan Stubbs.

Phillip popped around one evening to tell Ross that Stan was downsizing the business

Andrew Paloczi

and the pair would be made redundant, so they decided to team up and open their own business.

Ross still proudly recalls the 1976 home built for Ernie and Mary Thompson, the first home the business built, describing it as a highlight.

While he is confident he will make a good go of retirement, having plans to travel and to get long-awaited jobs done around the home, Ross said he will miss being in the building business, having never lost the joy of completing successful projects.

"When a client appreciates what you've done, it's fantastic," he said.

John and Tricia Fleming are among the many Considine & Johnston clients who have been so impressed with the business they have used it for multiple projects, including a stunning large home in Loch's Sanctuary Close.

"I still miss it," Tricia said of the grand building with its tall, curved walls and stunning garden setting, next to a private sanctuary.

While the large home and garden became too much to manage, the couple are delighted with their present Considine & Johnston house

in Loch Village.

"Their tradesmen were terrific and very skilled," John said of the project built during the challenging COVID period.

Tony explained that the kinds of commercial projects undertaken by the business varied greatly over the years according to what was in demand.

"We started doing pubs and then went into hospitals," he said, with work including Foster Hospital and the North wing of Leongatha Hospital.

"It's been a hoot," Tony said of the variety of work over the years.

Banksia Lodge nursing home was the largest project the business undertook.

Leongatha Men's Shed was a recent highlight.

That project was built in conjunction with the shed members.

"We looked after it for them and got the contractors in," Tony said, adding that the men were fantastic, and the building is a great asset for the town.

While he has clearly relished his time with Considine & Johnston, Tony is also excited about retiring, looking forward to travel.

He's also involved in a business group in Melbourne associated with building and says that will help keep him occupied.

Workshop boosts South Gippsland grant opportunities

VOLUNTEERS are a crucial element of keeping community organisations and events running and grant funding is often needed to bring desired projects to fruition, with a recent South Gippsland Shire Council 'Grant Writing Workshop' helping volunteers learn how to maximise their chances of achieving funding success.

Bruce Leonard, president of the still new Tarwin Lower-Venus Bay Tourism & Local Commerce Association (TALC) was one of the enthusiastic workshop participants, being impressed with the knowledge it provided.

"We've got a couple of things on the go which we will be seeking funds for; we're planning to have a celebration when the Venus Bay Streetscape works have been completed around October, and we'll be having to fund the Wombat Festival for next year," Bruce said.

Another participant, Annie Pearce is a youth worker who writes grant applications in her role with Foster's Manna Gum

Community House.

"For me, it was about being grant ready, having a project ready to go and the steps towards that, because grants come up all the time so if you've got a project ready to go you can generally slot it into a grant," Annie said.

She explained that the workshop helped identify the importance of having a goal and how to develop a plan to achieve it.

That includes answering basic questions such as what's the need for your group, who will benefit from the funded initiative, what sort of longevity will it have and will it be able to go on after the grant money is expended.

The Grant Writing Workshop was organised by council's Sophie Bolding, a community strengthening officer, and facilitated by Jenny Holliday, director at Non Profit Training.

"It was very well organised by Sophie, and Jenny obviously knew her stuff and has extensive experience with writing grant

proposals, and she had a lot of learnings to pass on," Bruce said.

Sophie explained that facilitators from Non Profit Training all have a background of working in not-for-profit community groups and are well placed to outline how to write grant applications in a way that best sells your intended project.

The workshop attracted participants from a wide range of community organisations including sporting clubs, arts groups, Landcare organisations, and tourism and business associations.

Bruce said another important aspect of the workshop was gaining an understanding of the governance needs associated with grant funding applications and associated follow up when successful.

He noted the importance of keeping good records and being able to demonstrate, in the case of grant success, that money has been spent in the way the grant application outlined it would be.

The need to publicly acknowledge organisations responsible for providing grant funding for your group's projects was also covered during the workshop.

"That was emphasised," Bruce said, adding that TALC has that situation currently, having received \$2,000 of funding through the Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund that will be shared between Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower for Christmas decorations.

South Gippsland Shire Council has another valuable learning session coming up to help people effectively promote their community group online.

The 'Choosing the Right Social Media Platform for Your Group Workshop' will be held on Saturday July 22 at Council Chambers Meeting Room 1, Michael Place, Leongatha, beginning at 9.30am.

Bookings are required to attend the free session and can be made at southgippsland.vic.gov.au/social_media_workshop or by calling council on 5662 9200.



Generous donation to Wonthaggi Citizens Band

LORRAINE Dowson made a presentation of a new cornet to the band on behalf of her late mother, Jean Osborne.

Lorraine explained to the band that her mother loved the band, and music in general.

She made a donation toward the building whilst she was alive.

The decision to buy a cornet was inspired by the Anzac Day service.

Lorraine's husband John Dowson is a Vietnam Veteran, and Lorraine's family have many connections to service.

Her father Cliff Osborne served in RAF, and CMF when he migrated to Australia. Her uncles served, one of them being a POW in WW2.

Her grandfather was in the Army, as were her great uncles. One of them was killed in action in WW1. Two years ago, Lorraine was the guest speaker at the Wonthaggi Anzac Day service where she told the story of her family of servicemen.

Pictured is Craig Marinus musical director, Lorraine Dowson and Alicia Fox.



Local Parks Victoria ranger Holly Gloster, Parks Victoria senior manager - commercial projects and product development, Grant Seamer and Friends of the State Coal Mine Group secretary Karen Wallace are looking forward to the reopening of the café once a operator is found. ns012723

Coal Mine café needs a suitor!

THE gears are in motion for the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine café to reopen with Parks Victoria commencing an Expression of Interest process for a commercial operator.

And to make the deal even more appealing, the café is ready to go with commercial kitchen equipment including fridges, stoves, and a combi oven in place.

As the café also adjoins the visitor centre, there's plenty of space to invite customers in with seating for approximately 80 patrons including an outside decked area.

Parks Victoria senior manager - commercial projects and product development, Grant Seamer said it was a fantastic opportunity to truly be part of the community and history.

"What we're looking for is a tenant for the café side of the visitor centre, and they'll be working closely with the local (Parks Victoria) team and the very active Friends of the State Coal Mine group," he said.

"There's many opportunities to utilise the spaces throughout the precinct such as the old train carriage, a tenant might be able to host a dinner in it."

The café also comes equipped with tables and chairs and there is opportunity to enhance the outside area.

While the kitchen area is spacious and versatile, with deliveries able to have direct access through the rear door.

"The visitation is consistent and while the underground tours are currently closed, the local team is working really hard to get those tours back open as a

walking tour," Grant said.

The visitor centre is open from 10am-4pm but there is scope for a tenant to open later and cater for dinners and private events.

Bus tours also frequent the site.

The expression of interest is open until the end of July.

"The good thing is you could walk in with some ingredients and pretty much open today, there is a low start up cost and we're offering up to a 10-year lease as well," he said.

"And the local team is super friendly and it's got to be someone who's keen to work in with the overall precinct experience as well."

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Development would set precedent for unsuitable growth, says councillor

SOUTH Gippsland Shire councillors voted to approve a Venus Bay development at 79 Atherton Drive in the town's Second Estate despite strong opposition from Venus Bay based councillor Sarah Gilligan who spoke against the planned project at Wednesday's council meeting.

The successful application sought approval to develop the land with a double storey dwelling on the corner of Atherton Drive and the access road to Number 5 Beach, replacing a recently demolished building on what is now vacant land.

The matter came before council to determine due to the receipt of 13 submissions in relation to the original development proposal.

The applicant modified the design in response to council officer concerns and the submissions, with no additional submissions received in relation to the updated plans, and none of the existing submissions withdrawn or modified.

Modifications to the design include an increased setback for the building from Atherton Drive and a reduction in site coverage from 40.97 percent of the land to 35.48 percent.

The substantial size of the building and its height and its original setback distance were raised by multiple objectors, with a regular theme that the planned building would be unsuited to the area.

The Delegates Report prepared



Cr Sarah Gilligan outlines her case about inappropriate development in Venus Bay. A02_2723

by council staff in relation to the amended application argues the applicant has worked with council to address concerns raised.

"The applicant has sought to design the height of the dwelling to be under the 6.5 metre height trigger for the Design and Development Overlay and the footprint (of the building) has been reduced in response to the Bushfire Overlay and the Design and Development Overlay policy considerations," the report states.

It is also argued access issues have been overcome, with the

crossover location altered to increase sightlines that would have been obscured by proximity to a power pole.

However, Cr Gilligan was adamant the development is not suited to the area, striving to win support for her motion not to follow council officer advice to approve the development.

She called on council to issue a Notice of Refusal for the development of a dwelling at 79 Atherton Drive Venus Bay.

"The extent of continuous built form, particularly at the upper floor level would result in

a dwelling that by virtue of its overall floorspace is not respectful of the predominant character and typical built form of the surrounding area," Cr Gilligan argued.

She stressed the development would be contrary to the design objectives of the Design and Development Overlay Schedule 5.

Cr Gilligan outlined her extensive research in relation to development of Venus Bay.

The passionate councillor said she has decades' worth of documentation detailing inadequate planning controls, under-resourced voluntary emergency services and the environmental inappropriateness of Venus Bay's original vision of thousands of residential blocks on a fragile, dangerous spit of land with one road in and out.

"Decision makers over the years have put their heads in the sand and stuck to the original unsustainable plan for Venus Bay," she said, adding that understanding of the environment, house sizes and assessment of risk have changed since that plan was developed.

"I cannot support the replacement of a two-bedroom, light footprint shack on a primary dune with a five-bedroom, three living area, multi-bathroom building," Cr Gilligan said.

She argued such a development would set a precedent for unsustainable growth in Venus Bay.

"We must consider the im-

pacts on traffic, safety, emergency service capacity, water, power resources and a rapidly changing risk profile," Cr Gilligan said.

However, while other councillors were respectful of her position, she failed to win their votes.

While Cr Mohya Davies was understanding of many of Cr Gilligan's arguments, she didn't feel she could vote against the development before council given it meets current requirements.

"If we are planning to restrict development at Venus Bay, we probably should do it in a more strategic way," Cr Davies said, noting the 592 vacant blocks in the area.

Mayor Nathan Hersey conceded the 13 objections to the Atherton Drive development suggests there is something not quite right regarding the balance between what community members expect and what planning scheme and design development overlays allow.

Councillor Gilligan's motion was defeated by six votes to one, with Cr Adrian Darakai not voting due to a declared conflict of interest and Cr Clare Williams on leave.

The original recommendation to approve the development was carried five votes to one, with Cr Mick Felton abstaining from voting, saying that after much consideration he couldn't arrive at a decision.

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The new Bunnings Warehouse Wonthaggi team: Cheryl, Loran, Brendan, Cindy, Cheryl, and Marie have worked together to get the new store ready for the grand opening. Z01_2723



The new nursery is inclusive of a service area and additional entrance, and the expert green life and garden care team are proactive at providing the best service. Z05_2723

New Bunnings Warehouse Wonthaggi opens its doors



The new store showcases three full displays and is inclusive of a selection centre for a Bunnings DIY kitchen design. Z09_2723

RESIDENTS in Wonthaggi will be able to access an even wider range of home and lifestyle products close to home, with Bunnings opening the doors to its new store.

The 9,000sqm store will replace the existing site, and represents an investment of over \$30 million in the local community.

Among the 120-strong team members – including 27 new roles – are experts in timber, tools, paint, kitchens, plumbing, gardening, and outdoor living.

The store also welcomes new offerings including a dedicated special orders desk, kitchen area, kids' playground, self-check-outs, and café.

Customers will also find a four-lane drive-thru trade yard, nursery, paint counter and over 200 car parks.

Expanding from a two-lane, to a four-lane fully enclosed trade drive-thru – the new store is designed to have more stock in weight and width, providing the specialist and commercial customer with more on offer.

Bunnings have invested heavily in the size and scope of the nursery, offering a separate entrance and service area, and with more stock available instore it enables same day purchase for large projects.

The biggest product range expansion for Bunnings in the past six months is pets, with the Wonthaggi store increasing from a three bay offer to a 12-bay offer. Including the stock levels on pet food etc.

One of the biggest draw cards for the community is the addition of the playground and café – allowing customers to eat in or take away hot food, drinks, and sweet treats. This space will tie in with the community activities that will continue at the new store, including face painting and kids and adults DIY sessions.

The leisure area adjacent to the café has also expanded to approximately five times bigger than the original site; inclusive of outdoor furniture, gazebos, and BBQs

with more products on display and more stock available instore.

The electrical department has increased to three aisles, with indoor, outdoor, and decorative lighting on display and more stock instore for specialist and commercial trade.

And for those DIY projects, the Bunnings kitchen selection centre has three full displays of cabinetry and appliances to allow customers to see what's available in doors, benchtops, and splashback.

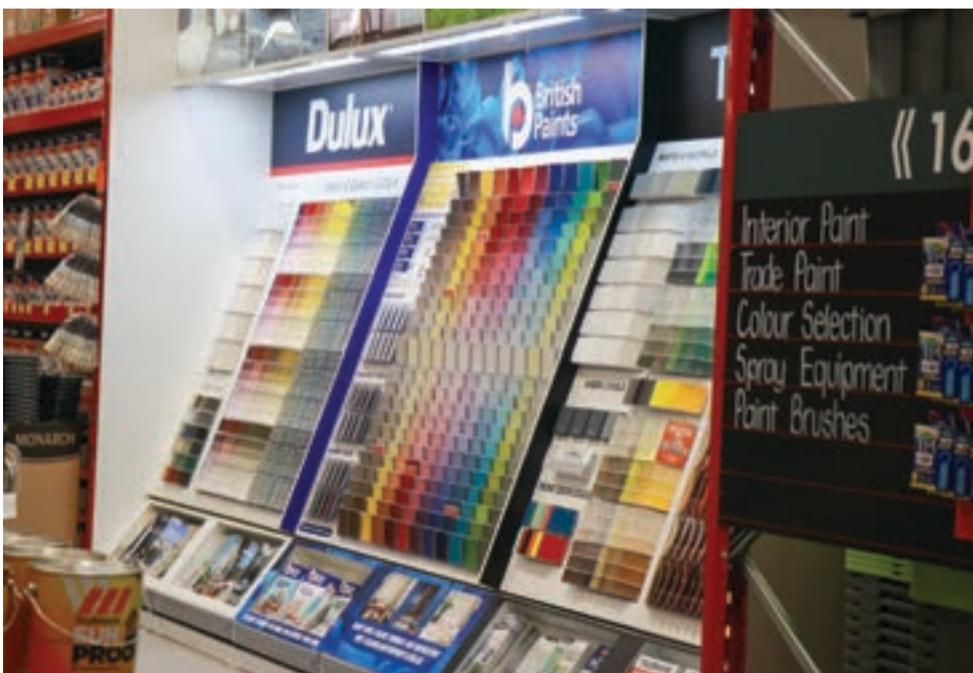
New Bunnings Wonthaggi complex manager Chris Deacon said they were proud of the team's performance and to their credit, they've not only kept the other store running at 110% pace, but managed to put this new store together in just four weeks.

"We know the community are excited to have the bigger store in town and our trade specialists have had a lot of interest from local trades and commercial builders and they're really looking forward to the increased offer we'll have available instore."

As part of the store opening celebrations, the Wonthaggi team offered hands-on support to various local community groups. This included assisting with repair works at Pound Creek CFA's station and amenities, as well as lending a helping hand in the garden at Inverloch RSL and Wonthaggi North Kindergarten.

The new store will also have a range of sustainability initiatives that will reduce its environmental impact including a major solar PV system on the site roof with 366 panels, a 240,000-litre water tank for the nursery and energy-efficient heating, cooling, and LED lighting.

The new Bunnings Wonthaggi is located at the corner of McKenzie Street and White Road. It will host official grand opening celebrations for customers in July. Customers can keep an eye on the Bunnings Wonthaggi website for further details.



The paint section of the new Bunnings Wonthaggi store is set up with new state-of-the-art equipment, including the latest tinters and colour matching systems. Z03_2723



The new Bunnings Warehouse will have more on offer in each section with trade specialists instore as the first point of contact for customers. Z04_2723

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The ever-evolving business provides an extensive variety of stock for the industrial, agricultural and commercial sector, and is now turning its focus to providing routine maintenance servicing.

Rotaret has always offered emergency breakdown services but is building towards complete provision of care and upkeep for its customers.

"We are really trying to get across the idea of programmed maintenance servicing. We are working towards offering tailored servicing schedules for our customers. With routine maintenance, including oil sampling and preventative repairs, we can ensure less downtime for your machinery. We also believe our supply of retail stock is a part of that too," Rotaret's Jason Mottershead said.

"Our aim is to bridge the gap between our services to ensure our customers are getting the most out of what we can offer them. If there's something we don't have, we will do what we can to get it in, and we're



Rotaret Hydraulic Engineering's Tim O'Leary (spare parts and sales) and Anthony Ward (workshop manager) are on hand to assist customers with any inquiries.

backed by highly qualified tradesmen across the board."

Rotaret's main objective is to deliver solutions for all mechanical issues in a safe and timely manner. Its fully equipped workshop allows for in-house services. The professional team work tirelessly to improve the performance of machinery, operating to a high standard to achieve the best results for each customer. Established in 2009 and based in Wonthaggi, the business has worked hard to offer competitive prices on its retail stock and supporting its community.

"We've always employed locals and we are passionate about delivering a quality service to our local community. It's something we feel very strongly about," Jason said.

Rotaret is also currently part of Bass Coast Shire Council's Shop Eat Love Local campaign. Those who spend \$20 at Rotaret until September 30 can enter the monthly draw to win a \$200 hamper

More information about Rotaret Hydraulic Engineering can be found at rotaret.com.au, or via the business' Facebook and Instagram pages.

NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition on show in Wonthaggi

THE annual NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition at the Wonthaggi Artspace showcases and celebrates local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.

The exhibition is hosted by the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Reconciliation Group with support from the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network.

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC Week is celebrated around Australia by all Australians and is a great opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The NAIDOC Week 2023 theme is, 'For Our Elders'.

Across every generation Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and families.

"The Elders are the ones that hold on to the culture and the lore, they are the most important aspect of healing our people. They have the enormous task of maintaining and passing on traditional



The Annual NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition at the Wonthaggi Artspace will be showcasing local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.

knowledge, values and customary practices, while helping us find balance as we navigate between two very different worlds. They have laid the foundations for us to be successful across multiple sectors like health, education, the arts, politics and everything in between," said National NAIDOC Committee Co-Chair, Steven Sattour.

The artists who feature in the 2023 NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition are the backbone of the exhibition.

Simply put, there would be no exhibition without them.

The Bass Coast / South Gippsland Reconciliation Group

thank them for their continued support over the many years since the inception of the exhibition.

Exhibiting Artists: Patrice Mahoney, Daniel Church, Christian McGee, Steve Parker, Safina Stewart.

There are also five young emerging artists exhibiting this year.

The official opening of the Exhibition was on Sunday July 2.

The exhibition is open to the public from June 27 to August 6, 2023, and the gallery is open seven days a week from 11am - 3pm.

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Leongatha Lyric 'produces' a great night of laughs and entertainment

THE Leongatha Lyric Theatre presented the Mel Brooks musical – 'The Producers' with a packed opening night at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, with the show running until July 15.

'The Producers' is a commentary on the pitfalls of craving money over less tangible but longer-lasting assets, such as friendship and love, with cast member Jay Nelson playing Max Bialystock – a manipulative character who plays an amusing performance alongside Sam Shineberg in the lead role of Leopold Bloom.

The pair left the audience in laughter and applause with Sam presenting Leopold magnificently – one under immense pressure with great humour in his personality; whilst Jay displayed Max thoroughly as commanding and pretentious.

The show displayed adult humour, with Kerry Moren cast as Ulla – bringing beauty and grace to the stage. Ulla presented flair in her vocals to her opening song 'When you got it, flaunt it.'

The audience praised the bright and powerful style in the costume and were ready for the outrageous in-you-face humour that the show presented, with 'the little old ladies' choreography and the role of Taine Lowe playing Carmen Ghia and Dan Lawrie playing Roger De Bris, a highlight.

The cast will perform 13 shows until July 15 with tickets available at the door of the Leongatha Memorial Hall or via their Facebook page - www.facebook.com/LyricLeongatha/



Leongatha Lyric Theatre held their opening of 'The Producers' on Friday evening, June 30, which will run until July 15 at the Memorial Hall. Z29_2723



Sam Shineberg played lead role Leopold Bloom, a humorous character in the Leongatha Lyric Theatre – 'The Producers' singing 'I wanna be a producer'. Z26_2723



Jay Nelson plays Max Bialystock – a manipulative character in a humorous performance for the production 'The Producers'. Z30_2723



Kerry Moren playing Ulla in the Leongatha Lyric Theatre production 'The Producers' in her opening song 'When you got it, flaunt it.' Z27_2723



Jay Nelson and Sam Shineberg cast in an amusing performance playing Max and Leopold in 'The Producers'. Z28_2723

New chapter for turntable at Yarra Glen

FOLLOWING the departure of Korumburra's train turntable it has now arrived at its final destination of Yarra Glen.

The Sentinel-Times had reported on its departure in early June where many Korumburra residents turned out to witness the event.

It was reported that VicTrack and South Gippsland Shire Council had liaised with a heritage architect concerning the turntable and as it is classed as equipment, a permit for removal was not required.

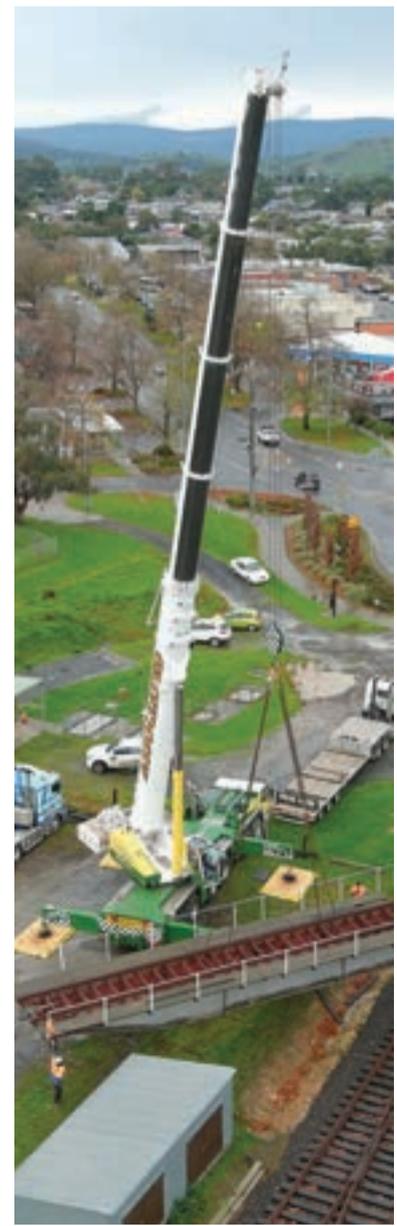
A VicTrack spokesperson had said the turntable removed from Korumburra Station is one of very few in Victoria able to accommodate larger locomotives.

As reported in the Mountain Views Star Mail recently, Yarra Valley Railway volunteers had undertaken a huge group effort to relocate the 21 metre turntable.

The relocation involved hard work by the volunteers to dismantle components, load them onto trucks and transport the turntable to Yarra Glen, with local crane and truck hauling services required for the immense effort.

The turntable was originally installed at Foster in 1957 and in 1994 it was moved to Korumburra where it was used for many years by the now former South Gippsland Railway.

Yarra Valley Railway will give the turntable a new lease on life and once installed, it will allow the heritage railway to be able to turn locomotives at the Yarra Glen location.



Korumburra's former train turntable has arrived at Yarra Glen. Photo: Yarra Valley Railway.

Calling all volunteers, Meeniyan needs you!

WHEN a mini tornado hit the Meeniyan Recreation Reserve the day before the Meeniyan Garlic Festival in February this year, it wrecked a number of marquees and scattered various other items that had been set up by volunteers.

These are the types of challenges that can face volunteers setting up for one of South Gippsland's major events; and as is the case for dedicated volunteers with their eyes on the prize and a commitment to make the event happen for their visitors, no-one dropped their bundle and everyone worked together to come up with a workable solution to the challenges, and none of the thousands of visitors the next day would have been aware of any problems.

Meeniyan festivals and events needs more people to volunteer to be part of the action for 2024 and are asking people to attend their AGM at 6pm on Monday, July 17, in the Supper room of the Meeniyan Hall. Light refreshments will be served on the night.

Fifteen people with a can-do attitude are needed to join the com-



Retiring President, David Jones and Vice President Laurie Martin at the conclusion of the Meeniyan Garlic Festival in February 2023.

mittee and take on one of the key areas of responsibility.

These areas are kids games on the oval, stall holder liaison, traffic management, ticket sales, music and entertainment, festival kitchen chefs liaison, garlic industry liaison, garlic speaker program, grants application and liaison, advertising, socials and web stuff, book keeping, community liaison, local business liaison and logistics.

Many longer-term volunteers are happy to show the way and hand

over but many of them are also either beyond stepping up again or have left the district.

Current president, David Jones, is finally stepping down from the role after co-founding the event and leading the committee for the past six years.

He has offered to stay as a mentor while the current vice president, Laurie Martin has agreed to take on the role of president for the coming year provided there are enough new recruits to shoulder the load.

"If you have ever been tempted to stage an event attracting over 6,000 people or think you may want to do so in the future, the Meeniyan Garlic Festival is a great opportunity to learn the skills and mandatory requirements whilst giving you exposure to an event that now has to meet extra government safety regulations. The event is also financially supported by major players such as Visit Victoria, Destination Gippsland, South Gippsland Shire Council and Wine Gippsland so you will get exposure to what these organisations require for their sponsorship."

"About half our visitors come from outside the shire with most of them coming from Melbourne including many repeat visitors who love what we do and the friendliness of the locals who make the event possible."

If you think you may be able to play a role, head along to the AGM. RSVP by text to 0419 889 646 by Wednesday, July 12 to assist them with numbers for catering.

Sentinel-Times COMMENT

Vox Pop

Have you considered an electric vehicle?

We were wrong, but what about the Mayor?

LAST week, Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan phoned the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times with a complaint.

He followed up with an email saying: "I am disappointed in your article (re questions about the Phillip Island battery project). It astounds me for its inaccuracy and bias."

The reasons for Cr Whelan's disappointment appear to be twofold:

1. Following on from a question to council by a ratepayer, we also drew attention to claims he made in his June 6 Mayor's Message that Ausnet's Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICCESS) "will increase our renewable capacity as it will be recharged using solar". We said the battery was simply drawing down electricity from the existing grid, which is still only 21 per cent powered by renewables.

"It may have been reasonable to ask what the plan for this battery was," said Cr Whelan.

It may also have been reasonable for the mayor to take the opportunity of the ratepayer's question to the June council meeting to provide a proper response along those lines instead of, frankly, a rather disrespectful reply of "No!"

2. Cr Whelan also took issue with a claim we made that the Bass Coast Shire Council gave Ausnet some land "for free" for a facility Ausnet was arguably required to provide anyway, without a subsidy from the shire's ratepayers.

In fact, the shire is leasing a part of its Gap Road Transfer and Depot site to Mondo/Ausnet, for their \$10 million peak-demand battery, for \$7150-a-year or \$137.50-a-week which is more than \$13,000 less than Ausnet/Mondo should pay annually if subject to "industrial" rates like other businesses.

As departing Bass Coast CEO Ali Wastie pointed out in a 24-page submission to the Victorian Local Government Rating System Review Panel in October 2019, if exempt commercial activities such as solar/wind farms and electricity generators, universities, private schools and religious properties paid rates, "the additional income... could then be used to reduce the rate burden on other ratepayers".

The shire's CEO quoted the exemption from rates of the Victorian Desalination Plant as a case study, scamming the shire out of between \$7m and \$10m in rates annually since 2012/13.

So, is council serious about its call for a fair contribution from power companies or just grandstanding. Or worse, are they actually contributing to the problem.

One would also have to ask why the mayor appears to be taking a particular interest in the Mondo/Ausnet project delivered in collaboration with the Bass Coast Shire Council, Totally Renewable Phillip Island, and the Energy Innovation Cooperative?

And can other community groups with worthy projects, seeking support from council, rely on a similarly passionate response from the mayor?



Paul Robinson
Meeniyon

I'm probably going to get a hybrid next year, just to have backup fuel because we do a lot of travelling.



Michelle Boyd
Koorooman

I have considered it but living in a regional area there are limitations. If there was more charging infrastructure I'd entertain the idea more seriously.



Esmond Dunn
Hamilton

We've got a hybrid. Where we're from (Hamilton), I don't think electric vehicles are the way to go yet.



Rhonda Lester
Koorooman

I'd love to see how it's going to be sustainable for farms, for example a tractor pulling machinery. I don't know how long the battery would last.

No help given

BCSC have a specific program to assist ratepayers in the event of financial hardship however, all is not what it seems.

A recent question regarding potential access to the program confirmed that council is not the least bit interested in providing support for ratepayers who own a holiday home or investment property.

As far as council is concerned, ratepayers whose primary residence is elsewhere have other options to source funding if needed.

This is despite the fact that those individuals pay the full amount of rates annually while in addition, saving the council tens of thousands of dollars overall by only having waste removed likely 10 to 15 weeks a year.

Council would do well to remember that Phillip Island was initially built on the holiday home economy and is still underpinned by that same economy.

The structure of this so-called hardship support program is totally discriminatory and again shows the complete disrespect the Council has towards ratepayers and the community.

Little wonder residents of Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach are fighting so hard to stop the potential Special Rate Charge Scheme which will be an enormous financial impost on every property owner, with no support from a Council that really couldn't care less.

We can only hope that the departure of the CEO will bring a breath of fresh air and a fresh approach by council.

But I'm not holding my breath.
Rob Chandler, Surf Beach

Mayor criticism not warranted

I appreciated the front page article in The Sentinel Times (June 20) with the headline, 'Mayor Hersey to take on Broad-bent'. The article outlined Mayor Hersey's ambitions to gain Liberal Party preselection for the seat of Monash.

I also read with interest the Mayor's Message published one week later in which he discussed a ratepayer funded trip to Canberra. Apparently representing South Gippsland, he met with the Office of the Shadow Minister for Communications and the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development.

Surely, if the Mayor wanted to improve services in South Gippsland, he should have sought to meet with the ministers for these portfolios, rather than their shadows. I would have thought that had he tried to have such meetings and failed, then he would have said this in the Mayor's Message.

One can't help wondering if the purpose of the trip to Canberra was for the Mayor to strengthen his political connections and gain preselection for Monash.

Hopefully, the next trip to Canberra by

members of South Gippsland Council will be more productive and there will be meetings with the ministers in order to get things done.

D Murrell, Leongatha Rural.

Editor: Unfortunately, your comments are completely out of line. The South Gippsland Mayor Cr Nathan Hersey, Deputy Mayor Cr Clare Williams and CEO Kerryn Ellis were in Canberra principally to attend the three-day National Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), along with representatives of many of the 537 member councils across Australia. They put two important issues on the ALGA agenda, and were present at the assembly when both motions were passed; one calling for better roads and bridges to replace any damaged by natural disasters, and another calling for proper consultation with local communities about major projects. With so many council reps in Canberra, meetings with Ministers were understandably at a premium, but the South Gippsland delegation was able to meet with a number of officials on the sidelines. Other than to confirm he would be a candidate, Cr Hersey declined to comment further, in line with Liberal Party preselection rules.

Is the community up in arms?

I commend BCSC councillors for adopting the new Skate Park Strategy.

Common sense has now prevailed.

The emotive headline "Skate community up in arms" (Sentinel Times June 20 p.12) and the ensuing article would seem to be a biased criticism of the devastating impact the implementation of this strategy would have on the skating community.

I'm pondering over whether to use 'balderdash' or 'poppycock' in assessing this negativity. Yes, there undoubtedly are some high performing skaters, but like most high performers in many fields, surely they cannot expect to have world-class facilities at their doorsteps.

The sites of the original proposals – San Remo and then Newhaven – may have been central within the shire, yet these sites were far from the population centres of the shire.

Conveniently accessible for whom? Indeed not many! Moreover, the whiz-bang Regional Skate Park demand on either of these sites, although perhaps idealistic for some, was surely far from realistic. The insensitivity shown in demanding that local treasured parkland be surrendered for such a purpose is hard to understand.

The place for any large skate park, be that regional or sub-regional, is in a spacious sporting precinct. Therein would lie the possibility to expand the complex at some future stage.

Regarding that shelved Richard

Grayden Reserve Newhaven proposal, the article claims there had been "overwhelming support."

Most certainly that could not have come from the Newhaven community. The article points to the 2000 members supporting local skate parks.

Well that's a robust number participating in or supporting a good physical activity, but the geographic distribution of these enthusiasts would be of interest.

It would be absurd to claim such numbers were amassed from within the confines of the San Remo, Newhaven, Cape Woolamai postcode area.

Indeed, figures taken from the 2021 Census reveal that of the approximately 4500 residents, just over 50% were from Cape Woolamai, contrasting to the mere 10% (around 500) being from Newhaven.

Figures for school age children show almost 60% are from Cape Woolamai, a third from San Remo but only around 8% from Newhaven. (Source: ABS Quickstats 19/01/22).

Newhaven is a very small community indeed, with just infill sites such as the Newhaven College site providing for recent expansion.

Now to the Richard Grayden Reserve in Newhaven per se: this is a much-valued local community asset, providing an environment for children to play, families to enjoy, is great for picnics and barbecues and offering plenty of shade and good amenities. It is enjoyed also by visitors, school camp groups, disability groups etc.

The integrity of the available space is important. Yes a small local skate park may well complement the existing experiences - say by occupying the area of the current concrete pad.

It should not be a dominant feature nor detract from the rustic charm of the area and ideally would be aimed at allowing children to develop their basic skills.

Indeed a far cry from the previous proposal (pictured with the article) which would have been to the extreme detriment of the park.

This time round, there must be realistic communication with the Newhaven community.

Surely it is reasonable to expect that Newhaven community input is encouraged and respected at the design stage, as opposed to later having to object to something that is unacceptable – yet that's not the way skate park proposals have been previously mishandled. Thus far it's all been a costly exercise of futility.

Russell Riseley, Newhaven

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OH WHAT A FEELING

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Lindsay's mark left on Leongatha

LINDSAY STEPHEN LOVE, 6 JUNE 1950 – 16 JUNE 2023

Lindsay Love was an active member of the Leongatha community, enjoying Rock 'n Roll dancing with wife Judy at last year's Woorayl Lodge Christmas Fete. (left foreground)



Three new flag poles at the Wonthaggi RSL were celebrated with the raising of the Australian flag, RSL flag and the State flag.

New flag poles go up at RSL

THE RAIN was coming down but the flags were going up at the Wonthaggi RSL at 10am on Thursday, June 29.

The centre flagpole was flying the Australian flag, flanked by the RSL flag and the State flag.

"We wanted to always fly the RSL flag because that represents the veterans, and we wanted to fly the Australian flag because that's what we fought under and because we're in Victoria, we'll fly the State flag," said Dan Lucas, President of Wonthaggi RSL.

The 2.6 metres poles to the left and right of the 6.5 metre centre pole were sourced by Dan when he noticed they were unused at the old Wonthaggi Secondary College McBride campus.

The school was happy to donate the poles and the Bass Coast Shire Council granted the RSL \$1000 for the middle pole.

The veterans who raised the poles were Graeme Eba, Wayne A'vard and Brian Vaughan who agreed that it was very fitting and timely given that 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war.

LEONGATHA local Lindsay Love was celebrated at a packed Dakers Centre, a perfect venue given the many happy nights he has spent Rock 'n Roll dancing there with wife Judy as members of Gatha Rock.

The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Centre this year.

Lindsay's vast and passionate contribution to cycling, dancing, engineering and childcare was recalled, as was his determination to improve services, infrastructure and safety for the local community.

Although Lindsay was born in Benalla, the Love family arrived in Leongatha when he was six, with his parent's dairy farmers and graziers.

His involvement at Leongatha Cycling Club began in 1961, shortly after it was formed, with Lindsay not taking long to achieve competitive success, including winning a couple of Victorian school boy championships and later triumphing in road and track championships at age 16.

A humorous moment was recalled, when a young Lindsay was so determined to beat his brother in a driveway cycling race, he failed to factor in the necessary braking distance and ended up requiring rescue by a local farmer after clearing a drain across the road.

While his passion for competition continued as an adult, Lindsay was renowned for his ability to foster a love of cycling in young participants, building their confidence on a bike and in life.

He was involved in running velodrome training, club carnivals and committee work.

Although he didn't consider himself a great student, Lindsay was head prefect at Leongatha High School, going on to Monash University and completing a Bachelor of Civil Engineering.

There he met Judy while running a campus shop selling items such as soap, toothpaste and two-foot-long sticks of liquorice.

Lindsay's son Kieran shared the story of his parent's engagement, setting the scene by explaining Judy's Minyip-based parents



were less than delighted with the young couple's idea of moving in together after two years of courtship.

"Well, I'll marry her then," Lindsay declared, with that sufficing as a proposal.

Lindsay's first job was as a quality control engineer at Readymix Concrete, working across metropolitan Melbourne.

While Lindsay and Judy lived in Ringwood for a few years, they moved to his brother's 'Cherry Tree Downs' farm in Tarwin Lower in 1978 when Lindsay secured work as an engineer with the Shire of Bass, remaining there for a decade before a shift to Leongatha.

Children, Ryan, Amy and Kieran were born during the couple's time on the farm.

Despite having a young family and helping with farm work in addition to his engineering job, Lindsay was an active member of the

community, being part of the local fire brigade, primary school parents committee and assisting in establishing the Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre.

He eventually became a consulting engineer, starting Love & Associates and opening an office in Foster offering services in engineering, building design and town planning.

Lindsay began designing childcare centres, inspired by a family connection to that industry.

"As he was designing childcare centres for others, dad decided he'd have one for himself," Ryan said, leading to the building of Briala Children's Centre in Traralgon in 1997.

While a fulltime director was employed, both Lindsay and Judy took time away from their other jobs to assist in running the centre.

They established another Traralgon childcare centre, eventually selling both, and also built centres in Moe and Morwell.

Lindsay became renowned for his design of childcare centres, being much in demand.

"He offered a unique blend of practical experience, having run childcare centres, an intimate knowledge of the regulations and had the engineering skills to design something appropriate," Ryan said.

Lindsay was one of the founding members of the South Gippsland Action Group (SGAG), which started around 2016, being its inaugural and tireless secretary.

"Among the local issues he advocated for via SGAG were area growth, reduction in rates, provision of more industrial land, promoting tourism and road safety," Ryan said.

The last point was particularly important for Lindsay who was determined to improve safety for Great Southern Rail Trail users, advocating for a safe underpass at Roughhead Street, Leongatha.

Lindsay was recalled as a man of immense integrity, honesty and compassion, off on his final bike ride and last dance.

Celebrating 64 years of love, loss and everything in between

AS THE Wilson family reflect on love and loss, they too celebrate marriage and devotion.

Reg and Phyllis Wilson were married on July 4, 1959, at the Church of England in Wonthaggi; devoting themselves to one another and sharing a life in the old mining town where they still reside today.

As they celebrate 64 years of marriage, Phyllis shared their past as she pondered on how they met some 70 years ago, before Reg first asked for her hand.

"We shared friends back when Reg lived in Kilcunda, and after we married, we moved to a property in Wonthaggi where Reg worked in the mines, and I in a feather factory, I too was the supervisor in the blanket department where I worked for many years."

"Once the mines closed, Reg became a carpenter and built our very own family home in Wonthaggi, where we still live today."

Before long Reg and Phyllis welcomed three beautiful children, two sons and a daughter; together they enjoyed travelling Australia, camping in their caravan, and spending their days down at Back Beach, where they reflected on visiting for 30 plus years.

"We loved sharing these memories with the kids," said Phyllis.

Together Reg and Phyllis too enjoyed dancing and sharing quality time as husband and wife; the special quiet time that they continue to share together today in their retired years.

"We still live in the home that Reg built for the family in Wonthaggi, and I love the whole place and we will never leave this town," said



Reg and Phyllis Wilson celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary with family in Wonthaggi.

Phyllis.

As well as our children Liesa, Paul and Garry, and daughter-in-law Judi, we've been blessed with six grandchildren and six great grandchildren, with one on the way."

Throughout their life, Reg and Phyllis saw more loss than many could imagine facing, losing their beloved daughter Liesa Wilson at just 19 years old, their adored grandson Mason Wilson at just five years old, and their dear son Paul Wilson at 42 years old.

There isn't a day that goes by that these

family members are not in thought, and during the celebration of 64 years of marriage with a family luncheon on Saturday, Reg and Phyllis with the support of their extended family reflect on their journey and always reminisce on their loved ones.

Processing these experiences and emotions were deeply troubling for the Wilson family, but the love in Phyllis and Reg's marriage helped them through the confusing, frustrating, and painful aspects of their life.



Mr and Mrs Reg and Phyllis Wilson were married at the Church of England in Wonthaggi on July 4, 1959.

An inspiration to their family; their love conquered all, and Phyllis described this as "the sad times in their good marriage."

"We had to support each other through everything as we faced the hardest times that brought so much sadness."

During these years of loss, together Phyllis and Reg remained open and vulnerable with one another enabling them to "stick together and work together," said Phyllis.

Continence Service can ease your daily challenges

THE Continence Service at Bass Coast Health (BCH) provides advice and education for people of all ages who suffer from bladder and/or bowel control issues.

Continence problems are often a symptom of another health problem and can almost always be treated, better-managed or cured.

The first step is to speak to an appropriate health professional.

BCH has a team of experienced Continence Nurse Advisors including a Nurse Practitioner who following assessment, will develop a management plan in conjunction with you and your carer (if required) and provide education for the problems identified.

They offer information about appropriate aids and access to funding schemes if patients are eligible.

The service also caters for children, providing advice and management of bed-wetting, day wetting, soiling and toilet training difficulties.

Clients who have Urinary Catheters in place or are required to self-catheterise may access the Continence Service.

Often a multi-disciplinary approach is required for bladder/bowel incontinence following recent hospitalisation, gynaecological surgery, prostate surgery, pregnancy or a recent change in health status.

The primary focus of the clinic is on rehabilitation and the program is usually conducted over



Continence Nurse Practitioner Dianne Jones consults at Wonthaggi Hospital.

12 weeks.

At the Phillip Island Health Hub, our Nurse Practitioner leads the urodynamics service - a bladder functional test often requested by a specialist before urological or gynaecological surgery.

Clinicians involved in a multi-disciplinary approach to Continence care include a Continence Nurse Advisor, Nurse Practitioner, Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation Physiotherapist, Dietitian, Medical Specialist and allied health professionals.

Men and women can self-refer but a doctor's referral is preferred.

My Aged Care Referrals are required for clients over the age of 65 to access a consultation funded through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).

Clients with NDIS funding require a service agreement with BCH. The Continence Nurse will assess your continence needs relating to your disability, and provide a letter of support and recommendations.

The Continence Service is available at Wonthaggi Hospital and Phillip Island Health Hub from Monday to Friday, 8am to 4.30pm. To book, phone 5671 3353. BCH provides this service for people aged under 65 (under 50 years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders) through the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP).

BCH also provides this service for people aged over 65.

Let's be reasonable says EPA

EPA VICTORIA has just published a series of handy guidance for small business about complying with noise laws and it's all about what's reasonable.

EPA CEO Lee Miezi says the Environment Protection Act 2017 calls for business to take reasonable measures to prevent pollution, including noise.

Businesses can assess noise in two ways, by assessing the quality of the noise using common sense and by using monitoring equipment to assess compliance with noise limits. The guidance explains when you should assess noise using one of the two methods.

Qualities that make noise unreasonable include volume and intensity, whether it goes on for a long time, happens often, happens early in the morning or late at night, or has an annoying character such as a high-pitched sound.

EPA also considers what's reasonable when taking enforcement action.

There are practical guides to a range of noise prevention methods too, such as site planning, acoustic louvres, barriers, mufflers, pipe lagging and vibration isolation. More information at epa.vic.gov.au/for-business/find-a-topic/noise/advice-for-businesses/controls



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

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

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

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

Our services include:

- Community Nursing (District Nursing, Diabetes Education, Continence, Cardio/Pulmonary, Stomal Therapy, Integrated Chronic Disease Management and Wound Care)
- Allied Health services (Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Speech Pathology and Counselling)
- Integrated Chronic Disease Management
- Meals on Wheels
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How we can help you:

- To access Allied Health or Specialist Nursing services, contact our Access team on Access@basscoasthealth.org.au or Allied Health Reception by phoning 5671 3343
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Alternatively, phone **5671 3333** and ask for the service or the Access team. For more information, go to: basscoasthealth.org.au/HACC



National Diabetes Week

New Government medicine subsidy for those with “deadly duo”

THOUSANDS of Australians with type 2 diabetes who face the prospect of kidney failure will soon be able to access a first-of-its-kind medicine to help slow the worsening of kidney damage.

From July 1, Kerendia® (finerenone) will be funded through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) to delay the progressive decline of kidney function in adults with chronic kidney disease associated with type 2 diabetes (with albuminuria, which means protein is found in the urine).

It is used in addition to standard medicines for the condition.

According to Professor Richard MacIsaac, Director of Endocrinology at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne and co lead of diabetes kidney disease research at the Australian Centre for Accelerating Diabetes Innovations at the University of Melbourne, who was involved in clinical trials of Kerendia, “the availability of Kerendia through the PBS is very welcome news for the large number of Australians living with the ‘deadly duo’ of type 2 diabetes and progressive kidney disease”.

The listing comes as a new report from Diabetes Australia reveals the full extent of the diabetes-related kidney disease crisis in Australia, warns the problem will compound with time, and calls for the introduction of a national screening program to enable early detection and treatment in order to slow the progression of the disease and help mitigate the impact on the health system.

Kidney disease occurs when the kidneys are damaged and become progressively less effective at cleaning the blood.

Diabetes is the most common cause of kidney disease in Australia, accounting for almost 40 per cent of cases.

Over time, diabetes damages the kidneys' delicate filtering system.

Eventually, the condition may progress to ‘kidney failure’ where the kidneys become so ineffective that the body is overloaded with toxins and requires either regular dialysis (a blood filtering procedure) or a kidney transplant for survival.

Kerendia works to block hormones (such as aldosterone and cortisol) from attaching to their receptors (known as mineralocorticoid receptors) in the kidney and blood vessels.

With the new PBS subsidy, around 26,000 eligible patients will pay just \$7.30 (on concession) or \$30.00 (general patients) each month for Kerendia.



Sarah Lawson, Jess Souter, Tara Brusco, Alex Masut, (front, left) Jessica Lawson, Ella Williams and Ruby Cannizzo are proudly raising awareness for Type 1 Diabetes.

Raising awareness for Type 1 Diabetes

THE Community Bank Mirboo North & District is delighted that for a third year they will be supporting Type 1 diabetes warriors in our community by selling Type 1 Foundation beanies in branch through July.

The Type 1 Foundation aims to support, enhance, and empower the lives of children and families living with the incurable Type 1 diabetes.

They raise awareness by providing multiple support and mentoring programs, information, and resources, providing programs and services about Type 1 diabetes to individuals, their families, and their wider community.

We were delighted to have 3 of our lo-

cal Type 1 warriors join our staff for a fun photo session to help promote the latest Type 1 Foundation beanies.

Ruby, Jess, and Ella, despite living with and managing their Type 1 diabetes, are living their lives to the fullest and are a great example to other young people, showing that living with Type 1 Diabetes does not hold them back from pursuing life's dreams.

In support of National Diabetes week that takes place from July 9-15, we would like to share a campaign message from the Type 1 Foundation - Don't Ignore the 4.

Type 1 Foundation is an organisation that is made up of parents, individuals, advocates, medical practitioners, and sup-

porters that provide a village for families living with type 1 diabetes. They provide ongoing awareness of this condition that is crucial for community understanding, government support, development, and access to the latest technology in managing this disease.

The Type 1 Foundation does have a local support group meet regularly for Type 1 dinners and family days such as Gumbuya World and Snow Days. If anyone knows of someone living with Type 1 or supporting someone with Type 1, they can get in contact with Kylie Cannizzo - 0438 682 800

The Community Bank Mirboo North & District's goal is to sell 100 beanies, they are \$25 each.

Is your cycle of care up to date?



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Delving into diabetes

THE broader impacts of diabetes on Australia's health system and economy, and recent advances in the prevention and management of this significant health condition, will be the focus of a new inquiry by the House Health Committee.

The Chair of the Committee, Dr Mike Freelander MP, stated: “Diabetes is the world's fastest growing chronic health condition, currently impacting approximately 1.3 million Australians. There are multiple forms of diabetes, including type 1, type 2, gestational and other rare types. The Committee looks forward to conducting this inquiry to better understand the current situation regarding diabetes in Australia, including the effectiveness of current Australian Government policies and programs aiming to prevent, diagnose and manage the condition.”

“The Committee looks forward to

hearing from individuals with diabetes, healthcare service providers, researchers, peak bodies, the Australian Government, state and territory governments and members of the public to understand new evidence-based advances in the prevention and management of the condition, and the broader impacts of diabetes on Australia's health system and economy” he said.

Submissions from interested individuals and organisations are invited by August 31, 2023.

The preferred method of receiving submissions is by electronic format lodged online using a My Parliament account.

Further information about the Committee's inquiry, including the full terms of reference and details on how to lodge a submission are available at the Committee's website.

National Diabetes Week



Credentialed Diabetes Educator Claire Gatto consults with patient Kenneth Dipper at Bass Coast Health.

Diabetes patients can turn to Bass Coast Health

THIS National Diabetes Week, July 9-15, Bass Coast Health's Diabetes Education team is urging people living with diabetes in the Bass Coast to access the support and information they need.

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

Bass Coast Shire has the highest population of people living with diabetes in Gippsland - 7% against the national average of 5.6% - largely due to the municipality having an ageing and elderly population.

"People with diabetes need not let the condition define them and they can live a healthy and fulfilling life," Bass Coast Health Diabetes Educator Claire Gatto said.

Diabetes is a chronic condition that occurs when your blood glucose, often referred to as blood sugar level, is too high.

Glucose is our body's main source of energy and comes primarily from the carbohydrate foods we eat: cereals, bread, pasta, rice, pulses, milk, fruit, starchy vegies, baked goods made from flour, most dairy products, fruit, cane sugar and honey.

Glucose needs the hormone insulin, made by our pancreas, to take the glucose from the bloodstream into our cells or muscles, to be used for energy.

If the body doesn't make enough insulin, or doesn't use insulin well, glucose then accumulates in the bloodstream and doesn't reach your muscles.

This is the reason why with high blood glucose levels, you can feel low energy levels.

Consistently high levels of glucose in your bloodstream can damage the blood vessels and, ultimately, cause complications to the eyes, the kidneys and the feet, and increase the risk of heart attack and stroke. There are three main types of diabetes: Type 1, Type 2 and Gestational diabetes. Type 1 affects approximately 10% of people diagnosed with diabetes in Australia.

While we know that there is a genetic predisposition, the onset of type 1 diabetes is often triggered by environmental factors.

Type 1 diabetes can be managed well with the support of a diabetes health-care team.

Type 2 diabetes is a progressive condition that requires regular monitoring.

In some people however, intensive lifestyle modifications and weight loss can lead to remission. In most cases,

gestational diabetes 'disappears' after the birth of the baby.

However, there is a 50% likelihood that the mother can develop Type 2 diabetes later in life.

The child also has a higher risk of developing diabetes later in life.

"Lifestyle changes such as diet, physical activity, keeping your emotional and physical wellbeing in check, losing weight if needed, adhering to prescribed medication regimens and quitting smoking are all important in successfully managing diabetes," another of BCH's Credentialed Diabetes Educators, Vivienne Prestidge, said.

"In addition, having health appointments at regular intervals throughout the year - with your GP, Endocrinologist, Diabetes Educator, Dietitian, Exercise Physiologist, Optometrist, Podiatrist and Dentist - are essential to prevent or limit the complications of diabetes."

Symptoms of diabetes may include increased thirst and hunger, passing urine more often, or having blurred vision or troublesome skin infections.

"If you're experiencing these symptoms, you will benefit from having a diabetes check-up with your doctor as these are some of the symptoms of high blood sugar levels or underlying diabetes," Ms Prestidge said.

BCH's Credentialed Diabetes Educators help patients manage their diabetes through lifestyle, glucose monitoring and medications.

They are experienced in insulin therapy including insulin pumps and new monitoring technologies. Importantly, an educator assesses individual needs and assists people living with diabetes to meet their own health goals to prevent diabetes complications.

Patient Kenneth Dipper appreciated the support of BCH's educators. "It's never a problem when I ask the educators for guidance and they always treat me well," he said.

"That gives me confidence in being able to manage my diabetes because I'm told what to do and I'm monitored." Type 2 diabetes runs in families so has a strong genetic link.

Approximately 85% of all people in Australia living with diabetes have Type 2 diabetes.

In addition to the non-modifiable risk factors of genes, ethnicity and advancing age, there are some modifiable lifestyle factors such as increased weight or

waist measurement, eating a diet higher in processed foods, inactivity, and emotional or medical stress, which can all contribute to the development of Type 2 diabetes. To see if you are at risk, go to: [https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/the-australian-type-2-di-](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/the-australian-type-2-diabetes-risk-assessment-tool-ausdrisk?)

[abetes-risk-assessment-tool-ausdrisk?](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/the-australian-type-2-diabetes-risk-assessment-tool-ausdrisk?) Appointments to any of the diabetes services with Bass Coast Health can be made after receipt of a referral from your GP to BCH Access Intake via fax to: 9102 5307 or email access@basscoasthealth.org.au

Diabetes care from experts, close to home



We offer patients with diabetes comprehensive care from Credentialed Diabetes Educators at Wonthaggi Hospital and Phillip Island Health Hub.

Our qualified and experienced staff provide patients with information and advice to not only manage their diabetes successfully, but also live fulfilling lives despite having a chronic medical condition.

Our Diabetes Educators can advise about medication use, lifestyle modifications and monitoring.

Appointments to diabetes services at Bass Coast Health can be made by asking your GP to send a referral to BCH Access Intake via fax to: 9102 5307 or email access@basscoasthealth.org.au

To learn more, go to:
basscoasthealth.org.au/diabetes-education



South Gippsland Hospital Chair steps down

FOSTER'S South Gippsland Hospital (SGH) Board of Directors Chair Sue Pilkington is stepping down after six years in the leadership role, as well as away from the Board at the end of her nine-year directorship tenure, as of last week.

SGH Chief Executive Officer Paul Greenhalgh said that since becoming Chair in July 2017, Ms Pilkington "has led SGH through the toughest time in recent history, namely the COVID-19 pandemic, and yet produced an incredible outcome for the Corner Inlet community."

Paul noted several highlights during the past six years at SGH, including the COVID-19 response, and growth in Community Care services such as Victoria's first Seniors Day Stay program, the start of Home Care Packages, the Positive Ageing program, the Community Transport partnership with the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and increased District Nursing and Allied Health services.

He also cited major capital investment in conjunction with great success in securing State and Federal government funding resulting in \$5 million worth of capital works, including SGH's new operating theatre and maternity suite, the Banksia Centre's refurbishment, and the redesigned Acute Ward and Urgent Care Centre as further examples.

SGH has also been able to upgrade its information and communications technology network, security systems, and fire protection systems, along with renewing and improving medical and non-medical equipment such as an anaesthetic machine, steriliser, an osmosis unit, boiler, electrical switchboards, and generators.

"It's been such a great honour to have been Board Chair of SGH for the past six years and to have been part of the team that delivered such significant benefit to this health service and to our community," Ms Pilkington said.

"Grateful thanks are especially due to the members of our local community for their generosity to the health service and for trusting us with their care.

Ms Pilkington said she wanted to "particularly acknowledge the work of the Hospital Auxiliary and the incredible contribution of its members, both past and present to SGH and our community.

"Thank you to our CEOs and executives, and to the SGH Board – past and present - for the valuable contribution every person has made to the high-quality health service we see today.

"Thank you to every one of our SGH staff for the expertise and dedication they bring to the health service every day, no matter what else is going on," Ms Pilkington said.

"And, of course, ongoing thanks must go to all of the medical officers at the Foster Medical Centre for their work with SGH."

"I am glad that I have been able to be of service to the Hospital and to this community."



Sue Pilkington, Outgoing Board Chair of South Gippsland Hospital.



Newhaven College board members (left to right) Greg Harrison, Tracey Costello, Graham MacGregor, Rebecca Naughtin, Steve Morris, Kylie Holmes (treasurer), Megan White (deputy chair), Tony Corr (principal), David Jobe (chair), Kristen Rose (sub-committee member).

College future in good hands

THE Newhaven College board of directors held its annual strategic planning weekend on 17/18 June at Inverloch.

This year's session was focused on the long-term future of the College and delivering on the Strategic Direction unveiled in 2022.

Best-practice teaching and learning, pastoral care, opportunities in early years education and before and after school care, sustainability, innovation and governance were among the topics discussed.

"Our College Board comprises members of our local

community who each bring high-level professional skills and valuable perspectives", says Chair of the Board, David Jobe.

"This year was an opportunity to welcome two new directors: Tracey Costello and Steve Morris, as well as new sub-committee member, Kristen Rose."

Tracey Costello is an accomplished strategic leader with a depth of finance and governance experience across corporate, government and non-government organisations.

Steve Morris is an experienced management profes-

sional with a wealth of experience in the digital technology space.

Steve has a diverse background in IT, which has translated into his exceptional knowledge and respect in the industry.

As a sub-committee member, Kristen Rose will be a highly valued participant.

As a barrister, Ms Rose's work has primarily focused on the Children's Court, intervention order proceedings and summary crime.

In May, the Board also farewellled Rory Mackenzie after four years. Rory's professional

experience as a Financial Planner has made him an instrumental part of the College Board over the four years.

Rory will continue his involvement at the College in a parental role.

"Over 40 years ago, our College was built by members of our local community coming together in a spirit of shared endeavour to create something remarkable," says David.

"It is a privilege to be involved with such a group of high-calibre individuals who give so generously of their time to continue that tradition today."

Updated childcare proposal for Cowes

AMENDED plans for a childcare centre at 134-138 Thompson Avenue, Cowes have been lodged with Bass Coast Shire.

The proposal includes the construction of a new two-storey building on the site.

According to the application, the childcare centre is proposed to accommodate a maximum of 119 children at any one time.

It will cater for babies and children aged between 6 weeks and 5 years old.

The hours of operation will be from 6.30am – 6.30pm.

Staff to Child ratios will vary per room: 0-2-year-old staff ratio will be 1:4, 3-5-year-old staff ratio will be 1:11.

Shifts would likely be staggered, in order to minimise staff on site during drop-off and pick-up period.

The key features of the pro-

posal include:

- The proposal has provided a total of 26 car parking including a disabled car park to accommodate the incoming patrons and visitors.
- Dedicated bike storage facilities for promoting sustainable transport movements
- An outdoor play area has been provided for children to enjoy the fresh air and engage in outdoor activities.
- The proposed development will provide adequate landscaping around the site boundary.
- The proposed development features a double storey building to accommodate more children to cater to the growing demand for childcare services in the area.

The childcare centre is proposed to accommodate a maximum of 119 children at



A planning application seeks to develop a childcare centre at 134-138 Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

any one time.

The proposed development has provided 26 car parking spaces on site.

Amended plans were also

submitted to the shire, which include an alteration to the pedestrian safe zone to include a painted ground surface and a 1.2m high open fence.

Student Youth Parliament team shines in legislative council debates

NEWHAVEN College's Youth Parliament Team made a remarkable impact during their participation in the Victorian Youth Parliament, held at the Legislative Council (Upper House of the Victorian Parliament).

Representing the Opposition, the team displayed exceptional preparation, articulation, and debating skills throughout the sessions.

On Monday afternoon, the team took part in a vigorous debate on the Modernising the Education System Bill 2023 as the refuter.

Sponsored by the Whitehorse City Council, the bill aimed to modernise the Victorian education system, offering diverse learning modes, times, and technologies for high school students.

The Newhaven College team effectively highlighted the im-



The Newhaven College Youth Parliament Team, consisting of Gabriel Winterson, Charlie Swan, Gabriel Pascoe, and Leigh Pouw, displayed exceptional leadership and teamwork.

portance of addressing poor secondary student educational outcomes by advocating for flexible learning adjustments, personalised career pathways, and ensuring a safe

learning environment. Their efforts led to the defeat of the bill, showcasing their competence and dedication.

On Thursday, Newhaven College introduced their own bill,

the Increased Policing of Child Pornography Bill 2023. The bill aimed to establish the Independent Victorian Policing of Child Pornography (IVPCP) board to enforce stricter regulations and penalties concerning child pornography. The team's dedication and hard work resulted in the unanimous passing of the bill, impressing both peers and Dr. Matthew Bach, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council and President of the Legislative Council for the Newhaven Bill.

The Newhaven College Youth Parliament Team, consisting of Gabriel Winterson, Charlie Swan, Gabriel Pascoe, and Leigh Pouw, displayed exceptional leadership and teamwork. Notably, Gabriel Pascoe was elected as the leader of the Legislative Council, a remarkable honour bestowed by peers at the training weekend.



A group of South Gippsland citizens are welcomed to their new lives as Australians. Councillors Scott Rae and Nathan Hersey join Douglas Bryant, Wendy Fourie, Nick Meadows, Jennifer Lidstone, Glenda Moro and Hildegard Motton. A10_2723



Glenda Moro is congratulated by Cr Mohya Davies on becoming an Australian citizen. A11_2723

New Aussies celebrate official citizenship

WHILE Wednesday's citizenship ceremony in Leongatha was on a smaller scale than usual, with just six South Gippsland locals declared Aussies, there was plenty of pride and excitement in the room and a good turnout to support the conferees.

In one of the odd quirks of citizenship, a couple of the new Australians have lived in the land down under for most of their lives.

One of those, Jennifer Lidstone, arrived in Australia with her parents when she was just two years old, coming from the United Kingdom.

She moved to South Gippsland in 1993 with her partner, with the couple marrying and having two Aussie sons.

Jennifer and her family enjoy the beach, fishing, the beautiful scenery and the community spirit of the South Gippsland area.

The soon to be registered nurse said it feels good to be able to officially call herself an Australian, adding that she looks forward to voting and having an Australian passport.

Jennifer said she can't offer an excuse for her tardiness in taking on Aussie citizenship.

"It was laziness," she said.

"I've always classed myself as an Aussie; I just didn't have that piece

of paper," Jennifer explained, having been congratulated on her new official status by long-term friend Cr Mohya Davies who gave her a good-natured ribbing, saying it's about time.

Douglas Bryant was just six when he settled in Australia, with his parents deciding on a change of scene and shifting from the United States.

He is the last of the family to make the move to become an official Aussie.

"It will be nice to say I'm Australian now," Douglas said, explaining it has always been a tricky question to answer when asked where he is from.

He said circumstances prevented him becoming Australian sooner and now feels like the right moment, adding singing the national anthem as an Aussie was an emotional experience.

Having previously lived near Bondi Beach, Douglas loves the relaxed pace of life in South Gippsland.

Glenda Moro came to Australia from the Philippines on a Tourist Visa to visit friends, meeting her now husband during her travels.

A contingent of Filipino friends from Prom Country Nursing Home where Glenda works as a Personal Care Assistant were on hand to support her as she became a dinky-di Aussie.

"She's a kangaroo now," one said.

Glenda loves the country life and enjoys the beaches, the scenery and lifestyle and says the people are very friendly.

Wendy Fourie came to Australia from South Africa when her husband was offered a job here.

They saw it as a great work opportunity and a positive for the educational prospects of their youngest daughter who accompanied them on their adventure.

Wendy has made great friends and enjoys being part of her local community.

She says the landscape is awesome and one is never too far from the sea, mountains, or big city culture.

Hildegard Motton, from Germany, first visited Australia in 1987 on a holiday and came back over the years to see more of the country.

With a husband from South Gippsland, it didn't take Hildegard long to feel at home.

She is delighted by the diversity of Gippsland with its green hills, beautiful beaches and bushland, and its abundance of wildlife.

Nick Meadows and his now wife Natalie were living in England early in their relationship, but with Natalie's visa due to expire Nick moved to Australia on a working holiday visa, and they married a year later.

Although initially living in Melbourne, the couple was drawn to Natalie's hometown of Leongatha when it came time to buy a home.

Nick enjoys having friends and family nearby, and like most of the other new Aussies is pleased to be not far from the sea.

With Leongatha Lyric Theatre group using the usual citizenship ceremony venue of Leongatha Memorial Hall, the action took place in the smaller council chambers.

That ensured the booming sounds of the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band were heard and felt even more than usual.

Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent was on hand for the citizenship ceremony, as were mayor Nathan Hersey and council CEO Kerryn Ellis.

"There is nothing like belonging somewhere," Russell told the conferees, welcoming them as Australian citizens.

With a vibrant display of wattle greeting the new citizens, Cr Hersey added humour to the occasion saying he is allergic to the national symbol and could feel his skin itching.

While he also felt something in his chest, fortunately that was the stirring sounds of the brass band as it played numbers such as 'I Still Call Australia Home'.

Rise in planning permit applications impacting shire

A SIGNIFICANT rise in the number of planning permit applications in South Gippsland Shire and a dramatic increase in processing times has led to the need to evaluate planning resourcing, while coastal planning, rural planning and managing the growth of Nyora are council's greatest planning challenges.

Those issues are identified in the South Gippsland Planning Scheme Review 2023, adopted at Wednesday's council meeting.

The report details the rise in planning permit application times for South Gippsland Shire, with the average timeframe blowing out from 69 days in 2017-18 to 99 days in 2021-22, well above the required 60 days.

The average planning application processing time for other large rural shires is 78 days for 2021-22.

Only 40 percent of planning applications in South Gippsland Shire during 2021-22 were decided within required timeframes, compared to the average for other large rural shires of 69 percent.

The comparable figure for South Gippsland Shire in 2017-18 was 77 percent.

A 30 percent rise in the number of planning permit applications between the (financial) year ending 2020 and that ending 2022 is largely attributable to an influx of people leaving Melbourne since the

pandemic.

This has combined with South Gippsland Shire Council's difficulty in attracting and retaining planning staff, which is affecting productivity, the report reveals.

However, while South Gippsland Shire Council is lagging in the time taken to determine planning permit application outcomes, a higher percentage of its planning decisions were upheld at VCAT in 2021-22, with that figure sitting at 75 percent compared to the average for other large rural shires of 61 percent.

The Planning Scheme Review report will now be submitted to the Minister for Planning, Sonya Kilkeny, with council CEO Kerryn Ellis seeking her authorisation for proposed planning scheme amendments.

These include correcting anomalies, improving processes, conducting and implementing strategic projects, and advocating to higher levels of government for wider changes.

One intended amendment the Planning Scheme Review identifies should reduce the number of permit applications needing to be processed by council, enabling resources to be directed to other planning priorities.

"Some permit triggers (are) to be removed as (they are) generating unnecessary permit applications that relate to matters that council is not

concerned about from a planning perspective," it is stated.

A number of intended planning scheme amendments reflect council's desire to include policy in the planning scheme to implement its current Council Plan, Community Vision 2040 and other strategies.

Nyora's designation as a 'small town' will change to 'emerging district centre', with an update of the town's perceived future role.

As far as the challenge of coastal planning is concerned, climate change adds to its complexity.

The review advises of the need to "undertake further strategic work to develop and implement planning policy that provides clear and appropriate direction for the future of the Shire's coastal settlements in the context of known climate change impacts".

The VCAT case of Lindsay Holland Pty Ltd v South Gippsland SC [2018] is highlighted as an example of the ramifications climate change can have on coastal planning, particularly in parts of South Gippsland Shire with limited access routes such as Venus Bay.

In the case cited, VCAT refused an application for the development of four dwellings within the Venus Bay township considered otherwise acceptable in many respects.

"The Tribunal refused the application on the basis that public access

into and out of Venus Bay, by the Inverloch-Venus Bay Road, would, based on climate change projections, expose future occupants to an unacceptable level of coastal flooding hazard," the review states.

"This decision has implications for not just Venus Bay but for many of the Shire's coastal settlements, some of which are already susceptible to the coastal impacts of climate change and are serviced by only one public access route," it is noted.

Rural dwellings and rural subdivision are other planning considerations in need of re-evaluation, with the review finding there are inconsistencies with State and other Local planning policies, particularly in regard to council's support for new dwellings on Farming Zone lots less than 4.1 hectares.

"This policy inconsistency has been identified via a review of VCAT decisions, where the tribunal has refused dwellings on lots less than 4.1 hectares," it is stated.

"The existing policy relating to dwellings on small Farming Zone lots is not consistent with State policy and could lead to unintentional outcomes for development in rural areas."

With approximately 3,600 vacant lots of 4.1 hectares or less in parts of South Gippsland Shire classified as Farming Zone, multiple concerns are expressed in the report.

Underpass invigoration planned for 'Burra

KORUMBURRA'S railway underpass is to be brightened with murals, with South Gippsland Shire Council to oversee the project, and while money has been allocated from the Railway Land Precinct budget, there is an opportunity for community groups to contribute.

While the intention is for the mural painting to take place during a warmer part of the year, council is keen to advance planning and finalise funding arrangements.

"Knowing your budgets early is important because artists need to know what they're applying for," council's arts officer Mary Sullivan said.

Although financial contributions are important, there are also hopes of other community involvement.

"We're definitely keen to get the kids involved in the design and concept of the mural and if the community wanted to get involved in terms of helping the physical needs of the project, that would be fantastic too," Mary said.

However, she stressed nothing has yet been finalised in regard to specific plans.

Korumburra Staying Strong has driven the campaign to enliven the underpass.

"It's really to build some pride in that whole area," Noelene Cosson said, adding the underpass has always been dark and cold.

She said graffiti is less likely to occur if there is a sense of pride and an art initiative for people to enjoy.

"Research shows that if a community is involved in something and take pride in what the area is like, graffiti artists tend to keep away from it, so we thought it was a great opportunity to do something in that tunnel to help do that," Noelene said.

"Our projects are building resilience in the community, and we felt this was doing that by tackling vandalism and making it a more desirable area to be in."

Those representing community groups keen to contribute are encouraged to contact Noelene on 0438 551 605.

Daily fare at \$10 cap

PUBLIC transport fares are set to increase bringing the daily fare cap to \$10 or \$5 for concessions across the state.

The state government claims this is in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

On a weekend or public holiday, daily fares are capped at \$7.20 and \$3.60 for concessions.

According to the government, public transport fares are subsidised and annual fare rises are necessary to continue to support and improve public transport network.

Fares cover only around one third of the operating cost of Victoria's public transport system.



Andrew Bowen and Meg Viney of the South Gippsland Open Gardens Association in the magnificent Rostrevor garden. A02_2623

Feature your South Gippsland garden

SUCH was the success of last year's South Gippsland Open Gardens Association weekend, plans are afoot to substantially expand this year's event to include more gardens and surrounding towns, and while it doesn't take place until November, now is the time to express interest if you want your garden to feature.

One of the event organisers, Andrew Bowen said places including Foster and Loch will now be included.

While four gardens opened last year, that number is expected to leap to between 15 and 20 this time.

Andrew said that while his initial idea was to display historic homesteads and older style gardens, that concept has been broadened to include all kinds of gardens.

"Some people are hellbent on their veggie patch and others are more interested in the native side of (gardening), or self-sufficiency, and some are mad on flowers such as roses and camelias, so as many varieties of gardens that are available are of interest," he said.

While he acknowledged there won't be time for people to visit all the open gardens in one weekend, descriptions of each will be provided so gardening enthusiasts can select those best matched to their specific interests.

Andrew explained the need to start organising which gardens will be included as soon as possible.

"We thought we'd have a look at each of the gardens and make sure they are not too risky for everybody to wander around as most of the gardening community are getting older," he said.

Andrew stressed that all gardens included in the event will be covered by insurance.

That insurance is provided through both Open Gardens Victoria and the Royal Horticultural Society.

There is no cost to anyone displaying their garden, with money raised this year set to assist local Community Houses and to help with the costs of running the event.

Organisers are working on plans to include winery gardens this time, running a bus so that people can enjoy sipping wine as they explore.

The Open Gardens event will coincide with the Leongatha Rose Show, creating an extravaganza for garden lovers.

The work of local artists will again be on show at Andrew's Leongatha home, 'Rostrevor', formerly the residence of past local identity Hugh McCartin, with that display to be curated by Wooreen artist Meg Viney, a member of the South Gippsland Open Gardens Association.



Willow Trees have been removed along the entire length of Agnes River.

Last willow gone from Agnes River

WEST Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is proud to have removed the last remaining stand of willow trees from the entire length of the Agnes River – a first for the organisation and a win for the environment.

"Willows are a problem for rivers and removing them from 100 per cent of the Agnes is a special milestone for the CMA," said CEO Martin Fuller. "The Agnes is a flagship river for our region because it runs into Corner Inlet and what happens along its length has a flow on effect for the world renowned wetland."

West Gippsland CMA has recently celebrated 25 years and the team has been chipping away at removing willows across the catchment since it was established in 1997.

Someone who has been on the ground since this project began is Project Delivery Officer, Richard (Richie) Allen who has worked with the CMA for over 20 years.

He forms partnerships with landholders to map out the works required and then creates an agreement to implement them.

"In the early days there was a different mindset, so we chipped in and just did what we could. As a few landholders came on board, the success spread like wildfire. Now people are queuing up to have works done because they see the benefits like how it's much easier to manage their stock," said Richie.

"Willows are introduced, impacting on waterways by diverting the water flow, changing the channel, making the river wider, and have a massive leaf drop in one hit - which changes nutrients in the water."

The next step after removing willows and weeds is planting the

riverbanks with native vegetation. The team will soon put thousands of indigenous species in the ground using a mix of 30% eucalypts and the remaining understorey plants. This links habitat which benefits the river health and wildlife.

"To date, we have fenced and revegetated over 90% of the river. By the end of 2023-24, this will be 100% and I can see how the river is 'reclaiming' itself and wildlife is starting to return," he said.

To date, works on the Agnes project, funded by the Victorian Government as one of its Flagship Rivers have also included:

- * fencing 78.5 kilometres of river frontage at 65 sites

- * planting 235,838 trees and shrubs to restore 237.63 hectares

- * undertaking weed control on 414.51 hectares at 218 sites

All the positive works along the Agnes upstream ultimately flow down to benefit fish, birds and seagrass in Corner Inlet. The buffer created by the weed removal, fencing and revegetation improves conditions for seagrass to flourish by reducing nutrient and sediment flowing into the inlet.

Agnes River is on Gunuaikurnai Country and begins in the Strzelecki Ranges, meandering its way into Corner Inlet near the town of Toora.

It is well known for the Agnes Falls where the river cascades into a spectacular 59m drop into a deep picturesque gorge. This large-scale restoration project is one of 19 Flagship Waterway projects funded as part of the Victorian Government's \$248 million investment over four years (2020-2024) to improve the health of waterways and catchments across regional Victoria.

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\$166K donation to create Men's Shed

THE success of a Korumburra op-shop is about to leave a lasting legacy for residents of Hillside Lodge Aged Care Facility.

The Friends of Hillside Lodge op-shop has confirmed it will make a \$166,000 donation to build a new Men's Shed at Hillside Lodge.

It will be the largest donation in the Friends of Hillside Lodge's 20-year history and will leave a permanent reminder of the group's work.

While the Friends donate up to \$50,000 a year to Hillside Lodge, which is operated by Gippsland Southern Health Service, founder Anne Millar said she wanted a big one-off contribution to make a difference in the lives of residents.

"I wanted to do something permanent there," she said.

Mrs Millar launched the Friends group about 20 years ago after her mother-in-law was a resident at Hillside Lodge.

"I thought they did a good job, and I loved the place, but I saw a need for some extra financial help," she said.

The group's first big project was the establishment of the Hillside Leisure Centre. This was partly funded by a bequest but also supported by \$120,000 donated by the Friends for furniture and other



Korumburra op-shop's Anne Millar and GSHS CEO Lou Sparkes are thrilled that the op-shop will donate an incredible \$166K towards a new Men's Shed at Hillside Lodge.

fittings.

Plans are completed for the Men's Shed and the group has the funds, but the project is awaiting final approval and council permits.

"We are really looking forward to the purpose-built Men's Shed, storage area and barbecue area at the Lodge for the use of the residents," Mrs Millar said.

Mrs Millar started the Friends group with about six committee members and continues today with a core group of about 10 volunteers, some of whom have worked alongside her for 15 years.

"We would not survive without their dedication, humour and loyalty," she said.

The Friends started fundraising all those years ago by running raffles and markets.

"We soon realised that wasn't going to make enough money, so we rented a shop, then a larger shop until about 14 years ago we were in the position to buy our present building," Mrs Millar said. "We had a 15-year mortgage but with the added space we were able to move a lot more stock so we paid it off in three years, while continuing to donate money to Hillside Lodge.

"The building is now worth more than double what we paid," Mrs Millar said.

Mrs Millar set up the organisation and when the Op Shop is shut down, the building will be sold and all monies will go to Hillside Lodge. "We set it up that way because my husband and I and our volunteers have been running it for years. If anyone had to come in and take it over, you'd have to pay two full-time wages and it wouldn't be as viable. My husband Eric and I work seven days a week. We are open for trade six days and then on the seventh we're in there re-stocking shelves and re-pricing things."

Mrs Millar added that since COVID, profits have been cut by about a quarter.

At 71, Mrs Millar has no plans to slow down. "I'll be here to the day I can't do it or the day I die," she said.

GSHS CEO Lou Sparkes said the health service was extremely grateful for the work of the Op Shop and the benefits that it brings residents.

"The donations made over the years thanks to the work of the Op Shop volunteers have been magnificent and their major contribution for a new Men's Shed will be a significant addition at Hillside Lodge," Ms Sparkes said.

Mat Bowtell and the "Free 3D Hands" story

By Lions Club of Wonthaggi

MAT was a self-admitted "misfit" at school.

Despite being a naturally gifted student, he found himself in detention most days for being disruptive or for breaking or "bending" the rules.

He didn't like being at school at all, until at age 16, a new Japanese teacher saw his potential and recommended him for a Lions Youth Exchange to Japan.

Mat went on the 6 week Youth Exchange, staying with a Japanese Lions family and came back a "changed person".

At the end of Year 11, he was given the opportunity to return to Japan as an Exchange Student for 12 months with the same host family, sponsored by one Mitsukaido Lions Club. This year in Japan taught Mat about discipline, kindness, generosity and unconditional love. He returned to Australia to complete Year 12 at Wonthaggi Secondary College.

The boy who had "hated school" was now Dux of the School and one of the top students of Japanese language in Australia.

After graduation, Mat became an engineer at Toyota Australia, where he was able to use both his engineering and Japanese skills.

During his 10 year career, he was involved in making processes more efficient, with another year spent on secondment in Japan. With the demise of the Australian car manufacturing industry, Mat



International Committee member, PDG Steve Boyce presenting Mat with the Melvin Jones award plaque.

was forced to find some other use for his talents and provide for his family.

Inspired by a scene of Luke Skywalker receiving a bionic arm after having it chopped off by Darth Vader in "The Empire Strikes Back", he wondered if this technology would ever become a reality - especially for those who couldn't currently access or afford them. He realised that the cost of prosthetic and bionic arms needed to be accessible to all. Especially with children out growing their devices so quickly, it often is not an option.

However, with 3D printers becoming more readily available, Mat believed that this technology could potentially be a way to get the manufacturing

cost down to a point that they could be accessible to anyone who needed one. Putting his knowledge of robotics and lean manufacturing experience to use, Mat had found his new calling.

During those last few years at Toyota, Mat worked afterhours as a volunteer to make lots of 3D printed hands for kids that were born without fingers. After walking out of the gate for the last time in 2018, Mat decided to use his redundancy payout to continue working as a fulltime volunteer for another 2 years.

During this time, he set up a charitable organisation which he called "Free 3D Hands" to provide his devices to anyone around who needed one - free and even paid the postage.

With gathering of media publicity, he was nominated for a "Young Australian of the Year - Vic Local Hero" Award.

He was about to say, "thanks but no thanks" when his wife Yuka encouraged him to accept the invitation and go along - "because you never know who you might meet". As it happened, he did meet another "likeminded" young man, Samuel Johnson, who took him under his wing to support him with starting his charitable organisation.

"Free 3D Hands" thrived and the home based operation moved to a rented factory in Cowes, and finally into a new design centre in Newhaven (thanks to a very generous, anonymous donor).

One 3D printer became

many.

The "one man" operation began taking in volunteers and university students to expand their capacity.

Applications for devices came from all over Australia and around the world and the team became inundated with requests for help.

During the "COVID lockdowns", Mat spent six months writing a 100 page assembly manual which he shared along with his Kinetic Hand design under an open - source license so that others could replicate what Free 3D Hands do.

There are now over 7000 others making Kinetic Hands all around the world, including a hospital in Thailand that makes Mat's designs for a Leprosy colony.

Mat realised that it is only through global collaboration and sharing of knowledge that assistive technology can become accessible to all.

In recognition of this remarkable man and his ground breaking invention, the Lions Club of Wonthaggi, recently held at special Dinner at which Mat was invited to give a Presentation of his work.

Mat shared how significantly the Lions Club had shaped his life, and he thanked all members present for their ongoing dedication and commitment to serving the community. At the conclusion of the evening, Past International Council member, PDG Lion Steve Boyce presented Mat with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award (the highest award in Lions).

Reasons to be cheerful

Top 10 from ChatGPT

MAINTAINING a positive outlook can greatly enhance your well-being and overall satisfaction with life. Here are 10 uplifting aspects to consider:

1. Good Health: Having good physical and mental health allows you to enjoy life to the fullest and pursue your goals and aspirations with vigour.

2. Meaningful Relationships: Strong and supportive connections with family, friends, and loved ones bring joy, love, and a sense of belonging to your life.

3. Personal Growth: The opportunity to learn, develop new skills, and grow as an individual provides a sense of fulfillment and progress.

4. Nature's Beauty: The world is filled with awe-inspiring landscapes, breathtaking sunsets, and the wonders of nature, which can bring immense joy and serenity.

5. Acts of Kindness: Witnessing or experiencing acts of kindness and compassion reminds us of the inherent goodness in people and can inspire a positive ripple effect.

6. Achieving Goals: Accomplishing your goals, whether big or small, brings a sense of fulfillment, purpose, and satisfaction.

7. Laughter and Joy: Humour laughter, and moments of pure joy can lift your spirits, reduce stress, and create lasting memories.

8. Cultural and Artistic Expression: Art, music, literature, and cultural experiences enrich our lives, stimulate our imagination, and provide a source of inspiration.

9. Opportunities for Adventure: Exploring new places, embarking on adventures, and trying new experiences can bring a sense of excitement, wonder, and personal growth.

10. Gratitude and Appreciation: Taking time to appreciate the simple pleasures, express gratitude for what we have, and find joy in the present moment can bring a profound sense of contentment and happiness.

Vicspell rises from the COVID ashes

AFTER a two-year hiatus, due to COVID-19, Vicspell is again up and running. Founded in 2004 by Gippsland volunteer teachers, originally as Gippspell, the competition, which takes a spelling bee format, is open to all students in years 5 to 8.

Its aim is to 'Promote and Reward Good Spelling'.

The zone finals are based on shire boundaries.

Colour certificates are awarded for each school representative and a handsome glass trophy for zone winners. State final winners win bigger trophies and the Oxford two-volume National Dictionary.

Importantly, students only compete against their own year level.

Past state final winners locally include: Emma Riviere (Wonthaggi PS, 2005), Jessica Purvis (Wonthaggi PS, 2007), and Gemma Forster (Loch PS, 2015)

Each school pays a one-off annual fee of \$20 covering each student participant. This fee (which barely covers the trophies) has remained unchanged since 2004 thanks to the generosity of Vicspell's sponsors: Oxford University Press, Bendigo Community Bank - Neerim South and Triangle Trophies.

The zone finals are conducted in August and the State final on September 12. The South Gippsland and Bass Coast zone final will be at San Remo PS on Monday, August 14.

Schools wishing to enquire about Vicspell can contact Trevor Sowdon at Vicspell@hotmail.com.

20 years of community contribution

SAN Remo District Financial Services Ltd and San Remo Community Bank celebrated 20 years of facilitating a wide range of community projects to not-for-profit organisations and eligible charities, donating \$248,085.70 on Tuesday evening during the birthday celebration held at the Kilcunda Bass Football Netball Club rooms.

With 150 in attendance, chair Peter Paul opened the evening, speaking of the incredible five million dollars the bank has contributed to the community since 2003. Board secretariat Vanessa Verzaci said 80 per cent of profits back to the community is amazing. MC Paul Cooper prepared a video of some of the major contributions of the bank over the past 20 years, showcasing the community effort in an opening film before the first round of grants were presented.

The first round was presented to the waterline and included Corinella Fire Brigade, Corinella Bowls, Coronet Bay Community Garden, Corinella and District Community Centre, Grantville Cemetery Trust, Coronet Bay Luminous Galleries, and Bass Valley Friends of the RSL with project partner Bass Valley Lions Club. Senior branch manager Michael Scott then spoke of the growth over the past 20 years and how no one could have dreamt of this success. "Our grants are held annually for not-for-profit organisations, and we will continue to recognise the dedicated volunteers behind these groups."

The second round of grants were presented to the those in the Cowes township, with grants



SRDFS Board Director Janice Rowlingson, Cowes Bank Manager Tanya Donnan, Bendigo Bank Regional Manager - South West Gippsland Caitlin Cooper and Senior Bank Manager Michael Scott at the 20th birthday celebration. Z18_2723



Corinella Fire Brigade presented with Bendigo Bank grant Bruce Clark, Pat Russell, Casper Ross, Bianca Peters, Les Smith, Autumn Ross, David Cox, and Mick Hamilton.



John Matthews presents Deborah Hill and Nina Gardner with a grant for Melaleuca Aged Care.

donated to Phillip Island Homes for the Aged Association, CWA - Phillip Island Twilight Branch, Phillip Island Bowling Club, Westernport Field & Game, The Scout Association of Australia, Rhyll Phillip Island Angling Club,

and Phillip Island Darts.

The community then joined the Chair and committee in the celebration of the 20th birthday with cake cutting to acknowledge the contributions to the Cowes, San Remo, and Waterline areas.



Board Secretariat Vanessa Verzaci, Board director Bruce Procter, Steering committee Margaret Hill, Cowes manager Tanya Donnan and BB Caitlin Cooper.

The third and final round of 2023 grants were presented to Riding for the Disabled Woolamai, Kilcunda Bass Football Netball Club, Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Westernport Pelican Study Group, and

Newhaven Yacht Squadron.

A total of 19 grants were presented to these organisations who all positively contribute to the community, each with clear objectives and realistic goals for the future of their projects.

Injecting much-needed funds into projects

By Community Bank Mirboo North & District

THE Community Bank Mirboo North & District recently celebrated with inspirational community groups the funding they received through our Community Investment Program (CIP).

We held a morning tea at the Baromi Centre, providing a great opportunity to get to know all the amazing volunteers, and hear about their worthwhile projects, funded to the value \$47,285 in the March CIP round (after awarding \$32,938 in the September 22, round).

Hard working environmental group – Mardan Mirboo North Landcare, was awarded \$2490 for the replacement of rotting and degraded outdoor furniture at the Baths Road Reserve in Mirboo North. The Friends of Baths Road Reserve will replace the outdoor furniture with a new picnic table set, which is made of a material that diverts plastics away from landfill and oceans.

The picnic table set will be dedicated to retiring member Viki Sinclair, whose leadership in the management of the Reserve ensured the survival of plants and wildlife that were at risk of being lost in this small parcel of remnant bushland. Viki's tireless work raised awareness of the value of the Reserve through workshops with school children, community open days, and engaging the South Gippsland Council's Environmental Department to improve management.

In further funding allocations,



Numerous community groups were thrilled to receive funding for projects thanks to the Community Bank Mirboo North & District.

the following groups and one individual were successful in their applications:

Friends of the Lyrebird Forest Walk Inc., \$7500 towards the purchase of a replacement vehicle for use in maintaining Lyrebird Forest Walk and the Grand Ridge Rail Trail.

Boolarra & District Historical Society Inc., \$3000 towards stage 1 of their kitchen renovations at the Boolarra Museum.

Mirboo North Men's Shed, \$2500 for the purchase of safer tools.

The Boolarra Community Development Group, \$2500 for staging the inaugural Boolarra

NAIDOC week celebrations; an important week of celebrations of survival and culture for First Nations Peoples across Australia.

Individual applicant, Michelle Rose, was awarded a \$3000 scholarship for the Homeward Bound Leadership Program, a global initiative for women with a STEMM background across all career stages. Michelle is keen to use her knowledge to inspire local youth to pursue STEMM careers.

Mirboo North ArtSpace Inc., \$600 for sewing machine upgrades. Mirboo North Playgroup & Toy Library Inc., \$1750 for new educational toys and an A frame

sign helping promotion and marketing of the toy library. Mirboo North Grainstore Inc., (Committee of Management) \$5110 for improving the usability of this important community space with heating and cooling. 1st Mirboo North Cub Scout Group, \$5000 for Mirboo North Scout Hall heating and cooling.

Hazelwood Cemetery Trust, \$500 for a new Sexton's Hut sign. Mirboo North Fire Brigade, \$2000 towards a fridge for their Forward Command Vehicle.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail Committee of Management, \$4400 for resurfacing a section of the Grand Ridge Rail Trail.

Mirboo North Junior Basketball Team, \$935 for uniform replacement. Mirboo Country Development Inc., \$3000 for the 'Welcome' element of the Winterfest.

Mirboo North Bowling Club Inc., \$3000 for security upgrades.

Thanks to our loyal customers, shareholders, volunteer directors, and excellent staff who make it all happen, we are able to return around 80% of our profits to our communities!

Keep an eye out for our next CIP round, later in the year. For enquiries, please email srcell@bigpond.com



LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

LEONGATHA Community House has new management. Christine Slavin has taken on the co-ordinator role and is very excited to get to know everyone and help grow our wonderful community house community.

We have been busy getting our term 3 brochure ready. It will be able to pick up a copy later this week. There are some exciting new additions to the brochure including:

Teen Self-Defence class starting on July 11, Tuesdays, 5pm-6pm

The call involves an active aerobic workout aimed at building anti-bullying ethos, self-preservation and self-confidence for 12-15 year olds. Bookings are essential, this class has limited spaces. Call us for more details 5662-3962

Costs \$100.

Location is 16 Bruce Street, Leongatha. Call us for more details 5662-3962

We are also starting a Mahjong Group, to be held Wednesdays 1pm-3pm. This will be a place for players of all skill levels can come and enjoy a game, in a fun friendly atmosphere. We would love to see this become a success so even if you have never played but a curious to give it a go, please get in touch.

Term 3 will see many of our regular programs return, and we welcome new participants, so come check us out.

We are always open to new ideas and feedback so please drop in for a cuppa or give us a call! We are open over the school holidays 9am-3.30pm



16 Bruce Street, Leongatha

PH: (03) 5662 3962

www.leongathacommunityhouse.org.au

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THE Term 3 course guide is out now, in print and online.

It features a mid-year intake for the Hairdressing Certificate course, which has already attracted a record number of students this year. The six-month course will have you qualified by Christmas.

There will also be the return on the Renewable Energy course, which shows people not only how to save money and the planet through sustainable energy, but to career paths in this growing sector.

A new course in Manual Handling is being offered. The course will instruct participants in how to reduce workplace injuries through safe lifting and bending techniques, presented by a qualified physiotherapist.

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

WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Eat your greens! It's that time of year, when our immune systems need extra help to fight off colds and flu, that the old-school advice about green, leafy veg rings true.

Happily, these vegies are easy to grow and productive through the cold months once they get going.

Community garden volunteer Marisa has six or more silver beets on the go, which she regularly trims back to feed kids, staff and families at Bass Coast Child Care.

Joan loves Asian greens and plants bok choy around her plot. Lorraine always has a healthy crop of rainbow chard to keep her going, and dotted throughout the garden there are winter lettuces, kale and mizuna to share.

They all pack a nutrition punch, as well as being tasty and versatile in the kitchen.

To find out more about what's growing in the garden now, contact us at tgorodon@westnet.com.au or visit the garden on a Thursday between 10 and noon.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Friday morning carving group has grown so much that the Woodies are looking at putting on a second session.

They are also looking at the possibility of running sessions in making musical instruments. This would combine the skills of carving, joining and turning.

Are you a budding luthier? Get in touch!

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or pop in to the workshop.



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE school holidays have started but we will still be open over these two weeks of unbridled family fun. (Ha! I hear some of you say in sarcastic Tinker Bell tones.)

However, some of our activities will not be on due to various commitments over the holidays.

Check with Mitchell House, 6 Murray Street, ring us or visit our Facebook page or go to our website, the address is shown below in the reference to our survey currently going on. The winter school term commences on Monday, July 10.

If you are a Bass Coast tenant, concerned about your renter's rights? Well, the Gippsland Community Legal Service is here to help. Book a free and confidential advice session by calling Mitchell House Community Centre Wonthaggi. This monthly service provided every second Thursday is next available on July 13th between 3pm and 4.30pm. Bookings are essential. Please phone Mitchell House on 5672 3731 to make an appointment.

Now, while it is holidays over the next two weeks the AA groups are still meeting. It is not always easy to make positive moves in our lives. Sometimes we need help. The AA Support groups meet on Thursdays, from 4.30 to 6pm and Saturdays, 11am to 1pm. A good fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help others achieve sobriety. Call Dominic on 0400 881 140 for the Thursday group and for Saturdays call Steve on 0431 700 085

Al-Anon helps family and friends of alcoholics to recover from the effects of living with a person whose drinking is a problem. Now they meet on Fridays from 10.30am to 12noon. Call Karen on 0409 354 038

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre is coming up to 40 years of operation for our community. There must be many stories to tell and treasured memorabilia to show from over all that time. We'd like to splash out and make it a great celebration. Were you involved with Mitchell House? What did it do for you? Well we are very keen for people to be involved with our celebration committee. Are you good at organising? Would you like to be involved with our celebration committee, bringing people and ideas together? If you are then give us a call, visit us or go online.

Another reminder that the Committee of Management is currently seeking your thoughts and feedback through a survey. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. If you have yet to do so we encourage your response - your feedback and ideas are important to us. The survey can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHHY337>

Or through a link on the WNC website: <https://www.wonthaggi-neighbourhoodcentre.com/>

We have lots going on at the WNC over the months so consider becoming a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive a monthly newsletter plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, their dates, days and times for the term. Both can be delivered online or by post, your choice. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House. Or go to our website (above).



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Boundary review for Bass Coast

BASS Coast Shire Council has been identified as one of 10 councils needing a ward boundary review before the 2024 local council elections.

This due to the number of voters across wards is projected to fall outside the +/-10% tolerance by the time of the election.

Ward boundary reviews will take place in early 2024. Further information will be available close to the time of the reviews.

More information can be found at local-government.vic.gov.au



Eggplant & potato Curry

By Meg Viney

SOMETHING for vegetarians and for this cold weather.

If you don't like eggplant, you can substitute mushrooms, which omits the need for grilling.

You would add them 5 minutes before the potatoes are cooked through.

Ingredients

- 1 onion thinly sliced
- 1 teasp mustard seeds
- 1 tab olive oil
- 1 tab cumin
- 1 teasp ginger
- 1 teasp crushed chilli (or whole chilli chopped finely)
- 1 teasp turmeric
- 1 teasp coriander
- 2 medium eggplant
- 3 medium-large potatoes cut into 2 cm pieces
- 1 teasp palm sugar (brown will do)
- ¼ cup cream
- 1 lemon
- Greek yoghurt
- Fresh coriander leaves

Method

Firstly a word about salting eggplant. The best results are obtained by salting. Slice into 5 - 8 mm rounds, place in a colander and salt each layer. Leave aside for 30 minutes, then rinse.

Drain for a few minutes, then place in grilling tray (a barbecue is good too) and paint with olive oil. Grill until well browned.

No need to turn and grill the other side.

In a large pan, place the olive oil, warm, then add the mustard seeds.

They will pop, so place the lid on. Remove from heat, then add the sliced onion and a pinch of salt. Return to the heat and cook over a gentle heat until the onion is soft and aromatic.

Add the spices and sugar, replace the lid and cook gently for a few minutes.

Add the potatoes and some cream, stir well, replace the lid and cook until tender adding more cream if they dry out.

Then add the eggplant cutting each round in quarters. Stir gently and cook a few minutes to incorporate the flavours.

Serve with a squeeze of lemon and Greek yoghurt and chopped fresh coriander.

Some vegetarians may want to add some cooked red lentils for protein.

Fine Film Group presents Alcarras

AT 10.45am, Sunday, July 9, the BCFFG is screening "Alcarras", a multi award winning film from acclaimed Spanish writer/director, Carla Simón.

"Alcarràs" is a poignant and thought-provoking film from Simón, who brings her unique storytelling style to this film, which explores the challenges faced by farmers in rural Europe.

With her keen attention to detail and ability to capture authentic performances, Simón creates a compelling narrative that delves into themes of family, culture, and the impact of modernity on traditional ways of life.

The plot centres around the Solé family, three generations of peach farmers in a small town in Catalonia.

The family's livelihood is threatened by the possibility of eviction, and they must navigate the complexities of their relationships, the changing agricultural landscape, and the pressures of capitalism.

Simón skilfully weaves together various storylines, highlighting the individual struggles and desires of each family member, while also exploring the collective experience of the Solé family.

Through intimate and nuanced storytelling, the film offers a glimpse into the challenges faced by rural communities and raises important questions about our relationship with the land and the impact of societal changes.

"Alcarràs" is a visually stunning film that beautifully captures the landscapes of rural Catalonia. Simón's attention to detail and her ability to elicit naturalistic performances from her cast create a sense of authenticity and emotional depth.

To find out more head to: <https://www.bcffgfilms.weebly.com/alcarras>

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

Film screening at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored and supported by the Bass Coast Shire.

New life from Tim's dementia

WHEN Tibetan Spaniel Timmy Henke developed dementia last year, owners Fran and Ian Henke tried everything to make him comfortable and maintain his routines.

Fran Henke, Yarram born, retired journalist, author of a series of historical novels set in Ballarat and Geelong, said, Tim was brave, back legs not working, falling into patches of forget-me-nots, face paralysed, eating difficult. Eventually time came for him to cross the 'rainbow bridge'.

His companion of 10 years, Rupee, became clingy and lost without Timmy.

The Henkes of Hastings, have rehomed Tibetan spaniels for the past 40 years, so Fran Henke scoured eastern states breeders and rehoming sites for a mature dog to keep Rupee company, without result.

Then a local breeder phoned about a Melbourne family not managing their female Tibetan. Fran Henke spoke to the owner by phone at length about

her dog Chai. Pedigree papers were checked: incredibly, Chai was Timmy's daughter. Chai came to live at Hastings with the Henkes and Rupee before Christmas.

The author felt this magical story had to be told. For research, she undertook a short course on dementia with the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre, University of Tasmania.

"Doing a university course in my 80th year - while suffering brain fog thanks to late effects of polio - was a real challenge. It took seven goes to get one of the multiple-choice questions right, but the story had to be authentic and help readers of all ages to understand what happens to the brain and how to manage it," she said.

As well as writing novels and publishing newsletters for the polio community, Fran Henke paints dogs for pleasure, so watercolours and iPad drawings of Timmy, Rupee, and Chai, formed the basis of the little book *Timmy's Daughter*.



Rupee, Chai and author Fran Henke. Photo: Gary Sissons

Ever wanted to ride in a tank?

TAKE advantage of the muddy conditions these school holidays at South Gippsland Tank Adventures sharing the experience as a family.

With the business open throughout the holidays, a Family Adventure provides the perfect opportunity to learn about the tank collection and enjoy a ride, with bookings essential to ensure your family gets undivided attention.

While a range of family adventures are available, with different vehicle options, business owner Cameron Stone explained the standard adventure has plenty to offer and is something different for the kids to experience.

"They do a tour through all the tanks and at the end we go for an approximately 20-minute ride in an Armoured Personnel Carrier, a smaller tank, with the family all in together," he said.

Tours of the tank collection are run by Daniel Bugg.



South Gippsland Tank Adventures offers great holiday fun for the whole family.

"He's a complete tank nerd," Cameron said, adding people will find themselves getting carried away chatting about the collection.

Daniel has a passionate in-

terest in the history of tanks and is delighted to answer people's questions about them.

Cameron said there's currently plenty of mud, ensuring staff will be kept busy

pressure cleaning, but providing extra excitement for family adventurers when it's time to ride.

"It's a good time if you want to have some fun in the mud," he said.

Cameron served with the Australian Defence Force in the 1st Armoured Regiment, being a Leopard Tank crewman.

A 1950 Centurion tank is a highlight to inspect, weighing an impressive 52 tonnes.

The 15 tonne Medium Reconnaissance Vehicle (MRV) M113 is one of the Armoured Personnel Carriers in the South Gippsland Tank Adventures fleet, built in 1980, with the 1970s era FV432 APC another 15 tonne Personnel Carrier, the latter powered by a Rolls Royce engine.

A Staghound armoured car and an LP2 Brengun Carrier are among other members of the collection, with lots to discover.

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Bass Coast Fine Film Group

10.45am SUNDAY 9th JULY

ALCARRAS

Award winning film from Spanish writer/director, Carla Simón, Alcarras is a personal and beautifully observed drama about a family of farmers who, after generations harvesting the same land, face eviction and an uncertain future.

General public welcome. Members Free Entry!

@ WONTHAGGI UNION CINEMA
96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

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

Winter Fest Lanterns taking shape

COMMUNITY groups and clubs have begun creating their very own lanterns to shine their vibrancy, colour and light in the parade for the Mirboo North Winter Fest in August.

With groups including the Gippsland Ranges Roller Derby, Mirboo North United Football Club, Preserve our Forests Mirboo North, Mirboo North Women's Cricket Club, Community Bank Mirboo North & District, and the Mirboo North Scouts, participating so far, there is sure to be a spectacular range of lanterns.

Margie Mackay, co-Artistic Director from Douglas & Mackay is assisting groups to put together their lantern creation over four workshops.

Based in Boolarra and being a seasoned artist with diverse range of experience creating exuberant street theatre productions, street art installations and large community ceremonies, Margie enjoys working with communities to create epic scale works.

"It's been hilarious, good fun, a lot of great community spirit. They have been really quick to take to the task at hand and they've been building some really quite magic lanterns, which I think will really wow the crowds," Margie said.

While the clubs and groups have designed their own lanterns, with Margie's influence they have become big and bold.

With the frame of a giant roller



The Gippsland Ranges Roller Derby team put together their lantern frame in preparation for the Mirboo North Winterfest Parade, under the guidance of Artistic Director Margie Mackay. Photo: Nicky Cawood

skate lantern taking shape, the ladies from the Gippsland Ranges Roller Derby's (GRRD) are looking forward to completing their lantern in the coming workshops and proudly showing it off at the festival.

"We loved the workshop and an opportunity to get creative off skates! It ended up being a great team building activity for us also, with more of our members planning to come along and help with papering and

decorating the skate in the July workshops," said Sarah Lawless - GRRD committee member. Margie was able to give the creators a few hints and tips about how to structure and put their lanterns together.

"There's ways of fastening bamboo and making structures, sort of armatures for structures so that they are stable and can be easily carried."

While in the old days the lanterns were lit with candles they

are now lit - more safely - with led lights. Three more Lantern Making Workshops will be held on Saturdays on July 15, 22 and 29 and groups are invited to come along to get started. All materials are supplied. Please get in touch with Mirboo North Winterfest if you would like to sponsor a prize for the best lantern. The festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday on August 5-6, 2023. www.mirboonorth-winterfest.com.au/applyhere

Orchestra to perform in Korumburra

THE Gippsland Symphony Orchestra was founded in 2015 in response to demand from local musicians to be able to play a high-quality repertoire without travelling to the city.

The group aims to provide non-professional community-based musicians in Gippsland with Chamber and Symphonic Orchestral experience and performance opportunities, while also providing the local community with another source of accessible, high quality musical performances.

Since its inception the orchestra has excited audiences across Gippsland having performed in Warragul, Sale, Bairnsdale, Korumburra, and Phillip Island.

In July, the GSO will present a series of Chamber Music Concerts featuring the music of Tchaikovsky, Sibelius, Handel, Mozart and Brahms demonstrating the range of styles that the orchestra plays.

The main work is J. S. Bach Violin Concert in E Major with the soloist Edward Pople.

Edward has an extensive musical resume having played professionally and worked in music education.

His performance of the Concerto is one of a master of the style and his insightful interpretation is sure to please.

These concerts are the result of requests from the public to play once again in Korumburra and Bairnsdale and we are excited to be playing chamber music at these wonderful venues.

The GSO rehearse in two regional centres, Warragul and Bairnsdale on a Thursday and Sunday respectively and would welcome any new players, particularly string.

Due to the distance that some members have to travel rehearsals are broadcast through Zoom for any to access remotely. Tickets are available to the door.

Communication is key to Fixit Café

AT THE June Fixit Café we welcomed new Fixers, Matt and Diana, joining just when we needed them.

Although attendance was low (usual at this time of year) our customers enjoyed the coffee and conversation in the warmth of the Harvest Centre.

Geoff of the Men's Shed did a sterling job sharpening Eira's knives and scissors and Lorraine's Garden implements, while Rob gave Kate a referral for her good quality amplifier.

Matt's patience paid off when he successfully fixed the starter button on Shahni's mower.

The Café runs from 11 - 1pm

and there are limited spots with our electrical fixers, clock mender, sewing experts, and Men's Shed volunteers who tackle many things.

The Fixit Café is a combined activity between Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House and the Wonthaggi Men's Shed. It can be found at the Harvest Centre, access via the rear of Big W carpark, past the Goods Shed.

Articles for repair should be small enough to carry. Bookings are essential on 5672 3731 at Mitchell House.

The next session is July 16 - hope to see you there.



Sharhi and Matt won out in the end thanks to the Fixit Café.

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Featuring works by:

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6 Guys Road, Korumburra

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WEDNESDAY 1pm - 3pm
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Wayne A'vard, Graeme Ebna and Brian Vaughn each raised a flag at the Wonthaggi RSL for the three new flag poles the League installed. Ob02_2723



Wonthaggi RSL Secretary Bert Orr and Wonthaggi RSL President Dan Lucas are pleased they will now be able to raise three services flags on Remembrance Day with the new flag poles. Ob03_2723



Julie, Alex and Amy were assisting front of house at opening night of the Leongatha Lyric Theatre as they presented - 'The Producers' on Friday evening. Z19_2723



Lenna, Hannah and Megan attended the Memorial Hall in Leongatha on Friday evening to support friends in 'The Producers' by Leongatha Lyric Theatre. Z20_2723



Directors Pat Russell and Joan Matthews of the San Remo District were helping at the door of the Bendigo Community Bank 20th birthday celebration. Z10_2723

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Flag raising ceremony for new flag poles at Wonthaggi RSL, Leongatha Lyric presents - 'The Producers' on opening night and San Remo District Financial Services (SRDFS) & San Remo Bendigo Community Bank 20th birthday celebration at the Kilcunda Bass Football Netball Club on Tuesday evening.



Long time members of the Leongatha Lyric Theatre Lyn and Ted Martin with Gwen Chapman supported opening night of 'The Producers'. Z21_2723



John Wright and Albert Abram of the Rhyll Phillip Island Angling Club attended the 20th birthday celebration of the San Remo Bendigo Community Bank. Z11_2723



Lucas and Jodie supported friends in the production 'The Producers' presented by Leongatha Lyric Theatre at the Memorial Hall. Z22_2723



Glenda Quessy and Gwen Wiggins attended the Kilcunda Bass Football Netball Club to celebrate the 20th birthday of the San Remo District Financial Services and Bendigo Bank. Z12_2723



Ella, Sophie, Paul, and Frank attended the Bendigo Bank 20th birthday celebration on Tuesday evening at the Kilcunda Bass Football Netball Club. Z17_2723



Friends Tania and Janet enjoyed the 'The Producers' presented by Leongatha Lyric Theatre on Friday evening for opening night. Z23_2723



Alan and Dave of the Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club booked a seat at the Bendigo Bank's 20th birthday celebration. Z13_2723



Vicki, Steele and Max attended Memorial Hall on Friday evening to support friends in the Leongatha Lyric Theatre - 'The Producers'. Z24_2723



Madeleine Pitt, John Monk and Steve Munro attended the Bendigo Bank 20th birthday celebration on behalf of the Westernport Pelican Study Group. Z14_2723



Janice, Caitlin and Tanya of the Bendigo Bank hosted the 20th birthday celebration at the Kilcunda Bass Football Netball Club inviting the community to attend. Z15_2723



Peter Paul and Michael Scott hosted the San Remo District Financial Services (SRDFS) & San Remo Bendigo Community Bank 20th birthday celebration. Z16_2723



Ken and Sheryl of Leongatha Lyric Theatre helped in front of house at the Memorial Hall for opening night of 'The Producers'. Z25_2723

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Views for days... amazing 5-acre lifestyle property on the outskirts of Korumburra

IMMERSE yourself in the symphony of nature as you wake up to birdsong and indulge in the joys of tending a flourishing garden and collecting fresh eggs.

This lovely family home embraces comfort, energy efficiency, and magnificent views from every room.

Nestled on five picturesque acres, it features a four-bedroom, two-bathroom main house and a separate studio with endless possibilities.

Set on a tranquil dead-end road, it's the perfect retreat for those seeking peace.

Marvel at the sensational panoramic views that surround you.

The well-appointed bedrooms, including a master with a renovated ensuite and walk-in robe, offer ultimate comfort. The spacious kitchen with gas cooking and ample storage caters to your culinary desires. Sun-drenched open-plan living areas create a welcoming atmosphere, while the wood heater and electric split systems provide year-round comfort.

With a new 6kw solar system and energy efficient hot water pump, this home is both eco-friendly and affordable.

The expansive deck seamlessly extends the living area, allowing you to relax and entertain amidst the stunning landscape.

The versatile studio, complete with an ensuite, can transform into a home office, artist's retreat, or guest accommodation.

The five-acre property is ideal for horses or livestock, equipped with stock yards, a loading race, and ample water storage.

Conveniently located just minutes from Korumburra's amenities, the golf course, and the Great Southern Rail Trail, with Inverloch beach a short drive away, you'll enjoy the best of both worlds.

This lovely property on the outskirts of Korumburra offers an exceptional lifestyle opportunity. With its spacious interiors, vast land, and boundless potential, it harmoniously combines natural beauty, comfort, and opportunity. Don't miss out! Contact Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312 to learn more about this property or schedule an inspection.



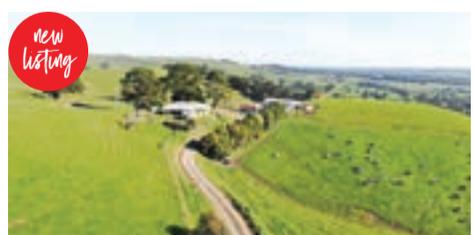
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- Located close to rail trails, beach access, and riders

Price \$900,000-\$950,000 Elders Web ID: 300P109625

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Home, hills and happiness, right here!

THIS picturesque rural lifestyle acreage offers a magical rural outlook over the properties 36 acres (14.72ha) and across the surrounding rolling green hills of South Gippsland.

Positioned in a sought-after area, with bitumen road, meandering drive, productive pastured paddocks and all just 6km to Leongatha.

The brick veneer home is spacious, neat and features:

- Open plan kitchen, dining and living with wood fire
- The kitchen with dishwasher, gas cook top and dual Bellini oven
- Second spacious living room with fabulous views
- Three bedrooms all with built in robes
- Bathroom, complete with bath, shower, vanity, and separate toilet
- Laundry plus great storage throughout the home
- Carport and separate garage with workshop

Outside is where you have all at hand, to truly embrace rural lifestyle farming at its best.

A highly productive and ideal property for cattle, sheep, goats, horses, and opportunity to garden to your hearts delight with

excellent water supply.

- Eight paddocks well fenced with electric
- Three dams - including spring fed and troughs for livestock
- Stock yards with small crush, loading race and hayshed
- Consistent history of carrying 30 head of cattle and cutting hay
- Machinery shed with open bays and lock up workshop
- Enclosed raised bed vegetable garden and assorted fruit and citrus trees
- Lovely trees across the property providing shade and shelter

Located 10 minutes to the major township of Leongatha, 20 minutes to Mirboo North and 2 hours to Melbourne.

If you're after a property that's peaceful and ready to move on in and enjoy as is whilst also offering opportunity for you to put your touch on it, without too much fuss, then this property is most worthy of an inspection.

For further information and to arrange a personal inspection, please call Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate.



3 | 1 | 2 14.72ha / 36 acres

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Architect designed – builders own – opposite the lake



THIS is a completely unique home, designed by award winning architect Darren Brown and constructed by a builder as their own home.

This incredibly special home is in the quiet seaside town of Cowes and is perfect for those looking for something special - a sea change or holiday home away from the hustle and bustle.

This spacious split-level home has that grand feeling with square set plaster and large energy efficient windows that allow plenty of natural light into this incredible home.

A large open plan with six metre stacker doors opens onto a large private undercover balcony with a built-in barbecue area overlooking the picturesque Seagrove wetlands.

A second private deck is located at the rear for complete privacy where

you can enjoy the morning sun.

The kitchen is central to this beautiful home with an impressive stainless steel bench top and a 900mm oven. A study nook joins the spacious living area also offering a view to the wetlands and beyond.

The home boasts a split system air conditioning, wood heater and ceiling fans to give you year round comfort.

On the next level you are with greeted with three large bedrooms. The master bedroom is a great place to sit back, relax and look out to the garden, with a walk-through robe that leads you into a double stepless shower. The main bathroom also offers a walk-in shower.

Other features.

- Ducted vacuum system with kick sweep in the kitchen
- Built in robes

- Plenty of storage
- Solid timber staircase
- Woodshed
- Lock up storage area under house with a third toilet
- Commercial grade vinyl flooring
- Two and a half garage spaces / with a workshop
- Undercover area for your boat or caravan
- Total – four undercover spaces

3 | 2 | 4

9 Seagrove Way, **Cowes**
For Sale \$950,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
 Cowes 5952 2633

Quiet location - spacious living

SITUATED in arguably the most desirable location in Korumburra this well-maintained property will appeal on so many levels, especially those in need of a good shed.

Backing onto parkland you'll feel like you're living out of town yet you're only a casual 10-minute stroll to sporting facilities and the main street.

The brick dwelling features four bedrooms, master with ensuite and walk-in robe, private office, main bathroom with separate shower and spa bath, open plan main lounge, second formal lounge at the front of the home (that can double as a salon for those looking to work from home in the beauty industry), kitchen and dining with split system heating/cooling and solid fuel heater, kitchen with dishwasher, pantry, plenty of bench space and cupboards.

Through the sliding doors off the main living area you to step outside to the rear deck - or third living zone -

the ideal place to relax and entertain, complete with open fire place, sink and weather blinds, overlooking the backyard and treed parkland.

Set on over a quarter acre, an attached double garage is at the front of the home plus an additional four car garage/workshop with power and concrete driveway access making it perfect for those with a boat, caravan or work vehicle.

Built by a respected local builder, inspection is a must – by appointment only.

Contact selling agent, Scott McKenzie – 0427 552 898.

4 | 2 | 4

20 Valley View Parade,
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For Sale
 \$685,000 - \$715,000
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<p>LEONGATHA</p> <p>OPEN THUR. JULY 6, 12-12.30PM</p>  <p>3 Bond Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bedroom home • Renovated throughout • Large block, lock up garage <p>\$450,000 Contact: Leongatha Office</p>	<p>KORUMBURRA</p>  <p>29 South Railway Crescent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Storey with Views • 3-4 Bedroom / 2 bathroom • Double block / rear access <p>\$699,000 Contact: Korumburra Office</p>	<p>CORINELLA</p>  <p>112 Smythe Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Bed, 2 Bath • Walk to the Pier • Great value <p>\$690,000 Contact: Grantville Office</p>	<p>WONTHAGGI</p>  <p>2/92 Merrin Crescent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delightful cottage in quiet spot • 3 bedroom, open plan living, rear lane • Great car accom, tidy property <p>\$449,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office</p>
<p>LEONGATHA</p> <p>OPEN SAT. JULY 8, 10-10.30AM</p>  <p>40 Shingler Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 bedroom home • 2 bathrooms, 2 living • Great family home <p>\$595,000 Contact: Leongatha Office</p>	<p>KORUMBURRA</p>  <p>7 Swanson Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First home buyer or Investor • 3 Bedroom/1 Bathroom • Flat Block / Lock-up Garage <p>\$425,000 Contact: Korumburra Office</p>	<p>GRANTVILLE</p>  <p>7 Portview Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car • Double glazed and solar panels • Close to the shops <p>\$630,000 Contact: Grantville Office</p>	<p>WONTHAGGI</p>  <p>79 Broome Crescent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ripper little investment, front position • Nicely renovated and presented • Great tenant, Inspect by APT. <p>\$450,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office</p>
<p>YINNAR</p>  <p>145 Creamery Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 3 car • Architecturally designed home on 5 acres • Views to the Jeeralang Ranges <p>\$975,000 Contact: Leongatha Office</p>	<p>KONGWAK</p>  <p>1095 Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 acres with outstanding views • 4 bedroom / 1 bathroom • Various shedding <p>\$995,000 Contact: Korumburra Office</p>	<p>CORINELLA</p>  <p>33a Balcombe Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car • 1/3 of an acre • Stunning bay views <p>\$990,000 - \$1.08m Contact: Grantville Office</p>	<p>WONTHAGGI</p>  <p>23 Caledonian Crescent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perfect subdivision, wide frontage • Renovations started incl stumps • Miners cottage in quiet, bushy location <p>\$459,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office</p>
<p>OUTTRIM</p>  <p>45 Ryeburn Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stunning home on 11 acres • 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom • Massive shedding and more <p>\$1,250,000 Contact: Leongatha Office</p>	<p>KROWERA</p>  <p>1005 Loch-Wonthaggi Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set on approx. 78 acres - 300-degree views • 3 bedrooms home • 25m x 18m shed, 3 dams and stockyards. <p>\$1,600,000 Contact: Korumburra Office</p>	<p>KERNOT</p>  <p>220 Garry Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 201 Acres • Pristine beef farm • Candowie Reservoir views <p>\$11-\$12k per acre Contact: Grantville Office</p>	<p>WONTHAGGI</p>  <p>88B Broome Crescent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spacious family home in park side position • Great for the kids, 2 Living, 3 bedrooms • Easy care gardens, great rental <p>\$515,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office</p>

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8 Donaldson A & M, Leongatha	760.6	316.6	2,408
1 Kennedy GR, Unknown District	730.8	316.6	2,313
3 Omara AW & CM, Glengarry	608.3	312.0	1,898
1 Hengstberger I & R, Stony Creek	570.0	311.6	1,776
9 Mcconnell TS & MPC, K'burra	818.9	282.0	2,309
10 O'Hara R & J, Yinnar	712.0	275.6	1,962

Steers			
1 Codarlas	440.0	380.0	1,672
1 Rendell W & L, Yarram	380.0	370.0	1,406
1 Kindergem Pty Ltd, Welshpool	340.0	347.6	1,181
1 Cummaudo GT, Mirboo Nth	335.0	330.0	1,105
2 Hengstberger I & R, Stony Creek	517.5	311.6	1,612
1 Demerlo Contractors, Tarwin	540.0	294.6	1,590

Heifers			
5 Ansevata Nominees Pty Ltd, Walkerville	448.0	380.0	1,702
1 Codarlas	465.0	380.0	1,767
1 Hams T & T2, Fish Creek	390.0	359.6	1,402
1 Lelliott TS, Meeniyann	390.0	355.0	1,384
1 Rendell W & L, Yarram	335.0	330.0	1,105
1 Cummaudo GT, Mirboo Nth	400.0	330.0	1,320

Cows			
1 Bray Am & P1, Hedley	360.0	270.0	972
1 Ansevata Nominees Pty Ltd, Walkerville	745.0	260.0	1,937
3 Cummaudo GT, Mirboo Nth	641.7	245.0	1,572
8 Hosking GI & CM, Woodside	744.4	245.0	1,823
1 Donchi T & J, Alberton West	690.0	240.0	1,656
2 Lelliott TS, Meeniyann	600.0	240.0	1,440

Bulls			
6 Ansevata Nominees Pty Ltd, Walkerville	535.0	300.0	1,605
3 Maxray Nominess P/L, Buffalo	865.0	291.6	2,522
1 Hastings NA, Glen Forbes	960.0	283.6	2,722
1 Omara AW & CM, Glengarry	975.0	275.6	2,687
1 Hastings NA, Glen Forbes	905.0	275.6	2,494
1 Vuiller Shorthorns, Waratah	1,060.0	267.6	2,836

Vealer Bulls			
2 Peterson D, Hazelwood	455.0	230.0	1,046
2 Love VR, Boolarra Sth	237.5	200.0	475
2 Chesterfield, Nagambie	322.5	188.6	608
1 Lelliott TS, Meeniyann	400.0	160.0	640
1 Wylie DC & DC, Korumburra	235.0	140.0	329
1 Chesterfield, Nagambie	335.0	139.6	467



A crop of wheat at harvest.

Rural Aid backs Aussie food campaign

RURAL Aid has thrown its support behind a campaign to help Australians better understand the food they consume.

The campaign highlights where food comes from, how to eat seasonally and ways to stretch "food dollars" further.

The National Farmers Federation (NFF) inspired campaign, featuring Sydney based culinary experts Alex Elliott-Howery and Jaimee Edwards from Corner-smith, will showcase a different Aussie grown product every week for the next six weeks.

Recent research commissioned by the NFF found 51 percent of the Australian population is concerned about

fresh food and grocery costs.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said it was also concerning the same percentage of people had limited knowledge about Australian farming and agriculture, according to the new research.

The campaign will be delivered under the NFF led Australian Farmers platform and will 'open the gate' so everyone can see farmers at work for themselves.

The adventure begins this week on the Australian Farmers social media accounts.

Tips, tricks, recipes and farmer profiles can be found at farmers.org.au.



Wheat grains at harvest.

Book your favourite campsite this week

FROM stunning beachside retreats to the cool of the mountains, dense forests to near-desert, bookings in parks across Victoria for dates from September 2023 - October 6, 2024, will be open from Tuesday, July 4.

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

This means campers can now book every bookable campground across Victoria instantly with no need to wait to hear if a ballot application was successful or not.

Bookings will open at 11am on:

- Tuesday, July 4 - Wilsons Promontory campsites (including Tidal River)
- Wednesday, July 5 - Wilsons Promontory roofed accommodation
- Thursday, July 6 - Banksia Bluff (Cape Conran Coastal Park); Johanna Beach, Blanket Bay and Aire River West (Great Otway National Park); Cooks Mill (Cathedral Range State Park), Lake Catani (Mount Buffalo National Park) campgrounds
- Friday, July 7 - Overnight hike/journey campsites including the Grampians Peaks Trail, Great Ocean Walk, Great South West Walk, Glenelg Canoe Trail, Wilsons Prom Southern



Bookings for campsites across Wilsons Prom will open from July 4.

Circuit, Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing, and Wilderness Coast Walk

- Monday, July 10 - all other bookable campsites and roofed accommodation statewide

More information and full instructions on how to book are available on the Parks Victoria website at: <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/where-to-stay/booking-information>

The enhanced online booking system

is thanks to a \$1.4 million investment by the Victorian Government as part of the \$106.6 million Victoria's Great Outdoors program.

As part of the program, Parks Victoria has halved campsite fees at every bookable campground across Victoria, with more than 50,000 camping bookings made last summer - a 20 per cent increase compared to the summer before the program began.

Risk and Resilience Grants Program now open

UP TO \$8 million in grant funding is now available for projects that reduce the risk and impact of natural disasters on Victorian communities and economies as part of the latest Risk and Resilience Grants Program.

Floodplain management authorities, municipal councils, volunteer groups, State government departments, other non-government emergency management organisations, small businesses and research institutions will be able

to apply for grants of up to \$250,000 as part of the program.

Projects must focus on one of three key themes:

- Climate change - supporting adaptation, risk reduction and mitigation initiatives that reduce disaster risk
- Designing for risk and resilience - supporting initiatives that strengthen the resilience of Victorian infrastructure including government

and community infrastructure

- Managing local and regional risks and building resilience - supporting initiatives that improve understanding of local or regional disaster risks, strengthen accountability for and governance of regional risks, and support initiatives that are seeking to directly reduce disaster risk at a local or regional level.

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Local Men's Shed, Community Houses receive vital funds

TWENTY-EIGHT community-led projects including throughout South Gippsland, will share \$123,850 in grants, thanks to a partnership between FRRR and the Gardiner Dairy Foundation.

This is the 21st year of the Gardiner Dairy Foundation Community Grants, which provide up to \$5,000 for locally-led projects that strengthen Victorian dairy communities.

Allan Cameron, Gardiner Foundation Chief Executive Officer said that local community groups and not-for-profit organisations play a critical role in the sustainability of Victoria's dairy communities and it's great to be able to support them to bring their ideas to fruition.

This year, the program attracted lots of interest, with community groups reporting challenges in local fundraising following two years of COVID interruptions and increasing operational costs hitting hard in the current economic environment.

Local projects include:

Treble F Singers Incorporated, Leongatha

- Enhancing the Health and Wellbeing of this Community Singing Group-Enhance community vibrancy and culture through supporting the Treble F Choir purchase of a filing cabinet for sheet music and a video camera to record performances. - \$1136

Jeetho Hall Inc

Planning Ahead to Maintain our Unique Community Asset

Building community resilience by improving local community infrastructure and meeting places to increase hall usage for social connectedness and economic prosperity. - \$5000

Manna Gum Community House Inc

Corner Inlet Young People's Cooperative

Increase youth engagement and participation in social community activities with street games equipment and art supplies for Community Houses in the Corner Inlet region. - \$4982



Numerous community groups in South Gippsland have received vital grants.

Milpara Community House Inc

What's a Good Thing To Do?

Support young people's social connection in Korumburra by engaging them in a co-design process to imagine and develop local spaces and activities for their use. - \$5000

Mirboo North Grainstore Committee of Management Incorporated

Improving the Usability of our Community Space

Building community resilience by improving local community infrastructure and meeting places. - \$5000

The Leongatha Men's Shed

Heating and Cooling System for Communal Area

Improve community facilities by purchasing an air conditioner for the local Men's Shed to support members and other community groups using the space. \$3795

Welshpool and District Primary School Wetland Warriors

Enhance educational outcomes through enabling hands-on, nature-based educational outcomes for students by purchasing tools for the Wetland Warriors program. - \$5000

Energy case studies helping farmers save energy, money and time

DO you want to reduce energy costs on farm and improve your energy efficiency?

Learn from seven Victorian farmers who have made smart on-farm energy decisions and the benefits they found by investing in new efficient technology.

Agriculture Victoria Farm Business Economist, Julie Harman said the case studies are now available online as part of the Agriculture Energy Investment Plan.

'The economic case studies consider benefits such as energy savings and co-benefits such as labour productivity, on farms across a range of agriculture industries,' she said.

The seven case studies look at:

- solar panels and battery storage
- improving greenhouse insulation
- energy efficiency for croppers with chaser bins and belt shifter improvements
- gains for grape growers to improve yield and quality
- rapid chiller in a dairy farm lowering costs

• rooftop solar panels and solar water pumps.

Ms Harman said if people prefer to listen rather than read they can tune into a podcast with Tony McCarthy, who is one of the farmers from the case studies.

Listen to the podcast here: extensionaus.com.au/energysmartfarming/economics-of-implementing-energy-tech/

Ms Harman said the case studies, podcasts and other materials are part of the Energy Smart Farming community which brings together farm energy experts including farmers, service providers, advisors, researchers and community advocates to share energy knowledge, research and solutions to help make Australian farming more profitable.

Find the case studies and more about efficient and renewable energy technologies that improve farm productivity and resilience at extensionaus.com.au/energysmartfarming/on-farm-energy-efficiency-and-cost-savings/

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DEATHS

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Grandmother to Kelly, Adam and Allison and great grandmother to Riley.
COMBRIDGE, Les:
Les will be sadly missed.
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Take it easy mate!
Brother-in-law of Ernie, Sue and families.

BRYDON, Kerry Anne:
12.05.1957 - 26.06.2023.
Loving daughter of Jock and Audrey (both dec.).
Loved sister of Ross, sister-in-law to Karen.
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COMBRIDGE, Les:
A dear friend of many years who will be sadly missed.
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-- Heather and Barry
COSGRIFF, Gerald:
Memories will last forever.
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DEATHS

FORD, Joseph:
In Memory of Joseph Ford.
25.09.1942 - 15.06. 2023.
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LEVEY, John:
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It's John's wish to have a private funeral with family only.

DEATHS

MANGIAFICO, Giuseppe:
22.05.1931 - 30.06.2023.
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McKAY, Janet:
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McKAY, Janet:
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Sleeping peacefully.

DEATHS

McKENZIE (Westblade), Doreen Rose:
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PAYNE, Robert Arthur:
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Nephew of Les and Mavis Matthies (both dec.).
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Publication of this notice delayed due to administrative issue.

SMITH, Ross:
Long-time valued friend of our family.
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Sincere condolences to Sarah and family.
--Paula, Alan and family.
STEVENSON, Louise Ruth:
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The Funeral Service for Mr Ernest ROSS Smith will be held at the Anglican Church of Ascension, The Crescent, Inverloch on THURSDAY, July 6, 2023 commencing at 2pm.
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COMBRIDGE, Noleen:
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Applications close
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For further information visit: newhavencol.vic.edu.au/about/work-at-newhaven

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We are currently seeking an enthusiastic and experienced full time Clinical Care Manager, to assist the Director of Care in the clinical management and care of our residents. We offer an above award salary commensurate with relevant experience and an attractive working environment.

This role requires a dynamic and highly experienced Clinical Care professional to manage and coordinate a team of nursing staff. This role has overall responsibility for the 90 bed facility, which includes a high care wing, a low care wing and a dementia unit.

The successful candidate will have:

- Previous experience as a Clinical Care Manager or equivalent role is essential
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- Minimum 3 years in senior clinical role
- Have an Australian Division 1 Nurse registration with current AHPRA Registration
- Be clinically sound and have a strategic focus on clinical care
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- Demonstrated ability to lead, support and supervise staff, promoting a harmonious team approach to the delivery of resident care
- Proven knowledge of the ANN-ACC system, Aged Care Accreditation & relevant Legislation
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- Previous experience in an aged care environment with strong focus on achieving contemporary best practice
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- Team player, have initiative, good time management and excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Good work ethic and demonstrated knowledge of working within a successful team
- Advanced computer skills
- Have had a current influenza vaccination
- Have had three COVID-19 vaccinations
- A current Police Check
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call the Director of Care, April Jim on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to ajim@banfields.com.au

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Senior Retail Sales Assistant – Foster Store

AG Warehouse is an owned subsidiary of Saputo Dairy Australia operating a range of retail stores and fertiliser depots throughout Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania which service these farmer catchment areas with their farming requirements.

We are currently seeking an energetic individual with excellent interpersonal skills to join our Foster team as a Senior Retail Sales Assistant. The primary focus of the role is to support the Store Manager with day-to-day store operations and build strong partnerships with customers and deliver appropriate advice and services using your specialist knowledge of a variety of agricultural products and supplies.

Servicing predominantly dairy and livestock based clientele, the successful candidate will be strongly customer driven and will demonstrate outstanding communication and relationship building skills to enhance a strong team environment. Pasture, livestock, nutrition or basic agronomy knowledge is highly advantageous but not essential.

The successful candidate will be highly motivated, demonstrate previous experience in a Retail Sales Assistant role and ideally have a good knowledge of the rural industry. Strong communicator, organised, proactive and ambitious are paramount to be successful in this role

A competitive remuneration package will be offered to the successful candidate who can demonstrate the above requirements. This is a diverse and challenging opportunity to join an evolving business with vast amounts of ongoing growth and development potential.

For further information about the role or to apply please send your resume and a cover letter to dean.fraser@saputo.com or call 0447 500 406

Applications close: Friday, July 14, 2023

LB1041



WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

WNC is looking for an experienced Administration Officer to support the WNC management & operations.

Classification:

Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry (SCHADS) Award, SACS Level 3

Hours:

Part Time 24 hours per week
- 4 days per week 9.30 – 4pm,
Fixed Term 12 month contract.

As the Administration Officer you will be working in a dynamic, highly varied workplace. You will be interacting with and assisting community members, volunteers, service providers and various groups within the Wonthaggi community. You will be responsible to the Manager of WNC for tasks such as bookkeeping, maintaining electronic records, providing assistance and support to those attending WNC and managing social media.

Experience in booking and administration as well as computer skills across a range of programs and platforms are central to the role.

Applications close Friday, July 14 at 4pm.

For a position description and application details please call Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre 03 5672 3731 or email manager@wonthaggi-neighbourhoodcentre.com

Applications must include a resume and a separate document addressing the key selection criteria.

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- Registered Nurse – Acute/Sub-Acute
- Occupational Therapist
- Enrolled Nurse - Aged Care
- Registered Midwife
- Integrated Family Services Practitioner
- Associate Nurse Unit Manager – ED

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To see the full list of available positions, visit <https://basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au>



New council Budget lays foundations to bring plans to fruition

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's 2023/24 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan were adopted at the June council meeting, with a focus on progressing outcomes of previous planning work through a \$36.832 million capital works program, including \$29.978 million new capital works.

That program includes \$11.121 million towards roads for this financial year and a little over \$7.5 million towards parks, open spaces and streetscapes.

An additional \$400,000 was allocated towards Council's annual re-sheet program, design work for sealing priority roads, and protecting the condition of roads through roadside vegetation and weed management.

A total of \$155,000 is included in the Budget towards planning initiatives to support sustainable growth in South Gippsland, including implementing actions from the Coastal Strategy, South Gippsland Planning Scheme Review and progressing planning controls in Nyora.

Assisting communities with development of community plans remains an important priority as does funding

support for the Live4Life program that boosts mental health in rural and regional communities, running mental health education through schools.

Preparation of a strategic business plan for Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, in partnership with community is also factored into the Budget.

Rehabilitation and resealing of sealed road sections is another key focus.

Major capital works include the revitalised streetscape of Korumburra, refurbishment of the old rail precinct in Leongatha into a new community area and likewise for the old Korumburra rail precinct, as well as a revitalised streetscape for Venus Bay.

Mayor Nathan Hersey stressed the importance of council remaining in a financially strong position to absorb as many unexpected costs as possible in the current climate of inflation.

"This Budget maintains our sound financial position while also delivering and progressing outcomes that are important to our community," he said.

Visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/budget to view the 2023/24 Annual Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.



Serena Cabello, Alisha Harding, and Jess Tong guided visitors of the Whale Festival to the attractions around Phillip Island on Sunday afternoon. Z50_2723

Whale festival makes a splash

THE locals and tourists alike anticipated the arrival of the whales, and the 2023 Whale Festival opened on Friday morning until Sunday, July 2 with the festival hub based on the grounds of St Philip's Anglican Church and the Masonic Hall.

An ample number of educational activities and sessions were showcased for the infinite crowd throughout the weekend, with the festival hub offering a range of displays from Victorian Fisheries Authority, Westernport Water and the Dolphin Research Institute, as well as free colouring for the kids, games on the lawn, Turn the Page book sales, Paint Your Own Whale Cookies – which were a hit over the weekend, as well as the Virtual Reality at the Masonic Hall.

The VR experience welcomed those of all ages to 'snorkel' over the Great Southern

Ocean Reef, and the make your own creation from recycled plastic was too a feature of the 2023 festival.

Destination Phillip Island staff and volunteers were directing the crowd to the numerous locations for various of event happenings across Phillip Island, including but not limited to The Nobbies Visitor Centre for the Pop-Up Art Show and Newhaven College to view the Ocean Film Festival in the Black Box Theatre.

The Whale Watching from the Water by Wildlife Coast Cruises welcomed sightseers on board in search of Humpback and Southern Right Whales on their annual migration route.

For whale sightings and reports download the Wildlife Whales App, or for more stay and play information this school holidays go to visitphillipisland.com.au.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Volunteer recruitment night and AGM

Come and learn what's happening in 2024 and join the gang!

6pm, Monday 17 July, 2023

Meeniyar Hall

RSVP by text to 0419 889 646 by 12th July

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND WATER

NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS ANNUAL TARIFFS 2023 - 2024

South Gippsland Water would like to advise customers of new tariffs

WATER SERVICE CHARGE: All serviced areas

	1/7/22 - 30/6/23		1/07/23 - 30/6/24	
	Annual Tariff	Tariff Per Account	Annual Tariff	Tariff Per Account
General Tariff	\$348.51	\$116.51	\$382.13	\$127.37
Vacant Land	\$348.51	\$116.51	\$382.13	\$127.37
Agreements	\$313.68	\$104.56	\$343.95	\$114.65
Concessional	\$279.54	\$93.18	\$306.52	\$102.17

WATER VOLUMETRIC CHARGE: All areas

\$2.1837 cents per kilolitre (1,000 litres) 1/07/22 - 30/6/23

\$2.3942 cents per kilolitre (1,000 litres) 1/07/23 - 30/6/24

WASTE WATER SERVICE CHARGE: All serviced areas

	1/7/22 - 30/6/23		1/07/23 - 30/6/24	
	Annual Tariff	Tariff Per Account	Annual Tariff	Tariff Per Account
General Tariff	\$540.87	\$180.29	\$593.05	\$197.68
Vacant Land	\$306.03	\$102.01	\$335.54	\$111.85

Accounts are due: 30th September, 31st January and 31st May each year.

If you would like more information, please contact our Customer Service Team on 1300 851 636 or 5682 0444 sgwater@sgwater.com.au www.sgwater.com.au



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Official opening of The Annual NAIDOC Art Exhibition at Wonthaggi Artspace on Sunday, July 2.



The Annual NAIDOC Art Exhibition at Wonthaggi Artspace was well attended with the official opening on Sunday July 2, seeing a full house for the exhibition which showcases and celebrates local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art. The exhibition was opened with a Welcome to Country and Smoking ceremony with Bunurong Land Council and Community.

Visit our website: www.sgst.com.au



Wonthaggi junior footballer Seth McBean has been posting gameday vlogs charting his team's season. Photo: Liam Durkin

Footy action straight from Seth's vlog!

By Liam Durkin

KIDS are honestly wizards with technology these days.

Wonthaggi Football-Netball Club youngster Seth McBean is gaining quite the online following.

His gameday vlogs documenting his season playing for the Power have amassed close to 400 subscribers on YouTube.

What started as motivation to get stuck into football preseason quickly led Seth to also decide to enter the world of content creation.

"Watching all of the footy YouTubers, Christian Petracca on TikTok influenced me, just gave me the drive to work hard and go for it this season," Seth said.

"I've always been into the idea of doing it (vlogging), so since about 2021 I've been into that kind of thing and started doing it this year."

A typical gameday vlog will show Seth, who plays for Wonthaggi fourths, take viewers behind-the-scenes into his gameday preparation, all the way through to the postgame analysis.

Apart from in-game footage shot by a fixed camera, all other footage is simply shot on his phone. Not only that, the 14-year-old edits all the footage - again just using his phone.

Working under the name 'Sethro29' on YouTube, in reference to his guernsey number for Wonthaggi, Seth said his teammates, coaches, and even opposition players had been receptive to the videos.

"They (teammates) like to have fun with it sometimes, I do cop a little bit but it's not too bad," he said. "They're pretty on board with it all, they love to get in (the video) every now and again. "I do get a few comments here and there (on field), some people like to give me a go for it, but others like to make it a joke and have some fun with it. "The Maffra boys, the first time we played them they were giving it to me but after the game it was all good."

The vlogs have become so popular, Seth has even gained a cult following, posing for photos with opposition players after games.

The youngster has received good support from mum Karli, who is also a club photographer, and dad Justin.

Seth said he was keen to keep publishing his vlogs, and with Wonthaggi being one of the clubs required to do the most travel in the Gippsland League, he should have no shortage of content.

"It's rising slowly, just going to keep doing what I'm doing," he said. "It's not the greatest season (Seth's team has managed two wins so far) but we've played pretty well (in patches). We are a new up-and-coming team this year, it's good to see we are slowly improving."

While some might wonder if the added social media only leads to distraction, Seth said his coaches and teammates saw the positive benefits.

The benefits extrapolate far beyond the early morning start times of junior football, as Seth explained the buddy system in place at Wonthaggi FNC.

"It's pretty cool how we are doing it this year, down at the club we've partnered-up with some of the seniors and they're like buddies, they will mentor us through the whole season," he said

"I've got my buddy on Snapchat, Lachie Jones."



Marisa Rinaldi proudly brought home four gold medals from the World Police Taekwondo Martial Arts Federation Festival.

Taekwondo champion brings home four golds

MARISA Rinaldi, 11-year-old from the Bass Coast brought home four gold medals from the World Police Taekwondo Martial Arts Federation Festival.

With a schedule that saw her training eight hours a day, the hard work paid off and Marisa earned gold across four categories in the competition, held in South Korea last month.

She was also part of the demonstration team at the festival representing taekwondo as a martial art.

While initially nervous before competing, Marisa called on her training to help calm her nerves and refocus to do the best she could.

Winning medals for her skills in taekwondo pattern, creative pattern, speed kick and target shooting, Marisa performed well.

The taekwondo pattern is an Olympic style form.

The creative pattern is a form Marisa designed herself, using techniques and patterns she has learned and incorporated from the traditional palgwae form.

This is a form her teachers James and Cassandra of Heenan Taekwondo are a big advocate for, and which Marisa has been willing to learn.

While competing in the speed kick

competition, Marisa performed 54 kicks in 25 seconds with consecutive and alternating kicks hitting one target.

Target shooting was also part of the festival and while Marisa had some previous experience with a bow and arrow, she hadn't done much shooting.

Her mum Brandi gave her a quick lesson in aiming and firing an assault rifle and the quick learner picked it up and shot herself into first place.

Brandi commented that Marisa learned a lot in the birthplace of Taekwondo and found it humbling. Her favourite thing was the food and the way that the communities and people are so close-knit. She also enjoyed visiting heritage sites and palaces.

The next major event Marisa will be attending is the National Championships for Taekwondo in Brisbane later this year with her club Heenan Taekwondo.

Marisa also made history over the weekend being part of the first group of Victorians to complete a three-day intensive seminar on Haidong Gumdo, taught by Master Jung Il Oh, President Headmaster of all Oceania.

Haidong Gumdo is a dynamic sword art based on battlefield techniques which can be traced back over 2000 years of Korean history.

Strong competition for Inverloch doubles grand final

ON THE night of Wednesday, June 21, with the smoke of a fire pit wreathing around the light towers of Thompsons Reserve on a fine and still evening, Inverloch Tennis Club held the grand-final of its latest night doubles competition.

Team 4 (Richard Muranti, Russell Tresize, Alex Prins and Sebastien Toomey) and Team 10 (Greg Baud, James Harman, Wes Rhodes and Nicole Harman) had managed to outplay John Richardson's Team 2 and the youth of Richard Henwood's Team 14 in close fought contests on the previous Thursday, and now the prized coffee cups beckoned.

A close contest was expected from the season's two top teams, stretching over four sets played to eight games.

And that was exactly what ensued.

Muranti and Tresize fought to an early three-game break over Baud and J. Harman, and then held on for an 8-5 win despite their opposition getting back onto serve mid-set with some excellent tennis.

While on the other court Prins and Toomey pulled off the comeback of the night, recovering from a 5-1 deficit to take the set 8-6.

So at the break Team 4 was leading

by two sets to nil, holding five games to the good.

But then came the turnaround as the mother and son team of J. Harman and N. Harman continued their dominant form from throughout the season, defeating Tresize and Toomey by a resounding 8-1 scoreline, with special mention going to J. Harman's impressive all court game.

So it all came down to the contest on the other court, where Baud and Rhodes clawed back from going down an early break to level the score at 6-6, meaning that team 10 was in the unusual position of leading on games while trailing on sets.

But Muranti and Prins rose to the challenge and closed out the set 8-6, leaving the final score line to tell the story as the coffee mugs went to Team 4 by three sets to one, with both teams locked on 25 games apiece.

So as the smoke dissipated through the trees of the reserve, we bade farewell to another successful season, while looking forward to the next.

Anyone wishing to join this much-liked competition, covering all skill levels from beginner to regular player, can call 0418 583 090 to register their interest.



Pictured is the master plan activity area for Fred Gration Reserve.

Better drainage and new basketball court for Fred Gration Reserve

THE MASTERPLAN for Fred Gration Reserve Open Space at Coronet Bay was adopted at the shire's recent meeting with some big changes earmarked for the reserve.

Currently the reserve features a community hall and garden, BMX track, basketball court and looped walking path.

Key aspects of the draft master plan had included:

- Creation of a picnic space with inclusion of a barbecue facility
- Improved drainage for the reserve
- More shelter at the community garden
- A new play space with a fitness area
- Replacement of the basketball court with a multi-use space which may include netball, cricket, tennis hit up wall and pickleball
- A standalone shed and a separate shelter over the existing table at the Community Garden

Following further consultation, changes to the draft plans saw a barbecue facility added to the picnic area, the combined shed storage/shelter that was proposed for the community garden was changed to a standalone shed and a separate shelter over the existing table, and the storage shed will remain in its existing location.

Long and short term actions were also identified for the reserve such as construction of the new playspace (short term 0-3 years) at a cost of \$160,000.

An upgraded basketball court was also identified as short term costing \$500,000, as well as developing detail design for the main activity area including a drainage plan for the whole site and parking improvements (\$100,000).

However, the masterplan noted that due to limited funding, priorities are influenced by:

- upgrades that improve recreation opportunities for the largest number of visitors
- upgrades that don't duplicate nearby facilities
- upgrades that improve flexibility of use for more visitors of all abilities
- upgrades that protect the local environment

Super increase

ABOUT 8.8 million Australians will benefit from a boost to their nest egg as the Super Guarantee rate increases from 10.5% to 11%.

From Saturday, July 1 an extra \$330 a year will flow into the super accounts of the typical Australian worker.

This year's super boost may be small, but it will make a big difference to a worker's nest egg - with a 30-year-old on the median wage expected to have an extra \$18,300 at retirement due to the super rate lifting 0.5% on July 1, 2023.

The Super Guarantee rate is legislated to rise to 12% by 2025 by annual 0.5% increases.

The bipartisan commitment to 12% super, will deliver an extra \$48,600 for the typical 30-year-old worker's retirement balance.

Now in its 31st year, the Superannuation Guarantee is a critical response to the ageing population and improves retirement incomes of working people in a fiscally sustainable manner.

GSL Round 10 Results

Thursday, June 29
 Mens Reserves: Phillip Island 3 d Lang Lang United 1
 Sunday, July 2:
 Senior Men's: Mirboo North United 3 d Lang Lang United 1, Phillip Island 4 d Leongatha Knights 2, Inverloch Stars 2 d Korumburra City 0
 Senior Womens: Lang Lang United 2 drew Mirboo North United 2, Leongatha Knights 10 d Phillip Island 1
 Men's Reserves: Drouin Dragons 15 d Leongatha Knights 0, Inverloch Stars 3 d Korumburra City 1, Trafalgar Victory 9 d Wonthaggi United 0
 Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons White 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1, Phillip Island 7 d Leongatha Knights 3
 Under 14 Mixed: Drouin Dragons White 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0, Leongatha Knights White 7 d Mirboo North United 1, Leongatha Knights Blue 4 d Phillip Island 3, Korumburra City 6 d Inverloch Stars 4
 Under 12a Mixed: Phillip Island 5 d Leongatha Knights 2, Inverloch Stars 7 d Korumburra City 1
 Under 12b Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon/Yellow 6 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 1, Phillip Island Blue 3 drew Phillip Island Red 3, Inverloch Stars 6 d Korumburra City 0

GSL Round 11 Fixture Sunday, July 9

Senior Men - 3pm
 Phillip Island v Lang Lang United, Mirboo North United v Korumburra City, Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights
Senior Womens - 1pm
 Phillip Island v Lang Lang United, Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights, Wonthaggi United v Drouin Dragons
Mens Reserves - 3pm
 Wonthaggi United v Drouin Dragons
Mens Reserves - 1pm
 Phillip Island v Trafalgar Victory, Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights
Under 17 Mixed - 9:30am
 Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights
Under 14 Mixed - 11:20am
 Phillip Island v Leongatha Knights White, Mirboo North United v Korumburra City, Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights Blue, Wonthaggi United v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Under 12a Mixed - 10am
 Mirboo North United v Korumburra City, Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights, Wonthaggi United v Drouin Dragons Maroon
 Under 12b Mixed - 11:30am
 Phillip Island Red v Lang Lang United, Inverloch Stars v Phillip Island Blue, Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons Yellow
MiniRoos - both hubs are taking a break over the school holidays

Gippsland United snatch victory

JBNPL U14s GUFC vs Ashburton

By Peter Bruce

In an exciting U14 NPL clash between Gippsland United and Ashburton, it was Gippsland who emerged victorious with a narrow 3-2 win. The match took place at Monash University on a high-quality synthetic pitch, providing an excellent playing surface. Gippsland started strong, dominating possession in the forward half and creating numerous chances through forward pressure.

It was Mitch who broke the deadlock early in the first half, finding the back of the net with a well-placed shot. Archer and Hamish combined brilliantly down the left flank, putting Ashburton's defence under pressure. Jett and Henry showcased excellent work rate, forcing turnovers with their relentless hustle. Midway through the first half Mitch struck an accurate corner kick to find Ethan at the front of the box who kicked the second goal for Gippsland. Ashburton struggled to make inroads against Gippsland's solid defence, marshalled by Julian and Declan P.

In the second half, Ethan's pace helped him outrun the Ashburton striker and set up Harrison for several crucial clearances. Patrick displayed skill and finesse in the midfield, controlling the ball with silky touch. Gippsland's strikers, including Jett, Bill, Hamish, and Henry, continued to create opportunities and keep Ashburton's defence on their toes.

The decisive goal came from Patrick, who controlled the ball expertly in the box and slotted it into the net with a quick touch. This gave Gippsland a 3-2 advantage. The defenders held firm in the closing stages of the match, ensuring Gippsland secured the victory. Overall, it was an impres-

sive performance from the entire Gippsland team, with each player making valuable contributions to the hard-fought win. This was especially showcased by Julian as the Man of the Match and Henry winning the team voucher.

JBNPL U18s GUFC vs Ashburton

By Jared Goodwin

The GUFC 18s boys travelled out to Clayton to face a strong Ashburton squad. Like previous weeks, it was Gippsland who got the first goal, with ChoCho Mohammed hitting the upright, before Ronald Kong smashing home the rebound to put the away side ahead early. Ashburton began to apply the pressure, with Defender Abraham Konyi and Goalkeeper Jared Goodwin both producing fantastic saves to keep the score at one nil, before Ashburton would score not one, but two scrappy goals from set pieces to turn the game on its head.

Nic Nardone was subbed on, being an effective substitute to dictate the midfield play for Gippsland. It wasn't until early in the second half where Ashburton looked more the likely side to score, with a brilliant piece of build-up play leading to Ashburton's third of the day.

Two missed shots on the goal line from the Gippsland attack in quick succession, made the fans feel that luck wasn't on the Gippsland boys' side, before Monday Cholele headed home the second rebound to bring the game back to a contest.

As the game got more heated, the Gippsland boys displayed great passion out on the field, however with some rough decisions by the referee, tempers flared, with tackles flying in from left, right and centre. However, the persistent Gippsland pressure couldn't resist a fourth



Gippsland United's ChoCho Jacob (U18) is always a strong player for the team.

from Ashburton, with a quite brilliant through ball by the Ashburton striker to flick the ball through the smallest of gaps, finding the feet of Ashburton's central midfielder, who passed the ball into the net to seal off the game with only a matter of minutes remaining. Gippsland 18s travel again next week, off to Box Hill to face another strong opponent before the bye. Gippsland 2, Ashburton 4. JBNPL U15s Ashburton (0) drew with GUFC (0).

Venus Bay zoom into Lorne for state championships

VENUS Bay Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) has come away from Life Saving Victoria's (LSV's) TRE Motorsport Victorian Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Championships at Lorne SLSC with a bronze medal in the open men's teams rescue event.

Rhiannon McCorriston, Andrew Moore, Caitlyn Overall, Kieran Randall, Austin Timmins and Declan Woolf joined Barwon Heads 13th Beach SLSC and Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club (S&LSC) on the podium in the event.

Venus Bay and fellow Bass Coast locals Inverloch SLSC and Waratah Beach SLSC joined teams from 15 other clubs across the state came together for two days of fast and

furious competition. LSV general manager sport participation Ryan O'Connor congratulated competitors on their efforts in challenging conditions.

"Our IRB racing teams put on an absolute show of skills and perseverance in our state championships events in woolly winter conditions," Mr O'Connor said.

"Lifesavers on patrol never know what kind of conditions they will be faced with, and they took it in their stride to adapt and rise to the challenge.

"The IRB is one of the most popular pieces of rescue equipment, having been used for 135 rescues during the 2022-23 patrol season, and this weekend was a fantastic example of our athletes' rescue ready skills."



Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club won a bronze medal in the open men's teams rescue event.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS
 Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY July 4	WEDNESDAY July 5	THURSDAY July 6	FRIDAY July 7	SATURDAY July 8	SUNDAY July 9	MONDAY July 10
5.07am 0.36m	12.03am 1.44m	1.05am 1.49m	2.01am 1.53m	2.56am 1.56m	3.50am 1.57m	4.48am 1.56m
12.44pm 1.68m	6.08am 0.31m	7.04am 0.28m	7.59am 0.29m	8.51am 0.33m	9.43am 0.40m	10.32am 0.50m
6.00pm 0.99m	1.37pm 1.74m	2.28pm 1.77m	3.15pm 1.78m	3.59pm 1.77m	4.42pm 1.74m	5.23pm 1.70m
	6.56pm 0.91m	7.48pm 0.82m	8.40pm 0.72m	9.32pm 0.63m	10.24pm 0.55m	11.15pm 0.48m

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Sherrill Winkler was the winner of the Stableford competition at Woorayl Golf Club on Wednesday.



Marg Johnson and Irene Walsh were the winner and runner up respectively at Wonthaggi Golf Club.

KORUMBURRA

Ladies

DIARNE Maskell (31) won with 30 points last Saturday week, June 24.

Kerri Besley (19) was runner up with 28 points and was also NTP on the first green, winning the Kelly's Bakery voucher. BDTL went to Aliesha Wrigley (23), 27 points.

A number of women played nine holes last Wednesday in a social capacity, with some off the first tee and others starting on the 10th tee.

The persistent rain through the week deterred any golfers from playing on Saturday.

LANG LANG

TUESDAY: Stableford.

Division 1 winner: Col McLean - 37 points, winner by countback.

Runner up: Roger Parker.

Division 2 Winner: Robert Garrett (Settlers Run Golf Club) - 37 points by countback.

Runner up: Ian Murray.

Ball rundown to 34 points.

Nearest the pins: fifth Phil Mott, ninth Ralph Hendrich, 12th Lionel Mahony and 15th Roger Parker.

Wednesday: Ladies Stableford.

Winner: Kerrie Davey with 38 points.

Runner up: Betty Williamson with 35 points.

Ball rundown to 24 points.

Nearest the pin: 12th Paula Sweeney.

Thursday: Stableford Competition.

Division 1 winner: Dale Gude with 39 points by countback.

Division 1 runner up: John Johnson.

Division 2 winner: Sue Van Gaal with 36 points.

Division 2 runner up: Steve Fuller with 35 points.

Ball rundown to 33 points.

Nearest the pins: fifth Michael Herman, ninth Rob Volk, 12th John Johnson and 15th Chris Clark.

Saturday: Monthly Medal - Stroke (109 players).

Division 1:

Winner: Bart McDonald net 69. Runner up: Richard Briggs net 70 by countback.

Third: Bret Mottram net 70.

Division 2:

Winner: Peter Butler with net 66.

Runner Up: Fia TooToo with net 69.

Third: Stuart Harry with net 70. Division 3:

Winner: Peter Gulliver net 66.

Runner Up: Corey Bradley net 69.

Third: Darren Polson net 72.

Ball rundown to net 75.

Nearest the pins: fifth Richard Briggs, ninth Benn Hayes, 12th Richard Briggs and 15th Corey Johnson.

Third hole second shot: Frankie Chiu (Div 1) and Cheryl Stockdale (Div 2).

Congratulations to Peter Butler for taking out the July Monthly Medal, a great score under the conditions.

Well done to all winners this week.

The usual competitions will be held during the week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and Saturday will be a Stableford competition.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, June 27: Stableford event.

On Tuesday, 24 courageous golfers played in this Stableford round.

A Grade winner: Renato Monacella (17) with a score of 36 points.

A Grade runner up: Ken Smirk (13) with a score of 32 points (C/B).

NTP 16th: Renato Monacella at 3.42m.

Thursday and Saturday comps - course closure due to wet weather.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, June 29: Stableford.

Day winner: T. Whitelaw (8) 35 points.

DTL: S. McKenzie 33 and M. Heiberg 29.

NTP: J. Robbins sixth and G. Renwick 16th.

Birdies: G. Renwick 13th.

Saturday, July 1: Stroke and President Trophy Qualifier.

A Grade: T. Bradshaw (11) 70c/b.

B Grade: N. Bickerton (19) 70.

DTL: D. Taylor 72, S. McKenzie and P. Cummaudo 75.

NTP: fourth R. Robbins, sixth B. Wells, 13th T. Bradshaw and 16th D. Taylor.

Birdies: fourth S. Mills, 13th T. Bradshaw and 16th D. Taylor.

President Trophy Play Off: D. Taylor v G. Renwick, R. Matthews v M. Heiberg, M. Payne v P. Draper, and J. Smeriglio v P. Cummaudo.

PHILLIP ISLAND

Tuesday 27th June Mens 18 hole Stableford.

A grade winner was Mark Dykes (9) with 39 points from Christian Lloyd (12) with 35 points c/b

B Grade winner was Stewart Hamilton (18) with 36 points from Rob Hayden (13) 34 points

C Grade winner was Brett Saunderson (27) with 41 points from John Gains (25) 38 points

BDL to 33 points c/b
NTP 5th Christian Lloyd 7th Stewart Hamilton 10th Bez Moustafa 17th Heath Grace

Mens 9 hole Stableford
Paul Waylen (34) was the winner with 18 points c/b from Brian Carvell (28) 18 points

BDL to 15 points c/b

Ladies

28th June Ladies 4 Person Drop Out Ambrose

The winning team after play was suspended was Jillian Chandler, Ada Anglin, Lesley Meadowcroft and Lorraine Hammon with 69.875.

Runners up were Shannon Trumper, Megan Elbaz, Patricia Jamieson and Lynore Mercer with 70.

NTP 5th Ada Anglin 7th Megan Elbaz 10th Lorraine Hammon 17th Ada Anglin.

Thursday 29th June Open Stableford.

The winner of A Grade was Christian Lloyd (12) with 38 points c/b from Scott Lethbridge (3).

B Grade winner was Shane Palmer (22) with 41 points from Warren Hahnel (21) with 39 points.

C Grade Winner was Nigel Firth (23) with 3 points from Peter Gray (24) 32 points c/b.

BDL to 33 points c/b .

NTP: 5TH Terry McGregor 7th Christian Lloyd 10th Michael Taylor 17th Peter Cartwright.

Open 9 hole Stableford.

Winner was David Henstridge (20) with 20 points from David Gladman (17) 19 Points.

BDL to 16 points c/b.

Saturday 1st July Results.

Mens Stroke Monthly Medal sponsored by club member Ray Pobjoy.

A Grade winner was Lawrence Ferrari (8) with 72 Nett from Paul Russo (10) Nett 74 c/b.

B Grade Winner was Peter Ablett (13) with 71 Nett c/b from Leigh Hayhurst (13).

C Grade Winner and Monthly Medal winner was Aaron Saric (25) with 64 Nett from Brett Saunderson (27) Nett 66.

BDL to 76 Nett c/b.

NTP: 5th Neville Thurgood 7th Ben Clarke 10th Travis Johnson 17th Mark Dykes.

Ladies winners:
Jeanette Diss (20) won with 33 points c/b from Jan Daff (30)

BDL to 31 points c/b
NTP 5th Vicki Roff-smith 7th Karen Eagan

9 hole Open Stableford winner was Ron Hatley (33) with 18 points c/b from Bob Pascoe (15)

BDL to 16 c/b

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: June 29, SR. 34. Competition: Stableford

front nine hole.

Winner: Paul Cornelis 18.

Results: July 1, S.R 71. Competition: Stableford.

A Grade: Brad Andrew 38.

B Grade: Bruce Betts 33.

BDTL to 33 c/b

Ball sweep: Doug Putt 36, Dean Winning 35, Allan McLean 35, Jonathon Clayton 35, Ian Baker 34, Kevin Jamieson 33, Messy Chad 33 and Anthony Chetland 33.

NTPs: Kevin Jamieson Propin eighth and Kevin Jamieson won the money hole 17th.

Ladies

A SMALL group of ladies endured the rain and wet ground to complete their Stableford round.

Winter golf and its challenges were certainly with them.

The winner was Marg Johnson (15) 29 points from Irene Walsh (24) 27 points.

No NTPs were claimed.

WOORAYL

Ladies

SIX ladies braved the cold and wet conditions to play in a Stableford competition, sponsored by the club.

Unfortunately, the weather spoilt the day and they only managed to play nine holes.

The winner of the nine holes was Sherrill Winkler 15 points. BDL went to Elly Berryman 13 points.

NTP was Jean Hayes eighth and Kath Davis got a Gobbler on the ninth.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

JULY 1 saw 12 participants brave the showers and chilly morning of parkrun.

Damp weather should never be the reason to dampen the spirits of anyone living in South Gippsland and the shelter the perfect place to hide away as participants were cheered over the finish line.

We welcomed a family from Blackburn and visitors from Traralgon as well as three first timers!

This proves it is always the right time to join and see what makes parkrun a great free community event every week.

With events all around the country many local parkrun participants were away visiting new courses in Healesville and enjoying other parkruns such as Churchill.

Thank you to Chris Waldron, Darcy Linforth, Dave Knowles, Jodie Pincini, Julia Groves, Liz Radcliffe and Stacey Harriage for their time. Find the Facebook page; Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun, Mirboo North to see more photos and see updates each week.

South Gippsland Bridge results

JUNE 23, at Inverloch

1st Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran with 61.92%

2nd Michael Dooley and Lorrie Read 57.41%

3rd Marie Sands and Ken Mckenzie 55.56%

June 27, at Wonthaggi North/South pairs

1st Hannah Martin and Kathy Dowd with an excellent 65.71%

2nd Philip and Neville Chapman 56.27%

3rd Debbie Anglim and Shirley Stewart 48.93%

East/West pairs

1st Alan Johnston and John Sutton 55.42%

2nd Ruth Stevenson & Denise Allott 54.38%

3rd Matti Shub and John Quayle 53.33%

Congratulations to our winter pairs winners Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran and our GNOT winning team of Clive Hope, Alan Johnston, John Sutton and Bronwyn Sund.

Local students take their shot

THE 44th annual Howard and Schubbak Gippsland Interschool Simulated Field Clay Target Shooting Championships took place at the Sale Field and Game Range on June 14.

It was a crisp morning as 154 students from 12 Gippsland schools arrived at the range.

Students from as far apart as Korumburra and Orbost participated this year, with a student from Korumburra Secondary College being welcomed for the first time.

There have now been 25 different schools that have participated in this event since its inception in 1978.

The shooters were divided into 29 squads of 5 or 6 shooters, with even numbered squads to shoot their first 10 targets at 5 stands on the south side of the range, and the odd numbered squads on the north side.

Shooters were divided into junior and senior groups, girls and boys, with students 14 and under classed as Juniors.

There were 70 boys in the senior event, 53 in the junior, while there were 17 and 14 respectively in the girls' events.

Midweek bowls group continue to brave the cold

TWENTY-EIGHT of the bowling family turned up on a freezing and windy day to have a few laughs and hopefully, maybe, get a few points on the scoreboard last Thursday.

There was plenty of laughter around the green as the wind played havoc with many of the players.

There was a fair bit of friendly banter around as usual.

A big thank you to Peter, Pauline and John for all the time and effort they put into the game each week.

Thanks also goes to Marianne and Colin who manned the bar all day.

The winners on 36 points were Vern Elliott (S), Ken Barnes (3), Kevin Kitchen (2) and Ruth Waring (L).

Runners up on 33 points were John Nicholson (S), Frank D'Unienville (3), Bev Elliott (2) and Shir Corcoran (L).

Best one game winners on 27 points were Ken Harding (S), Gillian Harper (3) and Bill Williams (L).

The club would like to thank the volunteers from Lang Lang who prepared the clubroom, set up the green and cleared up and cleaned up after the game – so a big call out to Marianne, Bev, Vicki, Colin, Vern, Kevin and Ken.

Next week, the bowlers will be meeting at Corinella, so keep Thursday free and be on site by 10am for a 10:30am start.

Meanwhile, have a great week.

WONTHAGGI

IT was another good week at the club, with Saturday being the only day of bowls as Wednesday was a washout.

Forty bowlers graced the greens in two games of pairs, making an effort to keep moving and stay warm.

With a good number of visitors – or friends – playing, it was a wonderful day of bowls on an overcast but fine afternoon. There were five teams that were two-game winners, with the runners up being Charlie Wright and John Hill, scoring two wins and 32 points.

The winners were Peter Shaw from Inverloch and Frank Tagell, scoring two wins and 33 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12:30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12:30pm.

Have a good week and good bowling.

Indoor

IT was another good week at indoor bowls with the heaters working well in this cold weather.

Tuesday saw 25 bowlers enjoy the day with the winners being a team of three.

They were Rhonda Rattenbury, Brian Newman and John Rook with a score of two wins and plus 17.

The runners up, also a team of three, were Jean Wyld, Jan Milkins and Ken Peterson with a score of two wins and plus 10. Friday saw 25 bowlers on another cold day winter's day.

The winners were a team of three being Rhonda Rattenbury, John Bird and Jan Milkins with a score of two wins and plus 24. The runners up also a team of three being Judy Sweetnam, Dot Harland and Jim Wilson with a score of two wins and plus 17. Have a good week and stay warm.

INVERLOCH

LAST Thursday saw 26 intrepid bowlers battle some terrible weather on the green.

Eight teams competed for the honours on the day.

The weather deteriorated throughout the day, so bowlers had to cancel their second game.

Some wet and soggy bowlers awaited the tallying of the scores whilst consuming some well-deserved soup and bread.

Four teams finished with one win and 16 points.

These teams had to be separated by shots up.

Coming in fourth with one win, 16 points with two shots up was the team of Terry Seaward (skip), Steve Snelling and Rob Howard.

Third place went to the team of Laurel Lee (skip), Gary Scott and Richard Huntriss, with one win, 16 points with three shots up.

Runners up on one win, 16 points and four shots up was the team of Chris O'Donnell (skip), Graeme Dunlop and John Sutcliffe.

The eventual winner for the day with one win, 16 points and eight shots up was the team of Bill Selby (skip), Daryl McStravick, Jill Bateman and Graham Turton.



Kevin Kitchen (2), Ken Barnes (3), Ruth Waring (L) and Vern Elliott (S) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls winners.



John Nicholson (S), Bev Elliott (2), Shir Corcoran (L), and Frank D'Unienville (3) were the runners up at the Lang Lang Bowls Club.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's Bill Williams (L), Ken Harding (S) and Gillian Harper (3) were the best one game winners.



The Wonthaggi Indoor Bowls Friday winners were Rhonda Rattenbury, John Bird and Jan Milkins.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners Peter Shaw and Frank Tagell.



South Gippsland Umpires Association and Outside the Locker Room teamed up to run a mental health awareness session in Korumburra.

South Gippsland umpires focus on mental health

WHILE footy umpires are largely resilient people, South Gippsland Umpires Association (SGUA) is taking a proactive approach to the mental health of its officials, hosting a Mental Health Awareness session in Korumburra run by partner organisation Outside the Locker Room.

Former Carlton player Jake Edwards established Outside the Locker Room after battling depression that eventually led to a suicide attempt.

SGUA umpires coach Josh Chenoweth spoke to the Sentinel-Times about the importance of the Wednesday night session at Korumburra Middle Hotel.

"We've got to create an environment for conversations, and give people skills to maintain mental wellbeing," Josh said.

Despite the general resilience of umpires, he stressed it is not an easy job and

can leave its mark.

"It's taxing mentally, so this is another tool we will have to be able to keep umpires on the field," Josh said.

He added that umpires may be dealing with a tough week at work or the loss of a family member and still front up to officiate a match, and comments from the crowd can add to their stress.

Local footy identity Bobbie Lee Blay who has been involved at Gippsland Power, Kilcunda-Bass and Dalyston footy clubs and is currently the operations manager for the West Gippsland Junior Football Competition, ran the session in her role as a program facilitator for Outside the Locker Room.

"I have a strong interest in combining sport and mental health," Bobbie Lee said, making it clear that the power of

sport is a great way to spread the message for people to support each other and to eradicate the stigma associated with mental health conditions.

Bobbie Lee found the umpires to be a switched-on group who realise the importance of mental health and the value of supporting each other if challenges arise.

She said they had a good understanding of the need to reach out to those who may be struggling.

The evening ran as a workshop, with the umpires operating in groups to answer various mental health related questions, something that sparked conversation.

They spoke about recognising the signs of someone going through a mental health challenge, how to start a conversation with a person who may be in that situation and provide support if it is required.

Bobbie Lee said the younger members of the umpiring group had good knowledge of available services in case they or their friends require mental health support.

The partnership between SGUA and Outside the Locker Room is mutually beneficial, with the umpires officiating free of charge in fundraising matches for the mental health organisation which in turn runs free mental health sessions for them.

Bobbie Lee recommended mental health support services available for those in need, including:

Beyond Blue - free confidential telephone counselling is available on 1300 224 636

Lifeline - 13 11 14

Headspace (Wonthaggi) - 5671 5900
Call 000 in an emergency.



Gippsland's Riley Senini was voted player of the carnival and Leon-gatha's Will Brown best for the carnival for the Gippsland League. bInterleague03_2723

Gippsland League back on top

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The 'redeem team' were shocked out of the gates in their second contest, giving up the first three goals of their next match against underdogs Ellinbank District inside six minutes.

But the nine-time champions were just superb once again, and they regained their composure even as the rain began to pour to take a slim one point lead into half time and then once again kick away for the win in the second.

The 19-point win was a catalyst for their whole afternoon as they started to move the ball precisely and powerfully, their defence lifted, and Fort once again got on the board despite the elite Ellinbank pressure.

This effort from the hosts was matched by their rivals in red, yellow and white though, as the 2022 champions put Mid Gippsland to the sword, flexing their defensive muscle winning 39-0!

The boys from the West all contributed, but it was big games from IK's Will Turner and Cora Lynn's Max McDermott that ensured they kept their premiership hopes alive.

Next, the Gippsland League squad faced off with North Gippsland and after neither side really gained a full grasp of the contest in the first 18 minute half, the 'redeem team' proved once again they were fit and ready to win, kicking away once again in the second half to win by two straight kicks.

The lads from the West then had their hands full with a matchup against the plucky Ellinbank District and after suffering many pressure forced errors and poor decisions Jarvis Harvey's goal gave the reigning premiers a boost to kick away to another big win, this time by 35-points.

O'Flynn and Turner were again standouts as things began to ramp up for the mouth-

watering decider, which was once again going to feature Gippsland and West Gippsland for the crown.

After a typical Gippsland day where the strong crowd saw all four seasons, the rain cleared and wind steadied for the big match between the carnival's best two squads.

The reigning champs got the jump and looked sensational out of the blocks, with spearhead Jarvis Harvey lifting on the big stage, providing a fantastic target forward of the ball alongside Max McDermott.

West Gippsland looked dangerous and potent with the football in the first half and once again got an outstanding contribution from their back six which proved to be the day's best defence in terms of numbers.

However, as they had all day long, the Gippsland boys turned the game around in the second half, moving the ball with elite composure and connection, it was a true team effort.

After losing their 11-point halftime lead, the 2022 premiers found themselves 11-points down and felt their premiership defence slipping away, but Callan O'Flynn had other ideas, coming off the bench winning the ruck tap and clearance and finding Max McDermott who kicked his side back into contention.

West Gippsland were courageous and all who donned the jumper once again did their league proud, including locals Owen Thomas (Kilcunda Bass), Max Connell, Jaxon Foon (Dalyston), Finn Cashman, Brayden Klevercamp (Phillip Island) Cade Brown, Callan O'Flynn, Will Turner and Jarvis Harvey (Inverloch Kongwak).

Congratulations to the Gippsland League, worthy Interleague premiers, Riley Senini was player of the carnival and Will Brown was voted best for the premiership winning side.

RESULTS

A GRADE

Hill End 19 It Fish Creek 51
 Tarwin 71 d Stony Creek 25
 Toora 50 d Boolarra 48
 Morwell East 43 It Yinnar 62
 Foster 40 It Newborough 41

B GRADE

MDU 66 d Thorpdale 20
 Hill End 9 It Fish Creek 73
 Tarwin 46 It Stony Creek 53
 Toora 52 d Boolarra 24
 Morwell East 27 It Yinnar 44
 Foster 33 It Newborough 49

C GRADE

MDU 56 d Thorpdale 7
 Hill End 26 It Fish Creek 30
 Tarwin 29 d Stony Creek 19
 Toora 32 It Boolarra 38
 Morwell East 18 It Yinnar 26
 Foster 24 It Newborough 45

D GRADE

MDU 47 d Thorpdale 7
 Hill End 17 It Fish Creek 49
 Tarwin 32 d Stony Creek 25
 Toora 19 It Boolarra 20
 Morwell East 23 It Yinnar 30
 Foster 11 It Newborough 42

17 & UNDER

Tarwin 9 It Stony Creek 24
 Toora 40 d Boolarra 15
 Morwell East 27 It Yinnar 48

15 & UNDER

Hill End 34 d Fish Creek 23
 Tarwin 9 It Stony Creek 21
 Toora 18 It Boolarra 49
 Morwell East 15 It Yinnar 48
 Foster 31 d Newborough 20

13 & UNDER

Hill End 17 d Fish Creek 5
 Toora 19 d Boolarra 16
 Foster 13 It Newborough 25

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	174.52	40
Toora	160.67	38
Morwell East	166.77	38
Boolarra	143.20	32
Fish Creek	123.55	28
Tarwin	113.08	24
Newborough	89.32	20
Mirboo North	88.51	16
MDU	77.21	16
Stony Creek	62.53	16
Hill End	54.97	8
Foster	49.82	4

B GRADE	%	pts
Toora	180.43	44
Fish Creek	181.68	40
Mirboo North	150.78	40
Yinnar	180.20	36
Morwell East	163.66	36
Boolarra	128.14	24
Stony Creek	106.12	24
MDU	108.24	20
Newborough	89.38	16
Tarwin	81.14	12
Foster	50.86	8
Hill End	54.57	4
Thorpdale	15.21	4

C GRADE	%	pts
MDU	181.38	40
Yinnar	217.43	38
Tarwin	147.88	32
Boolarra	130.13	32
Hill End	129.37	30
Toora	121.81	28
Morwell East	137.87	24
Newborough	116.78	24
Fish Creek	105.00	20
Mirboo North	96.50	20
Stony Creek	73.39	12
Foster	22.78	4
Thorpdale	19.33	4

D GRADE	%	pts
Fish Creek	225.71	40
Yinnar	185.65	40
Mirboo North	246.20	36
Newborough	170.33	32
Morwell East	154.15	32
Tarwin	124.75	28
Hill End	108.75	24
Toora	79.53	20
MDU	95.56	16
Stony Creek	69.74	16
Boolarra	68.88	16
Thorpdale	21.06	4
Foster	19.27	4

17 & UNDER	%	pts
MDU	308.39	44
Toora	285.00	40
Yinnar	175.60	40
Fish Creek	203.10	36
Morwell East	84.36	28
Boolarra	67.29	28
Stony Creek	60.09	24
Newborough	49.00	24
Tarwin	43.22	16
Mirboo North	29.32	12

15 & UNDER	%	pts
Boolarra	355.33	44
Mirboo North	339.82	40
MDU	237.50	36
Yinnar	190.00	32
Hill End	149.78	32
Toora	114.43	28
Fish Creek	83.61	24
Morwell East	72.37	24
Stony Creek	50.00	20
Foster	33.93	12
Newborough	28.65	8
Tarwin	11.76	4

13 & UNDER	%	pts
Boolarra	267.74	40
Mirboo North	238.55	40
Toora	122.12	40
Yinnar	192.08	32
Hill End	115.38	32
Newborough	93.10	28
MDU	59.42	24
Foster	51.15	16
Tarwin	38.34	16
Fish Creek	25.27	16



Bianca Phillips reacts and adjusts quickly in a fast quarter against Stony Creek. Z39_2723



Juliette Townsend sets up for a goal in the third quarter. Z37_2723



Jess Slattery gets possession in a close scoring final quarter against Stony Creek. Z33_2723



Marni Lawton takes possession in a fast-paced game with Stony Creek in a close lead. Z36_2723



Holly Hawkins changes her speed and gets possession to score in the final quarter. Z42_2723



Amelia Ellen passes with a clear shot to the goal circle in the third quarter. Z43_2723



Stony Creek remained too strong for Tarwin in a close game. Z44_2723



Holly Hawkins scores a goal keeping the scoreboard tight in the third quarter. Z34_2723



Marni Lawton and Rachel O'Loughlin work to slow down the speed in a fast game against Stony Creek. Z35_2723



Holly Hawkins remains in front to get possession and score against Stony Creek. Z40_2723



Amelia Ellen gains possession in the third quarter and attempts to get ahead of Stony Creek. Z38_2723



Tarwin spoils Stony's catch. Photo: Gerard Bruning



Holly Hawkins stays on her toes and adjusts quickly in a fast quarter. Z41_2723



Nyora's Cait van Dord (A Grade) makes a pass.



Georgia Tuckey (B Grade) has the ball by the finger tips.



Annika Walters (B Grade) looks for an opening.



Tanasha Walters (A Grade) weighs up her options.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Longwarry 40 d Catani 36
Ellinbank 38 d Buln Buln 37
Trafalgar 29 lt N-Darnum 55
Lang Lang 49 d Yarragon 43
Neerim Sth 89 d Nyora 15

B GRADE

Longwarry 32 lt Catani 43
Ellinbank 52 d Buln Buln 39
Trafalgar 42 d N-Darnum 29
Lang Lang 29 lt Yarragon 32
Neerim Sth 109 d Nyora 19

C GRADE

Longwarry 36 d Catani 29
Ellinbank 44 d Buln Buln 21
Trafalgar 28 lt N-Darnum 30
Lang Lang 23 d Yarragon 16
Neerim Sth 67 d Nyora 1

17 & UNDER

Longwarry 31 drew Catani 31
Ellinbank 47 d Buln Buln 27
Trafalgar 32 d N-Darnum 14
Lang Lang 16 lt Yarragon 20

15 & UNDER

Longwarry 21 lt Catani 23
Ellinbank 4 lt Buln Buln 52
Trafalgar 28 d N-Darnum 24
Lang Lang 4 lt Yarragon 43
Neerim Sth 20 d Nyora 7

13 & UNDER

Longwarry 7 lt Catani 16
Ellinbank 2 lt Buln Buln 24
Trafalgar 15 d N-Darnum 8
Lang Lang 7 lt Yarragon 9
Neerim Sth 25 d Nyora 13

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Neerim South	303.18	48
Nilma Darnum	150.00	44
Ellinbank	136.58	40
Trafalgar	120.81	32
Buln Buln	105.33	24
Lang Lang	87.25	22
Catani	87.25	18
Longwarry	80.35	16
Poowong	52.08	8
Yarragon	61.85	4
Nyora	51.93	4

B GRADE

Ellinbank	230.06	44
Trafalgar	175.91	44
Buln Buln	168.73	40
Neerim South	144.20	32
Catani	103.54	28
Nilma Darnum	106.49	24
Yarragon	76.00	20
Lang Lang	79.03	12
Longwarry	73.22	8
Poowong	52.44	8
Nyora	32.47	0

C GRADE

Ellinbank	225.48	44
Neerim South	192.08	38
Nilma Darnum	137.13	32
Catani	135.93	32
Buln Buln	128.88	32
Longwarry	135.21	30
Trafalgar	112.75	20
Poowong	75.13	12
Yarragon	57.71	12
Lang Lang	67.82	8
Nyora	9.81	0

17 & UNDER

Longwarry	148.95	38
Ellinbank	161.19	36
Catani	163.67	34
Trafalgar	220.30	32
Poowong	159.22	20
Buln Buln	116.31	20
Nilma Darnum	87.74	12
Lang Lang	45.70	8
Yarragon	39.58	8
Neerim South	17.36	0
Nyora	0.00	0

15 & UNDER

Buln Buln	302.89	48
Yarragon	257.79	40
Poowong	157.79	36
Nilma Darnum	123.57	28
Catani	118.78	28
Trafalgar	111.96	28
Longwarry	155.65	24
Neerim South	42.82	12
Lang Lang	58.42	8
Ellinbank	45.43	8
Nyora	8.25	0

13 & UNDER

Buln Buln	251.47	48
Catani	262.16	44
Poowong	198.21	34
Longwarry	148.84	34
Yarragon	96.55	28
Neerim South	91.39	24
Trafalgar	69.61	12
Ellinbank	48.87	12
Lang Lang	54.19	10
Nilma Darnum	52.78	10
Nyora	38.26	4

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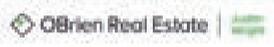


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Will Voorham marks the heavy ball against Hill End.

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MDU FOOTBALL CLUB



	THORPDALE	MDU
Thorpdale	5.4	8.7 9.8 12.11 (83)
MDU	2.3	3.5 8.6 11.6 (72)

GOALS, Thorpdale: Michell Chopping, Matthew Powell 4, Mitchell Gorman, Jason Winderlich, Michael Burke, Mark Graeme 1 each.

BEST: James Holland-Burch, Joel Monger, Mitchell Gorman, Harrison Sinclair-Stanley, Travis Patten, Shannon Pickering.

GOALS, MDU: Darren Sheen 6, Jayden Beas 3, Benjamin Schroen, Jacob Whiteside 1 each.

BEST: Joel Leeden, Darren Sheen, Shaye Walsh, Jake Bromley, Fraser Kelly, Thomas Corry.

RESERVES

MDU	3.2	6.5	6.10	9.13 (67)
Thorpdale	1.0	2.3	3.3	3.4 (22)

GOALS, MDU: Benjamin Maxwell 3, Jake Brydon, Rhys Weaver 2, Ben Cantwell, Timothy Harris 1 each.

BEST: Benjamin Maxwell, Jake Brydon, Ben Cantwell, Max East, Rhys Weaver, Toby Goss.

GOALS, Thorpdale: names

BEST: Lachie Ray, Grant Houlihan, Ray Pickering, Spencer Forbes, Zane Danger, Jason Fahey.

THIRDS

Mirboo Nth	2.3	3.8	5.12	7.12 (54)
MDU	0.3	1.4	1.5	2.8 (20)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Max Woodall 3, Jonathan Conlan 2, Noah Bradley, Harrison Austin 1 each.

BEST: Jack Jagusch, Max Woodall, Blake Peters, Ollie Mahoney, Sam Bradley, Jesse Chila.

GOALS, MDU: Rylie Checkjley, Timothy Hibberson 1 each.

BEST: Ben Wemyss, Joshua Doolan, Jarvis Lacy, Brayden Sellings, Lucas Duvoisin, Archie Casey.

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



	FISH CREEK	HILL END
Fish Creek	5.2	7.5 11.10 14.11 (95)
Hill End	1.1	2.1 2.2 2.4 (16)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Jake Staley 4, Roland De Biase, Adam Bright 3, Sam McGannon, Matthew McGannon, Blaine Coastes, Willem Voorham 1 each.

BEST: Ayden Wilson, Jordan Shaw, Roland De Biase, Matthew McGannon, Willem Voorham, Jake Staley.

GOALS, Hill End: Lachlan Wilson, Jamie Somers 1 each.

BEST: Ambu Uliando, Seth Calway, Aaron Fawcett, Liam Fitzpatrick, Brendan Clark, Trent Burgess.

RESERVES

Fish Creek	2.3	2.4	4.6	6.8 (44)
Hill End	1.0	2.2	2.2	2.4 (16)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Rhys Staley, Ryan Gillespie 2, Brandon Busuttill, Lucas Hateley 1 each.

BEST: Patrick Holian, Owen Straw, Ryan Gillespie, Emmanuel Faustin, Josh Segar, Brandon Bell.

GOALS, Hill End: Harley Lacunes, Ariki Matwijkiw 1 each.

BEST: Seamus Murphy, Kyan Mulley, Jake Schiavello, Harley Lacunes, Rowan Drake, Zachary Lawrence.

Comfortable win for Fish Creek

HILL End at home had been a tough place to secure premiership points in recent years.

But in season 2023, clubs have come and gone with victories being taken far easier than what Rover's coach Mike Santo would have liked.

The weekend was no different with Fish Creek claiming a comfortable win.

"It was a positive result for us on the weekend, a tough day conditions wise for us to get our game going in full flight but the guys stuck at it and showed when we can get the game on our terms, we can look pretty good. Hill End forced us into some bad habits at times and when given time and space could move the ball smoothly," said Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach.

The conditions may have been testing for any silky football to be shown, but even the Kangaroos had the Rovers measure despite the home sides best efforts.

"They were sloppy conditions, but we were outclassed by a well organised Fish Creek side," Mike Santo, Hill End coach said.

"Our effort was good but I'm getting sick of saying that! We need to be better with our execution of game plans and basic skills.

"We believe we have winnable game next week at Mirboo, we will prepare accordingly and hopefully we will show up ready to play."

Even though winless, each week Hill End provide a side that has to be respected, there is evidence enough that unlikely results can happen at any time.

But to date the Rovers have not found themselves on the right side at games end.



Fish Creek's Stewart McCooke leads in the race to the ball.

Blues outmuscle the Demons in close win

THIS was always going to be much more than a match for premiership points.

It was a fight for finals positioning, with both MDU and Thorpdale part of a group of six, maybe even eight fighting for anticipated limited spots come finals time.

The Blues eventually clawed their way to a win.

"Good effort by the boys to come away with the win in extremely heavy conditions.

We had a very dominant first half which set the game up," said Jason Winderlich, Thorpdale coach.

"MDU then dominated the next 45 minutes to take the lead. We were able to start winning the ball around the contest late and kick the final three goals which was pleasing."

"Thorpdale outmuscled us early, we were able to fight the game out as we always do, but we left ourselves too much

to do. This week we have the bye," said Nathan Allen, MDU coach.

"Good chance to refresh, recover and hit the ground running heading into the final part of the regular season."

For MDU, a chance for a breath and reset to chase a finals spot is the number one priority, but the fact is, there is sure to be a number of disappointed sides in six weeks' time, the Demons and Blues are both hoping they won't be one of them.

Breakers making strides on and off the field

THE BASS Coast Breakers have had a cracking season so far and coming into round 10 have proven themselves to be almost unbeatable.

The women's football team made the decision to move up to Division one, a couple of games into the season and had been undefeated until round nine, losing only by eight points.

On the back of an OAM being awarded to founder and president of the Breakers, Ella Angarane, and with their incredible winning streak, the Sentinel-Times spoke to Tess Angarane, sister of Ella as well as player, secretary and spokesperson for the team.

"This year we've got a depth that we haven't seen in other years. We've had four players from our inaugural season reach the 50-game mark, which for us is a decent milestone in terms of experience.

"The depth and the experience is there, so we thought that it was the right time to have a bit of a crack at Division one, and so far we look like we're in the right place and we're doing really well."

In previous years, the team has resisted moving up a division because they had many new players and weren't keen on throwing them in the deep end.

Their focus was more on creating a good culture within the club, so women have an enjoyable experience and want to keep coming back.

"While we're happy with how we're doing on the field, we're really equally as happy with how we're going off the field.

We've had quite a few past players return, either to play, or just to be back involved with the club. It's really reinforced the culture that we've built over the last seven years, and the feeling around the club is really good," Tess said.

"Our focus is on being inclusive and welcoming to everyone and it really feels like that this season. We had a really successful pride match earlier in the year, which I guess has helped to reinforce that culture of inclusivity."

The Breakers have had two players return who previously played in the Women's AFL, Tayla Stahl who had a couple of seasons with Richmond and Kelly O'Neill who had a short stint at St. Kilda.

"Both of those two girls have coaching roles this year. Another thing we're really proud of is the opportunity to develop four of our female leaders in coaching roles and that's under the guidance of Craig McCaughan who is a really experienced coach."

The Breakers play in the South Eastern Women's League against Warragul, Karimgal, Mornington, Frankston and Seaford.

"Being the only team in the area has its challenges, both in terms of travel, we literally are the only team around and we have to travel over an hour to get to any game, but also in terms of getting umpires.

"We're part of the Southeast League, so their players are obviously based in the southeast so getting umpires to travel down is a bit of a mission".

The women have been playing games after the Dalyston seniors matches and having the bigger crowds equals greater exposure for female football.

The club is aiming to get as many women playing as possible and continue to build on their great connection with the youth girls' team with current players who've played for local teams in Dalyston, Phillip Island and Korumburra.

As for Ella Angarane OAM, the woman who made it all happen and who has been there from the beginning, Tess says, "She's our number one banner maker and is always there to support. Female footballers probably have to depend on more people for support to get that freedom to play."

Magpies go down again

AS RARE as wins have been for Toora in season 2023, there is no question that the Magpies would have given themselves a chance at home of knocking off their more fancied opponents in Boolarra. The Demons needed to win for their season, Toora for respect and reward for effort in a lean year.

But in the end, it was the visitors that got the win with a six goal victory.

“Good start to the game in pretty trying conditions, they kept going all game with Toora never throwing in the towel. Good to get another win under our belt and hopefully we can get a few players back in the next few weeks for some big games coming up,” said Tony Giardina, Boolarra coach.

It was a crucial win for the Demons and kept them in touch with the peloton of clubs at the top of the ladder but still in their sights.

For Toora, it was the first 60 minutes in which the game slipped away.

“Hard slog today. Credit to Boolarra who adjusted to the conditions earlier and made the most of their advantage to kick away in the first half. Once we adjusted the game, it was an arm wrestle after half time,” said Jack Weston, Toora coach.

How long the winter conditions stick around is anybody's guess, but it will be those sides that adjust accordingly that will reap the benefits.



Toora's Jono Pintus wards off his Boolarra opponent. Photos: Tarley Maurilli-Pullin.



Boolarra gets the better of Toora.



Josh Toner braces for the tackle as both sides battle it out in muddy conditions.

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TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

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	BOOLARRA		TOORA	
Boolarra	3.3	6.5	9.5	10.7 (67)
Toora	1.2	1.5	2.5	4.7 (31)

GOALS, Boolarra: Aidyn Sheers 3, Shaun Falla, Kyle Hearn 2, Brendan Mason, Lachlan Smith, Kenneth Towt 1 each.

BEST: Simon Noy, Shaun Falla, Brendan Mason, Aidyn Sheers, Nathan Giardina, Marcus Twomey.

GOALS, Toora: Peter Grant 2, Shawn Vening, Luke Manders 1 each.

BEST: Josh Toner, Shawn Vening, Harley Hoppner, Jarrod Vening, Nathan Nicholls, Peter Grant.

RESERVES

Toora	7.3	9.6	11.12	15.18 (108)
Boolarra	0.0	1.1	1.2	1.2 (8)

GOALS, Toora: James Maurilli-Pullin 6, Jarryd Guganovic 3, Joseph Platt 2, Luke Grylls, Ayden Walker, Wellesley Jenkins, Casey Ferguson 1 each.

BEST: Jake Mabilia, Jarryd Guganovic, Matthew Hoppner, Adam Parry, Linden Dyson, Leigh de Boer.

GOALS, Boolarra: Tim Laaks 1.

BEST: Glen Smith, Eddy Stanton, Jamie Maggs, Aaron Burness, Tim Laaks, Geoff Dyer.

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

	60		60
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	FOSTER		NEWBOROUGH	
Foster	3.5	4.7	7.11	8.12 (60)
Newborough	1.2	4.4	8.4	9.6 (60)

GOALS, Foster: Jonathan Segat 2, Matthew Clark, James Morris, Trent Hamilton, Mitchell Green, Jack Rathjen, Eddie Smith 1 each.

BEST: Mitchell Allott, Todd Bastion, James Morris, Oliver Callcott, Jonathan Segat, Matthew Clark.

GOALS, Newborough: Joel Mitchell, Peter Ainsworth 3, Hayden Prestidge, Matt Rowlings, Jake Bishop 1 each.

BEST: Wade Anderson, Patrick Charles, Liam Flahavin, Liam Cordner, Peter Ainsworth, Hayden Prestidge.

RESERVES

Newborough	4.2	9.3	12.6	15.8 (98)
Foster	1.2	2.2	3.4	4.5 (29)

GOALS, Newborough: Lachlan Gilroy 4, Jordan McMahon 3, Patrick Frendo 2, Tom Wolf, Joel Jacovou, Jack van den Dolter, William Collings, Brodie Burgess, Jack Edebohls 1 each.

BEST: Sean Burns, Andrew Bertoli, Will Troy, William Collings, Harrison Gallagher, Tom Wolf.

GOALS, Foster: Dylan La Casa 2, Brodie Prain, Ollie Cox 1 each.

BEST: Toby House, Ben Tillack, James Rochforte, Dylan La Casa, Dylan McCarthy, Jai Prain.

THIRDS

Foster	5.4	9.5	13.10	15.12 (102)
Newborough	0.1	1.4	4.6	6.7 (43)

GOALS, Foster: Jedd Davu, Flynn Lomax, Nathan Gundrill 3, Zayne Lewis 2, Caeleb Garlick, Steven Armstrong, Toby Delaney, Jaxon Lewis 1 each.

BEST: Caeleb Garlick, Flynn Lomax, Zayne Lewis, Toby Delaney, Albert Hercus, William Davies.

GOALS, Newborough: Macally Brosnan 2, Joe Varsaci, Lachlan Nelson, Cooper Hanson, Ryan Archipow 1 each.

BEST: Lachlan Nelson, Harrison Gallagher, Anthony Daley, Tom Wolf, Max Humphrey, Daniel Edebohls.

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS				
Morwell East	7.11.53	d	Yinnar	6.10.46
RESERVES				
Morwell East	10.6.66	d	Yinnar	8.10.58

Epic clash sees draw for Tigers and dogs

THERE was an early “shot over the bow” by Newborough coach, Craig Skinner when he warned Foster prior to the game that “we are looking forward to the challenge and hope their young players are ready for some contested footy.”

Alluding to the fact that the weekend would be no place for the faint hearted, and in

doing setting the tone for a physical clash.

In the end, it was a clash to be remembered, Newborough drew with Foster.

“An interesting day for us, a real fight all day with different momentum swings for both teams on the best ground in the league,” said Sam Davies, Foster coach.

“Don't believe everything you

see on Facebook... Probably a fitting result, we missed a lot of chances that were regrettable, and we made some uncharacteristic errors but that's what high pressure games produce. We'll take a lot of positives out of it.”

Positives were taken and lessons also learned about the opposition, valuable intel if the two should meet again.

It may also be a win for a number of other clubs as well, on two fronts, one because they managed to sneak up on both clubs by two premiership points.

And two because it showed that the Bulldogs do in fact have some vulnerabilities, it's just finding them before they are attended to that will be the big test.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 11

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	9	0	171.82	38
Tarwin	7	3	134.51	28
Yinnar	7	3	131.38	28
Fish Creek	7	3	127.50	28
Foster	6	3	188.05	26
MDU	6	5	139.22	24
Thorpdale	6	4	123.30	24
Morwell East	5	5	108.51	20
Boolarra	5	5	90.40	20
Mirboo North	4	6	78.52	16
Stony Creek	2	8	71.46	8
Toora	1	9	35.07	4
Hill End	0	11	46.37	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Tarwin	9	1	332.28	36
Newborough	9	1	266.36	36
MDU	8	3	307.53	32
Toora	8	2	235.74	32
Yinnar	7	3	195.98	28
Fish Creek	6	4	159.34	24
Morwell East	5	5	105.13	20
Stony Creek	4	6	72.98	16
Thorpdale	4	6	69.78	16
Hill End	3	8	44.60	12
Mirboo North	2	8	47.18	8
Boolarra	1	9	23.25	4
Foster	0	10	26.96	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU	7	2	137.61	28
Mirboo North	6	3	169.36	24
Foster	6	3	140.33	24
Yinnar	5	5	116.60	20
Fish Creek/Tarwin	4	9	144.55	16
Newborough	0	8	12.81	0
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0

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MID GIPPSLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Foster 8.12.60 drew Newborough 9.6.60

Fish Creek 14.11.95 d Hill End 2.4.16

Thorpdale 12.11.83 d MDU 11.6.72

Morwell East 7.11.53 d Yinnar 6.10.46

Tarwin 18.7.115 d Stony Creek 5.5.35

Boolarra 10.7.67 d Toora 4.7.31

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Above: Jonathan McMicking goes for goal with the Sharks leading in the first quarter. Z46_2723



Above right: Jason Kennedy shows good form against Stony Creek. Z49_2723

Sharks swimming back to premiership contention

AFTER a slow start the Sharks had picked themselves up and strung together enough wins to have themselves well placed as they started to dig their teeth into the second half of the season.

All they had to do was kill off their weekend opponent in the Lions to start to "sure up" their top of the ladder position, and that's exactly what the home side did.

"We keep building momentum and cleaning up our game plan," said Troy Hemming, Tarwin coach. "Very happy

with our group! Both grades are buying in and supporting each other and I love seeing the genuine care for each other.

"I'm seeing growth in every player and it's getting more exciting every week.

"Stony tried to play a good brand but I think turnovers hurt them a bit today.

"Credit to Chris and Brownly for pushing them to keep putting in effort and play a good brand."

It was a disappointing day for the Lions, who in recent weeks and even months had

put up much better performances than what they did on the weekend.

"We have gone away from playing that confident game style that was able to match it with the best sides," said Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach.

"Skill errors and poor decisions let us down and made it easy for Tarwin to score on the turnover. "The challenge is to keep the group believing that if we take risks and take the game on we can play it on our terms. Confidence and

mindset go a long way in how we play and at the moment we are searching for it.

"We will take on Boolarra at home next week. Another game that will be a good test for us and hopefully we can get back to playing the footy I know we can play."

Stony Creek is better than what their ladder position of ninth, just a game clear of 12th shows.

But the facts are the facts, and the opportunities to climb further up the table are quickly running out.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND
11

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

115 **35**

TARWIN

STONY CREEK

Tarwin 5.4 9.5 14.7 18.7 (115)
Stony Creek 1.0 4.2 4.3 5.5 (35)

GOALS, Tarwin: Taj Patterson, Jamie Cann 4, Ben Ellen 3, Matthew Williams 2, Travis Cameron, Tom Vanderkolk, Timothy Gedye, Daniel Houston, Royce Patterson 1 each.

BEST: Ben Ellen, Matthew Williams, Kaj Patterson, Travis Cameron, Tom Vanderkolk, Jamie Cann.

GOALS, Stony Creek: Colby Michael, Matthew Portelli 2, Jacob Byrnes 1.

BEST: Matthew Portelli, Hayden Bull, Ash Zuidema, Mitchell J Rowe, Tully Bernaldo, Anthony Dyke.

RESERVES

Tarwin 3.2 6.3 7.6 11.8 (74)
Stony Creek 2.1 5.1 5.3 6.3 (39)

GOALS, Tarwin: Todd Lomax 3, Jayden Best 2, Dale Lawton, John Kilsby, Ethan Senior, Nick Tucker, Cooper Scott, Tomi Brosnan 1 each.

BEST: Todd Lomax, David Leggo, Jayden Best, Dale Lawton, William Blundy, Ethan Senio.

GOALS, Stony Creek: Glenn Gray 2, John Phillips, Jarrad Byrnes, Thomas Horsburgh, Nick Svenson 1 each.

BEST: Nick Svenson, Glenn Gray, Tyson Davies, Darcy Loughridge, Rohan Baudinette, Thomas Horsburgh.

MIRBOO North returns from the bye this Saturday when it hosts Hill End at Tigerland.

The mighty Tigers are holding their seventh annual Indigenous Round as part of this year's NAIDOC Week that runs from July 2-9.

The 2023 theme is "For Our Elders" and a Welcome to Country will take place prior to the senior football and A Grade netball game, that

By Rover

recognises past, present and emerging traditional owners.

Thirds:

Mirboo North 7.12.54 d MDU 2.8.20

Reigning premier, Mirboo North, led at every change to down league leader, MDU, by 34 points in wet and muddy conditions at Meeniyan on Saturday.

Mirboo North is now on top of the Mid Gippsland ladder with seven wins, ahead of Foster and MDU on percentage.

The mighty Tigers' Max Woodall was the leading goal shooter in the match with three majors.

Other prominent players for Mirboo North were Jack Jagusch, Blake Peters, Ollie Mahoney, Sam Bradley and Jesse Chila.

Rylie Checkley and Timothy

Hibberson each kicked a goal for MDU.

Mirboo North travels to Newborough this Saturday to tackle the Bulldogs.

MN Goals: M Woodall 3, J Conlan 2, N Bradley, H Austin
MN Best: J Jagusch, M Woodall, B Peters, O Mahoney, S Bradley, J Chila

MDU Goals: R Checkley, T Hibberson
MDU Best: B Wemyss, J Doolan, J Lacey, B Sellings, L Duvoisin, A Casey.



Under pressure from his Neerim South opponents, Travis Stewart finds space in Nyora's forward line.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS **RND 13**

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

162 **14**

NEERIM SOUTH **NYORA**

Neerim South	2.5	11.9	14.14	24.18 (162)
Nyora	1.1	2.1	2.2	2.2 (14)

GOALS, Neerim South: Kody Wilson, Lacvhan Bambridge 5, Chris Urie, Luke Kinder 4, Issac Fuller 3, Ayden Ramm, Matthew Edwards, Adam White 1 each.

BEST: Kody Wilson, Thomas Crole, Lachlan Bambridge, Marko Kulas, Dean Stringer, Nathan Bayne.

GOALS, Nyora: Scott Pugh, Travis Stewart 1 each.

BEST: Jordan Anderson, Connor Thompson, Dylan Heylen, Jesse Heylen, Connor Jester, Finlay Cousins.

RESERVES

Neerim South	4.3	10.9	12.13	15.16 (106)
Nyora	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3 (9)

GOALS, Neerim South: Eddie McGillivray 4, Declan Bagot, Fletcher Robertson-Edgar, Nicholas Caddy 2, Tom Gill, Lachlan Smith, Benjamin Lockett, Ethan Busse, Jack Erickson 1 each.

BEST: Fletcher Robertson-Edgar, Eddie McGillivray, Ethan Busse, Tom Gill, Riley Ferguson, Lachlan Smith.

GOALS, Nyora: No goal scorers listed.

BEST: No players selected.

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Lang Lang	11.11.77	d	Yarragon	4.10.34
Trafalgar	12.15.87	d	N-Darnum	3.4.22
Longwarry	16.19.115	d	Catani	7.11.53
Ellinbank	4.1.25	d	Buln Buln	3.6.24

RESERVES

Lang Lang	12.10.82	d	Yarragon	2.6.18
Trafalgar	10.9.69	d	N-Darnum	0.0.0
Catani	11.18.84	d	Longwarry	4.3.27
Buln Buln	3.3.21	d	Ellinbank	2.6.18

THIRDS

Yarragon	7.12.54	d	Lang Lang	7.5.47
Buln Buln	3.8.26	d	Ellinbank	3.3.21
Neerim South	14.7.91	d	Longwarry	6.5.41

FOURTHS

Lang Lang	5.6.36	d	Yarragon	4.4.28
Trafalgar	8.9.57	d	N-Darnum	2.3.15
Ellinbank	9.10.64	d	Buln Buln	0.1.1
Neerim South	12.12.84	d	Longwarry	4.3.27

Injuries continue to plague the Saints

By Nyora Football Club

WHAT a difference a week can make in football.

With 15 players out from the entire senior group from the games the week before against Poowong, we were always going to have our backs against the wall against a plucky Neerim South.

Reserves started the first quarter well given they were playing the top side, but only fielding 18 players fitness was always going to become an issue.

Brad Drews once again in full domi-

nation mode through the midfield, boy what a talent, look out 2024 when this bloke really gets flying with a full pre season under his belt.

Ben Pugh battled hard in the ruck all day against multiple opponents with Ash Miller slotting his first goal of the season.

Seniors were outmatched by what can only be described as a well-disciplined side that sticks to a well-coached plan.

It has been a tough year injury wise and this game was no different, not once this year have our seniors been

able to go in unchanged and that lack of continuity really showed on Saturday.

So what are the positives? More senior game time into our younger players, having the youngest senior list in the comp, playing against such strong opposition becomes the learning curve that's much needed when the desire to learn and become better is there.

Hopefully a few blokes back from injury this week against another strong opposition, the challenge of Ellinbank is another opportunity we look forward to!

Positives despite setback after loss to Frankston

PLAYING in perfect conditions at SkyBus Stadium the home side came out firing and got the jump with two quick goals via their full forward who was presenting strongly.

A third goal for the quarter put the pressure on the Breakers going into the first break.

The backline tightened up after quarter time and with the intensity lifted in the midfield the ball wasn't coming in so quick which stemmed Frankston's flow - keeping them to just one point for the quarter.

Kelly O'Neill scored the Breakers first goal and with a few good chances the visitors were back in the match.

Half time: Frankston 3.3-21 Breakers 1.1-7

An injury interrupted third quarter was a tough battle with both teams adding a goal apiece.

Tayla Tatterson set the tone with her attack on the ball with Sophie Bolding's second and third efforts helping to drive the ball forward and Jess Bolding also active on the wing.

Some magic from Immy Bradford early in the last quarter gave her a second goal and gave the Breakers some momentum.

Kelly O'Neill was dominant all over the ground and a strong pack mark and goal from goal square brought the margin back to seven points giving the Breakers a real sniff with four minutes to go.

Unfortunately time ran out to get the four points, but the Breakers will take some positives from the match.

Final score: Frankston 5.6-36 def Breakers 4.4-28

Best: K.O'Neill, S.Bolding, C.Connell, S.Poke, T.Tatterson, K.Thompson

Goals: I.Bradford 2, K.O'Neill 2

The Breakers will enjoy a week off before hosting Warragul for their last home game on Sunday, July 16 2.20pm. The match follows the Dalyston v Warragul youth girls match.

RIGHT: Tayla Tatterson gets a kick away.



ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS **ROUND 13**

SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	% WON		W	L	%	% WON	
Buln Buln	11	1	206.14	44	Neerim South	12	0	491.28	48	Neerim South	10	1	233.58	90.9	Neerim South	10	0	389.54	95.4
Ellinbank	10	2	216.70	40	Lang Lang	9	2	294.74	36	Buln Buln	9	2	216.34	81.8	Ellinbank	11	1	397.01	91.7
Trafalgar	9	3	116.99	36	Ellinbank	9	3	294.55	36	Ellinbank	8	3	251.03	72.7	Trafalgar	8	3	193.06	70.8
Neerim South	8	3	286.84	34	Buln Buln	8	4	186.81	32	Yarragon	5	6	77.83	45.4	Longwarry	7	5	99.16	58.3
Poowong	7	4	100.69	28	Catani	7	5	144.90	28	Trafalgar	4	6	64.44	40.0	Lang Lang	6	5	137.02	54.5
Longwarry	5	7	82.44	20	Trafalgar	5	7	159.77	20	Longwarry	3	7	64.65	30.0	Buln Buln	5	7	74.31	41.7
Lang Lang	5	6	82.10	20	Yarragon	5	7	68.22	20	Poowong	2	8	39.03	20.0	Yarragon	1	9	38.04	13.6
Yarragon	4	7	75.92	18	Nyora	4	8	58.20	16	Lang Lang	1	9	44.19	10.1	Neerim South	1	9	30.91	13.6
Nyora	3	9	58.10	12	Longwarry	3	9	52.48	12	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	1	11	23.69	8.3
Catani	2	10	65.98	8	Nilma Darnum	3	9	38.69	12	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	12	41.76	0	Poowong	0	11	10.88	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 8

ELLINBANK ROUND 14

Nilma Darnum v Lang Lang
Catani v Trafalgar
Buln Buln v Longwarry
Nyora v Ellinbank
Poowong v Neerim South
Yarragon - BYE

GIPPSLAND ROUND 12

Wonthaggi v Leongatha
Traralgon v Maffra
Morwell v Moe
Warragul v Drouin (Sunday, July 9)
Bairnsdale v Sale (Sunday, July 9)

MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 12

Mirboo North v Hill End
Thorpdale v Foster
Fish Creek v Morwell East
Newborough v Tarwin
Yinnar v Toora
Stony Creek v Boolarra
MDU - BYE

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 12

Bunyip v Kilcunda-Bass
Dalyston v Cora Lynn
Garfield v Kor-Bena
Nar Nar Goon v Koo Wee Rup
Phillip Island v Tooradin-Dalmore
Warragul Industrials v Inverloch-Kongwak

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Dalyston and West Gippsland's Max Connell looks for an option upfield. bInterleague01_2723

Gippsland proved too good for West Gippsland to reclaim their title at Wednesday's Gippsland Junior Interleague Carnival. bInterleague02_2723

Gippsland League back on top

MORWELL Recreation Reserve was once again the host of the Gippsland region's best talent on Wednesday when they held the annual Gippsland Junior Interleague Carnival.

The best under 18s footballers from the Mid Gippsland, Ellinbank and District, North Gippsland, West Gippsland and Gippsland leagues all converged on the home of the Tigers and the Gippsland Power.

With no football around the area this weekend, Wednesday's tournament drew plenty of eyes as the highlight of the week and the plethora of talented young men did not disappoint on the day.

With the five teams competing in a round robin format, with the team who finished atop the points table being crowned the

By Aiden Box

winner, the carnival got underway with Ellinbank District going up against North Gippsland.

The match was quite an even one with both sides having their fair share of attacking presses but Ellinbank District proving to be the more dangerous and well drilled side, opening the day with a 11-point win.

Poowong's Ben Fowler and Tom Burgess played well alongside their teammates in the light blue and orange for the win, which would be their first of two for the day as they played a competitive brand of footy to improve on their one win in the 2022 carnival and finish third overall.

Their other win was by an 11-points

margin over Mid Gippsland who went winless and finished last despite playing some inspired football at times.

Their local representatives included Max Woodall, Jesse Chila, Beau Melbourne Sam Bradley, Hayden Barnes (Mirboo North), Angus McInnes, Rylan Bell, Hunter Fennell, Jarvis Lacy (MDU), Reghan Lewis, Darby Hoskins, Leevi Lidstone, Caeleb Garlick, Jack Rathjen, Nathan Gundrill (Foster) Tom Vuillermin and Brandon Bell (Fish Creek) who all represented well, starting their day with a match against the hosts, the Gippsland League.

The Mid Gippy boys started well against the highly fancied Gippsland squad, cutting off numerous drives and scoring themselves but the fitness and overall greater skill level of the Gippsland lads

won out in the end, seeing them open their 2023 account with a 33-8 win.

Having won the last eight iterations of the Gippsland Interleague Carnival before suffering defeat to West Gippsland in 2022, Daryl Couling and the Gippsland League were on a mission, as somewhat of a 'redeem team'.

With local Leongatha trio Ben Fort, Beau Graham Andrews and Will Brown in the red, white and blue, their redemption run started beautifully with Brown and Fort playing well too.

Standing in the way of the hosts redemption was the reigning premiers West Gippsland who started shakily against North Gippsland, looking a much different side to their dominant 2022 selves.

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