



Singing donkey in town

Newhaven College's production of 'Shrek the Musical' delighted crowds at the weekend. Lucas White took on the role of Donkey at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre. See pages 18 and 34. mm191922

DIG UP

- Grantville quarry expansion approved

AFTER a hard-fought battle, Save Western Port Woodlands (SWPW) was shocked by Planning Minister Richard Wynne's decision to approve a significant expansion of a Grantville sand mine despite more than 70 objections.

On November 22, 2020, the Minister called in the application to amend the planning permit for the Grantville Quarry from Bass Coast Shire Council.

Following the approval of the amended

permit, the expansion will see a deepening of the existing and expanded extraction area to extract sand from below the groundwater level, the development of a new extraction area in the upper eastern part of the site for the extraction of coarse sand and the introduction of sand washing and dewatering processes.

"The Daniel Andrews government talks tough on protecting the environ-

ment, but it's missing in action when it comes to putting reasonable limits on a destructive industry," SWPW spokesperson Tim O'Brien said.

According to SWPW, the Minister's decision disregards the warnings in an expert report by Professor Dick Wettenhall on the risks of sand washing releasing toxic effluents into sensitive aquatic ecosystems.

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No Kiwi conflict, says Leonard

"I've investigated it and according to my reading of Section 44 of the Constitution, I don't have a problem," said Independent candidate for Monash, Deb Leonard.

Ms Leonard was at the opening of the Early Voting booths at Warragul on Monday this week when she took time out to quash claims she might have a problem taking office, if she wins the election in Monash, due to her father's New Zealand heritage.

But unlike the Nationals' Barnaby Joyce, who was ruled ineligible to retain his seat in Parliament in 2017, Ms Leonard has age on her side.

"I've looked into it and I'm fine," said Ms Leonard this week.

"According to New Zealand law, anyone born overseas to a New Zealand father between 1949 and 1978 is considered a 'citizen by descent' but I was born in Australia, at Prahran, in 1980."

Section 44 of the Constitution sets out restrictions on who can be a candidate for Australian Parliament. In full, it reads:

"44. Any person who (i.) Is under any acknowledgement of allegiance, obedience, or adherence to a foreign power, or is a subject or a citizen or entitled to the rights or privileges of a subject or citizen of a for-



Independent candidate for Monash, Deb Leonard, has brushed off claims she might have an eligibility problem due to her father's New Zealand heritage and was getting on with the job of getting elected at the Warragul Early Voting Centre on Monday this week, with help from local supporter Ian Urquhart.

eign power... shall be incapable of being chosen or of sitting as a senator or a member of the House of Representatives."

However, while the High Court ruled the in between dates in New Zealand law were a problem for Mr Joyce, they're not a problem for Ms Leonard. "I didn't get an official ruling on it but I'm pretty confident about my reading of Section 44," said Ms Leonard, a Gippsland lawyer.

Ms Leonard said the issue

had been raised in an article in a Melbourne newspaper, however while they claimed she had refused to comment, Ms Leonard said she hadn't even been contacted by the newspaper in question.

"It's been nothing but a positive campaign. I've had plenty of good feedback and been able to raise the profile of issues that are important to local people."

Among her policies are the following:

Aged care: "The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety report made a number of recommendations, but to date, none have been implemented. I support implementation of all recommendations of the Royal Commission, to ensure high quality care to residents, and support and retain good staff in the industry. Much of the older community have given me feedback about the 'Indue Card' - people who have worked their whole life and always managed their own finances should not be punished with this restrictive card."

Climate change: "Climate change action needs to happen today. Our children and grandchildren will be paying the high price in the future, not just in money, but with their livelihoods if we fail to turn things around now. We need urgent, science based, climate action. We don't have to choose between environment and economy - each can coexist and improve the other."

Ms Leonard's policy statements are all available on her website at debleonard-4monash.com.au.

Ms Leonard has not put out a numbered 'how to vote' card and is instead encouraging voters to list their own preferences by numbering every square on the ballot paper.



True to her word, Independent Deb Leonard is not providing voting preference suggestions to her supporters.

Preferences confirm only two can win

IF LABOR'S candidate in Monash, Jessica O'Donnell, doesn't win, she hopes Greens candidate Mat Morgan comes through or Phillip Island Independent Deb Leonard.

If Russell Broadbent doesn't win, he'd like to see Jessica O'Donnell get his votes ahead of Ms Leonard, who he has put last, presumably following party rules where so-called 'Teal' candidates are concerned.

Although Ms Leonard isn't strictly a 'Teal' candidate, not a funded Climate 200 candidate anyway, she has been recommended by them on their website.

Ms Leonard has been true to her word and is not providing voters with 'how to vote' recommendations.

If she doesn't win, after receiving a supporter's 'Number 1' preference, she's leaving it up to the voters to make their own decision.

So, what does it all mean? As the voters lined up at Early Voting Centres for the first time across the electorate of Monash on Monday this week, the ALP's Jessica O'Donnell and the Liberals' Russell Broadbent, are the front-runners.

Ms Leonard is only an outside chance, made all the more unlikely by Labor's improved showing in the polls and Mr Broadbent's decision to put her last on his how to vote card.

Neither the Labor nor the Liberal candidate are likely to need to distribute their own preferences, however, so it still comes down to a race between Mr Broadbent and Ms O'Donnell.

South Gippsland continues funding advocacy

AS WE head into the federal election in less than two weeks, with a state government election set for later this year, South Gippsland Shire Council continues to prioritise projects for which funding is required so it will be well-placed to advocate for government financial assistance.

Council is also developing its first Advocacy Strategy to be presented at its June meeting and continues to work on a revised Advocacy Priority List.

The current draft Council Plan 2022-26 outlines a number of advocacy priorities.

Roads are a major focus, with the aim of improving the condition and safety of sealed and gravel roads.

South Gippsland Shire Council intends to call on the federal and state governments to continue to deliver a local road blackspot treatment and prevention program, expand the current Rural Roads Support package and reinstate the Fix-

ing Country Roads program to assist councils to improve the current state of their local roads. As well as boosting safety, fixing country roads will enhance the connectivity, reliability, and efficiency of regional communities.

Digital connectivity is also identified as important, with council saying that "connectivity, including better access to reliable internet and telephone service, featured in recent community feedback".

Therefore, the draft Council Plan 2022-26 makes it a priority to "advocate for whole of shire digital telecommunication coverage and emergency back-up planning".

Expansion of the federal government's Mobile Black Spot Program, and fair and equitable access to the NBN across regional Victoria are expected to be key focuses of council's advocacy efforts.

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Retirement party in Loch

LOCH Primary School is hosting a retirement party for Chris Massaro on Friday, May 13, from 6.30pm at the school.

Chris has been at the school for more than 25 years.

Everyone is welcome. RSVP to Loch Primary School on 5659 4254.

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Stolen car found burnt out

A MAZDA BT50 utility was stolen from a business in Leongatha at about 5.37am on May 3.

Initial investigations suggest the offender/s attended the premises and rummaged through multiple vehicles before stealing the black Mazda BT50.

Investigators believe the vehicle was driven through the front gates of the business while

fleeing and would have sustained front-end damage.

The vehicle was located burnt out later that morning in parkland at the end of Chisholm Road in Wonthaggi.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a report online at crimestoppersvic.com.au.

Be prepared for emergencies

VICTORIA Police, in partnership with South Gippsland Shire Council, emergency services and support agencies, are running a Community Emergency Management Engagement Session this weekend in Venus Bay.

The session will provide the community with information on local emergency risks, what different emergency agencies do and how the community can best prepare for emergency events.

There will also be an opportunity to learn more about how to develop an emergency plan for you, your family and your pets.

When: Saturday May 14, 2022. Time: 10am – 12pm.

Where: Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club (Club House).

No plan for blanket speed reduction

THERE are no plans in place to introduce a statewide 80km/h speed limit on country roads, a government spokesperson has confirmed.

The Department of Transport continuously monitors speed limits across the road network, along with local councils, to ensure set limits are appropriate while also assessing whether future improvements may be needed.

“Local councils may request to introduce a speed limit change on local roads; however, these are assessed on a case-by-case basis and take into consideration a number of factors.”

Factors include types of road users, the surrounding road

environment, crash risk and history, council recommendation, community sentiment and traffic volumes.

“Roads may require a temporary reduction in speed when works are underway to ensure the safety of crews and drivers.”

This can be frustrating for drivers but necessary to ensure safety.

Biggest Morning Tea in Inverloch

INVERLOCH will host a ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ for cancer research in 2022.

The event will be held at the Anglican Church in Inverloch on May 18 from 10am to noon.

Entry is \$10, which includes a chance to win one of the door prizes.

There will be a guest speaker from Bass Coast Health.

Another tea in Inverloch

CHECK out one of the many Biggest Morning Tea events being held around Australia in Inverloch on Thursday, May 19.

The tea will kick off at 10am at Deery Consulting, 1/54 Dixon Street.

Entry is a \$20 donation per person.

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Turbines to power tip

MICRO turbines to be developed at Grantville’s landfill facility will be used to generate electricity by capturing landfill gas.

Funding of \$1.6m for the project was revealed in Bass Coast Shire’s Draft Budget 2022-23 as part of its Capital Works program.

According to council, the turbines will power the Grantville Transfer Station and landfill site by producing electricity and will replace the current diesel generators and grid electricity.

“The turbine project will capture further value from the landfill gas by generating electricity as the gas is burned,” Bass Coast Shire’s CEO Ali Wastie said.

“Any excess gas that cannot

be burned through the turbines will continue to be burned via the landfill gas flare to minimise greenhouse impacts.

“The supply of landfill gas is expected to be available for up to 30 years, as existing landfill material and future contributions slowly break down within the landfill cells.”

Ms Wastie said the project was part of council’s commitment to reach net-zero emissions by 2030.

“Making better use of landfill gas, which is mostly methane, to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and grid electricity will make an important contribution to that target,” she said.

“By burning the methane in a landfill gas flare, we are already minimising this impact, as required by the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA).”

All gain, no pain for property sellers

The latest ‘Pain & Gain’ report, by Australia’s leading provider of property data and analytics, show’s Regional Australia’s purple property patch continued in the final three months of last year.

The report revealed that a higher proportion of vendors in regional areas reaped a profit from the sale of their property compared to their capital city counterparts.

CoreLogic’s latest Pain & Gain Report shows 93.8% of resales made at least a nominal gain, up from 92.4% in the previous quarter, for a total nominal profit of \$38 billion.

This marks six consecutive quarters of increases in the rate of profitability from regional sales, starting from the September quarter of 2020, when Australia’s housing market began an extraordinary uplift in value.

The coastal regions with the highest proportion of profitability were Geelong in Victoria and the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, which each saw 99.5% of resales achieve nominal gain.



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Early voting starts in Wonthaggi, not Leongatha

EARLY voting in the 2022 Federal Election started on Monday, May 9, but you'd have to ask why are there two early voting centres in Bass Coast and none in South Gippsland? If you live in South Gippsland, and you need to vote early, you'll have to go to Wonthaggi or Cowes, travel across to Warragul or Morwell, or vote in Pakenham on the way to Melbourne.

It's simply not good enough. On election day, Saturday, May 21, you'll be able to vote at all the usual polling places locally, but early voting options are limited.

In fact, there are only 500 early voting centres in operation across Australia during the two weeks before election day, May 21.

Locally, you can post an early vote at the following locations:

- Wonthaggi Senior Citizens Centre, 46-50 Murray St, Wonthaggi. Opening hours: Monday, May 9 to Friday, May 13: 8.30am-5.30pm. Saturday, May 14: 9am-4pm. Monday, May 16 to Thursday, May 19: 8.30am-5.30pm. Friday, May 20: 8.30am-6pm.
 - Cowes St Philips Anglican Church Hall, 102-110 Thompson Ave, Cowes. Opening hours: Monday, May 16 to Thursday, May 19: 8.30am-5.30pm. Friday, May 20: 8.30am-6pm.
- Also at:
- St Paul's Old Year 9 Centre, 57 Sutton St, Warragul.
 - Moe Bowling Club, Cnr Savages Rd and Waterloo Rd, Moe.
 - Morwell Senior Citizens Centre, 2-4 Maryvale Cres, Morwell.



Greens candidate Mat Morgan of Foster joins the supporters of the other candidates in the electorate of Monash, handing out 'how to vote' cards at the Early Voting Centre in Wonthaggi this week.

- Uniting Church Hall, 47 James St, Pakenham.

COVID safety measures

Dedicated AEC hygiene officers will be regularly sanitising surfaces and pencils at all AEC early voting centres. Social distancing will be in force with equipment spaced out, markers and other signage providing guidance, and queue-controlling staff offering support.

AEC staff will be wearing masks and other personal protective equipment as required.

Voters do not need to be vaccinated to attend a voting centre. Campaign activities (including handing out how-to-vote cards) can occur, in line with local health directions and electoral laws.

Socially distanced queuing, venue capacity limits and required sanitising arrangements will undoubtedly slow down the voting process and Electoral Commissioner Tom Rogers has asked for patience.

"Nobody likes to wait, and we work hard on minimising queues for Australian voters as much as possible," Mr Rogers said.

"The fact is that when you run an in-person process to the scale of a federal election where people effectively choose when and where they attend, and then you add COVID safety on top, you simply cannot prevent all queues."

He also reminded voters to be courteous to AEC polling officials who he said were ev-

eryday Australians drawn from the local community.

Candidates

The candidates in Monash (in ballot paper order) are as follows:

1. Mat MORGAN (Greens).
2. Russell BROADBENT (Liberal Party).
3. Deb LEONARD (Independent).
4. Allan HICKEN (Pauline Hanson's One Nation).
5. David Matthew WELSH (Australian Federation Party).
6. Jessica O'DONNELL (Australian Labor Party).
7. Meg EDWARDS (Liberal Democratic Party).
8. Christine Ann McSHANE (United Australia Party).

Roadworks an election issue in Wonthaggi

ROADWORKS have been an issue during the campaign, but they're also posing a problem during the democratic process as well, at least in the vicinity of the Wonthaggi Early Voting Centre.

Early Voting started at the

Wonthaggi Senior Citizens Centre, 46-50 Murray St, Wonthaggi, on Monday this week, and will continue there, Monday to Saturday, for the next two weeks up until Voting Day on Saturday, May 21.

But the continuation of road-

works in the area has reduced the number of people able to get in and vote, or so we have been told by those handing out 'how to vote' cards.

Among them at the Wonthaggi booth on Monday was Greens candidate Mat Morgan of Foster.

"I'll be here most days, come and have a chat," said Mr Morgan.

It'll be a marathon effort for the local Greens' man but he says it can make all the difference if you're actually asking people to vote for you yourself, he said.

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



OUR coastline is disappearing and while Council is doing what it can to protect vulnerable areas, we are urgently seeking \$12 million to address this incredibly serious issue. The Federal election campaign is in full swing, yet climate change is being largely ignored. When speaking to the Monash candidates it is important to raise the issue of coastal erosion right here in Bass Coast. We have declared a climate emergency and no matter who forms government after this election, we desperately need more Federal Government focus on climate change in general and in particular coastal erosion.

The State Government released its Budget recently and provided \$17 million for the whole of the State that includes a commitment to complete the Cape to Cape Resilience project. However, we are seeking an immediate commitment to urgent coastal work in Inverloch and a commitment now to the cost of longer term works that the Cape to Cape project will identify to protect that coastline.

We need serious commitment from both levels of government, climate change adaptation works are beyond the resources of Local Government ratepayers and so far our work has been to protect beaches that are State Government assets.

Work will soon start on the construction of a 70-metre-long rock bag seawall along the foreshore at Inverloch, to protect the picnic and barbecue area located at the end of Pymble Avenue. This will be the first time that a rock bag

seawall has been used in Victoria, and this innovation has been proven to be a robust and effective solution, while offering the flexibility of removal and/or relocation if needed. By constructing a removable structure, as opposed to a fixed seawall, this will allow for the completion of the current Cape to Cape Resilience Project. We will continue our proactive stance on erosion on behalf of our community.

Last Tuesday, 30 young people came together to participate in the Bass Coast Young Leaders Workshop, held at The Nobbies on Phillip Island. The young people from Grade 6 and Year 11 were identified through their schools to participate in the workshop. It was inspiring to see these incredibly articulate and passionate young leaders working together with Council, on creating a future that puts their needs at the forefront. The students worked with the session facilitator and Council Officers to identify different ways that Council can engage more effectively with young people about issues that are important to them. Along with Deputy Mayor Cr Leticia Laing, I spent some time talking to the students over the lunch break and it was clear from these discussions that the future of Bass Coast will be in good hands. The feedback gathered from the workshop will help Council develop a Youth Participation Strategy, which will enable young people to have a regular and meaningful influence over community projects and programs that affect them.

Grantville quarry expansion approved

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The organisation is also concerned by the additional truck numbers and movements, as it could increase dust levels and impact on residents.

Mr O'Brien said the Dandy Premix decision was an indication of the government's determination that nothing should be permitted to obstruct sand mining, even in the Bass Coast Distinctive Area and Landscape.

"It seems like this cossetted industry is more valuable than not just the environment but also Bass Coast's much more economically beneficial tourism industry and even residents themselves," he said.

"The Planning Minister is supposed to weigh up a balance for the community between development and the environment and social issues."

Government response

According to the state government, the amended planning permit includes requirements for Dandy Premix to secure conservation and rehabilitation obligations and to commit to offset arrangements through the preparation and approval of an Offset Management Plan, revegetation programs, and end-of-life rehabilitation in consultation with the local community.

The government added that before any work can commence, the quarry operator must now address the conditions set in the Minister's approval and seek approval from the Earth Resources Regulator for a final Work Plan.

"The Minister for Planning approved the amended permit for the Dandy premix Quarry at Grantville following a review by a planning panel," Victorian Government spokesperson said.

"The final approval was shaped by the community feedback, with protections in place to ensure we can maintain access to these vital resources without compromising the environment."

The quarry has large sand resources, is within the Melbourne Supply Area Extractive Industry Interest Area and is on the current Extractive Industry Priority Project List.

Government ignored us, says shire

BASS Coast Shire Council last week said it was disappointed the extension of a controversial sand mine in Grantville would go ahead.

According to the shire, a planning permit application from Dandy Premix to extend their operations into the Biolinks area of the Western Port Woodlands, and to mine under the water table, was called in by the state government back in November 2020.

This effectively removed the decision from council's hands.



Save Western Port Woodlands members, including Catherine Watson, Neil Rankine and Ed Thexton, were left bitterly disappointed after discovering a planning permit to expand the Grantville sand mine was approved by the Planning Minister Richard Wynne.

Last week, Planning Minister Richard Wynne announced he would approve the application.

As part of the planning permit conditions, Dandy Premix can clear an additional 13 hectares of bushland to extend its operations, council said.

The company will increase truck movements from 120 to 240 a day and operate for longer hours, council said.

The company will also be allowed to install traffic lights on the Bass Highway at the entrance of the quarry site.

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said it was devastating to see the state government's decision has seemingly ignored the concerns of both council and the community around the expansion.

"This decision runs counter to the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes

objective of revegetation and protecting native vegetation," Cr Whelan said.

"Council made a point to refer Minister Wynne to the Wettenhall Report, as it expressed concerns that toxic material would leach into Westernport – this also appears to have been disregarded in this decision.

"The environment is our economy in Bass Coast, however, this decision by the state government shows that it does not put the same value on the environment as it does on the economy, which is incredibly concerning."

The permit conditions specifically mention some plans that must be completed, including Biodiversity Assessment Report, Offset Management Plan, Biodiversity and Vegetation Management Plan and Species Protection Management Plan.

Council Update



Council Meeting 18 May

Council's next meeting will be held at 1.00pm, Wednesday, 18 May 2022 in the Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi. In the interest of community health and safety, the Council Chamber will open to the public by RSVP only.

Please RSVP at c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au. The meeting will also be livestreamed at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings.

The agenda will be released on Council's website on Friday, 13 May at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/meetings. There is an opportunity during the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question please submit your questions in writing no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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PAUL GRUTT

Settlement blow for Bald Hills' neighbours

THERE'S been a sensational, final twist in the Supreme Court action being brought by two former neighbours of the Bald Hills Wind Farm (BHWF) at Tarwin Lower, John Zakula and Noel Uren.

While the decision handed down by Justice Richards on March 25, 2022 stands, that BHWF Pty Ltd is continuing to allow its 52 noisy wind turbines to create a disturbance, especially at night, the plaintiffs have otherwise settled their differences out of court.

The confidential settlement is believed to include an agreement that Bald Hills Wind Farm Pty Ltd will pay most if not all of the costs in the case while also increasing the compensation to be paid to Mr Zakula and Mr Uren, including an agreement to purchase Mr Zakula's dream retirement property at Tarwin Lower.

But where that leaves the other neighbours of the wind farm, who it has been reported, are still suffering from the interference caused by the noisy turbines, is anyone's guess.

The injunction slapped on the wind farm operators by Ms Richards specifically addressed only Mr Zakula's concerns.

"Bald Hills will be restrained from continuing to permit noise from wind turbines on the wind farm to cause a nuisance at Mr Zakula's house at night, and will be required to take necessary measures to abate the nuisance."



As well as finding that BHWF Pty Ltd had failed to demonstrate that its facility was operating in compliance with the conditions of its planning permit, Justice Richards was also scathing in her remarks about how Bald Hills had dealt with the legitimate complaints of the neighbours, and also how they had failed to fix the faulty gearboxes.

"Bald Hills never responded to either man's complaints by trying to reduce wind turbine noise at their homes. Rather, it denied that they had any cause for complaint, minimised their lived experience of the noise, and treated them as hypersensitive trouble-

makers. In 2017, it accepted and relied on MDA's patently absurd conclusions that it was quieter at both properties after the wind farm started operating.

"The evidence of both Mr Zakula and Mr Uren left me in no doubt that, over time, they found the lack of any remedial action by Bald Hills to be frustrating and deeply discouraging. I accept that this compounded the effect of the noise nuisance that intermittently kept them awake at night."

Justice Richards said Bald Hills' poor response to these legitimate complaints compounded their failure to fix an

obvious problem.

"I remain troubled by Bald Hills' failure to fix the gearbox tonality issue first identified in the MDA December 2016 report, considered against the way in which it responded to the plaintiffs' noise complaints."

The remaining neighbours, some of whom reached earlier settlements with BHWF Pty Ltd, in the absence of potentially crucial information such as the liquidated damages payment of \$11.7 million for "gearbox tonality issues", fear they might ultimately have to take the matter back to court if the noise continues to cause a nuisance.

Forum to deliver business insight

BASS Coast Shire Council is hosting its first in-person Developing Bass Coast Forum since 2019.

Bernard Salt will be presenting at the forum, famous for references to 'smashed avocado' and identifying and tagging new tribes and social behaviours such as the "Seachange Shift" and the "Goats Cheese Curtain".

The forum provides an opportunity for business leaders to understand the key trends shaping Bass Coast in the years to come.

The event is being held on Tuesday, May 17, from 7.30am to 9.30am in the Bayview Room at Silverwater Resort in San Remo. Tickets, which include breakfast, are \$20 each and can be booked online at developing-bass-coast.eventbrite.com.au.

NAPLAN begins today

THE annual NAPLAN assessment begins today (Tuesday, May 10), with 1.2 million students set to take the test in more than 9500 schools and campuses across Australia.

This year marks the final year of transition to online testing, with all schools across Australia now participating in NAPLAN tests online.

"NAPLAN online is a better, more precise assessment that is more engaging for students," Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Report Authority CEO, David de Carvalho, said.

Mr de Carvalho said NAPLAN was entering a new era, with 2022 being the first year all schools will take the test online and the last year that the test will take place in May.

Have you had an unexpected medical issue after-hours?



If it's not an emergency and you don't need to go to hospital but still require medical advice, there's help available.

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Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale (front) and Kilcunda Community Association president Andrea Bolch (front, right) were joined by thrilled residents to welcome funding of almost \$8m for upgrades along Bass Highway. ns031922

Kilcunda welcomes \$7.8m for road improvements

AFTER years of campaigning, the Kilcunda community was rejoicing over news that almost \$8m has been allocated for improvements along the town's section of the Bass Highway.

Funding of \$7.8m was announced in the State Budget last week, with the project to include pedestrian-operated traffic signals, pedestrian refuges and dedicated turning lanes at key locations.

As the town's popularity continues to grow, tourists and residents for years have had to cross the highway without any traffic measures in place.

And, according to Regional Roads Victoria (RRV), the average daily traffic volume from Anderson to Inverloch is expected to exceed 19,000 vehicles.

Improvements from west of Kilcunda Ridge Road to Ridgeway Road were identified as a priority by the community during 2017 and early 2018.

Key issues identified were a lack of crossing opportunities along the Bass Highway, increasing the safety risk for vulnerable road users, as well as the service lane and associated parking facilities presenting a hazard to highway traffic.

Last week, almost a dozen Kilcunda residents gathered to welcome the funding with

By Nick Sinis

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, with Kilcunda Community Association president Andrea Bolch saying they were thrilled the project finally received funding.

"Our community and all the visitors to our town have taken their life in their hands to cross the highway for too many years," she said.

"The substantial increase in traffic in recent years has exacerbated the situation, making it absolutely essential that we get a crossing installed.

"It's not too dramatic to say that this will save lives.

"Generations of Kilcundians have been advocating to upgrade the road, which includes a pedestrian crossing, several safe crossing areas at either end of the town, proper turning lanes and hugely improved parking areas to stop people driving straight out into the traffic."

Ms Bolch added it had been almost 17 years of advocating and lobbying by residents, and thanked Ms Crugnale, Bass Coast Shire Council and all community members who made the upgrades possible.

Other proposed upgrades identified by RRV included:

- Increased car parking from 29 informal car parks to 39 formalised car parks.

- Dedicated left and right-turn lanes into the caravan park/holiday retreat entrance to improve safety and access for tourists.
- New concrete footpath connecting the proposed pedestrian-operated traffic signals facility with the Bass Coast Rail Trail.
- Pedestrian refuge on the Bass Highway at Bass Coast Rail Trail crossing point.
- New bus stop facilities on the south side of the Bass Highway.

Budget boasts more than \$10m for Bass Coast

BASS Coast is set to benefit from around \$12m in funding for various projects as part of the 2022-23 State Budget.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale announced the following projects to receive funding:

- Bass Coast Specialist School: \$1.93 million. The school will receive at least \$1.934 million to upgrade and modernise the school, including new permanent facilities.
- VicCoasts - Building a safer, healthier and more resilient marine and coastal environment for the community: \$16.90 million. This will fund statewide coastal

projects (on-ground works and maintenance), land management policy (partnering with Traditional Owners), marine spatial planning and marine biodiversity.

- Yallock-Bulluk Marine Coastal Park Stage 2: \$1 million. Works to enhance core visitor facilities such as viewing lookouts, park furniture and car-parking in priority locations including the trailheads where people start their walk or ride, such as at Inverloch.

"It's an exciting day for our community seeing many key projects getting the attention they deserve," Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said.

"On the important issue on erosion, we'll see our commitment to the Cape To Cape Resilience project continue through the Victorian Coasts funding program which is all about building a safer, healthier and more resilient and coastal environment for the community.

"I was proud to call principal Robert Sands from our Bass Coast Specialist School to tell him they will receive \$1.93 million to upgrade and modernise the school, including new permanent facilities to ensure these students have the facilities they need to thrive."

Residents' advocacy pays off

By Nick Sinis

RESIDENTS of Kilcunda's Mabilia Estate achieved a decisive victory after petitioning against a new car park to be established at the estate.

As part of the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park final Access and Infrastructure Plan, a small car park would have been developed at the end of Shanty Lane within the estate.

Upon discovering the project, a number of residents became concerned the estate would not be able to cope with an influx of tourists and vehicles.

As a result, a petition with 123 signatures was presented to Bass Coast Shire earlier this year and received strong support, eventually leading Parks Victoria to abandon the project.

Key concerns identified in the petition included increased traffic risk, impact on local fauna and traffic congestion.

Stewart Gill was one of the residents who strongly campaigned against the development, as it was not identified in the draft Access and Infrastructure Plan of the coastal park.

"I think the change was well-intentioned, but it failed to take into account a range of issues," Mr Gill said. "It certainly didn't seem to be an outcome we would think was in the estate's best interest."

Mr Gill said residents were extremely pleased with the outcome, as the car park had already been approved by the relevant Minister and government authorities involved.

"Their idea was to formalise what currently exists, which is just an informal car park on the side of the road at Shanty Lane. This is not an area for a public car park... the road is very narrow and its gravel."

Mr Gill also thanked the shire's councillors and local MP Jordan Crugnale for their support.

Funding welcomed for women's health services

GIPPSLAND Women's Health (GWH) celebrated the Victorian Budget announcement that there would be an additional \$19.4 million for the 12 Victorian women's health services over the next two years.

Kate Graham, Gippsland Women's Health CEO, said: "The women of Gippsland have borne the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic on the back of multiple climate change disasters and this funding will enable us to continue to reach more women across the region and to partner with key stakeholders.

"Gippsland Women's Health are thrilled with this funding commitment and we welcome the opportunity to escalate our capacity with a range of organisations within Victoria's public health system. This funding better enables us to work with key stakeholders including Gippsland Region Public Health Unit and community health services to build on and further strengthen local capacity so that the women of Gippsland have equal access and improved health and safety outcomes."



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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Not Long Left to Have Your Say!

We have been receiving great feedback from our community about our Draft Integrated Plans. There have been 10 engagement sessions so far, with more to come. Our Councillors and Council staff have thoroughly enjoyed seeing you and hearing your thoughts on our draft plans, where you think the gaps are and what you think we have done right.

The time to get involved isn't over yet, and we still need more of you to come along and make your voice heard on these important plans for the short-, medium- and long-term success of South Gippsland Shire.

Here is a list of upcoming events:

- **NEW DATE – Friday 13 May:** Pop-up at Victorian Livestock Exchange Cattle Sale, Koonwarra Saleyards.
- **Saturday 14 May:** Pop-up at Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival.

To view the draft plans, summary pages, provide your feedback and view more details about the engagement events, please visit:
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| Poowong Library | 13 May | 2.00pm - 4.00pm |
| Foster Library | 19 May | 10.30am - 12.30pm |
| Korumburra Library | 20 May | 10.30am - 12.30pm |
| Leongatha Library | 24 May | 5.30pm - 7.00pm |

What to bring: Smart Phone or Tablet, Apple ID or Google Play passwords, pen.

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COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 18 May 2022, 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website:

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

If you cannot attend the 'open' component of the Council Meeting in person, you can access a live stream through Council's website:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

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

Please contact the Governance team for questions about Council Meetings.

COUNCIL MAIL-OUT

Council is doing a mail-out to just over 5,000 properties to ensure contact details are up to date. If you get a letter, please complete it and send it back to us.

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There are a range of apps available to keep you informed in times of an emergency. How do you make sense of them all?

To help, South Gippsland Shire Council's Emergency Management team have organised some sessions at local libraries throughout May. To book your place, please visit your local library or Eventbrite by searching for 'Get Techy Get Ready': www.eventbrite.com.au

WORKS THIS WEEK

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

REQUEST FOR TENDER

Council is seeking submissions from qualified companies/applicants for the following:

RFT/324 Leongatha Municipal Office Refurbishment

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 31 May 2022. Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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\$3.6m boost for Specialist School

THERE was a \$3.6 million surprise in the recent State Budget for Leongatha's South Gippsland Specialist School (SGSS), with principal Heather Braden delighted to hear the news.

"We're hoping to create a new building for our students with high needs," Heather said.

She said the exciting news "came out of the blue".

The school's student numbers have doubled over about the last 10 years, with three portable buildings now on site.

Heather envisages the possibility of creating a sensory garden incorporating a range of textures such as sand and water.

She is also interested in investigating the prospect of establishing a Snoezelen multi-sensory environment.

"Snoezelen can aid learning, help to relax an agitated person or stimulate someone who has sensory processing disorders," a Snoezelen products supplier states.

Snoezelen rooms are specially designed to deliver stimuli to various senses, using means such as lighting effects, colour, sounds, music, and scents.

The approach had its origins in the 1970s, with two Dutch therapists experimenting with a sensory tent.

Their goal was to increase enjoyment and sensory experience for those with intellectual disabilities.

Soon after, the term Snoezelen



Robbie and Damien with South Gippsland Specialist School principal Heather Braden. A05_1922

was coined, being a contraction of the Dutch verbs 'snuffelen' (to seek and explore) and 'doezelen' (to relax).

The establishment of an independent living skills centre is another idea that has been raised.

A couple of SGSS students the Sentinel-Times chatted to have their own thoughts on what they would like to see some of the newly announced funding go towards.

Senior student Sky would love more play equipment installed, including a monkey bar and a trampoline, along with a pull-up bar and

a basketball ring.

Middle school pupil Tyler is also keen on getting play equipment, particularly a spider swing.

Being a keen rider, he'd also take to a bike track, saying jumps would be a great inclusion.

SGSS is one of 36 Victorian special schools to be allocated funding for upgrades in the latest Victorian Budget.

"They're saying that we will receive at least \$3.682 million to upgrade and modernise the school, including new permanent facilities," Heather said.

More for road maintenance: MP

MEMBER for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien found a few positives in the recently announced Victorian Budget for 2022-23, but criticised a decrease in road maintenance spending.

He said it was disappointing to see the Victoria-wide road maintenance budget cut again this year on top of a 25 per cent reduction last year.

The 2022-23 road maintenance spending target is listed in the budget papers as \$592.7 million, compared to a target of \$616.9 million in the 2021-22 budget. In 2020-21, the actual spending figure for road maintenance was \$822.5 million.

The latest budget papers note the reduction in intended road

maintenance spending.

"The lower 2022-23 target reflects prioritisation of additional investment into road restoration and renewal activity," it is stated, indicating that is treated as 'asset funding' and listed separately in the budget papers.

Mr O'Brien said no amount of spin could change the reality of what Gippslanders were seeing on the ground.

In addition to his frustrations with maintenance spending, he highlighted local road and building projects that missed out on funding in the latest budget.

They included the completion of Foster Primary School, the Coal Creek bends realignment, and the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle

Alternative Route Stage 2 on the South Gippsland Highway.

Mr O'Brien was happy to see a couple of education funding initiatives for his electorate: "I am pleased to see \$7.3 million for Yinnar Primary School which will be a major rebuild, and likewise there is \$3.6 million for South Gippsland Specialist School and I know the school community there is very excited at how this will transform their facility," he said.

Mr O'Brien said he wrote to the Minister for Education earlier this year about the poor state of Yinnar Primary School and the issues it had been having with flooding.

"There is \$1.5 million to finally replace the McLoughlins Beach Jetty," Mr O'Brien said.

Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies



COUNCILLORS have been busy this week attending engagement events across the Shire. It has been great to see the community face-to-face and talk about what we are excited about the detail in all of our Draft Integrated Plans. Councillors have been encouraged by the number of residents who have provided feedback and let us know the things that matter most to them.

As I have said before, this feedback is invaluable and so too are the honest and respectful conversations we are having with our community. It helps us to better understand and represent your needs.

There are still events running this week that we encourage you all to attend if you haven't already been able to provide your feedback. Alternatively, there is a survey and written submission form on the Your Say South Gippsland website that you can complete. The survey is a great way to provide feedback and you can complete as much as you like.

To complete the survey, provide a written submission, download the draft plans or summary pages, please visit yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/provide-plan-feedback

On Wednesday, Councillors met with our colleagues from Wellington Shire Council at the Port Welshpool Old Ferry Terminal. It was a great opportunity to discuss shared issues and solutions.

I also had the pleasure of attending a celebratory mass at Korumburra's St Vincent De Paul. It was attended by Bishop Greg Bennett and was a great opportunity to reflect on the marvellous work St Vincent De Paul have done to support people in our community. After that event, I attended the rededication mass of the Fish Creek Church after its renovation alongside Councillor Schelling. This mass was also presided over by Bishop Greg Bennett and was a joyous celebration of the church being restored so lovingly. The church is looking beautiful and is a

testament to the hard work of the Fish Creek community, the volunteers and the builders who have worked so hard to achieve this result.

On Sunday 1 May Stockyard Gallery in Foster celebrated its 30-year anniversary. I got there a little later than I had planned, but it was great to have a chat to everyone, hear about the history of the gallery and reconnect.

There have been lots of significant anniversaries of local volunteer-run organisations, which is a testament to our local volunteers who passionately and selflessly serve their community. Thank you to all of our volunteers for the work that you do.

In remembrance of those who have lost their lives due to family violence, the South Gippsland Shire Council main office building was lit up purple on Wednesday 4 May. This was run across Gippsland and organised by Gippsland Women's Health. As part of the event, some horrific statistics were shared about the rate of family violence in South Gippsland.

For me, one of the statistics that stood out the most was, in 2020/21, 56.4 per cent of family violence incidents had children present. Being a former early years educator, this was a particularly sobering thing to read and made me realise just how important it is to support our young people and provide safe spaces for them to come to. As with any age group, we never know what is going on at home, but we can change how we act towards others. Always be kind, no matter what.

If you or someone you know is experiencing family violence, please know it is not okay and there is help available. Organisations such as 1800 RESPECT, Lifeline, and Beyond Blue are all available (as well as others) to listen and help. If immediate danger is present, you can also call 000 and ask for Police or Ambulance, whichever you need.

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Special charge scheme progresses

FURTHER consultation is now underway on the next stage of a special charge scheme at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay estates on Phillip Island.

At council's March meeting this year, a resolution was passed to proceed to the project planning phase, which includes the preparation of concept plans, cost estimates and a distribution of costs for road and drainage improvements.

Once concept plans are developed, these will be presented back to council for consideration.

The current consultation period is open and will run until the end of June.

To provide feedback on the next stage of engagement, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surf-beachroads.

According to the shire, a timeline of the project includes:

- July 2022 - Formation of a community steering group.
- October/November 2022 - Community consultation- survey preferred treatment.
- February/March 2023 - Council to adopt preferred treatment.
- April-May 2023 - Council meeting to fund project through a special charge scheme.
- July-August 2023 - Council meeting to declare the charge scheme.
- September 2023 - Commencement of detailed design and construction phase.

Free flu vaccines for young and old

BASS Coast Shire's Influenza immunisation program will begin in May.

The program offers free flu vaccinations through the National Immunisation Program.

The free vaccines are available for eligible children aged between six months and four years old, adults aged over 65 years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over six months old and pregnant women.

This year, the shire will also be offering flu immunisations for ages 5 to 15 at a fee of \$25.

Individuals who do not meet the criteria above are encouraged to visit their local pharmacy or GP.

Council's immunisation sessions will be held in Cowes on May 10 and May 13, Wonthaggi on May 17, and Corinella on May 24.

Bookings will be required for all sessions. Visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/immunisation.



Testing staff at Bass Coast Health's COVID testing site have done a wonderful job throughout the pandemic.

Drive-through testing, vaccination clinic to end

BASS Coast Health (BCH) will close its COVID testing drive-through and Community Vaccination Clinic in response to decreasing community demand.

The last day of the Community Vaccination Clinic at Wonthaggi Town Hall will be Monday, May 16.

BCH personnel finished staffing the clinic on Saturday, May 7, with staff from Latrobe Regional Hospital providing walk-in vaccinations on Monday, May 16, from 10am to 12pm (closed all other days).

COVID testing at the former McBride Campus of Wonthaggi Secondary College will end at

1pm on Saturday, May 14.

BCH CEO Jan Child said the time was right, and it was now time for the health service to focus its resources on core services.

"We are speaking with all individual staff members and linking them to opportunities within Bass Coast Health. These excellent staff are our most valuable asset, and we hope many of them will stay with us in other roles," she said.

According to BCH, the following arrangements will apply to support vaccination and testing locally.

- COVID vaccinations will

continue to be available at GP clinics, six Gippsland Respiratory Clinics and participating pharmacies by appointment.

- The Gippsland Region Public Health Unit will continue to ensure the community has access to COVID vaccinations. The mobile COVID vaccination bus, Chitty Chitty Jab Jab, will also provide outreach vaccination opportunities throughout the Gippsland region.

- Wonthaggi Medical Group has run its Respiratory Clinic since the beginning of the pandemic and will continue to provide symptomatic testing

and treatment at their clinic where appointments are available via their website or on 0429 036 568.

- COVID RAT tests will be available from Wonthaggi Hospital from Monday, May 16, with the details still to be confirmed.

- RAT tests are also available at most pharmacists (free for pensioners), at schools for students, as well as select service stations and supermarkets.

- RAT tests will continue to be available via the annex to the Phillip Island Health Hub 9.30am – 11.30am, Mondays and Thursdays.

Cancer patient urges uptake of fourth winter dose

GRAHAM Margetts knows just how life-threatening COVID-19 is.

He suffered from the virus for 10 days, all while enduring the side effects of chemotherapy for stage 4 cancer.

"I didn't think that I would actually survive because I was previously told that if I got COVID, I might not make it because I had cancer," the Bass Coast resident said.

"Having a fourth dose of the vaccine is action I can take to reduce my risk of getting COVID again, as well as the complications that it brings."

A fourth dose of a COVID

vaccination is now highly recommended for aged care residents, people living in disability accommodation, and other vulnerable groups considered to be most at risk of serious illness.

These groups include adults aged 65 years and older, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 50, and people aged 16 years and older who are severely immunocompromised, such as Graham.

The fourth dose can be given four months after a third dose.

Graham found the experience of living with COVID while

fighting cancer - and living by himself - frightening.

"I found out that I had COVID when I woke up at three in the morning and I couldn't breathe. I thought I was going to die," he said.

He was conveyed to Wonthaggi Hospital via ambulance and stayed there for a day before returning home under the care of the Hospital In The Home - COVID Home Monitoring Program.

"The care I received was excellent. They were all very caring and it was reassuring to know they were there looking after me remotely," he said.



Bass Coast resident Graham Margetts encourages those eligible for a fourth booster dose to get it after suffering COVID while undergoing treatment for stage 4 cancer.

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Name our new whale mascots

AS THE weather starts to cool, it's getting close to the most exciting time of the year – the whales are coming!

The Island Whale Festival is in its sixth year and organisers are hoping this will be the best year yet – running from Friday, July 1, to Sunday, July 3, during the school holidays.

Destination Phillip Island promises an exciting program with festival partners Phillip Island Nature Parks, the Dolphin Research Institute, Wildlife Coast Cruises, Two Bays Whale Project and Bass Coast Shire Council offering activities for the kids, science presentations and displays.

This year's Festival Hub will be at St Phillips Church and the Masonic Hall in Cowes, with events also scheduled at The Nobbies and Woolamai Life Saving Club.

Whale out of Water will be back in the marquee, with an exciting presentation of the short film Regenerating Australia by Damon Gameau, the award-winning director of 2040 and That Sugar Film. Regenerating Australia

looks at what Australia would look like in 2030 if we simply listened to the needs of its people.

Additionally, the very talented local artist Zev Landes has created new mascots for the festival – a Humpback and a Southern Right Whale.

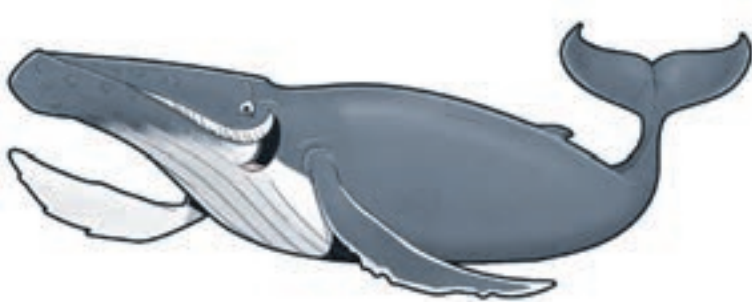
A published cartoonist and illustrator, Zev's artwork celebrates the ridiculousness of life through humour.

His playful characters bring to life issues of wildlife conservation, social commentary and even surfing.

The new mascots need some names, and they need your help! Each winner (one for each character) will receive a family ticket for a three-hour Dolphin & Whale cruise on Wildlife Coast Cruises valued at \$328 each.

Competition links are on the IslandWhales Facebook page and close on Wednesday, May 25.

Stay up to date at island-whales.com.au, which includes information on the Phillip Island and Bass Coast Whale Discovery Trail and tips for sighting whales from the land.



Can you name The Island Whale Festival's Humpback Whale mascot?



Wally, the Southern Right Whale? Name the new mascots and win with Island Whale Festival.

\$265k to tackle family violence

BASS Coast Shire has received \$265,500 in funding to help reduce family violence as part of the Free From Violence Local Government Grant Program.

Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence, Gabrielle Williams MP, and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP announced the grant funding for the shire.

According to council, the rate of family violence incidents in Bass Coast is higher than the comparable Victorian average, with the funding to assist employees and the community through training, initiatives, policies, services and programs.

The funding will also provide the opportunity for the shire to work closely with South Gippsland Shire Council, and organisations such as South Coast Primary and Community Partnership (PCP) and Gippsland Women's Health.

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 000. If you need help or advice, call 1800Respect on 1800 737 732, Safe Steps 1800 015 188, Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault on 1800 737 732 or Men's Referral Service on 1300 766 491. You can chat online 24/7 at 1800respect.org.au.

Mrs Brown is a new cosy in Fish Creek

MRS Brown is in town for the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival starting this weekend, and she's just one of a tremendous display of tea cosies that will feature, ranging from crazy to stylish.

While some are tiny, one is gigantic, with the Biggest Tea Cosy Ever to be officially measured this Saturday in its bid to claim a Guinness World Record.

Pack your chair and blanket and get to Fish Creek by 1pm to hear the vibrant music of the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band and witness the record attempt.

The town's cafes and Foster Rotary's 'sausage sizzlers' are ready to keep you fed, while galleries old and new offer you more to see.

Learn how to make weed tea with the expertise of the Community Composter group who will

appear at 2.30pm, also providing music.

Those wishing to attend the Tea Essentials talk on Sunday, May 15, or the South Gippsland Hospital Auxiliary High Tea on Sunday May 22 are urged to get in quickly before the events are booked out.

Tea Cosy Cabaret tickets have already sold out.

Bendigo Bank Market Day returns on election day, Saturday May 21, with craft and food stalls, music by Invy Horn Jam and a magician to keep the crowd entertained.

The Tea Cosy Festival runs from May 14-22, 10am to 4pm each day.

For details of all events, see the advertisement in this issue, visit teacosyfestival.com.au or call 0484 586 296.



Tribute to lives lost to family violence

THE South Gippsland Shire Council lit up its Leongatha office in purple last Wednesday night to remember all the lives that have been lost to family violence.

The shire shared the following statistics:

- South Gippsland is ranked 29 in the state for family violence incidents in 2021.
- Children were present in 56.4 per cent of family violence incidents in 2020-21 in South Gippsland.
- There was a 30.4 per cent increase in family violence incidents in South Gippsland 2019-2020.

Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival May 14-22

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Changes to Victorian electoral divisions for the 2022 federal election

The name or boundaries of your electoral division may have changed since the previous federal election because of the recent Victorian federal redistribution.

As a result of these changes, you may need to vote in a different division, or your usual polling place may be in a different division.

To check what division you are enrolled in, or to find a polling place where you can vote, go to aec.gov.au or call 13 23 26.

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Our rates up 1.75%,
theirs up 35%

NOTWITHSTANDING the 3000 deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Victoria, you've got to credit Premier Daniel Andrews with one key reform, seven years of rate capping. This year, Minister for Local Government Shaun Leane has set the rate cap at a maximum 1.75 per cent increase and both South Gippsland and Bass Coast shire have opted for that level of increase.

But spare a thought for our nearest neighbours in New South Wales, at the Bega Valley Shire Council, where they are proposing a whopping increase of 35 per cent.

Is that where we would be without the Andrews government's initiative of rate capping in 2016?

Before the 'Fair Go Rates' system was introduced, residents faced an average rate increase of 6 per cent every year, even more in some rural municipalities with devastating cumulative impact.

The 2021-22 rate cap of 1.5 per cent was the lowest since the system was first introduced.

However, in order to do so, it will have to seek approval from the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) and will have to show that it has consulted with its community.

Such an option is also available to South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires, but neither have successfully petitioned to raise rates above the cap.

Bega Valley Mayor Cr Russell Fitzpatrick said the shire ran the risk of becoming unsustainable without out a significant increase in revenue, unable to retain services, or maintain and improve infrastructure.

"We're looking at a loss of \$9.5m in the general fund, transport costs are 40 per cent higher than they were six months ago and 35 per cent is about where every other industry is. We're expected to take on more services as well," Cr Fitzpatrick said.

It's a problem, with inflation on the charge, that Gippsland municipalities are also facing.

Is our honeymoon on rates finally over?

Residents of South Gippsland Shire have until May 15 to comment and residents of Bass Coast have until May 25 to comment on the draft budget.

Why Bass Coast fee hike could be a showstopper

THE devil, as they say, is in the detail of the Bass Coast Shire Council's Budget 2022-23, presently out for public comment until Monday, May 16.

And whether by accident or design, the shire council did not publish the draft fees and charges schedule, that's part of the Budget, on its website until the Sentinel-Times posed a question about it.

The question was prompted by an inquiry from some of the users of the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre (WUCAC), and prospective users of the new arts centre in Cowes.

At the Wonthaggi Centre, for example, the likes of the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group are staring down a 25 per cent increase in the cost of putting on a show, up from \$600 per day to \$750-a-day or up from \$300 to \$375 (half day).

On top of that, they are being asked to pay an additional 23 per cent in rehearsal fees per day, while the cost of so-called 'blackout days', the occasions between performances when the theatre is not being used, has gone up 37 per cent from \$50 to \$80-a-day.

It's all money that the users of the WUCAC will have to recover from patrons, if they can, or consider scaling back their annual performances, and taking their shows elsewhere.

That's definitely not what the Miners Union had in mind when they originally funded the town's community arts centre.

The shire also wants to increase the amount it takes from these community groups' ticket sales, from skimming \$2-a-ticket to \$2.50 while introducing a whole list of new charges to provide a technician (supervision or other) \$45/hr, duty manager \$40/hr, box office \$40/hr and ushers/front of house \$35/hr (roles that were volunteered by



Where Legally Blond stars like 'Bruiser' and his understudy might be after the cost of hiring the Wonthaggi Arts Centre goes up by 25 per cent is anyone's guess.

community group members).

Previously, community groups like the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group also provided bar services but they've now lost that income as well.

To date, the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group has declined to comment, until after a meeting this week, but they have acknowledged that the changes could cost them in excess of \$15,000 to run their annual musical performance.

Bass Coast Residents and Ratepayers Association President Kevin Griffin said he believed the 25 per cent increase in charges at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre were a clear attempt at gouging users of the centre, especially the local community groups.

"That's an enormous increase which I believe the council will have a lot of trouble justifying," Mr Griffin said this week.

"If we say inflation is now running at 5 per cent, that's five times the rate of inflation."

Mr Griffin has encouraged those groups who use the arts

centre to make a submission and also to consider using council question time to raise their concerns in public.

The Offshore Theatre Group at Phillip Island is also concerned about the proposed charges for the \$27.2 million Cowes Community and Cultural Centre (CCCC).

The subsidised rate for hiring the auditorium (250 seats) for a theatre performance is \$638 (full day), or \$319 (half day), an even higher per seat rate than proposed at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre (416 seats).

The cost per seat of hiring Cowes is \$2.55 per seat, whereas the WUCAC is approximately \$1.80 per seat.

The council doesn't apologise for cost recovery initiatives, but has highlighted the subsidised rates for community groups.

"Fees and charges must make a reasonable contribution to cost recovery by Council for facility, operational and programming costs to ensure sustainable ongoing service delivery," said a shire spokesperson.

"Council does and will continue to subsidise a percentage of the full operational and facility costs as part of its service commitment to deliver arts and cultural opportunities to the community within the strategic aims of the Arts and Cultural Strategy."

Builders slugged on tip charges

DUMPING extra waste is the other area of the Bass Coast Shire Council's draft fees and charges that has raised eyebrows.

And builders in particular might need to take notice with the cost of dumping construction waste set to increase from \$200.90/tonne to \$300/tonne.

While the overall 'Garbage Charge' is projected to drop 1.8 per cent from \$500.92 to \$492.08 this coming financial year, many of the additional waste charges are projected to increase.

If you want to upgrade your fortnightly 120-litre 'red' waste bin, for example, to a 240-litre bin, you'll pay 66% more, up from \$59.20 to \$98.41, on top of the annual Garbage Charge of \$492.08.

Other increases are as follows:

- Hard rubbish collection call up from \$67 to \$110.
- Mattress disposal (double) \$20.60 to \$32.80
- Commercial waste (including construction/demolition waste) up from \$200.90/tonne to \$300/tonne.
- Polystyrene (240 litre) up from nil to \$14.
- Additional 240lt waste bin up from \$176.40 to \$226.84.
- Municipal waste landfill charge \$164.80/tonne to \$252/tonne.

Those wishing to make comment on the increase in waste fees, as part of the BCSC 2022-23 Budget process, have until 5pm on May 16, 2022.

Are you aged 70 years or older? You must still vote in the federal election.

The federal election will be held on Saturday 21 May 2022. Voting is compulsory even if you are 70 years of age or older.

If you can't make it to a polling place on election day you may be eligible to vote early.

For more information go to www.aec.gov.au or call the AEC on 13 23 26.

COVID-19 measures at polling places

A range of COVID-19 safety measures will be in place as you cast your vote. At all times you should follow local rules and public health directions, as well as instructions from AEC staff.

To protect the health and safety of the community, you should not attend a polling place if you're showing any COVID-19 type symptoms.

Go to www.aec.gov.au for the latest updates and advice, including what happens if you are not able to vote.

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Housing Matters Bass Coast founding member Beth Banks believes homelessness is not a “them and us” issue and can affect anyone at any stage in their life. ns041922

Bleak report highlights ongoing lack of affordable housing

ALARMING data from Anglicare Victoria's 2022 Rental Affordability Snapshot continues to reveal the startling reality of housing affordability across Gippsland.

The snapshot analysed 18,934 Victorian private rental listings from March 19, 2022, a fall of more than 40 per cent compared to the year before.

Two thirds of regional areas did not have a single rental listing on the day of the survey, and regional rents have risen 6.7 per cent, faster than the pace of inflation.

In Bass Coast, the mean weekly rent had increased from \$403 in 2021 to \$436 this year, while the median had rose from \$390 to \$420.

There were 27 properties advertised in Bass Coast for the period, while South Gippsland only had three.

Vicki Levey, regional director of Anglicare Victoria in Gippsland, said skyrocketing rents were also being intensified by inflation.

“When people are looking for a rental, the stock is not there and because they're in such high demand, the costs are going up as well,” she said.

“There's no availability for our low-income earners to get into the private market.

“The federal government needs to look at JobSeeker payments and rental affordability schemes and look after

By Nick Sinis

our most vulnerable.”

Ms Levey said the situation continues to push people into all phases of homelessness, such as couch surfing and living with relatives.

“Motel accommodation is a trend that we're seeing across Gippsland,” she said.

“For Bass Coast and South Gippsland, the impact of rental properties being used for Airbnb is also having an impact.

“Perhaps that needs to be reviewed; (owners) are more likely to make their money renting it (properties) out at peak periods rather than having it as a (permanent) rental property.”

Anglicare Victoria can assist with financial counselling services as well as other support. More information is available at bit.ly/3kJ0aLV.

A shift in values

HOUSING Matters Bass Coast's Beth Banks said necessities, such as job security and a home, aren't guaranteed in the current climate.

“Now we've got the issue with intergenerational wealth; the distribution is really dreadful,” she said.

“Some people who are youthful now, when they get to 50, they're likely to have nothing, and it's increasingly happening because of the division

in the society which we live.”

Ms Banks is a long-time Wonthaggi resident and has a strong passion for highlighting the housing crisis impacting the shire.

As a founding member of Housing Matters Bass Coast, Ms Banks hopes to change the public's perception of homelessness, saying it's not a “them and us” situation.

“Many of the people I'm meeting who have no opportunities, they're not always on the street,” she said.

“As a society, we should start to really evaluate and see how important it is to have job security, a house and the opportunity of a life together... it's just not there anymore.”

Ms Banks is also supportive of social housing developments in Wonthaggi, and hopes Bass Coast Shire will continue to advocate for it.

Council had made surplus road reserve land available for social housing late last year, with sites at Ivor Street, Henry Street East, and Henry Street West in Wonthaggi North.

Community Housing Limited had expressed interest in developing the sites and is developing its proposal for submission to the funding stream as part of the state government's Big Housing Build.

“I would like to see community participation set up by the shire because there's a

lot of history here and knowledge within the residents,” she said.

“I believe we need to have a piece of public land and put together a big housing development, with a combination of private and public (owned).

“There's a lot of public land around Wonthaggi that can be obtained from the government.”

Ms Banks also echoed Anglicare's sentiment on making more investment and holiday properties available for rental.

“If you look at Cape Pater-son and the percentage of houses where someone is living there for a max of six weeks a year... it's pretty hor-rific,” she said.

“There are hundreds of houses with no one in them for three quarters of the year at least.”

Housing Matters Bass Coast advocates for more secure and affordable housing throughout the shire, as well as more emergency housing.

The organisation is planning to conduct public speaking sessions with various organisations, highlighting how homelessness impacts different ages and genders.

They are always looking for new members, especially those with a background in housing or real estate.

For more information, visit 'Housing Matters Bass Coast' on Facebook.

Urgent action needed on housing crisis: MP

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, says urgent action is needed to tackle the growing housing crisis across Gippsland.

“My office is regularly contacted by concerned Gippslanders who are having difficulty finding a house, whether that be to purchase, rent or through social housing,” Mr O'Brien said.

“Rental prices are soaring and that's if you're lucky enough to find a rental in the first place.

“On the one hand, it is a good thing that there is booming demand for property in our region, but on the other hand this is pushing people down the chain from ownership to rental and even into the need for public housing - and shortages are causing significant stress.

“I understand that a number of new houses are being built across the Wellington and South Gippsland Shires for the purpose of social housing over the next year, but it is simply catching up on a backlog.”

Mr O'Brien said immediate action was needed to ease the pressure on the property market and subsequent stress on social housing and related services.

In response to Mr O'Brien's comments, the state government said it was working with first home buyers, and those in need of social and affordable housing through the Big Housing Build.

“We understand the pressures related to housing availability and affordability for first home buyers - and that's why we are helping hundreds of Victorians each week buy their first home,” a government spokesperson said.

“We're also helping regional councils to fast-track land supply, unblock or streamline planning projects and plan for the future. At the same time, we're supporting councils by speeding up the rezoning process, handle planning workloads and build capacity.”

No sound for alarm following earthquake

A MAGNITUDE 2.4 earthquake with a depth of 10km was recorded outside of Leongatha near Whitelaw, last Thursday.

According to Leongatha SES, at the time, there were no reports of damage or requests for assistance related to the incident.

The earthquake didn't seem to bother many residents either, with comments on the Sentinel-Times' Facebook page stating they didn't notice any shakes or tremors in their area.

Kelle: Leongatha South - did not feel anything.

Debra: A little one, they always get shakes in South Gippsland.

Tony: I felt it in Caldermeade, but it was a very quick rumble enough to make the horses look up.

If you felt this earthquake, you can help Geoscience Australia with the collection of data by filling out a felt report at earthquakes.ga.gov.au.



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\$14m residential village proposed

A \$14 MILLION planning application for a residential village at 299-325 Church Street and 9 Spithead Street, Cowes, has been lodged with the Bass Coast Shire Council.

The proposed 'Lifestyle Communities' development seeks to establish approximately 280 dwellings at the site via a land lease housing purchase model.

According to documents lodged with the shire, the development would have significant benefits and put existing housing "back into the local market as Bass Coast residents relocate to the Lifestyle Communities village".

The proposal states it would also help meet housing demand on Phillip Island, including for family households, by releasing equity from housing as new residents downsize.

The development would also offer "very affordable housing".

"The Lifestyle Communities development will put 280 dwellings into the market at a median price point of \$498,000 (with homes available from \$325,000)," the planning permit states.

The site is bound by Church Street to the north, Settlement Road to the south, and Justice Road to the west, and is largely surrounded by residential and holiday/lifestyle accommodation.

The development will also consist of a manager's residence and a clubhouse that will provide a range of facilities for the residents.

The dwellings within the village will be constructed using modular components.

The dwellings will be partially constructed off-site, then moved on site where the final phase of construction will occur.

Through the use of modular construction, the dwellings will be able to be deconstructed and re-used when the development is retired.

Uncertainty shrouds PICAL

PHILLIP Island and Community Learning Centre (PICAL) continues to hold concerns regarding the relocation of their facilities and new site.

PICAL will eventually be relocated from its current site at 56/58 Church Street, Cowes to allow for the development of the new Phillip Island Community Hospital.

According to a statement released last week by PICAL's president, Jeff Floyd, the final agreed plan involves moving part of their operations to Warley Avenue and part to Blue Gum Reserve in Cowes.

However, PICAL stated that despite frequent requests to Bass Coast Shire, it was not until early April that the shire advised they were on track to deliver PICAL's new building at Warley Avenue by November this year.

The shire also advised they are working to deliver PICAL's community garden at Blue Gum Reserve and space for Boomerang Bags and training room at the former CFA building, at the same time.

"PICAL still has not got a clear, detailed timetable for either of these moves but, since receiving the advice from council in April, PICAL has been hard at work on the planning for our November move to ensure that our services to the community are not disrupted," the organisation stated.

"We are also planning for a big fundraiser auction in July and an 'end of an era' party in October at our current site."

According to PICAL, Bass



Phillip Island and Community Learning Centre will move from its current facilities at Church Street, Cowes, to make way for the new Phillip Island Community Hospital later this year.

Coast Health (BCH) and the Victorian Health Building Authority had also indicated they want PICAL to leave its current site for temporary premises by August/September this year.

PICAL stated while they understand the pressure on BCH to begin works on the new community hospital, their current facilities are extremely busy.

"It simply cannot countenance a temporary and highly disruptive move for a 10-12 week period into some scattered offices," PICAL stated.

"This is also putting aside the acute shortage in community spaces available on the Island which has meant that PICAL

has had to absorb several other local services, including the Cowes Library service, and the need for PICAL's core services to be grouped together, not to mention the waste of public funds."

BCH CEO Jan Child said they were working with the shire, PICAL and the Victorian Health Building Authority to progress the community hospital, while respecting the existing tenancy agreement in place with PICAL.

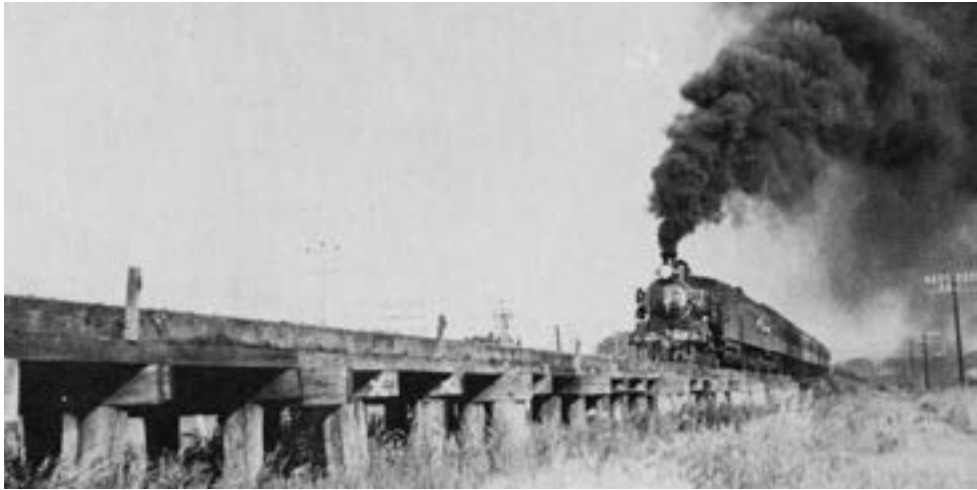
"BCH acknowledges and appreciates the extraordinary contribution of the PICAL service, including its staff and volunteers," Ms Child said.

"We are working together to achieve service continuity for PICAL's vital services, whilst also exploring ways to progress the much-needed community hospital."

"As the managing health service, BCH is very keen to make sure the Phillip Island Community Hospital is delivered on time, because we know the demand for cancer care, dialysis, surgery, and urgent care on the Island is unprecedented."

"The planning for Phillip Island Community Hospital is progressing well and we will be ready to commence works later this year."

Proudly sourcing milk from Gippsland farmers



A steam train crossing a trestle bridge near Koo Wee Rup.

What’s the story about South Gippsland trains?

ANYONE who lived in the Bass Coast area prior to December 4, 1977, or in South Gippsland prior to July 24, 1993, would have a story to tell about the trains. But have you ever thought of writing it down?

Korumburra’s Bob Newton has. The former South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, already the author of numerous local history books about everything from golf clubs to road names, has decided to tackle the history of rail in this area.

It’s a huge undertaking covering not only the main lines to Leongatha, Korumburra and Wonthaggi but also every extension and spur line that ever existed, whether for coal, sand or coastal supplies, east of Prince’s Bridge.

“The Strzelecki line, the coal lines out to Outtrim and Jumbunna, the tramway to Welshpool, and the main line all the way to Woodside; it’s an amazing story and quite a lot of interesting things happened along the way,” said Bob this week.

For example, if you can believe it, the entire length of the railway line from Nyora to Wonthaggi was constructed by hand in 10 weeks, such was the Victorian Railways desperation for coal for its trains, carrying its first Wonthaggi coal out in February 1910.

Could you imagine them doing that today? Bob Newton has uncovered many interesting stories about the railway line, including an account of how two local men, John Colgate and Loco foreman Lawrence Carter Holmes, broke a rail strike and secretly drove a train out of Korumburra and back to Melbourne in May 1903.

“As the story goes,” said Bob, “if a train could be driven out of the blockade, the strike was declared to be over, so it was quite a big deal”.

“A lot of people supported the strike but after weeks without rail connection, the dairy farmers had poured hundreds of gallons of milk down the drain, and it was getting to the point where there was little or no food in the stores.



Part of the silver tea service presented to John Colgate for his loyalty during the railway strike of May 1903.

“Something had to happen, and it did,” Mr Newton said.

Bob drew the bulk of his account about the strike from the Korumburra-based newspaper, the Great Southern Advocate, where it was noted that a meeting called in Spellers Hall had been fiercely supportive of the coal strike and the rail strike, but that an equally well-attended meeting of farmers in the Middle Hotel backed the strike-breaking initiative that followed.

According to a report in the Melbourne Argus, the train crew from Korumburra led by Holmes, were “kicked and punched to the ground” on their arrival in Melbourne but their efforts were later hailed as courageous by the residents of Korumburra and District.

Both men were presented with awards including a gold medal, gold watch and engraved silver tea services to mark the occasion.

According to Bob Newton, the rail history project is well on its way to fruition, but he would still be interested in seeing any historic or unusual photos detailing local rail history.

“At the present time, I am looking for a photo of Knox’s Siding and also one of the Kardella Railway Station. If anyone could help with that, I would be most appreciative.”

Please send to inverburra@yahoo.com.au.

Help make a music dream come true

RICHARD Sendek is a young 75-year-old gentleman, whose one wish in life is to make a CD.

Residing at Banfields Phillip Island for the last five years and 10 months, Richard recalls tales of his life in the previous Banfields complex.

Back when the Isle of Wright was standing and the Warley Hospital was open, Richard would entertain diners in Banfield Motel & Cinema’s restaurant and bar, singing most nights.

Today, Richard sings every Friday during happy hour.

But Richard has a dream – a dream to make a CD, and we are appealing for your help.

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Richard’s wish is to make a CD.

Live comedy special at Archies Creek

LET’S face it; most of us have had a lot of time the last two years to watch live concerts via streaming services in the comfort of our homes.

But how many of us can say we were in the audience when one was filmed?

Wonthaggi’s Marcus Ryan has spent most of his career touring the world performing stand-up comedy.

This week, his dream to come home to record his very own special is becoming a reality.

“After the show got shut down two years ago thanks to you know what, I wasn’t sure it’d happen again, but the response was so good that the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre is almost sold out, so we’ve added a second show at Archies Creek at the famous Archies Creek Hotel known mostly for music in recent times with the Caravan Music Club.

“Dad’s family have been part of Archies Creek for over 100 years and Wonthaggi is where I grew up so to have my shows professionally filmed in both these towns is extra special.

“I’ve got a lot of material out of Gippsland over the years, now it’s time to give back and showcase Bass Coast to the world! Wonny is close to



Marcus Ryan, who hails from Wonthaggi, is returning to his hometown for two shows – one at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre and the other at Archies Creek.

full but we could really use a lot more bums on seats Thursday at Archies Creek, so if anyone fancies supporting a local artist, get on board for a fun night of laughs, it’s in the cosy front bar venue so it’ll be a nice intimate show, and who knows, you might end up on the big screen!”

Marcus is joined by

international comedian Lars Callieou (Canada) this Thursday, May 12, at Archies Creek Hotel. Doors open 7.30pm. Show 8pm.

On Friday, Marcus will be at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, with doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets and info at itsmarcusryan.com.

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- Identifying trends;
- Understanding business sentiment;
- Developing industry workshop calendar; and
- Identifying key issues for advocacy.

All participants of this survey will go into the draw to win one of three \$100 gift vouchers at Revive Beauty and Spa, Zeal and Flow and Ivy Plant Studio.

Council will compare the data from this project with the results obtained from the bass coast business and industry survey completed in March 2020.

To complete the survey, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/business-survey.

Push for more women on councils

A STATE government-funded program will boost the number of women standing for local government elections for the Bass Coast area in October 2024.

Women Leading Locally is an initiative of the state government delivered by the Institute of Community Directors Australia, the country's leading membership and training body for community leaders (an Our Community enterprise), in partnership with Women for Election, a non-partisan not-for-profit with a mission to inspire and equip more women to run for public office.

The program will help the government achieve its goal of at least 50/50 women councillors by 2025.

A series of face-to-face and online seminars will explain more about the upcoming program, highlighting the often invisible work of women leaders and encouraging them to get involved in local politics.

Seminar participants will also hear how they can play a role in supporting other women into power.

Applications for the 2022 Women Leading Locally Fellowship open on Thursday, May 12.

The fellowship provides a unique opportunity for 60 women to be supported to stand for local government elections in 2024. The 2022 program will begin in August. Another application round for a further 60 fellows will open in 2023.

To find out more or register for a seminar, visit: communitydirectors.com.au/training/women-lead.

Murals adorn Carinya Lodge

AGED care residents at Korumburra's Carinya Lodge have spectacular new vistas to gaze at, with a previously drab retaining wall in the memory support garden, known as Amaroo, now bursting with images of colourful local plants and birds.

Talented Leongatha artist Melanie Caple created the seven murals, a challenge she enjoyed.

Despite being an experienced outdoor and mural artist, the Carinya Lodge wall presented something new, being on an angle and curving around.

Rather than one mural, Melanie had to determine how to make seven separate pieces work together while fitting into the unusual setting.

"I had to make sure they all were connected somehow but also stood alone as individual pieces," Melanie said.

Coastal banksias, a blue wren and a magpie are some aspects of nature featured in the vibrant artworks.

Given the purpose of the garden, the artist wanted to illustrate easily recognisable flora and fauna.

"I wanted people to look out at the works and see something familiar that is bright and colourful, but not overbearing,"



This stunning blue wren helped brighten the surroundings of Carinya Lodge residents.

Melanie said.

It was a terrific experience for her to paint onsite with Carinya residents able to peer through their windows as she worked.

"One resident was excited by the Magpie because she's a Collingwood supporter," Melanie said.

Although not the meaning that work was intended to have, it was the perfect illustration of art bringing joy to residents in whatever way they perceive it.

Melanie commented on the different vantage points for the works, with residents able to look out their window and feel a sense of ownership of the paint-

ing on view.

"The man who was looking out at the blue wren told everyone that he got the best view of the blue wren," she said.

Although the new works look as if they could be hanging on a gallery wall, they are well-suited to withstand the harsh outdoor elements.

The paintings are done on Alucobond, a coated aluminium cladding material, and are attached to the wall by means of a treated pine backing on which they are mounted.

Carinya Lodge was able to enlist Melanie's help to brighten the retaining wall with a much-

appreciated South Gippsland Shire Council Community Grant and fundraising combining to pay for the artwork.

The grant was for \$8702, with fundraising generating the remaining \$7398, giving a total project expenditure of \$16,100.

It is intended to conduct further fundraising to allow the installation of an equally impressive garden and path to complement the paintings and provide stimulation for residents.

"Carinya and the Fundraising Committee would like to express our deepest thanks for ongoing support from local farmers who are involved in the 'Raise a Calf' program, many of whom donated the sale (proceeds) of their own cows; without your help, we could not make these amazing improvements to the facility," executive assistant Sarah Jackson said.

Melanie expressed her admiration for the effort that goes into improving Carinya.

"It was lovely for staff to think about how to enhance the residents' experience," she said.

So much did the residents appreciate it, one couple gave Melanie a letter telling her they enjoyed seeing the painting process.



Princess Fiona (Laura Vivian) was rescued by Shrek (Dean Lyle) in Shrek the Musical. mm201922



Donkey (Lucas White) and Shrek (Dean Lyle) were front and centre for most of the show. mm181922

Shrek the Musical comes to Wonthaggi

NEWHAVEN College's production of 'Shrek the Musical' over four shows at the weekend delighted crowds at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

Shrek was played by Dean Lyle, while Laura Vivian took on the role of Princess Fiona, Michael Furniss played Lord

Farquaad, Lucas White played Donkey and Coco Hosken was the Dragon.

Newhaven College principal Tony Corr congratulated all the staff and students who worked so hard in bringing Shrek the Musical to the stage.

"The large cast and crew have been tireless in their efforts

over months of preparation – displaying passion and enthusiasm," Mr Corr wrote in the production's booklet.

Director Lauren White also thanked students for their commitment and enthusiasm.

"It has been a joy to watch the students create such vivid characters and tell this beautiful

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Deb's ready to take on the challenge

By Nick Sinis

INDEPENDENT candidate for Monash Deb Leonard has high hopes for the electorate should she be elected in the upcoming Federal Election.

Being an Independent candidate, Ms Leonard believes she will be able to stand up directly for the community in Parliament without the influence of being tied to a political party.

While she also believes that being a business owner, lawyer and mum, gives her key insights into the concerns and issues facing the community.

Ms Leonard was nominated in January this year by Voices for Monash to be their supported representative for the Federal Election.

And with an election date set for Saturday, May 21, Ms Leonard is getting out and about as much as she can across the electorate.

"I have spent the last couple of months gathering feedback and listening to people on what their key priorities are," she told the Sentinel-Times.

"My policies, they're not something I came up with, it's all feedback from the community.

"But far and above, the over-riding priorities that seem to be relevant to everyone is climate change action and transitioning to renewable energy."

Ms Leonard said there was also strong support for a federal Independent Commission Against Corruption.

"A lot of people don't trust politicians and the system,"



Independent candidate for Monash Deb Leonard will have a strong focus on issues such as climate action, affordable housing, infrastructure and roads if elected.

she said.

"We need to restore that trust and have a method of holding politicians to account and the system."

She also plans to advocate for inclusivity and equality.

But in relation to specific issues facing the electorate, Ms Leonard said roads and infrastructure was big on the list for South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

"The roads are just not keeping up and being maintained," she said.

"It's a safety issue but it's also an issue for farmers getting produce to market.

"I also support an aquatic centre for Phillip Island.

"The Island has been without

an aquatic centre for far too long, and obviously upgrades are needed for Wonthaggi."

Affordable housing is also high on Deb's list, as well as supporting small businesses.

"A lot of people just can't afford rental properties, even those on reasonable incomes," she said.

"It has got to be a multi-faceted approach from all levels of government.

"Obviously a lot of businesses have struggled over the years, including farmers.

"Some are still struggling especially with a lack of international tourists and workforce shortages.

"There needs to be targeted recovery support not just

across the board, but targeted support for businesses who need it the most."

When asked of the benefits and challenges of campaigning as an Independent, Ms Leonard described it as a "double edged sword".

"Running as an Independent, you can vote along the lines of the community and you're not tied to a party or party lines," she said.

"I can look at each piece of legislation and policy on its merit, and discuss it with the community and form my opinion based on that.

"But at the same time, I'm disadvantaged because I don't have a history.

"People look at a party and see what they stand for, but as an Independent, there's a level of unknown.

"Part of my challenge is building up that trust and confidence with people."

Ms Leonard added she decided to run as an Independent as she felt the major parties didn't align with her values or the community.

While she also feels her career as a lawyer has given her the right skills for the position.

"I've dealt with a lot of different people from all walks of life," she said.

"It has given me a good insight into the problems facing a wide range of people from families, business owners and those from low socio-economic backgrounds."

For more information and to keep up to date with Deb's campaigns, visit www.debleonard4monash.com.au/#/

Candidate supports offshore wind turbines

THE development of offshore windfarms in Bass Strait is essential to tackle climate change, according to Voices for Monash candidate, Independent Deb Leonard.

Ms Leonard said South Gippsland was ideally placed to be the site of Australia's first offshore windfarms, and it would bring with it employment opportunities and investment to Gippsland communities.

"However, it will be of critical importance to consult with local communities to ensure that issues such as visual impact of turbines are considered as part of the approvals process," Ms Leonard said.

"Climate change is real and it's having a direct impact on many of our coastal communities.

"The federal government finally seems to be edging towards allowing offshore development in wind, and, if elected, I will be doing everything I can to ensure that the developments go ahead."

Ms Leonard said it was vital local community residents and landholders expressed their views on where turbines should be sited as part of the consultation process.

"Everyone with an opinion or concern on this should make their views be known. That way, we will have some level of community ownership of the process," Ms Leonard said.

Star of the South, a proposed 2GW wind farm in Bass Strait off the south coast of Gippsland, is expected to create around 2000 direct jobs in Victoria over its lifetime, including 760 Gippsland jobs during construction and 200 ongoing local jobs once it's up and running.

The federal government will evaluate and announce further areas for development as they are identified and prioritised, once the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act commences in June. A minimum 60-day public consultation period for communities affected will be required. Assessments will focus on the impact of offshore renewable energy infrastructure activities on the area, with a focus on the environment, including marine life and migratory birds, fishing, shipping, other marine uses, and communities.



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Digital eye strain

By Leongatha Optometrists

ARE your eyes feeling the pinch from extra screen time?

For many of us, COVID-19 has increased the time spent on digital devices as we have been forced to access work, school, and entertainment virtually from home.

There's no doubt that small lifestyle changes can have huge benefits. Exercise has been shown to reduce the risk of glaucoma, macula degeneration and cataracts. When children spend at least 90 minutes outside, it can also reduce the risk of developing myopia (short sightedness).

Increased screen time has resulted in more Australians suffering from a condition known as "Digital eye strain." It is caused by looking at a screen for extended periods, placing immense strain on our eyes and body.

Symptoms can include:

- Eye strain;
- Blurred vision;
- Headache;
- Dry eyes; and
- Neck, shoulder and back pain.

Here are some helpful tips to reduce the effects of digital eye strain:

1. Regular breaks. Rest your eyes for 15 minutes after two hours of continuous computer use, also follow the 20-20-20 rule.
2. Reposition screen. Position your screen to reduce reflected glare from overhead lighting and windows. If this isn't possible, consider using a screen glare filter to decrease the amount of reflected light.
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New cardiac nurses to support health services



Bass Coast Health is expanding services to the people of Bass Coast and South Gippsland with the appointment of cardiac nurses Karen Wynne and Harold Warne.

THIS Heart Week, Bass Coast Health (BCH) is excited to welcome two new cardiac nurses to the team.

Harold Warne and Karen Wynne will improve care, support, access and education for cardiovascular patients and their families and deliver pilot projects with Safer Care Victoria in collaboration with The Alfred Hospital Cardiology team.

Karen is a rapid access AF clinical nurse consultant and has started a new rapid access Atrial Fibrillation (AF) clinic at Wonthaggi Hospital - the first in Victoria to start this year.

The clinic provides specialist care to patients diagnosed with AF.

Every patient will receive an AF management care plan and stroke risk assessment, including an oral anticoagulant review.

Patients referred into the clinic are seen within 14 days and followed up by Karen and cardiologists from The Alfred Hospital.

As a cardiac liaison nurse, Harold aims to improve the quality of cardiac care and to reduce unplanned hospital readmissions.

He will work within community and primary health settings to improve coordinated care of patients with atrial fibrillation, heart failure and/or ischaemic heart disease during admission, discharge and transition to the community.

Both nurses can support staff by providing education and guidance about cardiac conditions.

They can be contacted by phoning 0459 501 986 or emailing cardiacservices@basscoasthealth.org.au.

New healthcare training space at Bass Coast Health



Bass Coast Health undergraduate coordinator Mandie Heffernan instructs student nurses Maria Bailey, Monica Pun and Arun Tar in the new Clinical Lab at Wonthaggi Hospital.

BASS Coast Health has transformed the former emergency department at the Wonthaggi Hospital into a dedicated professional development space.

Simulating a ward, the space has beds, medical equipment and mannequins.

It is a joint project of BCH, Federation University and Country Universities Centre.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said the health service was dedicated to the professional development of all staff.

"They will all be offered the opportunity to regularly revise their core clinical skills as well as train to be abreast of contemporary practice, informed by the comprehensive knowledge of our learning and development staff."

Once the accreditation process is complete, the lab will also enable local first year nursing students to complete practical instruction at Wonthaggi.

The lab is an essential tool in not only expanding educational opportunities locally but also helping to grow BCH's workforce, particularly with the hospital expansion and the Phillip Island Community Hospital opening in

the future.

Students will be able to attend the Country Universities Centre (CUC), opposite the Wonthaggi Town Hall, to view lectures via video conferencing. They will also be able to join tutorials remotely.

Andrea Evans-McCall, centre manager at CUC Bass Coast, said: "Undertaking education locally means students can maintain involvement in their local communities, part-time employment and stay connected to their support networks."

Undergraduate coordinator at BCH, Mandie Heffernan, said she wanted to help increase the workforce at Bass Coast Health.

"It's about recruitment and retaining and trying to get some really good quality graduates here within the next 12 months in time for the new hospital opening."

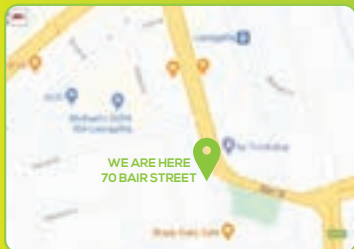
"We want to give the students a really positive experience so they will want to come back to us."

"Having the lab here is amazing as we can do some productive one-on-one training within a clinical environment."

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Australian Greens candidate for Monash, Mat Morgan, is urging voters to vote for climate action this federal election.

Voters focused on climate, integrity and housing, says Morgan

AUSTRALIAN Greens' candidate for Monash Mat Morgan is full of determination to make a difference for his electorate in the upcoming federal election.

A student of philosophy, a climate activist and even a musician, Mat has accomplished a lot during his short time in politics.

He is the co-founder of the Bass Coast Climate Action Network, which campaigned for a climate emergency declaration and net-zero 2030 plan in Bass Coast Shire.

With a family history that has been grounded in South Gippsland for five generations, Mat is running for Parliament as he believes his generation deserves a safe and liveable planet.

"I'm with The Greens because they represent the many, not the few, and certainly not the corporate political donors," he said.

"We're running the biggest Green campaign Gippsland has ever seen.

"Through our many door-knocking sessions and meet the candidate events, three issues come up repeatedly: climate, integrity and housing.

"Farmers are worried about the changing climate impacting the viability of farmland, parents are worried about their kids, and the kids are just angry."

Mat said issues of integrity are regularly raised by voters.

"We support an ICAC with teeth. Should a new Labor government present it to the Parliament, The Greens will fast-track it through the Senate and we'll have an integrity commission by Christmas," he said.

"The Greens want to go further on integrity too. We don't accept dodgy corporate donations and want to extend this rule to all parties.

"The Greens want to ban all donations from problematic industries like fossil fuels, banking and gambling, and wish to cap all political donations at \$1000.

"People are disenfranchised with politics because our democracy is for sale. It's time we stopped the backdoor deals between politics and big corporations."

More specifically for his own electorate, Mat is aware of the ongoing housing crisis.

"We will build 1,000,000 affordable homes, cap rents, restore funding to social and community housing, and dust off the negative gearing and capital gains policy sitting in a 2019 ALP campaign office," he said.

"Housing should be a right, not an investment class, in this country.

"We have a big plan for a better future. We're calling for climate action, free education, addressing the cost of living, ending corporate welfare and making the billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share of tax.

"We'll catch the one-in-three big corporations who pay no tax in this country and use that money to get dental into Medicare for all.

"We're asking people to vote for what they really want; with our preferential voting system, there's no such thing as a wasted vote. To vote climate, vote Green."

Pitch to voters

SIX candidates attended an election forum in Wonthaggi on Wednesday, May 4. The forum, of which all eight candidates for the federal seat of Monash were invited to, was organised by the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House. Cr Clare Le Serve moderated the event, encouraging polite and respectful questions. The night kicked off at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church with each candidate giving a five-minute statement.



David Welsh
Australian Federation Party

DAVID Welsh, of the Australian Federation Party, described the government as a corporation.

Mr Welsh said government legislation was "eating away at all the freedoms that we've all known to have and to hold dear to us".

"There are real problems with some of the legislation that's been passed and these bills that have been passed in Parliament."

He said some of the parties were subject to big lobbyists that were funding their agendas.



Meg Edwards
Liberal-Democratic Party

MEG Edwards, of the Liberal-Democratic Party, said she and her partner run a small building business specialising in low-energy homes.

Environmentally, she said: "We all had a responsibility there."

Ms Edwards said the basic premise of the minor party was "less government" and putting decisions back in the hands of the people.

"We don't need the government to make every decision for us."

Ms Edwards spoke about the escalating cost of living and federal debt.

Ms Edwards highlighted three points she was hearing every day: roads, telecommunications and access to medical services.



Russell Broadbent
Liberal Party

RUSSELL Broadbent, of the Liberal Party, thanked the other candidates for standing up and representing themselves and their communities.

He said for those in the room who take an interest in politics, "you know what my background is and you know exactly how I go about my job".

"You know the things I stand for and the things I stand against," the incumbent MP said.

"More importantly, you know that the work I do is local," he said, highlighting people, places and communities.

Mr Broadbent also said he would have to leave at 7pm, but it was earlier addressed that organisers had invited Mr Broadbent to speak in-person as opposed to via Zoom – hence the incumbent MP leaving early.



Jessica O'Donnell
Labor Party

JESSICA O'Donnell, of the Labor Party, said it was her second time running for Labor and for the seat of Monash.

She believed the community had been taken for granted.

Ms O'Donnell spoke about action on climate change and accountability at a federal level through a federal independent anti-corruption commission with "teeth".

Ms O'Donnell spoke about the rising cost of childcare and extensive waitlists, as well as the length of time to see a local GP, the rising cost of the visit and seeing them on a regular basis.

Ms O'Donnell said there were recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety that were yet to be implemented.



Deb Leonard
Independent

DEB Leonard, an independent candidate, described herself as a lawyer, small business owner, a mum and an active member of the community.

Ms Leonard was chosen by the Voices for Monash group.

Ms Leonard said, after being out in the community talking to "thousands and thousands of people", and through some "extensive surveys", she had a policy platform that included standing for climate action and a just transition to renewable energy, an independent federal anti-corruption commission, small business support, equality and inclusivity, affordable housing, health services, infrastructure and roads.

"I'll fight for our fair share of funding and our fair share of services so that we have the same services as our city counterparts do," Ms Leonard said.



Mat Morgan
The Greens

MAT Morgan, of The Greens, described himself as a climate activist, musician and philosophy student.

He spoke about climate change, including The Greens' plan to get out of coal and gas by 2030 and achieve net-zero by 2035.

He spoke about First Nations people who had died in custody and reconciliation.

Mr Morgan spoke about university fees and the property market. He outlined a plan to "tackle the housing affordability crisis" by building public and community housing units and establishing a shared equity scheme.

He also highlighted The Greens' plan for higher taxes for Australian billionaires and targeting corporations that send profits offshore and then don't pay tax in Australia.

Strongly held seats taken for 'granted'

LISTENING and talking to people is the key to community engagement and the primary reason there has been a groundswell in support for community Independents in recent elections, according to Cathy McGowan AO.

Ms McGowan, the woman widely credited with the modern movement of Independents, attended as guest speaker at the campaign rally for independent candidate for Monash, Deb Leonard, last month.

Ms McGowan was the Member for Indi from 2013 until she retired in 2019.

The seat had previously been held by the Liberals for more than 30 years – from 1977 to 2013.

Speaking at the Warragul Country Club in support of Deb Leonard, Ms McGowan said there was a growing wave of support around rural and regional communities to assist candidates who are not tied to the major parties.

"Here in Monash, Deb Leonard gives the electorate a genuine alternative to the major parties. She is courageous, committed, intelligent, and above all, a good listener," Ms

McGowan said.

"Monash is similar in many ways to the electorate of Indi, which I had the pleasure of representing for six years from 2013. It is a largely rural electorate made up of some significant urban centres but also containing many smaller rural communities.

"The major parties tend to take seats that aren't marginal for granted.

"If your electorate needs more than 5 per cent of the vote to change hands – as Monash does – then these electorates do not receive [the] same level

of funding as the small number of marginal seats that always seem to be the recipients of the grand promises.

"Winning is a state of mind. People need to believe that there is an alternative status quo, and when they do, it will build a level of excitement across the electorate not seen for decades.

"If the communities across the Monash electorate get behind Deb over the next three weeks, then the people of Monash can shake the political establishment to the core."

The federal election is on May 21.

Candidates quizzed on corruption, nuclear and JobSeeker rate

CANDIDATES for the federal seat of Monash were quizzed on a range of topics at a forum in Wonthaggi on Wednesday night, including risk management when it comes to fires and floods, nuclear power, politicians working together, funds for community facilities, the COVID-19 vaccine, JobSeeker rate and whether a federal Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) should be established.

Other topics included transgender people and the Religious Discrimination Bill, vaccine mandates, housing, a free press and the ABC, and repaying debt. Answers have been edited due to space.

Politicians working together

Q. What do the two members of the two parties that will lead think of the adversarial system that we have now?

Jessica O'Donnell: There's no reason to be competitive all the time. There's a lot of work that happens behind the scenes where people are coming together and having those discussions and working on legislation together, where the discussions are going across in a two-way fashion instead of a very combative way.

Russell Broadbent: There is a lot of bipartisan work that is done within the Parliament that you don't see, and we enjoy the company of those people. You're assuming that in the election there will be a Labor government or a Coalition government and that's not necessarily the case. We don't know what will pan out after this election.

Mat Morgan: The chances that either party can form a majority government – they're unlikely. We can learn a lot of lessons from 2010... when The Greens shared the balance of power, and it was one of the most productive Parliaments that I've ever seen in my lifetime.

Nuclear power

Q. Do you support the retention of the Act that stops nuclear power being produced in Australia?

Mat Morgan: The Greens are extremely firm on this. We do not need nuclear anything in this country.

Deb Leonard: This is the first time that particular issue has been brought up with me. When I've got feedback from the community about how we were transitioning to renewable energy, it's wind, solar, and hydrogen pumped. So, if I was to ask to vote on that particular issue in Parliament, I will put it out to the community. I would go out and ask you the people, and I suspect I know the answer as well.

Jessica O'Donnell: It is something I'm extremely passionate about, and I would not be in favour of nuclear anything here in Australia.

Meg Edwards: It is policy number seven on the Liberal Democrats on what they're taking to the election and it is cheap and reliable energy that is cleaner, reliable and good baseload power. It's not saying that we're pro-nuclear, but to remove the prohibition for it to be on the table. Then it's there with any other options as well. If nuclear can provide a clean, affordable baseload power, then why are we prohibiting it from being discussed?

David Welsh: I'm not for nuclear power at all.

Russell Broadbent: I'm open to the option of nuclear power in Australia.



ABOVE: Meg Edwards of the Liberal-Democratic Party, David Welsh of the Australian Federation Party and Russell Broadbent of the Liberal Party were among those at Wednesday night's election forum.

Funding for community facilities

A questioner pressed Mr Broadbent about the money handed to local communities for facilities and whether Victoria was receiving its fair share of taxes.

Russell Broadbent: We give an enormous amount of money into community - directly from the federal government into local government. I don't see the small amount of money. All councils are different, and all councils get different sorts of funding. Some of my councils get more money for roads than other councils get because of the road systems that we have, and because of the bridge systems that we have. Now I know every council that comes to see me, no matter how much money goes into their council, no matter how much we've delivered for the community, they say, 'we need more money' – usually for roads.

Mr Broadbent was quizzed about the amount of funding that has gone into bridges in the last 10 years in Bass Coast. Mr Broadbent said there were four bridges in the last two years, but conceded he did not know going back the last 10 years, but would be happy to come back to the questioner. He said it would be a lot of money.

Jessica O'Donnell: There is an article on The Guardian which shows how much funding each electorate gets per person, and Monash is significantly in the lower part of Australia.

Deb Leonard: In the last three years, the Monash electorate has received about \$15 million in federal grants. By comparison, Indi (currently held by an Independent) has received almost \$35 million in grants. Our electorate has received election promises that equate to about \$8 per person. In a marginal electorate, I think it's Bass in Tasmania, they've had election promises that equate to about \$6000 per person. I think that is fair evidence that we're not getting our fair share in Monash.



Jessica Harrison quizzed candidates about whether they would support increasing the rate of JobSeeker.

JobSeeker rate

Q. Do you think the current rate of JobSeeker is fair? (According to Services Australia, a single person with no children receives \$642.70 a fortnight).

Mat Morgan: It should be at least \$88 a day and above the poverty line.

Deb Leonard: Centrelink payments have not kept up with the rising cost of living and rents. Some people have to choose between paying rent and taking the kids to school. It's not fair.

Jessica O'Donnell: In terms of raising the rate, it's something I will be strongly advocating for.

Meg Edwards: It relates to the overall cost of living and that is in comparison to that. There is a bigger need to keep that cost of living down and that's where some of these other factors come into play.

David Welsh: It's a matter of equity.

Russell Broadbent: I did a major report on intergenerational welfare three years ago. I made some recommendations there – they weren't well-received by the government.

Mr Broadbent also highlighted the one-off payments given during COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccine

Q. Do you feel any sense of guilt or even regret about your response against the vaccine and against your own government, given so clearly it saved so many lives?

Russell Broadbent: No.

Corruption

Q. What are you going to do to stop the rhetoric that hasn't produced an ICAC (Independent Commission Against Corruption) at the federal level?

Deb Leonard: An issue that has been brought up many times is we need to hold politicians to account. We need a federal ICAC and the two major parties aren't going to do it on their own. It's going to take a crossbench of Independents and probably Greens as well to get this over the line.

Mr Broadbent said if the federal government's proposal for a federal ICAC had been accepted by the Labor Party, it then could have gone through Parliament. He then explained the process behind how such bodies are established through Parliament.

Mat Morgan: We want an ICAC that the [questioner] was actually talking about. It needs to be retrospective; it needs to have public hearings, and it actually needs to hold our politicians to account. Should the Labor Party win this election in May, The Greens in the balance of power will push their ICAC model through the Senate by Christmas.

Jessica O'Donnell: Federal Labor will commit to a federal ICAC. It has slated to be fully transparent. We need full transparency; we need full accountability. It needs to have teeth; it needs to be fully independent, and everyone needs to be held to account.

Meg Edwards: We need transparency across the board and whether that is ICAC or some other model, I'm agnostic with what it takes to get there. We need transparency for every dollar, for every decision. And it's not just the government and elected officials, but right through the bureaucracy – right through every level of government because the trust is broken at every level.

Alcohol consumption at 'risky levels'

A HIGH proportion of people in Gippsland consume alcohol at risky levels compared to the rest of Victoria.

This was revealed in one of two issue papers, titled Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD), released by the Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) as part of addressing priority issues in the region.

A second paper, Sexual and Reproductive Health, identified that COVID-19 has impacted service provision in Gippsland with reductions in antenatal care and a change to more telehealth service delivery.

The AOD priority issues paper showed a high rate of ambulance attendances in Gippsland are related to alcohol and drugs.

The main needs identified by people with lived experience include improved availability of services both in acute care and follow-up support. People also identified barriers to access are more significant for Indigenous people, older people and geographically or socially isolated people.

The paper on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) identified that the COVID-19 pandemic impacted on service provision with access to affordable abortion services more difficult and delays in accessing Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) testing, contraception and cervical cancer screening.

From a community perspective, the paper identified stigma, discrimination and racism as the main barriers to seeking information, support and referral for SRH while clinicians are not always willing or confident in providing patients with SRH information.

Chlamydia was identified as the most common STI in Gippsland with the highest rates in Baw Baw LGA with 28.1 notifications per 10,000 females compared with the Victorian average of 18.5 and 17.3 notifications per 10,000 males compared to 16.8 for Victoria.

People aged 15 to 29 account for around 80 per cent of notifications, while modelling suggests that 77 per cent of chlamydia cases remain undiagnosed.

Read more at bit.ly/3LWzJhB.

Concerning picture of local health

AN EXTENSIVE picture of Gippsland's health and wellbeing has been detailed in the Gippsland Primary Health Network's Health Needs Assessment 2022-2025.

The 274-page report was submitted to the government in November 2021 and was recently approved.

The report revealed total life expectancy for people in Gippsland is 80.6 years, with females living for 83 years and males 78.9 years.

This compares to national life expectancy of 82.5 years – females at 84.6 years and males at 80.5 years.

Coronary heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in Gippsland while cancers rate among the top causes of death with a mortality of 184 per 100,000 people (167 in Australia).

Other key data revealed the following:

- 10.9% of children have emotional or behavioural problems at school entry compared with 8.1% in Victoria.
- 46% of the activity at Gippsland GP practices in 2019-20 was for people aged 65-plus, with the most common diagnosis hypertension, affecting 53 per cent of people aged 65-plus.
- 17 per cent of all Gippsland general practice patients had an active mental health diagnosis in 2020-21.
- More than 65% of people in Gippsland consumed alcohol at levels likely to increase lifetime risk of harm above the 59.5% in Victoria.

To see the full report, visit gphn.org.au



Mayor Cr Mohya Davies welcomes her neighbour Victoria Pupo as an Australian citizen with the pair joined by Victoria's daughters Emma and Sienna. A06_1722



Marinela Gradinaru and Annu Rosamma Raju display their Australian citizenship certificates, with Annu's husband and son joining them. A07_1722

New Aussies take the pledge at lively citizenship ceremony

ADVANCE Australia Fair rang out in the Leongatha Memorial Hall, with the vibrant sounds of the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band welcoming 14 new locals as Aussies in a lively citizenship ceremony last month.

Mayor Cr Mohya Davies conducted the ceremony, with her neighbour Victoria Pupo among the excited conferees.

From Argentina, Victoria came to Australia in 2016 to complete a Master of Business Administration, meeting her now-husband during a student trip to Wilsons Promontory.

She and her husband are now settled on his South Gippsland family farm with their two children.

Victoria was delighted to have her parents, who are visiting from their homeland, at the ceremony.

She is looking forward to having all the rights of an Australian citizen.

"I can vote now for the future of my girls," she said of young daughters Emma and Sienna.

Marinela Gradinaru, originally from Romania, moved to Australia from London in early 2016, just before the birth of her first child.

She now has two sons David and Maxi with husband Paul and is looking forward to having the same passport as the rest of the family.

There's little doubt of her Aussie credentials, with Marinela sharing her sons' love of Vegemite.

While she's looking forward to being able to vote in Australia, Marinela is unsure whether or not that is still possible at this year's federal election, but will register as soon as she is able.

Annu Rosamma Raju from India shared her special night with husband Pinto Mathew and son Noel Pinto Mathew.

"I'm very proud to be a citizen here," Annu said, noting she is looking forward to being able to vote in Australian elections.

She is excited about having greater opportunity to study.

Also welcomed as Australian citizens on Wednesday were the following South Gippsland residents.

Ana Maria Calvete Pena

Columbian Anna Maria moved to Australia on a student visa in 2012 with the intention of studying a Master of Laws, but first had to devote her efforts to improving her English.

The lawyer was drawn to South Gippsland by her now partner Nathan and is particularly fond of Fish Creek, Walkerville and Wilsons Promontory.

Anastasiia Kudriashova

Anastasiia's Australian adventure began in 2011, arriving on Tasmania's King Island to take up a dairy farm traineeship.

She moved to South Gippsland where she has con-

tinued her career in the dairy industry and is now studying Agricultural Sciences and Animal Science at the University of Melbourne.

Jireh Eldred – Jireh settled in Australia in 2015 and loves South Gippsland's beautiful scenery and friendly people, as well as its close proximity to the city.

Ken Hughes

Ken followed now wife Emma to Australia, with the pair originally living in East Arnhem Land.

Memories of an earlier trip to Wilsons Promontory drew the couple back to Victoria to raise their family.

Erik Jorgensen – Qualified chef Eric first arrived in Australia in 1993 seeking adventure and a chance to learn about other cuisines.

Soon after returning to his native Denmark, he applied to come back to Australia, becoming a resident and settling in Melbourne before a 2020 move to South Gippsland with wife Michelle.

Sireesha Koya

Sireesha moved to Foster from Melbourne for work, becoming a proud member of her new community.

Praisyy Mulla

Praisyy hit Australian shores in 2014, with the registered nurse finding work in Leongatha.

Although she initially in-

tended to remain in South Gippsland for just a year, Praisyy loved the area too much to leave.

Truyen Phan

Truyen from Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City ventured to Australia with her husband. She loves South Gippsland's wide-open spaces and friendly community.

Guy Riley

Although initially reluctant to follow the British tradition of travelling to Australia, Guy eventually did so, meeting his future wife in the process.

The couple initially moved between England and Australia before eventually settling in Australia, later making the move to South Gippsland.

Marie Rosse

Marie moved to Australia from Mauritius for the future of her children. Her sister visited from her homeland to see her become an Aussie.

Irene Vender

Irene moved to Australia to further her nursing career after meeting her now-husband.

She's in her third year of nursing at Federation University and intends to undertake post graduate studies as a midwife.

Like many of her fellow new Aussies, she loves South Gippsland's open space, the friendliness of the people, and the beaches.

Fundraiser supports the Learning for Life program



ON SATURDAY, April 2, the Wonthaggi Ladies Evening VIEW Club held a Bunnings barbecue in Wonthaggi, with the proceeds going to the seven children the club sponsors through the Learning for Life program. VIEW Clubs of Australia are a valued part of The Smith Family, supporting Learning for Life students with their education. New members are always welcome. Contact club president B. Wilson on 0419 585 909.

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Go Further

Sentinel-Times COMMENT

Why Bald Hills still needs to act

MAYBE you support renewable energy, maybe you don't, but if investors are going to set up commercial ventures to generate renewable energy for millions in profits, they have got to get it right.

And if they don't, the responsible authorities, including the local councils, the state governments and the federal government need to come down hard with relevant penalties for what is a billion-dollar industry for the wind farm operators alone.

So far, they have criminally neglected these responsibilities.

Notwithstanding the fact that the two local residents who took the operators of the Bald Hills Wind Farm to the Supreme Court, John Zakula and Noel Uren, have now withdrawn their challenge, after the ruling was handed down, but ahead of a decision on costs, Bald Hills still needs to address the nuisance its noise is causing for neighbours.

Only last week, neighbours of the wind farm reported to the Sentinel-Times that the noise has been unbearable again.

The court acknowledged during the case that Mr Zakula had his sleep disturbed on at least 450 occasions between 2015 and 2019, while Mr Uren suffered from loss of sleep on at least 100 occasions between 2015 and 2018.

It's still going on.

At the very least, Bald Hills needs to fix the faulty, noisy gearboxes "first identified in the MDA December 2016 report" and they need to treat the neighbours with the respect and due process they deserve.

It might be over for Mr Zakula and Mr Uren, who've fought the good fight at great personal cost, but it's not over for the operators of the Bald Hills Wind Farm Pty Ltd or the people who live with the fallout on a daily basis.

Heart disease awareness

Last week (May 2-9) marked National Heart Week – an important initiative of the Heart Foundation that aims to raise awareness around the importance of heart health.

As many of you may know, this issue is particularly close to my own heart (excuse the pun) after experiencing a heart attack in 2017.

At 43, not overweight, a non-smoker and not a heavy drinker I had never considered myself a candidate for heart concerns and was caught completely off-guard.

I am forever grateful to organisations such as the Heart Foundation who work to ensure everyone is aware of the signs of a heart attack. Because of this, I was able to recognise the urgent need to get to a hospital and seek the medical care that I needed.

For those who are not aware, the symptoms of a heart attack include chest pain, shoulder pain, general discomfort, hot and cold sweats and nausea. The symptoms can be very mild for women, so even harder to detect, and it is important to be vigilant.

More recently, Australia was shaken by the sudden tragic loss of cricket legend Shane Warne and Labor Senator Kimberley Kitching to suspected heart attacks – both were just 52 years of age.

Statistics from the ABS tell us that 1 in 20 Australians will suffer from some form of heart disease. Indeed, every four minutes in Australia someone is having a heart attack or stroke.

Vox Pop

Do you think our politicians are out of touch?



John McKeown
Leongatha

"I admire the way they pretend to be in touch and, once the election's over, they forget all about us ordinary mortals."



Karen Rusden
South Gippsland

"I don't think they understand the reality of how hard it is for people financially and regarding other issues such as homelessness. If they did, they'd be doing something about it."



Andy Bassett
Leongatha

"I think they're doing a pretty good job. It's a tough gig and you're not going to get everything right."



Kourtney Brewer
Leongatha

"I think they need to get more in touch with the custodians of the land. There's so much they could learn about the wildlife and traditions."

The power to change these statistics and prevent loss of life lies with each and every one of us.

We can improve these figures by keeping an eye on our heart health and not ignoring any discomfort. If you're over 45 (or over 30 if you're of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent) you should book a Heart Health Check with your GP today.

For information on the importance of and what to expect during a Heart Health Check please visit bit.ly/3kHYMJB.

Danny O'Brien MP, The Nationals Member for Gippsland South.

An Independent vote is not wasted

You never ever know if you never ever go – a slogan associated with future holidays, in faraway places – but this time applied in local communities.

Whether or not we've paid attention to local governments making climate emergency declarations, many of us may not have had the patience to ever know about candidates for the upcoming federal election.

Just two weeks ago, Deb Leonard, local Independent via Voices for Monash, asked interested folks to rock up at a restaurant for an evening of introductions and what might be possible.

For ourselves, volunteering to distribute brochures and talk to people, it's clear many of us have been brainwashed into thinking a vote for an Independent is a waste of a vote, they'll never get into government or be able to "do" anything.

Obviously, vested interests have been peddling this propaganda for many years.

Taking a moment to consider the other side of the coin, voting for majors means close battle between parties which are similar, especially so this time.

The result is the House of Representatives is just opposing pairs, with just the colour of their ties the difference.

With clues on how to self-organise, by Climate 200 and Voices, Independents can bring change. Between opposing sides of brawn, surely, in between, we can get some Independent brain? Voting for majors means practically all just follow the leader.

At campaign launch, guest, and very powerful speaker, Cathy McGowan, famous for winning Indi from Liberal incumbent, was amongst us volunteers; she hustled us to get working, especially raising funds in the community, to help win and enjoy a surprise of how much funding an Independent can return to the community from Canberra.

Bernie McComb, Cowes.

Editor: Edited due to space.

Powering up in Monash

The incumbent government has politicised the budget and their own standing as better economic managers, but this country is about \$1 trillion in debt under Josh Frydenberg's financial leadership, and what have we got to show for it?

Australia and the world economy may be lurching towards stagflation which tends to nullify Josh's preferred fiscal policy of achieving budget repair and debt management simply by growing the economy.

Growing the economy is an excellent remedy to increase GDP but what have we got to sell?

At the moment, we are importing most of our consumables, including about \$30 billion of fuel per year.

Our manufacturing industries have become almost extinct under the leadership of Howard, Abbott, Turnbull and Morrison.

We need to make stuff that the world needs and sell it with the maximum amount of value added.

Instead of shipping bulk coal and iron ore overseas, we should be exporting green steel and EVs made with renewable energy. This country has greater potential to generate renewable energy than almost any other country on planet earth.

The incumbent federal LNP government has done little to develop this renewable potential, and under the Abbott government, our Renewable Energy Targets were halved.

The Morrison government is still actively pursuing the expansion of coal and gas at the expense of renewables and in total disregard for the consequences of climate change. But what has this got to do with the waterline along Bass Coast and Western Port Bay?

If Vikki Campion's opinion piece in the Daily Telegraph on March 26, 2022, is anything to go by, then Western Port could become a major petrochemical hub for Melbourne and Victoria.

Vikki is the Deputy Prime Minister's fiancée, and she wrote: "It's possible the Arckaringa Basin under Coober Pedy has more oil than Saudi Arabia. We should frack the hell out of it and have \$0.70 petrol again."

Oh, to be a fly on the wall when Barnaby and Vikki are nocking back their cornflakes.

Fracking the hell out of the Arckaringa Basin has consequences, including irreversible contamination of the Great Artesian Basin which provides drinking water for humans and stock throughout much of northern Australia.

Ongoing exploitation of fossil fuels is accelerating CO2 emissions, not curtailing them. Future generations will pay the ultimate price for such reckless and irresponsible governance.

Once they extract the oil and gas from these deep-seated shale deposits by hydraulic fracking, they need to process it and distribute it to major population centres.

The Americans are actively building new petrochemical infrastructure along their Gulf Coast to accommodate export of liquefied gas from fracking.

What is going to stop Morrison and his mates from developing similar petrochemical hubs along our coastline, including the Western Port coastline, to service Melbourne if they are allowed to go ahead with their insane quest to accelerate exploitation of coal, oil and gas?

Edward Minty, North Wonthaggi.

Thank you to 3mFM

Further to the article last week about our sell-out Bass Coast Refugee Support Group (BCRSG) fundraiser, I would like to thank 3mFM for their wonderful support in promoting the event in its lead-up, especially our hardworking MC on the night, Mr David Butcher, whose smooth tones kept the evening on track. Big thanks!

Cait McMahon, Inverloch, BCRSG member.

Missing path connection?

Re: Surf Parade shared path in Inverloch (Sentinel-Times, April 12, 2022, page 17, 'May finish date for Surf Parade path').

The \$905,000 Inverloch Shared Pathway project along Surf Parade extending from Veronica Street to Ozone Street has identified a missing path connection.

According to council, the project (along Surf Parade) will bring the shire closer to completing its Wonthaggi-Inverloch Rail Trail. The big picture council has for connecting one side of the shire to another. So how will that happen? Where is the missing path link from Ozone Street to the Rail Trail? Looking at a map does not solve the mystery. But wait, what about the path extension from Ozone Street to the surf club? Will that get us closer to the Rail Trail?

Who is having who on?

Graham Jolly, Cape Woolamai.

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

Latest from Coal Creek

SHIRLEY Cowling of Korumburra has outlined both the concerns of Friends of Coal Creek, and the public in general, regarding the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum as well as thanking both Cr Jenni Keerie and Cr Nathan Hersey for attending a recent meeting and responding to the 'Friends' questions at the meeting on March 29.

"The Friends of Coal Creek are a legally incorporated organisation and have been operating in collaboration with South Gippsland Shire Council for over 20 years to assist Coal Creek operations," Shirley said.

"Their vision and mission statement clearly confirms this. They were responsible for restoring the Auction Rooms, Lands Office and also the Cordial Factory.

"It was also mentioned at the March 29 meeting that during COVID the area had received little attention and that the fallen trees, etc., were now finally being addressed to make it safe before opening it fully to the public. It had, and I believe still is on some websites, advertised that 'Coal Creek' is open seven days a week for school holidays, and yes this did occur.

"There was only one building 'roped off' as it was unsafe, a shed apparently used for storage?"

The positives that came out of the meeting were from Cr Jenni Keerie who agreed that improved signage needed to be considered. At present, the sign at the turn off does not highlight to tourists that it is a stopping point for tourists to visit the village-museum.

Signage could also displayed where there is sufficient time for tourists to exit the highway safely. Cr Keerie suggested a sign should also be displayed at the beginning of the town to inform tourists of its existence.

Cr Nathan Hersey said there was a funding proposal suggested to him that he shared, which was an idea where each town across South Gippsland could either adopt or sponsor a building within Coal Creek.

"This is a possible way of increasing regional interest and participation in what should be seen as a regionally significant space and support the upkeep and maintenance of buildings," Cr Hersery said.

He also suggested that Coal Creek could be utilised more by council for community events such as hosting Australia Day celebrations.

The participants reflected on the past and stated what they would like to see happen now at the Park and Museum, such as the café being reinstated, more interactive (as it used to be with the live museum), improve the feature of the dam, get the train/s moving, bring back the blacksmiths shop up the top, arts, literature, music workshops, the lost trades with horse and cart vintage, Tourist Information Centre for people to engage more, flower and vegetable gardens including bush foods, admission fee, bitumen car park, spur line, general store, bringing back dolly pegs, brooms, scrubbing brushes and tin toys of yester year and Coopers also of yester year.

"We the Friends of Coal Creek wish to work with the shire and councillors for the improvement of the village/museum and the benefit of Korumburra and South Gippsland," Shirley said.



~~~ 38th Korumburra Debutante Ball ~~~

ON SATURDAY, April 30, the Community Engagement Group was thrilled to hold the 38th Korumburra Debutante Ball for the 2021 group, which was postponed last year due to COVID.

It was a beautiful night in which 11 couples were presented to special guests John Wilson, Melissa Neil and Angela Burke with page boy Clay Robertson and flower girls Myka and Poppy Fawcett. The group danced so grace-

fully to nine wonderfully choreographed tracks taught by dance teachers Shane Gray and Heather Power from Pak- enham Dance Studios.

They began training in June 2021 and were able to complete four trainings before the event was postponed.

With lots of uncertainty around if the event would ever be able to go ahead, they patiently waited until mid-March 2022 to be able to resume trainings and hold the

38th Korumburra Debutante Ball on April 30, 2022, only eight months late.

The 2022 debutante group will start their training later this year with the event being held in November; follow the Facebook page Korumburra Debutante Ball for more information and photos from the events.

From left, back, Joel Cuman, Blake Webb, Owen Jones, Lachie Smith, Rhys Pether, Henry Bird, Ryan Sinclair,

Kodie Walker and Matt O'Neill; middle, Aaliyah Tre- vethan, Charlee Walker, So- phie McKenzie, Katie Cronin, Nash Beavis, Luke Walker, Hayley Woollard, Shannen de Bondt, Jazmine Findlay and Kayleigh Wolfe; front, Ayla Fowler, Myka Fawcett, Poppy Fawcett, Melissa Neill, John Wilson, Angela Burke, Clay Robertson, Baylee Norrey and Beth Derrick. Photo cour- tesy of Lindy Fox of Fox and Pearl Photography.

Woodworker Paul is off to England

WOODWORKER Paul Tiven- dale of South Gippsland has been awarded the 2022 Palladio Fel- lowship, which will see him venture to England later this year.

"I have always had an interest and passion for wood and work- ing in the shed.

"Some of my earliest and fond- est memories are following my dad between the shed and garage, helping him work on various weekend projects.

"This passion continued as I went on to study woodwork throughout high school and then on to furniture design at RMIT where I met Olivia.

"After completing my diploma, I went on to become a furniture maker and cabinet maker for the next 11 years."

Disheartened by the wastage and large proportion of man- made materials used in cabinet making, Paul returned to his roots.

"I wanted to return to what I love, working with timber and wood and create something with longevity and of interest.

"I also wanted to include my other passions, working on cars and heritage.

"This led me to wooden spoked wheels."

Wooden wheels have a long his- tory across the world with the oldest wooden wheel discovered in Slovenia and dated over 5150 years old.

"I made my very first wheel through a hands-on workshop at the Cobb+Co Museum in Toowoomba.

"There, wheelwright Kerry Riehl teaches you how to make a 16 spoke wheel over five days from start to finish - the only



Paul Tivendale of South Gippsland has been awarded the 2022 Palladio Fellowship to follow his dream as a wheelwright.

class of its type in the southern hemisphere."

Being awarded the 2022 Pal- ladio Fellowship is an incredible feat and a step towards recognis- ing the heritage trade in Australia.

"The fellowship means a great deal as it provides an opportu- nity to work directly with some of the world's best wheelwrights, to grow my knowledge and hands- on experience.

"Experience that will help me to hopefully become one of the top wheelwrights much faster than if I was to work, practise and experi- ment on my own."

Open to individuals between 18 and 45, the fellowship aims to help individuals acquire higher- level skills and drive leading prac- tice and innovation in Australia.

"The fellowship has already helped me connect with overseas organisations like the Worshipful Company of Wheelwrights, the leading body in England.

"It also builds awareness of the trade within our community and helps better connect our own makers.

"It will also help me better practise the trade and further share the knowledge, which is slowly fading away."

With a dream of operating as a wainwright - a person who builds and repairs wagons - Paul is one step closer.

"I hope to have an established workshop where I will not only make and repair wheels but also make and repair entire wagons and carts.

"Doing all the work required - machining, making the timber components, timber steam bending and metal works."

With his wife, Olivia, a success- ful wood artist in her own right, the two discuss, analyse and de- velop ideas together - though with very different skill sets, they are yet to collaborate.

A maintenance officer at Coal Creek Community Park and Mu- seum, Paul loves helping preserve Gippsland's rich history and cul- ture.

"The main and most important point at the end of the day is to help preserve Australia's rich transport heritage and history."

Visit Instagram and Facebook @thatwheelwrightguy to see Paul's work.

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

OUR inaugural Chatty Café session was on last Tuesday. It aims to help people stay connected to their community by choosing to 'Have a Chat' to others in safe comfortable settings. Put the next one in your diary for Tuesday, June 7. Remember, it's on every first Tuesday morning of the month at 10.30, finishing at 11.30.

If you missed out on our Free Community Lunch last time, then set your sights on coming along to the next one on this Wednesday, May 11. They happen every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, starting at 12 noon. Emma will, as usual, be cooking up a storm so come along and enjoy good food while meeting new people or re acquainting yourself with old friends. You need to book in so that we can cater.

Looking for a body and mind meld in the form of a wholistic yoga experience on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 - 11.45am? Well we have Linda, a yoga teacher who has extensive training in yoga, meditation, philosophy and yoga therapy. Call us to obtain forms and enrol and bring a yoga mat and light blanket/ shawl.

For those of you who may have difficulty in accessing yoga in all its ups and downs on the mats, seated yoga may be the way for you. It can be done seated or standing using the chair for support. Improve your flexibility, movement, concentration and strength. It's on Thursdays 2 - 3.15pm. Call us to enrol and obtain forms. Maree will be looking forward to working with you.

If you have any excess produce that you are looking to pass on to others, consider the Seed & Veggie /Produce swap, on this Saturday, May 14, 11am to 1pm. It's a Learn Share Activity and is held at the Harvest Centre. Beyond the Big W carpark, past the Goods Shed. WNC members free, others \$6. If you don't have much this time, then catch up on any 2nd Saturday of the month.

The Fixit cafe is on again this Sunday May 15, 11am to 1pm at the Harvest centre and Men's Shed, and now is the time to see if your much loved, handy or important item can be fixed! Be it electrical, wooden, a garden tool or a clock for example. Please book your item in by ringing us on 5672 3731. And in the 30 minutes allotted to you (this can vary), the Fixit volunteers and the members of the Men's Shed will do their best to fix your item, though parts needed are to be furnished by you. The service is free as is coffee, tea and cake! Making a donation would be very welcome. The place is to be found behind Mitchell House, enter from beyond the Big W car park past the Goods Shed. For last minute updates, check out the Facebook Page. Help us to keep as much as we can out of landfill.

With interest rates rising and putting extra pressure on finances, here is a timely reminder of the One-Off Power Savings Bonus of \$250 from the state government. If you or someone you know is struggling to pay their power bills and is eligible to receive it. We can help anyone who has a pensioner concession or healthcare card or receiving Centrelink payments. The deadline is June 30, 2022. Call us on 5672 3731 or drop in if you need help applying. Online, go to compare.energy.vic.gov.au/welcome.

Just a little note here. If you become a WNC member, \$10 per individual, \$15 per family for the year, then all Learn Share Activities are free until the end of June 2022. And not only that but you also get our 'The Grapevine' newsletter which comes out each term. Call Mitchell House on 5672 3731 for more information and keep up to date with all our activities through our Facebook Page at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

HAVE you ever wondered if air fryers are worth it? Are pressure cookers safe to use? And what does a Thermomix even do?

Wonder no more with BCAL's course on Kitchen Gadgets coming up soon. Presented by a qualified café operator over 4 evenings, the sessions will help you get the best from these appliances. Or, if you're curious, it's the perfect way to try before you buy.

You will get top tips and hands-on experience. Plus, food is included so you will get to taste the results as well. Whether you're interested in warming winter meals from the slow cooker or healthier options with an air fryer, you're sure to pick up an idea or 12.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

There was much to celebrate at the garden last week: like finding buried treasure as volunteers dug into a pile of marinating green waste, to uncover a heap of rich, wormy compost.

And of course decent rainfall, which had finally penetrated a dry pan of soil to get in deep, where it was needed most.

Volunteers eagerly piled the new compost into a bay marked 'ready to use' and began another compost making cycle, combining cow manure, green waste (weeds, old veg, leaves, roots, twigs), straw, soil, and liquid manure from the weed tea bins.

The only ingredient missing was master compost maker and hard working volunteer Kevin. He's nursing a gardening injury. The gardeners are all hoping he's back on deck soon to resume chopping and layering!

If you would like to grow your own food or get involved in any way at the community garden contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or drop into the garden on Thursdays between 10 and noon to chat with volunteers and members.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Do you have a burning desire to try woodcrafting but aren't sure about blades? Can you hold a pen?

The Woodies' Friday afternoon pyrography group augment wood by burning pictures or patterns into wood with a heated stylus. It's perfect for people who are more suited to drawing. If you can't draw, you can trace. As one member said, "The wood tells me what to draw."

The pyrographers use their talents to decorate pieces crafted in other groups, or just use a flat piece of wood as their 'canvas.' It's another great way to use off-cuts. One member was using a piece of recycled floorboard last week.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au.



Leonie Ziolkowski of Inverloch works on a card during a Milpara craft session. A07_1922

MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

MILPARA Korumburra's Community House is many things to many people, but this year's Neighbourhood House Week theme "Building resilience by bringing people together" we believe would resonate with many.

We have decided to do something special and will be running a showcase this year to celebrate Neighbourhood House Week, Tuesday, May 10 to Friday, May 13.

We are excited to have booked one of the rooms at Korumburra Federation Gallery, 165 Commercial Street, and will have an exhibition of work and a variety of pop-up sessions for our community to enjoy.

The exhibition will include participants' work from Women On Tools, Creative Arts Workshop with Rachel, Art with Gayle, Korumburra Men's Shed.

The Art of Story Writing, Crafts with Barb and more: Tuesday - Friday 10am-3pm, Wednesday, May 11, 6pm-8pm.

Pop-up sessions: Tuesday Art with Gayle 10am-12.30pm and Games and Giggles 1pm-3pm. Wednesday Social Mahjong 10am-12pm and Milpara Singers 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Thursday Sunshine Spreaders 10am-12pm and Tech Help 12.30pm-3.30pm.

Friday English as a Second Language 10am-12pm and Craft BYO 1pm-3pm.

So, pop down for a look and join in if you like.

We will conclude the week with a celebration Morning Tea on Saturday at 11am.

Whether you participate in activities, access services or dedicate your time to make Milpara as wonderful as we can, whether you come to build skills, develop friendships or require support, you all help make Milpara what it is and we'd love for you to join us in celebration with a morning tea. Please book a ticket at bit.ly/3KGGLG0 or RSVP by Thursday, May 12, for catering purposes.

You can call Milpara on 5655 2524.

All welcome at Milpara

MILPARA, Korumburra's Community House, offers a wide range of affordable activities with a focus on engaging locals and getting people out of the house and mixing with others.

That ties in with this year's Neighbourhood House theme of 'building resilience by bringing people together'.

"We're friendly and provide a safe space," Milpara program coordinator Belinda Nicholls said.

Milpara is an apt name for Korumburra's Community House, simply meaning 'meeting place'.

Those with anxiety and depression, along with others who have got into the habit of isolation during the pandemic, are encouraged to come and try an activity that interests them.

Belinda said that taking the first step through Milpara's doorway can be daunting for many people, but they will be made to feel welcome.

Activities include an array of crafts, art, singing, personal wellbeing sessions such as yoga and meditation, along with practical skills development in areas such as computers, food safety training and public speaking.

Milpara also assists the community in many other ways.

That includes running an emergency food bank, offering access to a visiting financial counsellor, and case-by-case assistance from a Vinnies representative.

Counselling is also available.

Elderly rights advocacy and navigating aged care are other important social services Milpara provides.



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New network for queer allies

LEONGATHA Community House is inviting allies of queer young people to join a new social network for supporting LG-BTQA+ young people across South Gippsland.

Parents and Friends of Queer Youth (PFQY) will be a monthly gathering of the parents and friends of queer young people.

It allows them to share their experiences, helping each other provide a safe and supportive environment for the young people they care for.

The network is being coordinated by Leongatha husbands, Trevar Skillicorn-Chilver and Skii Chilver Skillicorn, who came up with the idea when facing a relatively mundane parenting challenge: "We were both working on the day of the Midsumma Carnival, the biggest annual event in the LG-BTQA+ calendar, which we would usually take the family to, and which has been instrumental in our daughter's journey."

"It didn't happen in 2021 and we ended up missing it in 2022."

"We thought if we had a network of parents and allies who understood the importance of these events, we'd be able to find someone else to take her so she didn't miss out at this



Trevar Skillicorn-Chilver, Adam Chilver-Skillicorn, and Miriam Chilver at the front.

critical stage.

"It also made us aware that straight parents and friends of queer young people might not even know these events exist."

While helping with small dilemmas like this, they expect the group will grow into being able to address bigger issues such as gender and sexual diversity awareness training, transport for LG-BTQA+ events, raising

queer issues with local councils and improving queer services in regional Victoria from city-centric queer services.

"We want to make sure young people in South Gippsland feel that they don't have to leave this idyllic home to live their best life. If they do want to leave Gippsland for study or work, we need them to know the community in South Gippsland

always has their back," Trevar and Skii said.

The concept of networks like this is not new.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) have been doing it for decades, right across the world.

Their success has been critical in shifting the cultural acceptance of the LG-BTQA+ community, and helping them live their truth.

The group will meet at Leongatha Community House on the first Friday of every month.

The parents and friends will have one room, and young people are welcome to socialise in the neighbouring room.

Queer young people of up to the age of 24 are welcome but will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult if under the age of 13. Parents and friends do not need to bring the young person they are supporting; they are welcome to just come and join the conversation.

Critical details: Next meeting is Friday, June 3, at 7pm at Leongatha Community House, 16 Bruce Street, Leongatha. Cost is \$10 contribution for pizza and facilities. Public enquiries 03 5662 3962 or office@leongathacommunityhouse.org.au

Check out Milpara's creations

MILPARA Community House, Korumburra, is celebrating Neighbourhood House Week with a Showcase at the town's Federation Gallery, displaying participants' work and featuring pop up sessions enabling people to take part in activities.

Neighbourhood House Week runs from May 9-15, celebrating the role of over 1000 neighbourhood houses across Australia, with Milpara one of 400 in Victoria.

"We are excited to be bringing our community together to celebrate what makes Milpara Community House such a special place for so many locals," manager Jenni Keerie said.

The Showcase fits into this year's Neighbourhood House Week theme of 'building resilience by bringing people together', something that has been made all the more important in light of the isolation so many have faced during the pandemic.

Attendees will enjoy a diverse exhibition featuring a variety of crafts, art, work from Korumburra Men's Shed, as well as that produced by participants in Women on Tools sessions, and more.

It's an opportunity to see some of the options available at Milpara, and you might just find something you'd love to participate in.

Members of Barb Hosking's craft group will have works featured in the Showcase.

Korumburra locals Rhonda Chapman and Jan Appleton were part of Friday's craft session, creating sections of a rug to be crocheted together. While the group started out with a focus on creating personalised cards, it has branched out into many crafts, with group members passing on their expertise in different fields to others.

Rhonda enjoys knitting, gift card making, and crochet. The social side draws people to the group.

Jan particularly loves knitting and creates beanies for premature babies, which are distributed through Leongatha RSL to wherever they are required.

Rugs created by the craft group are of value to those in local aged care homes.

Leonie Ziolkowski attends the craft sessions from Inverloch. She also enjoys knitting and sometimes creates beanies for Wonthaggi Hospital, but was busy making cards at Friday's session.

A major focus of neighbourhood and community houses is keeping activities affordable to ensure those wanting to join in have the opportunity.

The Showcase kicks off on Tuesday, May 10, running until Friday, May 13, from 10am to 3pm daily, with a Wednesday night session between 6pm and 8pm.

There will also be an 11am morning tea on Saturday, May 14. Those wishing to attend the morning tea are requested to RSVP by Thursday for catering purposes.

They can book their place by calling Milpara on 5655 2524. Federation Gallery is located at 165 Commercial Street, Korumburra.

Pay as you feel at the Inverloch Soup Café

THE Inverloch Community House Soup Café is back.

Celebrating seven successful years, the Soup Café was first held in 2015 in observance of Neighbourhood House Week, providing individuals, families and couples the opportunity to connect with their community over a hearty bowl of soup.

Each year, Inverloch Community House kicks off hosting the inaugural session, with fellow sessions previously hosted by Walkie Talkies, and Chatty Crafters, amongst local community groups, church groups and businesses.

Centred around building resilience by bringing people together, Inverloch Community House is hoping the annual tradition will bring new and old participants back together.

"Lots of different age groups pass through our Soup Café,

whether they've just finished playgroup or are on their way to the Hub, or a meeting," Inverloch Community House coordinator Lisa Archibald explained.

Enjoy a healthy meal at Inverloch Community House on May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9 and September 13 from 12pm to 1.30pm. Simply pop in, grab a seat and relax over a healthy, affordable meal.

"Last term was our busiest - people are starting to venture out."

With bread rolls kindly donated by Paul the Pieman to whom Community House is incredibly grateful, the event would not be possible without the support from community groups, Bass Coast Shire Council and most importantly, The Inverloch Men's Shed, who have without fail set up and packed up year on year.



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Milpara's Showcase @ The Gallery

Your invited, come enjoy our exhibition of participants works and pop up sessions to celebrate Milpara and Neighbourhood House Week.

Tuesday May 10 to
Friday May 13
10am - 3pm

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What is Law Week?

LAW Week teaches people how to access vital information about their legal rights and responsibilities, and how to act on it.

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across both metro and regional Victoria. Some of the events are virtual.

Whether it's a webinar to help you navigate divorce, an in-person session to help you prepare a will, or a discussion on workplace discrimination, there's bound to be an event that could help you.

For more information, go to lawweek.net.au.

Coffee with a lawyer

HAVE a cup of coffee with a representative from the Gippsland Community Legal Service in Foster as part of Law Week.

The Gippsland Community Legal Service offers free legal advice to the Gippsland community across a wide range of areas including fines, family violence, renting, mental health and more.

The session is on Tuesday, May 17, from 10am to 1pm, and is designed to be non-judgemental and engaging.

Come and chat to their lawyers about common legal issues

you may be experiencing, or get help to limit the risk and likelihood of those issues occurring. Manna Gum staff and volunteers will also be on hand to provide information about local community support services.

Manna Gum Community House is a not-for-profit organisation located in Foster, South Gippsland and provides programs and services to the Corner Inlet community.

The session will be hosted in the Community Lounge, and a complimentary hot drink and cake will be provided to all participants.

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Sole practitioner and lawyer Jenny Garnham was born and bred in Wonthaggi before eventually moving to Melbourne to further pursue her law career.

"I worked started working at Gilbert & Rahilly as a junior conveyancing clerk before joining Dave Luscombe and Peter Colahan.

"I then moved to Melbourne for 20 years and worked with a number of speciality law firms. I was offered the opportunity to come back to



Law clerks Jackie Farrington (left) and Shelley Harvey, receptionist Ashlee Farrington, law clerk Fiona Indian and sole practitioner and lawyer Jenny Garnham (middle).

Wonthaggi in 2015 and I've just ticked over seven years here."

Ms Garnham said the practice has expertise in conveyancing, off-plan sites, sales of development blocks, farming blocks, commercial leases, Wills, Powers of Attorney and Estates.

"Shelley Harvey has almost completed her law

degree and is currently doing an excellent job with all our conveyancing."

"We've got a really great professional team with the face of the office being Ashlee Farrington as our receptionist.

"Jackie works part-time assisting with the conveyancing and Fiona works four days a week with all

our Probates and Wills."

In addition to their professional services, Ms Garnham said they offer home and hospital/nursing home visits with clients when required.

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Celebrating tai chi

'ONE world – one breath' is the slogan for World Tai Chi Day, which was celebrated in Inverloch by 20 enthusiastic tai chi-ers. On Saturday, April 30, tai chi was practised in 80 countries around the world, uniting the world in a common martial art. Tai chi is not religious or political but self-enriching, celebrating peace and global unity. If you are interested in learning the gentle art of tai chi in Inverloch, please contact Heather on 0412 463 344.



Heart attack survivor Gary Stirling, the manager of Dumbalk Community Centre, was among those to take part in the heart health screening.

Ticker tests at Dumbalk

HEART health is topical in the Dumbalk community. National Heart Foundation Heart Health Week ran from May 2 to 8. Heart health screening/ticker tests were held on Tuesday, May 3, at Dumbalk Community Centre, organised by the Dumbalk & District Progress Association.

The event was well supported with more than 20 locals making appointments for the day with a couple of walk-ins.

Volunteers manned the reception area all-day while Foster Medical Centre generously provided a chronic disease management nurse for the day.

The nurse provided heart health tests and referred clients on for follow up medical appointments if necessary.

Dumbalk Community Centre is the former pre-school building which opened in 1971 and closed about 2006.

The D&DPA renovated the building in 2017. One end of the building is a dedicated medical or healing space with two modern consulting suites, an attractive waiting room with reception, kitchenette and bathroom facilities.

The other end of the building is used for moderate-sized functions or events.

The D&DPA is keen for the building to have more regular use. It has lovely natural light and would be a perfect location for allied health or healing practices. Inspections can be arranged.

Contact centre manager Gary Stirling on 0448 880 809.

The other notable heart-related event is that the Dumbalk & District Hall has updated its heart defibrillator to a fully automated machine. It is positioned for easy access in an emergency and will be signposted. The new defibrillator is a joint project funded by the hall committee and in part by local community groups and individual donations.

Generous donation to Wonthaggi hospital

THE Bass Coast Health (BCH) Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary was pleased to receive a cheque of \$2665.45 from the Inverloch Men's Shed recently.

Christine Henderson, BCH executive director of clinical services and Terry Hall, secretary of the BCH Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary, met with members of the Inverloch Men's Shed to receive the cheque from Men's Shed president Matt McDonald.

Members raised funds at a recent market, with the money to go towards a much-needed ultrasound machine.

The ultrasound will assist in the placement of devices (known as PICCs and ports) that allow repeated access to the bloodstream for chemotherapy to be administered.

BCH hopes to be able to do this procedure locally from next year, as patients currently travel out of the area to have the devices inserted.

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



Inverloch Men's Shed president Matt McDonald (left) and member Bill Damm (right) present a cheque to Bass Coast Health's executive director of clinical services Christine Henderson and BCH Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary secretary Terry Hall.

abdomen or the lung.

"We are so grateful to the Inverloch community and businesses for getting behind our second fundraising effort for cancer services," said Terry Hall.

"We have raised \$24,390.34

so far towards the \$60,000 ultrasound machine.

"Last month, Inverloch Rotary donated \$4000, and Vaughan's Café and the Garden Club of Inverloch offered \$500 each. Every donation makes a difference, including

from individuals.

"All told, the total funds raised to date amount to \$42,826.34 since December, a tremendous collective effort."

To support the auxiliary, contact Terry on 0439 032 979.



Celebrating the Inverloch Bowling Club's successful fundraiser were, from left, Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary member Klaus Edel, winning bowlers Bruce Corrigan, Dave Murfin and Steve Snelling, with Bass Coast Health's volunteer and fundraising manager Mandy Gilcrist.

Club rolls out funds for auxiliary

INVERLOCH Bowling Club raised \$2500 for the Bass Coast Health Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary at the club's Bowls Over Cancer Day on Thursday, April 28.

Club president Terry Seaward was thrilled with the generosity and good spirit of club members, as they gave to support the auxiliary's fundraising to buy

a state-of-the-art ultrasound machine to enhance cancer services at Bass Coast Health (BCH).

Auxiliary member Klaus Edel and BCH volunteer and fundraising manager Mandy Gilcrist were overwhelmed with the result, thanking the bowlers for their community spirit and ongoing support.

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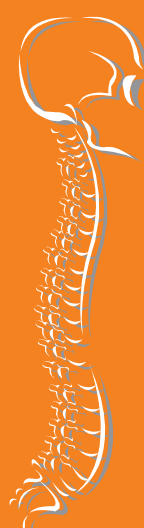
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The Cape Paterson Claw was discovered at Eagles Nest by Geologist W H Ferguson. Photo by Jon Augier, Museums Victoria.

Claw discovered 119 years ago

THE first dinosaur fossil found in Australia, was found on our own shores in Inverloch.

From the Mesozoic era in the creataceous period, the claw belongs to the Theropoda, a carnivorous dinosaur.

Discovered at Eagles Nest 119 years ago on May 7, 1903, by Scottish geologist W H Ferguson, the claw was ultimately forgotten at Melbourne Museum.

Thankfully it was rediscovered and has since become a prominent feature in Museum Victoria's Collection.

• FAITH FACTOR

Longing for peace

Rev Wendy Elson - Uniting Church Inverloch and Wonthaggi

WHAT a surprise it was to discover a special gift buried underneath the Uniting Church in Wonthaggi!

We recently discovered, and have reclaimed, our foundation stone which identifies us in a very special way. We are a "Peace Memorial Church" and we are dedicated to "the Glory of God and in memory of the members of this church who in the cause of Peace gave their lives in two World Wars" (laid in 1963).

Here we are in the midst of a world that is longing for peace. In the commemorations around Anzac Day, we remember again just what a precious commodity it really is.

Our Inverloch congregation also honours this legacy of peace by creating its Peace Garden which it shares with the community. Together we are a Collective of Peace.

At the service of dedication of the Wonthaggi Peace Memorial Church back in 1963, a special ritual of knocking on the doors of the church was used and these words were said: "Peace be to this house... Peace be to those that enter, and to those that go out there from..."

Mr E Simpson (who came from his sickbed) laid the stone so that the builders could commence this first brick church in Wonthaggi (alongside the original one constructed in 1912). Current congregation member Florence Crawford was there at the time and mentioned a fire that burnt down an original building and the huge fundraising efforts that were employed to build the new church. She also thinks of the continuing legacy and respect for all those who sacrificed so much for the sake of peace.

The ongoing call of the church is to seek ways of seeking and offering the ways of peace and justice. We recognise and appreciate the costliness of this amazing legacy. We hope we will honour it by living this gift and, in turn, by gifting it to our community.

Celebrating dinosaurs

MAY 15 marks International Dinosaur Day, so alert the palaeontologists young and old, and dive into the world of pre-historic creatures. Remember seven years ago as Wonthaggi Secondary College Year 8 geology students, Cameron Scales and Ayden Machell, discovered a dinosaur claw at the Inverloch Dig Site? You can come face-to-face with the Triceratops at Melbourne Museum, see fossils at Bunurong Environment Centre or immerse yourself in 'Horridus and the Hidden Valley' for the little palaeontologists or 'Horridus: Journey of a Triceratops' for the older scientists.



Mike Cleeland investigates a potential discovery at Inverloch with his loupe. C143_1622



A family affair all can join in Mike's Dinosaur Discovery Sessions at Bunurong Environment Centre. C149_1622



Cameron displays petrified wood in mudstone. C146_1622



William found a crystal tree in rock at Inverloch on Thursday. C147_1622



Fossilised leaves showcase the dinosaur's food from 125 million years ago. C150_1622



Hutchison shows off a sample specimen from Mike Cleeland's collection at Inverloch. C145_1622

Discoveries at Inverloch

DINOSAURS were brought back to life at Inverloch recently, with geologist Mike Cleeland showcasing the stunning fossils at the Bunurong Environment Centre.

When dinosaurs lived around 125 million years ago, Australia was still in the early stages of separating from Antarctica and the world was a very different place to what we see today.

Volcanoes were active around Inverloch and Cape Paterson and lava from fissure eruptions is visible today.

Mike's tour started at the Bunurong Environment Centre, where one learns about the discoveries to date, the environment dinosaurs roamed in and life in general 125 million years ago.

"In 50 million years, South Gippsland will be prime real estate in Queensland," Mike explains, as he demonstrates the moving continents.

"Dinosaurs also ate ferns, there was no grass."

Dinosaur footprints, bones, teeth, and claws, ferns and wood are some of the fossils that have been discovered along our very own cretaceous coast.

"Leaves and fern fragments tell us a lot and can help us in reconstructing the environment of the time."

As they headed to the beach, the group was raring to go, young and old alike excited by the opportunity to find dinosaur bones, though there were no guarantees...

For years palaeontologists and citizen scientists have been scouring Inverloch, and volunteer Melissa Lowery discovered dinosaur footprints and bones where others have

walked for years.

Citizen science is anyone's game!

Geology students from Wonthaggi Secondary College also discovered a 125-million-year-old dinosaur claw in Inverloch back in 2015.

There are four main rock types at Inverloch's dinosaur dig site that are encountered – Sandstone, Mudstone, Conglomerate and Dolerite, with most fossils found in the conglomerate and on occasion mudstone.

More than 15,000 bones from several dinosaur species have been found at Inverloch including Qantassaurus, other small herbivorous and carnivorous dinosaurs, pterosaurs, ankylosaurs, plesiosaurs, fish, turtles, mammals and birds.

Of particular note during the session is the Koolasuchus cleelandi, named after Lesley Kool and our very own host Mike Cleeland.

The species is a prehistoric amphibian that resembles a crocodile cross salamander yet was the size of a car – it also features in the BBC mini-series Walking with Dinosaurs.

In 1990, Mike found the jaw that became the holotype.

The Koolasuchus cleelandi sculpture at the Wallace Ave Community Park made up the third part of the session.

The group set about breaking apart rocks Mike had obtained from the roadworks, in search of dinosaur bones.

With an array of programs on offer, including rock pooling, astronomy and wildlife, the Bunurong Environment Centre is a must for fun, educational entertainment for all ages.



Celebratory mass at Korumburra

ON SATURDAY, April 30, St Vincent de Paul Conference celebrated 40 years with a celebratory mass conducted by Bishop Greg Bennet at St Joseph's Church Korumburra.

Saint Vincent de Paul has over 280 volunteer groups through Victoria who provide practical assistance for those in need in the community;

the aim is to offer a hand up not a handout.

Present conference members of Korumburra are pictured with Damien Noonan, the son of Peter Noonan - one of the original founders of the Korumburra Conference.

From left, Sue M, Damien Noonan, Margaret M, Ash R, Ingrid R, Joseph R, Di W and Doug K.



QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL QUIZ

1. **[\$100]** What NRL team does Prime Minister Scott Morrison barrack for? (Bonus point for AFL team).
A. Newcastle Knights. B. Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks. C. Canberra Raiders. D. Brisbane Broncos.
2. **[\$200]** Which NRL team does Anthony Albanese support? A. Wests Tigers. B. Manly Warringah Sea Eagles. C. Melbourne Storm. D. South Sydney Rabbitohs. (Bonus point for AFL team).
3. **[\$300]** What AFL team does Daniel Andrews barrack for?
A. Western Bulldogs. B. Collingwood. C. Fitzroy (Brisbane Lions). D. Essendon.
4. **[\$500]** Who is the Member for Gippsland? A. Darren Chester. B. Russell Broadbent. C. Russell Northe. D. Danny O'Brien.
5. **[\$1000]** How many seats do you need to win a Federal election in Australia? A. 73 seats. B. 74 seats. C. 75 seats. D. 76 seats.
6. **[\$2000]** When was the last time Labor won enough seats to govern in its own right in the Australian Parliament? A. 2004. B. 2007. C. 2010. D. 2013.
7. **[\$4000]** Which of these Australian electorates is not a marginal seat? A. Bass (TAS). B. Maranoa (QLD). C. Chisholm (VIC). D. Macquarie (NSW).
8. **[\$8000]** What electorate does Anthony Albanese represent? A. Grayndler (NSW). B. Blaxland (NSW). C. Fowler (NSW). D. Watson (NSW).
9. **[\$16,000]** What did Anthony Albanese do for a job after he left school? A. Bank teller. B. Shop assistant. C. Baker. D. Bar tender.
10. **[\$32,000]** What did Scott Morrison's father do for a living? A. Teacher. B. Baptist Minister. C. Policeman. D. Electrician.
11. **[\$64,000]** Which of these Coalition MHRs voted for Same Sex Marriage? A. Russell Broadbent. B. Greg Hunt. C. Keith Pitt. D. David Littleproud.
12. **[\$125,000]** Which one of these Australian Senators was not one of 'the mean girls'? A. Penny Wong. B. Kristina Keneally. C. Katy Gallagher. D. Carol Brown.
13. **[\$250,000]** To the nearest million, how many registered voters are there for the 2022 Australian election? A. 12 million. B. 15 million. C 17 million. D. 19 million.
14. **[\$500,000]** Which Morrison Cabinet Minister is most likely to lose his seat (most marginal)? A. Peter Dutton. B. Josh Frydenberg. C. Alan Tudge. D. Dan Tehan.
15. **[\$1,000,000]** Who is the Shadow Minister for Agriculture in the Federal Parliament? A. Jason Clare. B. Terri Butler. C. Madeline King. D. Julie Collins.

Quiz answers: 1. B. Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (no AFL team). 2. South Sydney Rabbitohs (Hawthorn). 3. D. Essendon. 4. A. Darren Chester. 5. D. 76 seats. 6. B. 2007. 7. B. Maranoa (QLD). 8. A. Grayndler (NSW). 9. A. Bank teller. 10. C. Policeman. 11. B. Greg Hunt. 12. D. Carol Brown. 13. C 17 million (17,228,900). 14. A. Peter Dutton. 15. D. Julie Collins.

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Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

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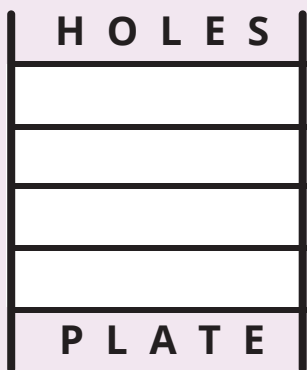
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Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used.

TIP: For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.

WORD LADDER



Instructions:

The wordladder puzzle starts with 2 words on the ladder. You have to transform the word on the top of the ladder into the word at the bottom of the ladder.

On each step of the ladder you must replace 1 letter of the word and you can change to order of the letters.

CROSSWORD

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22 Sea eagle

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27 Shipping container
28 On your way
29 Cowboy show
30 Narrow openings
33 Lower parts of faces
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54 Unrefined
55 Soon
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WORD WHEEL



Create as many words of 4 letters or more, using the letters once only and always including the letter in the middle of the wheel (and the one 9-letter word which uses all letters).

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Answers in next week's edition of the Sentinel-Times

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At Leongatha Golf Club on April 27, Anne Bowd (B Grade winner), Jill Moor (runner-up), Anne Gibson (A Grade winner) and Kay Dumbleton (runner-up).



At Wonthaggi, winners of the Royal Women's 4BBB fundraising day, Yvonne Everitt and Geraldine Prentice.



At the Leongatha Golf Club Ambrose Shield event, runners-up Fay Quilford, Nicole Whiteside, Evelyn Indian and Trish Owen.



The winners of the qualifying round of the Doris Chambers Foursomes at Meeniyan, Andrea Thorson and Gail Browne.



Alex and Heath McLean were among those in the audience for Newhaven College's production of Shrek the Musical. mm281922



Darcee and Kerri Marshall picked up popcorn before sitting down to watch the musical at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre. mm271922



Lorraine Coleman and Tony Crestani were among those ready to take their seats for Shrek the Musical on Saturday. mm261922



John and Mervynne Dunstan drove five hours from St Arnaud to see their grandchildren perform in Shrek the Musical. mm251922



Oscar and Pippa Lee, with grandmother Helen Andrews, were eager to see their cousin in Newhaven College's musical in Wonthaggi. mm241922

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Newhaven College's Shrek the Musical, Mother's Day Classic in Wonthaggi, and various golf tournaments in Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Meeniyan.



Lisa Zappa, Russ 'Snowy' Matthews and Faye Zappa donned pink for the Mother's Day Classic. mm361922



Ryan Somerville, Alyce Cuman with Norah Somerville and Darlene Cuman took part in the Mother's Day Classic in Wonthaggi. mm341922



Tom Clarke, Jaquie Pryor, Tori Passarin, Anthony Passarin and Mahlee-Jo Passarin with Riven Bill in the pram at the Mother's Day Classic. mm351922



Mother's Day Classic Wonthaggi organiser Caroline Donohue with Wendy Caple. mm371922



On Saturday, Eden, Emma and Diane Hallas rugged up to see Shrek the Musical at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre. mm291922



Newhaven College students Felix Fothergill and Finn McLean were among those in the show and backstage for Shrek the Musical. mm211922



Ushers Oliver Jobe and William Yarranton were ready to welcome guests and show them their seats for Shrek the Musical. mm231922



Kalani and Kanokwan Knaap were ready to take their seats for Shrek the Musical at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre. mm221922

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All are invited to celebrate Veneto Day at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine on Sunday, May 29. Photo: Universal Images Group.

Veneto Day to highlight town's Italian culture

JOIN the Italian community to celebrate Veneto Day.

Come down to the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine on Sunday, May 29, for a 12pm lunch.

Veneto Day has a proud history in Wonthaggi.

During the 1980s, a group of Italian families who migrated from a small town in the Italian Alps called San Donato, in the Veneto Region with the province being Belluno, decided to have a get-together/reunion of all San Donese families and have what they called Polenta Day.

Polenta is a traditional Italian meal from the Veneto Region and, to this day, is still very popular.

The first event was held in Reed Crescent in Wonthaggi and was a big success.

From there, the event became bigger and bigger, and the Wonthaggi San Donese have kept this tradition up to the present day and is now held at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine annually.

Not only do Italians from the Veneto Region attend, but Italians in Wonthaggi from other regions and provinces of Italy take part in this annual event, including many local Aussies.

Small profits that have been made by the Italian San Donese families over these years have been given to the Friends of the State Coal Mine.

This year, organisers have also collaborated with the Italian Ente Vicentini committee from Melbourne.

The cost is \$20 per person with a menu of polenta, two types with cheese, ragu, sauerkraut with vegies and cotechino, followed by chestnuts and vin brulé.

BYO plates, cutlery, drinks, table, chairs, etc.

Bookings are essential. Phone Aida 0429 382 039 after 5pm. No bookings after May 17.



Musician Steve Cousins captivated the all-ages crowd at the Reconnect Festival, covering for The Grogans. Z07_1822

Reconnect Festival brings youth together

THE inaugural all-ages Reconnect Festival was held at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve last month, introducing youth to a world of live music and entertainment.

The night kicked off with electric energy as the crowd welcomed Matilda Pearl, Steve Cousins, Jack Botts and The Pierce Brothers.

"The crowd has been amazing; their energy is like no other – we didn't even have to persuade them to get up and dance, they were supporting every artist and I've just loved it," said Matilda.

The all-ages event was a non-smoking, no-alcohol permitted festival surrounded by security for the safety of young patrons. Food truck vendors, including family-owned business Lime & Co, provided families with authentic Mexican food

and Bean Pedlar brewed coffee all night.

Presented by The Hills are Alive and South Gippsland Shire Council, the Reconnect Festival commenced at 4.30pm for families and youth to wander in after school and enjoy the smooth atmosphere as the event opened with performances from up-and-coming artists Janie Gordon and Professional Moose.

Most patrons stayed all night, dancing in the rain and taking in the rare opportunity of connecting with their friends in a safe environment – giving them the chance to experience live music.

Alisha Gilliland and Bianca Pezzutto of Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault attended the festival in Leongatha to raise awareness, showing youth there is a

support network available if they are looking for someone to talk to.

"We are here to support both parents and children," Alisha said.

"Our online safety guide for parents and carers provides great advice and practical tips for safe online experiences, including how to manage cyberbullying and even managing time online effectively in a modern world."

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 000. If you need help or advice, call 1800Respect on 1800 737 732, Safe Steps 1800 015 188, Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault on 1800 737 732 or Men's Referral Service on 1300 766 491. You can chat online 24/7 at 1800respect.org.au.

WONTHAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

What's On This Week?



Everything Everywhere All at Once

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Wed 11 May 2.00pm



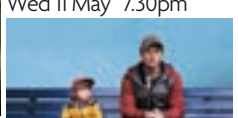
Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore

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Wed 11 May 7.30pm



The Lost City

[M] 1h52m
Tue 10 May 12.15pm
Wed 11 May 5.00pm



Nowhere Special

[M] 1h35m
Tue 10 May 10.00am



Nobody Has to Know

[M] 1h39m (Fr & Eng)
Wed 11 May 11.45am



River [Doco] 1h15m

Tue 10 May 5.45pm
Wed 11 May 10.00am

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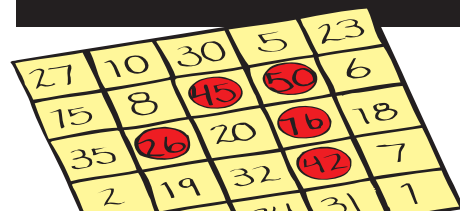
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- Lot 1: 153.95 acres/62.30 hectares (outstanding home sites STCA).
- Lot 2: 4.03 acres/1.632 hectares.
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A charming three-bedroom renovated weatherboard home is set within an established elevated garden setting boasting enviable mountainous vistas which is situated on Lot 2.

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The property has good equine facilities which include a sand arena, round yard and multiple tie up bays.

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The property is ideally suited to a wide variety of pursuits including cattle, dairy, prime lamb, horticultural and equine.

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For more information, contact Don Olden 0417 805 312 or don.olden@elders.com.au; Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083 or katrina.griggs@elders.com.au; Nick Myer 0427 610 278 or nick.myer@elders.com.au.



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Will interest rate increases stop a recession or cause it?

By Kristen O’Loughlin

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IT FINALLY happened. That first Tuesday of the month, where we all held our breath hoping for the best, was this month met with the disappointment we had all been preparing for as the RBA announced a .25 percentage point increase to the cash rate.

Of course, within less than 24 hours, the big four banks and most of the smaller ones had announced they would be passing the rates on to mortgage holders. For those passing on the full 25 points, this will mean a \$65 a month increase to a \$500,000 mortgage. We all know this doesn’t just affect homeowners and investors but will inevitably affect those renting on top of the ever-increasing cost of living.

According to the RBA, this increase was inevitable and the only way to combat a further rise in inflation and evidence that workers were starting to get bigger wage increases; despite the fact that in the last 10 years, CPI has



increased 23.4 per cent while the average Australian wage has only increased 2.3 per cent.

So, according to the RBA, the only way to stop inflation from rising is to give the banks a reason to increase mortgage repayments for Australians who are already struggling to pay bills and keep a roof over their head. The issue here is, if rate rises

persist and the public continues to struggle under the weight of the rising costs of electricity, childcare, education, food, petrol and more, we just might be pushed into a recession as a result anyway.

After all, a recession is caused by declining performance across the entire economy, meaning if we can barely afford to pay for food

and petrol, people aren’t likely to be spending up big in retail stores, restaurants, or many other places we consider a want more than a need. This can then lead to unemployment levels increasing as businesses lay off staff to save money due to a lack of work. And once this starts to happen, simply because people can’t afford any more than the basic necessities to

live, we could be facing another recession.

What will happen next is quite the waiting game. The outcome of the federal election will play a role on the direction the Australian economy will head in, so for now all we can do is wait, watch, and hope we are not heading towards another Paul Keatingesque “recession we had to have”.

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The two spacious front bedrooms both have built-in robes and adjoin the family bathroom with separate shower and bath with the option of the third bedroom at the rear of the home that at present is a sunroom, however, would easily convert into a neat third bedroom.

The laundry boasts excellent storage and leads outside to the rear yard with access to carport and a double garage workshop space along with smaller assorted shedding that was once a fernery and small stables from a time long ago. Additionally, there is a small orchard including a beautiful fig tree to the rear of the block.

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Style and quality absolute

CREATED with an artist's eye and designed to the most exacting standards, this stunning home will suit those that want "that next level".

Located very close to a sandy track that leads to a safe swimming beach, this charming home features a designer Euro-style kitchen with large open plan living.

It has a superb master bedroom/retreat with a sumptuous ensuite featuring a deep bath, walk-in shower, and dressing room.

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DELWP's Chris Anderson (left) inspects weed control work along the Deddick River with Neil Woodward from East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

Tackling weeds together

IMPORTANT weed control works have been carried out along the Bonang and Deddick Rivers in East Gippsland to prevent the spread of invasive plants as part of a joint program.

Facilitated by the Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning (DELWP) and Parks Victoria, the Good Neighbour aims to work with landholders, community groups and other agencies to stop the spread of pest plant and animals from public land into adjacent private land.

Good Neighbour Program Manager, David Miralles, said the project had been delivering works on the Deddick River for the past two years with weeds such as Orange Firethorn, Blackberries and Privet being targeted.

"Staff from DELWP and the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority recently went out on site to check the progress of this project and saw some great results, with further weeds be-

ing targeted over the coming months," he said.

"It goes to show the positive impact of the Good Neighbour Program and what a co-ordinated community approach can achieve rather than everyone doing their own thing."

Mr Miralles said the Bonang and Deddick Rivers project is one of over 200 projects being delivered across the state by DELWP and Parks Victoria through the Good Neighbour Program.

"There's opportunities for more local districts to get involved, so we'd urge people to get in contact if they think the Good Neighbour Program could help better control invasive pest plants and animals in their area," he said.

For more information about this program, please contact your nearest DELWP office.

You can also contact the customer service centre on 136 186 or by email customer.service@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Future is bright for Brianna

A HANDFUL of calves purchased last year by Brianna McClain might not stand out in a big herd, but they mean a lot to the budding dairy farmer.

Brianna was inspired to buy the calves after taking part in the first United Dairyfarmers of Victoria - Gardiner Dairy Foundation study tour of Victoria, and she sees the young Holsteins as the next stage in advancing her dairy career.

A town girl from Maffra, Brianna has always defied those who advised against a career in dairy.

At 25, she has nearly 10 years' experience in dairy and purchasing the calves marks another step forward in her career.

"Buying a handful of heifer calves is small, but it's a start. I want to be a first-generation farmer and you've got to start somewhere," she says.

The senior farm hand, who manages a Maffra district farm's young stock and leased block, took it upon herself to seek a dairy placement while still at school.

"The school tried to push me in another direction but I didn't want to be a hairdresser or any generalised female trade, so I put some feelers out and got my own dairy placement," she said.

A glowing report from the farm owner meant the placement pathway stayed open for future students.

The placement also meant Brianna had found her ideal career.



Brianna McCain has started out by purchasing heifer calves to support her career in dairy.

"I love animals and working with cows and here I am still enjoying it," she said.

Brianna learnt about the Victorian UDV-Gardiner study tour through the Young Dairy Network, and it opened her eyes to ways to advance her career.

"Because I don't come from a farming background, it's hard to know about pathways in the industry," she said. "It opened up for me the massive scope of opportunities."

The tour helped participants to build valuable industry connections and gave them an insight into different farming systems and career pathways.

They learnt about genomics and other industry advancements, and even got to see goat and camel dairies.

"We know what a cow dairy looks like but to have the opportunity to see camel and goat dairies was fantastic," Brianna

said.

The tour visited different farming systems in Victoria's three major dairying regions, including young farming families and one farmer who came to Australia without any industry background.

"He was not from a farming background but he hit the ground running by working hard for someone, buying some calves and now he owns his farm.

"We also visited young farmers just starting in the industry and it was great to see how they are making it on their own.

"I got something out of everything on the tour, but for me, especially not coming from a farming background, seeing how achievable it can be was really inspiring."

While enjoying her current role, Brianna has long-term plans to become a share farmer.

One of five sisters, Brianna, who has three children of her own aged 9, 5 and 2, is the only one in the family pursuing a career in agriculture.

The study tour is organised by United Dairyfarmers of Victoria (UDV) and funded by Gardiner Dairy Foundation.

Applications for the 2022 tour are now open and close at 9am on Monday, May 16.

Further details about the tour, including application forms and contact details can be viewed at gardinerfoundation.com.au/studytour.

To be eligible, applicants must be aged between 18 and 35, live and work in Victoria, be actively involved in the Victorian dairy industry, either on-farm or in the supply chain and be available for travel between July 4 and 11, 2022.

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Grain prices set to rise

ON THE shores of Phillip Island and around the coast, the cost of the war in Ukraine is affecting each and every one of us, whether we believe so or not.

As published in the Wall Street Journal from the United Nations Food and Agriculture data, global food prices have already reached record highs, and prices could jump another 22 per cent as war in Ukraine leads to supply gaps.

Furthermore, the Ukrainian government predicts there will be 25 per cent less land planted this spring than usual, though some experts say that forecast is too optimistic.

"If it is only 25 per cent, I would be amazed," said John Rich, executive chairman of MHP, one of Ukraine's biggest grain exporters.

With farmers in Ukraine currently unable to export produce, in particular grains, Australians can expect to see prices continue to rise.

"Ukraine are a major source of the world's grains and oil seeds," Andrew Whitelaw of Thomas El-



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der Markets explained.

"We are starting to see a great price in Australia.

"It's a factor both ways – people growing grain will be happy with the fact that the grain price has increased, but you're also going to have a lot of people who need to buy grain and are on the opposite side."

Feeding pigs and chickens, producing eggs, a number of industries rely on grain whether

imported or grown domestically.

And how the markets will adapt and change is variable.

"If the war ends and we get back to doing the normal things, it won't take long to correct itself.

"But the big issue at the moment are the barriers.

"Globally, grain prices are rising due to the reduction in available supplies caused by limited access to Russia/Ukraine exports.

"The conflict has increased en-

ergy costs which has led to higher fuel pricing.

"Increased energy costs have had an impact upon fertiliser – leading to record fertiliser prices.

"It's going to have effects that we don't know about at the moment, over the next two to three years."

A cost price squeeze is also tangibly intertwined in the current market.

In a country where we produce on average one tonne of wheat

per person per year, Australians may feel the squeeze at the check-out or local market.

Abroad in Egypt, Algeria, Libya and Morocco, for instance, where upwards of 50 per cent of income is spent on basic foods including grain products such as bread, an increase of 20 to 30 per cent will be detrimental.

"There is no substitute – you can't decide not to eat steak because chicken is cheaper – to basic items like bread."

Significant quantities of food are wasted, but there is no shortage of food in the world – it simply comes down to capitalism and the ability to pay for food.

Fortunately, in Australia, even with the war in Ukraine, many farmers will continue to see good pricing, and families will see food and grains on the shelves.

"Australia is well supported towards good pricing this year (in agriculture); the big challenge will be next year."



Community representatives recently met with West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's (WGCMA) Community Engagement Network.

West Gippsland community talks water

COMMUNITY representatives from across West Gippsland recently met to kick off the next three-year term of West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's (WGCMA) Community Engagement Network.

"The Community Engagement Network or CEN is where we let community members know what work we are doing and pri-

orities we have and they, on behalf of the broader community, can provide valuable feedback on that work and other areas of community interest," said CEO of the WGCMA, Martin Fuller.

This first meeting of the new term of the network included ongoing and newly appointed community members and was held at the WGCMA's Traralgon office.

The group enjoyed an introduction to the organisation and the vital role working with Traditional Owner groups led by Mandy Leggett, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer for WGCMA.

This was followed by a presentation about what environmental water is, its benefits and how it is managed in West Gippsland from Dr Stephanie Suter, Environmental Water Resource

Officer for WGCMA.

Dr Zeb Tonkin from Arthur Rylah Institute followed up to share results and insights from research being undertaken on the environmental water flows in local waterways.

There was also plenty of time for members to get to know each other and make connections.

The next meeting will be held in June 2022.

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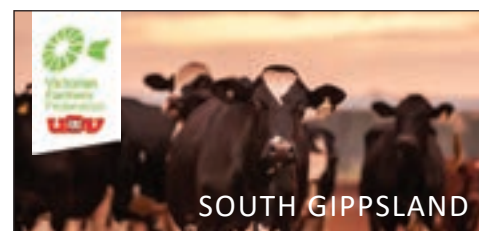
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| 1 Awty I & R Narracan | 580.0 | 591.6 | 3,431 |
| 1 Sewell Mj | 550.0 | 555.6 | 3,055 |
| 9 Beaumont B & J Alberton West | 556.7 | 539.6 | 3,003 |
| 6 Awty I & R Narracan | 583.3 | 520.0 | 3,033 |
| 17 Ferguson WK & MA Longford | 683.2 | 509.6 | 3,481 |
| 9 Rees WJ Kongwak | 675.6 | 504.6 | 3,408 |

Steers

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|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Cummaudo GT Mirboo Nth | 420.0 | 620.0 | 2,604 |
| 6 Von Pace Pastoral P/L | 453.3 | 605.6 | 2,745 |
| 1 Browne AR & SJ Drumdlemara | 320.0 | 603.6 | 1,931 |
| 2 Beaumont B & J Alberton West | 477.5 | 600.0 | 2,865 |
| 3 Glover BT & D Lang Lang East | 371.7 | 597.6 | 2,221 |
| 1 Dunne J Hazelwood | 385.0 | 597.2 | 2,299 |

Heifers

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|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Cummaudo Gt Mirboo Nth | 380.0 | 610.0 | 2,318 |
| 1 Mangiafio A & KJ Dumbalk Nth | 390.0 | 587.6 | 2,291 |
| 1 Greig T & V Doomburrim | 380.0 | 580.0 | 2,204 |
| 1 Holman A & L2 Korumburra | 415.0 | 578.0 | 2,398 |
| 1 Dunne J Hazelwood | 335.0 | 575.2 | 1,926 |
| 1 Greig T & V Doomburrim | 445.0 | 560.0 | 2,492 |

Cows

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|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Nicoll A & J Fish Creek | 545.0 | 410.0 | 2,234 |
| 2 Heaney W Mordialloc | 595.0 | 410.0 | 2,439 |
| 1 Carew J & M Nerrene | 545.0 | 400.0 | 2,180 |
| 1 Arnup NR & M1 Buffalo | 535.0 | 400.0 | 2,140 |
| 1 O'Neill P & K Waratah Nth | 450.0 | 400.0 | 1,800 |
| 1 Blackney Gr & Sa Kernot | 605.0 | 400.0 | 2,420 |

Bulls

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|--------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| 1 McGill RJ & CM Kongwak | 685.0 | 360.0 | 2,466 |
| 1 Amaruso Traralgon | 985.0 | 354.6 | 3,492 |
| 1 Beaumont B & J Alberton West | 870.0 | 350.0 | 3,045 |
| 1 Pilkington D & Toohey F | | | |
| Waratah Nth | 875.0 | 350.0 | 3,062 |
| 1 Tuckett GL & ML Leongatha | 1,010.0 | 350.0 | 3,535 |
| 1 Moyle AJ & BR & NB | | | |
| Lance Creek | 1,005.0 | 340.0 | 3,417 |

Vealer Bulls

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|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 6 Johnstone KJ Modella | 349.2 | 457.6 | 1,597 |
| 1 Love VR Boolarra Sth | 330.0 | 449.6 | 1,483 |
| 1 Mackrell C Carrajung | 365.0 | 405.6 | 1,480 |
| 1 Giles RG And VR Trafalgar | 205.0 | 400.0 | 820 |
| 1 Mackrell C Carrajung | 235.0 | 400.0 | 940 |

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, May 2, 2022

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| Jersey & Jersey x | \$26 to \$75 |
| Friesian Bulls | \$35 to \$310 |
| Friesian Heifers | \$75 to \$800 |
| Beef Bulls | \$80 to \$630 |
| Beef Heifers | \$280 to \$500 |

Number of Calves: **279**

Number purchased to rear: **154**

Four generations of farming

MATT Jeffery is a sixth-generation farmer on Phillip Island and the fourth generation on the current farm.

Surrounded by wife Katie and children Harriet and Jack, it's his turn to carry the family's legacy.

"Jack and Harriet are the seventh generation," Matt explained.

"This used to be my grandparents' home, Cefn and Phyl Price.

"Cefn trained racehorses – we still have the old stables, but we did a bit of a house swap.

"They shifted to the other end of the farm, closer to mum and dad, and we moved up here and started to make it our own."

Renovating their home, building The Little Grey Farmstay, creating Graze – Farm to Plate, raising two children, working two lease farm properties, shearing, a full-time job and studying are just a few of the balls Katie and Matt have juggled over the last four years as they built their farm and family together – most at the same time.

"We set up the farm stay for Katie to earn income from home (whilst Jack was young).

"Right before that, we started Graze.

"I was trying to source local produce in the area, supporting other local farms, and that's how Graze evolved - using as much local produce as we could and what was in season at the time.

"We make everything – the relishes, sauces, lemon tarts."

A young farming family, there is no rest for the pair with Katie currently undertaking placement and studying, whilst Matt has transitioned to farming full-time.

"Getting started was difficult – I was trying to build cattle numbers, working at Nutrien Ag Solutions, shearing after work over the summer period," Matt recalled.

"The first three years, you feel like you're throwing a lot of money away and not getting much return.

"The initial outlay for the cattle – another three months to get them to joining weight.

"And obviously a nine-month gestation period, and we've got lease payments in



Matt and Katie Jeffery, with their children Harriet and Jack, are two of the four generations living on the family farm. Photo: Claire Davie.

the meantime.

"Once that calf was born, it still had around 10 to 11 months before I could sell to get a profit back.

"And that calf was only paying for the cow I initially bought to break even.

"We were sort of lucky in the way around the fourth year prices went through the roof - tripled.

"We probably jumped two years' profit straight away – but I couldn't afford to buy heifers.

"We'd taken on a second lease property and needed to stock that as well.

"I ended up having to hold my heifers and grow them out, then buy another bull which meant I could only sell my steers.

"We also bucket rear calves every year - usually 18 to 20 on the farm ourselves in the old horse stables.

"The week we had Jack we got home, he was probably five days old, and I got a phone call to say there are some calves - so I went and picked them up.

"It was crazy."

Building numbers slowly but gradually has been the key for Matt and Katie, even adding baby chicks, lambs and the 20 potty calves with a newborn under the roof.

And after two weeks of having Jack, Katie returned to work.

"We've slowly been building numbers and it got to the point

where I had to leave Nutrien and put more time into the two leases.

"I can make a living off it now, but it was four years of spending money before we got to that point."

The farm stay, commercialised kitchen and diversification was key for the young Jeffery family.

"Even though we are on the family farm, my parents farm most of it still, we run about 20 acres for the calves with the horse paddocks around the farm."

"We get lots of people that want to learn about the farm," Katie smiled.

"Always having a chat with Matt about what he does and how and why he does it.

"They love that aspect – staying on a working farm."

"And it's a good location," Matt chimed in.

"Winery down the road, five minutes to Cowes, The Penguin Parade and the racetrack around the corner."

The rising cost of land and large amount of money required are but a few of the things deterring young farmers.

Smaller farms are being sold and turned into lifestyle properties, he said.

"Any large farm still on the Island are mostly generational farms.

"It's priced a lot of young

people out.

"And farms physically cannot support themselves anymore – it's been that way for a long time."

Fencing, contracting and managing other farms are a few of the ways smaller farmers support themselves.

"It's definitely a lifestyle," Katie explained.

"A lot of late nights, cold dinners.

"Becoming a farmer's wife is a big adjustment as well.

"I grew up on the Island.

"Now trying to book a holiday is difficult – what's the season, what are we doing, are we calving."

And it looks like Harriet and Jack may follow in their footsteps.

Jack is Matt's shadow in the fields while Harriet was recently gifted a pony, Priscilla.

"We've done up the old round yard so she can learn.

"Pop used it for training and lunging racehorses.

"His dream was to get his granddaughter a pony."

"It's really cute," Katie smiled.

"Pop even polished up Matt's old riding saddle for Harriet."

Katie never stops either, with her current studies seeing her undertake placement at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Phillip Island.

"I always wanted to teach – when I finished school other things took priority.

"I started my degree when Harriet was two and I've been studying full-time from home and now in my final year.

"It's amazing to be back in the classroom teaching."

With huge support from their families, in particular from Matt's in regard to farming, Matt and Katie are proud of where life has taken them after 14 years together.

"Family and getting into farming, if I ever needed a hand or anything, they were more than happy to help.

"The support, knowledge and advice we've been given from farmers who have done this before, recognising the challenge of it has been really helpful.

"I love working for myself, being my own boss. But you never stop – farming is in your blood."

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A/c Sandycap P/L (ELDERS)
50 Angus steers, 22 mths, Euroa District bred, GF & ABF
A/c GB Ross, (ELDERS)
40 Angus steer 24 mths
10 Charolais steers, 24 mths
Grass Fed & Antibiotics Free
A/c Butcher Block Farms P/L, Balnarring (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus steers, 19-21 mths, Banquet & Langi Kal Kal blood, purchased X Ballarat
A/c Endean Park, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
42 Angus steers, Sth East dist bred, one mark, 22-24 mths
A/c M Rogers (ELDERS)
40 Angus steers 2yo, Texas Angus blood
A/c White Pastures (ELDERS)
40 Angus steers, rising 2 yo, Yea district bred, Kelly & Renylea blood
A/c K, P & R Hourigan, Buffalo (ALEX SCOTT)
36 Hereford steers, 16 - 18 mths. By "Mawarra" Hereford bulls. Drenched Virbamax Plus 13/4, 2 x 5 in 1 shots, NE accred, GF, ABF
A/c Mardan Lodge, Mardan (SEJ)
15 Hereford steers
25 Angus steers, 15-18 mths, All local bred
A/c A & M Bolton, Traralgon (ELDERS)
35 Angus steers, 18 mths, NE accred
A/c Glen Campbell, Mardan (SEJ)
35 Angus steers, 20 mths, Leawood blood, 2 x 5in1
A/c MG Harrison, Meeniyen (SEJ)
35 Angus x Hereford steers, 16-17 mths, VB, GF, AF
A/c B Daniel (ELDERS)
30 Char X steers , 2 ½ yo
A/c Melaleuca Pastoral, Buffalo (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 17-18 mths, Leawood blood
A/c BP & IM Gale, Waratah (NUTRIEN)
16 Red Angus steers, 16-18 mths, Hicks Red Angus blood, vendor bred, GF & ABF
14 Angus steers, 14-16 mths, vendor bred, GF & ABF
A/c K & J Shea, Leongatha (SEJ)
18 Angus steers, 17 mths
12 Red Angus X steers, 17 mths
A/c Montrose (ELDERS)
25 Angus steers 2 yo
A/c G&D Smith (ELDERS)
25 BB & Char/Angus X steers, 16-18 mths, super quiet
A/c Kuch Grazing, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus steers, 18 mths, Landfall blood, Mhr & Bovillis Vacc, EU accred & Greenhams NE accred
A/c Three Peaks, Toora (SEJ)
22 Angus steers, 20 mths, grass fed & antibiotic free
A/c K Vardy, Seaton (NUTRIEN)
21 Hereford steers, 2 yo, Pure Pinora blood, grass fed & antibiotic free
A/c B McRae (ELDERS)
20 Hereford steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF
A/c M Johnson, Erica (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 16 mths
A/c J&A O'Brien (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 20 mths
A/c P & J Scott, Kongwak (NUTRIEN)
18 Angus steers, 20-24 mths, East Gippsland bred
A/c L & A Watt, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
17 Hereford steers, 16-18 mths, Mawarra sires
A/c P Kelly, Perry Bridge (ELDERS)
16 Angus steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF
A/c G & P Smith, Jumbunna (SEJ)
10 Angus steers, 22-24 mths
6 Red Ang steers, 22- 24 mths
A/c V & D Vickers, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
16 Hereford steers, 16 mths
A/c R Hopkins, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus steers, 2 yo
A/c B McCulloch, Churchill (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c E & R Bourke, Hallston (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus steers, 18 mths
A/c C & J Dowel, Korumburra (ELDERS)
15 Angus steers, 22-24 mths, Pinora blood, GF & ABF, very quiet
A/c Franklin Park (ELDERS)
15 Angus steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF
A/c N Bond, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 2 yo
A/c T & C Brown, Koonwarra (PHC)
15 Angus/Hereford X steers, 20-22 mths, East Gippsland bred
A/c Frank Morgan (ELDERS)
15 Angus X steers , 2 yo
A/c L, L & T Calder, Meeniyen (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, Alpine Angus blood, Vendor Bred, GF & AF
A/c S&A Paton (ELDERS)
14 Angus steers , 2 yo
A/c Dr & JI Osment , Stony Creek (ELDERS)
14 Angus steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF
A/c Yates Super, Mardan (SEJ)
12 Angus steers, 15-18 mths
A/c Amella Pastoral (ELDERS)
10 Angus steers, 20 mths, Innesdale blood, GF & ABF, NE Accred, VB, vaccinated
A/c G & V Kostiuik, Tarra Valley (SEJ)
10 Angus/Hereford Speckle Park steers, 2 yo
A/c A J Sproul (ELDERS)
10 Hereford steers, 16 mths

WEANERS

A/c Prom View Pastoral, Walkerville (NUTRIEN)
300 Angus & Angus X heifers, 8-9 mths
A/c Gem-Brae Ag (ELDERS)
240 Angus mixed sex weaners, 9-10 mths, Te Mania blood, 5 in 1, GF, ABF, VB, weaned
30 Char/Angus mixed sex weaners, 9-10 mths, Paringa blood, 5 in 1, GF, ABF, VB, weaned
A/c R & C Donat, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus steers
50 Angus heifers
8 mths, yard weaned, 2x 5in1, drenched, Multimin, B12, Piliguard Shot, Yancowinna, Texas Mount K002, NZ Matauri Reality & Landfall Infinity bloodlines, VB, grass fed/ant free, excellent quality, very quiet
A/c Medowro Angus (ELDERS)
100 Angus mix sex weaners, By Lawson Angus Bulls, VB
A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)
100 Angus steers, 8-9 mths, weaned, GF & AF, NE accred, Harris Farm blood
A/c J Giliam, "Ashdale", Dumbalk (SEJ)
90 Angus steers, 8-9 mths, by Dunoon bulls, weaned, 2 weeks drenched, 5in1
A/c Lorstan Nom, Bengworden (SEJ)
90 Angus mixed sex weaners, 8-10 mths, By Kunuma bulls
A/c L & K Price, Mt Eccles (ELDERS)
80 Angus mix sex weaners, 10 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c G & K Belcher (ELDERS)
40 Hereford steers
15 BB steers
17 Hereford & BB Herefords
9-11 mths, weaned, 2 X 5 In 1, drenched, Piliguard
A/c Sandy Creek Pastoral (ELDERS)
70 Angus mixed sex weaners, 9-10 mths, Battersby blood, 5 in 1, Cydectin, GF, ABF, VB
A/c BJ O'Loughlin, Mirboo (Annual Draft) (NUTRIEN)
60 Angus M/S weaners, 9-11 mths, Innesdale & Merlewood blood, weaned
A/c Hiho, Hedley (SEJ)
40 Hereford & Angus steers
20 Hereford & Angus heifers
7-8 mths, weaned 6 weeks, Harris farms and Ponderosa blood.
A/c KJ Treasure, "Homelands", Stratford (SEJ)
50 Herefords & Angus x steers, 9-10 mths

A/c Kruber Nominees (ELDERS)
50 Angus mix sex weaners
A/c "Rosebank" (ELDERS)
45 Angus steers & heifers, 9-10 mths, 'Rennylea blood', VB, ABF & GF
A/c D & J Holt, Boolarra (ELDERS)
43 Angus steers & heifers, 8-9 mths, 'Ternania blood'
A/c Bulleondurra, Mirboo North (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus heifers, 13-15 mths
A/c D & P Whiteley, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus & B/Baldy M/S weaners, 12 mths
A/c McLeod Partnership, Yarram (PHC)
35 Angus-x steers, 9-10 mths, Pathfinder/Rennylea blood
A/c C Moore, Jack River (ELDERS)
35 Hereford steers, 9 mths, Glendan Park blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c R Knight, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 12-13 mths
A/c NP & JA Chandler, Hedley (PHC)
30 Angus & Angus-x m/s weaners, by Yancowinna bull
A/c Kings Park, Pound Creek (SEJ)
8 Angus steers, 12 -14 mths
16 Angus & Angus X heifers, 12-14 mths
A/c Boxbank Pastoral , Woodside (ELDERS)
24 Speckle mix sex weaners, 7-8 mths, VB, GF & ABF, very quiet
A/c NR & KD Hansford, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)
12 Poll Hereford steer
12 Poll Hereford heifers
Mawarra blood, weaned, drenched, 2x 5in1, very quiet
A/c Airly Farms, Sale (ELDERS)
23 Angus m/s weaners 10 mths, VB, GF & ABF
A/c S Fairbrother, Boolarra Sth (NUTRIEN)
23 Blonde X M/S weaners, 10-11 mths
A/c D Jerram, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
22 Angus steers, 8 mths, weaned, Drenched 1/5, fully vaccinated inc brd, Millah Murrah & Rennylea bloodlines, VB, EU accred, Greenhams NE accred, grass fed/ant free, excellent quality, very quiet
A/c AT Hirschfield & KE Clancy, Willung Sth (Nutrien)
22 Angus & Angus/Hereford X m/s weaners, 10-11 mths
A/c Bittnee Boulton (ELDERS)
20 Angus steer weaners, very quiet
A/c Orong Park, Jindivick (ELDERS)
20 Angus m/s weaners 10 mths, By Son of Berkley, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Woodcote (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 8 mths
A/c A Riley, Nerrena (NUTRIEN)
20 Speckle / Angus X M/S, 8-10 mths
A/c P & S Joyce, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)
17 Angus weaners, 10-12 mths
A/c N & J Stringer (SEJ)
12 Angus steers
6 Angus heifers
10-12 mths, weaned
A/c Longford Body Works, Longford (ELDERS)
16 Charolais m/s yealings 15 mths, VB, GF & ABF
A/c SJ Conway, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus steers, 9-10 mths, weaned, By Latrobe Park & Kunuma bulls
A/c M&D Harms, Outtrim (ELDERS)
15 Angus mix sex weaners, 10 mths, Merlewood blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c P Mattern, Alberton (NUTRIEN)
15 Charo X steers, 10-12 mths, yard weaned, 2 X 7in1 drenched at weaning
A/c M&M Cattle Co, Bass (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 8-10 mths (weaned 3 weeks), drenched with Cydectin 2/5, VB, GF, top quality calves
A/c P Cashman (ELDERS)
14 Angus/Hereford steers, 9-10 mths, Mawarra blood, 5 in 1, Cydectin, GF, ABF, VB, weaned
A/c A & L Sage, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
14 Angus heifers, 12 mths

A/c G Stephens (ELDERS)
12 Hereford steers, 12 mths, very quiet
A/c T Sampson, Foster (ELDERS)
12 Angus heifers 8 mths, GF & ABF
A/c Amella Pastoral (ELDERS)
10 Angus steers, 14 mths, Innesdale blood, GF & ABF, NE accred, VB, vaccinated
A/c RG Whykes, Morwell (NUTRIEN)
10 Hereford steers, 14 mths
A/c Meljar Nom, Mirboo North (ELDERS)
10 Angus steers, 8 mths, yard weaned, Table Top blood
A/c Mopen Dairies, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus M/S, 8-10 mths
A/c N & N Arnup, Buffalo (SEJ)
9 Angus steers, 12-14 mths
A/c Strzelecki Red, Yinnar South (SEJ)
8 Red Angus steers, 12-14 mths, well weaned, NE accred, 2 x 7in1, Dectomax & Multi-min Mar-Apr

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Stackhouse Pastoral Co, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
80 Angus & B/Baldy heifers, 15-16 mths
A/c M Johnson, Erica (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus heifers, 16 mths
A/c A&K Gilbert (ELDERS)
15 Angus heifers, 18 mths, GF & ABF, very quiet
A/c AJ Roberts, Pound Creek (SEJ)
14 Angus & Angus x heifers, 16- 18 mths
A/c C Cunningham (ELDERS)
10 Hereford heifers, 20 -22 mths

XBRED & DAIRY

A/c PBI18 Pty Ltd, Fish Creek (ELDERS)
65 Angus/ Friesian X & Friesian steers , 2 yo
A/c Southern Star Pastoral, Buffalo (SEJ)
50 Friesian & Friesian x steers, 18 mths old
A/c DJ Armstrong (ELDERS)
40 Friesian steers, 18-20 mths
A/c Jenny Custance (ELDERS)
40 Xbred mixed sex weaners
A/c Meljar Nom, Mirboo North (ELDERS)
20 Montbelliarde steers, 8 mths, bucket reared
20 Angus x m/s weaners, 8 mths, bucket reared
A/c Thomas Haymes (ELDERS)
30 Friesian steers, 16 mths
A/c Forrester & Mitchell, Cardinia (NUTRIEN)
25 Maine Anjoue & Charo X steers, 18-22 mths
A/c L & V Mcleod, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
20 Montbelliarde steers, 18-20 mths, 2x 7in1 drenched 1/3/22, forward condition
A/c Bulleondurra, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
20 Hereford/Friesian X heifers, 13-15 mths
A/c Kane Malony (ELDERS)
20 Friesian steers
A/c B&M Shears (ELDERS)
15 Friesian steers, 12 mths, well reared
A/c T&B Crawford (ELDERS)
15 Friesian steers 12 mths
A/c D Battista (ELDERS)
12 Angus X steers , 2 yo
A/c P Arnold, Jeetho (NUTRIEN)
7 Hereford X steers, 2y o
5 Speckle Park yearling steers
A/c M & K Prosser, Loch (NUTRIEN)
4 Speckle Park yearling steers
A/c Toora Footy Club (ELDERS)
8 Friesian steers, 12 mths

COWS & CALVES / JOINED FEMALES

A/c Willawa Grazing, Foster (NUTRIEN)
12x12 Ang/Frsn X, 1st & 2nd calvers with Limo CAF, Re-Depast for 3 weeks to Limo Bull
A/c W Hawkish, Devon North (ELDERS)
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ARNOTT, Bev:
I am so grateful for our 72 precious years of friendship Bev.
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RIP now dearest friend.
My fondest love to each and every one of Bev's beautiful family.
Denise.

BLACK, Ronald William:
24.08.1933-06.05.2022.
Passed away peacefully at Calvary Aged Care Mirboo North on Friday 6th May aged 88. Now joins his beloved wife Hazel (dec.). Much loved father and father- in-law to Laurie, Mardi and Judith, Granddad to Andrew, Daniel, Emma, Beth (dec.) and Sam (dec.), Great Granddad to Lily, Billy, Iselle and Jed.
A busy and exciting life now resting peacefully, will be sadly missed and always remembered.

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DEATHS

BRASS, Norma Edna:
13.10.1929 - 05.05.2022.
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BROUGHTON, Athol:
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Loving Dad and father-in-law to Duane and Vickie, Kelli and Sarah.
Adored Pop to Ashley and Amy, Trent, Damian and Bec.
Old Pop to Jack, Maddison, Wil, Jhett and Mikayla.
Loved brother-in-law of Lyall and Joan, uncle to their children.
Mum and Dad together again.

BROUGHTON, Athol:
Sadly missed along life's way. Quietly remembered every day. No longer is our life to share. But in our hearts you're always there.
Miss you Dad.
Duane, Vickie and family.

BROUGHTON, Edwin Athol:
Not all superheroes wear capes. Some are just Dad. I'll miss you Papa Smurf.
The world was a more loving place with you in it.
To infinity and beyond.
Reunited with Mum. Kelli (Poss).

DEATHS

BROUGHTON, Edwin Athol:
Passed away 02.05.2022.
Loved brother of Lyall, brother-in-law to Joan, uncle to Scott, Cindie, Melany and Sally-Ann.
May you finally be at rest, As a brother you were the best.
R.I.P. Athol.

BROUGHTON, Athol:
In tears we watched you sinking, We watched you fade away, And though our hearts are breaking, we knew you could not stay.
Much loved uncle of Neil and Merran, Scott and Bec, Chris, Amy and Brett and their families.
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BROUGHTON, Athol:
Always in our hearts.
Loved Uncle of Lesley and Robert, Cheyne and Blade, Nikki and Nathan, Matt, Tori and families.
Reunited with Aunty Bub.

BROUGHTON, Athol:
Our fine neighbour and friend will be sadly missed by the Heesh family.

DEATHS

COLLINS (nee Caldwell), Joyce:
03.06.1931 - 02.05.2022.
Passed away at Bairnsdale Hospital.
Loved sister of Margaret and sister-in-law of Noel.
Loved Aunty Joycie of Greg and Jenny, Mark and Vicki, Joanne and Thorsten, Michelle and Alan.
Loving memories.

COMBRIDGE, Norma:
A kind and lovely friend, who will be remembered with love and affection.
Our sympathy to Les and family.
Heather and Barrie.

DEATHS

GEYER, Peter:
03.07.1942 - 30.04.2022.
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Loved uncle of Karen, Robert and Stephen.
It's not what we write, it's not what we say, it's how we remember you in our own special way.

HAINES, George Russell:
29.11.2022.
Much loved brother to Terry, brother-in-law to Dianne and uncle to Danni and Nick.
A unique person now at rest.
Thanks for the memories.

HAINES (Loughran), Margaret Anne:
Passed away peacefully May 9 2022.
Daughter of Frank and Joyce (both dec.).
Dearly loved wife of Bill (dec.).
Mum of Bridget, Simon, Andrew and Jason (dec.).
Much loved sister of Peter, Maurie, Mick, Titch and Kevin Loughran.
Such strength she showed in life.
Sleep now Marg.

HILL, George Stanley:
Passed away peacefully on May 5, 2022.
Loved and loving husband of Dawn (dec.).
Loving Dad and father-in-law of Lynette (dec.), Dianne and Michael, Peter and Katie.
Adored Grandpa to Emma and Scott, Caley and Jessica.
Great Grandpa to Harrison, Elijah, Bradley and Theodore.
Loving brother and brother-in-law to Joyce and Harry (both dec.), Irene (dec.) and Charlie, Jean and Neil and all their families, Frank and friend Ken.
Reunited with Mum in God's Garden.

DEATHS

HERRMANN, Ruth Martha:
09.10.1924-30.04.2022.
Born: Endersbach Germany.
Passed awaypeacefully at Korumburra Hospital.
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INGLIS (nee Hedley), Phyllis May (Phyll):
01.06.1929-07.05.2022.
Her life ended peacefully at Alchera House, Korumburra, on May 7, 2022.
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INGLIS (nee Hedley) Phyllis May (Phyll):
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JACOBS, Dirk:
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RUSSELL-CLARKE (nee Potter), Judith:
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Beloved wife of the late Michael.
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DEATHS

SCHRECK, Frederick William:
01.11.1938 - 26.04.2022.
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SHANDLEY, Ann:
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SHANDLEY, Ann:
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STEWART, Damien Peter:
08.11.1991-03.05.2022.
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Liane and Matt.

WOODFORD, Linda Jane:
08.07.1971-31.03 2022.
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Loved sister of Andrew, Doug and Mal, sister-in-law of Suzie, Kiersten and Anita.
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Funerals

BROUGHTON:
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A Private Cremation will follow.

HILL:
The Funeral Service for Mr. George Hill will be held at The Salvation Army Citadel, McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi WEDNESDAY WEEK May 18, 2022 commencing at 11:00am
A Private Cremation will follow.

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KELLETT:
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STEWART:
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- Starting Location: Wonthaggi, Victoria
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band 8

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Network Maintenance Team Leader

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1. Trade qualification or equivalent experience gained within a supervisory operations and
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2. Demonstrated experience in managing field technicians in the delivery of effective
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3. Strong knowledge and experience in the delivery of maintenance programs relating to
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4. Demonstrated commitment to, and enthusiasm for, customer satisfaction with the ability
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5. Effective time management skills combined with the ability to prioritise work at times of
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- Starting Location: Toora or Leongatha, Victoria
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band 8

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Applications Close Friday, May 13 2022 at 5pm.



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Flexible Work Arrangements Available
Permanent/Full-Time | Leongatha, Victoria



South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking an enthusiastic and proactive person to
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Applications Close Tuesday, May 17 at 5pm.

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Email: gbloch@wonthaggimedical.com.au

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Stony Creek Racecourse & Recreation Reserve

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- Medical room
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- 12 month term on an as required basis
- Commencement date 01/07/2022
- On-Site inspection to be arranged with each tender application

All applications to the Secretary:
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For more information contact

Mark Le Page - 0447 352 208

Applications close 5pm May 23, 2022

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Stony Creek Racecourse & Recreation Reserve

Applications for Tender: Lease

- **Lot 1:** 18ha for Lease inside Racecourse
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- 5 Year Term
- Commencement date - 01/07/2022
- Work with user bodies in & around events & functions
- Cattle yards & water inclusive in Lot, 18ha only
- Terms & conditions apply

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For terms & conditions contact
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Applications close 5pm May 23, 2022

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The highest number of little penguins since 1968 have been recorded at Phillip Island Nature Parks.

Penguins make history with record crossing numbers

A RECORD 5219 little penguins have swum into shore at Phillip Island and waddled up the beach to their burrows – the highest number recorded since 1968.

Before this, the record was 4435, which was set last year, with the average number of penguins coming home each night in 2021 ranging from around 700 in July to 2300 in November.

Scientists believe an abundance of food close to shore and the population's preparation for an autumn breeding attempt may be behind the soaring penguin numbers.

"We couldn't believe our eyes when more than 5000 penguins came out of the water in less than an hour," said Phillip Island Nature Parks' research technical officer Paula Wasiak.

"It's been a penguin party night after night, which is unusual for this time of year, let alone in record numbers like we are seeing now."

The highest number of penguin crossings usually happen during the peak of the breeding season in November and December.

"While penguins usually breed during spring and summer, older, more experienced birds are known to take advantage of a secondary peak in marine productivity in autumn, which can result in an increase in colony attendance and breeding behaviour."

The 40,000-strong colony at Phillip Island is the largest in the world, thanks to excellent breeding conditions and the conservation efforts of Phillip Island Nature Parks.

"One of the main areas we're seeing an increase in penguin attendance is to the east of the colony. In the past, poor habitat and erosion in this area meant penguins had difficulty accessing and nesting there," said Ms Wasiak.

"A lot of work has gone into improving dune structure, creating penguin pathways and restoring habitat, which is now paying off."

Join our team

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PUBLIC NOTICE

UPCOMING INVESTIGATIVE WORKS

GELLIONDALE WIND FARM

Synergy Wind advises that investigative works will be undertaken at and around the site of the proposed Gelliondale Wind Farm from May to July 2022. These works include background noise monitoring; landscape and visual impact assessments; precision distance surveys; traffic and transport route analyses; and cultural heritage surveys.

For more information visit: gelliondalewind.com



Infamous intersection to be upgraded

PEDESTRIAN safety upgrade works at the intersection of Murray Street and Biggs Drive, Wonthaggi, are underway.

Construction began last week and is expected to take around two months to complete, subject to favourable weather, contractor and supplier availability and any potential COVID-19 impacts.

The \$650,000 project is being carried out as a part of Bass Coast Shire's 'Wonthaggi, Opportunity Unlocked' initiative and is funded through the federal government's Blackspot Program 2021/22 and the state government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

As part of the project, a traffic island will be built along the centre line of Biggs Drive/Billson Street, changing the traffic movements from Murray Street to left-in/left-out only.

Street lighting at this intersection will also be improved.

During construction, road users and pedestrians can expect significant changed traffic conditions, including road closures.

Road users and pedestrians are encouraged to seek alternate routes during these periods. Some car parks on Murray Street and Biggs Drive will not be available during these works.

For more information on this project including traffic management plans, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/biggs-murray.

Bass Coast tops lifesaving rescues

BASS Coast's beaches recorded the highest number of rescues across Gippsland's surf lifesaving clubs over the recent lifesaving period.

Smiths Beach topped the number of rescues at 30, followed by 22 at Woolamai Beach and 20 in Venus Bay.

According to Surf Lifesaving Victoria, since mid-November 2021, volunteer lifesavers and professional lifeguards from Gippsland lifesaving clubs carried out 115 rescues across the region. This is 18 per cent more rescues than last season, which was previously the busiest on record.

Although lifesaving clubs and state services, including the Westpac Life-saver Rescue Helicopter Service, will remain on standby during the cooler months, the lowering of the red and yellow flags marks the end of regular lifesaving patrols until later this year.

LSV's general manager of lifesaving services, Liam Krige, is reminding the community that with recreation around waterways including camping, fishing and boating expected to continue over the cooler months, it's vital to keep making safe decisions while the flags are down.

"In Victoria, 62 per cent of drownings occur outside of summer months. Unintentional entry into the water – such as walking near the water and falling or slipping on unstable rocks or riverbanks – is one of the most common risks around waterways," Mr Krige said.

"In winter, even if the sun is shining, average Victorian sea temperatures can drop below 15 degrees Celsius, which can cause cold water shock.

"Sudden immersion in cold water can send your body into shock and significantly increase your risk of drowning, especially when combined with unintentional entry."

The 2022-23 patrol season is expected to commence mid-November 2022.

Brown calls for Games to come to Phillip Island, Wonthaggi

ENDORSED Liberal Party candidate for the state seat of Bass, Aaron Brown, has called on the state government to include Phillip Island and Wonthaggi as hosts of the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

"The world-renowned Phillip Island Grand Prix Motor Racing Circuit could host many sports played by Commonwealth Games competitors with minimal financial outlay. It is one of the largest and best sporting venues in Australia," Mr Brown said.

"Not only does it have several kilometres of the finest grade road surface, it also has the required infrastructure to host 100,000 spectators.

"There are very few places in regional Victoria which have a facility to host dinners and functions for 1000 people. but this motor circuit does, so major events and functions can readily be held there. Phillip Island also has the associated infrastructure, including car parking, already in place.

"The state government plans to build villages at various



Aaron Brown said many of Wonthaggi's recreational facilities needed upgrading.

regional locations to house athletes, and such a facility on Phillip Island would be a huge benefit for tourism post the Commonwealth Games," Mr Brown said.

"The RACV facility at Inverloch, also in the Bass electorate, has transformed tourism in that locality.

"Thousands of tourists now

come, and importantly stay, at the Inverloch facility. They use it as their base and travel throughout the region, spending serious money locally. Exactly the same thing would happen on Phillip Island.

"Post the Commonwealth Games, such a facility on Phillip Island would need staff 24 hours every day of the year,

and many of these would be young people. We need quality employment opportunities in Bass Coast and such a facility would provide just that."

Mr Brown said Wonthaggi should also host some of the Games' events.

"Wonthaggi is the largest town in the South Gippsland/Bass Coast region but many of its recreational facilities are in need of upgrading and this is a once in a generation opportunity to do this.

"The Andrews government should seize the opportunity to invest in this fast-growing community, delivering facilities that will be put to good use post the Commonwealth Games," Mr Brown said.

"The catchment area for Commonwealth Games events being held locally would include the entire Mornington Peninsula, Cranbourne, Pakenham, Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang, over to Mirboo North, Korumburra, Leongatha, Foster and down to Wilsons Promontory and all the towns and farms down to the coast."

Cape to Cape Resilience project receives boost



FUNDING of \$400,000 has been allocated towards the Cape to Cape Resilience Project following last week's 2022/23 State Budget.

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale said the VicCoasts funding would ensure work can continue on stage two of the project to finalise the resilience plan.

This included the Inverloch Region Coastal Hazard Assessment modelling, which examined present day conditions and predicted future changes, providing data for developing a long-term plan.

Three data maps, which stretch from Inverloch to Venus Bay, were developed showing the effect of storm tide and permanent inundation as well as erosion.

They factor in sea level rises of between zero and 0.8 metres for next 80 years ranging across the different scenarios.

"Community feedback from the recent consultation on coastal hazards and adaptation

modelling at Inverloch is being used to inform appropriate adaption options to help ensure our changing coastline is managed well into the future," Ms Crugnale said.

"This is the program where we draw funds for the recommendations that come out of the community feedback, engagement, scenario planning and proposed adaptation options and interventions currently being worked on."

The study area for the Cape to Cape Resilience Project is between Cape Paterson and Cape Liptrap.

However, the coastline between Flat Rocks and Screw Creek at Inverloch are identified as an area of specific interest for the project.

LEFT: The State Budget has delivered \$400,000 in funding towards the Cape to Cape Resilience Project. Photo: DELWP

Wonthaggi turns pink for breast cancer

WONTHAGGI Mother's Day Classic organisers welcomed participants on Sunday for the local event's 10th occasion.

Nationwide, the Women in Super Mother's Day Classic is in its 25th year.

Locally and across Australia, it was amazing to see tens of thousands of Australians coming together in a sea of pink, raising awareness, dressing up and showing support for the one-in-seven women diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.

Russ 'Snowy' Matthews and

organiser Caroline Donohue offered some words of inspiration at the start of the event before a great-sized crowd headed off down the trail from Apex Park.

More than \$1.695m has been raised by Mother's Day Classic participants this year.

RIGHT: Russ 'Snowy' Matthews and Caroline Donohue spoke out about the importance of the Mother's Day Classic – now in its 25th year nationwide. mm381922



Leongatha goes toe-to-toe against Inverloch

Senior Women

A STRONG first 30 minutes saw the Lady Knights four goals up. Inverloch provided some difficult resistance in the Knights attacking third for the remainder of the game seeing only four more goals on the scoresheet for the Knights. Captain Jordan Rintoule celebrated her 100th game today. Congratulations Jordan! LKFC 8 v Inverloch 0.

Senior Men

Two strong strikes from Leongatha forward Jethro Alison saw Leongatha head into the halftime with a solid lead. Determined to work on composure and finding space around visitors Inverloch Stars, Leongatha confidently took control in the second half, going on to score a further 4 goals. Shoutout to Leongatha goalkeeper Charlie Dougherty for some magnificent saves. Player of the match went to centre back Sven Gebele for composure and control in the backline. LKFC 6 v Inverloch 0.

Reserves

Some quality finishing from the visiting team Inverloch saw Leongatha Knights head into half time down 3-1. However, with determination and composure, the Knights fought hard to secure two goals to settle the game with a 3-3 draw. Goal scorers included Tom Murdoch, Stu McNaughton and Jack Bainbridge. Player of the match went to Jarryd Bongers in defence. LKFC 3 v Inverloch 3.



Midfielder Lily McKenzie searches for passing options.



Leongatha and Inverloch U12s players chase the ball.



Leongatha player PJ O'Meara links up with Henry Mbuthia.



Inverloch defender Gene Parini challenges Leongatha midfielder Ethan Bath for the ball.

Junior surfers hit the waves at Junior Surfing Titles

ROUND 3 of the Woolworths Victorian Junior Surfing Titles with epic 2-3ft offshore lines rolling through Jan Juc on Sunday saw a classic Victorian autumn day with plenty of waves for competitors to fight it out. In the Under 16 Girls final, Ava Holland (Dromana) fought hard for the win against Sara Hickson (Rye) who came in a close second. Hickson started off the heat strongly with an 8.33-point ride as a result of a few searing hacks. Holland fought back with a series of well-strung together manoeuvres earning her a 7.10-point ride. She was then able to back this ride up with a 7-point ride putting her into the first position and leaving Hickson needing a 6.47. "All the girls were ripping over the whole event, and it was a super fun heat," Ava Holland said. "The conditions in the final were super fun, there were lots of waves coming through to surf."

Sara Hickson took second with a 13.43 combined total. Sarah Seuren (Inverloch) and Sonia Seuren (Inverloch) also finished in third and fourth, respectively. Lucas Hickson (Rye) took out the Under 18 boys division with a huge two-turn combo that gave him a 9-point ride and claimed the win with a 16.10 combined heat total. "It felt good to get a nine-point ride early in the heat today," said Hickson, "but I knew I had to back it up with another decent score because the other boys were ripping." Local results: Eva Bassed (Sandy Point) placed second in U18 Girls with a 14.07; U16 Girls Sarah Seuren (Inverloch) came in third with 11.34, whilst Sonia Seuren (Inverloch) placed fourth with 5.63; Lillian Bassed (Sandy Point) secured second with 10.66 in the U14 Girls. Full results can be found at surfingvic.com/live.



Sisters Sarah and Sonia Seuren of Inverloch placed third and fourth, respectively, in the final round of the Woolworths Victorian Junior Surfing Title.

TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Cowes +28, Inverloch +30, Newhaven +1.03, Corinella +1.08, Port Welshpool +1.28, Tarwin Lower jetty +3 hours.
The times stated are Australian Eastern Daylight Time (24 hours clock).

| TUESDAY May 10 | WEDNESDAY May 11 | THURSDAY May 12 | FRIDAY May 13 | SATURDAY May 14 | SUNDAY May 15 | MONDAY May 16 |
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| 5.28am 1.34m | 6.15am 1.29m | 12.39am 0.80m | 1.32am 0.77m | 2.36am 0.71m | 3.44am 0.61m | 4.47am 0.49m |
| 11.18am 0.53m | 11.56am 0.59m | 7.15am 1.26m | 8.30am 1.27m | 9.52am 1.34m | 11.05am 1.46m | 12.08pm 1.61m |
| 6.25pm 1.49m | 7.12pm 1.44m | 12.43pm 0.68m | 1.43pm 0.77m | 2.56pm 0.84m | 4.18pm 0.88m | 5.34pm 0.87m |
| 11.56pm 0.80m | | 8.04pm 1.40m | 9.00pm 1.38m | 9.58pm 1.39m | 10.55pm 1.41m | 11.49pm 1.45m |

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Hawthorn VFLW player Sophie Bolding displays the dash that caught the Hawks' eye while representing the Bass Coast Breakers. *Photo: Alison Hellmuth-Pask.*

Breakers call for Hawks collaboration

WHILE Hawthorn Football Club's plans to establish a presence in the Bass Coast Shire and play VFLW footy in the region have just been announced, the area is already proving a productive recruiting ground for the Hawks women's footy program.

Foundation Bass Coast Breakers player Sophie Bolding is a VFLW Hawk, with Grace McRae another Breaker wearing the brown and gold.

The Breakers are also the home club of Sunday Brisbane who is currently training with Hawthorn's VFLW team, having successfully represented Gippsland Power.

Breakers president and player Ella Angarane hopes the Hawks' commitment to the region encourages more girls to take up footy at the junior level.

Angarane said Bass Coast Breakers have a strong relationship with the junior clubs in the area, being Phillip Island and Dalyston, which both field youth girls sides.

She is keen to build an equally strong relationship with Hawthorn Football Club, providing a pathway not just for Breakers players, but also for coaches.

"Have the relationship with the whole club, in that we're sending our girls there but then they're also helping us in terms of mentoring our coaches, so that if our girls aren't playing for Hawthorn they come back and play at the Breakers and we know what they need to work on," Angarane said.

"That's the relationship that you'd want to get out of it so it's not them and us."

While happy to see Breakers players given opportunities at VFLW level, she believes creating that close working relationship and effective communication will make it a smoother process for both parties.

"If we've got a pathway for our coaches as well, that provides a much more sustainable model and it helps us to be a more professional outfit," Angarane said.

"If we're talking about female leadership and participation, it has to be more than the girls on the field.

"Hawthorn is really good in that Bec Goddard's the (AFLW) women's coach and their VFL team's got all female coaches, but they've also got to help us put those structures in place at a local level."

Angarane noted that doesn't have to be all female coaches, but said it is important to be able to have skilled female coaches with the opportunity for them to develop.

The Breakers president believes Hawthorn's stronger links to the Bass Coast region can benefit local players, particularly if a number are recruited by the Hawks.

"If we can have one club that all the girls go to, I think it can help the girls along and help them push each other," Angarane said of the prospect of Hawthorn recruiting more Bass Coast women.

She said that would also make it easier for players to carpool and lessen the demands of travel for training and matches.



Ali Wastie (Bass Coast Shire CEO), Josh Vanderloo (Hawthorn Football Club general manager of operations and major projects), Dominique Carbone (Hawthorn VFLW player and AFLW recruit), Michael Whelan (Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor), and Cr Brett Tessari look forward to the partnership between Hawthorn Football Club and Bass Coast Shire Council. A02_1922

Hawks fly into Wonthaggi

THE HAWKS are set to land on the Bass Coast, with Hawthorn's gold and brown stripes to grace Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve's field, following the announcement of a partnership between the club and the local council.

Under the arrangement revealed in Wonthaggi on Tuesday, Hawthorn will play VFLW and VFL matches on the Bass Coast in the not-too-distant future, with an AFLW training camp on the agenda when the club's inaugural squad is finalised.

Major aims of the partnership include driving greater football participation in the women's game and promoting the south-east Victorian region.

"This is Hawthorn's first foray into AFLW and we're really pleased to be part of this partnership," Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Ali Wastie said.

"It's going to put Wonthaggi on the map and we're keen to leverage funding opportunities from federal and state

government to make sure the (intended) investment in the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve is achieved."

In discussions held with Hawthorn, the shire CEO said the attributes of Bass Coast and Wonthaggi were highlighted to the club.

"We're a sports-mad community and we've got a really strong women's team here already with the Bass Coast Breakers," was the key message delivered to the Hawks.

As well as the opportunity for the local community to enjoy marquee games played on the Bass Coast, other facets of the partnership will include coaching clinics, and a boost to tourism resulting from having Hawks sides playing in the area.

Hawthorn Football Club general manager of operations and major projects Josh Vanderloo envisages the club's VFLW and VFL (Box Hill Hawks) teams hitting the field in Wonthaggi next season.

Playing AFLW in the area is a longer-term aspiration, but it isn't expected to be a big wait for locals to have an opportunity to meet the players - something that will no doubt be a boost to female footy participation in the Bass Coast region.

"Once our AFLW team is in place, we'd love to bring them here for a preseason camp," Vanderloo said.

While the Hawks, as of Tuesday, have just four AFLW players, the squad is expected to be formed in time for an anticipated late June preseason start.

"We want to engage with all the communities in our heartland," Vanderloo said of the partnership with Bass Coast Shire Council and the opportunities it will provide for locals.

He said the Bass Coast region falls into that heartland.

The Hawks hope to expand participation, especially in

women's footy, providing further talent pathways.

Ultimately it is intended the arrangement will unlock talent, enabling more players from the area to experience high-level footy representing Hawthorn, and strengthening the club in the process.

The initial aim to get a Hawthorn presence on field in Wonthaggi is to arrange a Hawthorn and Box Hill Hawks VFLW/VFL double-header fixture during the sides' 2022 campaigns.

Hawthorn CEO Justin Reeves believes the partnership with council forms a significant step in the club's efforts to grow its women's football program, along with helping develop the broader women's football community.

"We're really pleased to be partnering with Bass Coast Shire Council as we stand on the cusp of a historic period for the club, ahead of our move into the AFLW," Reeves said.

Dominique Carbone joins the AFLW Hawks



Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Ali Wastie and Hawthorn Football Club's Josh Vanderloo flank new Hawthorn AFLW recruit and current VFLW player Dominique Carbone. A04_1922

HAWTHORN'S expanding AFLW list officially grew by one in Wonthaggi with the announcement VFLW Hawk Dominique Carbone will step up to the top level when the club joins the AFLW in the coming season.

The announcement, made at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve, coincided with the launch of a partnership between Bass Coast Shire Council and the Hawks that will be a boost to women's football in the region.

Dominique has earned her place as the Hawks' fourth AFLW recruit, averaging 19 disposals a game for the second-placed VFLW Hawks and booting a total of eight goals in her first 10 games this season.

She's highly capable through the midfield and up forward, describing herself as a "small forward".

"I bring energy and get around the girls," the bubbly 20-year-old recruit said.

Dominique found out on Friday she would be among the

inaugural Hawthorn AFLW squad and said it was reward for her hard work and sacrifices.

She made the move from Darwin to play for Hawthorn in the VFLW, determined to make a serious commitment to her football.

"It was a shock, and I'm really happy," Dominique said of her AFLW opportunity.

Dominique has a busy lifestyle, studying, working for the Melbourne Cricket Club and finding time for all her footy commitments.

While she is from far away, it's hoped the partnership between Bass Coast Shire Council and Hawthorn Football Club will encourage local girls and women in the Bass Coast region to footy, giving those who show talent the opportunity to progress to higher levels.

Of course, the Hawks hope that takes place in gold and brown, with their VFLW and AFLW teams.



James Brosnan and his partner Gillian after the ANZAC Cup AFL match in Villers-Bretonneux.



James (right) with teammate Justin Holloway (left) and Australian coach and former Brisbane Lions player, Justin Clarke (centre).

A long way from home for ANZAC Cup player

LIVING abroad, ANZAC Day takes on a different meaning. It may not be a public holiday, yet uniting with fellow countrymen and women, and celebrating the ANZAC spirit has a magical life of its own.

For James Brosnan, finding himself on the field for the 12th edition of the AFL Europe ANZAC Cup was an extraordinary occasion.

“The game was incredible, but meeting people from all over the world and immersing ourselves in the history and legacy of the ANZACs was really special,” James explained.

James grew up in Inverloch, attending Mary Mackillop College prior to moving to Scotland four years ago to be with his partner Gillian.

“I played football all my life for Inverloch-Kongwak. I still love the club and have some of my best friends playing there.

“I’ve played football in Canada and have now been involved with the Edinburgh Bloods for four years.

“It’s just an incredible community.

“I’ve met people from back home and all over the world

who share a passion for the game - whether they grew up with it or found it another way.”

A journalist at the Sentinel-Times for near on five years, James’ passion saw him covering the local football and hosting the 3mFM football radio show prior to his big move.

He is the coach of the Edinburgh Bloods, who have a men’s and women’s team, and compete in AFL Scotland.

In April, James found himself in Amsterdam, playing for and coaching the Edinburgh Bloods in the AFL Europe Champions League.

He is also the assistant coach of the Scottish Women’s National Team that will compete in the Euro Cup in Edinburgh in June.

“I’m very excited to be part of that.”

Applying to be involved in the AFL Europe ANZAC Cup, James had to highlight his family’s involvement in the armed forces and explain why he wanted to participate and what ANZAC Day meant to him.

“Being involved was one of the best experiences of

my life.”

The ANZAC Cup weekend serves as an opportunity for Australians and French alike to reignite and reaffirm the bond they formed over 100 years ago in the town of Villers-Bretonneux, France, which served as a pivotal location along the Western Front during World War One.

Proceedings kicked off on Saturday when members of both the Australian and French footy sides put on an AusKick style tutorial session for the children of Villers-Bretonneux.

More than 40 children were exposed to the game and taught how to kick, mark and handball in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Following the session, footballers spent Saturday afternoon under the tutelage of former Brisbane Lion and current Australian Spirit coach, Justin Clarke.

Clarke took both sides for a short and sharp training session to polish their skills ahead of the following day’s games.

The short training was a great opportunity for footballers to get to know each

other and share stories of their personal connections to World War One and the town of Villers-Bretonneux.

Sunday was game day and, as is tradition, the two matches were preceded by a formal ANZAC Day ceremony with a rendition of ‘The Last Post’ on bugle, a minute’s silence and both national anthems played – the women’s match subsequently following the ceremony.

As competitive as ever, the ANZAC Cup saw both the Australian Spirit men’s and women’s teams emerge victorious against their French counterparts - the spirit of the ANZACs ever-present.

For James and the men’s team, the final score was France 8.11 (59) defeated by the Australian Spirit 8.13 (61), though the mateship, unity and goodwill overshadowed much of the air of competition.

“I still love playing the game and it’s great to continue to be involved so far away from home.

“The familiarity and fun of a football club is so important to help you settle into a new city.”



State championship racing on Phillip Island

THIS weekend (May 14-15) PIARC will present round 3 of the 2022 Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships at Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, Back Beach Road, Ventnor.

PIARC is celebrating ‘70 Years of Access to Motorsport’ 1952-2022, with entries including 36 Improved Production, 33 Circuit Excels, 13 Sports Sedans,

15 Sports Cars, 20 MG and British Sports Cars, 16 Formula Fords, 8 Formula Ford 1600, 21 Formula Vee, 12 HQ Holdens, 17 Porsche 944, 16 Saloon Cars, 13 BMW E30s and nine Historic Touring Cars.

The on-track action commences at 9am Saturday and Sunday, running until 5pm.

Races assure great budget-

priced entertainment over two days, with spectacular views all around the circuit from the comfort of your car with 87.6 Island Magic FM commentary.

This event is round 3 of 5 in the Motorsport Australia 2022 Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships conducted on Phillip Island, and at Sandown and Winton.

Family-friendly prices include nothing for kids under 16 to only \$30 for adult weekend passes.

Programs will be free to download at piarc.com.au

Tickets can be purchased at bit.ly/3skItql.

More information can be found at piarc.com.au or vicstateraceseries.com.

Leongatha Small Bore Rifle Club

RESULTS for 2022: 20m Bench Penant - Section F are as follows.

Round 1: Frankston Peninsula C 592.024
4 Leongatha B 585.005
196.002 Jack Sargent
193.003 Christopher Sargent
192.000 Mathew Eldridge
179.000 Cameron Davidson

Round 2: Sale B 578.008 0 Leongatha B 581.006.
197.004 Jack Sargent
197.002 Christopher Sargent
187.000 Mathew Eldridge
170.000 Cameron Davidson

Round 3: Target Rifle Traralgon B 596.019
4 Leongatha B 584.013.
199.007 Christopher Sargent
193.004 Mathew Eldridge
192.002 Jack Sargent
189.003 Cameron Davidson

Round 4: Numurkah 581.010 0 Leongatha B 583.011.
196.003 Jack Sargent
195.003 Christopher Sargent
192.005 Mathew Eldridge
185.002 Cameron Davidson

Ladder:
16 Target Rifle Traralgon B
12 Frankston Peninsula C
8 Leongatha B
8 Numurkah
4 Sale B
0 Oakleigh Ladies

We shoot Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the recreation reserve. Any inquiries, please call R Spratt on 5664 2358.

Watson’s solution to fix Essendon’s midfield issues

By Seb Mottram

ESSENDON legend Tim Watson believes the Bombers do not need an external review into their slow start to 2022, instead offering a different solution to fix the on-field woes.

Their midfield has copped the brunt of the blame from fans and media pundits, and reports have surfaced that players are confused about their roles within the team.

Bombers champion Matthew Lloyd suggested an external set of eyes would be beneficial if the club chose to do another review, however Watson believes the problems at The Hangar can be fixed internally.

When asked by SEN Breakfast co-host Garry Lyon whether there is a need for an external review, Watson was resolute in saying the Bombers’ problems should be fixed by the club’s coaching panel.

“There appears to be, and we had (Essendon deputy vice-captain) Andrew McGrath on our news yesterday talking about their midfielders and midfield problems... and there’s confusion,” he said.

“So they don’t need a review, what they need to do is get each of those midfielders who is potentially confused about what they should or shouldn’t be doing and sit them down individually and say, ‘Okay, this situation, what do you think we should be doing around stoppage, centre bounce stoppage, where do you think you should be?’”

“Do it individually and find out whether or not there is some confusion for a start and get those guys on the one page.

“That’s not an external review, that’s an internal review about the way you’re playing and your game plan and the way you’re coaching.

“Coaching is teaching, and teaching is communication, if there is a breakdown here in communication then that needs to be resolved and fixed.”

Ben Rutten is in just his second year of senior coaching after taking over from John Worsfold at the end of 2020.

After the strong start to his coaching career, this presents as the first time the 38-year-old has been under significant pressure in the coaches’ box.



Callum was in a determined frame of mind in his set against Brad Andrew last week.

Wonthaggi table tennis

THREE teams will represent Wonthaggi at the Victorian Table Tennis Country Championships from June 11 to 13. They will be as follows:

- Andrew and Charley Donohue, David Kimmins
- Braden Andrighetto, Callum, Andy Chetcuti.
- Leanne Costello, Brad Andrew, Michael Steenberg.

This will be the 70th anniversary of these championships, to be held this year at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. The COVID pandemic saw seen them cancelled in 2020 and 2021, so there is great excitement to have them finally on the agenda.

On the local scene, the top

two teams in A1 and A2 remain unchanged but there is a great deal of movement in the remaining teams. This second round of matches is proving to be very competitive.

Leading players in A1 are as follows:

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|--------------------|---------|
| Dirk Holwerda | 14(42). |
| Braden Andrighetto | 12(36). |
| Brad Andrew | 9(28). |

Leading players in A2: Leanne Costello 13(39), Brad Andrew 11(36), Trish Denier 9(28).

Village High School students are enjoying the Tuesday program each week with Brad Andrew.

Phone Trish on 5672 3421 for details of junior and social table tennis at Wonthaggi.

Leongatha table tennis

THE Leongatha junior table tennis training and competition sessions held on Wednesdays from 4pm to 6pm at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve stadium are being well supported.

But they are looking for more players, so come along and have a go!

This week there were four A Grade players in attendance to help players improve their game.

The club has registered with the state government to receive Get Active Kids vouchers for eligible families with concession cards.

This entitles families to receive up to \$200 per child to spend on sport and recreational activities. You can use the vouchers

for membership, registration fees, uniforms and equipment, bats, etc.

Contact Bill on 0409 217 900 for more information.

A Grade: Mickey Mouse 7-23 def George of the Jungle 4-15; Captain Marvel 9-24 def Daffy Duck 2-7; Minions 10-32 def Elmer Fudd 1-9.

After round 9, standings are, in order of points, rubbers and games, Elmer Fudd 16 60 216, Minions 14 65 225, Mickey Mouse 14 60 211, Captain Marvel 8 59 203, Daffy Duck 8 47 159 and George of the Jungle 0 40 165.

Leading players: Michael C 27, Case DeB 25, Dirk H 23, Bryce H 20, Zac D 19, Michael H 17 and Dom M 17.



Peter Miller talks to the next generation of cricketers at training last season.

Miller reappointed Poowong-Loch coach

AFTER winning a premiership and being promoted to B1, how could you not continue to coach an enthusiastic team of cricketers at Poowong-Loch?

“Not playing, but coaching,” was Peter Miller’s response.

It was a big season for Peter. He was recognised by Cricket Victoria for over 50 years of service to country cricket, before leading his newfound club to victory.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club mixed pairs final runners-up Ken Webb and Kathy Simpson with winners Jan Jeeves and Frank Seaton.

KORUMBURRA

ALTHOUGH we are still being affected by COVID, we are still able to function.

We held our normal monthly triples last Monday with good numbers considering the weather. Thanks to our sponsors Williams Edwards and Findlay.

Winners on the day were the Inverloch team of Ron Burge, Gavin Butler and Steve Snelling. Runners-up were the team from Waragul: John Vickerman, Russel Carrick and David Smith. Best last game went to Les Eastman Alan Cherrett and Ross Besley.

Peter Hearn is still running his Wednesday night bowls under lights and getting good numbers. Names to be phoned in by 6pm for a 6.30pm start. All welcome. Our annual general meeting is to be held on May 31 at 7.30pm. We look forward to your attendance and participation; if you are in-

terested in a board position, please get your nominations in to secretary Marc by the due date.

Our annual skins tournament had to be cancelled due to the weather last Saturday but is rescheduled for this Saturday; hopefully the weather is kind.

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NOT a good week with the weather gods having the last laugh. Winter is just around the corner.

No bowls this week but next Wednesday looks at this stage to be a good day for bowls. Get your name or names down early as there will be a good number wanting a bowl.

Every week has a highlight and this week is no different with the Mother’s Day March on Sunday with a number of bowlers taking part and good support from the general public on a day where the

weather was overcast but fine.

There are photos on our Facebook page and our website.

Bowls this week: Wednesday at 12.30pm, note early start, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday social bowls also at 12.30pm.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOORS

TUESDAY, May 4, was the last day of bowling until May 25.

There was a total of 28 people in attendance.

The winners on plus 23 with a really good win were Rhonda Rattenbury, Allan Ireland and Jim Rhodi.

Coming second on plus 3 were Sylvia Mattock, Fred Demenech and Jim Wilson.

Both teams won two games each. See you all back on May 25.



At Inverloch, Thursday social bowl winners Bill Selby (skip) Terry Orford and Pat Sheedy. Absent: Di Selby.



Korumburra monthly triples, sponsored by Williams Edwards and Findlay with representative Barry Wyatt (left) saw the best last game go to Alan Cherrett and Les Eastman. Absent: Ross Besley.



At Wonthaggi indoor bowls, Tuesday winners Rhonda Rattenbury, Allan Ireland and Jim Rhodi.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club championship Ladies 21 up winner Joy Phillips and runner-up Caroline Donohue.



At Korumburra, acting captain Tim O'Neill with 'Three times a winner' Tim Fowles.

FOSTER

Ladies

FIRST Wednesday of the month and a field of 15 contested the monthly medal. Congratulations to Alayne McKenzie (41) 111/70 May medal and B Grade. Good to see Barb Britten back on the course, A Grade (17) 89/72. Barb also won the A Grade scratch with 89. B Grade scratch Elise Nudleman 103. Geraldine Sinclair took the putting with an impressive 28. BDTL: Elise Nudelman (32)71, Francis McGlead (34)72 and Geraldine Sinclair(25)73. Four ladies competed in the 9-hole comp, with Helen Fulton winning with 18 points. Barb Britten won the raffle. Thank you Shirley Cook for sponsoring the day. Wednesday, May 18, is our flag event Trudi Prue Trophy.

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MEN'S competition – Tuesday, May 3 – stableford (36 players). A Grade: Neil Spargo (11) 37. B Grade: Paul Turton (23) 44pts. NTP: 1st Craig Kerr, 7th Paul Turton, 10th Noel Ladgrove and 13th Ian Cash. Thursday, May 5 - stableford (5 players). Peter Johnson (10) 32pts. NTP: 1st Chris Clements, 10th Chris Clements and 13th Chris Clements. Saturday, May 7, sponsored by Drummond Golf. Monthly medal (14 players): Tim Fowles. Scratch: Tim Fowles. Grade winner: Tim Fowles. NTP: 1st Shayne Harland, 7th Tim Fowles, 10th Chris Clements and 13th Tim Fowles.



Korumburra's Championship Match play winners: A Grade Johanna van den Heiligenberg, B Grade Trudi Mantell, and C Grade Karen Sorrell.



At Meeniyen on Wednesday, medal winner Dot Christie and B Grade winner Sue Hoskin. Absent: C Grade winner Jenny Cope.

May monthly medal last Wednesday. The 1st green was out of play due to renovation which was advantageous for most of the players as we all came away with a par for that hole. Helen Mackenzie (36) had a great 69 net to win B Grade. This score puts Helen in a good position to win the monthly medal, but she will have to wait patiently until after the Saturday women have completed their round. Neryl Hopcraft (39) was the runner-up in B Grade. Trish Owen (20) won A Grade with 76 net just pipping Dot Stubbs (19) on 77. Evelyn Indian was the most accurate on the 16th, a mere 3metres and a bit from the hole. Down the line balls: Shirley Welsford and Robin Smith 76 net, Sue Bowler, Chris Lay and Libby Seebeck 77 net, Fay Guilford 78 and Jill Moor 81. Marie Sands won the 9-hole competition with 15pts and Trish Miller, Lesley Renwick and Pat Pease each won a ball.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

WEDNESDAY, May 4, was the start of the ladies' championships which is once again sponsored by Meeniyen IGA, thank you Kaelene. With numbers down this year, we still had some very tight competition between each grade. The medal winner for the day was Dot Christie with 83-12-71; B Grade winner was Sue Hoskin with 101-23-78 and the C Grade winner was Jenny Cope 116-38-78. Mary Walker won the putting with 28. Congratulations to our Division 2 Men's on their win in the Pennant finals.



At Leongatha on Wednesday, B Grade winner Helen Mackenzie and A Grade winner Trish Owen.



At Wonthaggi on Wednesday, B Grade winner Lisa Brusamarello and A Grade winner Irene Walsh.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, May 5 - stableford. Winner: P Woodall (7) 39pts. DTL: S Evans 38, T Whitelaw 35 and M Payne 32. NTP: 4th P Woodall, 16th S Evans. Birdies: 4th P Woodall, 6th P Woodall. Eagles: T Whitelaw 12th. Saturday, May 7 - stroke. Winner: D Taylor (23) 74net. DTL: T Whitelaw 75, N Baker 76. NTP: Second shot on 1st hole S Mills, 4th J Robbins, 6th N Bracecamp, 13th J Robbins, and 16th T Bradshaw. Birdies: 16th T Bradshaw.

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MEN'S results, May 5 - stableford 18-hole, SR 71. Winner: Mick Bouke 38. Runner-up: Rod Walker 34. Ball sweep: Graeme Crawford 34, Andrew Hooton-Shandley 33, Keith Ridout 32 and Colin Banks 31. Nine-hole stableford, SR 36. Winner: Paul Cornelis 22. Runner-up: Secondo Tiziani 18. Ball sweep: Howard Mackinder 18. May 7, stroke monthly medal, SR 72. A Grade: Michael Scott 70 (monthly medal). B Grade: A Hooton-Shandley 72. C Grade: Paul Cornelis 77. Scratch winner: Michael Scott 72. Ball sweep: Jason Sartori 71, Brad Andrew 73, Ross Yann 73, Kevin Jamieson 74, Robert Geyer 76 and Allan McLean 76 C/B. NTP: Brad Andrew 2nd, Jason Satori 4th, Ray Hender

propin 8th, Brad Andrew 13th and Kevin Jamieson money hole 17th, Ian Baker second shot on the 5th. Putting: A Hooton-Shandley 26putts.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was a start to our winter weather with rain during the round. We had 16 players complete 18 holes of stableford and our two winners both signed for 36pts. A Grade winner was Irene Walsh (24) 36 while the B Grade winner was Lisa Brusamarello (33) 36pts. Only one NTP was claimed - Marg Johnson on the 8th. BDL: Heather Wintle 33, Anne Poulton 31, Pam Russell 31. Nine-hole competition winner was Dot Garry 15pts.

WOORAYL

Ladies

THANK you Carol Johnson for your sponsorship for our May monthly medal. Our day started in beautiful sunshine and finished the same but in between we had some light rain, just enough to be a nuisance. The winner of A Grade and monthly medal was Anne Grist with 100-26-74. The winner of B Grade was Jenny Riseley with 105-27-78. Balls down the line went to Heather Sullivan with 77 net and Elly Berryman with 78 net. Best 9 out was won by Pauline Lancaster. Our putting winner was Heather Sullivan with 29 putts on a countback from Elly Berryman. NTPs were 8th Anne Grist, 11th Tricia Berryman and 17th Jenny Riseley.



At Woorayl, B Grade winner Jenny Riseley, sponsor Carol Johnson, and A Grade and monthly medal winner Anne Grist.



Shayne and Jess Gislingham will be among the special guests on the day. Photo: Carol Ratcliff at Phillip Island Football Club Images.

All abilities footy and netball on the Island

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New Victorian Dirt Modified champion Daryl Hickson, from the Mornington Peninsula, was raised as a race driver at the Nyora club. Photo: Napier Photography/Louise Norman-Napier.

Hickson finally the Victorian champion

By Dean Thompson, DMT Sports Media for Nyora Raceway Inc

NYORA Raceway proudly produced one of the biggest shows in Victoria for the season with the running of the Dirt Modified Victorian title last month. The event was followed up by a big dollar feature on the Sunday night, April 24, for the Dirt Mods and the Modified Sedans, with Wingless Sprints, Juniors, and Sports Sedans campaigning on both nights of the two-night show. Cars from New South Wales and Queensland had joined the local Victorian contingent for the Dirt Modified action with three heats and a final on night one determining the new Victorian champion. On night one, gun Queensland racer Kevin Britten won the first heat race smokin' around the bull ring in 14.562 seconds to defeat a couple of New South Welshmen before locally raised Nyora product Todd Hobson won the second heat race. Daryl Hickson another Nyora Raceway product won the third heat to close out round one when he beat Scott Cannon. Hobson doubled his wins with another in round two with Chris Corbett from New South Wales picking up a win along with Queenslander Mitchell Randall. Hickson won a second qualifier for himself in round three as did Randall whilst Hobson won his third from three starts on the night. In the state title race, Hickson lead lap one from Randall, Hobson, Dale Corbet and Chris Corbett. At the five-lap mark Hobson was back into second spot however his race would soon end up with him and his car parked infield. Hickson led Randall, Chris Corbett, Kevin Britten, and Scott Cannon at lap ten and by lap twenty Cannon and Britten had swapped places. Randall exited the race within striking distance of the finish and at the chequered flag Hickson had taken the win ahead of Chris Corbett, Cannon, Zeke Edwards, and Tyler Scott. Junior Sedan action on night one seen victory go the way of Jayden Bryant from Jack Randall, Maddi Capon, Jess O'Donnell, and Jake Bradley in the top stars whilst Matilda Farrell won the New Stars in front of Cruz Farrell her brother, Pary Das, Tyson Heaphy, and Jasmin Bryant. Simon Bent from Grantville won the Sports Sedan final in front of Matt Reddecliffe, Bernie Franklin, Matthew Bronson, and Gavan Dorain in Wingless Sprint action Christopher Temby another driver to be developed and raised at Nyora Raceway took a win from Wayne Logue, Scott Irons, Wayne Milburn Jnr, and Steven Hateley. Into night two of racing with the Dirt Modifieds State Challenge big dollar race sharing the spotlight with Modified Sedans Scott Cannon, Bret Clarke, Todd Hobson, and Randall won the four heat races where the points from night one's qualifying added to the qualifying races on night two. Hobson and Hickson started at the

front of the field with Hobson leading lap one as Hickson found himself in early strife dropping behind Randall, Brett Clarke, and Dale Corbett. Ten laps into the race the top five positions remained the same and again at the fifteen-lap mark with only Wayne Simpson out of the race. On lap twenty-one Hickson lost spots to Brock Gardiner and Cannon and at the thirty-lap mark as the chequered flag dropped, Hobson would take the big victory in the state challenge from Randall, Clarke, Dale Corbett, and Cannon. Some big cash money was on offer for the Modified Sedans line-up with four heat races to determine the starting field for the feature race. Aaron Bunton won the first qualifier with Victorian Champion Kye Walters taking victory ahead of Bunton in the second. Walters won the third qualifier also before Marcus Reddecliffe from Nyora club winning the fourth. Bunton and Walters started at the front of the feature field with Dale Hallett, Marcus Reddecliffe, Lucas Conder and Darcy Wilson in the top six. Walters led lap one from Bunton and Reddecliffe and at the ten lap mark the top three remained the same with Hallett and Conder in fourth and fifth. Hallett lost spots on lap twenty and the top five changed to be Walters, Bunton, Reddecliffe, Conder and Matthew Reddecliffe joining his brother Marcus in the top five. At the twenty-five-lap mark as the chequered flag waived Walters had secured another win from Bunton, Marcus Reddecliffe, Conder and Matt Reddecliffe. Night two action for the Sports Sedans resulted with a father-daughter driver swap in the Bent family Falcon and Shona did her family proud as she won from Caleb Lincoln, Bernie Franklin, Justin Alberni, and Matthew Bronson. Logan Mair took a win in the Top Star Juniors in front of River Paterson, Linken Paterson, Jack Randall, and Maddi Capon whilst in the New Star Juniors, Jasmin Bryant took the victory in front of Matilda Farrell, Brody Barton, Tyson Heaphy, and Nylah Davey. Wingless Sprints second night feature race finished with a win to Morwell speedway veteran Peter Logue when he was too good for his own son Wayne Logue. Jake Warren finished in third with Aron Lawrence and Christopher Temby rounding out the top five. Nyora Raceway is back on May the 7th with a huge Demolition Derby night to attract a packed house of fans. The Street Stocks will be on track for a feature race the Street Stocks 1000 and Fireworks will also once again keep the families happy.



Curtis Taylor of the Kangaroos is tackled by Josh Dunkley of the Bulldogs during the AFL Round 5 match between the North Melbourne Kangaroos and the Western Bulldogs at Marvel Stadium in Melbourne, Friday, April 15, 2022.
Photo: AAP Image/Hamish Blair.

Dogs chief provides updates on Dunkley contract, Hunter situation

By Andrew Slevison

WESTERN Bulldogs CEO Ameet Bains suggests talks are positive regarding a new contract for Josh Dunkley.

The 25-year-old midfielder is out of contract at the end of the season and is yet to recommit to the club he first played for in 2016.

Bains says negotiations between list manager Sam Power and the Dunkley camp are ongoing and is hopeful the premiership player will stay put in the red, white and blue.

"He's been interviewed in recent weeks and been really positive on remaining at the club," he said on Sportsday.

"I think the discussions Sam's been having with his management team have been really positive in that regard.

"He had a fantastic game (in his 100th against Essendon on Sunday), he had the opportunity to catch up with

a number of his family members after the game and they were really happy and positive as well.

"We hope he recommit in due course."

Given Dunkley attempted to leave The Kennel in the 2020 trade period, what does he need to be sold on to remain with the club beyond 2022?

"With each of the guys that are out of contract there are probably a range of things that they're looking work through," Bains added.

"Not saying it's necessarily the case with Josh, but whether it's financial, where they see themselves longer term in all aspects of their life

"There's a number of decisions that go into that. Whether it's Josh or any of the other current contract negotiations

that Sam's having with our more prominent out-of-contract players, the bottom line is they are all keen to chat and are looking to stay.

"It's just getting through the contract aspects of that which can take some time."

One key Dog whose contract is not an issue, but is currently taking time away from the club is Lachie Hunter.

The 27-year-old, who won the 2018 best and fairest, is on indefinite leave to deal with personal issues with a return date yet unknown.

However, Bains insists the club is providing the support required to have Hunter return to the fold once he is ready mentally.

"Lachie's continuing to improve which is the main thing," Bains said.

"From our club perspective, we are just hellbent on ensur-

ing that he is well supported and in a good place.

"In terms of his return it will probably be a combination of him feeling healthy, positive and ready to come back, and the welfare arm of the club feeling the same.

"He's continuing to train away from the club and follow a program assiduously to ensure he maintains his physical fitness and wellbeing.

"But essentially his time away and what he's dealing with now is more the mental side. So it's being in a position where he and our medical and welfare staff feel that he is able to fully throw himself back into the environment that's required.

"Ultimately, we all want Lachie back and playing top flight football at AFL level, so everything's being geared towards that happening again."

Dissent rules addressed

By Ethan Clark

BROWNLOW Medallist Patrick Dangerfield has put forward his view on the purpose and perception of the new dissent rules from a player's perspective.

Dangerfield, the AFLPA President, explained how he believes this is the only logical step forward for the AFL in its quest to build respect for umpires at all levels and introduce new umpires to the game.

"To me, it makes total sense, and it was only reinforced last weekend when I went to watch my sister play at local level, and the umpires that were umpiring; it was their third game of the day," he revealed on SEN's Whateley.

"They love (umpiring), but they don't love it that much but there's no other option because there's no one to take over. These aren't people in their 30s, they're well into their 60s and not living as well as they once did.

"But that reinforces if anything the human element that we have to get this right, and I just think it's lazy commentary at times when the narrative has been that this is ruining the aesthetic of the game.

"No, what's ruining the aesthetic of the game is the consistent commentary about umpires and dissent and commentators going on for five minutes after the incident has actually occurred."

The 32-year-old says the local level will be directly impacted by what they see from the AFL and as such this new dissent rule is clearly the best thing for the future of umpiring and player behaviour.

"We've got to move past that because if you look at the local levels this is such a significant issue that we're facing, and we have to start somewhere, why not be the elite level.

"What you see in the first 30 seconds of play on-screen on a Friday night is that dissent of players looking at the umpires, verbal, and demonstrative whatever you want to call it, young players and young kids can see that.

"If AFL players are doing it then it's okay to do. I've had plenty of headbutts with the AFL through my time at the AFLPA, but I think they've absolutely nailed this one."

The superstar says there is no contention at club-land with the new rule and players understand the importance of the adjustment.

"I think it's so critical to the good of our game, and the importance of our umpires that we get this right and I think we need to quit with the commentary around it.

"You haven't spent enough time at the grass-roots level if you don't understand it. We (at Geelong) understand it really clearly.

"It's the rule so get on with it and if you can't do that then you're letting us down.

"I think that's very clear with all players now that you need to get on with the game."

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From left, back, Mark Tiziani, Stuart Gilmour and Ron Gilmour; middle, Tina Gilmour, Deanna Tiziani, Jemma Gilmour and Jessica Tiziani; and front, Isabella, Hannah Tiziani and Frank Cimino.

It's in the blood at Wonthaggi Power

HISTORY may have been made last Saturday on the Wonthaggi netball courts when three sisters, Jessica, Isabella and Hannah Tiziani, together with their cousin Jemma Gilmour, played together for the Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Club's C Grade Netball team against Maffra.

Which begs the question: Have three sisters and their cousin played together before Saturday on the same team, and in the same

game, for any netball club in South Gippsland?

The girls' parents, Deanna and Stuart Gilmour and Tina and Mark Tiziani, were thrilled, as always, to watch their daughters do battle against Maffra Football Netball Club.

The girls' grandfather/Nonno, Ron and Frank, each boast it's their DNA that shines through in Jessica and Jemma's leadership characteristics as the team's co-

captain and vice-captain, respectively. And, of course, Nonna Lena makes sure the girls' stamina is maximised through her legendary cooking skills.

Their mothers, twins Deanna and Tina, somewhat more discreetly praised their daughters for their involvement in and contribution to the WPFNC's netball programme. Jemma's sisters, Olivia and Macie, play in the A Grade and B Grade teams, respectfully.

MID GIPPSLAND

» RESULTS

A GRADE

Foster 21 lt Newborough 46
Mirboo Nth 53 d MDU 28
Morwell E 43 d Fish Creek 18
Thorpdale 34 d Boolarra 21
Toora 45 d Hill End 20
Yinnar 62 d Stony Creek 13

B GRADE

Foster 26 lt Newborough 46
Mirboo Nth 51 d MDU 35
Morwell E 48 d Fish Creek 37
Thorpdale 16 lt Boolarra 43
Toora 47 d Hill End 22
Yinnar 48 d Stony Creek 28

C GRADE

Foster 7 lt Newborough 40
Mirboo Nth 24 lt MDU 46
Morwell E 42 d Fish Creek 34
Thorpdale 12 lt Boolarra 19
Toora 40 d Hill End 29
Yinnar 46 d Stony Creek 20

D GRADE

Mirboo Nth 14 d MDU 7
Thorpdale 12 lt Boolarra 16
Toora 16 lt Hill End 21
Yinnar 35 d Stony Creek 19

17 & UNDER

Mirboo Nth 19 lt MDU 47
Morwell E 36 d Fish Creek 30
Toora 25 d Hill End 11
Yinnar 32 d Stony Creek 13

15 & UNDER

Mirboo Nth 18 d MDU 13
Morwell E 24 d Fish Creek 19
Thorpdale 23 lt Boolarra 8
Toora 22 d Hill End 4

13 & UNDER

Mirboo Nth 44 d MDU 3
Toora 8 lt Hill End 14

» LADDERS

A GRADE

| | % | pts |
|--------------|--------|-----|
| Toora | 216.84 | 16 |
| Mirboo North | 171.52 | 16 |
| Morwell East | 183.87 | 12 |
| Yinnar | 130.43 | 12 |
| Tarwin | 128.57 | 12 |
| Boolarra | 105.00 | 12 |
| Newborough | 93.51 | 8 |
| Fish Creek | 82.27 | 8 |
| MDU | 95.24 | 4 |
| Thorpdale | 60.00 | 4 |
| Foster | 53.60 | 4 |
| Stony Creek | 38.00 | 4 |
| Hill End | 63.59 | 0 |

B GRADE

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| Toora | 202.68 | 16 |
| Mirboo North | 152.94 | 16 |
| Morwell East | 142.31 | 16 |
| Boolarra | 137.00 | 16 |
| Yinnar | 145.45 | 8 |
| MDU | 110.61 | 8 |
| Foster | 81.48 | 8 |
| Fish Creek | 86.56 | 4 |
| Newborough | 78.68 | 4 |
| Hill End | 78.57 | 4 |
| Stony Creek | 62.67 | 4 |
| Thorpdale | 57.07 | 4 |
| Tarwin | 33.58 | 4 |

C GRADE

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| MDU | 250.67 | 16 |
| Newborough | 193.15 | 16 |
| Morwell East | 172.73 | 16 |
| Tarwin | 159.09 | 12 |
| Toora | 128.00 | 12 |
| Yinnar | 125.00 | 12 |
| Boolarra | 85.71 | 8 |
| Fish Creek | 106.57 | 4 |
| Hill End | 84.06 | 4 |
| Mirboo North | 71.03 | 4 |
| Stony Creek | 64.58 | 4 |
| Foster | 19.29 | 4 |
| Thorpdale | 33.11 | 0 |

D GRADE

| | % | pts |
|--------------|--------|-----|
| Mirboo North | 209.59 | 14 |
| Yinnar | 186.59 | 14 |
| Morwell East | 154.55 | 12 |
| Hill End | 103.96 | 12 |
| Boolarra | 86.30 | 12 |
| Tarwin | 53.16 | 12 |
| Toora | 86.15 | 8 |
| Newborough | 75.73 | 8 |
| Thorpdale | 63.64 | 4 |
| MDU | 63.22 | 4 |
| Stony Creek | 70.87 | 0 |

17 & UNDER

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| MDU | 208.11 | 16 |
| Morwell East | 133.33 | 16 |
| Newborough | 127.47 | 12 |
| Mirboo North | 125.00 | 12 |
| Tarwin | 90.00 | 12 |
| Yinnar | 109.57 | 8 |
| Toora | 101.05 | 8 |
| Fish Creek | 93.18 | 8 |
| Stony Creek | 50.53 | 4 |
| Hill End | 43.44 | 4 |

15 & UNDER

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| Toora | 456.67 | 16 |
| Yinnar | 350.00 | 16 |
| Thorpdale | 286.96 | 16 |
| Mirboo North | 198.41 | 12 |
| Boolarra | 113.85 | 12 |
| Morwell East | 38.40 | 8 |
| MDU | 81.93 | 4 |
| Hill End | 66.37 | 4 |
| Fish Creek | 51.81 | 4 |
| Newborough | 27.97 | 4 |
| Stony Creek | 17.39 | 4 |

13 & UNDER

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| Mirboo North | 600.00 | 16 |
| Boolarra | 557.14 | 16 |
| Foster | 229.41 | 16 |
| Toora | 120.69 | 12 |
| Tarwin | 4.76 | 12 |
| Fish Creek | 117.39 | 8 |
| Hill End | 53.23 | 8 |
| MDU | 6.19 | 4 |

WEST GIPPSLAND

» RESULTS

A GRADE

Bunyip 72 d Warragul Ind 26
Kor-Bena 35 d Garfield 28
NNG 43 d Cora Lynn 34
Phillip I. 43 lt I-Kongwak 49
T-Dalmore 40 d Dalyston 35

B GRADE

Bunyip 82 d Warragul Ind 22
K-Bass 45 d KWR 25
Kor-Bena 34 d Garfield 24
NNG 50 d Cora Lynn 25
Phillip I. 45 d I-Kongwak 34
T-Dalmore 64 d Dalyston 37

» LADDERS

A GRADE

| | % | pts |
|----------------|--------|-----|
| I-Kongwak | 188.06 | 20 |
| T-Dalmore | 173.81 | 20 |
| Nar Nar Goon | 159.31 | 20 |
| Bunyip | 203.75 | 16 |
| Phillip Island | 126.86 | 16 |
| Dalyston | 140.32 | 12 |
| Kor-Bena | 91.15 | 8 |
| Warragul Ind | 56.81 | 4 |
| Koo Wee Rup | 37.45 | 4 |
| Garfield | 71.65 | 0 |
| Cora Lynn | 67.86 | 0 |
| Kilcunda-Bass | 0.00 | 0 |

B GRADE

| | % | pts |
|----------------|--------|-----|
| Bunyip | 249.57 | 20 |
| T-Dalmore | 229.68 | 20 |
| Phillip Island | 172.05 | 20 |
| Nar Nar Goon | 156.16 | 16 |
| I-Kongwak | 127.71 | 16 |
| Dalyston | 107.11 | 12 |
| Kor-Bena | 92.52 | 8 |
| Kilcunda-Bass | 81.86 | 4 |
| Garfield | 49.36 | 4 |
| Cora Lynn | 52.40 | 0 |
| Koo Wee Rup | 44.19 | 0 |
| Warragul Ind. | 43.41 | 0 |

Scores and updated ladders for remaining grades were unavailable at time of printing



Mirboo North's victorious B Grade team, from left, Sharon, Stacey, Abbey, Lilly, Toni, Jade, Jamie, Mary and Anita. Absent: Sarah.



Nyora goal attack Tiana Heylen goes for goal in Saturday's A Grade match against Nilma Darnum. Photo: Sheryl Walters.



In 17 and Under, Poowong's Ishkah Butler secures the ball against Yaragon. Photo: Jeff Tull.



In B Grade, Wonthaggi goal keeper Cassidy Bowman attempts to stop a goal from Maffra's shooter. mm311922



In A Grade, Nyora shooter Cait van Dord and goal attack Tiana Heylen worked together to put a few goals on the scoreboard against Nilma Darnum. Photo: Sheryl Walters.

LEONGATHA

UNDER 13s: Award 1 – Eamon Reardon, sponsored by Bakers Delight. Award 2 – Anna Hutchinson, sponsored by Serafinos. Leongatha 28 def Morwell 11. A super cold morning in Morwell, the Parrots had a fantastic start to the game, working hard as a team. A great first win! Keep up the good work Parrots!

Under 15s: Award 1 – Katie Turton, sponsored by Bairs. Award 2 – Audrey McGannon, sponsored by Bakers Delight. Award 3 – Amber Rickard, sponsored by Bakers Delight. Leongatha 28 def Morwell 11. With three players out for the week and some terrible weather, the girls did well to come away with a good win! Audrey made her debut in goal, moving and shooting very well. Well done on playing a tough game and with such positivity.

Under 17s: Award 1 – Lily Hume, sponsored by Sports First. Award 2 – Jayde Hall, sponsored by Bakers Delight. Leongatha 11 def by Morwell 14. A super tough game today with the weather conditions. It was hard for our goalers to convert with the wind. Keep fighting girls!

C Grade: Award 1 – Ash Willis, sponsored by Voyage MVP award. Award 2 – Belle Grabham-Andrews, sponsored by Bairs. Award 3 – Tegan Renden, sponsored by Sports First. Auction player: Ash Willis. Leongatha 16 def by Morwell 20. Tough conditions today, we played a great competitive game. The team worked together brilliantly but still lots to work on now at training.

B Grade: Award 1 – Stacey Giliam, sponsored by MVP BT award. Award 2 – Kasie Rump, sponsored by Sports First. Award 3 – Kate Sperling, sponsored by Rusty Windmill. Leongatha 26 def Morwell 14. Great game in tough conditions! A slow start, the girls began to take control of the game and convert each scrap ball that came their way. With some ball wrestling and chasing in the midcourt, Stacey managed to come out on top and help finalise the win. Congratulations to Harper McLennan on her senior game debut.

A Grade: Award 1 – Jayde Hall, sponsored Lyn Rose Boutique. Award 2 – Taylah Brown, sponsored by RSL. Award 3 – Kayla Redpath, sponsored by MVP Hall award. Auction player: Taylah Brown. Leongatha 25 def by Morwell 46. Oh Gosh! What a hard game. We were missing some team members in the defence but Jayde Hall stepped up for her first A grade game and did a great job! Let's take on Warragul next and hope for some better weather!

MIRBOO NORTH

A GRADE: MN 53 def MDU 28. Best: Abby Forrester (Inter-sport Traralgon). Coaches: Rachael Vansittart (Mirboo North Foodworks). In wet and windy conditions we wore our pink for breast cancer and H4H with pride. I am so proud of how disciplined our team was throughout the whole game. We kept our calm and played a solid four quarters. Thanks to Rach for filling.

B Grade: MN 51 def MDU 35. Best: Mikaeli Hilliar (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Emma Evans (Craig Young

Butcher). We had a great game in horrible conditions, with lots of changes we adjusted fast! The team had awesome pressure to force turnovers. Thanks to Eryn Elger for filling in this week.

C Grade: MN 24 def by MDU 45. Best: Gemma McCormack (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Stacey Harriage (Jimmy Jambs Cafe). Unfortunately, it wasn't our day. The girls put up a good fight against a very strong side. Thanks so much to our fill ins Sydney and Eryn.

D Grade: MN 40 def MDU 9. Best: Kat Smith (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Dana Eaves (Lamezleighs Cafe & Bar). Cloudy skies and wind didn't stop the girls looking after the ball. We were positive on court and backed each Other with smooth transition down court.

Under 17s: MN 17 def by MDU 46. Best: Tianna McLure (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Tarni Bartlet (MNFNC Canteen). Bad luck girls – it wasn't our day. Thanks to Tyla and Lena for helping us out again.

Under 15s: MN 18 def MDU 13. Best: Alyssa Snell (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Carson Line (MNFNC Canteen). A huge fight back by our girls this week! Working together as a team helped us get over the line. Even though the weather wasn't in our favour, the girls stayed strong and kept the score ticking over! Well done girls.

Under 13s: MN 45 def MDU 3. Best: Mia O'Brien (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Michelle Eaves (MNFNC Canteen). Well done to all players who demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship towards the opposition players. It was cold and wet, but transitions down the court were awesome and we showed our strengths as a team. Well done.

MIRBOO NORTH – LDNA

B GRADE: Mirboo North 30 v Leongatha 25. At quarter time, Town held a narrow lead 8-6. With the Boo's mid court and forwards slowly warming to the task despite the conditions, Town still went into the long break with an 8 to 14 lead. After half time the 'Boo' turned their fortunes around, outscoring Town 10 to 5, to be only one goal down at three-quarter time (18-19). Abb's McCool was steady GA for the first three quarters, but came into game with a huge last quarter, putting a cool 10 goals through 'the hole'! Mirboo North recorded their 1st win of the season, defeating Town 30-25.

Under 13s: Mirboo North's Under 13s were defeated by Inverloch-Kongwak, 9-6. Inverloch-Kongwak's win was set up with a strong first quarter, scoring 5 goals to 1. In the second and third quarters, we applied pressure court-wide, creating plenty of forward thrusts and scoring opportunities. Three-quarter time and the scores were 7 to 6 Inverloch-Kongwak's way. Inverloch-Kongwak had plenty of extra chances to score, which they did, running out winners 9 to 6.

Under 11s: Mirboo North's Under 11s were defeated by Leongatha, 7 to 10. Congratulations to all players; you worked well as a team, and improved in your positions throughout the day. A great start to our season.



Jess Blair takes the front position in this strong contest for the ball as Wonthaggi Power surged to a 46-31 win over Maffra. Photo: Paul Landells.



Wonthaggi Power's Zali Anderson backs up her last line defenders with this great intercept catch close to Maffra's scoring zone. Photo: Paul Landells.



In 17 and Under, Poowong wing defence Rianne Jinnette attempts to intercept a throw from her Yarragon opponent. Photo: Jeff Tull.

ELLINBANK

» RESULTS

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|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| A GRADE | | 17 & UNDER | |
| Trafalgar 49 d Buln Buln 26 | | Trafalgar 51 d Buln Buln 18 | |
| Poowong 40 d Yarragon 21 | | Poowong 32 d Yarragon 4 | |
| Nyora 25 lt Nilma Darnum 61 | | Nyora 13 lt Nilma Darnum 22 | |
| Lang Lang 22 lt Neerim Sth 62 | | Lang Lang 27 d Neerim Sth 14 | |
| Ellinbank 64 d Catani 31 | | Ellinbank 28 lt Catani 47 | |
| B GRADE | | 15 & UNDER | |
| Trafalgar 36 lt Buln Buln 45 | | Trafalgar 31 d Buln Buln 27 | |
| Poowong 42 d Yarragon 18 | | Poowong 24 d Yarragon 19 | |
| Nyora 30 lt Nilma Darnum 56 | | Lang Lang 20 d Neerim Sth 2 | |
| Lang Lang 27 drew N Sth 27 | | Ellinbank 17 d Catani 16 | |
| Ellinbank 56 d Catani 16 | | 13 & UNDER | |
| C GRADE | | Trafalgar 29 d Buln Buln 4 | |
| Trafalgar 24 lt Buln Buln 34 | | Poowong 14 lt Yarragon 34 | |
| Poowong 23 d Yarragon 19 | | Nyora 19 lt Nilma Darnum 24 | |
| Nyora 12 lt Nilma Darnum 46 | | Lang Lang 25 d Neerim Sth 20 | |
| Lang Lang 9 lt Neerim Sth 26 | | Ellinbank 10 lt Catani 24 | |
| Ellinbank 39 d Catani24 | | | |

» LADDERS

| A GRADE | % | pts | 17 & UNDER | % | pts |
|----------------|--------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|-----|
| Neerim South | 352.00 | 16 | Nilma Darnum | 146.38 | 16 |
| Trafalgar | 164.80 | 16 | Poowong | 143.48 | 16 |
| Ellinbank | 179.26 | 12 | Trafalgar | 163.16 | 12 |
| Nilma Darnum | 162.69 | 12 | Catani | 116.89 | 12 |
| Lang Lang | 98.58 | 12 | Lang Lang | 103.77 | 12 |
| Poowong | 78.02 | 12 | Buln Buln | 92.12 | 8 |
| Buln Buln | 79.81 | 8 | Yarragon | 90.74 | 8 |
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| Warragul 23 lt Traralgon 26 | | Warragul 17 lt Traralgon 45 | |
| Bairnsdale 41 lt Moe 82 | | Bairnsdale 44 d Moe 16 | |
| Morwell 46 d Leongatha 25 | | Morwell 14d Leongatha 11 | |
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| Warragul 18 lt Traralgon 49 | | Warragul 5 lt Traralgon 62 | |
| Bairnsdale 28 lt Moe 52 | | Bairnsdale 47 d Moe 26 | |
| Morwell 14 lt Leongatha 26 | | Morwell 11 lt Leongatha 28 | |
| C GRADE | | 13 & UNDER | |
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| Sale 25 lt Drouin 26 | | Leongatha 50 d Bairnsdale 5 | |
| Warragul 33 d Traralgon 27 | | Maffra 3 lt Sale 36 | |
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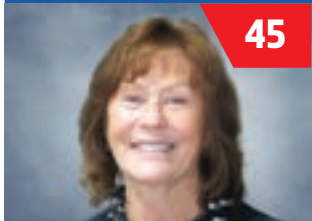
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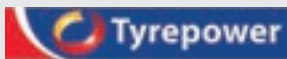


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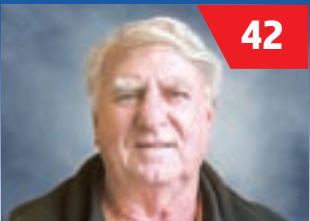
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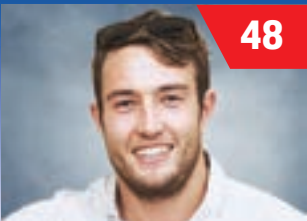
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Tigers roar back to life

PRESEASON predictions had Foster and Newborough playing a major role at season's end, Foster because of a long history of success and Newborough on the back of some impressive recruiting by incoming and astute coach Craig Skinner.

The Bulldogs had already shown the improvement expected but going into round four, there was no doubt that Tigers fans were starting to become anxious about just where their team was at.

That question was answered, with Foster showcasing what it is capable of, winning by 31 points in front of its home fans.

Coaches can sometimes tell whether their team is ready to go or not based on players' body language, the mood of the group and at times just a 'gut feel'.

That was the vibe Foster coach Sam Davies had heading into the clash with Newborough.

"It was a much better feeling pre-game which resulted in a greatly improved effort and four solid quarters of football," Davies said.

He was impressed by the Tigers' ability to handle the challenging conditions and work as team.

While Foster was in charge at every break, the Tigers coach was full of praise for Newborough after the match, expecting the Bulldogs to issue a stern challenge when the sides next meet.

"We have enormous respect for Craig and the Newborough club, and we look forward to the return match later in the year," Davies said.

The Tigers set the game up early, handling the testing conditions more efficiently and ultimately it proved too much for the visitors.

"The toss today was important, but not as important as getting the ball first," Skinner said.

He said the Tigers were able to make it appear they were playing with a dry footy, while his Bulldogs at times handled the Sherrin like a piece of slippery soap.

"The margin flattered us," Skinner said.

Fish Creek look to improve

AFTER starting the season with a couple of wins, Fish Creek crashed back to earth with a goal-less performance against MDU in round 3, but showed pluck in its narrow round 4 away loss to Morwell East.

While the Hawks started the season slowly, the 9-point victory over the Kangaroos made it two wins in a row for Morwell East.

Despite the loss, Fish Creek coach John Danckert was pleased with the Kangaroos' effort.

"Our depth is being stretched at the moment," Danckert conceded.

He remains upbeat, saying he looks forward to continued improvement from his side.

Opposition counterpart Devon Soutar was delighted to bank the four points in what is shaping as a hotly contested season.

"We set the game up with a good first half, limiting scoring against the breeze and maximising our opportunities with it when our turn came," Soutar said.

He was satisfied with the Hawks' ability to withstand a determined second-half effort from Fish Creek, despite the Kangaroos managing five goals to three after the long break.

Mid Gippsland round 5 preview

THIS weekend marks more than a quarter of the way through the MGFNL home and away fixture, with time flying since footy's return.

Foster v Yinnar

Foster bounced back in the manner of a good side last week when it took control in difficult conditions and didn't give Newborough a look in, with the Tigers keen to build on that momentum when they host Yinnar.

Foster lifted to another level when the pressure was on after a 0-3 start to its season.

This week it is Yinnar striving to bounce back from the disappointment of defeat and recapture the intensity the Magpies have displayed in other matches this season.

Yinnar is sure to come out firing after a stinging rebuke from coach Daniel Taylor who labelled his side "undisciplined", and said it had "too many passengers" in its round 4 loss.

The Tigers were justifiably pleased with their most recent performance, a classic team effort without passengers.

That said, a new challenge awaits, albeit on home soil with a supportive but expectant crowd.

MDU v Hill End

MDU will be looking to return to winning ways after a narrow round 4 loss but it is going to take an almighty effort, even at home, against a Hill End side that continues to build momentum.

The Demons have shown they can match it with the best, and are likely to deliver plenty of early intensity after the disappointment of last week's single kick loss to Mirboo North.

However, that intensity will need to be maintained in order to get the better of Hill End.

"To give Hill End a shake this week we need to make sure we apply the pressure we know we are capable of for the entire four quarters," MDU coach Peter Harris said.

"We were very good around the stoppages and had our way in the ruck; we are starting to play a sharper brand of footy every week," Rovers coach



Hudson Kerr and Damien Turner wrap up a MDU player. Photo: Annie Holland.

Mike Santo said.

That is an ominous warning for MDU this week and for future opponents, with the 2021 minor premiers still burning to get a crack at a real premiership after being derailed by two years of COVID.

Mirboo North v Fish Creek

While Mirboo North has reinvigorated its season with a round 4 win, the Tigers will need to be on their game again to account for this week's visitor, Fish Creek.

The Kangaroos are a genuine finals prospect and are well capable of taking it up to the Tigers on their home turf.

The Tigers will be looking to pounce early to prevent Fish Creek having an opportunity to settle.

Mirboo North can be dangerous with momentum and the Tigers will be confident they can build more of that with another win.

While expecting a challenging encounter, Mirboo North coach Josh Taylor said that if the Tigers are able to maintain belief in their game it will give them a good chance of success against the Kangaroos.

While Fish Creek has an even

win-loss record this season, at 1-3 the Tigers must prevail to avoid falling too far off the pace.

Stony Creek v Morwell East

Stony Creek and Morwell East enter their clash with both sides in winning form and confident of climbing further up the ladder.

"It was a good win in a game that was in the balance till the final siren; we have another big challenge against Morwell East which is another well organised side," Stony Creek coach Jai Acardi said.

While the Lions have shown they have the potential to mix it with the better sides in the competition, the question is whether they are able to do it on a consistent basis.

This week will provide some evidence as to whether that is so.

Tarwin v Thorpdale

Many pundits will expect Tarwin to continue its unbeaten run this season when the Sharks host Thorpdale.

However, that expectation could be Tarwin's biggest downfall and the Sharks will need to ensure they don't enter the contest overconfident and

maintain the intensity that has produced success so far.

Thorpdale has improved and continues to do so and will see this clash as winnable.

The Blues should be able to hit the ground running, while Tarwin may take a while to get back into its stride after a bye, but Thorpdale will have to hope last week's competitive slog in tough conditions didn't take too much out of its players.

Despite his side coming up short last round, Thorpdale coach Ray Pickering will enter this week's match feeling upbeat after a strong effort against Boolarra.

"Our boys executed our game plan extremely well in wet weather and stood up to a strong Boolarra outfit, outscoring them for the final three quarters," Pickering said.

Tarwin coach, Troy Hemming has his side humming at the moment with improvements around the club already reaping dividends, and with a week off while the Blues were forced to work hard in wet and windy conditions, the Sharks might just be able to keep their spot on top of the ladder for another week.



Lawson running to a PB with Tony O'Connell.

Inverloch welcomes 36 for parkrun

THE weather on Saturday morning was cold, wet and windy, with many regular Inverloch parkrunners opting to stay in bed rather than brave the icy conditions.

For a while it looked like we would have more volunteers than participants but gradually the numbers increased, with 36 runners and walkers completing the 5km course.

We welcomed a few parkrun tourists from Traralgon, Geelong, Wangaratta and Karkarook, with Derek from Karkarook leading the field to finish almost two-and-a-half minutes ahead of local runner Mal.

Amazingly, we welcomed a first timer to parkrun, who having just moved to Inverloch decided it would be a great day to begin her parkrun journey.

We only had one junior out on the course, local boy Lawson, who at just seven years old is running some

amazingly quick times at parkrun.

Lawson began 2022 with a personal best (PB) of 27 minutes and 12 seconds.

Lawson had local legend Tony O'Connell as his 'responsible adult' running with him, and they both had the energy to keep smiling and enjoy themselves while achieving this awesome result.

This highlights one of the great things about parkrun, the inclusiveness of all ages.

Parkrun is accessible to all ages and abilities, whether you want to run, jog, walk or a combination, bring your children in prams or walk/run with your dog.

Inverloch parkrun is on every Saturday morning at 8am (briefing at 7.45am) at Rotary Centenary Park, Ramsey Boulevard.

Sign up for free on parkrun.com.au.



Mirboo North's Linc Oddy shepherds for Hudson Kerr. Photos: Annie Holland.



Mirboo North coach Josh Taylor celebrates a goal.

Last-minute victory for Tigers

By Rover, Mirboo North FNC

AFTER trailing for the majority of the afternoon, Meenivan Dumbalk United's first official trip to Mirboo North since 1968 resulted in it hitting the front four minutes from the finish — only to go down by four points in a nightmare final 24 seconds for the Demons at Tigerland on Saturday.

Mirboo North's dramatic last-gasp victory was enough to swing the Owen 'Spud' Harris Memorial Cup the mighty Tigers' way after 300 footballers and netballers across 12 games had competed tooth and nail for their respective clubs.

Ironically, Spud's son and MDU senior coach, Peter Harris, was struck down with COVID-19 during the week and replaced by Reserves playing coach, Dale Furphy.

Ben Campbell and Mitchell Wightman slammed through two quick goals for the home side in the opening five minutes of the match.

Early on, the Tigers looked sharp and focused, with their kick-to-handball ratio well within the accepted parameters of modern country football's coaching guidelines.

A successful MDU snap saw the visitors reduce the gap to seven points after 15 minutes of bustling, bone-jarring combat footy, as both sides put their bodies on the line in the adverse wet weather conditions.

"They're playing as if there's no tomorrow," remarked a 75-year-old MDU stalwart, who participated in the club's previous visit 54 seasons ear-



Mirboo North took on MDU at the weekend.

lier — a week after his 21st birthday.

Aided by a chilly and strong westerly, skipper Damien Turner added another Mirboo North major on the run that flew 55 metres through the air and bounced almost 25 metres, with two desperate Demons in hot pursuit.

During the second term, the Demons cleverly used the corridor as their geographical attack zone, by employing hard-running link-up footy emanating from half back — that involved long driving kicks into their forward 50.

As well, MDU's pragmatic sanctions and traditional supply chain rectifications, denied the Tigers as many easy possessions as possible.

Sam Wilson, Joel Sinclair, Tom Corry, Fraser Kelly and

rugged defender, Brendan Tomada, played active roles in MDU's ball movement and provided headaches aplenty for their opponents with safe marking, constant running and precise disposal to teammates further afield.

Down back, Mirboo North's Joel Lambourn, Jacob Blair — who was playing his 150th club game — Joe Brooks, Linc Oddy, Shannon Kennedy and Beau Peters limited MDU to two second-quarter goals, with solid defensive pressure.

Others contributing well in close and providing drive for Mirboo North were Wightman, Turner, Campbell, Liam Nash and first gamer, Jesse Chila.

Successive majors from Nick Cummaudo and playing coach, Josh Taylor — the lat-

ter aided by a 50-metre penalty — enabled Mirboo North to take a 14-point lead into the changerooms at half-time.

Two into the wind third-quarter MDU narrow misses and consecutive behinds by Mirboo North lifted the Tigers' advantage to 15 points at the last change.

The battle was on to decide the match in a final quarter, where the wind was howling, light was fading and rain increased from continual to continuous.

Four goals were scored, all from free kicks and two of which included 50-metre penalties for indiscretions in the harshest of playing conditions.

On the terraces, words of frustration were small change for many observers' thoughts — most of which they wisely refrained from disclosing.

Three successive MDU majors came from Kieran Bohn, Corry and Wayne Stewart, that gave the Demons a two-point advantage deep into time-on.

Mirboo North's unflustered final flurry forward saw it ferry the footy around the bottom boundary towards Lambourn, who secured a mark, 75 metres from home.

An inadvertent incursion by an errant Demon into Lambourn's protective space advanced him 50 metres towards Mirboo North's goal line.

From there, with the waterlogged Sherrin, the big Tiger defender's drop punt went straight through the high-diddle-diddle of big white sticks, directly over the goal umpire's head.

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Mirboo North 3.1 6.2 6.7 7.7 (49)
MDU 1.4 3.6 5.8 6.9 (45)
GOALS, Mirboo North: Ben Campbell, Josh Taylor 2, Jordan Cummaudo, Joel Lambourn, Dominic Pinneri 1 each
BEST: Joel Lambourn, Joe Brooks, Mitchell Wightman, Damien Turner, Linc Oddy, Liam Nash
GOALS, MDU: Ryan Giliam 2, Kieran Bohn, Thomas Corry, Wayne Stewart, Jacob Proctor 1 each
BEST: Samuel Wilson, Joel Sinclair, Thomas Corry, Fraser Kelly, Jake Bromley, Ryan Giliam

RESERVES
MDU 2.4 5.8 9.14 11.15 (81)
Mirboo North 1.0 1.0 1.0 3.1 (19)
GOALS, MDU: Benjamin Heppell, Neil Mathieson 3, Matt Harris 2, Ben Cantwell, Max East, Connor Krohn 1 each
BEST: Matt Harris, Brenton Faltum, Connor Krohn, Neil Mathieson, Andrew Van Hamond, Max East
GOALS, Mirboo North: Jake Brown 2
BEST: Tyron Stevens, Jake Peters, Jake Brown, Jacob Vuillermin, Lachlan Dight

THIRDS
Mirboo North 4.4 7.6 10.8 11.9 (75)
MDU 1.2 4.6 6.7 9.11 (65)
GOALS, Mirboo North: Ethan Woodall 3, Sam Bradley, William Lewis, Daniel Masters 2, Harrison Austin, Tarmah Little 1 each
BEST: Ethan Woodall, Beau Melbourne, Oliver Budd, Daniel Masters, Max Woodall, Archie Woodall
GOALS, MDU: Jacob Whiteside 4, Lachlan Hibberson 2, Eddie Colwill, Kyra Helms, Angus Kemper 1 each
BEST: Tadhg Dennehy, Tyson Harris, Lachlan Hibberson, Jacob Whiteside, Eddie Colwill, Thomas Neal

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

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|  | 64 |  | 33 |
| FOSTER | | NEWBOROUGH | |

Foster 3.3 5.3 8.4 10.4 (64)
Newborough 0.1 2.1 2.6 4.9 (33)
GOALS, Foster: Todd Bastion, Matthew Clark, Michael Green 2, Scott Bradley, Billy Flavelle, Craig Wray, Zak Maynard-Barrett 1 each
BEST: Todd Bastion, Josh Toner, Brock Cripps, Michael Howell, Matthew Clark, Mitchell Green
GOALS, Newborough: Peter Ainsworth, Patrick Charles, Jack Brincat, Warren Hester 1 each
BEST: Joshua Hecker, Liam Flahavin, Christopher Gardiner, Liam Cordner, Liam Charles, Zachary Skinner

RESERVES
Newborough 5.4 6.7 13.12 14.19 (103)
Foster 2.0 3.1 3.1 4.2 (26)
GOALS, Newborough: Patrick Frendo 5, Lachlan Gilroy, Jarod Wood 2, Nathan Curtis, Tyler Mander, Matt Rowlings, Ben Richards 1 each
BEST: James Grant, Ben Richards, Joel Jacovou, William Collings, Nathan Curtis
GOALS, Foster: Ryan Davis 2, Khy Davy, Ben Smith 1 each
BEST: Ben Smith, Jai Prain, Eddie Smith, Caeleb Garlick, Jake Coffey, Brodie Prain

THIRDS
Foster 3.2 6.5 8.8 12.11 (83)
Hill End 1.0 1.1 2.1 2.1 (13)
GOALS, Foster: Jack Rathjen 3, Khy Davy, Flynn Lomax 2, Toby Delaney, Caeleb Garlick, Harrison Garlick, Ethan Lee, Jake Matheson 1 each
BEST: Harrison Garlick, Jack Rathjen, Khy Davy, Toby Delaney, Caeleb Garlick, Flynn Lomax
GOALS, Hill End: Liam Cumiskey, Mark Ferguson 1 each
BEST: Lachlan Answer, Damon Russell, Sam Kondo, Liam Cumiskey, Dylan McDougal

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS
Boolarra 3.5.23 d Thorpdale 2.3.15
RESERVES
Boolarra 9.4.58 d Thorpdale 1.4.10

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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 4

| SENIORS | W | L | % | pts |
|--------------|---|---|--------|-----|
| Tarwin | 3 | 0 | 151.55 | 16 |
| Hill End | 3 | 0 | 147.65 | 14 |
| Boolarra | 2 | 0 | 120.91 | 14 |
| Morwell East | 2 | 1 | 134.59 | 12 |
| Stony Creek | 3 | 1 | 111.11 | 12 |
| Newborough | 2 | 2 | 141.74 | 8 |
| Yinnar | 2 | 2 | 139.84 | 8 |
| Fish Creek | 2 | 2 | 122.92 | 8 |
| Foster | 1 | 2 | 98.00 | 8 |
| MDU | 1 | 3 | 116.85 | 4 |
| Thorpdale | 1 | 3 | 61.82 | 4 |
| Mirboo North | 1 | 3 | 55.00 | 4 |
| Toora | 0 | 4 | 31.51 | 0 |

| RESERVES | W | L | % | pts |
|--------------|---|---|--------|-----|
| Newborough | 4 | 0 | 446.46 | 16 |
| MDU | 4 | 0 | 382.61 | 16 |
| Tarwin | 3 | 0 | 292.47 | 16 |
| Morwell East | 2 | 1 | 334.07 | 12 |
| Yinnar | 3 | 1 | 291.55 | 12 |
| Toora | 3 | 1 | 237.24 | 12 |
| Boolarra | 2 | 1 | 123.21 | 12 |
| Fish Creek | 1 | 3 | 43.78 | 4 |
| Stony Creek | 1 | 3 | 41.88 | 4 |
| Hill End | 1 | 3 | 39.59 | 4 |
| Foster | 0 | 3 | 10.40 | 4 |
| Mirboo North | 0 | 4 | 22.10 | 0 |
| Thorpdale | 0 | 4 | 21.85 | 0 |

| THIRDS | W | L | % | pts |
|-------------------|---|---|--------|-----|
| Mirboo North | 4 | 0 | 288.16 | 16 |
| MDU | 3 | 1 | 208.65 | 12 |
| Yinnar | 3 | 1 | 187.43 | 12 |
| Foster | 2 | 2 | 177.40 | 8 |
| Hill End | 0 | 4 | 23.67 | 0 |
| Tarwin/Fish Creek | 0 | 4 | 20.08 | 0 |
| Stony Creek | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Newborough | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Toora | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Boolarra | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Thorpdale | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Morwell East | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 4

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



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MORWELL EAST

FISH CREEK

Morwell East 1.1 6.1 6.2 8.6 (54)
Fish Creek 1.1 1.3 3.6 6.9 (45)

GOALS, Morwell East: Matthew Coutts 5,
Frank Marks 2, Tanner Higgins 1
BEST: Dylan Field, Frank Marks, Lucas Towns,
Nicholas Grainger, Eric Semmler,
Matthew Coutts
GOALS, Fish Creek: Darcy Berryman 2, Adam
Bright, Thomas Cameron, Matthe w McGannon,
Jarrod Walker 1 each
BEST: Jordan Shaw, Lachlan Gale, Thomas
Cameron, Jake Anderson, Toby Mitchell,
Matthew McGannon

RESERVES

Morwell East 3.3 8.7 17.11 20.16 (136)
Fish Creek 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 (7)

GOALS, Morwell East: Brayden Darby-Lock 7,
Ben Marks, Nathan-Lee Nikodemski 3, Kaleb
Chapman, Dylan Day 2, Dustin Heyden,
Shannon Winmar, Jackson Mackenzie 1 each
BEST: Kye Farley, Brayden Darby-Lock,
Ryan Carlson, Nathan-Lee Nikodemski,
Ben Marks, Jackson Mackenzie
GOALS, Fish Creek: Ben Corrie 1
BEST: Tim Walters, Owen Straw, Toby Redpath,
Bradley Perks, Ben Corrie, Nicholas Buckland

THIRDS

Yinnar 2.1 5.8 9.12 11.18 (84)
Tarwin/Fish Ck 3.1 3.2 5.2 5.3 (33)

GOALS, Yinnar: Luke Cheffers 5,
Mack Rieniets, Ethan Sultana 2, Lachlan Bell,
Keegan Zielecki 1 each
BEST: Thomas Hoghton, Flynn Schill,
Luke Douch, Luke Cheffers, Mack Rieniets,
Ryder Makepeace
GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Ck: Tige Brewer,
Tom Millton, Joseph Rysko, Rory Standfield,
Thomas Vuillermin 1 each
BEST: Thomas Vuillermin, Kye McMillan,
Joseph Rysko, Zac McRae, Rory Standfield,
Jackson Morgan

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



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STONY CREEK

YINNAR

Stony Creek 1.4 1.5 6.5 8.8 (56)
Yinnar 3.5 4.7 5.12 7.13 (55)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Darren Granger 4,
Jacob Byrnes 2, Darcy Atkins,
Cooper Cary 1 each
BEST: Darcy Atkins, Darren Granger,
Mitchell Nicholas, John Phillips, Hayden Bull,
Jacob Byrnes
GOALS, Yinnar: Ben Cheffers, Sebastian
Famularo, Daniel Johnson, Dean Johnson, Ned
Marsh, Matt Moseley, Nathan Rowley 1 each
BEST: Beau Hutton, Ben Cheffers,
Dean Johnson, Ned Marsh, Matt Dyke,
Nathan Rowley

RESERVES

Yinnar 5.6 9.14 14.18 21.20 (146)
Stony Creek 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Yinnar: Josh Bugeja 7, James Dowling,
Stuart Patten 3, Cameron Le Page, Matthew
McCafferty, Shane McColl, Gabe Olver,
Mitch Renwick, Tige Renwick, Thomas Russell,
Daniel Yates 1 each
BEST: Josh Bugeja, Gabe Olver, Matty Nardino,
Jack Chessum, Mitch Renwick, Riley Adams
BEST, Stony Creek: Lachlan Elliott, James
Dean, Angus Wright, Jack Patten, Jonathan
Ozols, Zac Van DelftNick Svenson

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB



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HILL END

TOORA

Hill End 2.1 4.4 4.8 6.10 (46)
Toora 1.1 1.2 1.2 2.4 (16)

GOALS, Hill End: Chase Saunders 3,
Luke Mulqueen 2, Dane Fawcett 1
BEST: Ambu Uliando, Calvin Rees, Ben Kerrigan,
Harrison George, Jay Ladson, Bayley Paul
GOALS, Toora: Daniel O'Keefe,
Jack Weston 1 each
BEST: Jack Weston, Harley Hoppner,
Mason O'Sullivan, Matthew Ponton,
Jake Mcfarland, Joseph Platt

RESERVES

Toora 4.0 8.5 12.7 17.9 (111)
Hill End 1.1 1.1 1.4 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Toora: Linden Dyson, Josh Griffin 3,
Brayden Askew, Luke Grylls, Craig Hanratty,
Jake Mabilia 2, Jarryd Guganovic, Lukas
Jenkins, James Maurilli-Pullin 1 each
BEST: Ben East, Luke Grylls, Jake Mabilia,
Luke Anedda, Linden Dyson, Josh Griffin
GOALS, Hill End: Liam Cumiskey 1
BEST: Lachlan Answer, Joshua Hammond,
Liam Cumiskey, Richard Horton, James Balfour,
Andrew Tangusso

Hill End made to work for victory

WHILE Hill End entered its contest with Toora as an unbackable favourite, with the unbeaten Rovers taking on a winless opponent, Toora made the fancied side work for its five-goal victory. Hill End was always going to win, but how they won and how Toora lost would tell you a little more about each.

Despite difficult weather for scoring, the margin was far less than most would have predicted.

“The conditions were pretty tough for both teams and it became an old school game of footy, but Hill End made more of its opportunities than we did,” Toora coach Matt Ponton said.

However, he was satisfied that his charges gave their all and “left nothing on the ground”.

Hill End coach Mike Santo gave credit to the opposition for making it a challenging day.

“It was a hard-fought win in testing conditions and Matt has Toora playing a tough brand of footy,” Santo said.

He highlighted where his side was able to gain the ascendancy.

“We were very good around the stoppages and had our way in the ruck with Ambu and Kerrigan getting first use of the ball and that created a lot of opportunities for us,” Santo said.

The winning coach also heaped praise on his back-line for repelling many opposition attacks, particularly noting the defensive efforts of Robby Fiddelaers, whom Santo described as “the most underrated player in the league”. While the four points were beyond Toora’s reach, the side earned the respect of those at the ground and demonstrated substantial improvement.

TOP RIGHT: Toora demonstrated substantial improvement on Saturday against Hill End. Photos: Lyn Fairbank/Hill End Football Netball Club Photos Facebook page.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Hill End defeated Toora at the weekend but the margin was far less than most would have predicted. Photos: Lyn Fairbank/Hill End Football Netball Club Photos Facebook page.



Stony Creek Lions defeat Yinnar by a point

STONY Creek’s tenacious one-point away win over a confident Yinnar side has the Lions in a strong position, with a 3-1 record to start their campaign.

Yinnar has been hard at the contest this season, recording impressive wins over Morwell East and Mirboo North, and Stony Creek had to be on its game to topple the Magpies at their nest.

It became even more so after Yinnar adapted better to the

wintery conditions, grabbing a 20-point lead at the long break.

“Fortunately, we regrouped at halftime and came out with purpose and some real grit, which was pleasing as our third quarters have been sluggish to date,” Stony Creek coach Jai Accardi said.

He was delighted with the come-from-behind win in a match that was in the balance until the final siren.

“We knew it was always

going to be a tough battle against Yinnar and that’s what we got,” Accardi said.

Despite the close nature of the result, Yinnar coach Daniel Taylor was less than upbeat about his side’s effort.

“We were undisciplined, lacked intensity, lost the mid-field battle and had too many passengers on the day,” Taylor said in a brutal post-game assessment.

He also accused his charges of failing to adjust to the con-

ditions, despite their strong position at half time.

However, Taylor gave due credit to a gallant opponent.

“I thought Stony Creek’s second half was fantastic and they deserved the win,” he said.

The Magpies look to rebound in an away clash against Foster, with the Tigers appearing to have found their mojo again in an impressive victory over Newborough and it shapes as another enthralling contest.



Sam Dixon played his 100th senior game for Nyora at the weekend. Playing his junior days with Nyora, Sam rose through the ranks to become a premierships player and a strong leader on and off the field. Photo: Sheryl Walters.



Jesse Heylen was one of four goal-kickers for the Saints against Nilma Darnum. Photo: Sheryl Walters.

Saints take a win at home

NYORA recorded its second win for the season at the weekend.

The Nyora Saints, playing at home, were raring to make their mark on the back of last week's loss to Yarragon.

While Nilma Darnum got the upper hand in the first term, booting two majors to Nyora's one, the Saints secured the lead by the main break by firing off three majors off a few opportunities at

goal in tough conditions.

They extended their lead, putting another two on the board in the third term, while holding Nilma Darnum goalless, finishing off their efforts with one major off a few more shots at goal.

Although it was a scrappy game all-day, the Saints still played good-structured footy.

"A quarter of footy for the seniors was the difference in the end," playing coach Dylan

Heylen said.

"Our boys didn't play the best but scrapped hard all day and got the win."

"Next week is going to be a lot tougher against Neerim South. Hopefully we rise to the challenge. Looking forward to it though."

Nilma Darnum, on the back of their fifth loss this season and on the bottom of the ladder, will host Poowong this weekend.

Meanwhile, ninth-placed Ny-

ora will take on ladder leaders Neerim South.

The following match, on May 21, will see Brownlow medallist and premierships player Dane Swan don the red, white and black.

The match will be followed by a Sportsmans night where attendees will hear stories from Dane Swan and Ricky Nixon.

More information on the Nyora Football Netball Club Facebook page.

Yarragon fall without a goal to Poowong

POOWONG welcomed Yarragon on Saturday on a cold, wet day with a fresh breeze blowing down the ground.

The ground was soft from overnight rain and to the credit of our recreation committee, the ground was OK after three games.

Poowong Seniors made two changes with Kurt Newton and Jared Mills returning after illness and work issues. They made a few positional changes to allow players to develop and improve their overall game.

Poowong kicked against the strong breeze but they adapted to conditions quicker. With their defence working hard, they kicked the only two goals of the quarter both by former half back Jayden Sullivan to lead by 11 at the first break.

Poowong was determined to use the breeze but Yarragon was working as hard but only managed a poster.

Poowong's first of two goals came from Tom Robertson's kick off the ground while the second from Alex Henshall to go into the main break with a 25-point lead.

By Geoff Wyatt, Poowong FNC

Poowong and Yarragon came out determined. With the weather deteriorating from the drizzle, it became harder to control kicks and set up forward thrusts.

Poowong opened with three points, the only goal coming from Paddy Harmes with the help of a 50-metre penalty after an opposition player ran over the mark.

Tom Robertson's from a good mark received a 50-metre penalty but his kick fell short and was cleared. Yarragon's only contribution was a point, going into the final term with a 33-point lead.

The last quarter was played between the backlines with Poowong managing six points and Yarragon failing to add to their score with Poowong taking the win by 39 points.

Some positives with different players showing their ability to play in different positions on the ground – a good sign for the club's future.

Congratulations to all the umpires did a good job in tough conditions.

The Reserves was played in constant rain but both teams battled it out with Yarragon winning. The Fourths were up against a good Yarragon side, worked hard but were no match going down 17.6.108 to 2.4.16. Keep working on your skills at training and wins will come.

Netball had a good day winning five of their six games, missing out in the Under 13s, but well played by everyone. This weekend we are off to Nilma Darnum for a 12.15pm start as Nilma Darnum has no junior football.

Good to see local lad Jai Newcombe doing the club proud at Hawthorn; Jai has received a Rising Star nomination.

The club's committee work hard to give the players an opportunity to play this great game, support the club and their sponsors. 'Volunteer of the Week' went to Keith Fort with over 30 years of club support. Well done, Keith.



Poowong's Tom Robertson and Kurt Newton attempted to intercept this kick from their Yarragon opponent in the Seniors. Photo: Jeff Tull.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 5

>> NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB



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| NYORA | NILMA DARNUM |
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Nyora 1.4 4.9 6.12 7.17 (59)
Nilma Darnum 2.5 4.5 4.6 5.7 (37)
GOALS, Nyora: Travis Stewart 3, Scott Pugh 2, Jesse Heylen, Ben Lineham 1 each
BEST: Jack Rosenow, Adam Pugh, Max Mattock, Brodie Anderson, Jordan Anderson, Angus McGillivray
GOALS, Nilma Darnum: Robert Campbell, Nick Carrigy, Kory Carrison, Sebastian Crowle, Harley Lacunes 1 each
BEST: Oxley Huson, Jeremy Jarred, Oakley Addison, Boeden Fries, Kenneth Towt, Sebastian Crowle

RESERVES

Nyora 4.9 7.10 11.12 14.14 (98)
Nilma Darnum 0.0 1.1 1.1 2.1 (13)
GOALS, Nyora Trent Breen 4, Adam Jamieson 4, Jarren Pearsall 2, Joel Anderson, Peter Bastin, Lincoln Brock, Shaun Lamb 1 each
BEST: Shaun Lamb, Trent Breen, Adam Jamieson, Jarred Pearsall, Peter Bastin, Matt Layton
GOALS, Nilma Darnum: Kyle Robinson, Corey Wright 1 each
BEST: Corey Wright, Blake Johns, Benjamin Miron, Matt Cheyne, Dane Johns, Phil Mcclimont

>> POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



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| POOWONG | YARRAGON |
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Poowong 2.0 4.2 5.6 5.12 (42)
Yarragon 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.3 (3)
GOALS, Poowong: Jayden Sullivan 2, Patrick Harmes, Alex Henshall, William Robertson 1 each
BEST: Thomas Robertson, Jayden Sullivan, Andrew Logan, Kurt Newton, Cody Loughridge, Alex Henshall.
BEST, Yarragon: Tyler Payroli, Joshawa Vosper, Zak Hogton, Damien Allison, Lachlan Shaw, Toby Sherer.

RESERVES

Yarragon 2.2 5.3 5.4 7.4 (46)
Poowong 1.1 1.1 3.1 4.2 (26)
GOALS, Yarragon: Corey Binzer 3, Jake Bernard, Daniel Burke, Ashley Robinson, Joel Binzer 1 each
BEST: Joshua Smith-Butterworth, Daniel Burke, Bradley Morgan, Kiam Rose, Samuel Perry, Corey Binzer
GOALS, Poowong: Reece Attenborough, Jackson Glindemann, Benjamin Schulz, James Scott 1 each
BEST: Lachlan Green, Gavin Broad, Ben Henshall, Kade Anderson, Benjamin Schulz, Reece Attenborough

FOURTHS

Yarragon 8.1 10.2 14.5 17.6 (108)
Poowong 0.0 1.1 1.4 2.4 (16)
GOALS, Yarragon: Joshua Mills 5, Liam Smith-Butterworth 4, Beau Halliday, Darcy Paul 2, Andrew Daly, Bradley Thompson, Josh Garratt 1 each
BEST: Darcy Paul, Liam Smith-Butterworth, Player, Joshua Mills, Beau Halliday, Brodie Fleming.
GOALS, Poowong: Angus Halliwell, Bailey Nettle 1 each
BEST: Aaron Damon, Anthony Orsini, Henri Bott, Calvin Langford, Angus Halliwell, Bryce Townsend

>> IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS
Buln Buln 4.7.31 d Trafalgar 2.2.14
Neerim South 8.11.59 d Lang Lang 5.8.38
Ellinbank 12.14.86 d Catani 2.2.14

RESERVES
Trafalgar 4.7.31 d Buln Buln 2.4.16
Neerim South 7.10.52 d Lang Lang 3.2.20
Ellinbank 24.16.160 d Catani 1.0.6

THIRDS
Neerim South 0.0.0 d Lang Lang Forfeit
Buln Buln 4.7.31 d Yarragon 4.5.29

FOURTHS
Trafalgar 6.3.39 d Buln Buln 3.0.18
Neerim South 6.8.44 d Lang Lang 4.7.31

| ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ROUND 5 | | | |
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| SENIORS | | | | RESERVES | | | | THIRDS | | | | FOURTHS | | | | | | | |
| W | L | % | pts | W | L | % | pts | W | L | % | pts | W | L | % | pts | | | | |
| Neerim South | 4 | 0 | 355.74 | 16 | Neerim South | 4 | 0 | 1132.43 | 16 | Neerim South | 4 | 0 | 1278.13 | 16 | Longwarry | 4 | 0 | 812.96 | 16 |
| Buln Buln | 4 | 1 | 209.78 | 16 | Ellinbank | 4 | 0 | 344.00 | 16 | Ellinbank | 3 | 0 | 224.10 | 12 | Yarragon | 4 | 1 | 297.78 | 16 |
| Trafalgar | 3 | 1 | 257.72 | 12 | Lang Lang | 4 | 1 | 328.10 | 16 | Yarragon | 2 | 3 | 69.34 | 8 | Neerim South | 3 | 1 | 209.82 | 12 |
| Lang Lang | 3 | 2 | 182.74 | 12 | Trafalgar | 3 | 1 | 205.92 | 12 | Buln Buln | 2 | 2 | 45.13 | 4 | Ellinbank | 2 | 1 | 83.75 | 8 |
| Longwarry | 3 | 1 | 109.09 | 12 | Nyora | 3 | 2 | 95.32 | 12 | Longwarry | 1 | 2 | 90.65 | 4 | Lang Lang | 1 | 3 | 36.88 | 4 |
| Poowong | 2 | 3 | 136.44 | 8 | Buln Buln | 2 | 3 | 201.29 | 8 | Lang Lang | 0 | 4 | 33.89 | 0 | Trafalgar | 1 | 2 | 35.50 | 4 |
| Ellinbank | 2 | 2 | 121.86 | 8 | Longwarry | 2 | 2 | 183.53 | 8 | Poowong | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | Poowong | 1 | 3 | 29.27 | 4 |
| Yarragon | 2 | 3 | 118.42 | 8 | Yarragon | 2 | 3 | 66.11 | 8 | Nyora | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | Buln Buln | 0 | 5 | 33.10 | 4 |
| Nyora | 2 | 3 | 61.38 | 8 | Poowong | 1 | 4 | 47.56 | 4 | Yarragon | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | Catani | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Catani | 0 | 5 | 19.58 | 0 | Catani | 0 | 5 | 8.55 | 0 | Nilma Darnum | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | Nyora | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Nilma Darnum | 0 | 4 | 15.51 | 0 | Nilma Darnum | 0 | 4 | 5.77 | 0 | Catani | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | Nilma Darnum | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |



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GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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» LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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|  | 61 |  | 21 |
| LEONGATHA | | MORWELL | |

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| Leongatha | 1.4 | 3.7 | 6.9 | 8.13 (61) |
| Morwell | 0.2 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 2.9 (21) |

GOALS, Leongatha: Jack Hume, Justin Pellicano 2, Jack Ginnane, Aaron Heppell, Cameron Stone, Mason McGannon 1 each

BEST: Luke Bowman, Tom Marriott, Cameron Stone, Aaron Heppell, Justin Pellicano, Ned Hanily

GOALS, Morwell: Brandon Mcauliffe, Brandon McDonald 1 each

BEST: Dan Musil, Tyler Brown, Cody MacDonald, Zachary Carlson

RESERVES

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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Leongatha | 3.2 | 6.3 | 9.7 | 15.7 (97) |
| Morwell | 0.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 (12) |

GOALS, Leongatha: Blake Van Rooy 5, Lachie Wright 4, Grant Fleming, Reegan Kemp, Jarrod Stewart 2

BEST: Jake Mackie, Adam Trotto, Ben Perry, Darcy Hume, Grant Fleming, Blake Van Rooy

GOALS, Morwell: No players named.

BEST: Beau White, Callum Hutchison, Mason Porykali, Lachlan Tactor, Kaleb Watson, Sam Linton

THIRDS

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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Leongatha | 1.1 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 6.4 (40) |
| Morwell | 1.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 5.6 (36) |

GOALS, Leongatha: Beau Grabham Andrews 4, Hunter Fennell 2

BEST: Beau Grabham Andrews, Jett Clark, Luke Marshman, Rylie Checkley, Trent McRae, Hunter Fennell

GOALS, Morwell: Tom Gray 3, Callum Bailey 1

BEST: Samuel Gissara, Levi Dalziel, Jarvis Kirk, Jet Hodges, Ben Williams



FOURTHS

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| Leongatha | 4.0 | 6.2 | 8.4 | 10.8 (68) |
| Morwell | 0.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 (26) |

BEST, Leongatha: Julian Callahan, Archie Fixter, Aydan Williams, Xavier Lamers, Nathan Skewes, Hayden Bowler

BEST, Morwell: Charlie Lappin, Connor Seymour, Tarkyn Shankland, Nicholas Tobin

» WONTHAGGI POWER FOOTBALL CLUB

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|  | 64 |  | 37 |
| WONTHAGGI | | MAFFRA | |

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| Wonthaggi | 0.2 | 3.4 | 5.7 | 9.10 (64) |
| Maffra | 1.4 | 1.5 | 3.10 | 4.13 (37) |

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Troy Harley 4, Noah Anderson 2, Tom Davey, Toma Huther, Ryan Sparkes 1 each

BEST: Aiden Lindsay, Troy Harley, Jordan Staley, Noah Anderson, Ryan Sparkes

GOALS, Maffra: Dylan Alexander, Ryan Auld, Mitchell Bennett, Alex Carr 1 each

BEST: Alex Carr, Hudson Holmes, Thomas Jolly, Ed Carr, David Adams

RESERVES

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| Wonthaggi | 1.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 6.4 (40) |
| Maffra | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 (14) |

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Mathew Ware 2, Adam Busana, Matt Coyne, Andrew Murray, Ben Wingfield 1 each

BEST: Lachlan Burns, Travis Krause, William Lenehan, Jack Steinfort, Mathew Ware, Thomas Murray

GOALS, Maffra: Jesse Oldham, Taj Threadgold 1 each

BEST: Trav Lawson, Mitchell Harrigan, Joshua Stubbe, Luke Shelton, Max Gravener

THIRDS

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|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|
| Maffra | 0.6 | 2.8 | 3.10 | 8.14 (62) |
| Wonthaggi | 1.3 | 2.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 (35) |

GOALS, Maffra: Bailey Carubia 6, James Allman, Darcy Davis 1 each

BEST: Bailey Carubia, Jett Killoran, Zach Felsbourg, Harry Stables, Sebastian Pendergast, Ben Missen

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Matrix Chisholm, Charlie Dawson, Ollie Dawson, Nathan Gundrill, Kyle Yann 1 each

BEST: Silas O'Halloran, Jai Williamson, Cade Brown, Hunter Tiziani, Reeve Moresco, Kyle Yann

» IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

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| Moe | 8.20.68 | d | Bairdsdale | 4.4.28 |
| Sale | 9.16.70 | d | Drouin | 7.8.50 |
| Warragul | 8.8.56 | d | Traralgon | 7.7.49 |

RESERVES

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| Moe | 8.7.55 | d | Bairnsdale | 7.9.51 |
| Sale | | d | Drouin | (Forfeit) |
| Traralgon | 9.13.67 | d | Warragul | 5.2.32 |

THIRDS

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| Moe | 12.7.79 | d | Bairnsdale | 11.8.74 |
| Sale | 10.9.69 | d | Drouin | 9.5.59 |
| Traralgon | | d | Warragul | (Forfeit) |

FOURTHS

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| Bairnsdale | 13.13.91 | d | Moe | 1.5.11 |
| Drouin | 11.9.75 | d | Sale | 7.6.48 |
| Traralgon | 11.4.70 | d | Warragul | 7.7.49 |

Power prevails by 27 points

WET and windy conditions ensured it wasn't going to be an easy affair for either side, with Wonthaggi and visitors Maffra having to work hard for their goals in a low-scoring competitive battle in which Power eventually prevailed by 27 points.

It wasn't until the final term the fancied home side was able to shake off the determined Eagles who were just nine points adrift at the last change.

Troy Harley took charge in the early minutes of the final stanza, nailing a goal on the run and following up with an accurate set shot on a day when accuracy was difficult to deliver.

Maffra got the ball forward a couple of times in between those Harley goals, but couldn't bring the footy into its attacking arc with any precision.

Wonthaggi's defence held firm and repelled the Eagles' advances before Harley got on the end of an accurate pass, enabling him to push the lead beyond 20 points.

That was a big difference on such a tough day for scoring.



Wonthaggi Power **playmaker Aiden Lindsay breaks away from the pack to put his team into attack.** Photo: Paul Landells.

While the home side slotted a couple more majors for the term, Maffra managed just a solitary goal in the final stanza.

Harley finished as one of the Powers' best with a valuable haul of four majors for the match, accounting for almost half of Wonthaggi's goals.

The first half of the clash was such a slog that just 33 points were scored between the sides.

Both teams had opportunities to goal early in the match but

solid defensive pressure at both ends and the difficult conditions kept scoring to just a few behinds in the first 15 minutes of the contest.

Maffra was first to produce a major and, in fact, the only side to do so in the first quarter, but the Eagles couldn't capitalise on having the breeze at their backs, leading by just 8 points at the first break.

While Wonthaggi worked its way to an 11-point lead at the

halfway stage, Maffra narrowly won the third term to set up the prospect of a tense finish.

Harley's early final-term majors put that prospect out of reach for the Eagles.

His teammate Aiden Lindsay was the Power's top-performer on the day.

He was lively around the stoppages, helping drive Wonthaggi into attack.

Lindsay's stella start to the season has seen him feature prominently in the Power's best in four of the opening five rounds.

Apart from Harley, Power's Noah Anderson was the game's other multiple goal scorer finishing with a couple of majors.

Dylan Alexander, Mitch Bennett, Alex Carr and Ryan Auld accounted for Maffra's hard-earned four goals for the day.

Carr was the beaten side's best, with Hudson Holmes another impressive Eagle.

The win has Wonthaggi in third place, with the Power set for an away clash against Traralgon which sits fifth.

Leongatha Parrots outclass Morwell in the rain

WINTER hit in Morwell, but torrid weather and a tenacious Tigers outfit couldn't halt Leongatha's winning run.

The Tigers' 40-point loss failed to do justice to their effort, but Leongatha eventually outmuscled and outclassed them.

Howling wind played havoc with both sides' goalkicking throughout the contest and rain fell for much of the day, at times blowing sideways.

"Even the goal posts were swinging in the wind," Leongatha coach Trent McMicking said, describing it as "a nasty day".

However, he paid credit to the excellent playing surface at Morwell.

Covid-enforced changes tested the depth of the premier-ship-fancy Parrots who selected debutants Kyle Brown, Ned Hanily and Tallin Brill, while the Tigers went in unchanged after their big round-4 win over Warragul.

Matt Willcocks, Steve Forrester, Josh Hopkins and Jackson Harry were the outs for Leongatha, with Will Littlejohn returning to the side after recovering from injury.

By game's end, experienced Leongatha midfielder Luke Bowman had earned player of the day status with the TRFM radio team.

"It was a tough day and it was bloody cold and windy," Bowman said, reflecting on the challenging playing conditions.

He paid credit to Morwell for its endeavour.

"It was a close battle and the scoreboard didn't reflect how the game was played," Bowman said.

Rather, it reflected the superior execution of the Parrots whose edge in class was particularly apparent in terms of delivery to the forwards, something Morwell struggled with throughout the contest.

Bowman noted the strength of the Parrots' emerging juniors, saying that means Leongatha doesn't have to pursue too many external recruits.

Debutant Ned Hanily was one of those up-and-coming young players who grabbed his opportunity, impressing as a small forward.

"Ned played his role well and he's a tough little fella," Bowman said during his post-match chat with the radio team.

Hanily also impressed his coach McMicking.

"He didn't hit the scoreboard but his pressure and his ability to be clean with the footy in those conditions was outstanding," McMicking said, noting Hanily had a positive impact with some goal assists.

Brill held his own in his first senior hit out for the Parrots, working hard up forward.

He looked busy and earned some shots on goal, showing plenty of promise. Late inclusion and senior debutant Kyle Brown also performed strongly for the winning side.

"He played a key defensive role for us and did really well and had to pinch hit in the ruck when Ben Willis was sent off (for 15 minutes)," McMicking said.

The coach is delighted to see the young brigade delivering for the club.

However, ultimately it was the experience of those around the engine room who set up the Parrots win, with Bowman teaming well with Tom Marriott and Aaron Heppell, helping Leongatha get on top of the Morwell onballers.

Cameron Stone was also prolific for the winning team, providing lots of drive for the Parrots from the wing and helping out in defence when required.

Dan Musil led the way for the beaten Tigers with a stoic effort in the ruck against Parrots Justin Pellicano and Ben Willis, with Musil also earning plenty of the footy.

Musil's tireless effort impressed opposition coach McMicking, as did that of another Tiger Boyd Bailey.

"He was their link through the middle and gave them a bit of drive," McMicking said of Bailey who also won the praise of the radio commentary team.

Pellicano was again dangerous for the Parrots up forward, slotting a couple of goals including an improbable shot from the boundary line that somehow navigated its way through a pack of players without being touched.

That second-term effort probably snatched goal of the day status from teammate Jack Ginnane whose snap moments earlier appeared a good chance to claim the honour.

Apart from Pellicano, Leongatha's Jack Hume was the game's only other multiple goalscorer, also with a couple of majors.

Tyler Brown impressed across halfback for the beaten Morwell, with his 30 possessions helping repel many Parrots' attacks to keep the Tigers in the hunt for longer than would otherwise have been the case.

A pair of Brandons shared the Tigers' two majors, with Mcauliffe and McDonald making their mark on the scoreboard.

Not much separated the teams in terms of inside 50s, with Leongatha finishing with 53 to Morwell's 45, but the Parrots dominated the clearances, totalling 45 to the Tigers' 27.

The win made it 12 consecutive victories for Leongatha over Morwell, with the Tigers last getting the better of the Parrots in 2014. Next round, Leongatha looks to extend its season record to 6-0 when it hosts Warragul, but the visitor will arrive in a positive state of mind after seeing off Traralgon's challenge in a tight round 5 battle. It will be a big day at home for the Parrots with Sean Westaway lining up for his 200th game.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 5

| SENIORS | W | L | % | pts | RESERVES | W | L | % | pts | THIRDS | W | L | % | pts | FOURTHS | W | L | % | pts |
|------------|---|---|--------|-----|------------|---|---|--------|-----|------------|---|---|--------|-----|------------|---|---|--------|-----|
| Leongatha | 5 | 0 | 272.68 | 20 | Leongatha | 5 | 0 | 750.00 | 20 | Maffra | 5 | 0 | 190.26 | 20 | Traralgon | 5 | 0 | 433.07 | 20 |
| Moe | 5 | 0 | 185.58 | 20 | Maffra | 4 | 1 | 657.14 | 16 | Warragul | 3 | 1 | 311.71 | 12 | Bairnsdale | 4 | 1 | 245.16 | 16 |
| Wonthaggi | 3 | 1 | 120.06 | 14 | Wonthaggi | 4 | 1 | 184.66 | 16 | Traralgon | 3 | 2 | 152.41 | 12 | Maffra | 4 | 0 | 227.08 | 16 |
| Sale | 3 | 2 | 99.10 | 12 | Moe | 3 | 2 | 71.51 | 12 | Bairnsdale | 3 | 2 | 115.05 | 12 | Warragul | 2 | 2 | 192.05 | 8 |
| Traralgon | 2 | 3 | 154.80 | 8 | Morwell | 2 | 2 | 90.23 | 10 | Leongatha | 3 | 2 | 79.78 | 12 | Leongatha | 2 | 2 | 96.15 | 8 |
| Maffra | 2 | 3 | 115.59 | 8 | Sale | 2 | 3 | 58.20 | 8 | Moe | 3 | 2 | 65.41 | 12 | Moe | 2 | 3 | 85.91 | 8 |
| Morwell | 2 | 3 | 73.89 | 8 | Warragul | 1 | 3 | 71.20 | 6 | Drouin | 2 | 3 | 89.51 | 8 | Drouin | 1 | 3 | 38.19 | 4 |
| Warragul | 1 | 3 | 68.80 | 6 | Traralgon | 1 | 4 | 50.12 | 4 | Morwell | 1 | 4 | 80.89 | 4 | Sale | 0 | 4 | 32.83 | 0 |
| Drouin | 1 | 4 | 50.93 | 4 | Bairnsdale | 1 | 3 | 41.28 | 4 | Wonthaggi | 1 | 4 | 75.25 | 4 | Morwell | 0 | 5 | 14.44 | 0 |
| Bairnsdale | 0 | 5 | 43.06 | 0 | Drouin | 1 | 3 | 41.05 | 4 | Sale | 1 | 4 | 57.91 | 4 | Wonthaggi | 0 | 0 | 00.00 | 0 |

Panthers lead for three quarters

KILCUNDA Bass led for most of the day against an inaccurate Koo Wee Rup, but the Demons took charge in the last term to win by a goal.

With rain falling on and off throughout the day and a howling wind blowing across the ground, conditions were challenging for both sides, with the match becoming a low-scoring slog.

The Panthers defence held up well throughout the day with Darcy Clay and Daniel Mock prominent in the backline.

Ruckman Dale Gawley did superb work across halfback repelling many Koo Wee Rup attacks.

For all its defensive efforts, Kilcunda Bass couldn't manufacture enough goals, managing only four majors and scoring just eight times compared to Koo Wee Rup's 19 scores.

Despite the extra scoring opportunities the Demons generated, they managed just three goals for the day.

All of those came in the second half, with two in the final stanza.

The Panthers couldn't manage to impact the scoreboard in the last quarter, while the Demons powered home with 2.6(18) in that period.

Kilcunda Bass was well served by Ben Eddy with the onballer strong around the packs on what was a torrid day for footy.

Fellow onballer Nathan Foote also stood out as a major contributor for the beaten Panthers, being named their best player.

Jimmy Phillips and Cam McKenzie each booted a goal for Kilcunda Bass in a promising first term in which the Panthers held their opponent scoreless.

However, Taylor Gibson's two goals were the only other majors for Kilcunda Bass.

Mitchell Cammarano and Ethan McDonald were the standouts for a triumphant Koo Wee Rup.

Kilcunda Bass' next challenge comes in the form of an away clash against the Dusties, who sit two rungs higher on the ladder in sixth spot.

It shapes as a must win clash for the Panthers who have only got the better of Dalyston so far this season and sit 1-4.

They are one of five teams with one win or less, while the top three are yet to taste defeat.



The Panthers' Nathan Foote was among the side's best on Saturday against Koo Wee Rup. mm151922



Kilcunda-Bass narrowly lost to Koo Wee Rup on Saturday despite leading for the first three terms. mm161922

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 5

>> KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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|  | 34 |  | 28 |
| KOO WEE RUP | | KILCUNDA-BASS | |

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|---------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|
| Koo Wee Rup | 0.0 | 0.4 | 1.10 | 3.16 (34) |
| Kilcunda-Bass | 2.0 | 2.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 (28) |

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: No players named.
BEST: Mitchell Cammarano, Ethan McDonald, Nathan Voss, Mitchell Davey, Matthew Voss, Cosi Anagnostou
GOALS, K-Bass: No players named.
BEST: Nathan Foote, Dale Gawley, Darcy Clay, Daniel Mock, Benjamin Eddy, Dale Crawford

RESERVES

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|---------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|
| Koo Wee Rup | 5.1 | 8.1 | 12.2 | 15.7 (97) |
| Kilcunda-Bass | 1.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 (21) |

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: No players named.
BEST: Mitch Alderson, Kalin Parker, Matthew Dyer, Mitch Molloy, Ryan Wilby,
GOALS, K-Bass: No players named.
BEST: Harry Maclean, Ileyton cartmel, Michael Gatherum, Robert Taylor, Shaun Speed, Todd Smith

FOURTHS

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| Koo Wee Rup | 2.2 | 6.3 | 9.4 | 12.5 (77) |
| Kilcunda-Bass | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 (3) |

BEST, Koo Wee Rup: Hunter Cairns, Austin Craven, Jacob Battams, Lachlan Bertone, Kyran Nicholls, Luke Briganti
BEST, K-Bass: William Campbell, Jye Sutherland, Nicholas Slavovic, Trent Cartmel, Ryan Cargill, Jarrad Francome

>> DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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|  | 136 |  | 16 |
| TOORADIN-DAL | | DALYSTON | |

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| Tooradin-D | 3.2 | 10.6 | 14.9 | 19.22 (136) |
| Dalyston | 0.2 | 0.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 (16) |

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Brad Butler 5, Stewart Scanlon 4, Liam Adams, Brady Egan, Piva Wright 2, Lewis Hill, Andrew Proctor, Kristopher Sabbatucci, Trent Adams 1 each
BEST: Liam Adams, Piva Wright, Steven Robb, Brad Butler, Brady Egan, Lewis Hill
GOALS, Dalyston: Joe Alexander, Mason Storr 1 each
BEST: Jack Paravicini, Matthew Howell, Michael Marotta, Mason Storr, Curtis Murfett, Brendan Walsh

RESERVES

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| Tooradin-D | 16.19 (115) |
| Dalyston | 2.2 (14) |

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Adam Splatt 5, Adam Jacobs 3, Corey Provan 2, Jake Genoni, Ned Harrison, Jordan Jones, Laurence Kazinoti, Toby Weinzierl, James Wheeler 1 each
BEST: James Wheeler, Jordan Jones, Lauchlan Gregson, Adam Splatt, Corey Provan, Connor O'Riordan
GOALS, Dalyston: No players named.
BEST: No players named.

THIRDS

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| Tooradin-D | 7.6 | 18.8 | 21.15 | 27.20 (182) |
| Dalyston | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 (1) |

BEST, Tooradin-D: Xavier Shinnars, Logan Downe, Brody Campbell, Panos Papas, Jack Grist, Anthony Mirauta
BEST, Dalyston: Keyva Kay-Darts, Chase Krause, Beau Hull, Seth Lamb, Harry West

FOURTHS

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| Dalyston | 3.3 | 6.5 | 11.7 | 13.11 (89) |
| Tooradin-D | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 (18) |

BEST, Dalyston: Jaxon Foon, Bailey Anderson, Harry Howell, Max Toler, Flynn Peters, Max Connell
BEST, Tooradin-D: Chayse Campbell, Daniel Ahern, Denver Messer, Harrison Hardy, Aaron Knight, Rylen Cranton

>> IN OTHER GAMES

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|----------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| SENIORS | | | |
| Warragul Ind | 7.4.46 | d Bunyip | 5.5.35 |
| Nar Nar Goon | 11.10.76 | d Cora Lynn | 1.6.12 |

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| RESERVES | | | |
| Bunyip | 7.6.48 | d Warragul Ind | 5.8.38 |
| Nar Nar Goon | 11.7.73 | d Cora Lynn | 3.4.22 |

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| THIRDS | | | |
| Cora Lynn | 6.8.44 | d Nar Nar Goon | 4.6.30 |

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| FOURTHS | | | |
| Warragul Ind | 10.5.65 | d Bunyip | 3.10.28 |



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Tooradin-Dalmore Seagulls soar over Dalyston

FIVE rounds into the West Gippsland season Tooradin-Dalmore are sending a signal to all rival clubs that they mean business in 2022.

At home under leaden skies the Seagulls flexed their muscles and proved to be a class above Dalyston, delivering a football lesson with a 20-goal victory.

Seven years into a rebuild, that has seen the club change leagues in 2019, they have established themselves as a genuine premierships prospect to secure their first senior flag since 1997.

Now sitting top of the ladder, they are fine-tuning their game with a spate of clashes with top five clubs on the horizon and Dalyston, despite their best efforts, felt the full brunt of their capabilities.

The Magpies actually started

the game in fine fashion. Kicking with the gusty wind toward the highway end Dalyston handled the slippery conditions better than the home team.

Moving the ball with clean possessions, the Pies looked positive but failed to generate early scoreboard pressure.

Tooradin opened their scoring through Lewis Hill as Brad Butler delivered a drilling pass to his advantage.

Then Butler, showing adept skills into the swirling wind, added two of his own to allow an 18-point buffer at the first change.

Now with the wind at their backs, the Seagulls kicked into gear and took control. Displaying options aplenty they snagged seven goals from six different sources to break the contest apart.

Tens goals adrift Dalyston

supporters felt some joy at the commencement of the third term as Joe Alexander snapped truly at a deep forward stoppage.

Then Jack Paravicini hooked through their second goal within minutes after another quick entry.

But the football Gods were against them immediately as Liam Adam's scraggly roost took a big off-break to roll through the unattended goals at the other end.

The Magpies were more competitive with their strong tackling and smothers keeping Tooradin-Dalmore honest for the next twenty minutes.

However, goals to Butler, Andrew Proctor and man mountain Piva Wright, all in red time, blemished their efforts.

The tiring Magpies could not be questioned for their attitude

in the last term. The hungry Seagulls kept coming and ex-Collingwood recruit Brent MacAffer stepped to the fore.

Like a conductor, he orchestrated his team's next three goals deftly setting up his team-mates with pinpoint passes one after another.

His team fell in behind him and they finished off a great day's work.

One very positive note for Dalyston came earlier in the day when their Under 16s tasted victory for the first time in several seasons.

With Paul Brosnan at the helm, the boys are showing great progression this year and won by a decisive margin with Jaxon Foon booting eight.

Garfield is the next opponent in line to feel the Seagulls heat while the Magpies will host the Goons this coming week.



Kate Caughey goals for the Breakers.



Jenna Russo approaches a ground ball.

Victory again for the Breakers

THE Bass Coast Breakers were met with windy conditions for their Saturday morning match against Pearcedale. To their surprise, the opposition won the toss and elected to kick into the wind. Switched on from the start, the Breakers came out ready to play and made the most of the wind advantage kicking 6.3 to nil for the quarter. The midfield provided plenty of ball into the forward line, with Sophie McCracken-Evans continuing

her good form in the ruck feeding it down to Jenna Russo, Sunday Brisbane and Tess Wingfield. Once inside the forward 50, Kelly O'Neill and Ella Cargill marked strongly and Immy Bradford was slick in front of goal converting two first quarter opportunities. The highlight for the quarter was a textbook chain of play in which Bradford nailed a goal on the run just 10 seconds after the centre bounce. The Breakers controlled the ball into the wind in the

second quarter, but despite dominating possession were only able to kick 5 points. They, however, slightly extended their solid advantage, again keeping Pearcedale scoreless. Chelsea Connell, Stacey Poke and Courtney Fletcher helped accomplish that by creating a wall across halfback. With a strong lead of 6.8 to nil at half time, the second half allowed coach Bianca Hellmuth-Pask to try some players in different positions. Kate Caughey showed some

promising signs converting two goals in the second half. The Breakers prevailed by 72 points, with Siaan Timoney scoring Pearcedale's only goal in the final term. Best Players: K O'Neill, I Bradford, S McCracken-Evans, C Connell, T Wingfield, J Russo. Goals: K O'Neill 3, I Bradford 3, K Caughey 2, E Cargill 2, S Bolding. This week the Breakers travel to Warragul to take on the Dusties on Saturday night.

| THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW | |
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| SATURDAY, MAY 14 | |
| » ELLINBANK | ROUND 6 |
| Yarragon v Trafalgar Nilma Darnum v Poowong Neerim South v Nyora Buln Buln v Ellinbank Catani v Longwarry Lang Lang - BYE | |
| » GIPPSLAND | ROUND 6 |
| Drouin v Bairnsdale Leongatha v Warragul Maffra v Morwell Moe v Sale Traralgon v Wonthaggi | |
| » WEST GIPPSLAND | ROUND 6 |
| Cora Lynn v Korumburra-Bena Dalyston v Nar Nar Goon Garfield v Tooradin-Dalmore Inverloch-Kongwak v Bunyip Koo Wee Rup v Phillip Island Warragul Industrials v Kilcunda-Bass | |
| » MID GIPPSLAND | ROUND 5 |
| Foster v Yinnar MDU v Hill End Mirboo North v Fish Creek Newborough v Boolarra Story Creek v Morwell East Tarwin v Thorpdale Toora - BYE | |

Giants take down Stars in historic win

THERE was a sustained burst of exhilaration from the Giants' players, their playing group, and the officials and supporters who got around them in the rooms after their historic win over Garfield at Korumburra on Saturday. It had been a hard slog, but it was well worth it as the team song hit the roof within minutes of arriving back in the inner sanctum. The result had been in the balance all day. The seven-time West Gippsland premiers, Garfield, started best in the match, kicking with the aid of a strong wind to the town end of the ground. It was all that the likes of Nick Besley, Alex Walker and their teammates in defence could do to pressure, tackle, frustrate and intercept the constant attacks that came their way and hold the Stars to just two goals, three points when the match might have

been lost there and then. The Giants nonetheless moved the ball well around the wings and flanks, through the likes of Jay Walker, who was burning on his wing, and Joel Cuman and Kodie Walker, with Josh Westerman and Darcy Hargrave holding their own on the ball, supported by Dan Brown and Tyler Newton sharing the ruck. The second quarter, with the wind and a relatively dry ball, was always going to be the most important one for the Giants and Matt Lello provided the target they needed up forward, kicking two of the three goals himself to give the home team the impetus going into half time. Byron Walker was the other goal scorer in the second term, on a day when the backmen and those prepared to tackle and pressure the opposition were well on top. As coach Leigh Cole stressed at half time, it would

be those pressure acts, especially during the third quarter, that would put the locals in a position to bring off an historic win, with the Giants already feeling like they had the higher-rated Stars' measure. Again Garfield added two goals with the wind to reclaim the lead but only seven points separated the sides at the last change, and Korumburra-Bena were coming home with a wet sail. The only downside for the home team was the injury to one of their winners on the day, Jay Walker, who coped a broken collarbone late in the third quarter. The Giants peppered the scoring zone, with the bulk of the possession early in the last quarter, but they were still one point down when Matt Kennewell was tackled without the ball, 20 metres out, earning a crucial free kick.

He went back and slotted it through to put the Giants in front but still with heaps of time left on the clock. It was to everyone's credit that Garfield were unable to score in the last quarter, in fact no one had scored a goal to the scoreboard-end of the ground, and the club had claimed a history-making win. It was the first time they had beaten Garfield, club that was part of the Gippsland League between 2002-2009, and a powerhouse of the West Gippsland competition. The improving Giants play Cora-Lynn away this week with the chance of rare back-to-back wins. The Reserves were gallant in defeat with some vintage talent on display. The Thirds were no match for a good Garfield team and the Fourths took it right up to the visiting Stars who are aiming for finals this year.



Phillip Island's Jason Tomada disposes of the ball on-the-run. Photo: Carol Ratcliff/Phillip Island Football Club Images Facebook page.

Bulldogs roar home

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The hosts ill-discipline began to hurt them as multiple free kicks got IK inside 50, finding star recruit Ethan Park for his first.

But as they had all day, the hosts were able to reply to thanks to an excellent goal by Marcus Wright, willing on his team.

Both sides kept producing miraculous plays despite the inclement weather, showcasing why they both sit atop the league ladder.

Another fast play led Mahoney out the back for his third, much to the delight of the Invy faithful.

The late major gave the visitors a lead of three straight kicks at the final break.

The fourth started with some controversy as the hosts converted on the goal line to cut into the deficit.

The 'bash it forward' style worked once again for the Bulldogs as Jack Taylor slotted their second of the term from 40 metres out.

A brief stalemate ensued with the Sea Eagles clinging to a seven-point lead.

A hush of anticipation filled 'the kennel' as the crowd realised the importance of the next goal, coming back out

from their cars and grandstand to urge their team on.

The ball again pinballed back and forth until Phillip Island were able to find the sure hands of Jack Taylor who kicked truly to tie it and reinvigorate the home crowd.

With the match locked at 91 apiece, a sun shower fell on the exhausted players as the crowd found its voice, it was game on.

The Bulldogs were magnificent in the final term, pressing and locking the ball in their forward half for much of the quarter.

Eventually they were rewarded with the boot of gun midfielder Zak Vernon gifting them a 7-point lead with only minutes remaining.

The back-to-back reigning premiers simply would not be denied, kicking four goals to none in the last quarter to roar home for their fifth consecutive win.

Despite a gallant effort from the Sea Eagles, Phillip Island got the four points, winning 102-91 in the end.

IK will look to start a new win streak this weekend at home against Bunyip, while Phillip Island will travel up the highway to face Koo Wee Rup.



The Sea Eagles' Toby Mahoney kicks long. Photo: Aiden Box/Unboxed Photos.

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|  102 |  91 |
| PHILLIP ISLAND | INVERLOCH-K |

Phillip Island 5.3 8.10 10.12 14.18 (102)
Inverloch-K 6.2 7.3 14.6 14.7 (91)
GOALS, Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen, Jack Taylor 3, Harry O'Brien, Billy Taylor 2, Brendan Kimber, Jordy Patullo, Zak Vernon, Marcus Wright 1 each
BEST: Cameron Pedersen, Zak Vernon, Eli Richards, Jaymie Youle, Kai Mackenzie, Billy Taylor
GOALS, Inverloch-K: Toby Mahoney 4, Ethan Park, Tristan Van Driel 2, Corey Casey, Dylan Clark, Xavier Hughes, Oscar Toussaint, Thomas Wyatt 1 each
BEST: Ethan Park, Michael Eales, Xavier Hughes, Shem Hawking, Dylan Clark, Corey Casey

RESERVES
Phillip Island 0.1 2.5 4.7 7.11 (53)
Inverloch-K 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.5 (11)
GOALS, Phillip Island: Harry Anderson, Jesse Patullo 2, Dean Blake, Blake Christopher, Zach Wagner 1 each
BEST: Zach Wagner, Blake Christopher, Levi Robinson, Tarquin McMillan, Hayden Smith, Jesse Patullo
GOALS, Inverloch-K: No players named.
BEST: Barry Withers, Stuart Kilsby, Jacob Strickland, Emmet Taranto, Jasper Kempster

THIRDS
Inverloch-K 1.1 4.5 5.6 6.10 (46)
Phillip Island 0.2 1.3 1.3 1.4 (10)
BEST, Inverloch-K: Callan O'Flynn, Tyson Bolam, Hayden Lindsay, James Rowe, Jack Butcher, Joshua Bertacco
BEST, Phillip Island: Jack Papas, Henry Peppard, Kohen Beaumont, Lucas Chihotski, Brady Ross, Brodie Gude

FORUTHS
Inverloch-K 0.3 1.7 1.7 6.8 (44)
Phillip Island 0.5 0.5 0.6 1.9 (15)
BEST, Inverloch-K: Lucas Allen, Archie Terlich, Player, Zac Mabilia, Jobe Scapin
BEST, Phillip Island: William Hill, Yianni Caffieri, Noah Muller, Timothy Niven, Tama Nihver-Tenali, William Peppard

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| KOR-BENA | GARFIELD |

Kor-Bena 0.1 3.3 3.4 4.9 (33)
Garfield 2.3 2.4 4.5 4.5 (29)
GOALS, Kor-Bena: Matthew Lello 2, Matt Kennewell, Byron Walker 1 each
BEST: Bailey Nation, Nicholas Besley, Joel Cuman, Alex Walker, Jay Walker, Kodie Walker
GOALS, Garfield: Nicholas Lang 2, Jonathan Sauze, Matthew Bow 1 each
BEST: Jonty Bow, Jack Tenace-Greenall, Jonathan Sauze, Nicholas Lang, Matt Jones, Zac Soutar

RESERVES
Garfield 1.0 4.1 6.1 8.4 (54)
Kor-Bena 0.3 0.4 3.4 3.4 (22)
GOALS, Garfield: Jahmain Harrison, Scott Simpson Brewer, Liam Bow 2, Beau Scamporlino, Joshua Evans 1 each
BEST: Elliot Kennedy, Finn Hower, Scott Simpson Brewer, Fletcher Kennedy, Jahmain Harrison, Tyler Constantine
GOALS, Kor-Bena: Peter Kyle, Dylan West, Christian Sewell 1 each
BEST: Raymon Boulter, Corey Whelan, Peter Kyle, Luke Monson, Patrick Beadel, Riley Olden

THIRDS
Garfield 1.1 9.6 9.9 16.9 (105)
Kor-Bena 1.3 1.3 2.4 2.4 (1)
BEST, Garfield: Will Pickering, John Zaccari, Isaac Braaksma, Levi Reid, Bailey Deveny
BEST, Kor-Bena: Hamish Boys, Charlie Moller, Player, Lachlan Smith

FOURTHS
Garfield 2.2 2.2 5.3 5.4 (34)
Kor-Bena 0.0 3.2 3.2 3.6 (24)
BEST, Garfield: Theo Zaccari, Ding Dieng, Archer Burgmann, Aaron Braaksma, Diesel Ashe
BEST, Kor-Bena: Finn Donohue, Tommy Burgess, Jack Crocker, Bryce Riddell, Lachlan Wilson, Bailey Fowles

| WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ROUND 5 | | | | | |
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| | W | L | % | pts | | W | L | % | pts | | W | L | % | pts av | | W | L | % | pts av |
| Tooradin-D | 5 | 0 | 303.94 | 20 | Tooradin-D | 5 | 0 | 1932.50 | 20 | Inverloch-K | 5 | 0 | 1789.19 | 4.00 | Inverloch-K | 4 | 0 | 412.00 | 4.00 |
| Nar Nar Goon | 5 | 0 | 212.61 | 20 | Phillip Island | 5 | 0 | 372.58 | 20 | Tooradin-D | 3 | 0 | 543.24 | 4.00 | Warragul Ind | 4 | 1 | 276.55 | 3.20 |
| Phillip Island | 5 | 0 | 210.73 | 20 | Bunyip | 4 | 1 | 206.71 | 16 | Garfield | 3 | 1 | 258.40 | 3.00 | Koo Wee Rup | 4 | 1 | 174.17 | 3.20 |
| Inverloch-K | 4 | 1 | 217.39 | 16 | Nar Nar Goon | 4 | 1 | 194.92 | 16 | Cora Lynn | 3 | 2 | 98.52 | 2.40 | Phillip Island | 3 | 1 | 260.71 | 3.00 |
| Bunyip | 3 | 2 | 154.98 | 12 | Koo Wee Rup | 3 | 2 | 151.16 | 12 | Koo Wee Rup | 2 | 2 | 137.85 | 2.00 | Garfield | 3 | 2 | 69.82 | 2.40 |
| Warragul Ind | 3 | 2 | 133.33 | 12 | Inverloch-K | 3 | 2 | 148.97 | 12 | Nar Nar Goon | 2 | 2 | 62.66 | 2.00 | Kor-Bena | 2 | 3 | 148.73 | 1.60 |
| Koo Wee Rup | 2 | 3 | 65.02 | 8 | Warragul Ind | 2 | 3 | 65.32 | 8 | Phillip Island | 1 | 2 | 65.15 | 1.33 | Kilcunda-Bass | 2 | 3 | 46.48 | 1.60 |
| Kilcunda-Bass | 1 | 4 | 54.33 | 4 | Cora Lynn | 1 | 4 | 56.01 | 4 | Kor-Bena | 1 | 3 | 29.25 | 1.00 | Bunyip | 1 | 3 | 101.21 | 1.00 |
| Dalyston | 1 | 4 | 49.27 | 4 | Dalyston | 1 | 4 | 52.40 | 4 | Bunyip | 0 | 4 | 39.18 | 0.00 | Nar Nar Goon | 1 | 3 | 48.68 | 1.00 |
| Kor-Bena | 1 | 4 | 42.00 | 4 | Garfield | 1 | 4 | 42.68 | 4 | Dalyston | 0 | 4 | 8.74 | 0.00 | Dalyston | 1 | 4 | 51.67 | 0.80 |
| Cora Lynn | 0 | 5 | 48.39 | 0 | Kor-Bena | 1 | 3 | 26.57 | 4 | Kilcunda-Bass | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | Tooradin-D | 0 | 4 | 8.12 | 0.00 |
| Garfield | 0 | 5 | 29.87 | 0 | Kilcunda-Bass | 0 | 5 | 11.89 | 0 | Warragul Ind | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | Cora Lynn | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |



Bulldogs roar home

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK looked to defend top spot on the West Gippsland League ladder when they travelled across the bridge to face familiar foe Phillip Island.

Both sides started their 2022 campaigns with four consecutive victories, setting up a blockbuster clash at 'the kennel'.

As the sun broke through the overcast skies, both teams looked to move the ball with pace and precision early.

The hosts surged the ball inside 50 repeatedly and were able to find Cam Pedersen who converted his set shot for the first major of the contest.

The Bulldogs were able to score again not long after, finding another six points thanks to a clever crumbing play at ground level.

However, the visitors were not going to give up momentum that easily, using the wind to their advantage and booming the ball in deep to Tristan Van Driel.

He played on and kicked their first of the afternoon, which was followed by a massive finish from Thomas Wyatt from outside 50.

The 'Dogs were able to capitalise on IK's skill errors and use their 'thrust it forward at all costs' style of play to produce several scoring opportunities.

Although the brave Sea Eagles continued to keep themselves in it, using the wind brilliantly to find young star Jenson Garnham for his first.

The first quarter showed the match had all the ingredients for a shootout.

The Sea Eagles went into the first break five points ahead with the score 38-33 as the heavens opened and dark clouds brought heavy rainfall around the ground.

The second term began with more forward surge footy from the hosts, ending in a sharp dribble goal from young gun Harry O'Brien.

As the rain continued to pour, the skill level dropped, and scoring dried up as the

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end-to-end flair disappeared.

IK were able to break from stoppage and find Garnham on the wing who wasted no time getting it in deep to his captain Toby Mahoney who slotted his first.

From here the ball lived between the arcs for much of the quarter until Pedersen broke the stalemate with his third major.

Both teams continued to move the ball quickly in what kept proving to be an exciting game despite the conditions.

The Taylor brothers Jack and Billy combined for another great goal for the Bulldogs and the strong Sea Eagles defence was consistently put under fire.

Phillip Island's strong midfielders continued to pummel the ball inside 50 to their potent forward six, although as the wind died off, they managed just three goals.

IK had a chance out the back with Xavier Hughes, although a clutch smother robbed them of six points as the siren blew.

It was anyone's game at the half, Island leading the contest by 13 points.

IK's Dylan Clark drew first blood in the second half, with a sensational finish from the right pocket.

Before Oscar Toussaint snapped truly from stoppage to trim the Bulldog lead to just two points.

Corey Casey bagged the Sea Eagles' third in a row to put the visitors back in front as the sun broke through the strong cloud cover yet again.

Mahoney caught Daniel Pearce holding the ball from the kickout and converted his second, firing up his teammates in celebration.

The 'Dogs were able to reply through champion midfielder Brendan Kimber, snapping truly under pressure to get them back within 12 points.

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Inverloch-Kongwak's Michael Eales and Phillip Island's Cam Pedersen contest the ruck on Phillip Island. Photo: Aiden Box/Unboxed Photos.

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