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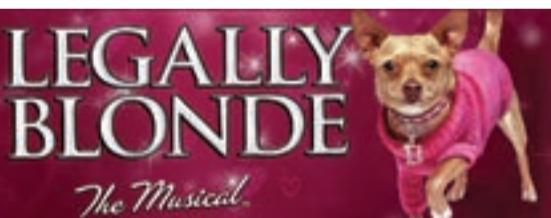
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Monash now  
“highly marginal”

RUSSELL Broadbent is back as the Member for Monash.

He won the count on Saturday night with 52.64 per cent of the two-party preferred voted (down 4.22%) from Labor's Jess O'Donnell on 47.36 per cent.

This leaves Monash as a “highly marginal” electorate on the Australian political landscape, requiring a swing of just 2.64 percent to change hands.

However, while Mr Broadbent survived a backlash over his anti-vax stance and a big push by his opponents to claim 37.53 per cent of the first-preference vote, his victory has not been universally well received.

In 2013, he got more than 50 per cent of the vote in his own right.

Several messages of “congratulations” were posted on his own social media sites, including this one from the Corinella Boating & Angling Club: “Congratulations Russell for retaining the seat of Monash, our club would like to thank you for everything you do for us and other communities.”

But, elsewhere, the chatter has been less complimentary:

- **Wendy Whelan:** Best thing is to be in a marginal seat. They give you more money and actually take notice of the seat instead if ignoring it.
- **Izzy Kay:** It's really sad to see a great career spiral in this way - first the marriage equality vote and then ivermectin. Unless he's planning to renovate his image, the Lib hold on Monash is teetering.
- **Elaine Hosking:** Honestly, he has been the worst; his anti-vax and anti-mask mandate. That should have been enough alone to get rid of him. Too many rusted on older voters in this electorate who don't take into account the issues facing the younger residents.
- **Melissa Calla:** Seriously! How disappointing for the people of Monash!
- **Heather Hassett:** Broadbent should stand down so Josh can contest Monash in a by-election.

But, as Mr Broadbent said on Saturday night, in his acceptance speech: “I'm not going anywhere!”

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# Labor's Jess O'Donnell 'proud' of the result

"IF IT becomes marginal, either as a victory for me, or a lot closer for the other side, I think that would be a win for the people of Monash."

That was the view of Labor's Jess O'Donnell, a communication's consultant of Drouin, while handing out 'how to vote' cards all day at the Drouin Primary School last Saturday.

She frankly gave herself a good chance of unseating the Liberal incumbent, Russell Broadbent, going by the good feedback she was receiving and Mr Broadbent's own issues this time around, but it wasn't to be.

But she remained positive about the result nonetheless.

"I am extremely proud of the effort that we put in. The team worked extremely hard over the past few months and all of those efforts have paid off."

"I know that I went into this hoping to get across the line, but I've always said if we get this seat to be marginal, then I'd be extremely proud of that effort and that's exactly what we have done."

But she would go as far as to say she'll saddle up again in 2025. "I'll certainly sit down and take stock and have a look at my options but I'm not going anywhere. I'm a very proud Gippslander and I've been living in Drouin for a long time."



ALP candidate Jess O'Donnell chats with first-time voters Lucy Bray and Claire Sprowell at the Drouin Primary School booth.

## Independent Deb Leonard makes Monash marginal

AFTER securing almost 11 per cent of the primary vote in Saturday's Federal election, Phillip Island independent Deb Leonard has pencilled herself in for another tilt in 2025.

Ms Leonard was speaking after the latest counting confirmed that the incumbent, Russell Broadbent, had won the seat but with an 8.45 per cent swing against him.

Ms Leonard said that the Monash Electorate is now in the "highly marginal" category "following a dramatic swing of 4.22% away from Mr Broadbent" on a two-party preferred basis, noting that the sitting member's primary vote had "collapsed by a massive 8.45%".

She said that most of Mr Broadbent's lost votes had gone her way, but Ms Leonard also took votes from Labor as well.

In fact, both of the two major party candidates, Russell Broadbent (down 8.45%) and Jessica O'Donnell (down 3.92%) lost ground with The Green's young local candidate Mat Morgan boosting that party's vote to 9.49%, up from 7.01% at the 2019 poll and former South Gippsland councillor Meg Edwards securing 3.79% of the vote at her first try.

This was against the back-

drop of a national swing to Labor of 4.02%.

But Ms Leonard said the main win for the people of Monash was that the seat was now officially marginal, with Mr Broadbent holding his seat by a mere 2.64%.

Ms Leonard said she was overwhelmed by the level of support she received in her first shot at public office, recording almost 11% of the primary vote.

"When I commenced this campaign in February this year, I started from scratch," Ms Leonard said.

"With the help of a couple of hundred volunteers, including many family and friends, and some awesome fundraising at the local level, together we have achieved an incredible result in such a short space of time.

"I feel the issues of urgent action on climate change, integrity in government, gender equality, affordable housing and representing community issues resonated well across the electorate.

"The major parties will no longer be able to take the Monash electorate for granted, as there is now a significant body of people who have the power to hold them to account.

As well as calling for

action on the issues I campaigned on, I call on the incoming Albanese Government to make sure the Monash electorate finally gets its fair share of funding for roads, health services and schools.

"This campaign has been an incredible and humbling experience.

"I have met and got to know so many people from all sections of the communities across the electorate and will treasure those relationships forever.

"Over 8520 people across the electorate voted differently this election – they voted for someone with no party, no political brand, just a willingness to listen and represent our community values.

"I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every voter for standing up to the big parties to demand better."

Ms Leonard says this is unlikely to be the end of her time in politics.

"If our community can achieve this much in less than four months, imagine what we can achieve in another three years!"

TOP RIGHT: Phillip Island independent, Deb Leonard, secured 11 per cent of the vote in Saturday's election.



### HERE'S HOW THE CANDIDATES POLLED:

<b>Mat Morgan</b>	<b>7369</b>
(The Greens)	(9.48%)
<b>Russell Broadbent</b>	<b>29,165</b>
(Liberal)	(37.53%)
<b>Deb Leonard</b>	<b>8521</b>
(Independent)	(10.96%)
<b>Allan Hicken</b>	<b>5903</b>
(Pauline Hanson)	(7.60%)
<b>David Welsh</b>	<b>548</b>
(AFP)	(0.71%)
<b>Jessica O'Donnell</b>	<b>20,190</b>
(Labor)	(25.98%)
<b>Meg Edwards</b>	<b>2945</b>
(Liberal Democrats)	(3.79%)
<b>Christine McShane</b>	<b>3072</b>
(UAP)	(3.95%)
Informal:	3711
	(4.56% down 0.21%)
<b>Total votes:</b>	<b>81,424</b>
(Eligible electors: 111,241, turnout: 73.20%).	

## Broadbent survives

### From page 1

Making the biggest splash in Saturday's election was the independent, Teal-style candidate from Phillip Island, Deb Leonard, who claimed almost 11 per cent of the first preference vote, taking votes off both the Liberals' Russell Broadbent, down 8.45%, and Labor's Jess O'Donnell, down 3.92%.

In fact, had Ms O'Donnell been able to retain the 29.51% of the vote she got in 2019, she would now be the new member for Monash. But it wasn't to be.

"I know I went into this (election) hoping to get across the line, but I've always said, if we get this seat to be marginal, then I'd be extremely proud of that effort and that's exactly what we've done."

The sentiments were echoed by Ms Leonard, her first-time result enough for her to commit to running again in 2025.

"I feel the issues of urgent action on climate change, integrity in government, gender equality, affordable housing and representing community issues resonated well across the electorate," Ms Leonard said.

"The major parties will no longer be able to take the Monash electorate for granted, as there is now a significant body of people who have the power to hold them to account."

Asked on Gippsland ABC Radio this week if he had heard the messages about climate change and equality for women delivered by the electorate, Mr Broadbent said he believed his more moderate stance on those issues, as well as the personal support he has within the electorate, were two of the reasons why he was re-elected.

"I think I was successful because I've always worked with my community on climate change issues and especially my response to women's issues has been noted right across Australia," Mr Broadbent said.

"I have no problem engaging closely with the people of my electorate on a broad range of issues, they're just two of the ones that you've mentioned."

"There are a lot of issues that affect people: education, health and wellbeing, access to services, roads; all the things that affect the daily lives of people across the electorate."

Mr Broadbent said he had always considered Monash/McMillan a marginal seat, from as little as 0.1% to a 12% margin in his experience across 13 election campaigns, and he had already demonstrated he could work well with government in opposition.

Also faring well in Saturday's election was Foster student and Greens' candidate Mat Morgan who raised the party's local vote by 2.31% to 9.48%, above of the national swing to the Greens of 1.9%, helping to secure victory for Victorian Greens' senator Lidia Thorpe, one of 12 Greens in the Senate for the 47th parliament.

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**TUE | May 24**

Mostly Sunny.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

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**WED | May 25**

Sunny.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

**7° 19°**



**THUR | May 26**

Showers.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

**9° 18°**



**FRI | May 27**

Showers.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

**10° 17°**



**SAT | May 28**

Showers easing.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

**9° 16°**



**SUN | May 29**

Shower or two.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: N-NW 15-20km/h

**8° 16°**



**Peter Jones of Inverloch was presented with the Australian Red Cross Meritorious Service Award for his work through the pandemic.**

## Local resident awarded Red Cross Service Award

LAST week Peter Jones of Inverloch was presented with the Australian Red Cross Meritorious Service Award at Government House, Melbourne.

Using his significant IT expertise, Peter supported and worked to solve a range of data management, reporting and stakeholder communication issues during the roll-out of the COVID-19 response initiatives as part of the Victorian Emer-

gency Services team.

Volunteering Peter created, maintained and managed the key database which tracked and reported data for the Red Cross food relief response across a range of government and program partners.

"The IT solutions that Peter put in place enabled and empowered Red Cross staff and volunteers to more efficiently manage the logistics of delivering food parcels

to Victoria's most vulnerable," the Australian Red Cross stated.

Additionally, Peter also trained and assisted with IT access for volunteers contributing to the delivery of the Red Cross Outreach Wellbeing Program.

"Peter's expertise and support during the COVID-19 pandemic in Victoria, made a notable difference to how we embraced and utilized technology during a humanitarian response."

## IN BRIEF

### Fatal crash in Walkerville

POLICE are investigating the circumstances surrounding a fatal crash which occurred in Walkerville on Sunday, May 22.

Emergency services were called to Fish Creek-Walkerville Road about 4.55pm after reports a car had left the road and crashed into a tree.

The driver and only occupant, believed to be a man in his 70s, died at the scene.

Police are continuing to investigate the exact cause of the collision and are appealing for anyone who witnessed the crash or further information to come forward.

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

offender between 1-2am on Tuesday May 17.

A white Toyota Prado and heavy-duty tandem trailer were also stolen, amongst other personal items.

Police continue to investigate the incident.

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

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### Cape plans 'excessive'

Robert Stewart has written to the Bass Coast Council about the proposed expansion of Cape Paterson, saying any further commitment of residential development land would be "excessively hasty".

But Council played a straight bat to the question at last week's meeting, saying: "A final decision on further residential development in Cape Paterson is subject to the finalisation of the Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy by the state government through the Distinctive Area Landscapes Plan".

### Earthquakes linked to climate change?

Scientists say melting glaciers and thermal expansion of oceans from climate change may contribute to there being more earthquakes, so John Trigt's question to council linking the two may not be so silly afterall.

Council assured Mr Trigt that planning for disasters and emergencies was part of council's core strategic outcomes.

### \$40m work not done.

IN A letter to Bass Council last week, Stacey Dagg has queried why council has only spent \$22 million of its \$61 million capital works budget after nine months, still with almost \$40 million in work to do a few months out

from the end of the financial year.

But council explained that some projects are due for delivery over multiple years.

### Will museum impact wetlands?

ROBERT Hosking has written to the Bass Coast Council asking if the staged museum and cafe project planned by the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, for a new site on Churchill Road, will impact the RAMSAR wetlands.

Council has answered the concerns by referring the writer to the council agenda at last week's meeting where council resolved to allow progress on the project subject to a long list of conditions, environmental and otherwise.

### About Council's \$35m projects

A QUESTION to last week's Bass Coast Council meeting focused attention on the shire's \$35 million capital works program, reported on in the shire's recent quarterly report.

But Melissa Dagg did not get a clear response to her query about the 185 projects listed and when the government grants would be coming through.

The projects include 'approved budget' for construction of the \$1 million Rhyll Boat Ramp, to be completed in September, \$525,000 for the Cape Paterson retaining wall and \$1.08 million for the East Coves groyne renewal project.

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# Ratepayers reject guilt by association

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has publicly challenged the President of the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association, Kevin Griffin, to "take up an invitation" and meet with council officers to discuss the group's concerns.

The challenge came at the end of an answer to a question from BCRRA Treasurer Graham Jolly, at last week's council meeting, asking why the shire's administration was diverting emails from the ratepayers' group, intended for the shire's elected councillors, to a "generic email address" monitored by council officers.

However, while rejecting the claim that the ratepayers' group has been formally invited to meet with council officers, they've also expressed outrage at the response by council, read out by CEO Ali Wastie, that they have done anything to warrant being banned under the council's 'Unreasonable Conduct by Customers' Policy'.

Speaking about the response, the author of the question to council, BCRRA Treasurer Graham Jolly, rejected claims the group had sent 400 emails to the council in a year, or that there had been any threatening behaviour of the kind referred to by Ms Wastie in the council response.

"There's no way we would have sent them 400 emails in a year," Mr Jolly said.

"We're going to go back and check our records but when you consider council has 270 working days a year, you're talking almost two separate



Bass Coast Shire Council CEO, Ali Wastie.

emails-a-day.

"We send two questions for each council meeting, that's 22-24-a-year and we make submissions on things like the budget, and policy changes like the Governance Rules Review which we are doing at the moment, things that the council wants the community to respond to."

"But 400 in 12 months? No way."

"And as for the sort of threats and abuse Ms Wastie was talking about, definitely not. Our processes wouldn't allow it."

Here's what the council had to say after the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan read out the BCRRA's question: "Refusing to identify themselves, anonymous members of the CEO

administration have, and are now targeting BCRRA and selected community members, and are continually intercepting censoring and preventing email communications from being delivered to its intended delivery address, that is the councillors. Does the CEO approve and condone this unacceptable practice?"

Bass Coast CEO Ali Wastie responded on behalf of the council:

"Through the Mayor, a very small number of customers have their correspondence directed to a generic email address that is checked on a regular basis and actioned where required. This practice is in accordance with the organisation's 'Unreasonable Conduct by Customers' Policy'. This

allows officers to triage emails and provide a timely and appropriate response.

"The vast majority of Victorian councils have Unreasonable Conduct by Customers' Policies in place that mirror Bass Coast's. They are designed to protect the health and safety of our people, including councillors, as well as efficiently manage our services whilst upholding the rights of our community to communicate with council.

"Some examples of the need for this practice include excessive numbers of emails and correspondence, in some cases, more than 400 emails per annum from one individual. Court orders that prohibit all forms of contact with our people. Threats to family members of our people. Communications that are highly offensive and derogatory and communications that are designed to or may cause psychological harm.

"There is a long-standing invitation for the current president of the BCRRA to meet with Council officers to discuss his concerns with council. However, this invitation has yet to be taken up."

The exchange generated by the Bass Coast Ratepayers' latest question may have an impact of how council votes to change the Governance Rules when the issue comes before the next council meeting on Wednesday, June 15.

Among the changes proposed is a rule whereby council "may" or may not have question time at all at its monthly council meetings.



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At the rural polling place of Bass at the local town hall, Bert Blackburn and Moragh Mackay gave out 'how to vote' cards for most of the day.

## Where did Broadbent win it?

THERE have been wild variations in the voting patterns of Monash voters with Leongatha, Poowong and San Remo among the strongholds for the successful candidate Russell Broadbent.

Here he polled a 47.57%, 44.10% and 40.94% of the vote respectively.

But it's also interesting to note how well Mr Broadbent performed among those voting early at pre-poll centres in Wonthaggi and Cowes.

While Mr Broadbent received only 23.07% of the vote at Wonthaggi on election day, he had already collected 35.96% at the pre-poll centre.

At Cowes the story was similar,

Mr Broadbent enjoying 34.58% of the vote at the pre-poll but only 24.66% on Saturday.

The Greens candidate, Mat Morgan, hit a high locally at Cape Paterson, taking 23.01% of the vote there, plus 15.92% in his hometown of Foster, while the Independent Deb Leonard scored 21.65% of the vote, around the corner from home at San Remo and 23% at Cowes.

Results over 10% on each booth was typical for Ms Leonard, with 15.07% at Cape Paterson one of her better booths. Warragul was another good result with 12.34% of the first-preference vote.



David Welsh of the Australian Federation Party didn't attract a lot of support for his constitutional concerns with 548 first preference votes or less than 1%.



Debra (left) was joined by concerned residents of Henry East and West Streets, who are opposed to a potential social housing development at the streets reserve land. ns022122

## Location not right for social housing, residents say

WONTHAGGI North residents are up in arms after becoming aware of a proposal to develop social housing at Henry East and West Streets.

Following a council resolution last year, the shire made available surplus road reserve land for the provision of social housing.

Community Housing Limited and Salvation Army Housing were then invited to determine which sites they would pursue for development.

Initially, more than 10 sites were identified throughout Wonthaggi, however, Community Housing Limited indicated earlier this year they would

proceed with the locations at Wonthaggi North, including Ivor Street.

Resident spokesperson, Debra, said they only became aware of the proposal in recent weeks and were not informed by the shire when they made the surplus reserve land available.

She said residents believe the location is unsuitable for social housing and they had fears that it could impact their neighbourhood negatively.

"Everyone needs a place to live, that's fine, but we've got our fair share of community housing," Debra said.

"There are plenty of other places (in Wonthaggi) that they could

build community housing.

"There's the (former college) school that's vacant, they have space towards White Road and Cape Paterson Road."

"So why would they want to bunch them all up in a place where it's peaceful?"

Debra also highlighted concerns about how the development could affect the streets' road, as the two streets are separated by a no through road section.

She said residents are worried this could be removed to create main road access, increasing traffic and creating hazards for children.

"This also means our proper-

ties will be devalued significantly," she added.

The proposal forms part of the state government's Big Housing Build, which included a 'guaranteed' minimum investment of \$25m for Bass Coast.

During October last year, the government released the Social Housing Growth Fund Regional Round grant program, with community housing organisations urged to apply for regional developments. Bass Coast was identified as a priority area.

As part of the Regional Round, the dwellings must be able to be commenced no later than June 2023 and completed

by June 2025.

"If Community Housing Limited is successful in their funding bid from the Big Housing Build program, as part of their application for approval, they must prepare a report that summarises the consultation undertaken, feedback received, and explains how the feedback has been considered and responded to," a council spokesperson said.

"Please note that for the applications delivering housing under the Big Housing Build Program, the responsible authority is not council, but the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change."

## Council Update



### Changed Traffic Conditions Phillip Island Bridge: Tuesday, 31 May

Changed traffic conditions will be in place on the Phillip Island Bridge on Tuesday, 31 May for the Bridge Walk for Reconciliation:

- One way traffic will be in place between 11.30am and 12.15pm.

For any enquires please contact Council's Visitor Economy and Events Officer, Jenni McMillan on the numbers below.

### Local Law Review

Feedback is invited on the Draft Local Law No. 1 Neighbourhood Amenity 2022, which can be provided at [www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/lreview-2022](http://www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/lreview-2022).

The community can also provide their feedback at a drop-in session, which will be held at:

- Inverloch Community Hub: Friday, 27 May - 10.30am to 12.30pm
- Old Post Office – Watt Street, Wonthaggi: Tuesday, 31 May - 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- Newhaven Visitors Centre - Meeting Room: Thursday, 2 June - 5.00pm to 7.00pm

The review of the current Local Law identified opportunities to simplify, strengthen and expand the new Local Law, so that it continues to meet the needs of the Bass Coast community.

The Local Law covers a range of clauses - from unsightly land, roadside and footpath trading and planting on nature strips, to building sites, animal management and protection of public assets.

The feedback period closes at 5.00pm on Thursday, 16 June.

## Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

THE Federal Election results are in! We will be heading to Canberra next month to advocate to the new Federal Government for funding for priority projects in climate change, infrastructure, education, aged care and tourism. Bass Coast has a lot in common with the new Government; we both want to be leaders when it comes to environment sustainability, fighting climate change and gender equality, so we welcome the opportunity to work closely together throughout the next three years.

Our fast-growing population means there is an urgent need for extra federal funding assistance for infrastructure projects, such as sealing urban roads and roundabouts at three key intersections in Wonthaggi to facilitate development. We will also work hard to convince the new Government of the need for two new pools, enhanced digital connectivity and job-producing tourism projects such as the Dinosaurs Trail. Residential aged care requires more than 300 extra beds to cater for the aging population, and we would like to see ongoing funding for the Country Universities Centre Bass Coast, which has been a huge success in educating local young people, particularly female students.

The continuing emergence of promising young leaders in our local community was highlighted by the efforts of Phillip Island teenager Joey Thompson recently. Joey

organised a School Strike for Climate and came together with his fellow students to call on Governments to do more to combat climate change, to ensure a healthy and sustainable future for the next generations. The protesters took to the Cowes footpath with chalk, to make their feelings about climate action known to the community – with slogans like 'solution not pollution' and 'we are the future – give us a chance'. The student strikers are calling on political leaders to commit to net zero emissions by 2030, which is something Council is fully supporting through our strong Climate Change Action Plan. We are already using 100% renewable energy through the Victorian Energy Collaboration, a program that will see greenhouse emissions reduced by 260,000 tonnes every year, and we have started to convert our vehicle fleet to electric. Action on Climate Change imperative, so it is very inspiring to see school students taking such a visible stand against something that they feel so passionately about.

# Permit needed for fences above 1.8m: draft policy



Cattle farmer Faye Tuchtan is deeply concerned by a number of proposals for agriculture included in the draft Statement of Planning Policy regarding the Bass Coast Distinctive Area and Landscape program. ns032122

A BASS Coast farmer has slammed a number of changes proposed for agriculture in the state government's Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL) program.

As part of the DAL's draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), farmers in the proposed Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) areas could be required to obtain a permit to construct a fence.

However, this doesn't apply to a post and rail fence up to 1.8 metres in height or post and wire fences up to 1.5m.

While a permit would also be required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation and exotic tree rows or shelterbelts.

Cattle farmer Faye Tuchtan, who has two farms at Glen Forbes and Bass and made a submission to the draft SPP,

**By Nick Sinis**

said she was alarmed about the possible new requirements.

"Firstly, I don't think they have any idea of what farming is about," she told the Sentinel-Times.

"If your fence falls down and your cattle are out on the road, you've got to apply for planning permit.

"Then you've got to pay and wait; what do you do with your cattle or sheep on the road?"

Ms Tuchtan was also concerned if farmers would have to obtain a permit to remove an exotic or native tree, if it was at risk of collapsing onto their property.

The draft SPP also included a proposal where a permit would be required if the floor area of an alteration, or extension to a

building used for agriculture, was more than 50 metres.

Or if the total floor area is more than 150 square metres.

"That's a useless size for any ordinary farm shed," Ms Tuchtan said.

"Planning permits are a couple of thousand dollars, plus the time it takes to do it and the paperwork that goes into it."

The draft SPP also states that a permit wouldn't be required if a building used for agriculture is single storey and no more than 5 metres in height above ground level.

This also applies if an existing building and alteration or extension is constructed using external materials and colours that minimise its visibility in the landscape; or the existing building and alteration or extension is an open-sided

rural structure.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said she had organised a meeting in April with Victorian Farmers Federation Bass Coast members and department representatives, so the group could voice their concerns and seek guidance on their submissions.

"The draft DAL is just that - a draft, where it goes out for community and stakeholder review and input and all submissions are currently being considered. I want to thank everyone that has put in a submission," Ms Crugnale said.

Ms Crugnale added it is important to note that the Bass Coast Planning Scheme already features an SLO (in a different area), and that also includes an exemption from post and rail up to 1.8m.

Strange result, says Chester MP

DARREN Chester, the returning Member for Gippsland, has called the election result "quite strange".

And he's in a position to talk after securing a whopping 71.16 per cent of the two-party preferred vote with strong local representation and moderate politics.

"You've got a situation where the Labor Party is able to claim government with just 32 per cent of the vote," he said this week.

And he backed the view by ABC analyst Anthony Green on election night that: "I think there is a dramatic divide between city and country in these results."

"Yes, definitely, even more so. You've got the Teal candidates in these green-leafy, inner city suburbs telling people in country areas how to live their lives," Mr Chester said.

"You've also got more people voting Green the further away they get from the environment they're looking to protect."

Mr Chester hailed the success of the Nationals in retaining all their seats, but he said the party also had to accept some of the responsibility for impacting the Liberal vote, referring to comments by Queensland Senator Matt Canavan who declared the Nationals' net zero by 2050 agreement with the Liberals was "all over bar the shouting" during the campaign.

"They used those sorts of remarks to attack the Liberal candidates in some of inner-city seats," he said.

But aside from hoping to moderate his own party's stance, Mr Chester said he believes the conservative parties' electoral position is recoverable, and quickly, if they can properly address the criticisms from women and clarify their position on climate change.

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Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association members and locals were eager to hear council's submission to the Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL) project, as they continue to protest for a town boundary reduction. ns012122

## Fight against 'overdevelopment' at Cape Paterson continues

CAPE Paterson residents were out in force as they gathered at the shire's meeting last week to hear council's submission regarding the state government's Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL) project.

The DAL is being developed to guide planning in the Bass Coast for the next 50 years, while "protecting" significant economic, environmental and cultural values.

A draft Statement of Strategic Planning (SPP) was open for consultation and closed recently, but a number of community groups, including council, were disappointed with the document.

Cape Paterson residents

By Nick Sinis

have long highlighted their concerns regarding a proposal to rezone nearly 53 hectares of land to residential zone across the entire north area of the town.

It was hoped the draft SPP would recommend a settlement boundary reduction in the northern area, but locals discovered this was not the case.

At last week's council meeting, almost 20 Cape Paterson residents and ratepayer association members gathered to protest their concerns and hear council's submission to the SPP.

"The final SPP should actually protect the village of Cape Paterson from overde-

velopment, but instead – by retaining the expanded settlement boundary – the draft allows for massive development that would change its character forever," Save Cape Paterson spokesperson Cheryl Padgett said.

"Cape Paterson would change from the size of a village to a town, a town without services. It would rob the village of its quiet, laidback vibe, and have a significant impact on the much-loved local wildlife.

"Cape Paterson is small, with a population of less than 1000 people, but residents are passionate and will continue to speak out on this issue to protect this iconic village now and for future generations."

Deputy Mayor Cr Leticia Laing said the draft SPP does not go far enough to protect the town's character, environment and landscapes.

"The evidence supporting this expansion is slim," she said at last week's meeting.

"That is why council is pushing for further work to consider a reduction to Cape Paterson's boundary north of Seaward Drive.

"(We're) not supporting the boundary as it stands... but we do need a better picture of how housing supply and housing neighbourhood character is going to go across the shire."

Cr Laing also highlighted there were more than 350 objections to the development in 2019.

## A step closer to a new car for Bass Coast L2P program



From left, Burt Applebee (L2P mentor), Russell Anthony and Dennis Jackson of Powlett Masonic Lodge, Ken Barnes (Member of Powlett Masonic Lodge and mentor driver), Melanie Mumford (Bass Coast L2P coordinator), and young learner drivers, Charleigh Hughes, Chloe Dye and Jacob Dye.

BASS Coast TAC L2P is delighted to have received a \$2,500 donation from Powlett Masonic Lodge of Wonthaggi, which has also led to them receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Freemasons Foundation.

The funds will be put towards the eventual purchase of a new car for the Bass Coast L2P program.

The new car will be located in Wonthaggi and will support young learner drivers who do not have access to a suitable

supervising driver or vehicle to gain the supervised driving practice required to get their P's and be safe independent drivers.

This is another great example of Freemasons at work in the community.

Anyone wishing to join the Bass Coast L2P program either as a Learner or a volunteer mentor driver should contact the program on 0467590679 or [basscoastl2p@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com](mailto:basscoastl2p@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com)

## Bass Coast Shire blasts critical planning strategy

By Nick Sinis

of the area', then I would ask how sand mining is not a significant threat causing irreversible land use change.

"Many saw this policy to protect the last forest corridors and significant forests in the Western Port region.

"Words don't describe the disappointment of the local community who have fought hard on this issue, and should be encouraged to continue the fight."

The shire's submission also included the removing of the draft rules that would require farmers to apply for a permit to install a fence on their land (post and wire fences up to 1.5m are exempt), and additional controls on agricultural buildings.

"Given that a significant portion of land in Bass Coast is used for agricultural purposes, it is concerning that DELWP has chosen to load farmers up with added red tape for no reason but to exert authority," Cr Halstead said.

Other aspects of the shire's submission included:

- The proposed landscape controls must be extended to include the Gurdies Hills.
- Any amendments to the shire's planning scheme should have been exhibited for community comment beforehand.

The SPP identified Bass Coast as a critical supply area for hard rock, gravel and sand, which Cr Rochelle Halstead was quick to raise concern regarding the impact of sand mining.

"There's been an expectation that the DAL would provide protection for the environment of Bass Coast," Cr Halstead said last week.

"To quote the policy, 'if its attributes are under threat of significant or irreversible land use change that would affect the environmental, social or economic value

The council has also noted that the considerable costs associated with participating in the government's DAL process have impacted this and future budgets.

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# South Gippsland Shire Council News

## More Opportunities for Feedback

At this month's Council Meeting, Council endorsed two draft plans – the draft Great Southern Rail Trail Visitation and Marketing Plan and the draft Social and Affordable Housing Strategy.

We know there have been a lot of feedback opportunities lately, but we strongly encourage you to continue this great work and provide feedback on these plans too.

The Great Southern Rail Trail Visitation and Marketing Plan sets a direction to help elevate the trail from an important community asset to a key visitor experience of our region. It includes projects and activities that are designed

to improve visitor and trail user experience today and into the future.

The Social and Affordable Housing Strategy highlights the opportunities we have at Council to support more social and affordable housing, including advocating for services and supporting providers of social and affordable housing to invest in South Gippsland.

To provide feedback on either (or both) of these draft plans, please visit: [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)



## L2P Driver Mentors Urgently Needed

Can you help the next generation of drivers become safer and more responsible on the road? The L2P Learner Driver Program is a state-wide initiative designed to help young drivers obtain their 'P' plates.

If you are a fully licenced driver and can volunteer 1-2 hours of your time per week, we would love to hear from you.

**Please phone Denise Trani on 5662 9200 for more information.**

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Wednesday 15 June 2022, 2.00pm
- Wednesday 29 June 2022, 2.00pm

(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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

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

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

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

Please contact the Governance team for questions about Council Meetings.

### WORKS THIS WEEK

For a list of upcoming works, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/works](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/works)

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### 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](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders)

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# 'Contradictory' advice, they say

THE PATTERN of unanimous voting at South Gippsland Shire Council was once again disrupted by a matter related to Gardner Lane, Poowong, although that proved to be the result of confusing and contradictory recommendations before councillors.

Previously, councillors took different views on whether an intended new section of the lane, for property access, should be sealed or gravel.

The new bitumen section subsequently decided upon will enable residents to avoid the operations of the abattoir situated in Gardner Lane that has long operated on the edge of the public road.

Councillors received advice from council staff indicating that council is not obligated to replace any vegetation cleared at the Gardner Lane site as part of the upcoming roadworks.

However, it is noted in the May meeting agenda that failure to replace any of the cleared vegetation at Gardner Lane may lead to community members questioning council's environmental credentials.

"Council does not have a current policy position regarding the replacement of vegetation, where it is not required by other legislative provisions; it is proposed that council develops a Tree Replacement Plan in the near future, which is intended to provide consistency and guidance on if and how such removed vegetation should be replaced," the document states.

Therefore, it was recommended that councillors defer a decision on the replacement of trees to be removed in Gardner Lane, Poowong, until after a Tree Replacement Plan



**Cr Nathan Hersey makes a point during Wednesday's meeting.** A12\_2122

has been endorsed.

However, it was also recommended they consider the options and costings for the replacement of trees to be removed in Gardner Lane.

While Cr Hersey supports the recommendation to develop a Tree Replacement Plan to form a consistent approach and guide council staff in future, he explained to the Sentinel-Times he couldn't vote to accept the two-point recommendation in the form it was presented.

"It seems a bit unusual to ask us to consider those costings and not do anything about it," Cr Hersey said.

"My take on 'consider' is that you would carefully look at it, see if that's the right option and whether that's something that should be acted upon, and then the second part of the recommendation was forget that, we're going to defer it, so it was actually contradictory advice."

He explained that he had expressed that view earlier in

discussions prior to the meeting but no changes were made to the recommendations.

Therefore, he intended to move a motion during the meeting to change the wording, but said he wasn't quick enough to do so before the vote was taken.

"My thoughts are that these are not matters that should be considered on a case-by-case basis and that we need to have vision in our shire and proper plans moving forward, and that's what we're working towards" Cr Hersey said prior to the vote.

In the absence of comment on the recommendation that council consider the options and costings for the replacement of trees in Gardner Lane, there was a moment of confusion when it appeared Cr Hersey would vote to accept the recommendations in their existing form.

When the vote took place, Mayor Mohya Davies declared the original recommendations carried unanimously, something Cr Hersey corrected.

He outlined the change in wording he had previously called for.

"Even by changing the word 'consider' to 'note' would make more sense in my mind, that we would note that the costings had been done but we've decided to postpone (a decision) until such a date as the council has a proper policy position on it rather than doing it on a case-by-case basis," Cr Hersey said.

He explained that once a Tree Replacement Plan is in place it will enable council staff to manage such situations in future.

Councillors Scott Rae and Sarah Gilligan were unwell and could not attend Wednesday's meeting.

## South Gippsland Shire planning delays

TIME taken to decide planning applications has increased significantly over the first three quarters of the 2021/22 financial year, contrasting with the aim to reduce the timeframe involved.

While South Gippsland Shire councillors received a largely positive Organisational Performance Report for the period from July 2021 to March 2022 at Wednesday's meeting, the news was disap-

pointing in regard to processing planning applications.

The median time taken to decide planning applications over that period was 100 days, a significant blowout from the stated aim to cut the figure to 60 days or less by June 2024.

The report attributes the rise in processing time to a significant increase in planning application numbers.

"The number of new applications received increased from

294 to 448 in this period and the high number of applications has meant that the median number of days to make a decision has increased," the report states.

However, it is upbeat about the likelihood of improved planning application processing times in the near future.

"Recent improvements to processes are expected to be reflected in forthcoming periods," it is stated.

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## Mayor's Message



**Cr Mohya Davies**

THIS week is Education Week and it also marks 150 years of public education in Victoria. I have a passion for education and believe that you are never too young or old to learn something new. While I have been on Council before, I have never been Mayor. There are skills required with this kind of position that I've had to learn, but I have had fabulous support from Council staff. I feel it is important to recognise our teachers during this week for the incredible work they have done to keep our students learning throughout the pandemic. They have had to think on their feet and change their plans at the drop of a hat and deal with closures due to staff being unwell, but they have never faltered. They have worked extremely hard and deserve our absolute heartfelt thanks.

I also feel that this week is a great time to remind you all that three- and four-year-old kindergarten enrolments throughout South Gippsland close at the end of June for 2023. If you haven't already, I encourage you to head onto South Gippsland Shire Council's website to register: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment)

On this page, you will also find some handy information about how the central registration system works and lots of other information about kindergartens

Last week was Volunteers Week, which many Councillors highlighted during their updates at the Council Meeting. South Gippsland is so fortunate to have 24 per cent of our population volunteering, which is significantly higher than the state average of 16 per cent. I would like to send a heartfelt thanks to all volunteers in the South Gippsland community. Your contribution helps to make South Gippsland a better place to live and we would be lost without you.

Tuesday 17 May was IDAHOBIT Day. IDAHOBIT stands for International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex discrimination and Transphobia and is a day that aims to raise awareness of the intolerance our LGBTIQA+ community can experience.

To show our support, Council raised a rainbow flag and had a celebratory event in front of Council's main office in Leongatha. It was fabulous to be part of such a historic moment as it was the first time every Council in the Gippsland region had raised a flag, and the first time South Gippsland Shire had ever raised a rainbow flag. No celebration is ever complete without some sweet

treats, and we were lucky to have some lovely rainbow cupcakes for everyone who attended.

Raising the flag was the right thing to do and provided Council with a great opportunity to show how we support diversity not only in our workplace, but in our community. It's also about dignity, something that this cohort of our community may not always feel. Everyone should feel empowered to be wholly and truly themselves, wherever they go and whoever they have around them.

This month's Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 18 May. If you missed the meeting, you can watch it back, simply visit [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings)

One of the highlights are two more opportunities for feedback. The Draft Social and Affordable Housing Strategy and Great Southern Rail Trail Visitation and Marketing Plan. Both of these are great opportunities for our community to continue to make their voice heard once again. This feedback is so valued and important to Councillors to help us ensure we get our plans right, and I encourage you to keep providing it.

It is so important to make sure the plans we are produce are in-line with our community's expectations.

Both of these drafts are available online at [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

At yesterday's meeting Council also approved to award a contract for a replacement pontoon jetty in Toora. Council contributed \$40,000 toward the project which will join the \$210,000 funded by Better Boating Victoria. I'm sure many boaters will welcome this news as the Toora jetty provides great access to fishing in Corner Inlet.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Integrated Plans engagement period that closed on 15 May. We are considering this feedback as we speak and will be looking at changes we can incorporate to make the plans even stronger before they come back to the Council table on 29 June.

I hope you all have a safe and lovely week. Keep warm!

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Alanah is now on her probationary licence thanks to the L2P program.

## Volunteer L2P driver mentors needed

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is seeking volunteer mentor drivers to help young people in the community obtain their driver's licence.

The L2P Learner Driver Program is a state-wide initiative designed to help young drivers to gain the skills and experience they need to obtain their probationary licence ('P' plates). The program targets drivers between 16 and 21 that may find it hard to find someone to supervise them to achieve 120 hours driving experience.

Driver's licences are particularly important in country communities as they give young people greater independence and increase work opportunities.

However, the L2P program is currently short on driver mentors, which is limiting the amount of young people that can be supported to reach their goal to obtain their 'P' plates.

To become a driver mentor, you need to be fully licensed and be able to give one to two hours of time to mentoring each week. The regularity helps drivers to retain information and the hours contribute to the 120 hours

of driving experience that is required to be eligible to take a driving test.

"The L2P Learner Driver Program is a great program for young people in rural communities, but it needs volunteer driver mentors to help it reach its full potential," Mayor Cr Mohya Davies said.

"We would like to encourage anyone who has the capacity to help out, to give it a go.

"It's a great way to make a difference in your local community.

"Not only will you be helping young people you will also be supporting the next generation of drivers to become safe and responsible road users."

The L2P Learner Driver Program has been running for over ten years in South Gippsland and has helped 224 young people. Over 4800 drive trips have been undertaken through the program, equalling over 10,300 hours of driving experience.

For more information or to express your interest in becoming an L2P driver mentor, please contact Denise Trani on 5662 9200 or visit [southgippsland.vic.gov.au/L2P](http://southgippsland.vic.gov.au/L2P).



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## L2P driver mentors urgently needed

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# South Gippsland councillors unleash on 'fake news'

COUNCILLORS came out swinging in Leongatha during Wednesday's public meeting, blasting what they labelled as ill-informed criticism, lies and fake news.

Cr Mick Felton unleashed on a local publication he didn't name (not the *Sentinel-Times*).

"As we've seen in recent newspapers, (we're) being criticised and blamed and it's straight out lies in regard to certain things, and I wish people would get their facts straight before printing stuff because they should be held accountable for that," Cr Felton said.

"It's fake news and I won't go as far as mentioning a certain person that seems to constantly have negative things to say about council and continually prints misinformation, but seriously you need to stop."

Cr Felton's comments follow Mayor Cr Mohya Davies' recent move to dispute a number of allegations published in the May 16 edition of *South Gippsland Voices* (SGV) in relation to Coal Creek Community Park and Museum.

Responding via a press release, Cr Davies argued it is incorrect that council is moving to sell the park's train, stating that there are hopes of getting the tourist tramway running again.

She also hit out at the newspaper's claim that Coal Creek buildings east of a recently installed fence will be demolished, saying the only current plans for demolition are for one unsafe, non-heritage building.

Cr Davies also contradicted the SGV report that council is preventing volunteers returning to Coal Creek, with the Mayor arguing it is actively encouraging them to do so and has had productive discussions to bring that about.

During Wednesday's meeting, the usually affable and positive Cr Nathan Hersey also expressed disappointment in recent criticism he has heard about councillors.



Cr Mick Felton spoke out about "fake news" concerning council during Wednesday's meeting. A03\_2122

"I received feedback from a member of the community this week saying that councillors are obviously just doing what they're told, and I have to rebut that," Cr Hersey said.

"This bunch of councillors you have all elected are here to be strong representatives and I do not believe any councillor is here with the wrong intentions.

"For people to come to me as a councillor and say, 'You are just doing what you are told by the administration' is a slap in the face."

Cr Hersey challenged those in the community who believe that is the case, "to step up, show up and engage".

"So many people want to sit back, say nothing, do nothing and

then criticise, and quite frankly I'm beginning to have a gutful of it," Cr Hersey said.

He added that has been the case recently with Coal Creek and other matters.

Cr Jenni Keerie supported Cr Hersey's emphatic view that South Gippsland Shire councillors will continue to make informed decisions.

"If someone tells me what to do, I'm more likely to go the other direction and I am not someone who can be snowed," Cr Keerie declared, adding that if she is unsure of something, she asks the necessary questions.

"I don't make decisions lightly, especially when it comes to my community," Cr Keerie said.

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# State-run vaccine hubs closed but testing available

THERE has been a number of changes to testing clinics and vaccination centres locally since the peak of COVID-19 in Victoria.

There is testing available locally but only at certain times.

The state-run vaccination hubs in Leongatha and Wonthaggi have closed. If you're eligible for a fourth dose, you will need to book an appointment with your GP or pharmacist.

"For those who are not at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, a two-dose primary course and a booster dose provides very good and lasting protection against COVID-19. Protection against severe disease is high and looks to wane slowly over time," the federal Department of Health says on its website.

"For now, the larger part of the Australian population are not recommended to receive any further doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Our experts continue to review new information on COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccines and will make new recommendations if necessary."

## Testing – Leongatha

Gippsland Southern Health Service moved from a PCR testing clinic to a Rapid Antigen Test drive-through only, according to its website.

Members of the public can drive through to collect their free Rapid Antigen Kit. However, to get free RATs, you must hold one of these cards:

- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.
- Health Care Card.
- Low Income Health Care Card.
- Pensioner Concession Card.
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold, White or Orange card.

The drive-through service operates on Fridays only, from 9am to 3pm.

Drive through to the Primary Health Entry at the front of the Leongatha Hospital.

Please bring your eligible card and Medicare card.

## Testing – Wonthaggi

Monash Health Pathology is delivering COVID testing at Wonthaggi and Cowes.



If you're eligible for a fourth dose of Moderna, or any other COVID-19 vaccine, you will need to book an appointment with your GP or pharmacist.

Patients seeking PCR and RATs will be able to access the Wonthaggi Hospital via the main entrance and Armitage link walkway (park at Kirrak House). Bass Coast Health staff will check in patients, ensuring they are wearing an N95 mask.

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 9am-1pm. Please pre-register for PCR testing and RAT distribution online here: [testtracker.covid19.dhhs.vic.gov.au/citizen-prefill](http://testtracker.covid19.dhhs.vic.gov.au/citizen-prefill).

If you need a COVID test, you can also go to Wonthaggi Medical Group. They provide symptomatic testing and treatment by appointment. For more information, call 5672 1333.

## Testing – Phillip Island

PCR testing is available at the Phillip Island Health Hub, alongside the distribution of RATs.

Patients will be required to wear an N95 mask.

Opening hours: 8am-4pm Monday to Friday, and 8am-11.30am Saturday.

For PCR tests and RATs, you must bring photo ID and/or a Medicare card.

Please pre-register for PCR testing and RAT distribution online here: [testtracker.covid19.dhhs.vic.gov.au/citizen-prefill](http://testtracker.covid19.dhhs.vic.gov.au/citizen-prefill).

## Vaccination

The state-run Leongatha Community Clinic and Wonthaggi vaccination hubs have

closed.

Members of the community are still able to receive their boosters and winter doses of COVID-19 vaccine from local doctors' clinics and pharmacists.

COVID-19 vaccines can also be booked online at portal. [cvms.vic.gov.au](http://cvms.vic.gov.au).

## Winter dose

The cold weather can make it easier for viruses to infect our bodies.

As Australia moves into winter, an additional booster dose, or 'winter dose', is recommended for people at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 who have already had their first booster dose.

If it has been at least four months since your first booster dose and you fit into one of the below categories, you should book an appointment to have another booster dose as soon as possible before or during winter:

- 65 years or older;
- A resident of an aged care or disability care facility;
- Severely immunocompromised; or
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and aged 50 years and older.

People who have had COVID-19 should also wait at least three months before having an additional dose.

Read ATAGI's statement on winter doses at [bit.ly/3lkfwqB](http://bit.ly/3lkfwqB).

## Do I need a face mask?

YOU are no longer required to wear a face mask in most indoor settings, but wearing a mask remains recommended, according to the state government's 'Coronavirus' website.

Face masks are mandatory for everyone aged 8 and above in the following settings:

- On public transport, in taxis/rideshare services and in tourism vehicles.
- While in a publicly accessible space at an airport and while inside an aircraft (for those aged 12 and over).
- While visiting a hospital, care facility or any other indoor space that is a publicly accessible area in a healthcare setting, including allied health settings.
- In a public indoor space if you are a close contact.
- Working in an indoor space that is a publicly accessible area of a court or justice centre.
- In an indoor space that is a publicly accessible area of a healthcare facility, including at an allied health facility.
- Working in a resident-facing role in an indoor space at a care facility, including when not interacting with residents.
- Working in an indoor space at a prison, police gaol, remand centre, youth residential centre, youth justice centre or post-sentence facility.
- After being tested for COVID-19 and awaiting results.
- If you have COVID-19 or are a close contact and are leaving the premises for a permitted reason.

## Where face masks are recommended

The state government recommends wearing a mask if you:

- Are in an indoor setting;
- Can't physically distance, such as at entry or exit points to large events;
- Have any COVID-19 symptoms; or
- Are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

## More accessible boating

DESIGNS are being finalised for a new pontoon at Port Welshpool, the state government has announced.

Minister for Fishing and Boating Melissa Horne said the new pontoon would provide better access to boaters of all abilities, making it the first of its kind in the region.

The state government-funded project will see the pontoon built with access davit, gangway and the installation of boat ramp signage.

Construction-ready plans are expected to be finalised in coming weeks.

Better Boating Victoria (BBV) is working with South Gippsland Shire Council to deliver the project, including obtaining all necessary approvals.

"It's great to see designs now being finalised for the new accessible pontoon at Port Welshpool, which will benefit all boaters in the region once complete," Minister for Fishing and Boating Melissa Horne said.

Making boating more accessible for all was identified as a priority for investment through the Victorian Recreational Boating Strategy. The strategy was developed through extensive consultation with boaters from across the state and guided by a Ministerial Roundtable of industry leaders.

Member for Eastern Victoria Jane Garrett said: "This will deliver easier and better access for boaters right across the South Gippsland region."

## New jetty for McLoughlins Beach

THE McLoughlins Beach jetty will be rebuilt, the state government has announced.

Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne said rebuilding the popular landmark, which is in the Wellington Shire Council near Yarram, meant it would be enjoyed by the community well into the future and provide a much-needed economic boost to the area.

"Rebuilding the jetty – last upgraded in 1985 – will also ensure it remains a popular choice for commercial operators, recreational boaters, anglers and sightseers who visit South Gippsland every day," the state government said in a statement.

Works include new piles, new timber deck and beams with detailed design work for the new jetty set to start later this year.

"The jetty will be rebuilt as part of an \$18 million package for piers and jetties across Victoria from the Victorian Budget 2022-23.

"Construction of the new jetty will be subject to securing the necessary environmental approvals, which are required to deliver this project due to proximity to Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Park and the adjoining Ramsar wetland.

"It's expected to take up to 12 months to secure the necessary approvals before work on site can begin."

During construction, access to Ninety Mile Beach will still be available using the footbridge near the boat ramp.

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# Raised crossing works begin

A RASIED pedestrian crossing will be constructed at the intersection of Sandymount Avenue and Powlett Street in Inverloch.

Construction began on Monday, May 23 and is expected to take around three weeks to complete, subject to favourable weather, contractor and supplier availability and any potential COVID-19 impacts.

The \$128,000 project is being carried out as part of Bass Coast Shire Council's 2021-22 Capital Works Program.

As part of this project, the bicycle lane along Powlett Street will be painted, to improve the visibility of the lane for all road users.

## Final chapter for Scenic Estate

THE last of unused roads at Phillip Island's Scenic Estate Conservation Reserve will be discontinued following a council decision last week.

Despite being transformed from a proposed housing estate into a conservation area almost 10 years ago, the reserve still contained several unused roads, a legacy from the 1960s subdivision.

"This 28-hectare site of natural bushland holds significant environmental value for Phillip Island," Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said. "By getting rid of the unused roads, it will allow for consolidation of the land into a single parcel, which will help to improve management practices into the future. Coupled with the Summerlands buy back, this is a wonderful conservation success story for Phillip Island."

Scenic Estate Conservation Reserve originated as a subdivision from the 1960s (Scenic Estate), which in the 1980s was deemed to be inappropriate for development by the state government. It sat dormant for 30 years until 2013, when council resolved that Scenic Estate would be managed for environmental conservation.



Chair of the college board David Jobe presented John Ward with a Life Governor award at the 2022 Newhaven College Foundation Day assembly. Z01\_2122



Year 4 student and junior school captain of Newhaven College Addison O'Connor spoke at the whole school assembly Foundation Day on Friday morning. Z02\_2122

## Good foundations are a pathway to success

ON FRIDAY, May 20, Newhaven College conducted its first whole school assembly after more than a year, welcoming board members, alumni and life governors to the grounds of the college in celebration of Foundation Day.

The combined school choir formally opened the celebration - conducted by director of music Matthew Goss, followed by college captain Jack Papas and principal Tony Corr delivering the foundation day address.

Newhaven College opened its doors on May 14, 1980, and today we come together to recognise the efforts of those who have contributed to our school, a special welcome to the preps who are today attending their first Foundation Day and will be

awarded with their house badges," said Mr Corr.

Foundation day is a celebration where students can better understand where Newhaven College has been, over the past year Tony and his colleagues have been working on the next strategic direction of the school, but in order to move forward it is important to reflect on the past.

Rebecca Naughtin, 1997 alumni, was invited to speak at the 2022 Foundation Day after being acknowledged for her success as an architect. Rebecca moved to Melbourne after graduating from the college and has since returned home to Bass Coast in 2009 to find a work, life balance; now a mother of two junior school students.

"Rebecca graduated with first class honours and has gone onto an extremely successful career in architecture, in not only her award-winning practice but through her passion for education and advocacy," said Mr Corr.

"Today we celebrate those who founded this great school and the wonderful educators, amazing students and contributors who have provided the foundations for the success of so many students," said Rebecca.

Throughout the assembly Chair of the College Board Mr David Jobe had the privilege of conducting a new life governor to Newhaven College, presenting the award to Mr John Ward for his generosity, loyalty and reliability.

"The life governor award

is the highest recognition of commitment, exceptional contribution and dedication, without our first life governors Newhaven College would not be here today," said Mr Jobe.

John's connection to the Newhaven community began before the college opened in 1980, when the journey of bringing an ecumenical independent school to Phillip Island started; over the past two decades, Mr Ward has been a teacher, a senior administrator, on the board of directors and a volunteer.

"I feel a real sense of belonging here and I encourage each and every student to hold the responsibility of living their dream, you can make it - just go for it," said Mr Ward.

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# PICAL's pickle continues

By Nick Sinis

MANY questions remain for Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre's (PICAL) relocation following a council decision to incorporate its community garden at Blue Gum Reserve.

Last week, councillors voted in favour to amend the reserve's masterplan to incorporate the new community garden, including funding of \$278,107 for construction, with PICAL contributing \$38,764.

PICAL will move from its current site to Warley Avenue later this year to make way for the Phillip Island Community Hospital.

But the community garden could not be incorporated into the new site.

According to council, the new Warley Avenue building is currently under construction (off-site, modular form of construction) and expected to be in place before the end of the year.

PICAL centre manager Greg Thompson said the issue of the relocation had been ongoing for years, and they continue to be concerned by their November deadline to vacate.

"We absolutely have to be out of this site (by then)," Mr Thompson said.

"We're on an acre and a half (site) with three large classrooms and two smaller classrooms and utilise all of these facilities every day.

"Now we're at Blue Gum



**The Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre continues to hold concerns about whether their new facility will be ready by November this year, as they make way for the Phillip Island Community Hospital.**

Reserve with a garden, but no training facilities and none at Warley Avenue either, where the headquarters are going."

Adding to the pressure, PICAL was also approached by Bass Coast Health and the Victorian Health Building Authority who indicated their preference for PICAL to leave their current site to temporary premises by August this year.

"There's no way we can be out of here by August, we've got nowhere to go," he said.

"We're tired of fighting this battle, but instead, we've been

overwhelmed by the amount of community support.

"A lot of our local churches have offered their halls."

Mr Thompson said overall, PICAL is looking forward to their new location and hopes it will be ready by November.

The council report also revealed concept designs for the new community garden, which includes eight garden beds, an accessible toilet with associated pathways, garden shed for storage, perimeter fencing, service connections, accessible car park, and a larger shed that can be used

for both classes and the construction of garden materials.

The project will see the relocation of Coel's Shed.

Councillors also adopted the recommendation to allocate \$182,582 in the draft 2022/23 budget, for refurbishment of the council-owned CFA building at Cowes on Settlement Road.

This would support the following community groups: Artists Society of Phillip Island, Phillip Island Arts and Crafts Gallery, Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space and Boomerang Bags.

## Capital works mostly on track

CAPITAL works programs in South Gippsland Shire for the 2021/22 financial year are mostly on track or complete, the recently released Organisational Performance Report for the period from July 2021 to March 2022 reveals.

By the end of March, 32 projects were identified as complete with a further 46 reported to be on track for completion by the end of this financial year.

Just five projects are listed as being behind schedule, with a further five on hold.

Those on hold are:

Falls Road, Fish Creek, Sealed Road Rehabilitation – While the pavement design has been agreed, the project is not currently proceeding due to budget amendments.

Foster Road, Toora, Sealed Road Rehabilitation Stage 1 works – Although approximately 40m has been completed, the project scope is described as requiring review.

Foster Swimming Pool Chemical Containment Bay – Council is working with DELWP for permission to use land for the concrete structure chemical containment bay.

Walkerville Retarding Basin Upgrade Works - An easement is to be created prior to works commencing.

The design has been completed, but a planning permit for native vegetation removal is required.

Community Venue, Facility Energy Improvements – This project is awaiting results of State Government facility energy audits.

Seven capital works projects are yet to be scheduled, with 10 carried forward to the 2022/23 financial year.

"Projects that are not yet scheduled to commence are programmed throughout the course of the year as they are dependent on the construction season and contractor availability," the report states.

Some projects are programmed to avoid them being carried out during peak holiday season.

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# Supporting women in leadership, protecting the environment

FISH Creek environmental champion and sustainable beef farmer Joan Liley first found her "soft-spoken" leadership style at the front of the classroom at South Gippsland Secondary College.

From these early beginnings, Joan's voice has served her life passions: to support women in leadership and protect her beloved South Gippsland environment.

With her husband, Rob, she has led the environmental recovery of their commercial beef cattle property. The pair have fenced off major waterways, protected trees from cattle ringbarking and replanted more than 20 per cent of their property with native vegetation.

"There are so many benefits to the vegetation. It provides clean water for our livestock' it's part of our business. We really believe that we are custodians, not owners of this land," Joan says.

Joan and Rob are members of the Fish Creek Landcare Group, Farmers for Climate Action and Prom Area Climate Action and part of a Victorian Government initiative for carbon sequestration on farms.

In her mid-70s, Joan now rarely engages in the physical aspects of farming life but stresses that women in agriculture needn't get their boots dirty to contribute.

"Women should be recognised far more than they are for their input into farming business strategies...I rarely get out and do anything physical, but I have a major input in the business decisions" she says.

"And many women work solely in a voluntary capacity in the community, doing amazing things" she says, observing that our community would be a lot poorer without them.

The Yanakie-born local said her passion for the environment stems from an understanding of the country: a deep connection to place and responsibility to take care of the landscape.

"The Wilson's Prom skyline is forever implanted in my brain," Joan says.

After graduating with a commerce degree, Joan first worked as an economic researcher at the ANZ Bank. After that,



**Joan Liley has long been active to make sure the South Gippsland Shire Council planning scheme prevents the breaking up of farming land and supports the long-term viability of farming.**

she began farming with Rob in NSW but returned to South Gippsland to raise their two children in 1975 and to begin teaching.

"I used to tell my students you've got to go away, but you can come back. It gives you an appreciation of what you're coming back to," Joan says.

A former director of Southern Rural Water and the Gippsland Ports, former chair and director of South Gippsland Water and former director and deputy chair of West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority. Joan now chairs the South Gippsland Integrated Water Management Forum and serves as a member of the Ministerial Panel for the Central Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy. She has also served on the Environmental Sustainability and Water for Victoria Reference Groups for the Victorian Government and the Victorian Catchment Management Council.

Martin Fuller, CEO of West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, says of her: "In relation to water and land management, she is without doubt one of the most engaging, accommodating, and helpful people I have met. She is always happy to

lend a hand and provide sage advice when needed. Better still she is actively protecting and improving her local patch through real work and action. A true inspiration."

Joan won't call herself a "trailblazer" but was often the first woman on a board of men more concerned about calling her 'Ms' than what she had to say. Today she continues to mentor women engaged in leadership positions.

Sandy Bucello, member and former chair of Prom Country Aged Care Board, says of Joan's guidance: "She challenges you to think differently, keep an open mind and not accept the status quo if a change is necessary."

Joan joined the Food and Farming group within Just Transition South Gippsland to act as a resource and to make sure that farming will be part of the solution. Just Transition sees the need to decarbonise and aims to make this transition democratic and participatory.

Joan has long been active to make sure the South Gippsland Shire Council planning scheme prevents the breaking up of farming land and supports the long-term viability of farming.

To work effectively and achieve change, "you need to know how your community ticks" according to Joan, who loves the increasing diversity happening with successive migrations of people into the South Gippsland community.

"I would love to see more ethnic groups moving here and growing equity and inclusivity in our community," she says.

About her own work in the community, and especially her pioneering role on boards of governance, Joan says unassumingly: "I was in the right place in the right time."

She's certainly been in the right place at the right time for our lucky community and we celebrate her for that.

## Celebrate Her!

'Celebrate Her!' is a project inspired by the global celebration of International Women's Day and aimed at bringing it right back home to South Gippsland to celebrate the women who live and work amongst us in 2022.

Over the next 12 months, Celebrate Her! will collect nominations of women you would like to see acknowledged and we will work with them respectfully to record their voices and their stories.

The end result is to be a published collection that our whole community can be proud of.

It will be launched on International Women's Day 2023.

If you know a woman whose work amongst us, or whose advocacy, leadership and passion for issues that impact our community inspires you, please nominate her.

She deserves to be celebrated for what she does.

To fill out the nomination form, go to [promrecitals.org.au/celebrate-her](http://promrecitals.org.au/celebrate-her).

### Questions include:

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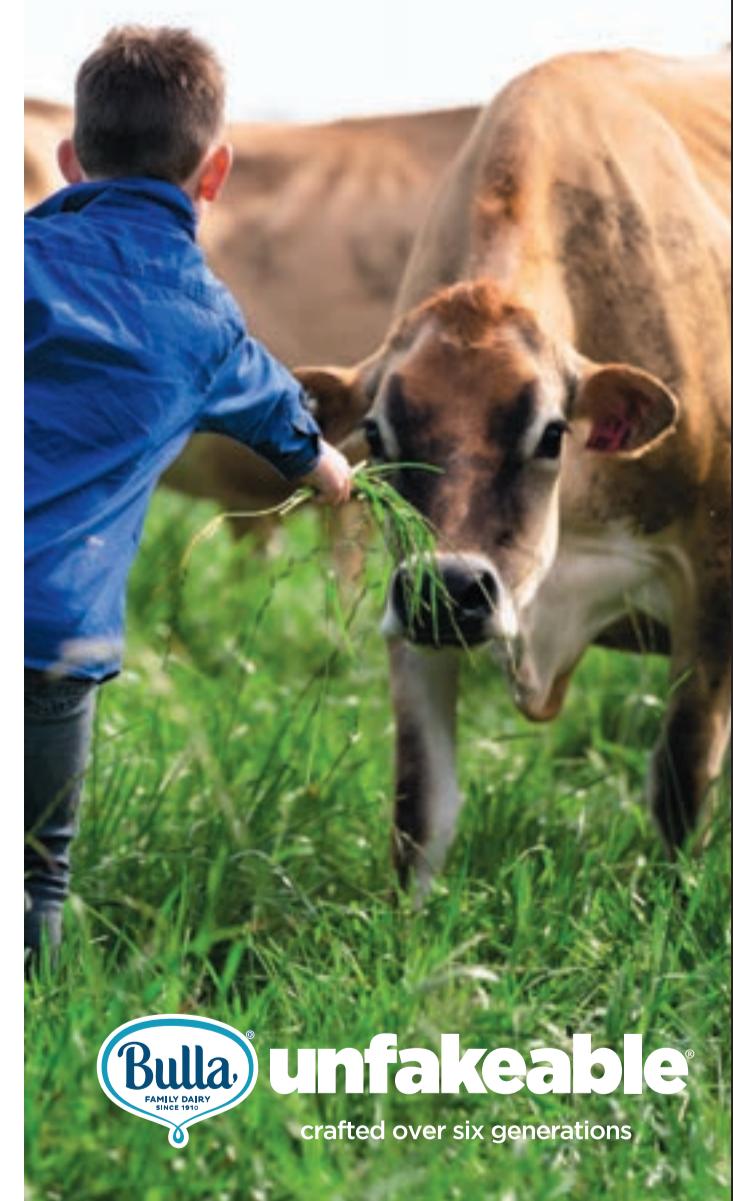
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# Josh Gardiner stars in Cinderella

ONE of our very own has taken to the stage in the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, Rogers + Hammerstein's Cinderella, in what is a hilarious and romantic experience.

Josh Gardiner plays Jean-Michel in a contemporary take on the Cinderella story.

"He's this little revolutionary that's friends with Cinderella.

"He helps her learn about the world – he's a university student; her quest is not only about finding true love but also about creating equality in the world.

"And he kind of inspires her on that journey; and I have a little fun love affair with one of the sisters along the way as well."

From farm to the world stage, Josh is a born and bred Leongatha boy.

He attended Leongatha Primary School and was heavily involved with the local theatre communities, shaping his path to success.

"My older sister was a dancer with Lisa Pellin Dancers, and I remember going to see her dance concerts and looking at her going, oh, I want to do this."

"As opposed to going to watch my brother play football and knowing that that's not what I wanted to do!"

With big dairy farms just out of town, Josh spent a lot of time at his grandparents, running through the hills singing.

"My first performance was in Grease, the musical with

**From performing in Grease at Leongatha Lyric Theatre, Josh Gardiner is now on the world stage at The Regent Theatre.**



Leongatha Lyric Theatre, I was 13/14 at the time – that was my first introduction to theatre.

"I did The Witches of Eastwick at Leongatha Lyric, then Wonthaggi (Theatre Group) Les Misérables and Cabaret.

"I was so lucky to have very supportive parents (Faye and Kevin), who drove me to Melbourne on the weekends.

"The State School Spectacular was big at the time - I did about three years of that.

"I'm still making up for (the driving) today!"

After completing his Bachelor of Fine Art (Musical Theatre) at university, Josh returned and performed as Peter Allen in The Boy from Oz.

"I auditioned for VCA and got in – I was so surprised – and spent three years there."

Fast forward to this year... "The last time I was at The

Regent, I was doing Billy Elliot the Musical but COVID killed that.

"I thought: 'Am I ever going to be on stage again?'

"I'm still pinching myself that I've got another job at The Regent and am excited to see where it takes me now that I can showcase that I can do comedic, heartfelt characters.

"The pandemic was really tough, especially because Billy Elliot was my first commercial show – my first big, proper job in theatre.

"I turned my energy into teaching Chinese kids English online, which was pretty fun.

"It was very, very difficult to keep that creative spark alive when there was no outlet.

"So once Cinderella came around, I just went guns blazing and it paid off!

"He's described as a firebrand in the show, which is

absolutely my energy at the moment.

"I just want to do everything and I'm going to do it loudly.

"I just keep shutting my eyes and opening them again to make sure it's not a dream because I'm in the rehearsal room with people like Todd McKenney, Silvie Paladino and Tina Bursill – these are icons of the Australian entertainment industry and to watch them work, it's like a masterclass.

"It's such a magical piece. I think people are really going to love it.

"Performing feels like nothing else – it feels like flying. It's so exhilarating.

"I especially love live theatre because you get to share such a unique experience with an audience in that very moment and it exists in just that little time that you shared together.

"It's just so electric. And I've never found anything else like it."

And if you think Cinderella is only for the younger audience, you will be sorely mistaken.

"This show is so full of humour and sass that it is going to appeal to so many people and the orchestration is stunning.

"After the pandemic, to be lifted into this magical world, full of laughter and joy. I think people are just going to absolutely love it."

Tickets are available from [cinderellamusical.com.au](http://cinderellamusical.com.au) with seats available until July 17 (inclusive) before touring Sydney and Brisbane.

## Public call over Phillip Island fox threat

THE risk to Phillip Island's most important asset, the world-famous penguin parade, posed by the confirmed arrival of the little seabird's ultimate predator cannot be overstated.

And the management agency, Phillip Island Nature Parks, has responded to a report that a fox had killed 30 chickens at Phillip Island Free Range Eggs in Ventnor on Sunday/Monday, May 8/9, by taking a range of actions and by appealing for public assistance.

They say prints and a scat were found initially, before infrared surveillance cameras captured a photo of the fox.

Stuart Murphy, Vertebrate Pest Program Manager at the Nature Parks, said traps have been deployed, and night-time surveys and detection dog surveys are being undertaken at the site and in surrounding areas to locate and remove the fox.

"The scat and other samples will be undergoing genotyping to determine the sex and obtain a DNA profile of the fox for future reference," Mr Murphy said.

"Foxes are the greatest land-based threat to little penguins on Phillip Island, so we've been monitoring the Summerland Peninsula regularly to ensure the safety of the colony and thankfully there has been no evidence of fox presence in the area to date," he said.

"We're asking for the community's help by reporting any fox sightings on Phillip Island to 0419 369 365."

"While we don't know how the fox arrived on Phillip Island, we do know the Foxcam is operating well and would have detected a fox crossing the bridge from the mainland."

"Foxes have been known to swim significant distances in search of new territory and food, and it wouldn't have been impossible for a fox to swim between San Remo and Phillip Island."

Nature Parks is also having regard for the developing colony of Eastern Barred Bandicoots.



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## Golf day to support South Gippsland families

ELDERS South Gippsland's annual charity golf day will be held on Friday, June 3, at Leongatha South Golf Club.

This year, Elders will be proudly supporting three families.

This includes eight-year-old Liam Lund, who has a very rare and serious condition, Aplastic Anemia.

Funds will also support Geoff Whykes, who was recently diagnosed with kidney, liver and lung

cancer and 11-month-old Emmie Donchi, diagnosed with Infant Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, a high-risk cancer for infants.

Elders are seeking donations, auction and raffle items.

Auction to be held and raffle drawn at the Golf Day.

For more information, please contact 5658 1894, [tracey.gollop@elders.com.au](mailto:tracey.gollop@elders.com.au) or Rohan McRae on 0417 836 664.

## Better cricket and soccer space for Inverloch

INVERLOCH'S Thompson Reserve is set for an almost \$400,000 sporting upgrade following a council decision to award the project contract to iDWALA at last week's meeting.

With funding support from the state government and the Inverloch Cricket and Inverloch Stars Soccer Clubs, construction is set for new multi-use cricket nets located at the reserve under the shire's 2021/22 Capital Works program.

The project will deliver five cricket nets (four private and one public), with works commencing end of May to August 2022.

The project had previously received funding

allocation of \$300,000 by council, however, the total project cost had risen to \$398,414 partly due to redesign works that occurred following adoption.

According to the shire, the redesigns were done at the request of the cricket and soccer clubs and provides extra cricket practice nets (five practice nets in total), plus a larger kick-about space for soccer.

Each club will provide \$25,000 to each towards the project.

Additional costs to meet the budget shortfall (\$50,000) will be managed within council's Capital Works Program.

# More funding please

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council will actively advocate for greater state and federal government assistance in six main areas through next month's Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) state council Meeting.

Each council in Victoria is able to lodge Notices of Motion (NOM) that have a state-wide significance to local government, for MAV members to consider.

The key themes on which South Gippsland Shire Council has presented NOMs are:

- Increased funding towards roads projects.
- Improved telecommunications and internet connectivity.
- Improved pest and weed management.
- Increased funding for early education infrastructure.
- Responsive maintenance and management of state-owned assets.
- Improved public transport to and within regional Victoria.

The issues presented in the NOMs were based on key themes identified during recent community engagement and the emerging advocacy themes outlined in council's current Draft Council Plan 2022-26, a report in council's May meeting agenda explains.

The NOMs presented by South Gippsland Shire Council call for a mix of State and Federal Government funding initiatives.

Councillors voted unanimously at Wednesday's meeting to endorse the six NOMs to be presented to the MAV State Council.

Cr Jenni Keerie spoke about the importance of local government authorities having such opportunities to work closely with state government to improve services and facilities available to ratepayers while ensuring they are



Cr Jenni Keerie is pleased South Gippsland Shire Council has taken the opportunity to advocate on issues important to its residents through the Municipal Association of Victoria. A13\_2122

treated equitably.

"There are so many cost shifting areas between state government and local government, that this is the chance for a united voice for local government authorities to say, 'We need to work on this together', Cr Keerie said.

Cr Mick Felton said the chosen themes South Gippsland Shire Council has elected to present at MAV's State Council Meeting reflect the issues councillors have been hearing about from community members since they ran for election.

Cr Nathan Hersey spoke of the importance of council advocating for

South Gippsland Shire communities, even in areas it doesn't have direct responsibility for.

"There are a lot of things people expect of council that are not in the remit of council, and for fear of sounding like Scomo, some of these things aren't our job, but what is our job is to advocate for improved services that are offered at different levels of government," Cr Hersey said.

"These motions are a reflection of what our community is telling us is important, so I think it's a great step in the right direction to continue to represent our community."

## ELDERS SOUTH GIPPSLAND ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY



FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 2022

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This year Elders will be proudly supporting three families.

### Liam Lund

At only 8 years old, Liam Lund has a very rare and serious condition, Aplastic Anemia. Liam's parents Vivienne & Greg, as well as Liam's two brothers, have spent many months travelling to hospital in Melbourne, while juggling work commitments, school and care at home.



### Geoff Whykes

Geoff has recently been diagnosed with kidney, liver and lung cancer. Having recently had major surgery to remove his kidney and part of his liver, Geoff is now facing another major surgery on his lungs. Following COVID and his cancer diagnosis, Geoff has made the difficult decision to close his local Korumburra butcher shop.

### Emmie Donchi

11 month old Emmie has recently been diagnosed with Infant Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, a high risk cancer for infants. Emmie's parents and older brother are facing many months to years of being away from home as Emmie undergoes chemotherapy and steroid treatments.

Elders are seeking donations, auction and raffle items.

Auction to be held & raffle drawn at the Golf Day.

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# Tea for a cause

WHILE enjoying a delicious morning tea and the opportunity to socialise was reason enough to head to the Fish Creek Hotel on Thursday for the Biggest Morning Tea, it was a gathering with a cause.

Part of the town's now famous Tea Cosy Festival, but like other Biggest Morning Tea events, the aim was to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

With attendees donating generously and a raffle held, \$2509 was generated for the cause.

Although a light-hearted atmosphere largely prevailed, there was a serious aspect to the occasion.

Megan Vuillermin of Sandy Point spoke of her two battles with breast cancer, the first of which hit at just 25 years old.

The second began aged 50 and is a continuing battle.

Megan spoke of the mental challenges of dealing with cancer and its effects.

The first time she felt too young to experience breast cancer, and this time she has a husband and children giving her even more to live for.

"I want to give myself every chance," Megan said.

She pointed to the huge advances in medicine and cancer treatment even in the 26 years since she was originally diagnosed.

Changes she has seen go

right across the spectrum, including testing, diagnosis, surgery and treatment.

"Your contribution today will go towards the changes that will happen over the coming years," she told her attentive audience.

Co-organiser Karen Dorling was delighted with the success of the day and appreciative of the guest speaker's willingness to talk publicly about such a personal issue.

"We are grateful to Megan for speaking so openly and honestly about her journey," Karen said.

Karen also thanked the Fish Creek Hotel for hosting the event, along with the Fish Creek traders, sponsors, and those who donated raffle prizes.

She also thanked all those who attended, praising their generous donations.

Karen is part of the Fish Creek Community Development Group, organising the Biggest Morning Tea event with other group members Helen Ritt and Kim Kemper.

"We as organisers were blown away by how well supported it was, so we couldn't be happier," Karen said.

In addition to the total raised at the morning tea, others donated online, so the overall amount had already risen by almost \$100 by Thursday afternoon.



Megan Vuillermin speaks about her cancer experience. A05\_2122



Joint organiser of Fish Creek's Biggest Morning Tea, Helen Ritt, with Fish Creek Hotel manager Craig Privett who provided the venue. A04\_2122

## Inverloch's Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser

AROUND 50 people attended a Biggest Morning Tea event at Deery Consulting in Inverloch on Thursday morning.

The successful fundraiser for the Cancer Council saw plenty of sweet and savoury goodies on the tables, along with tea and coffee.

Plenty of raffle tickets were sold, with first prize being a Family 4 Parks Pass to Phillip Island Nature Parks and a two-hour Natural Horsemanship Experience at Wattle Bank Farm.

Attendees heard from Peter Bland, of Wattle Bank Farm,

who fulfilled his lifetime ambition in 1985 by becoming the first Australian to walk to the North Magnetic Pole, and the only one to have ventured to both the North and South Magnetic Poles.

A book by Richard Yallop, titled 'A Step Too Far: Peter Bland and the Obsession of Adventure', was for sale on the day, with \$15 from each book going to the Cancer Council.

**RIGHT:** Peter Bland (centre), guest speaker at the Biggest Morning Tea, with Robyn Hodson and Paul Deery of Deery Consulting. mm032122



## No name lake given proud Bunurong Aboriginal name

A LAKE with no name located between Coronet Bay and Corinella has officially been called Wang toolome parnung.

Wang toolome parnung is a Bunurong name given by the Bunurong Elders.

With the help of a Bass Coast Shire grant, the Bunurong Land Council was approached by Coronet Bay Ratepayers' and Residents' Committee to commence the naming process.

Melbourne Water manage this waterway and they have been a support in this process.

Wang toolome parnung has been the focus of the recent Coronet Bay Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (CBRRA) fauna survey, which identified it as a vital habitat for the swamp antechinus.

This Australian marsupial is now listed as "vulnerable", and

this has elevated the status of the waterway and surrounding vegetation along the foreshore.

The foreshore is an important roosting site for egrets and cormorants.

It also attracts an array of waterbirds including the pacific black duck, Australian white ibis, white faced heron, black swan, grey teal, purple swamp hen, Eurasian coot and the spoonbill.

The CBRRA and the local community are now looking forward to a "naming ceremony" in spring.

This will include a smoking ceremony and a native planting by those who wish to participate on the day.

Please contact the CBRRA at [president@coronetbayrra.org.au](mailto:president@coronetbayrra.org.au) if you have ideas to contribute to this the naming ceremony or any skills to contribute.



Residents from Coronet Bay and Corinella celebrated the naming of the local waterway.

## Have say on draft Local Law

BASS Coast Shire has released the Draft Local Law No. 1 Neighbourhood Amenity 2022 for community feedback until June 16.

The Local Law, which must be reviewed every 10 years, covers a range of items - from unsightly land, roadside and footpath trading and planting on nature strips, to building sites and animal management.

A significant proposed change to the new Local Law is the inclusion of Short Stay Accommodation, which seeks to:

- Regulate the control and use of short stay rental accommodation.
- Ensure an appropriate standard of management of such accommodation.
- Implement a registration and renewal requirement of such accommodation.
- Set a 'maximum stay' duration for customers.

The draft policy also states registration would be required and that, "the owner or appointed agent of any private property must not advertise, use, or allow to be used, the private property for Short Stay Rental Accommodation, unless the private property is currently registered with council under this Local Law".

Other new additions to the draft Local Law include:

**Bees:** An owner or occupier of private property must, within seven days of becoming aware of the existence of an unmanaged European beehive or hives on the land, take steps to cause that hive or those hives to be removed.

**Display of vehicles on a road or municipal place:** A person must not display a vehicle, caravan, boat or any other thing for sale on a road or municipal place.

**Spoil on roads from vehicles:** A person must not allow any soil, earth, mud, clay, liquid waste or like substance to fall or escape onto a road from any vehicle which they are driving.

A number of in-person community sessions will take place at:

Inverloch Community Hub - Friday, May 27, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Old Post Office - Watt Street, Wonthaggi - Tuesday, May 31, from 2pm to 4pm.

Newhaven Visitors Centre - Meeting Room - Thursday, June 2, 5pm to 7pm.

For more information on the Local Law Review and to provide feedback, visit [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/lrreview-2022](http://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/lrreview-2022).

## Help shape offshore wind projects

THE state government is seeking feedback on how to develop offshore wind in Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

The Victorian Offshore Wind Policy Directions Paper includes procuring projects that will generate at least 2 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind by 2032 - enough to power 1.5 million homes.

The state government has set targets to bring online 2GW of offshore wind by 2032, with first power by 2028, 4GW by 2035 and 9GW by 2040.

In November last year, the government allocated approximately \$40 million under the Energy Innovation Fund to fund feasibility studies and pre-construction development for three major offshore wind proposals: Star of the South, Macquarie Group and Flotation Energy.

The consultation findings will be published on the Engage website later in 2022.

Have your say via [engage.vic.gov.au](http://engage.vic.gov.au).

## Sentinel-Times

### COMMENT

## Clearing the air after an election

IT'S been a long campaign and many people will just be looking forward to "getting on with it" regardless of what they made of the result.

We've hopefully got some clear air ahead of us now, notwithstanding the way COVID-19 is continuing to impact the area locally, and we can get on with our own priorities.

But you've still got to say something about what was the biggest story in the area in the past few months.

First off, congratulations to returning Monash MP Russell Broadbent!

To be honest, he got the whack he deserved from the electorate for the Liberal Party's messy performance in the 46th Parliament and for his own crazy response to the pandemic.

By all means, make your own choices where your own health is concerned but once the government you are a part of, based on the best advice of the Chief Medical Officer, Professor Paul Kelly, makes a decision on how best to handle a crisis, you can't be running interference with your own views, especially where lives are at stake.

But Mr Broadbent has been a good local member for many years, willing to go into bat for local community groups seeking funding, and individuals who fall foul of the bureaucracy.

What he needs to do now, however, is apologise to the community for getting it wrong, to clear the air, and to start turning up at events and activities around the place, to once again engage properly with the community.

Overall, though, it was great to see the political process in action on Saturday; young families turning up to vote with kids in pushers and dogs in tow. The local volunteers doing their stints on the booths and by-and-large everyone politely accepting 'how to vote' cards and getting the job done.

How fortunate are we, as a country, to be able to do that?

But it's a privilege that comes with a responsibility to protect our political process and the introduction of an Independent Broadbased Anticorruption body to oversee the conduct of our parliamentarians seems the right way to go.

And congratulations too, to our neighbour in Gippsland, Darren Chester, who seems to have got the balance right, being a terrific local member, and being someone who takes a practical approach to policy settings. If you get 71 per cent of the two-party preferred vote, you must be doing a lot of things right.

### Grantville quarry concerns

The destruction of 13ha of native bushland is too high a price to pay for progress. True progress is a government that invests in technologies and strategies to reduce our reliance on extractive industries to meet our construction needs.

**Jillian Staton, Tarwin Lower.**

### Looking for tigers

Have you seen a Tasmanian tiger in the past year in the South Gippsland catchment?

Please call Michael on 0434 904 944. I am an independent searcher/researcher. **Michael Moss, Rivervale.**

## Vox Pop

### Are you considering wearing a mask voluntarily?



**Heather Braithwaite**

Bena

"I still wear one if I'm a bit nervous about certain places and I've always got masks at the ready. With Covid, the flu and winter coming it doesn't worry me to wear a mask."



**Kate Reed**

East Kew

"I still wear masks in high density situations, such as in the cinema, supermarket, dance classes and the office and the AMA is recommending it for Covid and flu."



**Paul Reed**

East Kew

"Like my wife, Kate, I am still wearing masks in high density situations as advised by the AMA, and I recommend immune compromised people to wear them."



**John Frank**

Kardella South

"I still wear masks in some circumstances, such as in a crowded area like a theatre or supermarket."

### Shire contradicts itself

In reading the agenda for this week's Bass Coast Shire Council meeting, I came across what seems to be a glaring inconsistency.

At April's council meeting, a notice of motion (F2) to redesign the Anderson St car park redevelopment in Cowes and save three mature Southern Mahogany trees was defeated, with the meeting minutes stating: "The species are Eucalyptus botryoides (Southern Mahogany) and are listed as a Victorian environmental weed and not indigenous to Phillip Island."

One councillor was reported in the Sentinel-Times as saying, "I cringe when any vegetation is removed, and habitat lost to the wildlife. However, these trees are not Indigenous to the Island, and they can interbreed with other vegetation which is not what we want for our local vegetation."

In the agenda for May's council meeting, there is a planning application (H5) to remove four trees in Teddy Bear Lane, Cowes. Three of these are Southern Mahogany Trees. In this instance, the arboriculture report references two of these trees as "being of high environmental value... located on a site that abuts a vegetation reserve, they are considered to provide important habitat and contribute to the amenity of the area" and the recommendation is that these two trees are to be retained with only minimal lopping permitted.

Further, council officers state that their removal is not well supported under the Vegetation Protection Overlay and broader state and local policies within the Planning Policy Framework.

These two recommendations are contradictory.

Either Southern Mahogany trees are a problem that should be removed, or they form part of the local habitat and should be retained. Do the Vegetation Protection Overlay and Planning Policy support their retention or not?

Above everything else, Bass Coast Shire Council should demonstrate consistency in its decision making. The community deserves that.

**Andrew Marston, Ryall.**

### Integrity and climate change

Whoever our elected leaders are, they should possess integrity and they should all be working towards improving the future of ordinary Australians.

Everyone knows that climate change is already challenging the lives of many ordinary Australians and we haven't exceeded a 1.5C increase in average atmospheric temperature yet, but it's getting close.

Future generations of Australians will face vastly worse challenges, but hey, "it's not a race".

Any government that actively pursues the ongoing exploitation of coal, gas and oil is engaged in an act of environmental sabotage and also an act of bastardry towards its people.

People that I speak to want honest and responsible representation in Parliament but some people feel that this may be an impossible goal.

The first step in attempting to achieve responsible representation is to set up a federal ICAC (Independent Commission Against Corruption).

An ICAC with retrospective teeth will claw back some of the waste and deceit of the past three years in spite of a hollow promise by Morrison to set up an ICAC, at the last federal election.

If governments spend taxpayers' money on projects or grants that are not supported by independent evidence for the safety and benefit of the Australian people, then the Australian people deserve to have their hard-won tax dollars returned to the budget.

If the basic process of governance can be constrained by an ICAC, then more responsible governance should become the norm.

**Edward Minty, North Wonthaggi.**

*Editor: Shortened due to space.*

### Rethinking electric vehicles

So, you are thinking about purchasing an electric vehicle as your next car - as we should.

First let's get all the EV subsidies/incentives off the table and have a level playing field.

Like 'em or not, we are paying for them. Furthermore, those of us who like our current lifestyle should not be expected to pay for the unbelievably massive expenditure required to build the re-fuelling network infrastructure that EV owners will demand.

Remember we did not pay for all the service stations for ICE vehicles. What is fair about that? Your choice! You pay!

There is no point in regurgitating here the 'saving the planet' mantra espoused by those with a 'dark green' bent, or governments overly keen on virtue signalling.

You will most likely have heard them and formed a view anyway. There is plenty of reliable evidence to suggest any benefit to the planet by making EVs the norm is more than offset by the known disadvantages.

It's often repeated, "the science is settled". What a furphy! The science is never settled, nor should it be. For example, there's no answer yet to the EV 'end of life' questions. How to dispose of the batteries - already known to be extremely difficult to safely handle and transport to a dedicated disposal facility (there is one).

EVs could have a place in high density population zones, but they are not suited to the Australian way of life.

We like the freedom of open spaces and getting away from the 'big smoke' - towing stuff, like caravans, boats, horse floats, etc. That's what we do, but it's not what EVs are suited to at all. There aren't power points in many of the places we get to - as in fishing and camping.

Is anyone not time poor? You will soon get to hate hanging around in places you don't want to be in while your car does its thing for long enough to get you to the next filling station - maybe.

Probably got to wait there too, to get connected, while your kids are screaming their heads off.

Unexpected detours for things like floods, fires or traffic accidents can mean hundreds of unplanned extra kms.

How do you plan for those? Usually you will run the heater/air-con (de-misting is not optional) or you may get headwinds.

These things should not create worry about it being a 'trade off' affecting your capability to get to the next available re-charge.

The point is the distance an EV can get out of a charge is problematic. Highly unpredictable!

Hydrogen is the vehicle fuel of the future. The only emission is water. Similar performance, range, and fill time to hydrocarbon fuels. Finally, everything about EVs is made in China, whereas the hydrogen route allows 'Made in Australia' to be a major factor.

**Lindsay Love, Secretary, South Gippsland Action Group.**

### No consultation over parental leave

Reading Ali Wastie in the Herald Sun ('One super move would narrow gender pay gap, May 12, 2022) I have several questions.

As CEO of Bass Coast Shire, are you a ratepayer of Bass Coast? Have you consulted with local ratepayers before implementing your parental leave with superannuation benefits? Is \$60,000 the yearly superannuation component or the complete parental leave plus superannuation?

As a ratepayer, this is our money you are spending. Roads and rubbish are the main requirements of a council.

We live in a subdivision that has unsealed roads that are too narrow to pass the garbage truck, open drains that never get cleaned, yet you still allow occupied blocks to be subdivided which creates more traffic on already overcrowded roads.

Our rates have risen 50 per cent yet our services have diminished.

**Neville Boucher, Kilcunda.**

# Remember to breathe

BASS Coast Yoga Festival was held at Inverloch Community Hub recently.

With heaters in two of the three rooms, hundreds of individuals took to their mats for a spectacular array of yoga, meditation and workshops across Saturday and Sunday.

Immersing oneself for the weekend, there would be a few tender bodies around town with local yoga instructor Jacki Deering kicking off Saturday's first session with Rise and Shine.

By comparison, Matty Rainbow of Sound Healing Australia brought the festival to a close with an hour and a half Sound of Being Journey.

From laughter yoga to warrior poses, dance, meditation, journaling, Autumn food workshop, breathwork, yoga massage, flow and alignment and yin yoga to name but a few, it was a fantastic weekend of uniting individuals under a shared roof.

Presenters and visitors came from across Victoria and interstate with a number of local instructors also presenting.

**Matty Rainbow of Sound Healing Australia guided individuals through two Sound of Being Journeys - one Saturday afternoon and one in closing of the festival on Sunday. C06\_1922**



## Read a book, then go for a surf

MORE than just books, did you know Inverloch Library is now home to two 10ft paddleboards?

Inverloch, Wonthaggi and San Remo Libraries also have an array of surfboards, skateboards and outdoor sports equipment, too.

Myli members can borrow the outdoor sports equipment for a 24-hour period, making it simple and easy to get involved.

"It's great!" Inverloch Library officer Mick exclaimed.

"It's another thing we can offer for mental and physical health to the community.

"We were the first library to offer surfboards over five years ago - it's good and popular."

With the cost of surfboards and paddleboards often prohibitive for many people, particularly beginners, having access to equipment with a library membership is a valuable resource - creating community connection and encouraging individuals to get out and get active.

The new paddleboards were obtained through Bass Coast Shire Council's Community Activation and Social Isolation Initiative with Lucy Cousens.

"Borrow like a book - scan the barcodes and away you go!"

Visit [myli.org.au](http://myli.org.au) for more information.

**RIGHT: Patrons Madd and Alice were super excited to take Myli's paddleboards on their maiden voyage recently.**



## Local Guides enjoy state camp

GIRL Guides from Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Phillip Island headed off to Britannia Park in Yarra Glen for a state camp at the beginning of the Easter school holidays.

They were among 500 girls and 200 leaders who attended 'Camp Together' from Saturday to Tuesday, with lots of fun and games to enjoy every day.

The girls were divided into different subcamps and shared tents with Guides from other areas around the state.

Some of the camp activities included canoeing, caving, rafting, sustainability activities, circus activities, theatre, chariot racing, low ropes,

slacklines, robotics, camp cooking and much more. The girls could choose as they wished.

Kara Boyd, the youngest of the Leongatha Guides to attend, has completed her Junior BP badge as a result of attending the camp and challenging herself to try lots of new things.

**RIGHT: From left, spotter Kara Boyd (Leongatha Guide), and her new tent buddy, Ruby (Croydon Guide) and second spotter Anastasia Davidson (Phillip Island) enjoyed a state camp at Yarra Glen with Girl Guides recently.**



## Marine scientist speaks at Probus

SAN REMO Probus Club recently hosted guest speaker Rebecca McIntosh at the club's general meeting.

Dr McIntosh is a marine scientist at the Phillip Island Nature Parks, and she gave a very interesting address which was enjoyed by all members of the club and several visitors who came along to see what the club has to offer.

San Remo Probus Club meets at 10am on the second Monday of each month at the Newhaven Public Hall

and new members are always most welcome.

Apart from monthly guest speakers, the club boasts a variety of activities designed to promote friendship and fun amongst its members.

Come along to a meeting, introduce yourself and see what the club has to offer to retirees.

**RIGHT: Marine scientist Rebecca McIntosh was the guest speaker at a recent San Remo Probus meeting.**



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THE modern-day equivalent to layby - take it home with you today and pay it off.

With a multitude of services on offer from Zip Pay to Afterpay, Klarna and LatitudePay to Payright, promotional stickers line the façades in shopping centres and townships across Australia, including in Gippsland.

"A simple way to stimulate business growth for SMBs is by integrating with a BNPL solution like Zip so consumers can buy what they need at checkout and repay over an instalment period," Alyssia Elgawly of Zip Pay explained.

"An RFI Australian merchant study data recently indicated that over a period of the last 12 months, 86 per cent of Zip merchants saw an improvement in one or more sales metrics since they started accepting Zip, with 65 per cent seeing an increase in sales conversion and 60 per cent seeing customers making purchases more frequently.

"Zip Pay enables customers to spread the cost of their purchases over a schedule that meets their needs with zero interest, making it a more attractive option over credit cards."

With businesses like Melbourne Furnishing Co., Cactus Black, Wonthaggi Beta Home Living and Home Cook & BBQ offering Afterpay and the more traditional layby, there are options to suit all.

Formats have also changed over the last eight years. Today, businesses are often not privy to buy now, pay later payments until their statements come through.

"We had a very good response when it was first introduced," Melbourne Furnishing Co.'s Talia Abraham explained.

"But we also offer layby which is often better suited to our clientele."

"Zip is a responsible lender in the BNPL category and very different to the other players and is trusted by over 3 million customers in Australia," Alyssia stated.

"Zip has done credit checks on every single customer since day one, and as a result we make less than 1 per cent of our revenue from late fees."

"Our business model is not built to be reliant on customers falling into arrears."

"Zip believes that customers should only buy now if they can really pay later."

"We want to help customers be in control of their finances, so they can live their best lives."

Illa May, Panthers Menswear, Big W, Bunnings and Tyrepower are some of many businesses offering buy now, pay later services across the district.

## Shire councillors and staff visit Agnes Falls

ON THE afternoon of Wednesday, April 27, following a combined morning meeting at Port Welshpool, a number of councillors and staff from the South Gippsland and Wellington Shires paid a visit to the Agnes Falls.

Friends of Agnes Falls (FoAF) secretary Kathy Whelan and long-time member Peter Lee were invited to join them, with Kathy giving them all a warm welcome, as well as outlining some of the history of the group and activities under the auspices of the local rangers at Parks Victoria Foster.

It was an excellent opportunity to promote Agnes Falls and outline the importance of future plans for all ability access, and the long-awaited cantilevered viewing platform in the future, as part of visitor economy and tourism strategies across both shires.

The group is happy that so many visitors have been coming to the scenic location. The official visitation figure for April 2022 was 3767 visitors, making a total of 16,540 for the year thus far.

If you happen to be in the South Gippsland area on Saturday, May 21, you may be interested in visiting the Bendigo Bank Market Day, as part of the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival, with music and a magician on-site, as well as craft and food stalls, and a Friends of Agnes Falls display.

For further information about FoAF, please contact secretary Kathy on 5688 1400 or email [friendsofagnesfalls@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofagnesfalls@gmail.com).

# Preserving urban forests

BASS Coast Shire is currently developing an Urban Forest Strategy.

The strategy will drive improvements to ensure the shire grows a healthy, green and resilient urban forest that is well managed and protected.

The community can contribute to the strategy by completing a survey, which is open until May 29.

Following the survey, there will be additional opportunities to contribute through community group submissions and a community workshop.

An urban forest comprises all of the trees and other vegetation throughout the shire's urban area. It includes street and park trees but also trees and vegetation in backyards, along waterways, in industrial areas and in conservation areas.

The urban areas to be covered are The Gurdies, Pioneer Bay, Grantville, Tenby Point, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Bass, San Remo, Newhaven, Cape Woolamai, Surf Beach, Sunderland Bay, Smiths Beach, Sunset Strip, Wimbledon Heights, Rhyll, Silverleaves, Cowes, Ventnor, Kilcunda, Dalyston, Wonthaggi, Cape Paterson and Inverloch.

The shire has provided the following timeline for the strategy:

- May 2 – 29, 2022 - Community survey open for public comment.
- May 16 - June 12, 2022 - Community group stakeholder submissions.
- June 6–17, 2022 - Community workshop.
- July 25 - August 24, 2022 - Public exhibition of draft Strategy.

## IN BRIEF

### Clean the bus stop, they say

THE Biggs Drive bus interchange in Wonthaggi is missing timetables and needs a good pressure wash, according to one regular bus user.

He said there were missing timetables at the interchange, which was leading to people missing their bus, waiting too long, or simply giving up and not using the bus.

He outlined other issues, including the signage at the Wonthaggi bus stop, and whether it was up-to-date with the correct information.

The resident said he raised the matter with both the Bass Coast Shire Council and Public Transport Victoria.

### Drop off your unwanted paint

PAINTBACK is celebrating its sixth birthday with the great news that Australians have returned over 36 million kgs of unwanted paint and packaging to the national paint recovery scheme since it was established.

The successful Paintback scheme receives unwanted paint (both water and oil based) and paint packaging at over 165 permanent Australian collection sites and ensures it is disposed of safely or repurposed for other industrial uses.

It's free to drop off unwanted paint. Locally, you can drop it off at the Wonthaggi Transfer Station. For more information, visit [paintback.com.au](http://paintback.com.au).

### A month earlier for Rodney Vincent

ORGANISERS of the upcoming Rodney Vincent concert were so excited ('Senior Citizens celebrate 55 years, May 17), they accidentally pointed to June 27 as the date of the concert when it should have been May 27.

Either way, all concerts are open to the public and bookings/enquiries can be made to [seniorgipps@bigpond.com](mailto:seniorgipps@bigpond.com) or phone Ian on 0400 574 923 – and that includes the Rodney Vincent concert on May 27!

# Continuing to open minds

WHILE talk of diversity often comes across as contrived, that was far removed from the bright, vibrant and happy celebration of IDAHOBIT at Leongatha Secondary College (LSC) on Tuesday, May 17.

The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia, and Transphobia promotes diversity, something LSC embraces.

"It's a day when everyone can celebrate freely and doesn't have to feel like they're judged or pressured," year 8 student Caitlin Hibberson said.

That sentiment was shared by others in her year level, Ace Foster and Jenna Coolidge.

"It's a chance for everyone to be themselves and not worry about the consequences," Ace said.

"IDAHOBIT is a day when I can have my say about how I feel about my sexuality, and it's a day where everyone can come together as one big community to celebrate that people are different and can have their own opinions," Jenna said.

Rainbow colours were worn with pride, with students enjoying the social atmosphere and the live school music performance.

Humanities teacher Mitch Kay spoke of the importance



**Mitch Kay (humanities teacher), Gabe Windsor (business manager), Denita McMillan (leading teacher student voice and agency), and year 8 students Caitlin Hibberson, Jenna Coolidge and Ace Foster. A02\_2122**

of IDAHOBIT, making it clear that its message is one that LSC aims to embrace every day.

"We're a school that values respectful relationships and it's important all people experience respect and safety at school regardless of sexuality or gender," Mitch said.

"IDAHOBIT gives us an opportunity to celebrate and affirm our LGBTQIA+ students and staff, and broader

community as well."

Mitch explained that young Australians who are transsexual or gender diverse experience mental health issues at around six times the rate of other Australians their age, with discrimination a core driver of that.

Denita McMillan, leading teacher student voice and agency, said a diverse range of students played an active part in organising the event.

She said the day helps open minds and broaden the acceptance of difference within the school community, something she believes is already at a high level.

*If you need support, talk to a GP or health professional. Support services include SANE Australia on 1800 18 SANE (7263) or [sane.org](http://sane.org); Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36 or [beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.org.au); Lifeline on 13 11 14 or [lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au).*

## Howard and Elaine celebrate 75 years of marriage



**Howard (Hec) and Elaine Oprey with their cake celebrating 75 years of married life and surrounded by congratulatory cards from the Queen, Prime Minister, Governor General, and various politicians.**

HOWARD (Hec) and Elaine Oprey of Dumbalk celebrate their 75th anniversary this Thursday, having married on May 26, 1947, both aged just 21.

"I don't think they've ever had a cross word," daughter Marg Cantwell said of her parents' enduring love.

She added that in most of the photos she has of them, they are holding hands.

As they look forward to officially reaching their milestone, Hec and Elaine are surrounded by congratulatory cards from the Queen, Prime Minister, Governor General, and various politicians, and are enjoying the attention.

They went to school together in Dumbalk and started dating at age 17.

Hec and Elaine had eight children who they raised while running their dairy farm.

The couple now has 27 grandchildren, 64 great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren, with that set to rise to eight in August.

Elaine still cooks and enjoys keeping an active mind by tackling word search puzzles.

Richmond Football Club remains a passion for Hec who has persuaded many of the family to follow the yellow and black.

In his younger days he played many games for Dumbalk Football Club, long before its 1964 merger with Meenyan.

These days Hec enjoys gardening.

Although the couple no longer farm, they still live on part of the property, much of which has been sold and continues to operate.

Having farmed since a young age, Hec still loves to sit outside and watch the cattle.

Elaine and Hec had an early celebration with their children and their partners, with Marg's sister-in-law Ruth Oprey making a delightful cake for the occasion.

On Thursday, there will be a morning tea with family to mark the official 75-year milestone.

## Group of friends celebrate turning 80



**From left, Graham Turton, Huie Nation, Glenyne Cherrett, Doug Close, Pam Coulston, Graham Walker and Caroline Snooks.**

BACK in the year 1942, seven babes were born in the Korumburra, Shepparton, St Albans, Wonthaggi and Lilydale areas.

As they grew and moved to Korumburra area, they joined the Young Farmers and Bena Football clubs.

These seven became very close friends – namely Graham Turton, Huie Nation, Glenyne Cherrett, Doug Close, Pam Coulston, Graham Walker and Caroline Snooks.

As time went by, they all married in the 1960s and remained great friends.

Now, all have been married for 55-plus years, still have

each other, and happily married to this day, and have good health and have been very blessed.

They have continued to enjoy a birthday meal each year at different venues in the area, and all turned 80 this year.

The four men all live at Inverloch now, and the three ladies live in Korumburra.

Six of the seven were dairy farmers, in the Bena, Moyarra, Korumburra and Outram areas. The seventh families produced 25 children, so the country air must have been good for them. Happy 80th birthday!

# SORE NECK? CONSIDER A CHIRO

SPINAL HEALTH WEEK 23-29 MAY 2022

## What is Spinal Health Week?

SPINAL Health Week is the Australian Chiropractors Association's flagship campaign, which will take place from May 23 to 29, 2022.

This year, the ACA is raising awareness of the causes and negative effects of neck pain, with the 2022 theme, 'Sore Neck? Consider a Chiro'.

Back and neck pain is recognised as one of the leading causes of disability globally. Research shows that neck pain is a leading cause of disability in adults (reported in up to 20 per cent of adults), with many presenting for assessment.

In the Global Burden of Disease study in 2010, neck pain ranked fourth highest in terms of disability and 21st in overall burden. Not surprisingly, neck pain (cervicalgia) constituted in the top five back problem hospitalisations in 2017-18.

The Australian Chiropractors Association says this clearly demonstrates the need to educate Australians about their options for neck pain treatment and to consider chiropractic care as their most suitable healthcare option.

## A good night's sleep

A GOOD night's sleep is essential for good health and overall wellbeing. However, is poor sleeping posture slowing you down?

A healthy and supported neck can be greatly impacted by a poor night's sleep. From old mattresses to incorrect sleeping positions, bad posture and inadequate sleep can all place unnecessary strain on your neck.

According to the Sleep Foundation, 33 per cent of your life is spent sleeping, so the way you sleep should help, not hinder, your spinal health.

Sleeping in awkward positions can cause back and neck pain, along with fatigue, muscle cramping and other health issues.

If you are hindered by pain from poor sleep, and neck pain is slowing you down, then consider chiropractic care.

## Improving screening for serious spinal pathology

By Dr Aron Downie

GLOBALLY, back pain is an enormous personal and societal problem.

Every year, an estimated 577 million people worldwide experience back pain. Providing care for patients with back pain is a core business for the chiropractic profession as it is the most common symptom presenting to chiropractors globally.

The initial assessment is a vital screening step in providing care for patients who present with a new episode of back pain. Chiropractors and other primary care providers (GPs, physiotherapists, osteopaths) are confronted daily with the rare but real possibility that patients who present with back pain may have cancer as an underlying cause.

Early detection of life-threatening cancers can increase survival and quality of life through timely intervention.

My program of research aims to improve clinical decision making during the initial assessment of back pain. Recently, I proposed a new framework to identify red flags for potentially serious spinal pathologies, but more primary research is needed. To move this field forward, a large-scale research study that matches the patient presentation (back pain) with cancer diagnosis must be conducted.

During my short research career, I have had the privilege of collaborating with world leaders in back pain



research. A new project that I am leading brings together 12 multidisciplinary researchers from the University of Oxford (UK), University of Sydney, University of Technology Sydney and Macquarie University. The research is funded by Macquarie University in partnership with the Australian Chiropractors Association (ACA).

The aims of our study are to:

- Estimate the proportion of patients who have cancer as the underlying cause of their back pain; and
- Develop a diagnostic screening model to help identify patients at greater risk of having underlying cancer as the cause of their back pain.

Very large sample sizes are required to achieve these aims. No such database exists in Australia. Our solution is to use the United Kingdom (UK) Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD), a nationally representative routine care database of 60 million patients from 2,000 practices in the UK, linked with the National Cancer Registration and Analysis

Service (NCRAS).

Briefly, this is a diagnostic accuracy study that will use the CPRD to collect information on back pain presentations from an estimated two million patients, matched to the NCRAS to ascertain cancer diagnosis. We will confirm cancer as the cause of their back pain if there is a cancer diagnosis recorded in the registry within three months of the initial visit.

Features from the clinical consultation will be collected from the CPRD, along with detailed patient information on any previous history of cancer in the previous ten years (cancer site, tissue type and stage) from linkage with the national cancer registry. This will be the first study to use a nationally representative sample to address screening for cancer in patients with back pain.

Ultimately, this research will help all clinicians move from screening for cancer by 'intuition' towards an evidence-based approach. The chiropractic profession (clinicians and researchers) will be an important part of this change.

## Avoid 'Tech Neck'

IS THE endless scrolling on your device causing you neck pain?

The endless social media browsing, swiping and texting is having a huge impact on your overall neck health. 'Tech Neck' is now becoming a common health issue.

Tech neck refers to the neck pain and posture damage that consistent looking down at devices for extended periods of time places on your neck. Staring down hunched over your phone, can put immense amounts of pressure and strain on your neck and spine.

On average, Australians spend 5.5 hours on their phone each day. A third of us check our phone within five minutes of waking up in the morning and 70 per cent use our phones during mealtimes.

Technology is here to stay, but that doesn't mean tech neck has to. Changing a few habits can make a huge improvement to the stress placed on your neck. For instance, changing the way you hold your phone, so the screen is at eye level, means you are less likely to be slouched in a forward-head position.

If your habits are causing you pain, then Consider a Chiro! Your local ACA chiropractor carefully assesses each patient individually and tailors your care accordingly, by using a variety of non-surgical techniques, such as spinal adjustments, manual therapy and low-force intervention to offer a drug-free, hands-on approach to healthcare.

For a full list of references used in these articles, go to [chiro.org.au](http://chiro.org.au).

## Care for your neck

DID you know that chiropractic care can be a preventative healthcare option?

Meaning you don't have to wait until you're suffering from neck pain to seek help for it.

Whether you're a new or existing chiropractic patient, if you're eager to maintain your neck health before it becomes a problem, then join the 300,000 Australians who visit a chiropractor each week.

Implementing positive spinal health habits in the first place, including good posture, sleep hygiene and partaking in regular stretching and exercise regimes are important factors in preventing neck pain.

Chiropractors can offer advice and assistance to help you make appropriate lifestyle choices and reduce the risk of spinal health issues arising in the first place.



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# Winter Warmth



## Five tips to keep the winter power bills down

### 1. KEEP the heat you're paying for inside your home.

Draught-proofing is one of the cheapest ways to keep your home warm. Doing it well can save you up to 25 per cent on your heating bills.

Install brush-strip seals for under the doors or draught-proofing strips. Block the gaps around internal doors too.

Draught-proof rooms you're not heating, such as laundries and bathrooms.

2. Investing in quality curtains and blinds can make a surprising difference to your home's warmth.

Look for fabrics that insulate well or curtains with thermal lining. Fitted pelmets (curtain boxes) above curtains also reduce heat loss.

You could instead hang curtains that reach from the ceiling to the floor. A low-cost option is to fit a strip of light timber across your curtain rail.

Installing an additional layer of glazing on windows and skylights will increase energy efficiency. This traps a layer of air and helps keep the winter chills at bay. This also helps reduce outside noise. Double-glazed windows can be expensive to retrofit. There are cheaper options like products with a thin plastic coating that fit over windows.

3. Set your thermostat. You can save money by having a programmable thermostat. Keep the internal temperature set between 18°C and 20°C.

Every degree you increase your heating use can add up to 10 per cent to your energy use.

Set your thermostat to warm your house for times you need it. Turn it off overnight and when you're away from home.

4. Install a water-efficient showerhead. Hot water accounts for a large chunk of your



**Have you considered insulating your roof? Up to 45 per cent of the energy that heats our homes leaks out through ceilings and roofs. Talk to an expert to find out what's best for your home and its climate. It's important to safely install insulation that meets Australian standards.** Photo: energysaver.nsw.gov.au.

power bill. A water-efficient showerhead is one of the most cost-effective ways to save. They are also relatively easy to install.

5. Insulate your roof. Up to 45 per cent of the energy that heats our homes leaks out through ceilings and roofs.

Talk to an expert to find out what's best for your home and its climate. It's important to safely install insulation that meets Australian standards.

### Five longer-term investments to consider

1. Insulate floors and walls, and rug up floors. You could save up to 20 per cent on your heating and cooling bills if you insulate your walls. Floor insulation can save you an additional 5 per cent.

Get expert advice when looking into wall and underfloor insulation. Warm

rugs and thick carpet underfoot will also make a difference to comfort levels.

2. Double-glazed windows. If you've got money to invest, laminating or double-glazing windows could be for you. Double-glazing can be especially useful for windows that you can't easily cover with insulating blinds or curtains.

Lower cost options for windows include laminating products that you can attach to your existing windows. This option and the curtain ideas listed above will all make a noticeable difference to your comfort levels. Double glazing can further reduce your heating and cooling requirements.

3. Reconsider your second car. Are you thinking about buying a second car? Perhaps you've done the sums and are considering the benefits of getting rid of an unnecessary second car?

If you can do without a second car, you're likely to save thousands of dollars each year. You could avoid registration, insurance, loans and running costs. The money you save could cover occasional trips by taxi when needed.

4. Installing solar PV panels is a great way of capturing the sun's energy to generate electricity at home.

Solar power systems will help reduce your electricity bills as well as your impact on the environment.

Solar power can be connected to the electricity grid. It can also be set up as a stand-alone system where electricity is stored in batteries.

If you install a solar power system at home, you could receive incentives called Small-scale Technology Certificates (STCs). You may also be able to sell the excess electricity you generate to electricity suppliers under a feed-in tariff.

5. Be energy efficient when you buy, build or renovate. If you're buying or building a home or renovating, consider increasing its energy efficiency.

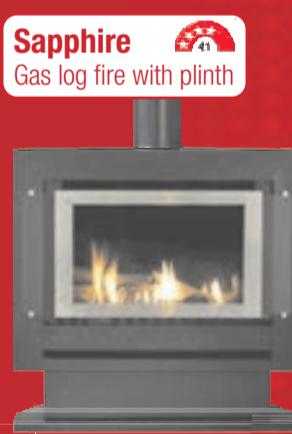
Building and renovating is an exciting time. It can also be complex and stressful with all sorts of decisions to make. You will need to decide the design of the home or extension. Choose how you insulate, heat and cool your space. Purchase new energy-efficient appliances. Your choices can improve comfort levels and cut your heating, cooling and water costs for many years to come.

Many experts can give you advice on home energy efficiency and help with your planning. They can save you money and bother over the longer-term.

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## Buy bulk and save

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"Heat pumps use 80 per cent less energy than storage water heaters," Jessica said.

"Have a look at your electricity bill – if your off-peak usage is high, this will be the amount being used to heat your hot water.

"If you club together for purchase, installation costs are lower.

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"They are manufactured in Morwell, so maintenance and replacement parts are easy. Local electricians are contracted to install the heaters, so you are supporting local jobs."

Cosy Homes volunteers are working hard to prepare local homes for winter.

"We have carried out 19 energy assessments and draught-proofing for Bass Coast householders."

For more information, email [cosyhomes2122@gmail.com](mailto:cosyhomes2122@gmail.com) or call Jessica on 0438 174 029.

**RIGHT:** Christina Mann admires the new draught-proofing on her front door with Jessica Harrison from Cosy Homes.



## Autumn firewood collection open

THE autumn firewood collection period is now open, with designated firewood collection areas in Gippsland accessible to the public.

An increased amount of firewood is available this season after extensive clean-up and bushfire preparedness works conducted by Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) crews.

The autumn firewood collection period runs from March 1 to June 30.

FFMVic's Peter West said the extra volume would help meet the increasing demand but added it was still a finite resource.

"Collection limits include taking a maximum of two cubic metres per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year. Collected wood is for personal use and must not be sold.

"The felling of trees and cutting of hollow logs for firewood is also prohibited. Hollow logs and dead trees provide critical habitat for a wide variety of native species."

Planned burns could impact on firewood collection this autumn, with FFMVic likely to close off some collection areas at short notice, especially in East Gippsland. Closures will be notified onsite. You can also contact your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) office, call 1316 186 or go to [plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au](http://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au).

For more information, including maps and updates throughout the season, go to [ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood](http://ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood) or [plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au](http://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au) for the latest information on planned burns.



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Cynthia Walker and Christine VanEck helped out at the Biggest Morning Tea event at Deery Consulting in Inverloch. mm012122



Adam Leys and Joy Salmon of Inverloch attended the Biggest Morning Tea at Deery Consulting last week. mm022122



Ryanston's Emma Burfitt of Emazing Parties, with son Asher, attended Thursday's Biggest Morning Tea event at Deery Consulting. mm042122



Milvia, Sandra and Lucy were proud to support this year's Biggest Morning Tea at Inverloch's Anglican Church last Wednesday. nsSnap1\_2122



Lisa and Fran Backman are ready to enjoy their morning tea in Fish Creek. A06\_2122



Pauline and Graham Alman of Merton enjoy the Biggest Morning Tea during their trip to visit the Tea Cosy Festival. A07\_2122



Sisters Hattie and Georgie Wilde with Rosie Lyons and her sister Isabel Whyte enjoy Fish Creek's Biggest Morning Tea. A09\_2122



Fish Creek's Mark, Christina and Maximilian at the town's Biggest Morning Tea. A10\_2122



Patricia Parkinson and daughter Lucy at the Biggest Morning Tea in Fish Creek. Patricia was selling some of her teapot collection to raise funds to assist people from Ukraine. A11\_2122

# Snapped Out

Pictures of your and your friends at the Biggest Morning Tea events at Fish Creek and Inverloch and the Newhaven College Foundation Day.



The Kranen family, Montana (end of table), Lyndsay, Georgia, Makenzi, Bec (mum), and Kiarnah, with friend Ryan Marshman. Bec is a regular at the Fish Creek Biggest Morning Tea and has previously shaved her head to raise funds for the Cancer Council. A08\_2122



Despite dealing with a power outage, Carol, Bev and Liz couldn't stop smiling during the church's Biggest Morning Tea. nsSnap4\_2122



Mary was selling an assortment of jams and other accessories to help raise funds for the church's Biggest Morning Tea event. nsSnap5\_2122



Wendy and Life Governor Shirley Broad attended the Newhaven College 2022 Foundation Day on Friday morning reflecting on the history of the independent college. Z03\_2122



Indie and The Bones Kyoto band perform at the Newhaven College 2022 Foundation Day on Friday morning, showcasing the musical opportunities within the college. Z04\_2122



Maureen and Kath were more than happy to support this year's Biggest Morning Tea. nsSnap6\_2122

## POUND CREEK



Peter when he was Pound Creek Captain with Chief Officer Euan Ferguson in 2012.

# The young boy from Holland

FROM a young boy in Holland during World War II to school principal and Pound Creek Brigade Captain, Peter 'Ziggy' Vanzuyden's life has seen many colours.

"We moved house to Pound Creek – directly opposite the fire station," Peter started.

"I used to think they were a pack of clowns running around with hoses and so on, but the neighbour who saw us arrive walked up the track and said: 'Oh good, a new fire brigade member!'"

That was 22 years ago.

Knowing nothing about being a firefighter, Peter set to work completing all the relevant courses – low structure, weather forecasting, bushfires, first aid...

"By the time I'd been in for five or six years, I was promoted to Lieutenant."

As Fourth Lieutenant, Peter was responsible for training new members.

"Then, I was Second."

"Two years later, the Captain at the time, Chris Buxton, said I'm going to mentor you. You'd make a good Captain."

Enthusiastic and a keen firefighter – and after exclaiming to Chris not to be silly – Peter put his name forward in 2010. There were no other nominees.

"All of a sudden, I'm Captain – all the little badges."

"I made quite a lot of friends, not only in our local community, but also in Warragul (regional head office)."

The first to put his hand up for Strike Teams, Peter has seen many campaigns, including the Thomson Dam Ridge Fire, Black Saturday, Bunyip, Heyfield and Glenmaggie.

"I continued to study, completing the Crew Leaders course, then Strike Team Leader, and Sector Commander."

"Black Saturday I was responsible for 25 tankers – and all the personnel on board."

At the young age of 76, Peter has handed over the reins and stepped back.

And whilst he will always be a part of Pound Creek, having been awarded a Brigade Life Membership – Jewel Award for his years of dedication and service, and the National Emergency Medal VIC Fires '09 in recognition of his service during Black Saturday, he's taking a backseat.

"There was one we got hemmed in."

"Jindivick and Labertouche. It's relatively flat and the fire just raced across."

"You could see it travelling over the paddock and the Divisional Commander said, 'Get out of there, there is nothing you can do.'

"That was the scariest moment."

"Safely out, the hardest are the road rescues."

"We all dread the motor vehicle accidents."

"You never know when you might be called upon to assist, and we've come across some horrific situations – they're the hardest."

Depending on other people and lots of eyes, Peter's takeaway by comparison is the camaraderie that comes with being a part of the brigade.

"Camaraderie and making lifelong friends."

"I won't leave Pound Creek, it's like a men's club for the community."

"Mostly farmers, we've got a membership of about 45 including 12 ladies of which four are firefighters, and 33 male firefighters."

"Age unfortunately is a worry – we've got guys who are still reasonably active but they're approaching 80."

"We are actively encouraging women to join as firefighters – there is no favouritism."

"Some of the firemen who've approached the later years of their life have now joined the auxiliary (that started 40 years ago) to help!"

Welcoming young blood at the tail end and finding new roles for older members is just part of a successful volunteer brigade.

But fires have not always taken the forefront in Peter's life with teaching taking him to Sweden, Western Australia and every inch of South Gippsland.

"I went to Teachers College – with matriculation in maths and science."

"The college principal got up at our final assembly and said, 'now all of you are going to be appointed to rural schools, but some of you we are going to ask to go to high schools because we're short of maths and science teachers.'

"I was amongst them."

"I ended up going to Wonthaggi High in 1966."

Meeting his wife, Roz, in Teachers College, the pair have three daughters – Sheri, Lindee and Kristy, and eight



Peter, Roz and the girls as they prepare to embark on their four-month journey around Australia in 1980.

grandchildren.

"Roz is one of the best teachers I have come across."

"She has the kids in the palm of her hand."

In a career that spanned 27 years at Leongatha Primary School, Roz studied infant teaching, specialising in Prep to Grade 2.

"The way she set a room, and interacted with children, the kids loved coming to school."

Transforming a simple classroom into a pirate ship for example, Roz took learning to an exceptional level.

From Werneth to Arawata and Marden South, Peter's career took him to small rural communities.

"We got married and the school was advertised as having a head teacher's house, but when we arrived the place was all rubble, it had burnt down – we had nowhere to live."

"Luckily, one of the farmers had a spare house on his farm, so we lived there."

From prep to year 8, Peter fondly remembers the students.

"We were so far from the nearest high school, probably an hour and a half away, I still remember Terrence Matthews (Year 8)."

"He decided he wanted to stay at the little school and be a mentor to all the little kids."

"He ended up going to Hamilton Boarding School a year or two later."

As small rural schools closed, with parents opting to send their kids to larger schools, Peter was offered Postgraduate Studies at Monash in Special Education and Psychology.

"I was one of 600 that applied, and 20 people were selected, so I spent two years at Monash studying psychology and ended up working as a special education consultant to all the schools throughout South Gippsland."

"That was my job for 10 years."

"The headteacher would ring up or the principal and say: 'I've got three kids in grade four who have come to us and they're illiterate - what can we do?'"

After 10 years on the road, the vice principal position came up at Leongatha.

"I was sick of driving all over the place from morning to night, so applied for the

vice principal's position and got it."

"It'd been 10 years, working as part of the school administration team, and as often happens, the principal retired."

"I applied for the job but missed out."

"It gave me the opportunity to apply further afield."

Landing at Bass Valley Primary School, Peter was the principal they had been looking for.

A special assembly for the then Minister of Education, Phil Gude, secured the funding for the new facilities.

After 10 years at Bass Valley, Peter took retirement at 55 through the government's early retirement scheme.

Recognised as innovative during his teaching career, Peter also wrote a book on language skills through his studies in psycholinguistics, became a certified Justice of the Peace and secured a Rotary Club nomination to visit Sweden.

A year after his three-month stint in Sweden, the education department contacted him.

"We need you to go to Western Australia to spread the word about special education units."

"For one month I went to the Goldfields Region from Kalgoorlie down to Esperance..."

Esperance was a far cry from Rotterdam in Holland where Peter was born.

Inspired by his mother's ability to speak multiple languages, Peter attended a French-Dutch kinder prior to the family's move to Gippsland; when for grade four at Tarwin Lower Primary School, Peter and his three little brothers would ride to school on the back of a dapple-grey pony.

"I remember arriving at Station Pier, and the De Bondt's, a friend of dad's, greeting us."

"They had assisted in our escape from the Nazi regime."

"Totally embedded in our community, my 'city folk' parents tried their hand at dairy farming."

A far cry from his mum's interpreter role back home.

A decorated firefighter and well-known teacher in the community, Peter is keen to inspire the next generation as he settles into life back in Leongatha.

"Leongatha has always been home – we've returned home."

## Latest from the Nature Parks

By Kevin Love, Chair, PINP

THE Phillip Island Nature Parks' Board met on March 23 and 24 on Phillip Island.

The board were able to resume their induction and familiarisation activities for the new board members, which included meeting some of the staff across the sites.

On Wednesday, in addition to our board meeting, senior ranger Daniel Kallstrom hosted the board on a walking tour of the eucalypt woodland at the Koala Conservation Reserve, upon which, they viewed the Bush Stone-curlews and some resident koalas enjoying a mid-day nap. They were provided a behind the scenes tour of the Barb Martin Bushbank with nursery coordinator James Anderson and were especially impressed with the diversity of Indigenous plants on offer at the nursery.

That evening, they enjoyed a dinner in Cowes, followed by an entertaining show on the Penguin Parade stands watching the penguins waddle home, hosted by our visitor experience supervisor, Gretel Templer.

The following day, they held the annual budget planning workshop with management at the Nobbies Centre, where they used the new upgraded conferencing facilities in the Ocean and Summerland rooms. We look forward to these facilities hosting conferences and events in the years to come.

The board noted that the Nature Parks operations has continued to be affected by border closures and restrictions for the first six months of the year. Although a good summer period has helped with cash flows, the rest of the year will be tight.

Below are some more highlights from the March board meeting.

### Food and beverage operations

We announced in February that Delaware North, the Nature Parks' food and beverage partner will be leaving the Nature Parks.

This month the board received a progress update on the expression of interest for food and beverage services and was pleased to see a number of capable providers being considered by the evaluation panel. The board discussed the goals and future aspirations for meeting the needs and expectations of our visitors.

The board endorsed management to proceed to the next stage of the project.

### Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) program

In recognition of Bass Coast's unique features and special characteristics, the Victorian government declared the Bass Coast Shire a 'Distinctive Area and Landscape' under the Planning and Environment Act 1987, enabling better protection of the area's environmental and cultural values through planning and robust decision making. As the public entity responsible for land management on Phillip Island, the Nature Parks' Board is supportive of the distinctive area and landscape planning process and discussed a Nature Parks' submission to the consultation.

The board noted that the objectives set out in the DAL were consistent with that of the Nature Parks.

### Strategic risk and policy review

Each month the board undertakes a monthly strategic risk review and considers organisational policies. Last month, the board endorsed the Child Protection and Safety Procedure, approving changes to move towards all Nature Parks' staff and volunteers holding Working with Children Checks.

This month the board reviewed and endorsed the organisations strategic risk associated with the protection and safeguarding of children on Nature Parks' sites and reserves. The board noted the controls and treatments management has in place to mitigate this risk and was comforted to see that over 50 per cent of staff had undertaken the Child Safety training being rolled out by People and Culture.



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Delta Nu trio, from left, Cassie Pennicuik, Ellen Kavanagh and Helena Leonards.



Kerryn Moren and Jackson Beesey.

# Familiar and fresh

WONTHAGGI Theatrical Group (WTG) is proud of the entertainment it brings to the community and beyond through harnessing the support of hundreds of volunteers, creatives and businesses.

Director Kerryn Lockhart is new in this role at WTG, however, many audiences have been wowed by her many performances including as Donna in *Mamma Mia* last year.

Kerryn has created a fresh and dynamic team with choreographer Emily Laughlin and alumni of the community Mitchell Brusamarello as Musical Director.

Emily has created frenetic, interesting and snappy choreography with attention to detail at the forefront.

Locally educated, Mitch Brusamarello has been musically directing for other companies and we are thrilled to have him in his home community sharing his knowledge and expertise.

Kerryn is a strong believer in the community theatre creates and has worked tirelessly alongside Emily and Mitch to bring the best out in the cast.

WTG audiences will be familiar with the work of Jade

Dalton in the lead role of Elle Woods.

Jade has dazzled audiences in many WTG ensemble and dancing roles, with her soaring voice captivating as Cosette in the 2018 production of *Les Miserable*.

Jade is a powerhouse as the iconic lead character. She's got a strong voice and will deliver some truly heartbreakingly moments among the 'pep' of Elle Woods' infectious personality.

We welcome Zac Krause to WTG who offers an endlessly sweet and straightforward voice-of-reason to the role of Emmett, while local Drama teacher Steven Boon's interpretation of the jerky ex-boyfriend (Warner) will provide a perfect balance of faux-charm and smarminess.

Seasoned WTG performer Kerryn Moren (Paulette) is set to hilariously steal scenes whether she's bending and snapping or traipsing around her hair salon in her leopard print, spindly heels below her double denim!

Enhancing the show's comedy and Elle's support system comes in the form of Elle's sorority sisters Margot

(Helena Leonards) Serena (Ellen Kavanagh) and Pilar (Cassie Kirk).

This powerful trio sizzle across the stage in fine style with snappy dance moves, amusing character traits and beautiful harmonies.

Imogen Whittaker (Vivienne) brings her incredible voice and fine-tuned acting skills to the fore providing the perfect foil to Elle's 'perkiness'.

Jay Nelson (Professor Callahan) is extremely well known to WTG audiences, however, his attention to detail in his character work means that many people keep thinking they are seeing a new actor every time!

The ensemble shine both in energy, theatricality and friendship.

The challenges which have been thrown at them due to the ongoing COVID landscape have not dampened their spirit or a striving for excellence. They are a community, relying on and trusting each other whilst bringing their 'A' game to each and every rehearsal - let alone once they're under the lights!

The dynamic duo Mark Har-

rison and Orla McCarthy have steered the ship as production managers. Working across WTG and Leongatha Lyric theatre they have been a marvelous addition to our theatre scene and provided cast and crew with support, structure and immense problem-solving skills.

Set design by the multi-talented Louise Adkins is cleverly highlighted by the creative, highly experienced and respected Trevor Wyhoun's lighting design.

Miriam Robinson is designing her first show as Costume Designer. Miriam attended Newhaven College and has started at the Victorian College of the Arts in 2022.

Committee member and seasoned creative Sara Skate has brought her usual high standard to the creation and sourcing of props.

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# Classic film to feel-good musical

THERE'S no shortage of movies-turned-stage musicals, however, they can have varying degrees of success in translation. Legally Blonde the musical doesn't have this problem encompassing all the elements that made the cult-classic film so beloved - and in doing so, is just as relevant and timely in 2022 as the movie was in 2001.

There is something so intoxicating about the empowering 'feel-goodness' of the film which is perfectly captured in the musical.

Legally Blonde the musical tells the story of Elle Woods (Jade Dalton), an intelligent young woman and a stereotypical 'blonde' with plenty of brains hidden under layers of designer bags and pink dresses - who follows her ex-boyfriend Warner (Steven Boon) to Harvard Law school to prove that she can be serious enough for him.

Along the way, she struggles to fit in with her snobby classmates including Warner's new girlfriend Vivienne (Imogen Whittaker), finds friends in her Law 101 TA Emmett (Zac Krause) and local hairdresser Paulette (Kerryn Moren), and works her way through the imposing, critical

legal industry while upholding her trademark positive nature.

Legally Blonde the musical is a straightforward feel-good story packed to the brim with catchy numbers and demanding choreography (Emily Laughlin). There are clichés, but it doesn't lean on any one point too heavily.

The message is a simple one - the story of a girl who works hard and comes out on top, all while remaining true to herself.

Director (Kerryn Lockhart) loves the message of the musical and has passionately pursued bringing the cast into Elle's world with the same optimism.

It's a simple yet important reminder for women in a world where it seems like the main narrative girls grow up with is that they need to be someone else to succeed in their careers, or to find love. Something that runs that deep in how our world functions can't be resolved by a two-and-a-half-hour musical, but it's a great start!

You are guaranteed to leave the show happier than you came in and during these ongoing challenging times - what a bonus.

**RIGHT:** Jade Dalton and Buster (aka Peanut).



## SONG LIST

### Act I

"Omigod You Guys" - Elle, Serena, Margot, Pilar and Company  
"Serious" - Elle and Warner  
"What You Want" - Elle, Serena, Margot, Pilar, Kate, Elle's Parents, Grandmaster Chad and Company  
"The Harvard Variations" - Emmett, Aaron, Enid, Padamadan and Harvard Students  
"Blood in the Water" - Callahan and Company  
"Positive" - Elle, Serena, Margot, Pilar and Company  
"Ireland" - Paulette  
"Ireland (Reprise)" - Paulette  
"Serious (Reprise)" - Elle and Warner  
"Chip on My Shoulder" - Elle, Emmett and Company  
"Run Rufus Run/Elle Reflects" - Elle and Emmett  
"So Much Better" - Elle and Company

### Act II

"Whipped into Shape" - Brooke, Callahan and Company  
"Take It Like a Man" - Elle, Emmett and Salespeople  
"Bend and Snap" - Elle, Paulette, Serena, Margot, Pilar and Company  
"There! Right There!" - Elle, Callahan, Emmett, Brooke, Vivienne, Warner, Enid, Judge, Nikos, Carlos and Company  
"Legally Blonde" - Elle and Emmett  
"Legally Blonde Remix" - Vivienne, Elle, Enid, Brooke, Elle's Parents and Company  
"Scene of the Crime/Omigod You Guys (Reprise)" - Elle, Judge, Serena, Margot, Pilar and Company  
"Find My Way/Finale" - Elle, Paulette, Emmett and Company

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# Music for all seasons and all people in Meeniyian

AS DID all of Victoria, Meeniyian had to close its doors to live music for many months under Victorian restrictions.

It has been a delight to see live music revived and a vast variety of live music return. Local group, The Lyrebird Arts Council, is excited to be back presenting shows at Meeniyian.

Victorian artist Paul Dempsey (Something for Kate) is doing a very short run of intimate solo performances and will rock up at Meeniyian on Saturday, May 28.

Widely regarded as one of Australia's favourite and best songwriters, Paul Dempsey is a national treasure, and his live shows prove why he is one of the greatest musicians alive today.

Equally masterful alone on stage, armed only with an acoustic guitar and his voice as is he is backed by his band of over 20 years, Paul Dempsey is one of the country's most treasured and original artists. He will be joined by special guest Adrian

Stoyles (The Gin Club).

Victorian musician Jim White was recently chosen to be artist in residence for The Melbourne Rising Festival.

A festival three years in the making, built by and for Melbourne, it invites people 'to get lost, go deep and shake loose'.

The Lyrebird Arts Council is doing what they do best and bringing a taste of what can often only be experienced in large capital cities to people in small country towns.

Lyrebird will present an exclusive regional performance of one of the major Melbourne Rising Festival's special performances: Xylouris White.

Xylouris White don't do polite folkloric music. They direct-inject us with the culture that spawned the blood and fury of such characters as Theseus. Nor are they obsessed with priggish, academic authenticity.

In an age when music groans beneath so many sub-genres as to make them all obsolete, George

Xylouris and Jim White don't try to squash their fully rounded concept into someone else's square box.

They simply revel in making the music that results from being who they are: a Cretan lute-artist and singer, and a New York-based Melbourne rock drummer.

From pop to punk to folk to jazz with a splash of country and soul, the Lyrebird Arts Council presents an array of music for all seasons and all people. Perhaps one of their more challenging, yet undeniably fulfilling evenings of music not to be defined by genre will be Xylouris White on June 4.

Supported by Creative Victoria, now is the time to get back out and enjoy live music.

For more information, go to [lyrebirdarts council.com.au](http://lyrebirdarts council.com.au). For tickets, email [lyrebirdarts@gmail.com](mailto:lyrebirdarts@gmail.com).

**RIGHT: Victorian artist Paul Dempsey will rock up at Meeniyian on Saturday, May 28.**



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THE Tarwin Lower Film Society has rescheduled its May film showing to Friday, May 27, due to the Tarwin Lower Hall being used for federal election polling.

The society is showing 2017 UK drama 'I, Daniel Blake'. It's a touching story of a widowed carpenter, unable to work due to a heart attack, who has to navigate through the agonising welfare appeals process and makes an unexpected friend along the way.

Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start. BYO nibbles and drinks. New and existing members welcome. For more information, see [tarwinlowerhall.com](http://tarwinlowerhall.com) or contact [tlfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:tlfilmsociety@gmail.com).



Some of the members of Stringz Costero enjoy a recent rehearsal in Korumburra. They are, front, Dayna Roberts (violin), Laura Gibb (viola da gamba), and Mary Watson (violin); back, Alison Dunn (violin), Pamela Sheehan (cello), Ronald Murley (bass), and Elizabeth Radcliffe (cello).

## Stringz Costero to perform in Korumburra

CHAMBER music lovers are in for a treat in Korumburra, with Stringz Costero to perform an assortment of its favourites in the grandeur of St Joseph's Catholic Church in June.

Works of Handel, Bach, Avi-son, Elgar and Barker will feature.

Spanish for 'Strings of the Coast', Stringz Costero usually holds a couple of concerts a year.

Although its schedule has been hampered recently for obvious reasons, the group presented a successful Baroque concert in Wonthaggi last year.

Stringz Costero has been running for around 10 years and is comprised of musicians from the local region, being based in Korumburra.

Its musical director and lead violinist Dayna Roberts

recently played at WOMADElaide, the Arts Centre Melbourne, and the Port Fairy Folk Festival as part of a band supporting singer and song writer Kutcha Edwards, a Mutti Mutti man.

Other Stringz Costero members play with the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra, Streeton Court jazz band, Cosmos, and perform in local theatre productions as well as providing music lessons.

"We are a dynamic community group who love to play strings together," Stringz Costero cellist Pam Sheehan said.

Group members meet on Wednesday evenings at the Korumburra RSL hall, playing a wide variety of music from early Renaissance through Baroque to Romantic pieces.

"Violins, violas, cellos and basses together equals strings

heaven," Pam said.

The ensemble comprises players of all ages and standards.

"We have players who have had professional careers in music, competent amateurs and a few who are new to playing," Pam said.

However, with Stringz Costero aiming for a high standard of performance at all times, newer players are encouraged to tackle only the portions they are comfortable with.

Those joining the group can look forward to a supportive environment, something that applies to all its members.

Regular workshops are held with a professional violinist who assists Stringz Costero performers to play cohesively and learn new skills.

"As a string ensemble we choose to be led by a violinist

rather than a conductor and so develop strong ensemble playing skills and take responsibility for our own musical interpretations," Pam said.

Pam is delighted to be playing in the setting of St Joseph's Korumburra.

"The majesty of the roofline holds the sound so well," she said.

While the performance will include some works of modern composers, they will be played in chamber music style.

### Details

Where: St Joseph's Catholic Church, 6 Guys Road Korumburra

When: 2.30pm Sunday June 19.

Cost: The performance, including refreshments, costs just \$10 with tickets available at the door. Those aged 16 and under enter free.

## Art show returns

THE Corinella & District Community Centre is pleased to be able to hold its annual Traditional & Contemporary Art Show on the long weekend, June 10 to 13.

The Bass Valley Lions Club and the Bass Coast Shire will be the major sponsors for works in painting, sculpture, wearable art, etc.

The art show highlights the artistic and cultural efforts of the community both locally and interstate.

Bass Coast is fortunate in having an amazing population of artists who show their work in the show at the Corinella Community Centre.

All the works will be for sale, with prices ranging from \$100 to \$5000 in sizes up to 1.5 metres.

The grand opening will be held on Friday, June 10, 7.30pm-10.30pm, and the show will be open on Saturday, Sunday and Monday 10am till 4pm.

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## QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

### EUROPEAN GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

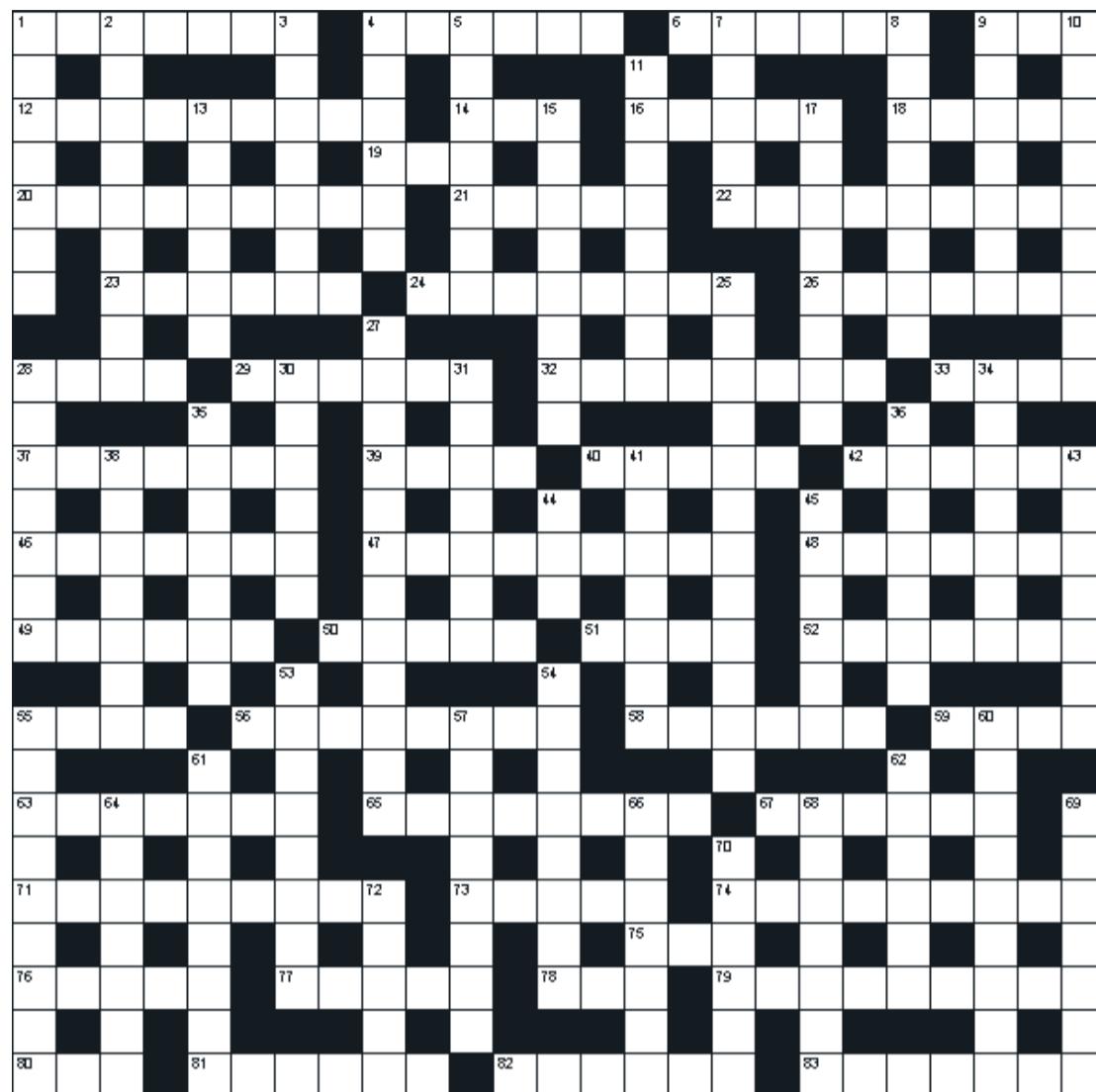
- [\$100] Which European city has more than 35,000 kilometres of dedicated cycle paths? A. Budapest. B. Amsterdam. C. London. D. Warsaw.
- [\$200] Where would you find the Spanish Steps? A. Madrid. B. Rome. C. Barcelona. D. Lisbon.
- [\$300] Which European country has the longest total coastline? A. United Kingdom. B. Norway. C. Greece. D. Italy.
- [\$500] Which of these countries wasn't an original member of NATO? A. Denmark. B. France. C. Iceland. D. Turkey.
- [\$1000] What is Europe's longest river? A. The Danube. B. The Volga. C. The Seine. D. The Reine
- [\$2000] Which of these countries is Europe's smallest by area? A. Monaco. B. San Marino. C. Luxembourg. D. Vatican.
- [\$4000] What country is geographically separated from continental Europe by the Pyrenees mountains? A. Spain. B. Italy. C. Croatia. D. France.
- [\$8000] What European country is bordered by Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, and Austria? A. Bulgaria. B. Hungry. C. Russia. D. Austria.
- [\$16,000] Germany is divided into how many states? A. 8. B. 16. C. 24. D. 32.

- [\$32,000] Poland is situated on the southern end of what sea? A. Aegean Sea. B. Black Sea. C. Baltic Sea. D. Norwegian Sea.
- [\$64,000] What is the capital of Lithuania? A. Valmiera. B. Taurage. C. Vilnius. D. Riga.
- [\$125,000] What is the tallest mountain in Europe? A. Mount Corno. B. Mount Elbrus. C. Mount Olympus. D. Mount Blanc.
- [\$250,000] What is the highest inhabited country in Europe? A. Andorra. B. Liechtenstein. C. Croatia. D. Switzerland.
- [\$500,000] Which of these countries does not have a monarchy? A. Liechtenstein. B. Belgium. C. Finland. D. Norway.
- [\$1,000,000] At an altitude of 2061 meters, Mount Hoverla is the highest point in which country? A. Austria. B. Germany. C. Ukraine. D. Serbia.

**Quiz answers:** 1. B. Amsterdam. 2. B. Rome. 3. B. Norway. 4. D. Turkey. 5. B. The Volga. 6. D. Vatican. 7. C. Vilnius. 8. B. Hungry. 9. B. 16 states. 10. C. Baltic Sea. 11. Finland. 15. C. Ukraine.

## GIANT CROSSWORD

Sourced from: [www.puzzlechoice.com](http://www.puzzlechoice.com)



### ACROSS

- The fifth planet (7)
- Elevated (6)
- Edge (6)
- Consumed (3)
- Algebraic symbols (9)
- Edible tuber (3)
- Notions (5)
- Jumped (5)
- Unwell (3)
- Cut (9)
- Fails to win (5)
- Hinder (6)
- Happened (8)
- Illicit (7)
- System of beliefs and rituals (4)
- Buy from abroad (6)
- Amulet (8)
- Sort (4)
- Perplexed (7)
- Dimplomacy (4)
- Publish (5)
- Profited (6)
- Dried grapes (7)
- Felons (9)
- Number (7)
- Bicycle for two (6)
- Extreme happiness (5)
- Particle (4)

- Protected (7)
- Yield (4)
- Precise (8)
- Airstrip (6)
- Flows out (4)
- Vegetable (7)
- Pleads (8)
- Chacma (6)
- Predominant (9)
- Proverb (5)
- Innovation (9)

## MAGIC SQUARES

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### Instructions:

- You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 12 in the puzzle.
- You can only use the numbers once.
- The sum of the numbers in the rows, columns and the diagonal must be the same as the numbers that are printed around the puzzle

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## SUDOKU

Level: Hard

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### Instructions:

Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

## SOLUTIONS: May 17, 2022

### Crossword:

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### Sudoku:

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### Code Cracker

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## New government must prioritise rental property crisis: PIPA

THE incoming Labor government must prioritise the current rental property crisis, according to the Property Investment Professionals of Australia (PIPA).

PIPA chair Nicola McDougall said the supply of rental properties is at record lows around the nation, with the situation set to worsen due to softer market conditions and rising interest rates.

"Investors have been mostly missing from the property market since well before the last Federal Election, predominantly due to nationwide investment lending restrictions, but also because of the political posturing on negative gearing during the last election campaign," Ms McDougall said.

"Investor activity only returned to historical averages in March this year, which means they have not been significantly adding to rental supply for the best part of five years.

"With markets cooling and interest rates rising it is likely that investors will retreat from the market once more, which will further exacerbate the financial pain that tenants are experiencing."

According to SQM Research, the national vacancy rate hit just 1.1 per cent in April, with only about 40,000 vacant rental properties around the nation. In May 2019, the vacancy rate was 2.2 per cent, with about 75,000 vacant properties available at the time.

"This data shows that there are about 35,000 fewer vacant rental properties now than there was three years ago, which clearly highlights the current rental crisis," Ms McDougall said.

"The commonly accepted equilibrium point of a balanced rental market is a vacancy rate of 3 per cent, with many markets around the nation record-



Property Investment Professionals of Australia chair Nicola McDougall.

ing rates of below even 1 per cent."

According to SQM Research, the vacancy rate in Adelaide and Hobart was just 0.4 per cent in April, with Brisbane and Perth recording 0.7 per cent.

PIPA welcomes Labor's Help to Buy policy as a potential way to assist some low to middle-income earners into home ownership as well as its pledge to build 30,000 new social and affordable housing properties over the next five years.

"I am concerned about a homeowner being able to upgrade to a bigger home in the future, since they will be required to pay back the government's initial equity stake, plus capital gain, if using the Help To Buy program. Their first home might in fact be their last," Ms McDougall said.

Building 6000 social and affordable properties annually was also a drop in the ocean compared to what is actually required to provide accommodation for our current and future population, Ms McDougall said.

"With overseas migration set to soar over coming years, where are these new Aussies going to live if we don't even have

enough rental properties to house our current population?" she said.

"A system needs to be developed to encourage the private and public sectors to work collaboratively together to increase rental supply and to improve rental affordability for tenants."

Ms McDougall said longer term investors may be concerned about what lies ahead for them given the historically negative view of investors by the incoming government.

"The demonisation of property investors seems to be a national sport in Australia when more than 70 per cent of investors own just one property, hoping to simply improve their financial situation in retirement," she said.

"Rather than continuing to view investors as 'greedy' or an endless source of funds for government coffers, perhaps it's time to recognise that they also provide rental housing for millions of Australians?"

"Indeed, it is an uncomfortable truth for some that the present rental crisis is predominantly a result of investor inactivity over recent years, which is hardly a sign of 'greed' when markets have been booming like never before."



An application to subdivide land at Harmers Haven into two lots was not supported by council.

## No backing for Harmers Haven subdivision

A PLANNING application to subdivide land into two lots at 60-76 Viminaria Road, Harmers Haven, was rejected by Bass Coast Shire councillors last week.

The proposal would also see the removal of native vegetation and received 24 objections and five submissions of support.

The subdivision was not supported by the shire as:

- The application didn't demonstrate storm event flows and consequently impacts on adjoining public and private land can be appropriately managed.
- The proposal is inconsistent with the objectives of Planning Policy, which broadly seeks to protect biodiversity, minimise cumulative impacts on the coastal environment, and discourage growth in township of Harmers Haven.

Key features of the proposal included a lot (Lot 1) to the west containing an area

of 1287sqm, which would have included a building envelope setback 10 metres from the frontage, 13 metres from the western boundary, and three metres from the proposed boundary between Lot 1 and 2.

The balance of the land was proposed to be at Lot 2, with a total area of 1.016 hectare.

The subject site is densely vegetated, undeveloped and vacant.

According to the shire, the land also contains the largest piece of remnant native vegetation in private ownership in the area, with a significant amount of the land deemed undevelopable due to wet conditions.

Concerns raised by submitters included the loss of a significant area of native vegetation, clearance as an accelerator to climate change and the impact on the hydrology of the swamp and adjoining land.



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### GRAZING, FATTENING, TURNOUT PROPERTY | 102 AC



**BENA**

- Undulating and gently undulating 'Bluegum' Country
- Well fenced to 11 paddocks with excellent treed shelter
- New steel stockyards, 85 head capacity & truck access
- Water via dams with a reliable 40" plus annual rainfall
- Two winter creeks
- Sealed road access to both ends of property

Price \$1.2 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P23927

**MARDAN**



- Lot 1 - 153.95 AC, Lot 2 - 4.03 AC, Lot 3 - 286.46 AC
- Highly productive & versatile rural holding
- 3-bedroom home boasting mountainous vistas (Lot 2)
- 2-bedroom weatherboard cottage/guest house (Lot 3)
- Excellent shedding, cattle yards and equine facilities
- Water via dams, springs & tanks plus 40" annual rainfall

Price Expressions of Interest Elders Web ID: 300P17517

### 'POOWONG PARK' | 58.87 AC



**POOWONG**

- Flat to very gently undulating land
- Quality high fertile soils & treed plantations
- Extremely well fenced to 5 paddocks
- Water via dams/troughs & 40" plus annual rainfall
- Lock up shed, hay shed & stockyards with good access
- Situated 5 minutes to Nyora, 8 minutes to Poowong

Price \$1.1 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P6935

### 'SEA CHANGE' | 10 AC



**WELSHPOOL**

- Excellent opportunity for self sufficiency
- Spacious 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom home
- 10 acres of flat to gently undulating land
- Town water connected plus 2 dams
- Established orchards & vegie patches
- Exceptional shedding & animal enclosures

Price \$950,000

Elders Web ID: 300P6931

## 15 Hankinson Court, Mirboo

### AUCTION:

Saturday, June 4 at 12.30pm

- 227 acres in three titles
- Outstanding modern 30sq home
- Machinery and hay sheds
- Lane system and cattle yards
- Extensive Tarwin River frontage
- Great fertiliser history
- 23 paddocks, 40 inch rainfall
- Excellent water supply
- 10 spring fed dams



**Phelan & Henderson & Co**

Contact Simon Henderson 0428 740 750 or David Phelan 0429 050 349

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## Solid family home

LOCATED in a quiet, no-through street is this lovely, well-presented family home.

Features include:

- Three generous bedrooms with built-in robes.
- Spacious central bathroom with separate toilet and laundry.
- Modern kitchen/dining/living area.
- Solid fuel heating and wood fire.
- Lock-up shed and large enclosed backyard with easy to maintain gardens.
- Undercover entertaining area.

For more information, please call Kellie Thomas on 0438 647 449.

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640m<sup>2</sup>

4 Gibson Street, **Leongatha**

**For Sale** \$650,000

**Agent** Nutrien Harcourts  
Kellie Thomas 0438 647 449



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EXPRESSIONS  
OF INTEREST



### DUMBALK (SOUTH GIPPSLAND) - 715 Meenyan-Mirboo North Road

#### 189ha approx. (467.25 Acres) 'Aquavale' - Established Productive Dairy Farm

Situated on approximately 467.25 acres in 7 allotments to be sold individually, as a whole or in combination. Offered for the first time in over 56 years.

Offering 3 individual homes, a 42 stand rotary dairy, ample shedding, all weather laneways & Tarwin River frontage. Productive Bluegum Country.

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
Closing June 3, 2022 at 5pm (E.S.T.)  
Terms 10% Deposit.  
Balance in 60 Days.  
Inspection by appointment only.

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## Prepare to fall in love with this picture perfect property

SURROUNDED by nature on approximately 8 acres of undulating land, this superbly presented farmlet is a dream come true.

Set amidst productive and colourful gardens, the miner's cottage captures the charm of a bygone era but is only 15 years old.

The wide front verandah is just the spot to sit and relish in the stunning outlook whilst you plan your day.

Inside is filled with natural light and warmed with a large central wood heater.

The open plan living/dining area features gleaming polished solid timber flooring, a bespoke kitchen and French doors out to an entertaining patio.

There are two double-sized bedrooms downstairs along with a charming bathroom/laundry.

Steps lead up to the third bedroom/sitting room tucked into the roofline that offers delightful views over the property from the dormer windows.

Nine other structures on the property have all been built with an artist's eye for aesthetics – from the potting shed, library room, studio overlooking

a lily filled pond, woodshed and barn right down to the 'Hobbit House' set on the banks of the lake – looking just like a scene from a movie with private jetty, stone bridge, fireplace and outdoor cooking area.

Much of the block is established bush with a towering canopy of native forest – koalas are constant visitors along with abundant bird and wildlife.

Around the home is a mixture of stunning European trees bright with autumn colour and fruit trees. The terraced gardens again are a blend of annuals along with productive herbs, vegetables, fruits and berries. A creek runs through the gully and there is abundant static water onsite.

On the market for \$895,000, contact Andrea Adams from SEJ on 0429 822 801 to arrange an inspection.

**3 | 1 | 3.24ha**

586 Central Road, **Mirboo**

**For Sale \$895,000**

**Agent** SEJ Real Estate  
Andrea Adams 0429 822 801



**YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE & LIVESTOCK SPECIALISTS**

### KARDELLA



- Grazing block - suited to cattle, horses or agricultural pursuits
- Country hideaway, a place to potter, play and grow - peaceful
- 9.3 ha/23 acres (approx.) undulating to steep in parts with views
- Fenced with 3 dams and great shelter in what is described as a warm block
- A neat Barn shed, an ideal camping spot with opportunity to expand
- Well sheltered with tree plantings and close to the Great Southern Rail Trail

**\$380,000**

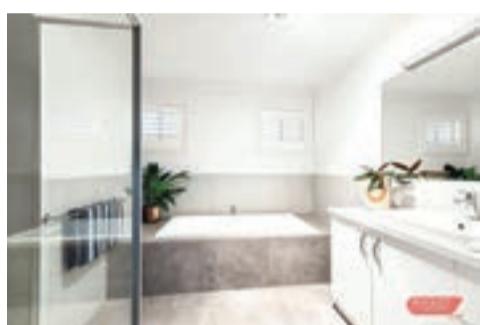
### MIRBOO NORTH



- Genuine 5 acre (approx.) lifestyle farm let – all set up ready to enjoy
- Excellent fencing throughout the property with shelter & water
- Custom built dog kennel (7) pens with runs – opportunity here!
- Hen house, fully enclosed, assorted shedding and stock yards
- 3 bed, 2 bath plus study, new window furnishings & floor coverings
- An easy 5 minutes' drive to Mirboo North – motivated sellers!

**NEW PRICE \$885,000**





## Custom built family home

THIS immaculately presented four-bedroom home is situated in the ever-popular Seagrove Estate on Phillip Island, and conveniently located only minutes from the beach and the main shopping strip of Cowes.

A lovely network of walking tracks and footpaths provides safe and easily accessible walks to the beach or bicycle rides around the various parklands.

Upon entry to the home, you are greeted by a lovely wide entrance hallway, setting the tone for the whole house. High ceilings and plenty of light create a great sense of space.

The master bedroom gives you a resort feel at home. Light and bright, with plenty of windows to allow the sun through, plantation shutters, ceiling fan, a walk-in robe with custom built shelving and drawers, as well as an ensuite with stepless shower.

As you continue down the hall, you will find the first of two living areas. This is the perfect place to sit back relax and read that novel as you soak up the sun streaming through the north-facing windows. Alternatively, give the teenagers their own space or set up the children with their own play area.

The second living area adjoins the kitchen and dining area, with a full northerly aspect, open plan hostess kitchen with a huge walk-in pantry, 900m cooktop and oven, dishwasher, stone benches and a large island bench big enough for relaxed dining complement this exceptional family area.

A separate wing provides three further bedrooms all with built-in robes and

ceiling fans, and central family bathroom.

The undercover outdoor area with a full northerly aspect is a great place to enjoy a relaxing morning cuppa or an evening of entertaining friends. The backyard is beautifully landscaped and provides various areas for enjoying the outdoors, whether it be gardening or just sitting in the sun.

The double garage provides internal access through the mudroom to the laundry or the main hallway. A second driveway, with double gates to one side of the property, allows access for the boat or caravan.

Custom built by a local builder, this home is designed to take full advantage of its northerly aspect. Featuring two reverse cycle air conditioners, double glazed windows, insulated subfloor, external walls and ceiling space and an impressive 6.8-star energy rating, this home will keep you warm in winter and cool in summer.

A home of this calibre won't last long, so call to arrange your inspection of this spectacular home now.

Call Alex Scott & Staff Phillip Island on 5952 2633 to arrange a private inspection. You will not be disappointed.

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25 Boobook Grove, **Cowes**

**For Sale** \$975,000 - \$995,000

**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff

Maree Malloy 0408 316 715

Brian Silver 0407 347 509

## Designed to impress

THIS is an executive residence in excellent position amongst other quality homes.

It boasts three spacious living areas, four bedrooms (zoned master suite) and study.

The property offers many expensive extras and additions, including RC cooling and heating, beautiful fittings and surfaces, butler's pantry off the entertainer's kitchen, central covered alfresco area and easy care garden setting.

Plus there is a massive (9m x 13m approx.) rear mancave/workshop or vehicle storage with access from side of dwelling... not to mention the double garage to the front of the property.

This stunning home is leased until January at \$500pw so appointment to view is essential.



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16 McMahon Way, **Wonthaggi**

**For Sale** \$780,000

**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff

Dan Huther 0418 334 801

Cal Nation 0439 334 163

**NERRENA**



**915 Nerrena Road**

- 4 bedroom + Study
- 5 acres with 4 large sheds
- Beautifully renovated homestead

**\$1,450,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office



**5-7 Lee Parade**

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Massive double block
- Beautiful home close to schools

**\$699,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**91 Victoria Street**

- Site 5351m<sup>2</sup> (approx.) Industrial 3 Zone
- Main Factory & office 1055m<sup>2</sup> (approx.)
- Fact. 2 cool rooms & lean-to 1596m<sup>2</sup> (apx.)

**\$1,450,000 + GST if applicable**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**COWES**



**25 Boobook Grove**

- Immaculately presented in Seagrove Estate
- Undercover outdoor area
- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 cars

**\$975,000-\$995,000**

Contact: Cowes Office

**DALYSTON**



**65 Tulloch Street**

- Modern 3 bedroom home in great spot
- 2 living areas, easy care flooring etc
- Full block with access

**\$575,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**11 Royal Place**

- 1033m<sup>2</sup> House block
- Shinglers Ridge Estate
- Great rural aspect

**\$265,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**26 Hillcrest Way**

- Immaculate 3 bdrm home on 1.25 acres
- Stunning rural views, edge of town
- Ensuite, private setting, ent. & shedding

**\$950,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**WIMBLEDON HEIGHTS**



**6 Emerson Way**

- Close to Cowes and Grand Prix Track
- Open plan kitchen, living & dining
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 car

**\$720,000-\$750,000**

Contact: Cowes Office

**DALYSTON**



**55 McRae Drive**

- 4 bedroom, 2 living, 2 bathroom home
- Excellent family dwelling or A1 investment
- Double garage plus good rear yard access

**\$665,000-\$685,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**1300 Mardan Road**

- 3 bedroom homestead on 35 acres
- Various shedding including bungalow
- Privacy and stunning views

**\$1,250,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**MOYARRA**



**134 Hairs Road**

- 4 bdrm family home with stunning views
- Approx. 25 acres, sheds galore
- Heated swimming pool, bungalow

**\$1,750,000-\$1,850,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**CAPE WOOLAMAI**



**100 Lantana Road**

- Relaxed coastal living at its best
- Open plan downstairs area
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 car

**\$840,000-\$870,000**

Contact: Cowes Office

**WONTHAGGI**



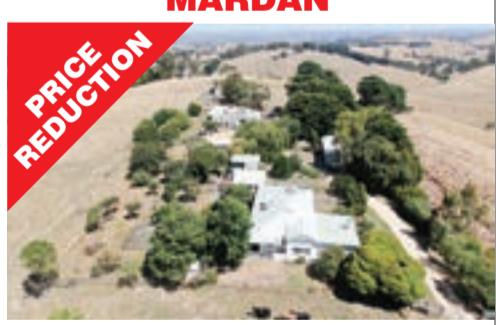
**30 Wentworth Road**

- Substantial established residence
- Top location opposite sports area
- Walk to town and all schools

**Expressions of Interest**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**MARDAN**



**5662 0922**

41 Bair Street

Andrew Newton 0402 940 320  
Peter Dwyer 0428 855 244



**Daisybank Estate**

- Only 5 regular blocks remain in stage 7 & 8
- 759m<sup>2</sup> to 890m<sup>2</sup>

**\$251,950-\$279,500**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**SURF BEACH**



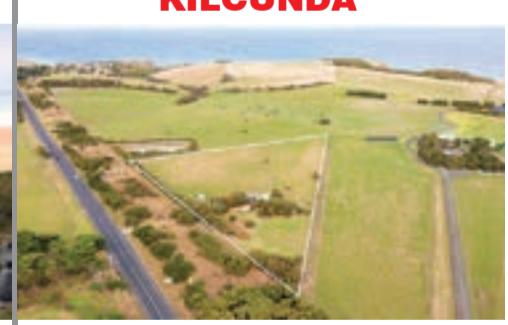
**43 Batman Street**

- Located on The Esplanade at Surf Beach
- Views of Cape Woolamai to Pyramid Rock
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathroom, 2 cars

**\$2,490,000**

Contact: Cowes Office

**KILCUNDA**



**3270 Bass Highway**

- Fabulous small acreage (5 acres approx)
- Trendy modern home AMAZING VIEWS
- Sought after coastal location

**Expressions of Interest**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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## Mount Eccles Hall zooms in on safety

KEEPING yourself, family, and employees safe on farms was a key message at a recent Mount Eccles Hall online talk.

Farmer responsibilities, record keeping, incidents of farming accidents, and child safety on farms were discussed during a Farm Safety talk from the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF).

According to John Darcy, VFF senior farm safety advisor, there have already been four farming fatalities in Victoria in 2022 and "we are keen to engage with as many farmers as possible to prevent more from occurring".

As part of its community safety project, the Mount Eccles Hall committee has purchased a defibrillator through a South Gippsland Shire Community Grant.

The defibrillator will be externally located at the Hall and accessible to the community. Training on how to use the defibrillator will also be provided.

"Raising awareness of rural safety where there is greater risk of farm related accidents, has been a focus for the Mount Eccles Hall," said Nikki Williams, president of the Mount Eccles Hall.

"Particularly so in a farming community that is distant from medical services."

Thanks to a previous grant from the South Gippsland Shire Council, the Mount Eccles Hall is emerging as a centre for online talks with the purchase of a Zoom subscription, TV screen and audio equipment.

Internet to the hall is also underway.

The hall will be 'zooming-in' on other online talks during the year, including weed management, local history, gardening, and the annual CFA fire safety talk.

Future online talks can be accessed at [mounteccleshall.com.au](http://mounteccleshall.com.au), the Mount Eccles Hall Facebook page or email [mounteccleshall@gmail.com](mailto:mounteccleshall@gmail.com).

# Sharing a love of birds

THE South Gippsland Conservation Society presented its second information day at the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club recently, welcoming members and locals to link with likeminded neighbours and share their love and knowledge of birds.

Environmental consultant Dallis Wyatt opened the event, sharing the results from his latest 12-month research project involving properties from Korumburra, Anderson Inlet, Wonthaggi and Three Creeks.

Dallis presented his findings and reiterated the importance of revegetation, not only for the fauna but for the property owners, describing how they can measure their biodiversity gains.

"I work with rural properties through Landcare and as an environmental consultant. The four properties involved in this project were each at a different stage of revegetation – allowing me to see the beneficial changes over time," said Dallis.

Dallis spoke of the rare species discovered in South Gippsland using the Foster Creek revegetation, including the Crested Shrike-tit bird as well as the Fan-tailed Cuckoo bird found in a restoration site.

Environmental consultant Jane Taylor, who has a Bachelor of Environmental Science and Masters of Teaching, shared her findings from her two-month Ayr Creek project.

Beginning her research on Ayr Creek in March 2022, Jane delivered a talk on the state of Ayr Creek birds, explaining the benefits of more understorey and what she



South Gippsland Conservation Society guest speakers Jane Taylor and Dallis Wyatt share their knowledge and research projects with the local community at the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club. Z09\_1822

identified was causing disruption to the area.

"I focused my attention to the Noisy Miner. They are a native species and show all signs of aggression not only to their predators but they're causing a decline in small bush birds," said Jane.

Overall, Jane completed a survey over two hectares. Her comparative site study showed the fauna found within the neighbouring area.

She installed motion cameras and compared all species across the sites, finding

insects had greater reporting rates in southern sites, whereas northern sites had more edge birds.

"My study found the birds of conservation that are under threat, the benefits of revegetation and more understorey, the preventative measures required to minimise the threat of cats and rats and the importance of planting the right plant in the right place," said Jane.

Jane shared her siting of various birds found in the region and discussed pest management and how to

attract smaller birds into smaller residential properties. Her findings can be accessed through the South Gippsland Conservation Society.

The next information day for the feathers, fur and fins, frogs and fungi, will cover the fur component where Malcolm Legg will present the rapid assessment tool using fauna environmental indicator species (FEIS) for ecological assessment. To book, contact John Curtiss at [johncurtriss57@gmail.com](mailto:johncurtriss57@gmail.com).



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# Farmers needed for new horticulture business study

A NEW farm monitor program will provide horticulture producers with critical business insights to help them understand their profitability, improve recovery and drive future growth.

Agriculture Victoria's Horticulture Farm Monitor Pilot is collecting valuable information from farm businesses across a range of crops, including apple and pears, cherries, strawberries, and summer fruit.

Victorian Strawberry Growers Association chairperson and AusBerry CEO Miffy Gilbert said it's an extremely valuable tool for growers and is encouraging more growers to be involved.

"The strawberry industry was really keen to participate in the Horticulture Farm Monitor Pilot," Ms Gilbert said.

"We are full of anecdotal evidence on our industry and our businesses, but we don't have the data to back up our claims.

"When the pandemic hit and we were asked how many workers we needed as an industry, we didn't really know. We had anecdotal evidence, but nothing based on defendable facts."

Several farm businesses are already involved in the data collection phase of the pilot program, and Ms Gilbert is calling for more farmers to be involved.

"This program will provide us with clarity around our industry and the true cost of production," she said.

"It will help individual business set their base costs and base sale prices, understand where they can make savings and where they are com-

petitive compared to the industry average. It will even be useful when individuals are applying for bank loans."

Ms Gilbert said some individual industry groups had collected data in the past, but this industry-wide program would provide deeper insights into business profitability, while protecting the farmers who provide their business data.

"It's all beautifully done with total anonymity," Ms Gilbert said.

"All the data is de-identified so no one knows where it's from, but they do know it is accurate, representative data of their industry and their production type. Agriculture Victoria's Sze Flett said industry groups have renewed their call for real data to help them navigate recent challenges.

The pilot is similar to Agriculture Victoria's long-running and highly successful Farm Monitor programs in dairy, beef and sheep industries.

"Collecting data on horticulture businesses has always been a challenge due to the complex and fragmented nature of the sector, with so many different industry types with varying capacity to collect data," Dr Flett said.

"But we know this is the best way to provide businesses with a clear, accurate picture of the state of their industry."

Farmers who would like to be involved in the program can contact Horticulture Farm Monitor Pilot program manager Andy Clark on 0436 804 656 or email [seasonalworkforce@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:seasonalworkforce@agriculture.vic.gov.au).



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## Grains and Livestock Conference returns

THE 2022 Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) Grains and Livestock Conference is back after years of COVID-19 forced delays and is set to tackle the big challenges, issues and opportunities facing both the Victorian grains and livestock industries.

VFF Grains president Ashley Fraser said the event will be an opportunity not to be missed and encouraged all growers to meet in person and discuss the current landscape

of the industry.

"Whilst we've enjoyed some of the best seasons in living memory recently, the reality is we're facing some real issues that are impacting farmers," she said.

Supply chain delays, high input costs and volatile international trade markets are just some of the issues growers are keeping a close eye on."

VFF Livestock president Steve Harrison urged livestock producers to attend

and likewise said Victorian livestock farmers are navigating some pressing issues.

The conference will be held on Tuesday, June 21, at Mercurie Hotel and Convention Centre in Ballarat.

A welcome event will be held on the evening of Monday, June 20.

Registration are open until Friday, June 3, and further details are available on the VFF website or you can call the VFF on 1300 882 833.

## Free emission assessments for farmers

MINISTER for Agriculture Mary-Anne Thomas recently visited Mt Lavinia Farm in Gippsland to launch a three-year pilot program that will work with up to 250 farm businesses across the state to measure, manage and reduce their on-farm emissions.

As part of the program, participants will receive a free emissions assessment giving them an insight into their farm's greenhouse gas emissions.

The state government is also providing \$5 million in grants to help participating farmers develop an action plan and implement it.

The pilot will be delivered across nine rounds covering Victoria's key agricultural industries including beef, dairy, grains,

poultry and sheep.

Mt Lavinia Farm owners Rob and Joan Liley are one of the first participants to take part. They're looking to maximise their conservation efforts on their beef cattle farm to further reduce their emissions.

The On-Farm Action Plan Pilot is a key part of the first Agriculture Sector Pledge – with the government spending almost \$20 million in emissions reduction activities over the next four years.

Producers, farm advisors, and other organisations interested in learning more about the On-Farm Action Plan Pilot and broader emissions reduction program can visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/climate-and-weather](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/climate-and-weather).

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40 Angus steers, 18 mths  
**A/c K, P & R Hourigan, Buffalo (ALEX SCOTT)**  
36 Angus & BB steers, 20-22 mths, By "Merlewood" Angus bulls. Drenched Virbamax plus 13/4, 2 x 5 in 1 shots, Never Ever Acc, GF, ABF  
**A/c Sandycape P/L (ELDERS)**  
35 Angus & BB steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF  
**A/c P & J Scott, Kongwak (NUTRIEN)**  
30 Angus steers, 20-24 mths  
**A/c Market Place Solutions (ELDERS)**  
25 Angus steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF  
**A/c A&M Bolton (ELDERS)**  
30 Hereford steers, 18 mths, NE Accred  
**A/c M & T Wynne, Myrtlebank (NUTRIEN)**  
30 Angus & BB steers, 16-18 mths  
**A/c Krowera Cattle Co (ELDERS)**  
28 Hereford steers, 22 mths, GF ABF, East Gippsland bred  
**A/c Franklin Park (ELDERS)**  
25 Angus steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF  
**A/c A Lester (ELDERS)**  
25 Hereford steers, 2 yo, East Gippsland bred, GF & ABF  
**A/c G Fox, Tyers (NUTRIEN)**  
24 Angus steers, 20-22 mths, Leewood & Latrobe Park blood, VB, very quiet  
**A/c L & K Morris, Hazel Park (SEJ)**  
20 Angus steers, 20 mths, By Innesdale Bulls, very quiet  
**A/c Ben Bates (ELDERS)**  
20 Angus steers, 20 mths, VB, GF & ABF  
**A/c V & D Albanese, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)**  
20 Angus steers, 20 mths  
**A/c T Crooke, Boisdale (NUTRIEN)**  
17 Angus steers, 22 mths, VB, GF & ABF, Innesdale blood  
**A/c L Osbourne, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)**  
17 Angus steers, 18 mths  
**A/c RG & MM Hopkins, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)**  
16 Angus steers, 18-19 mths, By Hazelwood & Harris Angus bulls, Drenched Eprinix 9/5  
**A/c Gibson Farm (ELDERS)**  
16 Angus steers, 18 mths, GF & ABF  
**A/c Alcheringa Pastoral, Berry's Creek (ELDERS)**  
14 Angus steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF  
**A/c B Stewart, Kornot (NUTRIEN)**  
14 Angus & BB steers, 18-20 mths  
**A/c J McGrath, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)**  
14 BB steers, 18 mths

### WEANERS

**A/c B Hinson, Hazelwood Nth (NUTRIEN)**  
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38 Angus heifer weaners  
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**A/c A Walker, Brandy Creek (NUTRIEN)**  
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**A/c B & D Harrison, Dumbalk Nth (PHC)**  
40 Angus mixed sex weaners, Eagle Rock and Fernleigh blood  
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40 Angus & BB mix sex calves, 6-7 mths  
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**A/c 'Rosebank Farm' (ELDERS)**  
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**A/c Cooksley Farms, Mt Eccles (ELDERS)**  
26 Angus m/s weaners 10 mths, Battersby blood, VB GF & ABF  
**A/c R Murfett, Willung Sth (NUTRIEN)**  
25 Charo mixed sex weaners  
**A/c M & K Breen, Buffalo (NUTRIEN)**  
25 Angus heifers, 11-13 mths, Leawood blood  
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24 Speckle Park mix sex, 12 mths  
**A/c J Sawers, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)**  
20 Angus steers, 12 mths  
**A/c Clouds Creek Rural Enterprises, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)**  
20 Angus mixed sexes, 10 mths  
**A/c M & K Hall, Budgerree (NUTRIEN)**  
20 Hereford mix sex weaners, 10-11 mths  
**A/c J & L Fiddelaers, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)**  
20 Angus mix sex weaners  
**A/c P Mattern, Alberton (NUTRIEN)**  
15 Charo X steers, 10 mths  
**A/c T & N Pouw, Hallston (NUTRIEN)**  
15 Angus heifers, 10 mths  
**A/c Bentley & Edwards, Berry's Creek (NUTRIEN)**  
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**A/c JT & P Fleming, Sale (NUTRIEN)**  
10 Angus steers, weaned, 11 mths  
**A/c A&A Schafer, Mirboo Nth (ELDERS)**  
10 Simm/Phfd X mix sex weaners, 7 mths, VB  
**A/c B Sellings, Woodside (ELDERS)**  
10 Char X mix sexes, 6-8 mths  
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**A/c DP Pearce, Hallston (NUTRIEN)**  
50 Friesian & Angus X steers, 12 mths  
**A/c Robo Farms (ELDERS)**  
16 AA/FF X steers, 12 mths  
30 Friesian steers, 14-16 mths  
**A/c Ajay Nominees (ELDERS)**  
35 Friesian steers, 12 mths  
**A/c Ranceby Hill (NUTRIEN)**  
20 Friesian steers, 2 yo  
**A/c K Maloney (ELDERS)**  
20 Friesian steers, 18 mths  
**A/c I & R Hengstberger, Dumbalk Nth (NUTRIEN)**  
20 Friesian steers, 16 mths  
**A/c Landsvere Nominees, Leongatha Sth (NUTRIEN)**  
20 Friesian steers, 10 mths  
**A/c C & B Buckland, Buffalo (NUTRIEN)**  
15 Friesian steers, 15-18 mths  
**A/c T & J Donchi, Alberton West (NUTRIEN)**  
12 Friesian steers, 18 mths  
**A/c G & S Wiggins, Berry's Creek (ELDERS)**  
10 Friesian x steers, 20 mths  
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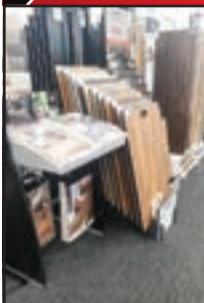
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(Rochie/Tex):  
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May 18, 2022.  
Son of Meta and Albert  
(both dec.).  
Brother and brother-in-  
law to Mary and  
Graeme Mabin,  
Florence and Lyle  
Davis (all dec.), and  
Gerald and Margaret  
Abrahamson.  
Loved brother, uncle  
and great uncle.  
*Rest in Peace*  
*Rochie.*

**ABRAHAMSON,**  
**Tex:**

To dear Tex,  
What joy you have  
given us all with a few  
short words - "Slide  
over here sweetie!"  
Liane and Matt.

**DEATHS**

**DONOHUE, Irene:**  
Passed away  
peacefully at home on  
May 18, 2022.  
Loved wife of Denis.  
Loving Mum of Mark,  
Steven, Paul, Matthew,  
Andrew and their  
partners.  
Adored Nanna to her 9  
grandchildren.  
*'In God's Care'*

**DONOHUE, Irene:**  
Aged 74 years.  
Friends are a gift, and  
you were a very special  
gift to me.  
Will miss you, Kathy.

**DONOHUE, Irene:**  
Aged 74 years.  
Thank you for all the  
laughs and thank you  
for being our friend.  
You will be missed by  
us all.  
The Fabulous  
Tennis Group.

**DEATHS**

**EARL, (nee Hart)**  
**Ellen Elizabeth**  
**(Betty):**  
Passed away  
peacefully at the  
Korumburra Hospital.  
Aged 89.  
Beloved wife of Don  
(dec.).  
Dearly loved mother of  
Ross and Chris,  
Stephen and Claire,  
Glenn and Wendy,  
Donna (dec.) and Grant,  
Shane and Leanne, Lisa  
(dec.) and Daryl, and  
Elizabeth (dec.).

Loved and adored  
Grandma of Selena,  
Sean and Liz, Bridget  
and Daniel, James and  
Kirby, Kyle and Kristy,  
Tarr and Zac, Dylan,  
Kayla and Jessie,  
Lauren and Andy,  
Lachie, Mitchell and  
Bonnie, and Nicholas.  
G.G. of Harry, Finn,  
Abbie, Ellie, Oscar,  
Maddi, Fletcher and  
Sam.

*Now at Rest*  
*with Don and*  
*Her Girls.*

**EARL, Ellen**  
**Elizabeth (Betty):**

Dearly loved mother of  
Shane and Leanne and  
grandma to Lauren,  
Lachie and Andy.  
Such sweet lasting  
memories of you  
in our life.

You showered us with  
your love, hugs and  
smile.

We will never  
forget you.

Love Shane, Leanne,  
Lauren, Lachie and  
Andy xxxx

**EARL (nee Hart),**  
**Ellen Elizabeth**  
**(Betty):**

Mum, Grandma, GG.  
You left us beautiful  
memories,  
Your love is still  
our guide.

Although we can  
not see you,  
You are always  
by our side.

Sadly missed by  
Glenn and Wendy.  
Kyle and Kirsty, Tarr  
and Zac, Dylan, Kayla  
and Jessie.  
Maddi, Sam, and  
Fletcher.

**DEATHS**

**EARL, Betty:**  
Members of the  
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sub-branch mourn the  
passing of their  
esteemed affiliate  
member and offer our  
condolences to her  
family.  
*Lest we Forget.*

**EARL, Betty:**

Passed away  
19.05.2022.

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friend of Joan and  
Bruce Peters.  
*Rest in peace.*

**GARTON,**  
**Raymond Alfred:**

18.06.1936 - 19.05.2022.

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Lodge, Korumburra.

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Linda, and Carol.  
Loved Granddad to 12  
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to 14.

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**GARTON, Ray**  
**(Lawyer):**

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memories.  
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Twig and Sue Charlton  
and Family.

**DEATHS****DEATHS**

**HOLT,**  
**Margaret Anne:**  
29.09.1949 - 21.05.2022.  
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Maisey.

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go alone.*

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you the day God took  
you home.*

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**SIZELAND, Annette:**

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surrounded by  
her family.

**GARTON, Ray**  
**(Lawyer):**

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peacefully  
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**WARDLE, William:**

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*Rest in peace Bill.*

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**Judi:**

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Ailsa and family.

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The application is for a permit to: 14 lot subdivision, native vegetation removal and certification.

The applicant for the permit is: MJ Reddie Surveys Pty Ltd

The application reference number is: 2021/49

Applications are available to be viewed on Councils Website at: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

South Gippsland Shire Council, Private Bag 4, 9 Smith Street, Leongatha, 3953. Office hours: 8.30am-5pm Monday to Friday. Telephone: 5662 9200.

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Adrian and his children (middle) recently visited the Leongatha SES unit to express their thanks for extricating Adrian during a serious multi-vehicle collision late last year.

## Hard-working volunteers celebrated

LEONGATHA SES was proud to honour its members as part of National Volunteer Week and Wear Orange Wednesday last week.

The unit recently held its annual awards night to celebrate the contributions of its volunteers and thank them for their dedication.

Several members received service awards for their commitment to SES, with multiple 30-year service medals given out.

While for Wear Orange Wednesday, members were treated to displays of thanks from community members during a dinner held before their training session.

And to top it all off, the unit was recently visited by a grateful member of the community who was involved in a serious road accident late last year, where crews worked for hours to extricate him from a vehicle.

The unit has also been busy with community engagement activities, including visiting a local kindergarten to help children recognise and be at ease with responders if they're ever in an emergency situation.

## Council to push new Federal Government to boost funding

BASS Coast Shire will be heading to Canberra next month to lobby the new Federal Government for priority projects in climate change, infrastructure, education, aged care and tourism.

The council will be seeking urgent funding to mitigate the widespread erosion damage, protect residents and assets and plan for the future.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said the region shared the same environmental concerns around climate change as the incoming government and welcomed the opportunity to work closely together.

"The election of Labor is a great opportunity for the Federal Government to take a fresh look at our growing region," Cr Whelan said.

"As a leader in environment sustainability, fighting climate change and gender equality we have a lot in common with the new government."

Cr Whelan said as Bass Coast continues to grow faster than almost every other region in the nation there is urgent need for extra federal funding assistance.

The Council will also work to convince the new Government of the need for aquatics in the regions to cater for our growing population – a \$79.3 million investment.

Enhanced digital connectivity to help local business growth and innovation will also be requested.

Cr Whelan said residential aged care required more than 300 extra beds, as well as ongoing funding for Regional Universities which have been a huge success in educating regional young people.

Tourism is vital to the region's future and Council will be seeking funding assistance for key projects such as Dinosaurs Tracks and Trails (\$20 million) to drive job-producing visitor numbers.

Overall Council are requesting in excess \$241.56 million from the new federal government.

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**Sentinel-Times**

# Philippe reflects on incredible career at South Gippsland Water

AFTER more than a decade as managing director at South Gippsland Water, Philippe du Plessis is stepping down from his role as he looks to new beginnings.

Philippe, who resides at Inverloch, has been with the organisation for 21 years starting out as the chief financial officer.

"My family moved to the area and the opportunity came up, so I took it," he said.

"We weren't sure how long we would stay but we ended up loving the area."

"I took on the managing director role in 2011 and have enjoyed connecting to the community."

After much thought and consideration, Philippe said he made the decision to retire from the role partly due to the incredible demand the pandemic had on the company.

"COVID has taken a lot out of people, but it certainly impacted me in many respects," he said.

"Initially we were concerned for staff safety; but how did we communicate to all of the business to give them information and allow them to ask questions."

"There was a lot (to manage) around logistics and trying to keep staff safe while still do our job."

"We saw ourselves as an essential service, but we had to do it in a way that's safe."

During his time, Philippe also guided the organisation through the final years of the millennium drought.

"2006-07 was the height of it, you had water storages going to less than 10 per cent of their supply and that was even when we were accessing water from other sources," he said.

"There was a fairly innovative solution with what was previously a wastewater pipe that was used for dairy waste from Korumburra to Leongatha.

"What we did was suspended its use from that, reserve the flow and took water from the Tarwin River to supplement those communities."

"If we hadn't of done that, we probably would have run out of water in those regions."

Philippe said another major project he oversaw was the almost \$40m implementation of a link to Melbourne Water via Lance Creek.

Overall, Philippe has relished his time in the company, enjoying the connection he's made with staff while providing an essential service for the community now and into the future.



Philippe du Plessis recently retired from his role as managing director at South Gippsland Water and is looking forward to the next chapter in life.



## Shearwater chicks depart safely with Islanders' help

THE last of Phillip Island's short-tailed shearwater chicks have taken off on their extraordinary first flight to Alaska.

A community effort ensured the fledgling seabirds had the best chance for a safe departure ahead of their 16,000km migration to the Northern Hemisphere.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Deputy Research Manager, Duncan Sutherland, said the busiest departure period for the birds was between April 29 and May 7.

"As they learn to fly, the shearwater fledglings can be attracted to lights at night and land on roads causing a hazard for both the birds and motorists," Dr Sutherland said.

"We saw a great response from local businesses and residents who turned off their lights and helped reduce light pollution that can place the birds in danger."

Nature Parks rangers collected a total of 594 birds off the roads of which 408 were rescued and returned to the colony, giving them a second chance at fledgling.

"Thousands of birds have been rescued since the beginning of the Shearwater Rescue Program in 1999. With the help of a grant from wildlife advocacy group, WIRES, we have been able to increase our efforts to protect the threatened migratory seabirds through habitat restoration, a strengthened rescue capability, enhanced data collection and community education for the shearwaters."

As part of this year's 'Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly' campaign, Phillip Island Nature Parks partnered with Bass Coast Shire Council, Regional Roads Victoria, AusNet Services, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the Victorian Ornithological Research Group, the local community and businesses.

"We thank everyone who helped to reduce light pollution, took extra care on the roads, rescued birds or helped raise awareness of the dangers for fledglings. We wish the fledglings a safe journey and look forward to welcoming the breeding adults back to the island in September," Dr Sutherland said.

Short-tailed shearwaters migrate to Phillip Island to raise their chicks each year. In early April, the adult seabirds fly south to feed in the Southern Ocean near Antarctica, then begin the journey back to the Northern Hemisphere, leaving behind their chicks to grow 'adult' feathers and begin their own migration as the adults pass by Australia at the end of April and start of May.

Dr Sutherland said it had been a successful breeding season for this important marine species.

"Not all breeding seasons are successful, but this year the fledglings were in very good condition with nice weight, adult plumage and wing development. It's an encouraging sign that the species will be here for seasons to come," he said.

## Music and leadership skills recognised in Korumburra

IDENTIFYING youth as the town's future, Korumburra Lions Club has thrown its support behind Korumburra Secondary College (KSC) students who show promise in music and leadership.

KSC pupil, Ella Phipps, was honoured to be the first to have her name inscribed on the Korumburra Lions Club's Russ Smith perpetual trophy, an addition to the well-established Russ Smith Encouragement Award.

Russ Smith was a passionate Lions member, and the recipient of the award named in his honour is chosen each year by KSC teachers.

The award acknowledges the winner's hard work and good performance across a range of disciplines.

Now year 11 student Ella was the 2021 recipient, but COVID prevented the trophy presentation being held last year.

The new trophy will remain at KSC.

Korumburra Lions Club representatives attended Wednesday's school assembly.

As well as acknowledging Ella's achievement, they presented four students with half-scholarships in the South

Gippsland Schools Music Program (SGSMP) and announced sponsorship for four other students in the Gippsland Student Leadership Network (GSLN) program.

"All our members believe in supporting young people in our community through a range of sponsorships and programs," Korumburra Lions Club secretary Janet Powell said.

She explained the choice of supporting students involved in music and leadership as opposed to simply rewarding general academic success.

"We didn't want to focus just on academic success, as important as that is, as there is more to a well-balanced person than exam results," Janet said.

Korumburra Lions Club members view the investment in the chosen students as something that will ultimately benefit the town's community.

Sophie-Lee Vine, Emma Gardner, Leah Waters and Jessica Churchill will receive assistance to further their musical studies, with the group accepting their SGSMP scholarship certificates from Janet and Korumburra Lions Club president Ian Wilson.

SGSMP is an ensemble-



Ella Phipps with the Russ Smith Encouragement Award.

based program with group instrumental lessons to develop technique and music reading skills, run across five South Gippsland schools.

It offers training in a wide variety of instruments with the guidance of specialist teachers.

In addition to the four musically-inclined students assisted so far, Korumburra Lions Club has paid for two further spots for KSC students in the SGSMP

which are yet to be filled.

Sponsorship to participate in the GSLN program was awarded to Abbey Nicholls, April Reeves, Makenzie Swain and Amber Sullivan.

Students across Gippsland from years 10 and 11 can be nominated by their schools for the GSLN program.

"They work together on projects that make a positive change in society," KSC Student Leadership Coordinator Nicole Creaser said of the collaboration between participating students from Gippsland schools.

Environment and climate change, body image, and youth mental health are among the issues students are tackling through the GSLN program.

Nicole expressed her appreciation for Korumburra Lions Club's support, saying that it will pay for the registration costs of the students in the leadership program, enabling them to participate.

Their development of leadership skills throughout the year will be enhanced with the assistance of assigned mentors who are community leaders.

## Diamond anniversary

BILL and Doreen Noble of San Remo celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with 30-plus friends and family over lunch at the George Bass Hotel recently.

A chance meeting at Melbourne's Luna Park in the early 1960s led to a wonderful life together. Their two sons were

born during Bill's army days when they lived in several different towns all over Australia.

Bill served two tours in Vietnam, and eventual retirement to San Remo arose due to their interest in helping develop the National Vietnam Veterans Museum.



# Take care around water this winter

THE surf lifesaving season drew to a close at the end of April but being vigilant around water is a year-round task.

"We've had a pretty successful season," Inverloch SLSC captain Nick Perera said.

"Everyone who has come to Inverloch Beach has returned home safely."

"I believe we've had just under 30,000 people visit during patrol hours, which is a significant increase on last year."

"We have had a few rescues and anyone who has been in danger, predominantly towards the Inlet Beach rather than the actual patrolled surf beach, we've been able to respond and help them to return to shore safely."

During the current off-season, people are encouraged to swim to their abilities.

"Make sure you assess the conditions before you enter the water and remember that the conditions can change rapidly."

"Always swim where others are present – make sure you have people around that can look out for you and that you're not alone swimming."

"Also, throughout winter extended exposure in cold water can cause hypothermia, so watch out for the signs."

Not just about the water offshore, on-shore visitors and members are welcome to enjoy the uninterrupted views at the club's Deck Bar.

Open during the summer season, individuals can bring their own food platter or takeaway and enjoy a drink.

Visit [islsc.org.au](http://islsc.org.au) to donate or sign up to become a member.

## Fettuccine with prawns and zucchini

By Meg Viney



THIS is a dish I made up when we had a glut of zucchini. Turned out to be a really delicious result. If you can't be bothered with prawns, you could probably do it with salmon or even smoked salmon, although the prawns are succulent. Just a salad to accompany

### Ingredients

- A dozen prawns, raw (could be more)
- 2 small zucchini sliced lengthways into 5mm slices marinated in a little olive oil
- 1 shallot
- 1/4 cup white wine or sherry
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup cream

### Recipe

Shell the prawns and put the shells into a pot of 1 cup water with a pinch of salt. Bring to the boil and cook for 3 minutes. Strain. Keep the stock and discard the shells.

Toss the prawns in a little olive oil. Cook a finely chopped shallot in 1 tablespoon of butter with a pinch of salt, over a low heat, lid on, for several minutes. Remove from heat and add 1 heaped tablespoon flour, mix in well.

Add a glug of sherry or a little more of white wine, stir well and then add the stock.

Cook over a low heat until thickening and cook until thick and reduced. Add the cream and reduce again. Taste for seasoning. I usually add a pinch of white pepper. Cover and leave. The sauce can be made ahead.

Cook the fettuccine in boiling salted water and, at the same time, griddle the zucchini (barbecue is very handy). Remove to a platter and keep warm, then griddle or barbecue the prawns.

Drain the fettuccine and toss in the sauce, prawns and zucchini.

Serve at once.

## ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~



### MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

Elaine 0408 572 223 or Alison 0438 992 169.

The evening Polymer Clay Workshop on June 2 will be covering Jewellery and Fastenings; there are still places available so please do not forget to book your place.

Belinda is excited about the Soup Lunch on Tuesday May 31. It is always wonderful sitting down and enjoying a meal together. Last lunch we had

Chicken Vegetable and Barley Soup and it was delicious but we are open to requests for what you would enjoy this time. Please let us know if you are coming along so we can ensure there is plenty of yummy soup for everyone.

In response to our meet and greet to find a walk/ride buddy it has been decided that we'll trial a Facebook group. This will be a space you can let



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### BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

CRYPTOCURRENCY. It's been in the news quite a bit. Lots of people talk about it. But what exactly is it? Is it a safe investment? Is it even real? And does it have any relevance to your life?

Coming in July, BCAL is presenting a 2-evening workshop which will help you understand key terminology in the Crypto world, how it emerged and why it is becoming so popular.

The workshops do not provide financial advice but will show you how to set up a digital wallet, mine, and invest in Crypto. There will also be guidance on the hundreds of different types of Cryptocurrency including Bitcoin, Dogecoin, Ethereum and the Blockchain technology used to keep transactions secure.

Another new digital invest-

ment opportunity is NFTs or Non-Fungible Tokens. These use the same technology as cryptocurrency and will also be discussed in the workshops.

It's the perfect starting point for people wanting to get on board with Crypto or if you're just curious.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit [www.bcal.vic.edu.au](http://www.bcal.vic.edu.au) or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

### WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

The community garden is a place for growing food plants of all kinds with a community of like-minded gardeners.

But it is more than this. It's also a community resource for local people looking for

information, examples to follow, and even fresh herbs or a lemon to spice up their cooking.

Last week members of the cooking group, on the BCAL campus, got help with finding chives, parsley and coriander to add to their lunch menu.

And a couple of new residents to the area dropped in to ask about Wonthaggi's veg growing microclimate, and to check out what was doing well now in the garden plots.

The volunteers are always up for a chat about what's growing, to show off the garden and share information.

You can find out more about getting involved in the garden by emailing [tgordon@westnet.com.au](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) or dropping in on a Thursday between 10 and noon. The garden welcomes all ages and all abilities.



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### WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

who are socially and culturally isolated and culturally and linguistically diverse. Providing, among other things an improved awareness of cultural mores and expectations and provide opportunities for the development of practical life skills.

Have you ever done progressive circle dancing? An activity which guarantees that you meet people and perhaps have a quick chat (if you're not puffed) before you move on?

Well, here's your chance with the new Circle Dancing group which is on Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3pm. It's fun and will up your fitness.

The first Tuesday in May was our inaugural Chatty Café session.

If you went along, did you have a good chat? We hope so and that you spread the word. 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.

And as to having a chat with others, don't forget our Free Community Lunch coming up on Wednesday, June 8 at 12noon. Ring us to book a place.

We have a new program starting up. It is the Wonthaggi Food Collective.

The Collective is a local group that buys food in bulk and distributes it at a low mark-up to its members.

We do this:

For our community: a not-for-profit that gives back any surplus

For our pockets: buying in bulk reduces cost

For our planet: minimal packaging and food-miles

For our wellbeing: buying organic when it's affordable.

We distribute from the Harvest Centre, behind Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre on the second Saturday of each month.

Interested? To get a stock list or to find out more, contact [WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com](mailto:WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com)



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Cape Bruny Lighthouse located at the southern tip of Bruny Island is worth the hike uphill. C04\_1922

## Travel here this year: Tasmania

By Chloe Kent

'COME Down for Air' is the slogan down south, and it couldn't be truer.

Stepping off the plane in Launceston is a unique mix of Australia and the United Kingdom – bush lined roads stir memories of Scotland and England, whilst giant gums on wooded slopes remind one of the Great Dividing Range.

Whether a weekend getaway or month-long hike, Tasmania offers something for everyone – this is our quick pick from the East Coast.

### Bridestowe Lavender Estate

A short drive from Launceston, Bridestowe is the world's largest privately-owned lavender farm.

Set across 260 acres, Bridestowe is a sight to behold, especially when the lavender is in bloom.

Sustainability, innovation and efficiency at its finest, Bridestowe offers guest tours, workshops, a gift shop and delectable café.

With lavender suitable for perfumery and cooking, you will not be disappointed from scones to ice-cream.

Little Blue Lake, a hike further east is a quick but charming stop.

### Waubs Harbour Distillery

A tour at Waubs Harbour Distillery is a must for any whiskey lover.

Escorted by Rob Polmear, owner and head distiller, Waubs Harbour showcases the best of a small micro-distillery – maritime Tasmanian single malt whiskey made their way.

From the grain process through to distilling and casking, Rob explains every inch of the process in incredible detail and is open to answering all questions.

An ex-Lark Distillery Head of Production and Overeem Whisky's Head Distiller, Rob has many years' experience under his belt, not to mention his years in science with a Masters of Antarctic Marine Science.

Tasting the fresh wash followed by spirit straight from the second distil, it was then into the tasting room for the finished product. Bond 3...

### Freycinet

Freycinet reminds one of Wilsons Prom, except they allow 4WDs



Waubs Harbour Distillery tours is a must-visit on the East Coast. C01\_1922

and ATVs.

Jump on board one of All4's All Terrain Tours and see Freycinet on a different set of four wheels.

Visit the hidden gems of Bluestone Bay, South Friendly Beach and Cape Tourville, with lunch included on a half-day tour.

If hiking is more your cup of tea, grab your boots and hit the tracks...

### Port Arthur and beyond

Whilst Sullivan's Cove was a great tasting, Hellfire Bluff Distillery took the cake.

With free tastings of their seven spirits and a quick chat, visiting Hellfire is a fantastic stop on the way to Port Arthur's Historical Site – be prepared to be amazed and leave with more than one bottle...

Grab a twilight ticket at Port Arthur and race through the grounds in daylight before the Ghost Tour, and if you are not in any rush, add on dinner in the 1830 restaurant.

If time allows, head down earlier to visit the Isle of the Dead.

Back in Hobart, visit The Stills for a nightcap and Van Diemens Land Creamery for dessert.

Salamanca Market is also worth

a casual Saturday stroll, as long as you don't mind the crowds.

### Bruny Island

Bruny Island Premium Wines is Australia's most southern vineyard, located in Lunawanna, the perfect stop on one's way to Cape Bruny Lighthouse.

Connecting premium handcrafted wines and the island's finest produce means one can sit back whether rain, hail or shine and enjoy the beautiful produce on offer.

Afterwards, continue south to Cape Bruny Lighthouse.

With small, guided tours on offer (\$15 per adult), it is definitely worth the hike up the hill and lighthouse for the views and history lesson.

Bruny Island Cheese, House of Whiskey, Truganini, and Bruny Island Honey are also worth a visit...

Our greatest regret was not timing the Old Kempton Distillery for lunch with their café and provided a mouth-watering selection of sweet and savoury dishes in the family-friendly 1840s colonial inn.

Additionally, being pressed for time, meant missing the Bay of Fire, Kunanyi/Mt Wellington and Port Arthur Lavender Farm which come highly recommended.



## Around the Bay

### With Jim's Bait and Tackle

salmon are hungry, and they will just about take whatever you throw in front of them.

I don't like to complain, but this has happened way too many times this week to not make mention of it. When you go to the mechanic, you drop your car off, tell them about that noise it makes and then leave. What you don't do is ask the mechanic what grease they use, or what brand socket they use. You take your car to the mechanic to get fixed. We own a tackle shop, no we didn't have to study to work here but we have had the shop for almost two decades now, why do people think that we are any less qualified to offer them advice than a mechanic about a car? Sadly, multiple times this week I have had customers come in, ignore my offer of assistance and then go and ask my customers for help. This not only makes me look incompetent to other customers but makes you feel like just another salesperson; I even had one customer come in, ask me if "the man" was working and then leave when I said no.

There was a good number of whiting throughout the week, a lot from the deeper waters at the top of the bay. Traditionally, the winter whiting we see this time of year are nice, fat and generally a bit bigger in size. The majority of those who went out fishing did bag out and within a smaller amount of time with little moving around and bait swaps, the average whiting size for the week was around 45cm with a few bigger 50cm ones from Silverleaves.

The reports for the tuna have still been coming in the last couple of weeks with two, one just under and the other just over the 100kg mark towards the windmills. There has been a good, decent hand full of reports of smaller tuna (under 20kg) more towards Cape Schanck.

The sighting has been in good numbers and there have also been some nice images coming through from people's sounders. But they're on the bottom and those who have tried later in the week have not had huge amounts of success drawing them up.

Salmon still remain the main species alongside the whiting for catches of the month. The good number and the decent sizes continue to be caught daily from both land and in the boats.

Those big 4kg-5kg Aussie Salmon have returned in more consistent number in the boat this week, off of Newhaven Jetty and now moving down the coast the Inlet at Inverloch. Currently, there is no favourable lure/rig, magic bait or size, the

In case you haven't been on our Facebook page lately, we have resumed our off-season auctions that we do. Traditionally, every Monday and Tuesday we offer some products that people on our social media bid against each other, majority of the time scoring a great bargain. The auctions are generally focussed on current species and trends, they start at 6.30pm and go through to 9pm. Drop in next Monday and check it out (Facebook only).

Just a reminder to everyone, whale season has officially started now they are here; if driving around near the entrance or out the front in the boat, knock back a few knots and slow down. There is going to be a lot of people, and the wildlife boats on the water looking for them and they do have a habit of just popping up at random times, and that's not something you want to hit going fast.

## TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Coves +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 24
5.40am	1.44m
11.35am	0.49m
6.48pm	1.59m

WEDNESDAY	May 25
12.15am	0.69m
6.52am	1.39m
12.28pm	0.61m
7.41pm	1.53m

THURSDAY	May 26
1.17am	0.67m
8.15am	1.37m
1.24pm	0.73m
8.33pm	1.48m

FRIDAY	May 27
2.26am	0.64m
9.30am	1.40m
1.20pm	0.83m
9.27pm	1.44m

SATURDAY	May 28
3.31am	0.59m
10.36am	1.46m
3.43pm	0.90m
10.19pm	1.42m

SUNDAY	May 29
4.30am	0.53m
11.38am	1.54m
4.57pm	0.92m
11.09pm	1.41m

MONDAY	May 30
5.20am	0.48m
12.30pm	1.62m
5.57pm	0.90m
11.56pm	1.42m

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Midweek bowls winners Peter McWilliams (3), Jenny Smith (L), Terry Floyd (2) and Steve Edge (S).



Midweek bowls best one game went to Michael Dady (S), Robyn Dall (2), Phil Wright (3) and Cheryl Floyd (L).



Midweek bowls runners-up David Talbot (3), John Nicholson (S) and Bob Arnold (L).

## INVERLOCH

THURSDAY'S social bowls at Inverloch Bowling Club saw three teams in a tight tussle for honours.

All three teams ended with two wins for the day. The teams had only 3 points separating them.

In third place on 31 points was the team of Richard Cove (skip) Laurel Lee, Terry Seaward and Nel van Grunsven.

Runners-up on 33 points was the team of Keith Cousins (skip), Pam Sutcliffe, Graeme Turtin and Diane Hallis.

On 34 points was the team of Carol Thirn (skip), Nic van Grunsven, John Duthie and Judy Parker.

## MIDWEEK

WINNERS: Steve Edge, Peter McWilliams, Terry Floyd and Jenny Smith.

Runners-up: John Nicholson, David Talbot and Bob Arnold.

One game winners: Michael Dady, Phil Wright, Robyn Dall and Cheryl Floyd.

Midweek bowls was played at Lang Lang on a cold and windy day. Nevertheless, 30 brave souls turned out to have a great day of bowling and good company.

Although the green was

slow, eventually we mastered it, and had a great day with plenty of laughter.

The green was in excellent condition and Lang Lang made us feel very welcome. Coats and hats were the order of the day and we were very happy to have a hot cuppa at lunch time or a cold one for some.

High scores were recorded again, winners 36 points, runners-up 34 points and one game winners 24 points.

The RCH did very well with wrong bias donations. We welcomed back some of our members we had not seen for a long time and also some new members joined us and they enjoyed themselves and promised to come back and join our group.

Thank you to members who brought items for the free raffle table; please donate if you can. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan Thomas for the many years he has looked after Midweek Bowls Group with always a smile on his face and wish him good luck on his next adventure in his life.

We welcome Marianne as the new bar manager and hope she enjoys looking after us as Alan did. He will

be sadly missed.

Next week we will play at Corinella 10.30am at the club for an 11am start. BYO lunch, two games of 12 ends. For more information, please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974.

## WONTHAGGI

IT WAS another good week with one of our two days good for bowls which is not bad for this time of the year.

Wednesday was wet with Saturday being a perfect day for bowls with the autumn sunshine shining and no wind.

We had a very good number of bowlers take to the greens with one visitor from Inverloch to enjoy the day.

There were three, two-game winners, with the winners being the team of Ben Mattock, Frank Cimino, Joy Phillips and Lorraine Stanes with a score of 2 wins and 35 points.

The runners-up were John Migliorisi, Lorraine Day, Michael Raman and Jim Martin with a score of 2 wins and 34 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm, Friday morning coaching at 10am and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.



The winners at Inverloch on Thursday included Carol Thirn (skip), Nic van Grunsven, John Duthie and Judy Parker.



Wonthaggi Bowls Saturday winners Ben Mattock, Frank Cimino, Joy Phillips and Lorraine Stanes.



A \$250,000 contribution to Kilcunda's play space and skate park was announced on Monday as part of the 2021-22 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.

## Get your skates on Kilcunda

STATE Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale announced that applications are now open for the 2022 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund - backed by up to \$30 million from the recent state budget.

The Fund helps communities by investing in new and improved sport facilities.

Ms Crugnale announced this includes a \$250,000 contribution (\$575,566 in total) towards the redevelopment of the existing play space on the foreshore at Kilcunda and addition of a new skate park.

"What a collective effort that never wavered for a skate park and a redeveloped play space which will be enjoyed by so many that visit this stunning area too," Ms Crugnale said.

The proposed skate facility will provide a fun space that caters to beginners and younger children, while also including

elements to challenge advanced skaters.

The new playground will feature a large slide, a sensory play including a dry creek, a spinner and swings.

"The Kilcunda community is absolutely thrilled to secure this State Government grant and together with the Bass Coast Shire Council funding we can now get on and start building our local skate park that has been over 6 years in the making," President of the Kilcunda Community Development Association Andrea Bolch added.

"This has been a long journey for many in the community, so we are over the moon."

For more information or to apply visit [sport.vic.gov.au](http://sport.vic.gov.au).

Contact your local council to help with the application process.

## World's best swimmers to dive into Melbourne

MELBOURNE will host the 16th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) this December in another win for Victoria.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula joined Swimming Australia to confirm the short course format of the world championships would be staged at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre from Tuesday, 13 to Sunday, 18 December.

The event is anticipated to draw 2,500 participants, team members and officials from around the world and up to 60,000 attendees to lap up six action packed days.

"Hosting the FINA World Swimming Championships shows Melbourne is one of the world's great sporting cities," Mr Pakula said.

"We continue to invest in securing

high calibre events because they attract visitors to Melbourne and support local jobs."

Originally scheduled for Kazan, Russia, it will be the first FINA event in Australia since Melbourne hosted the 2007 FINA World Swimming Championships.

The event will further strengthen Melbourne's international major event and sporting reputation with live broadcast to a forecast audience of over 430 million throughout the world.

Swimming Australia will host a training camp in a regional Victorian location in December, which will include community engagement and development opportunities as excitement builds towards the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

## More grants to support sustainable hunting

THE Government is supporting innovative new projects to promote safe, responsible and sustainable hunting through a new grant program.

Minister for Agriculture Mary-Anne Thomas today announced grants are available through the \$5.3 million Sustainable Hunting Action Plan 2021-2024 (SHAP) to fund a range of activities, which will maximise the benefits of hunting for the environment, economy, regional communities and hunters.

"We're looking for opportunities to boost regional events, habitat restoration projects and education programs through this grant program," Ms Thomas said.

More than 55,000 licenced game hunters make a significant contribution to Victoria's economy through a

range of hunting purchases including equipment, accommodation, meals and fuel.

The Government's Sustainable Hunting Action Plan supports licenced game hunters to increase the popularity of hunting, improve animal welfare, undertake research and increase the role of Traditional Owners in managing the land where hunting takes place.

The latest Sustainable Hunting Action Plan is providing \$1 million to implement the Traditional Owner Game Management Strategy, which was a key achievement of the first action plan.

The Sustainable Hunting Grants are now open for applications until June 24.

Information is available from [djpr.vic.gov.au/hunting-grants](http://djpr.vic.gov.au/hunting-grants).



**South Gippsland Golf Women's scratch winners**  
Heather Grist (B Grade scratch winner) and Rebecca Thomas, with Singles Championship winner Chris Lay (C Grade scratch winner)



**South Gippsland Golf Women's handicap winners**  
Barb Britten (A Grade) and Sue Hoskin (B Grade)  
Chris Hamilton (C Grade).



**At Woorayl, Sharyn Rayson and Pauline Lancaster were the winners of the Shirley and Brian Thomas board event.**



**Korumburra's Julie Hillberg wins Saturdays Stableford round with 34pts**



**Glenyce McRobert was the winner at last Wednesday's competition at the Leongatha Golf Club**



**At Wonthaggi on Friday, A Grade winners Karen Green, Deb Orr, Megan Elbaz with their B Grade winning mates Robyn Docker, Lynn McCole and Tracy Cooksey.**

## KORUMBURRA

Winners last week - men's competition - Tuesday, May 17. Stableford (23 Players).

A Grade: Ian Cash (12) 33. B Grade: Blayne Spokes (21) 35pts. NTPs: 1st James Williams, 10th Noel Ladgrove and 13th Barry Kerr.

Thursday, May 19 - stableford (12 players). Steve Duffield (12) 34pts. NTPs: 1st Mick Belvedere, 7th Chris McConnell, 10th Chris McConnell and 13th John Hermens.

Saturday, May 21, sponsored by Roland Rees, Men's Par (39 players). A Grade: Ian Cash (12) -1 C/B. B Grade: Blake Cosson (31) 0 C/B. NTPs: 1st Chris McConnell, 7th Roy Fleming and 13th Steve Rose.

## LADIES

LAST Wednesday was to be our Captain's/President's Day but unfortunately was postponed to a later date; stay tuned.

A Stableford game was played with many players braving the weather.

A Grade winner with 32pts was Johanna van den Heiligenberg (10), Runner Up was Heather Grist (19) with 29pts.

B Grade winner was Lorraine Knox (41) with 27pts on a comeback from Kath Welsh (30).

BDTL went to Lee Clements (16) 27pts and Julie Branaghan (26) 26pts. NTP's went to Kerri Besley on the 1st and Johanna on the 10th.

A big thank you to Sherrin Solly for cooking up a storm and supplying morning tea for all to enjoy; it was delicious!

Saturday we had ten golfers out enjoying the sunshine.

Winning with 34pts was Julie Hillberg (25) and close behind was Merrissa Cosson (11) with 33pts.

BDTL went to Lorraine Knox (41) with 30pts. NTP on the 13th went to Jenny Blackmore.

We had a handful of players represent our club at Leongatha last week in the SG Singles Championships. Well done to all players who competed and a special mention to our very own Heather Grist winning the B Grade Championship trophy, and well done to Barb Twite also having a NTP, congratulations!

## LEONGATHA

ON TUESDAY, we had 71 players in our 18-hole stableford event.

A Grade winner: Winton Knop with 35 points. Congratulations Winton on having a hole in on the 14th!

A Grade runner-up: Russell Williams with 35 points.

B Grade winner: Philip Edwards with 42 points. B Grade runner-up: Andrew Smith with 41 points.

C Grade winner: Trevor Steer with 39 points. C Grade runner-up: Hans Hoefer with 35 points.

14th NTP: Winton Know with a hole in one! 16th NTP: Andrew Smith 1.4m

Eighty-two people played in Thursday's yellow tee stableford comp. Ross McRoberts had the top score with 40.

A Grade winner: Atony Gedy with 37 points. A Grade runner-up: Malcolm Gin with 36 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Ross McRoberts with 40 points. B Grade runner-up: David Richards with 39 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Bruce Cathie with 39 points. C Grade runner-up: Gregory Paine with 38 points on a countback.

D Grade winner: Anthony Giles with 36 points. D Grade runner-up: Gerald Freestone with 35 points on a countback.

NTP 14th: Rebecca Thomas. NTP 16th: Keith Finney.

Saturday par May 21. Ninety-one golfers played in Saturday's par comp. The top score was +4 achieved by Mark Anderon and Rene Zeller.

A Grade winner: John Ryan with +2 on a countback. A Grade runner-up: Jarrod Brusamarello with +2.

B Grade winner: Steven Piasente with +2 on a countback. B Grade runner-up: Bruce Christison with +2 on a countback.

C Grade winner: Mark Anderon with +4. C Grade runner-up: Bryan McCormick with +3 on a countback.

D Grade winner: Rene Zeller with +4. D Grade runner-up: John Fraser with -1.

NTP 14th: Peter Read at 135cm. NTP 16th: Stewart Gibson at 550cm.

## Ladies

AT 6.30am last Wednesday, there were 41 women booked in to play golf. At 8.30am, 19 had turned up at the clubhouse and by 9.10am, 16 women braved the elements.

Unfortunately, only five completed the course, the remainder succumbed to the wind, hail, sleet

and rain. All those that finished felt that they should earn a ball down the line despite their scores.

Glenyce McRobert returned the best score with 31 points, just pipping Marianne Leaver on 30. The down the line balls, as wished for, were awarded to those that completed the 18 holes: Trish Owen, Shirley Welsford and Jocelyn Howson.

## MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, May 19 - stableford. A Grade: T Bradshaw (7) 37pts.

B Grade: J McFarlane (17) 34pts c/b.

DTL: R Pentland 36, Tom Traill 35, D Taylor, 34.

NTP: 4th R Pentland.

Birdies: 4th R Pentland, 16th T Bradshaw, D Taylor, R Matthews.

Saturday, May 21 - stableford, captain trophy qualifier.

A Grade: S Mills (7) 34pts. B Grade: D Evans (18) 38pts.

DTL: S Evison, J McFarlane 35, N Whichello, R Clark 34, B Bradshaw 33 c/b.

NTP: 4th T Whitelaw, 6th J Kus, 13th S McInnes, 16th N Bracecamp.

Birdies: 4th T Whitelaw, G Renwick, 6th, N Whichello, R Clark.

Captain trophy play off: S Evison v D Taylor, J McFarlane v S McInnes, S Mills v B Bradshaw and N Whichello v R Clark.

## SOUTH GIPPSLAND

### Ladies

LEONGATHA Golf Club hosted the South Gippsland Golf Women's Singles Championships this month. Most district clubs were represented, with a very pleasing representation in C Grade. The field was a little depleted due to a few COVID cases.

Rebecca Thomas from Leongatha Golf Club took out the prestigious Singles Championship with 83 off the stick. Rebecca has claimed this honour 11 times!

The B Grade championship was won by Heather Grist from Korumburra Golf Club with 96. This is the second win for Heather in this event.

Chris Lay from Leongatha Golf Club was thrilled to take out the C Grade Championship with a 104. This was Chris' first time playing in the event.

Barb Britton from Foster Golf Club won the A Grade handicap event with a 75 net. Meenihan golfer Sue Hoskin won the B

Grade handicap division with 75 net and Chris Hamilton (Woorayl GC) won the C Grade handicap with a stableford score of 37pts.

The nearest the pins were won by Barb Twite (Korumburra Golf Club) on the 16th, Andrea Thorson (Meenihan GC) on the 4th and Robyn Galloway (Foster GC) on the 14th.

Down the line balls were won by Marg Tuckett (Woorayl) 75, Libby Seebeck (Leongatha), Helen Mackenzie and Geraldine Prentice (Wonthaggi) 76, Andrea Thorson (Meenihan) 77, Robyn Galloway and Merrin Dear (Wonthaggi) 78, Dot Stubbs and Deb Orr (Phillip Island) 79 and Jo Fennell (Woorayl) with an 80 net.

The South Gippsland Golf match committee would like to thank Leongatha Golf Club for hosting this event and women's captain Bronwyn Debenham for her organisation. We can now have a couple of months rest before our next district event, Foursomes, to be held at Phillip Island Golf Club.

Friendship Day to celebrate our golfing family past and present.

We are grateful to our generous sponsors TS Constructions Wonthaggi which provided wonderful prizes on the day.

The event has a couple of twists with a team of three where their scores are aggregated with double points on three secret holes awarded after the round is completed. Also the girls could purchase three mulligans or free shots. Many girls commented that three weren't enough!

Our winners on the day, A Grade Philip Island team of Deb Orr, Karen Green, Megan Elbaz, 86+16=102.

A Grade runners-up were Woorayl team of Elly Berryman, Pauline Lancaster and Inge Gilham 85+12=97.

B Grade winners were another Philip Island team but this one had an outstanding single score of 41 points by Lynn McCole so add Tracy Cooksey and Robyn Docker with a great score of 99+15=114.

B Grade runners-up were Wonthaggi: Marion Walker, Dot Garry, Leesa Willmot 88+13=101.

NTP: 2nd Robyn Docker (PI), 8th Elly Berryman (Woorayl), 13th Faye Quilford (Leongatha), 17th Deb Orr (PI).

Busy Bees Foster: Jenny Alexander, Helen Fulton, Lindell Shields.

## WOORAYL

### Ladies

Sixteen ladies competed in the stableford aggregate pairs event sponsored by Debbie and Gavin Price. The event was also the second and final round of the Shirley and Brian Thomas stableford pairs aggregate board event.

The two leading pairs left the clubhouse together leading the field and keeping an eye on each other. It was a close tussle with Sharyn Rayson and Pauline Lancaster coming in the eventual winners with a combined daily score of 57pts.

The two-week combined score of 122 also made Sharyn and Pauline the winners of the S and B Thomas board event.

Our generous sponsors Debbie and Gavin provided a box of balls with the result everyone received a DTL ball.

NTPs were 8th Sharyn Rayson, 11th Ann Poole and 17th Pauline Lancaster.

## LEONGATHA TABLE TENNIS

RESULTS as of May 17 are as follows.

A Grade: After a slow start to the season, George of the Jungle had a huge win over Daffy Duck at Table Tennis Central last Tuesday night. While they probably won't make the finals, they are showing that they are still a force to be reckoned with.

Captain Marvel 6-20 def Minions 5-18; Mickey Mouse 6-20 def Elmer Fudd 5-20; and George of the Jungle 11-3 def Daffy Duck 0-4.

After round 11 standings are (in order of points, rubbers and games): Mickey Mouse 18 73 255, Minions 16 78 264, Elmer Fudd 16 70 254, Captain Marvel 10 69 249, Daffy Duck 10 50 177, and George of the Jungle 4 57 219.

Leading players: Michael C 33, Case DeB 30, Zac D 24, Dirk H 23, Bryce H 20 and Michael H 20.

## WONTHAGGI TABLE TENNIS

A1 team Cavaliers (Braden Andrichto, Paul McAsey) are hanging on to top spot by a very small margin from Blue Heelers (Dirk Holwerda, John Colomiere), and this week is the final match of the second round.

With semi-finals and grand final coming up, it will be an interesting week.

In A2 there are two teams looking for that top spot after this week's matches. Cabbages (Leanne Costello, Jason Mayer) are the favourites on 32 36(110), with Spuds (David Kimmings, John Colomiere) on 32 32(102) close behind.

Leading players in A1: Dirk Holwerda 16 (50), Braden Andrichto 14 (42), Brad Andrew 11 (36).

Leading Players in A2: Leanne Costello 17 (49), Brad Andrew 13 (44), Trish Denier 12 (39), David Kimmings 12 (38), Jason Mayer 11 (33).

COVID has again struck down some of our players this week and we are extremely grateful for our long list of obliging fill-ins. Without them we would have to cancel matches.

Welcome back and welcome home also to Sean Michael, who played some top table tennis for the club before his studies took him away from Wonthaggi. We look forward to seeing Sean in our winter comp, starting soon.

## PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

MONDAY May 9 saw five and a half tables at play.

The club warmly welcomed new players Leanne Eames and Hikaru Dunn.

Diane Coleman and Leng Haggith claimed top spot with 62.5%.

Lorrie Red and Neville Chapman finished second on 58.33%.

Third place went to Ruth Harvey and Ann Green.

On Wednesday May 11, there were three and a half tables.

Moya Crowley and Jill Short are competing in the Noosa Bridge get away - we wish them well.

Third place on the day went to Clare and Jim Murphy.

Molly Downing and Miranda Sage had a good day and came second on 60.42%.

Wendy and Graham McKergow surprised themselves securing 63.54% and first.

There is an old saying in bridge, roosters one week, feather dusters the next.

A reminder that social bridge is on every Thursday at 1.00pm.

The environment is relaxed, and discussion of play occurs to exchange ideas and to help improve play.

It is an ideal opportunity for new players to build their skills. Partners are not required.

Contact Wendy McKergow on 0459 200 265 for more information.

# Island girls test Traralgon at Cowes

IT WAS a sensational day at Cowes on Sunday when the Phillip Island Youth Girls hosted a strong Traralgon team in the new-look Gippsland Female Football competition.

From the outset, Traralgon moved the ball well and they peppered the scoring zone and might easily have had more than four goals on the board at the end of the term.

Against the flow of play, talented play-maker Ahlee Penry finished off with a nice goal for the home side and the further the term went, the better the Bulldogs girls teamed together.

And they continued on in the second quarter, taking it right up to Traralgon at every contest and getting to the fall of the ball in good numbers.

Working off a winning backline, the Island girls started to move the ball well by hand and foot and a great coast-to-coast passage of play which finished with a goal to Poppy Marshall was good reward for effort.

Traralgon were getting a real contest from the Island team, a fact remarked on by their coach after the game.

As well as Ahlee Penry, Jade Riccardo was a strong contributor in defence, making a good contest for the ball in the air, Lexi Walton back herself, taking the loose ball on the run to drive the Island into attack, Mackenzie Wain collecting possessions at the stoppages and lots of others providing options or creative with handball.

The game was a little contested early, with packs forming but during the second quarter, the good kicking, marking and running to position skills were more evident in a highly entertaining match.

Traralgon ultimately ran away with it in the second half but it was the ideal development experience for the Island girls as they strive to raise their standards in the strong Gippsland-wide competition.

The Island girls travel to Korumburra next Sunday, for a 1pm match, against their former rival from the previous competition and it shapes as a great 'local derby' so get down there and support the youth girls.



A Traralgon Under 18 Youth Girls player takes a nice mark in midfield on Sunday.



Ahlee Penry breaks away with the ball from defence in an entertaining match against Traralgon on Sunday.



The Bass Coast Shield was finally up and running again this year.

## Wonthaggi takes out Bass Coast Shield

APRIL and May to date have seen Wonthaggi Croquet Club members travel far and wide throughout Victoria and indeed Tasmania, to participate in many singles and doubles events.

Virginia Wheeler and Neil Warburton travelled to Launceston over Easter and competed in the Golf Croquet singles, where Virginia reached the semi-final in her section.

Neil did not fare quite as well but acquitted himself admirably.

Immediately following the two days of singles, they com-

peted as a pair in the two-day doubles event. Played well but unfortunately no trophies to show for their efforts.

Sue Baker and Tom Lacy

competed in the Bairnsdale

doubles on April 23/24 where they finished runner-up.

Tom and Neil fronted up

again on April 30 and May 1,

this time to contest the Warra-

gul singles with Tom finishing

third in their section.

Morwell on May 8-9 saw four

of our members travel to com-

pete in their annual doubles

tournament.

Neil Warburton and Virginia Wheeler played in section 2

finishing with three wins under

their belt. Sue Cartwright and Gerry Kool played in section 1

finishing with 1 win out of 10

games.

A first for Sue and Gerry, as

over the years of playing to-

gether, they had never finished

last in a competition. Can only

get better from here. Tom Lacy

refereed at this event.

The Bass Coast Shield was

finally up and running again af-

ter several hiccups before and

then of course during COVID's

interference in 2020/21.

It was held on May 10, with Wonthaggi hosting this year's event.

This competition comprises teams from Phillip Island, Korumburra, Leongatha and Wonthaggi and is played in a format of 2 singles and 2 doubles matches on a round robin basis.

The shield was in the hands of Phillip Island who reluctantly handed it over to Wonthaggi, who won the day by a very narrow margin of 2 hoops (8 games each).

# Locals bring home the trophies at Victorian Longboard Titles

ROUND 2 of the 2022 Victorian Longboard Titles was completed over the weekend at Thirteenth Beach, with highly contestable waves on offer for both days of competition.

Waves were in the 2-3foot range for the entirety of the competition, with offshore winds becoming cross-shore on Sunday for finals day. A left and right peak was on offer for the finals, which saw everyone rip in and post excellent scores.

Not only were winners announced across 15 divisions, but state champs were also decided.

## Round 2 Results:

Over 40 Women Longboard: 1st Jacquie Chambers, 2nd Natalie Van Der Heyden.

Over 40 Women Logger: 2nd Jacquie Chambers.

Over 60 Men Longboard: 2nd Andrew Lidsey.

U18 Girls Longboard: 1st Niamh Moore.

U18 Boys Longboard: 1st Tate Russell.

U18 Boys Logger: 2nd Tate Russell.

## 2022 Victorian Longboard Titles - Champions

Over 40 Women Longboard: Jacquie Chambers and Runner Up, Natalie Van Der Heyden.

Over 40 Women Logger: Jacquie Chambers.

U18 Girls Longboard: Niamh Moore.

U18 Boys Longboard: Tate Russell.

U18 Boys Logger Runner up: Tate Russell.



Natalie Van Der Heyden (second from right) and Jacquie Chambers (right) placed 2nd and 1st respectively in the Over 40 Longboard Championship. Jacquie also took home the Over 40 Logger Championship. Photos by Zac Loveless | Surfing Victoria.



Tate Russell (left) took home the Under 18 Boys Longboard Championship, whilst placing 2nd in the Logger.



Under 14s - Leongatha Knights' player Jack McNaughton defends against Trafalgar over the weekend.



Seniors' LKFC striker Jethro Alison goes against the Trafalgar defender.

## Knights maintain top billing over the Victory

Round 6: Leongatha Knights Football Club v Trafalgar Victory

Reserves: Leongatha 1 v Trafalgar 4

Seniors: Leongatha 4 v Trafalgar 3. With both teams heading into the match undefeated this season, Round 6's fixture between Leongatha Knights and Trafalgar Victory was eagerly anticipated. The Knights came out strong from the start, with a high press resulting in a goal in the first five minutes for Leongatha captain PJ O'Meara. Trafalgar appeared off balance in the first half, struggling to win the ball from Leongatha's dominant midfield. An

other finish from O'Meara and fellow striker Jethro Alison saw Leongatha head into half time with a solid 3-0 lead. However, an altercation following O'Meara's third goal saw Trafalgar fire up and push forward into their attack. A solid header, penalty and free kick saw Trafalgar win 3 goals in 15 minutes. Though they pushed hard, Trafalgar were unable to unseat Leongatha's lead seeing the home team Knights secure the victory with a 4-3 win, retaining their position on top of the ladder. Player of the match went to PJ O'Meara for an excellent hat trick and true leadership on the pitch.



LKFC's James Heneghan goes in for a header in the reserves.



Gippsland Football Club took on Goulburn Valley over the weekend with both U16's and U18's bringing home the win.

## Gippsland FC match reports

### Round 5: U13's Metro - Gippsland FC vs Bentleigh United

Gippsland dominated the first half however didn't have the quality when needed in front of goal. Gippsland took the lead after a well worked corner kick that came straight from the training ground with Mitch Dastey finishing it off with a side foot finished to the far corner to go in at the break 1 nil up.

The second half opened and Gippsland went into a 4-0 lead with goals from Jett Koppen (2) and Henry Knight. A bit of complacency set in allowing Bentleigh to pull 2 goals back despite some good saves from Cristian Guarascio in goals. Gippsland steadied and managed to add a fifth through Henry Knight for his second of the game to finish 5-2 winners.

### Round 4 U15's JBNPL - Gippsland FC v Ashburton

The Gippsland U15s are still striving for their first win of the regular season. We have seen the boys display form in patches however they have struggled to keep a clean sheet in recent weeks. Early goals have forced them to chase the game all too often. Unfortunately, today Gippsland went down 1-4 to Ashburton. Jesse Dugard was able to grab a great goal from a free kick early in the second half giving the boys some real confidence. However, after a few positional moves and fresh players from the bench, a reinvigorated Ashburton were able to score three late goals to run away with the match. For Gippsland the reliable Angus Dempsey continued his strong form at left back, returning from injury Dylan Rosato played strongly in midfield, while Siya Mapiye and Jesse Dugard were creative on their wings.

### Round 4 U16's JBNPL - Gippsland FC V's Goulburn Valley

G.F.C.'s under 16s travelled up the Hume to Shepparton in a battle of the regional teams. In perfect conditions, GFC dominated the play, despite this Goulburn Valley Suns scored first. It didn't take Gippsland long to respond and equalize with Rex Parini whipping the ball into the box from a corner kick, and Brody Demagistris heading the ball into the back of the net. Spurred on by the support from their families, GFC scored again 5 minutes later. It was true team effort. The long journey paying off for Gippsland, with a 3-2 win.

### Round 4 U18's JBNPL - Gippsland FC V's Goulburn Valley

Gippsland FC under 18s made the long haul to Shepparton to take on the unbeaten Goulburn Valley Suns. Perfect conditions were on hand at the Goulburn Valley complex and a competitive match was expected. The home team had Gippsland FC under pressure from the start.

The visitors were looking dangerous on the break and at the 25-minute mark took the lead thanks to Gippsland FC striker, Cain Layland finding the bottom corner for the opening goal of the game. Hayden Berthon burst through for his team's second goal giving Gippsland FC the belief they could win against the undefeated Goulburn Valley Suns. There was still plenty of time left for the home team, however Gippsland FC weren't to be denied a fantastic away win against a formidable opponent with the game finishing, Gippsland FC 2 - Goulburn Valley Suns 0



The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath, is encouraging local football and netball clubs to embrace the road safety messaging and apply for available grants.

## Road safety grants for local football clubs

THE Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath is encouraging local football and netball clubs to get involved in the TAC Club Rewards Programs in 2022.

Grants are now on offer for all AFL Victoria aligned clubs across Victoria.

"Our local clubs have the opportunity to earn up to \$10,000 in funding by promoting road safety to their community," said Ms Bath.

"The Nationals are passionate campaigners for safer regional and rural roads and road safety is an important issue that needs lots of ongoing discussion.

"Road safety is about creating awareness, teaching people to drive to conditions and helping drivers to understand dangers involved.

"Unfortunately, our country roads are not maintained to the same standard as metropolitan roads and young people travelling long distances are at risk each time they get in the car to attend sport.

"It's important to be proactively talking about the issues of speed, drink driving, fatigue, distractions, vehicle safety and young drivers through our local sporting clubs."

Ms Bath said our local clubs can implement a program that they run each year to keep players, volunteers and officials informed around road safety.

"Programs delivered at the grassroots level is a great way to teach young people around risks and become better drivers.

"There are lots of initiatives clubs could deliver including information nights, posters, social media, mentoring of young drivers, shuttle buses, designated driver incentives, scoreboard messaging and hosting a road safety round.

"Clubs are only limited by their imagination to promote awareness of road safety, and all these initiatives help the club get in the running for a \$10,000 grant.

"I look forward to seeing our local football and netball clubs embrace the road safety messaging and encourage our dedicated community volunteers to host a Road Safety round this year", Ms Bath said.

Grants can be used for new equipment, program delivery and uniforms.

Applications for the TAC Club Rewards Programs 2022 can be submitted online at [aflvic.smartygrants.com.au/2022TACRewardsProgram](http://aflvic.smartygrants.com.au/2022TACRewardsProgram).

## Asbury to play in National Deaf Squad

CALLUM Asbury from the Inverloch Cricket Club is among those playing for Cricket Australia's National Deaf Squad.

It's a return to action for the squad, with Andrew Park leading the team for the first time since the 2018 Deaf Cricket World Cup.

The squad will face England in the Commonwealth Bank International Cricket Inclusion Series in Brisbane this June.



City Under 12s team were presented with new 2022 shirts.

# Korumburra City unveils new strip for 2022

KORUMBURRA City Soccer Club unveiled its long-awaited 2022 playing strip last week, and held a formal Shirt presentation to celebrate the milestone.

The evening was split into junior and senior team functions, with a sausage sizzle and old-fashioned pie night in the lead up to the coaches handing out the new playing strips to all members.

"It is great to all the members back in the clubrooms, enjoying a social night and receiving the long-awaited 2022 shirts," Korumburra City Soccer Club president Rory Cull said.

"We had some delivery issues due to the global logistics delays but in the end, they are worth the wait; they look and feel fantastic."

As the presentation got started, each team was called up in turn so that players could be presented with their number.

The first player called up for the new shirt was Oskar Mallia, who was very excited to receive his Miniroo U6 Number 2 shirt.

The Miniroo hubs are on Saturday mornings, and spaces are still available if any parents are interested. Active



KCSC women, from left, back, Natalie Short, Dakota Decarlo, Jess Odgers, Alana Lopez-Freeman; front, Stephanie Ricardo, Brooke Grant, Annelise Hamilton and Sam Sherry.

Kids grants are also accepted by the club to help with fees.

The senior presentation started with a short fashion show, as Marley Walker, Dakota Decarlo and Annelise Hamilton walked the Korumburra catwalk to model the new playing strips, much to the entertainment of their teammates.

Representatives of Korumburra City's 2022 major sponsors, Crypto Chat, VIP Gardening Services, Cascade Building, Inverloch Par 3 Golf, The Middle Pub and Burra Brewing, then took it in turns handing out a shirt to each of the players as each was introduced to the club by the coaches.



Oskar Millia received his shirt from sponsor Craig Lineham of Crypto Chat.

"We like to have some fun on and off the field," Rory said.

"It was a great atmosphere in the rooms, and I think everyone enjoyed themselves."

"Our first shirt presentation evening was a great success."

If you are interested in playing football (soccer) at any level, please contact Rory on 0447 141 971.

## Kids Get Active sporting vouchers to continue

MINISTER for Community Sport Ros Spence has announced \$12.3 million for the continuation of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program through to June 2023.

The program reduces out-of-pocket expenses associated with participation in community sport, by providing eligible parents and guardians with a \$200

voucher to help defray the costs of membership, registration, uniforms and equipment.

Parents now only need to apply for the vouchers online before redeeming them at a registered Get Active Kids Voucher Activity Provider – such as a local sporting club or organisation.

Registered activity providers must be affiliated with a rec-

ognised State Sporting Association, or equivalent governing body, and can lodge voucher codes with the state government to be credited the costs.

The program is open to Victorian children aged up to 18 who are named on a valid Commonwealth Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card and named on a valid Medicare Card

at the time of application.

A special consideration stream is also available to support children in care, temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants and international students up to 18 years at the time of application.

Applications for the current round are now open and close at 5pm on May 31.

# Mid Gippsland FNL Round 7 Preview

By Rob Popplestone

## Fish Creek v Boolarra

Tipped as a top five contender, Fish Creek is quickly running out of time to make its run towards the top half of the ladder.

Make no mistake, the Kangaroos are better than what we have seen to this stage of the season and they are looking forward to having more options at selection time.

"We hope to get a few key players back this week against Boolarra in a match that looms as season-defining," Fish Creek coach John Danckert said.

The visiting Boolarra side is looking comfortable in third position on the MGFNL ladder, but to secure an even firmer grip they need to maintain their winning momentum.

Part of the evenness of this year's competition is due to the improvement of sides like Boolarra.

The Demons have already given their local community something to be proud of and to get excited about.

That said, they, like their opponents this week, need to continually improve as we go deeper into the season.

## MDU v Newborough

MDU has claimed the four premiership points twice in the last fortnight, on both occasions by less than a straight kick, and as pleasing as those results have been, the Demons now face a stern challenge in the form of Newborough.

The visiting Bulldogs are a confident and rapidly improving side.

While MDU just snuck home against winless Toora, Demons coach Peter Harris is confident his side can step up to the level needed to match it with Newborough.

MDU, currently eighth, are just a win behind the fourth-placed Newborough side, highlighting the importance of the match for



**Boolarra had a defining victory over Mirboo North.** Photos: Boolarra Football Netball Club

both teams.

Bulldogs coach Craig Skinner pointed out that MDU hasn't lost at home, so his side will need to maintain its intensity to get the job done.

While Newborough's impressive off season recruiting has been well documented, the challenge is to get all the pieces of the puzzle together in a way that achieves consistently strong team performances that will stand up to the increasing pressure as the business end of the season approaches.

## Stony Creek v Foster

Stony Creek has been better than expected and will be rested after a bye as the Lions look to produce their best footy against the visiting Foster side.

Stony Creek lost only narrowly to Morwell East in the Lions last

hitout, a situation that also applied to Foster last week against Hill End.

"We had plenty to work on during our week off before we take on an in form Foster side," Stony Creek coach Jay Accardi said.

The Tigers had strung a couple of wins together before last week's narrow defeat against one of the top sides.

While Foster is a quality side, it currently sits ninth on the table, three slots below Stony Creek.

While a win can get the Tigers on track, Stony Creek will present a tough challenge.

Foster has had issues to contend with at selection, unable to get as many of its first choice players on the park as it would like, but has battled on manfully despite the hurdles confronting it.

Tigers coach Sam Davies is keen to see his side maintain its

best form for longer, with that form coming and going in patches during the first third of the home and away season.

## Tarwin v Morwell East

Each week the bar has been lifted and the opposition has been more prepared, but to date no side has managed to get the better of a well-drilled Tarwin side.

The Sharks, under new coach Troy Hemming, have delivered in spades the type of football the local community hasn't witnessed from the home side for quite a while.

"I'm proud of our boys staying disciplined and grinding away but Morwell East is going to be a big challenge as I think we play a similar brand of football," Hemming said.

The Sharks, however, have

managed to produce their best more consistently to date.

Morwell East is looking to bounce back after a sizeable loss to Newborough.

The Hawks are better than what they showed last week, and that's not to take away from the performance of Newborough, but being capable of better and not showing it when it really counts is a problem that coach Devon Soutar will be addressing in his normal no nonsense manner.

It should be remembered however, that the last time Morwell East put in a performance such as last week's, back in round 1, they went on to win their next four matches.

## Toora v Yinnar

The battle of the Magpies takes on a twist that was not expected just a week ago, that being the honest and aggressive performance by the Toora team against MDU.

Toora showed enough to suggest that a win may not be far away, but it might not be this week against a powerful Yinnar team.

The visitors make the trip to Toora confident that they may have found the formula to make the 2022 season something special.

Yinnar was given some close attention by Thorpdale last weekend but the more attention they received the better the home side responded.

Its nine goal third quarter performance was testimony to the fact this Yinnar side could well be the real deal.

"Toora at Toora this week is another big game and we will have to be at our best again to get the result," Yinnar coach Daniel Taylor said, acknowledging Toora's impressive effort against MDU.

Toora will again be working hard to give its fans a glimpse of a brighter future, but Yinnar is likely to have a little too much class at this stage.

**Bye: Mirboo North**

## Collingwood legend Dane Swan joins Nyora for a day



NYORA Football Club were thrilled to have AFL Brownlow medallist Dane Swan join their team last weekend.

While the team was unsuccessful in their match against Lang Lang, it was nonetheless a great day for all.

**A GRADE**

Boolarra 45 lt Mirboo Nth 99  
 Fish Creek 45 d Tarwin 42  
 Hill End 41 d Foster 31  
 Toora 42 d MDU 22  
 Yinnar 77 d Thorpdale 23  
 Morwell E 62 d N'borough 39

**B GRADE**

Boolarra 34 lt Mirboo Nth 52  
 Fish Creek 40 d Tarwin 32  
 Hill End 46 d Foster 24  
 Toora 69 d MDU 29  
 Yinnar 0 v Thorpdale 0  
 Morwell E 52 d N'borough 46

**C GRADE**

Boolarra 20 lt Mirboo Nth 52  
 Fish Creek 33 d Tarwin 29  
 Hill End 38 d Foster 19  
 Toora 24 lt MDU 39

Yinnar 52 d Thorpdale 12  
 Morwell E 25 lt N'borough 26

**D GRADE**

Boolarra 14 lt Mirboo Nth 40  
 Toora 14 drew MDU 14  
 Yinnar 52 d Thorpdale 18  
 Morwell E 36 d N'borough 24

**17 & UNDER**

Fish Creek 40 d Tarwin 27  
 Toora 30 lt MDU 43

Morwell E 51 d N'borough 31

**15 & UNDER**

Boolarra 34 lt Mirboo Nth 36  
 Toora 26 d MDU 13

Yinnar 21 lt Thorpdale 22

Morwell E 33 d N'borough 22

**13 & UNDER**

Boolarra 24 lt Mirboo Nth 33  
 Fish Creek 31 d Tarwin 2

Hill End 49 d Foster 5

Toora 34 lt MDU 11

**» LADDERS**

	%	pts
Toora	213.68	24
Mirboo North	185.71	24
Morwell East	228.99	20
Yinnar	172.41	20
Tarwin	120.88	16
Newborough	91.38	12
Fish Creek	78.09	12
Boolarra	76.59	12
Hill End	82.26	8
Stony Creek	28.67	8
MDU	77.83	4
Thorpdale	55.10	4
Foster	51.09	4

**B GRADE**

	%	pts
Toora	209.93	24
Mirboo North	161.54	24
Morwell East	156.65	24
Yinnar	163.45	16
Boolarra	106.63	16
MDU	94.18	12
Hill End	92.50	8
Newborough	85.37	8
Fish Creek	82.78	8
Thorpdale	63.55	8
Foster	62.81	8
Stony Creek	52.94	8
Tarwin	52.20	4

**C GRADE**

	%	pts
MDU	217.74	24
Newborough	171.30	24
Yinnar	191.94	20
Morwell East	166.96	20
Tarwin	133.90	16
Toora	112.20	16
Mirboo North	106.81	12
Fish Creek	95.35	8
Hill End	89.50	8
Boolarra	64.78	8
Stony Creek	59.49	8
Foster	23.08	4
Thorpdale	35.40	0

**D GRADE**

	%	pts
Mirboo North	221.84	22
Yinnar	205.00	22
Morwell East	167.42	20
Hill End	121.55	20
Tarwin	73.47	20
Toora	88.61	14
Newborough	80.49	12
Boolarra	71.33	12
MDU	61.31	10
Stony Creek	63.51	4
Hill End	55.25	4

**17 & UNDER**

	%	pts
MDU	198.89	24
Morwell East	150.00	24
Fish Creek	115.04	16
Mirboo North	111.26	16
Yinnar	109.57	16
Newborough	103.52	16
Tarwin	81.00	16
Toora	91.30	12
Stony Creek	53.42	8
Hill End	41.99	8

**15 & UNDER**

	%	pts
Toora	379.07	24
Thorpdale	229.85	24
Yinnar	262.50	20
Mirboo North	196.23	20
Boolarra	116.94	16
Morwell East	71.69	16
MDU	80.45	8
Hill End	71.22	8
Fish Creek	40.00	8
Stony Creek	24.43	4
Newborough	41.49	4

**13 & UNDER**

	%	pts
Mirboo North	348.72	24
Boolarra	217.02	20
Toora	172.50	20
Foster	66.67	20
Hill End	194.12	16
Tarwin	5.77	16
Fish Creek	104.71	12
MDU	9.64	4

## SPORT | NETBALL



Autumn twilight competition's mixed team included Prawn Sandwiches (back) Abby Forrester, Lauren Redpath, Georgia Higgins, Jack Ginnane, Sam Forrester, Jack Hemming and Alice Reid. Showstoppers (front) Bec Vagg, Darren Pocklington, Emma Smith, Hamish Box, Isabella Green, Zac Mabilia, Lina Green and Kerri Palmer.

## Twilight netball makes a strong return

THE grand final of the autumn twilight competition of Leongatha and District Netball Association was held recently.

The 12-week draw was the first competition for two years to be completed with finals held.

In the A Grade ladies, Tigers were an outstanding team of talent.

They had good wins during the competition and were strong winners in the grand final.

The team was depleted due to some COVID illnesses, but they were able to take to win from the skilled and persistent Decade Dazzlers. Tigers 44 to Decade Dazzles 35.

Tigers B Grade Ladies team were also a successful team during the

competition and went into the grand final as favourites.

An injury in the first half of the game brought them undone and the ladies of team Bits and Pieces charged ahead to take the win. Bits and Pieces 35 to Tigers 20.

A small group of mixed teams played out the 12-week competition, blending skilled, learning, senior and junior players to build back the competition. Long-time associated team Showstoppers were able to win over the young, fit and talented team of Prawn Sandwiches. Showstoppers 37 to Prawn Sandwiches 25.

The next midweek Twilight netball competition in Leongatha will commence September 6 and 7.



Kilcunda-Bass shooter Jordan Kennedy gets the front position to take this high pass, ahead of her Cora-Lynn opponent Maggie Blackman.



Killy-Bass wing attack Georgia Burston is full of concentration as she makes space to receive the ball midcourt under pressure from Tess Alexander.



Bunyip keeps up the pressure as Korumburra's Kate Little looks for the pass. Ns152122



Korumburra-Bena B grade's Madeline Smith eyes off her options. Ns142122

## WEST GIPPSLAND

## » RESULTS

**A GRADE**

Bunyip 60 d Kor-Bena 27

K-WR 34 lt Garfield 47

Phillip Island 52 lt Dalyston 58

T-Dalmore 47 d I-Kongwak 43

Warragul Ind. 47 lt NNG 66

**B GRADE**

Bunyip 48 d Kor-Bena 27

K-Bass 40 lt Cora Lynn 41

K-WR 35 drew Garfield 35

Phillip Island 61 d Dalyston 55

T-Dalmore 47 d I-Kongwak 43

Warragul Ind. 47 lt NNG 66

**C GRADE**

Bunyip 3 lt Kor-Bena 29

K-Bass 1 lt Cora Lynn 33

K-WR 18 d Garfield 15

Phillip Island 29 lt Dalyston 3

T-Dalmore 16 d I-Kongwak 7

Warragul Ind. 13 lt NNG 29

**D GRADE**

Bunyip 3 lt Kor-Bena 29



In A Grade, Poowong's Seeanan Trewin flies high to stop an attempt at goal. Photo: Jeff Tull.

## LEONGATHA

Under 13: Award 1 – Anna Hutchinson, sponsored by Bakers Delight. Award 2 – Eamon Reardon, sponsored by Sweet Life Café. Award 3. – Wil Reynolds, sponsored by Sports First. Score: Leongatha 33 def Maffra 30. A very competitive and intense game. All players dug deep and gave it their all to comeback from behind at half time to win by 3! Great to see 13's, keep flying!

Under 15: Award 1 – Lara Gill, sponsored by Gatha Pizza. Award 2 – Lucy Heber, sponsored by Rusty Windmill. Score: Leongatha drew 39 to Maffra 39. It was a very exciting game. Scores were very up and down and both teams had opportunities to win. Overall was a close game and we managed to stay with Maffra to finish with a tie.

Under 17: Award 1 – Molly Heber, sponsored by Serafinos. Award 2 – Katie Harris, sponsored by Voyage Fitness. Score: Leongatha 27 defeated Maffra 22. Tough hustle for the girls. Scores were very even but we took the opportunities to come away with the win.

C Grade: Award 1 – Makenzi Gourlay, sponsored by MVP Voyage Award. Award 2 – Ash Willis, sponsored by Bairs. Award 3 – Belle Grabham-Andrews, sponsored by Leongatha RSL. Auction Player: Makenzi Gourlay. Score: Leongatha 30 lost to Maffra 32. Amazing intensity on the court today. Everyone worked hard, unfortunately went down but our heads stayed up the whole game! Amazing team game Parrots!

B Grade: Award 1 – Zali Rogers, sponsored by MVP TB Award. Award 2 – Alicia Marshman, sponsored by Fettle & Joy. Award 3 – Jaclyn van Rooy, sponsored by Lyn Rose Boutique. Auction Player: Zali Rogers. Score: Leongatha 45 to Maffra 37. What a win! So proud of every player. Everyone played their roles and it was a great team game, GO PARROTS!

A Grade: Award 1 – Jessica Edgar, sponsored by MVP Hall Award. Award 2 – Laura Higgins, sponsored by Rusty Windmill. Award 3 – Hannah Flanders, sponsored by In the Arcade. Auction Player: Kayla Redpath. Score: Leongatha 54 def Maffra 37. Great win today girls! Was a tough fight all the way to the end. Congratulations Taylah for playing 150 games, what a super star!



Nyora A Grade Tanasha Walters in action.



Nyora's C Grade Makaela Gambetta.



Elise Desantis looks for the net. Ns212122



Morwell makes a fantastic block against Wonthaggi. Ns192122

## ELLINBANK

### » RESULTS

#### A GRADE

Trafalgar 34 It N-Darnum 45  
Poowong 15 It Neerim Sth 90  
Nyora 23 It Lang Lang 54  
Ellinbank 62 d Yarragon 24  
Longwarry 47 It Buln Buln 61

#### B GRADE

Trafalgar 64 d N-Darnum 43  
Poowong 22 It Neerim Sth 70  
Nyora 30 It Lang Lang 42  
Ellinbank 82 d Yarragon 15  
Longwarry 33 It Buln Buln 71

#### C GRADE

Trafalgar 21 It N-Darnum 40  
Poowong 16 It Neerim Sth 36  
Nyora 22 It Lang Lang 32  
Ellinbank 63 d Yarragon 17  
Longwarry 58 d Buln Buln 33

### » LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	385.45	24	Poowong	166.10	24
Ellinbank	179.06	20	Trafalgar	209.85	20
Trafalgar	167.76	20	Lang Lang	117.65	16
Nilma Darnum	165.79	20	Catani	114.52	16
Lang Lang	111.97	16	Nilma Darnum	77.38	16
Buln Buln	85.39	12	Ellinbank	99.55	14
Poowong	58.29	12	Buln Buln	87.89	8
Catani	96.97	8	Yarragon	72.68	8
Nyora	56.09	4	Nyora	67.01	8
Yarragon	37.05	4	Longwarry	79.50	6
Longwarry	68.70	0	Neerim South	59.57	4

#### B GRADE

Ellinbank	302.21	24	15 & UNDER	191.75	24
Buln Buln	159.13	24	Yarragon	195.08	20
Trafalgar	143.78	16	Poowong	125.60	20
Nilma Darnum	122.63	16	Buln Buln	180.49	16
Catani	112.21	16	Catani	127.66	12
Neerim South	153.76	14	Trafalgar	107.86	12
Lang Lang	98.60	14	Nilma Darnum	105.45	12
Poowong	56.89	8	Ellinbank	96.99	12
Nyora	69.23	4	Lang Lang	35.56	4
Yarragon	38.75	4	Neerim South	22.28	4
Longwarry	48.04	0	Nyora	127	0

#### C GRADE

Nilma Darnum	248.96	24	13 & UNDER	239.39	24
Longwarry	179.33	24	Catani	129.47	18
Ellinbank	228.57	20	Longwarry	147.47	16
Neerim South	182.24	20	Nilma Darnum	96.06	16
Buln Buln	115.35	16	Buln Buln	87.50	16
Catani	110.27	16	Lang Lang	101.98	14
Lang Lang	79.27	8	Yarragon	145.28	12
Trafalgar	64.08	4	Nyora	91.03	12
Nyora	53.49	4	Neerim South	83.76	4
Poowong	43.93	4	Poowong	51.33	4
Sale	40.20	0	Ellinbank	37.86	4

## GIPPSLAND

### » RESULTS

#### A GRADE

Bairnsdale 36 It Traralgon 57  
Drouin 34 It Moe 61  
Maffra 37 It Leongatha 54  
Morwell 53 d Wonthaggi 35  
Sale 30 It Warragul 49

#### B GRADE

Bairnsdale 33 It Traralgon 76  
Drouin 38 It Moe 49  
Maffra 37 It Leongatha 45  
Morwell 40 d Wonthaggi 29  
Sale 43 d Warragul 42

#### C GRADE

Bairnsdale 22 It Traralgon 40  
Drouin 34 d Moe 30  
Maffra 32 d Leongatha 30  
Morwell 40 d Wonthaggi 18  
Sale 32 d Warragul 22

### » LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Morwell	165.73	28	Sale	202.50	28
Moe	160.37	24	Traralgon	178.67	28
Leongatha	160.00	24	Wonthaggi	110.77	20
Drouin	123.95	20	Morwell	107.60	16
Wonthaggi	105.78	12	Drouin	90.83	14
Traralgon	102.13	12	Leongatha	96.18	12
Warragul	83.39	8	Maffra	86.70	12
Maffra	77.78	8	Bairnsdale	89.39	6
Sale	50.64	4	Warragul	54.84	4
Bairnsdale	48.24	0	Moe	54.51	0

#### B GRADE

Leongatha	196.00	28	15 & UNDER	344.04	28
Maffra	137.05	24	Maffra	160.87	26
Moe	126.98	24	Sale	210.17	24
Traralgon	167.12	20	Leongatha	149.18	18
Bairnsdale	72.01	12	Wonthaggi	94.27	12
Morwell	94.85	8	Morwell	93.52	12
Drouin	78.89	8	Bairnsdale	92.75	8
Sale	71.14	8	Moe	48.97	8
Wonthaggi	70.75	8	Drouin	30.15	2
Warragul	60.98	0	Warragul	25.51	2

#### C GRADE

Maffra	164.16	28	13 & UNDER	412.70	28
Leongatha	156.30	20	Traralgon	271.56	28
Drouin	95.12	20	Bairnsdale	198.43	20
Morwell	120.00	18	Wonthaggi	95.12	16
Warragul	114.29	18	Maffra	90.95	12
Traralgon	117.58	14	Leongatha	80.22	12
Sale	79.56	8	Warragul	61.45	12
Moe	94.30	6	Moe	52.08	12
Wonthaggi	63.35	4	Drouin	42.98	0
Bairnsdale	55.60	4	Morwell	38.43	0

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## George opens up following 'traumatic' incident

By Lachlan Geleit

AUSTRALIAN Opal Cayla George has opened up on the fallout from the side's infamous pre-Tokyo Olympics campaign that led to the withdrawal of star centre Liz Cambage.

Cambage famously walked away from the side after being involved in an on-court incident during a warm-up game against Nigeria last July, with it since being revealed that the WNBA star told her opponents to "go back to your third world country" during the contest.

With those words leading to a formal reprimand from Basketball Australia, Cambage decided to step away from the side as the Opals struggled in her absence, failing to medal in Tokyo.

Since then, Cambage has stood firm in her decision to leave the national set-up, while in doing so she's drawn the ire of big names in the basketball community including Andrew Bogut, Andrew Gaze and her former captain Jenna O'Hea.

As one of her ex-teammates, George told SEN 1170 Call Time that she has no interest in inviting Cambage back into the squad, adding that her issue with the star centre is that she allowed her teammates to face repercussions for actions they didn't commit.

"Absolutely not, no, absolutely not," George said in response to whether she had spoken to Cambage since the incident.

"This is the only thing I'll say about it, when someone does something and they don't really have any repercussions for it (it's unfair).

"The only repercussions were put on all of us who actually tried to protect and do the most respectful thing ... we are the ones that felt the repercussions and not the person that actually did the deed.

"Then that's where I've got an issue because we're the ones that have suffered and we didn't do anything wrong.

"So, that's where my issue is."

After O'Hea revealed the true nature of the incident on ABC's *Offsiders*, George moved to confirm those claims and added that she's now at peace with the fallout despite it causing significant hurdles in the side's Olympic journey.

"I'm absolutely in a good place with it. Like I don't lose sleep over it at all," George said.

"Well, I think Jenna (O'Hea) when she spoke on *Offsiders*, she kind of said all that needed to be said.

"There were a lot of rumours floating around about what happened, but that kind of cleared up with what Jenna said."

"That's really what happened, and it was pretty traumatic. It's just not something that you forget easily."

Cambage is currently plying her trade for the Los Angeles Sparks in the WNBA.



Patrick Cripps of the Blues and Michael Voss, coach of the Blues look on from the bench during the AFL Round 8 match between the Carlton Blues and the Adelaide Crows at Marvel Stadium in Melbourne, Sunday, May 8, 2022. Photo: AAP Image/Scott Barbour.

## Walls bullish about Carlton's finals prospects

By Laurence Rosen

Robert Walls predicts Carlton will be in finals contention for the next five years, saying there remains considerable upside about their young list.

The Blues are surging under new coach Michael Voss and are expected to challenge for the top four this season.

While Walls has been a critic of Carlton in the past,

he has heaped praise on the club after a period "in the wilderness" without much on-field success.

The Carlton great said football was better when the big Victorian clubs were firing, saying the "quite young" Blues were primed for a sustained period of success.

"It's been so long since

Carlton has been anywhere near (contending for a premiership), it's been a couple of generations in football they've been in the wilderness," he said on SEN Breakfast.

"You need your Richmond, Carlton and Collingwood's (high up on the ladder) to have a really strong and vibrant AFL scene. I think a lot of people are happy that

the Blues (are playing well).

"The thing that I think is really good about them is there's an upside to most of their players.

"They are quite young – I have a feeling that in the next five years they'll be in the top half of the ladder and with a bit of luck they could pinch (a premiership)."

The Blues last made the finals in 2013.

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# Saints welcome AFL star

IT was a massive day for Nyora, having an AFL Brownlow medallist pull on the Saints jersey against Lang Lang.

"It's not often you get the opportunity to play alongside and coach a superstar like Dane Swan," Nyora coach Dylan Heylen said.

"We didn't get the results we were after on the day, but it was an awesome day for the club."

Better known for his prowess in the midfield, Swan had an impact around the big sticks, booting four of his side's nine goals.

Swan predominantly played across the halfback line in the first half, a role he is more accustomed to these days and requested.

However, he encouraged Heylen to throw him forward in the second half, a move that clearly paid dividends.

Travis Stewart was the other multiple goalscorer for the Saints, managing a couple of majors.

Jack Rosenow and Max Mattock were a couple of standout performers for the beaten side.



Dane Swan among the action against Lang Lang. Photo: Sheryl Walters

"They were both really good and they've been awesome the last couple of weeks," Heylen said.

Mattock played through the midfield, with Rosenow predominantly on a wing but also spending some time in the middle.

Nyora hung in the contest until quarter time, albeit trail-

ing by 22 points at that stage.

However, Lang Lang piled on the goals in the second quarter.

Nyora, to its credit, fought back in the second half, matching Lang Lang's eight goals after the long break, driven by an improved midfield performance.

That showed the Saints'

gritty determination after they had managed just a solitary major in the first half.

Heylen saw encouraging patches during the match.

"With good patches of footy played here and there, I'm looking forward to seeing a full four quarter effort by the boys," he said.

Jackson and Bradley Ventura were a couple of the players who led the way for the victorious Tigers, with Daniel Lewis proving unstoppable up forward with nine goals.

"He's got a real leap on him and a great set of hands," Heylen said of Lewis.

The coach backed youngster Gus McGillivray to play on the dangerous spearhead.

"He wore him like a glove," Heylen said, noting his defender couldn't have done any more.

The coach explained Nyora's second half improvement in the midfield gave Lewis less easy access to the footy than he had in the first half.

The bye will give the Saints a chance to refresh and be ready for the next phase of the season.

## ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 7

### » NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

**131** **67**

LANG LANG

NYORA

Lang Lang 4.5 11.8 16.14 19.17(131)  
Nyora 1.1 1.7 5.8 9.13(67)

**GOALS, Lang Lang:** Daniel Lewis 9, Josh Collie 3, Aaron Rose 2, Joshua Brown, Tyler Guan, Liam Hetherington, Jack Jenkins, Mitchell Tribuzi 1 each

**BEST:** Jackson Ventura, Bradley Ventura, Aaron Rose, Daniel Vela, Daniel Lewis, Joshua Brown

**GOALS, Nyora:** Dane Swan 4, Travis Stewart 2, Dylan Heylen, Ben Lineham, Marvin Sellars 1 each

**BEST:** Jack Rosenow, Max Mattock, Jordan Anderson, Brodie Anderson, Marvin Sellars, Travis Stewart

### RESERVES

**3.6 10.8 12.12 17.15 (117)**  
**0.0 1.2 5.4 9.5 (59)**

**GOALS, Lang Lang:** Rhys Simmons 3, Luke Clark, Bryce Frase, Daniel Makepeace, Aaron Ouwehand 2 each, Benjamin Brierley, Brett Kelly, Lincoln King, Corey Potrich, Jack Sullivan 1 each

**BEST:** Rhys Simmons, Luke Clark, Brent Miller, Brett Kelly, Bryce Frase, Christian Robertson-Edgar, Mathew Churchill

**GOALS, Nyora:** Trent Breen 2, Brandon Lee 2, Lincoln Brock, Lucas Lee, Nic Male, Tyson Shiell, Luke Zwiersen 1 each

**BEST:** Shaun Lamb, Lincoln Brock, Brandon Lee, Luke Zwiersen, Lucas Lee, Jacob Zwiersen

### » POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

**71** **37**

NEERIM SOUTH

POOWONG

Neerim South 2.3 5.8 6.11 9.17(71)  
Poowong 1.1 4.1 5.1 6.2(37)

**GOALS, Neerim South:** Chris Urie 4, Luke Kinder 3, Nathan Bayne, Ashley Lockett 1 each

**BEST:** Nathan Bayne, Alexander Johnston, Lachlan Guy, Brock Dorling, Ben Fitzpatrick, Christopher Charles

**GOALS, Poowong:** Alex Henshall, Steven McInnes 2, Conor Cunningham, Jack Hazendonk 1 each

**BEST:** Kurt Newton, Alex Doria, Andrew Logan, Steven McInnes, Jack Hazendonk, Conor Cunningham

### RESERVES

**4.2 8.7 13.11 15.13 (103)**  
**1.1 3.1 5.2 7.3 (45)**

**GOALS, Neerim South:** Toby Bayne 6, Harry Notman 4, Timothy Beaupain, Mathew Churchill, Raymond Kuhnell, Eddie McGillivray, Chris Saunders 1 each

**BEST:** Toby Bayne, Eddie McGillivray, Adam White, Christian Robertson-Edgar, Harry Notman, Mathew Churchill

**GOALS, Poowong:** Jackson Glindemann 3, Brodie Ardley, Brian Kelson, Jake Lewis, Troy Shepherdson 1 each

**BEST:** Mitchel Whiting, Kade Anderson, Troy Shepherdson, Michael Robertson, TJ Loughridge, Caspian Jackman-Riches

### FOURTHS

**2.6 6.9 9.12 13.13.91**

**0.2 0.3 0.6 0.10 (10)**

**BEST, Neerim South:** Keegan Friedlander, Anthony Tripodi, Isaac Guy, Nate Chandler, James Welford, Jordan Franz

**BEST, Poowong:** Anthony Orsini, Jett Blackwood, Bryce Townsend, Aaron Damon, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton, Bailey Nettle

### » IN OTHER GAMES

#### SENIORS

Trafalgar 27.21.183 d Nilma Darnum 1.2.8  
Ellinbank 19.18.132 d Yarragon 12.3.75  
Longwarry 9.6.60 d Buln Buln 7.17.59

#### RESERVES

Trafalgar 38.11.239 d Nilma Darnum 0.1.1  
Ellinbank 19.16.130 d Yarragon 4.4.28  
Buln Buln 13.10.88 d Longwarry 8.5.53

#### THIRDS

Neerim South 20.12.132 d Lang Lang 3.2.20  
Ellinbank 21.14.132 d Yarragon 2.2.14  
Longwarry 14.7.91 d Buln Buln 8.6.54

#### FOURTHS

Trafalgar 6.4.40 d Lang Lang 4.9.33  
Yarragon 14.3.87 d Ellinbank 4.2.26  
Longwarry 20.15.135 d Buln Buln 2.5.17

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## Neerim South too strong for Poowong

added a late point.

Poowong would have to contain Neerim's Lachlan Bambridge and Chris Urie up forward, who were taking some good marks and Kodie Wilson around the ground to put pressure on Neerim's forward thrusts. Neerim opened with a kick out of bounds and a couple of points before Alex Henshall kicked Poowong's fifth.

A seventeen-point lead to Neerim before they added three points, kicking their sixth goal after a mark and a hand pass this was followed by Bambridge's kick out of bounds.

Poowong needed to start well and a good pass to Steve McInnes from a free kick resulted in Poowong's sixth back to 11 points.

Despite Poowong's hard work around the ground, it was Neerim that did the damage on the scoreboard with three goals and five points, Poowong kicking a late point.

Poowong were competitive all day, possibly their fitness might have told in the end.

Neerim are a well drilled side that marks well and employs the loose man out the back well.

Poowong's Jai Newcombe best on ground against Brisbane Lions in Launceston, keep up the good work Jai, Poowong is proud of you. Off to Lang Lang next Saturday for another very competitive game.



Poowong's Andrew Logan disposes of the ball with his Neerim South opponent hot on his trail. Photo: Jeff Tull

## ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 7

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	6	0	339.89	24
Trafalgar	5	1	298.13	20
Longwarry	5	1	117.81	20
Lang Lang	4	2	185.67	16
Buln Buln	4	3	150.77	16
Ellinbank	4	2	142.47	16
Poowong	3	4	175.58	12
Yarragon	2	5	90.84	8
Nyora	2	5	51.22	8
Catani	0	6	23.81	0
Nilma Darnum	0	6	10.94	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	6	0	716.48	24
Ellinbank	6	0	302.73	24
Trafalgar	5	1	371.75	20
Lang Lang	5	1	291.98	20
Longwarry	3	3	178.47	12
Buln Buln	3	4	157.99	12
Nyora	3	4	64.65	12
Poowong	2	5	62.66	8
Yarragon	2	5	46.63	8
Catani	0	6	9.21	0
Nilma Darnum	0	6	5.37	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	6	0	1192.59	24
Ellinbank	5	0	345.76	20
Longwarry	2	3	73.99	8
Yarragon	2	4	49.28	8
Buln Buln	2	4	44.53	8
Lang Lang	0	5	28.14	0
Poowong	0	0	0.00	0
Nyora	0	0	0.00	0
Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0
Catani	0	0	0.00	0

FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Longwarry	6	0	708.14	24
Yarragon	6	1	309.78	24
Neerim South	4	2	217.20	16
Ellinbank	3	2	78.89	12
Trafalgar	2	3	42.03	8

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 6

» TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

» MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

**54****51**

MDU

TOORA

MDU 0.2 5.3 6.5 8.6 (54)  
Toora 1.2 3.3 5.8 7.9 (51)**GOALS, MDU:** Stephen Hawkins, Samuel Wilson 2, Tyson Findlay, Connor Krohn, Jake McMillan, Thomas Corry 1 each**BEST:** Thomas Corry, Samuel Wilson, Jake Bromley, Connor Krohn, Nick Tuckett, Jason Riley**GOALS, Toora:** Kristian Harper, Jack Weston 2, Jake Dows, Ryan Ponton, James Symons 1 each**BEST:** Peter Grant, Jack Weston, Harley Hopper, Jake Mcfarland, Ben East, Nathan Nicholls**RESERVES**Toora 2.2 5.2 8.6 10.12 (72)  
MDU 0.2 0.4 1.5 1.6 (12)**GOALS, Toora:** Linden Dyson, Jarryd Guganovic, James Maurilli-Pullin 2, Leigh de Boer, Josh Griffin, Luke Grylls, Lukas Jenkins 1 each**BEST:** Aron Rhodes, Hayden Smith, Lukas Jenkins, Leigh de Boer, Linden Dyson, Josh Griffin**GOALS, MDU:** Jarrod Hoy 1**BEST:** Jarrod Hoy, Travis Ruedin, Brenton Arnup, Aaron Trease, Alexander Battersby, Jake Brydon**THIRDS**MDU 5.4 9.8 13.13 16.18 (114)  
Tarwin/Fish Ck 1.1 3.0 3.0 3.2 (20)**GOALS, MDU:** Jesse Helms 5, Rylan Bell 4, Angus Kemper, Billy Trotman 2, Kyra Helms, Joel Leeden, Brody McEwan 1 each**BEST:** Jesse Helms, Rylan Bell, Rhys Weaver, Joel Leeden, Thomas Burt**GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Ck:** Lane Bowman, Zak Bright, Joseph Rysko 1 each**BEST:** Kye McMillan, Lane Bowman, Max Maverick Woodham, Noah Anderson, Thomas Piasente, Tige Brewer

» FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

**75****69**

HILL END

FOSTER

Hill End 2.2 7.4 11.6 11.9 (75)  
Foster 2.5 5.7 8.7 10.9 (69)**GOALS, Hill End:** Luke Mulqueen 6, Chase Saunders 3, Jay Ladson, Bayley Paul 1 each**BEST:** Luke Mulqueen, Chase Saunders, Ben Kerrigan, Mugzy Mooka, Ambu Uliando, Harrison George**GOALS, Foster:** Zane Duursma 7, Mitchell Green 2, Tim Wigney 1**BEST:** Zane Duursma, Callan Van Dyke, Michael Green, Lachlan Rathjen, Craig Wray, Josh Toner**RESERVES**Hill end 2.4 4.8 8.11 13.14 (92)  
Foster 0.2 1.2 1.4 3.4 (22)**GOALS, Hill End:** Joe Pedemont 4, Ariki Matwijkwi, Bailey Stewart 2, Lucas Handley, Matthew Van Tilburg, Joshua Hammond 1 each**BEST:** Joe Pedemont, Bailey Stewart, Matthew Van Tilburg, Rowan Kelly, Joshua Coombs**GOALS, Foster:** Will Roffey 2, Caeleb Garlick 1**BEST:** Brad Coates, Dylan La Casa, Jai Prain, Ethan Lee, Will Roffey, Toby House**THIRDS:** Foster d Hill End (Forfeit)**THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW**

SATURDAY, MAY 28

» ELLINBANK

ROUND 8

Neerim South v Trafalgar  
Lang Lang v Poowong  
Nilma Darnum v Ellinbank  
Yarragon v Longwarry  
Buln Buln v Catani  
Nyora - BYE

» GIPPSLAND

ROUND 8

Leongatha v Moe  
Morwell v Drouin  
Traralgon v Sale  
Warragul v Maffra  
Wonthaggi v Bairnsdale

» WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 8

Bunyip v Tooradin-Dalmore  
Dalyston v Warragul Industrials  
Garfield v Cora Lynn  
Inverloch-Kongwak v Kilcunda-Bass  
Korumburra-Bena v Koo Wee Rup  
Nar Nar Goon v Phillip Island

» MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 7

Fish Creek v Boolarra  
Hill End v Thorpdale  
MDU v Newborough  
Stony Creek v Foster  
Tarwin v Morwell East  
Toora v Yinnar  
Mirboo North - BYE

MDU players brought the heat to trap their Toora opponent. Photos: Greg Smith

# Important win for MDU



MDU went head-to-head against Toora scoring a close win over the weekend.

## Foster falls to Hill End despite Duursma's seven

By Rob Popplestone

THERE appeared little love lost between Hill End and the visiting Foster side in a feisty and competitive battle, but that was just two sides giving their all in what was a hard but fair contest.

The Rovers tend to ensure their home ground is a nightmare for any visiting teams, but the Tigers showed they weren't intimidated, taking it up to their hosts and enjoying a slender quarter time lead.

While Hill End had edged in front by the long break, Foster remained in striking distance at the final change, just 17-points adrift.

The Tigers gave themselves a

shot in the last term, by holding Hill End to a miserly three behinds for the stanza, but could only manage 2.2(14), going down by a straight kick.

While it was a spirited battle on the field, both coaches expressed their respect for the opposition when it was all done and dusted.

"It was a great game of footy, but Hill End beat us through the midfield all day which gave their forwards one on ones, but we still nearly pinched it," Foster coach Sam Davies said.

He conceded The Tigers

A REFRESHED Toora side faced a significant challenge, with the winless side hosting a confidence-filled MDU that toppled Hill End in the previous round.

The Magpies it must be said have never given up, despite a tough start to the season, and their tenacity took them to within a straight kick of winning their first match of the 2022 season against the Demons.

"We came so close, and our side was well drilled and put in effort all day," Toora coach Matt Ponton said.

He was particularly delighted with the efforts of his backline.

"Peter Grant and Jack Weston did amazing work," Ponton declared.

He was pleased with his side's overall discipline and

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ability to maintain structure, making it a challenging day for MDU.

"I'm proud of the players for the guts they showed," Ponton said of his Magpies.

The win for MDU was an important one on the back of their impressive victory a week earlier and keeps the Demons in touch with the top five.

"All credit needs to go to Toora, and they made us play the game on their terms," MDU coach Peter Harris said.

He was relieved his side managed to escape with the four points, but knows the Demons will need to be right on their game for next week's massive challenge against Newborough.

"We were able to gain some ascendency around the stoppages which enabled us to play the game in our half for a majority of the day, and it was a big step up from last week."

Santo was particularly delighted with the form of Luke Mulqueen, Chase Saunders and Ben Kerrigan who were instrumental in the Rovers' win.

Duursma is a name that has been thrown around at the highest level already at Port Adelaide and it seems it won't be long before another member of the famous Foster family is on show on a national level.

# Boolarra outclasses Tigers

By Rover, Mirboo North FNC

BOOLARRA'S first success over Mirboo North since July 20, 2013, saw it regain the George Lewis Memorial Shield, when it outclassed the mighty Tigers by 28 points at Boolarra Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

The devouring Demons ruthlessly dined out on the hapless Tigers, consuming a full menu of appetizers, entrees, mains and desserts — before washing the lot down with some well-earned celebratory drinks after the game.

Thankfully, no goals were scored from 50-metre penalties as players continue to adjust to new stand-on-the-mark and umpire dissent rules introduced by the AFL.

With just two narrow victories from six matches, Mirboo North's inconsistent season of ups and downs continues, as it currently and uncharacteristically sits 11th on the Mid Gippsland ladder.

Meanwhile, the much-improved Boolarra jumps into third place after three wins and a draw with plans to feature in this year's finals — following almost a decade in footy's dreaded wilderness.

Mirboo North wore black armbands as a mark of respect for its 1956 and 1957 senior premiership representative, George Snell, following his passing during the week.

In their footballing heydays, George and his four brothers — Dave, Charlie, Billo and Pud — were renowned throughout Gippsland, securing a combined total of 15 senior Mirboo North flags amongst themselves between 1956 and 1966.

Boolarra's Sam Mazou, Ben Mason, Joel Mason and Michael Cleaver, were joined by 2022 signings Luke Marriott and Nick Miller, in its six best players for the afternoon.

Other recruits to stand out for the Demons were Ricky



Mirboo North's Rory Peter looks to pass as Boolarra closes in. Photo: Annie Holland.

Cochrane, Kyle Hearne, Luke Miller and Josh Segond, all of whom refused to be second to the ball.

The game opened fast and furiously in glorious 16C sunshine under a cloudless blue sky — with Jack Charlton snaring Boolarra's first goal with a mid-air snap after three minutes of brisk ball movement and intense contested ball combat in the packs.

Mirboo North then took a five-point lead into the quarter-time huddle, after rearguard replies from Ben Campbell and playing coach, Josh Taylor.

The new-look, powerful and lightning-quick Demons, employed superior teamwork as they outworked the visitors and took control of proceedings with a three-goal rush halfway through the second quarter.

Other than conceding early third-term running goals from Jordan Cummaudo and Taylor — that saw Mirboo North trail by three points — Boolarra's commitment to its game plan implementation was unrelenting and its execution of same, near flawless.

As the third quarter progressed, the Demons' pressure at the stoppages, structured defensive intensity and midfield momentum surges, repeatedly restricted their opponents' advances — to kick 23 points clear by the last change.

But the battle-hardened Tigers refused to lie down, with Joel Lambourn drilling a 45-metre set shot to start the last term.

Soon after, Shaun Falla and Mazou put the game to bed for the home side with their first and third goals respectively.

Key Mirboo North defender, Julian Blackford was valiant in his return from a lengthy spell on the long term injury list, whilst Mitch Richardson was resourceful in the ruck.

Campbell, Joe Brooks, Liam Nash, Hudson Kerr and Beau Peters were other serviceable Tigers.

Mirboo North selected teenage defender Taj Wilkins who acquitted himself well in his first senior appearance for the club.

Wilkins joins other talented youngsters, Ethan Woodall, Jordan and Nick Cummaudo, Beau Peters and Rory Peter, all of whom the Tigers have promoted to senior ranks.

Mirboo North now has the bye before it travels to Tarwin Lower on Saturday, June 4, to take on the undefeated top-of-the-table Sharks at Shark Park.

## Ladder leading Sharks continue to dominate

By Rob Popplestone

DESPITE being the away team, unbeaten Tarwin was quick to settle, with its first quarter accuracy proving decisive against host Fish Creek.

While the Kangaroos mustered only 2.3(15) for the term, the Sharks' perfect 6 goals straight gave the visitors a handy lead by the first break.

Tarwin then took charge, slamming on a further 15 goals in the remainder of the

match, while allowing the Kangaroos just four more majors in that period.

"I'm proud of the boys staying disciplined and grinding away with Fish Creek all day," Tarwin coach Troy Hemming said.

"They threw what they had us and the boys rode it out, and it was a great day of football."

Clubs continue to struggle

with numbers, with Covid, the flu, injuries and availability all adding pressure to putting a side on the park, and Fish Creek was another club hit this week.

"We had 12 out at the start of the day and finished the game with 17 again," Kangaroos' coach John Danckert said.

"That said, Tarwin is a really good outfit, quick and efficient with the footy, and we

felt we matched them at centre clearance, but from then on, they tore us apart."

Tarwin was not in the conversation preseason when there was talk about who would feature in the final five, but they certainly are now, peering down from the ladder's top rung.

The Kangaroos were fancied for finals, but currently sit tenth, with just a couple of wins.

### ROUND 6

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Tarwin	5	0	218.47	24	Tarwin	5	0	465.42	24	Mirboo Nth	6	0	254.11	24
Hill End	4	1	130.50	18	Newborough	6	0	376.33	24	MDU	5	1	263.11	20
Boolarra	3	1	116.13	18	Yinnar	5	1	452.20	20	Foster	4	2	168.98	16
Newborough	4	2	148.90	16	Toora	4	1	264.97	20	Yinnar	3	3	146.15	12
Morwell East	3	2	108.97	16	MDU	5	1	204.43	20	Hill End	0	5	24.53	0
Stony Creek	3	2	106.93	16	Morwell East	3	2	165.20	16	Tarwin/Fish Creek	0	6	20.82	0
Yinnar	3	3	171.52	12	Boolarra	3	2	109.30	16	Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
MDU	3	3	112.55	12	Hill End	2	4	67.49	8	Newborough	0	0	0.00	0
Foster	2	3	101.09	12	Stony Creek	1	4	48.30	8	Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Fish Creek	2	4	87.82	8	Fish Creek	2	4	45.42	8	Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Mirboo Nth	2	4	62.05	8	Foster	0	5	10.14	4	Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	1	5	39.81	4	Mirboo North	0	6	29.28	0	Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	5	39.27	4	Thorpdale	0	6	14.63	0					

### MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 6

#### » MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB



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BOOLARRA

MIRBOO NORTH

Boolarra 1.2 4.6 8.9 10.9 (69)

Mirboo North 2.1 2.3 5.4 6.5 (41)

**GOALS, Boolarra:** Sam Mazou 3, Ricky Cochrane, Brendan Mason 2, Jack Charlton, Shaun Falla, Daniel Wilson 1 each

**BEST:** Sam Mazou, Luke Marriott, Brendan Mason, Joel Mason, Michael Cleaver, Nicholas Miller

**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Joel Lambourn, Josh Taylor 2, Ben Campbell, Jordan Cummaudo 1 each

**BEST:** Julian Blackford, Mitchell Richardson, Ben Campbell, Joe Brooks, Liam Nash, Hudson Kerr

#### RESERVES

Boolarra 5.0 6.4 8.10 10.13 (73)

Mirboo North 0.2 0.4 0.5 2.5 (17)

**GOALS, Boolarra:** Chris Riseley, Eddy Stanton, Jude Carnes 2, Patrick Haines, Neil Kreun, Jayden McCormack, Quinn O'Kane 1 each

**BEST:** Chris Riseley, Jude Carnes, Kyle Alexander, Thomas Holley, Robert Beamish, Jayden McCormack

**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Patrick Aveling, Jake Brown 1 each

**BEST:** Seth Copley, Patrick Aveling, Patrick Lewis, Izayah Terrick, Beau Kratzat, Lachlan Dight

#### THIRDS

Mirboo North 1.5 4.8 5.9 8.11 (59)

Yinnar 1.1 3.3 5.5 8.5 (53)

**GOALS, Mirboo North:** William Lewis 3, Max Woodall 2, Daniel Masters, Blake Peters, Ethan Woodall 1 each

**BEST:** Max Woodall, Robert Shervell, Campbell Pinkerton, Jack Couper, Beau Melbourne, Jesse Chila

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Lachlan Bell, Ben Burrows, Luke Cheffers 2, Noah McCafferty, Zac Schill 1 each

**BEST:** Archie Mills, Luke Douch, Ethan Sultana, Parker Mason, Zac Schill, Ben Burrows

#### » FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

#### » TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB



131



43

TARWIN

FISH CREEK

Tarwin 6.0 11.4 15.4 21.5 (131)

Fish Creek 2.3 3.4 3.6 6.7 (43)

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Cooper McInnes 7, Travis Kitchin, Dale Lawton, Kaj Patterson 3, Nick Anderson, Matthew Williams 2, Ben Ellen 1

**BEST:** Nathan McRae, Cooper McInnes, Kaj Patterson, Tom Vanderkolk, Noah Bee-Hickman, Jamie Cann

**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Adam Bright, Liam Edgelow 2, Darcy Berryman, Trevor Hooker 1 each

**BEST:** Jarrod Walker, Thomas Cameron, Trevor Hooker, Jordan Shaw, Aaron Ireland, Lachlan Marr

#### RESERVES

Tarwin 2.3 6.5 10.7 15.9 (99)

Fish Creek 0.0 1.2 1.5 1.7 (13)

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Tom Williamson 6, Flynn Brosnan 4, Logan Anderson, Travis Cameron, Dale Marsden, Shaun Silver, Vaughan Van Dillen 1 each

**BEST:** Flynn Brosnan, Tom Williamson, Bryce Litchfield, Shaun Silver, Harrison Cumming, Charlie Batten

**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Tom Kercheval 1

**BEST:** Ned Vasey, Zachary Kercheval, Tom Kercheval, Matt Moloney, Matthew Pocklington, Tim Walters

#### THIRDS

MDU 5.4 9.8 13.13 16.18 (114)

Tarwin/Fish Creek 1.1 3.0 3.0 3.2 (20)

**GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Creek:** Lane Bowman, Zak Bright, Joseph Rysko 1 each

**BEST:** Kye McMillan, Lane Bowman, Max Maverick Woodham, Noah Anderson, Thomas Piasente, Tige Brewer

#### » IN OTHER GAMES

#### SENIORS

Yinnar 22.17.149 d Thorpdale 0.9.9

Newborough 11.17.83 d Morwell East 5.9.39

#### RESERVES

Yinnar 27.10.172 d Thorpdale 2.5.17

Newborough 16.12.108 d Morwell East 7.4.46

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## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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## » LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB


**89** 
**69**
**LEONGATHA**      **MAFFRA**
**Leongatha** 5.3 8.5 10.9 13.11 (89)

**Maffra** 1.4 4.9 7.13 9.15 (69)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Jack Ginnane 3,

Jack Hume 2, Ned Hanly, Aaron Heppell, Josh Hopkins, Tom Marriott, Cade Maskell, Justin Pellicano, Jake Van Der Pligt, Tallin Brill 1 each

**BEST:** Tom Marriott, Aaron Heppell,

Josh Hopkins, Jackson Harry, Matt Willcocks, Jack Ginnane

**GOALS, Maffra:** Mitchell Bennett 3,

Jett Killoran 2, Daniel Bedgood, Alex Carr, Thomas Jolly, Andrew Petrou 1 each

**BEST:** Ryan Auld, Alex Carr, Kade Renooy,

Thomas Jolly, Lachlan Channing, Hudson Holmes

**RESERVES**
**Leongatha** 2.3 3.4 8.8 11.9 (75)

**Maffra** 1.2 5.2 6.3 7.6 (48)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Lachie Wright 3,

Rhett Kelly, Kyle Matera 2, Ricky O'Loughlin,

Luther Juric, Jacob Lamers 1 each

**BEST:** Luther Juric, Levi Hickey, Noah Clark,

Ricky O'Loughlin, Jacob Lamers, Dylan Garnham

**GOALS, Maffra:** Jesse Oldham 3,

Jordan Stubbe 2, Will Brunt,

Andrew Cunningham 1 each

**BEST:** Jesse Oldham, William Pleming,

Kallan Killoran, Jordan Stubbe, Joshua Stubbe, Ari Fleming

**THIRDS**
**Maffra** 4.3 7.4 10.8 15.10 (100)

**Leongatha** 0.0 3.1 4.2 4.3 (27)

**BEST, Maffra:** Zach Felsbourg, Lachlan Allman,

Jonti Schuback, Bayden Dowsett,

Brodie Johnson, Ben Missen

**BEST, Leongatha:** Wil Dawson, Cooper Rickard,

Trent McRae, Nathan Skewes, Ty Hall

**FOURTHS**
**Maffra** 1.2 5.7 6.11 10.13 (73)

**Leongatha** 2.0 3.0 4.2 5.3 (33)

**BEST, Maffra:** Thomas Scott, Brodie Tohara,

Zachary O'Keefe, Jack Dowsett,

Fletcher McBean, Max Stobie

**BEST, Leongatha:** Zavier Lamers,

Julian Callahan, Hunter Fennell, Campbell Reid, Jett Brown, Max Sheahan

## » WONTAGGI POWER FOOTBALL CLUB


**67** 
**66**
**MORWELL**      **WONTAGGI**
**Morwell** 2.2 3.7 9.7 10.7 (67)

**Wonthaggi** 2.2 7.5 8.7 9.12 (66)

**GOALS, Morwell:** Brandon McDonald 3, Riley Loprese, Nathan Noblett 2, James Jacobsen, Tristen Waack, Anthony Rosato 1 each

**BEST:** Tristen Waack, Brandon McAuliffe, Tyler Hillier, Cody McDonald, Tyler Brown

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Noah Anderson, Jack Hutchinson 2, Jarryd Blair, Troy Harley, Andrew Murray, Ryan Sparkes, Jordan Staley 1 each

**BEST:** Noah Anderson, Tim Knowles, Aiden Lindsay, Jack Hutchinson, Ryan Sparkes, Toma Huther

**RESERVES**
**Wonthaggi** 4.2 8.8 13.13 18.17 (125)

**Morwell** 1.0 2.1 2.2 2.3 (15)

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Wayne Luke, Jaxon Williams 4, Tyson Andrigutto, Adam Busana 2, Lachlan Burns, Lachie Jones, Kieran Mohen, Lochlan Scott, Elliot Staley, Josh Waters 1 each

**BEST:** Lochlan Scott, Jaxon Williams, Lachie Jones, Thomas Murray, Josh Waters, Kieran Mohen

**GOALS, Morwell:** Joshua Seymour 2

**BEST:** Lachlan Tactor, Lachlan McDonald, Jai Makepease, Mason Porykali, Michael Stobart

**THIRDS**
**Morwell** 2.1 5.2 8.3 9.6 (60)

**Wonthaggi** 3.0 3.3 5.3 6.4 (40)

**BEST, Morwell:** Tew Jiath, Alex Lovison, Moni Elaser, Levi Dalziel, Tom Gray

**BEST, Wonthaggi:** Hunter Tiziani, Ethan Dickison, Silas O'Halloran, Cooper Lindsay, Brodie Senior-Gibson, Joel Dickison

## » IN OTHER GAMES

**SENIORS**
**Traralgon** 18.10.118 d Bairnsdale 6.11.47

**Moe** 12.11.83 d Drouin 11.7.73

**Sale** 18.18.114 d Warragul 7.11.53

**RESERVES**
**Bairnsdale** 10.9.69 d Traralgon 8.4.52

**Moe** 9.13.67 d Drouin 2.6.18

**Warragul** 9.8.62 d Sale 7.14.56

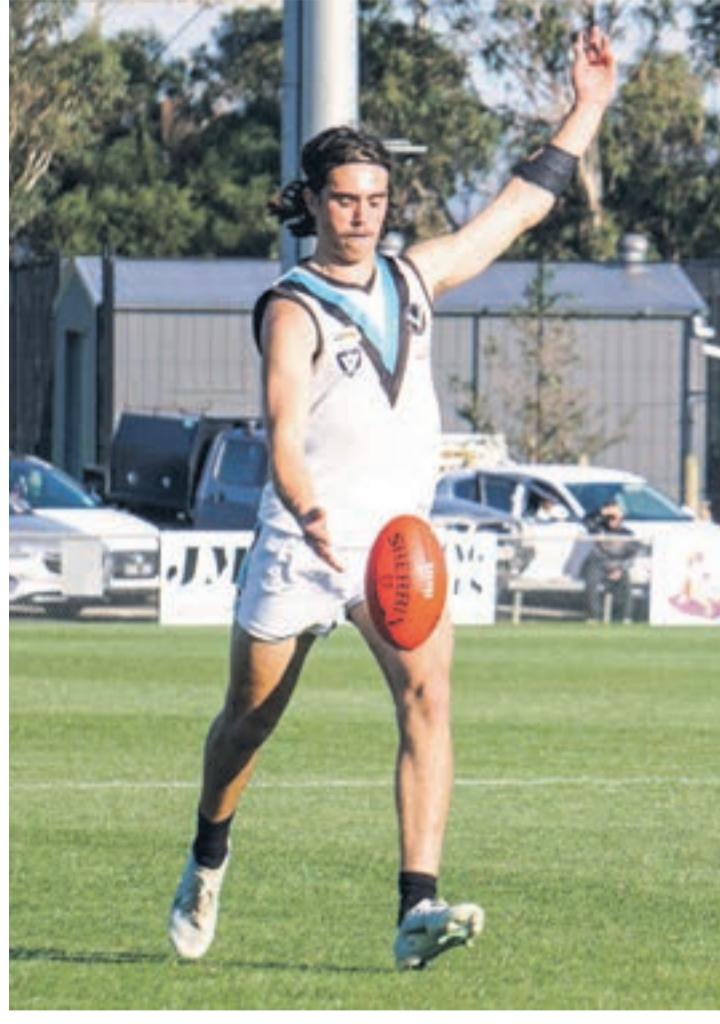
**THIRDS**
**Traralgon** 12.9.81 d Bairnsdale 8.4.52

**Drouin** 6.9.45 d Moe 6.5.41

**Sale** 9.9.63 d Warragul 7.9.51

**FOURTHS**
**Traralgon** 14.19.103 d Bairnsdale 0.1.1

**Moe** 8.17.65 d Drouin 1.6.12

**Warragul** 13.16.94 d Sale 3.2.20


Ryan Sparkes kicks a goal for Wonthaggi. Ns052122

# Tight game sees Morwell triumphant

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That was just five minutes into the quarter and Wonthaggi could muster nothing more than behinds from its string of attacking opportunities thereafter.

Anderson was a terrific contributor for the narrowly-beaten Power and finished with a couple of goals in an impressive team-oriented display.

Hutchinson also performed strongly and was Wonthaggi's other multiple goalscorer, with a couple of majors to his name.

Aiden Lindsey was hard at it again in Wonthaggi's midfield and showed plenty of class, with Huther working hard in the ruck and around the ground, often battling manfully with the impressive Waack.

Despite Huther's solid ef-

forts, Waack's performance in the first and third terms went a long way to the Tigers winning the game, and the Morwell player impressed with his relentless running, skill and ferocious attack on opponents and the footy.

McDonald finished as the winner's leading goalkicker, with three majors, with Noblett and Riley Loprese managing a couple each.

After an even first term it was strange to see vast momentum swings from quarter to quarter despite the light breeze.

Power players will be kicking themselves for failing to capitalise on their last term dominance.

Wonthaggi sits fifth on the ladder and needs to bounce back to winning ways when it hosts bottom-of-the-table Bairnsdale in round 8.

## Parrots' prevail for outstanding win against Maffra

MAFFRA didn't let the daunting task of hosting unbeaten Leongatha intimidate it, with the home side competing tenaciously, but the Parrots' class won out in a hard-fought 20-point win.

Leongatha led at every break, but the Eagles hung in the contest, trailing by just 14 points at the final change.

Aaron Heppell was back in the green and yellow after a week on the sidelines and wasted no time getting back into his stride, being one of the Parrots' best.

Fellow midfielder Tom Marriott was prominent again.

While Leongatha only produced a couple of multiple goalscorers, with Jack Ginnane booting three and Jack Hume two, the Parrots found plenty of scoreboard contributors, with eight single goalkickers.

Maffra's Mitchell Bennett (three goals) and Jett Killoran (two majors) matched the scoring output of Ginnane and Hume, but just four other Eagles goaled, managing only a major apiece.

To Maffra's credit, it finished with as many scoring shots as the high-flying Leongatha, but the Eagles were unable to make their opportunities count to the same extent as the Parrots.

While Heppell and Marriott were difficult for Maffra to contain from early in the match and Leongatha dominated the opening minutes, a couple of missed opportunities by the Parrots and some stoic Eagles' defence

limited the damage.

A Maffra forward foray then resulted in the day's first major, with Bennett grabbing his opportunity and showing he would be a handful for the Parrots' defence.

However, the Eagles didn't have long to enjoy being in front, with a leading Ginnane charging out to accept a perfect pass and nailing his resultant set shot.

Leongatha took control to steam to a 23-point lead at the first break.

Any thoughts that the home side had given its best and would be swept aside in the second term were quickly quashed.

Ryan Auld went on to be a standout performer for Maffra and got his side off to an electrifying start in the second quarter with some classy work through the midfield, following up with a well weighted pass to set up an Eagles' goal.

Bennett was the beneficiary, marking in the square to notch his second major.

A confident Maffra was then looking to attack at every opportunity and applied immense pressure to Leongatha when the Parrots won possession.

Leongatha had to withstand a challenging period, but an accurate Ginnane pass set up a Parrots' major.

While Leongatha soon added another goal, the sides ultimately managed three majors each in a fiercely-contested term,

with Maffra trimming Leongatha's lead to 20 points at the main break.

With Maffra pressing hard early in the third term, a hopeful kick bounced through for what was awarded an Eagles' goal, despite the possibly justified protestations of Leongatha's Ben Perry that the footy was touched.

Suddenly everything was going the Eagles' way and they were just 13 points adrift.

While the run and class of Marriott helped set up a Tallin Brill goal for Leongatha, Maffra couldn't be shaken off.

The Parrots applied pressure to the Eagles' backline, but it proved up to the challenge and Maffra continued to show plenty of run and attacking spirit, setting up its own forward opportunities.

Killoran seized on one such chance 16 minutes in, goaling from a set shot at close range to have Maffra within striking distance again.

When Daniel Bedgood made no mistake with his long-range effort moments later the Eagles looked in with a chance to cause a major boilover, trailing by just seven points.

Leongatha had to throw everything into preventing a confidence-filled opponent from goaling again, with Maffra looking increasingly threatening.

When an exhausted Ginnane willed himself to lead, resulting in a mark and goal, Parrots

flocked from everywhere to congratulate him.

It was clear how much the goal meant, being the final action of the third term and giving Leongatha its 14-point buffer.

Killoran booted his second goal five minutes into the final term, putting Maffra just seven points behind and the Eagles looked full of menace.

A goal line scramble and resultant behind soon cut Leongatha's lead to a straight kick.

A Heppell snap restored some breathing space for the Parrots shortly after, with Hume following up with another from a challenging but not acute angle.

While Maffra continued to battle hard, there was just one more goal for each side left in the contest, with a relieved Leongatha happy to head home with the four points.

Marriott's drive went a long way to getting the Parrots over the line in a match in which they were sternly tested.

The ruck duel between Leongatha man mountain Ben Willis and his more mobile opponent Auld was an absorbing one.

While Auld showed the versatility to double as a ruckman and midfielder, Willis contributed solidly around the ground.

While the tight contest will no doubt boost the confidence of sixth-placed Maffra, it was just the sort of searching hitout Leongatha needed heading into an epic home contest against second-top Moe this weekend.

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 7					
SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS
Leongatha	7	0	239.14	28	Maffra
Moe	6	1	150.42	24	Traralgon
Sale	5	2	115.59	20	Warragul
Traralgon	4	3	158.87	16	Bairnsdale
Wonthaggi	3	3	113.23	14	Moe
Maffra	3	4	108.22	12	Bairnsdale</

# Seagulls remain undefeated

By Aiden Box

INVERLOCH KONGWAK headed down the highway to face another huge challenge, this time against the undefeated ladder-leaders Tooradin-Dalmore.

Both sides came out looking to take it on and play free flowing football to start the match, as Ethan Park drew first blood for IK in perfect conditions.

But it was the home side who replied with the next two majors to light up the crowd.

Through the first 15 minutes the two top four hopefuls were quite even across the ground, until Stewart Scanlon broke the brief deadlock from stoppage, the Seagulls' third unanswered.

The visitors eventually found their groove with a trademark end-to-end play finding Tristan Van Driel for his first, sparking his side with a vocal celebration.

The 'Gulls kept peppering the stout IK back six, who were good enough to repel on multiple occasions but failed to transport the ball into their own forward half.

The IK midfielders were finding their feet and their defence was up to the task as they tied up the scoring with another major, raising the heat back up in the contest.

As scoring began to open up, Oscar Toussaint showed more of his superstar skillset, feeding Dylan Clark with sensational quick handpass to lead him to his first major, tying it up again.

Clark swapped into the ruck and immediately had an impact, his class shining through with a beautiful pick-up and long kick to Garnham, who found Van Driel for his second.

The second half began with the Sea Eagles finding repeat inside 50s and tensions flaring thanks to a controversial call which led to a missed chance.

Brent Macaffer finally broke



The Sea Eagles' Corey Casey looks to clear the ball. Photo: Aiden Box/Unboxed Photos.

the brief stalemate, opening goal scoring in the third term, gifting his team a 2-point lead but they did not retain the lead for long.

IK finding the instant reply thanks to some magnificent play from their star ruckman Marcus Toussaint, who was having a great day despite missing his usual ruck partner Clint McCaughan.

A costly 50-metre penalty at the centre stoppage led to Park's second of the game, lifting the Sea Eagle faithful once again, the visitors showing real signs of belief.

After another brief stalemate with tension rising amongst the home crowd, the Seagulls missing chances, until an IK turnover led to young star James Tresize's first.

From here, the Tooradin-Dalmore run and pressure continued to create IK turnovers and open the game up in their favour, converting a

second straight major to re-take the lead.

Despite showing belief and dominating play early in the term, IK surrendered their lead and went into the final break an even two goals adrift.

The visitors started hot in the fourth quarter, with the first inside 50, but it was the Seagulls who found the quarter's first major thanks to a lucky crumb.

Inverloch-Kongwak continued to believe however, peppering their scoring half creating many opportunities but unfortunately catching the inaccuracy bug, missing them all.

Garnham and Joe Soumilas attempted to spark their side with huge grabs, as tensions flared around the ground and the umpires did their best to control the commotion, IK missed again.

The hosts found Liam Adams who was able to push the

door closed with a huge goal, the Sea Eagles now needing four goals to win it, with 15 minutes played.

As they had all day, the Seagulls surged the ball forward with pace and accuracy, this time finding Scanlon for the sealer.

IK made sure the never let up, giving all their effort, but to no avail as Tresize bagged his second, extending his side's lead to 31 points with under eight minutes to go.

In the end, the Sea Eagles battled hard but were their own worst enemy, committing too many skills errors.

Tooradin-Dalmore were good enough to make them pay, running out comfortable 37-point winners.

For the Seagulls, they will look to continue their unbeaten run on the road against Bunyip next weekend, while for IK, they face Kilcunda-Bass at home.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 7

» INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

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TOORADIN-DAL

INVERLOCH-K

Tooradin-D 3.2 4.5 8.9 13.11 (89)  
Inverloch-K 2.3 5.3 7.3 7.10 (52)

**GOALS, Tooradin-D:** Blake Grewar, Stewart Scanlon 3, James Trezise 2, Liam Adams, Brad Butler, Brent Macaffer, Adam Oxley, Trent Adams 1 each

**BEST:** Brent Macaffer, Lewis Hill, Dylan Paarlberg, James Trezise, Brady Egan, Blake Grewar

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Ethan Park, Tristan Van Driel 2, Marcus Toussaint, Thomas Wyatt, William Turner 1 each

**BEST:** Corey Casey, Jarvis Pryor, Dylan Clark, Shem Hawking, Lachlan Scott, Marcus Toussaint

### RESERVES

Tooradin-D 16.10 (106)  
Inverloch-K 1.3 (9)

**GOALS, Tooradin-D:** Jake Genoni 3, Jordan Jones, Justin Smaluch 2, Thomas Bethune, Lauchlan Gregson, Michael Hobbs, Connor O'Riordan, Adam Splatt, Joshua Trezise 1 each

**BEST:** Toby Weinzierl, Thomas Bethune, Justin Smaluch, Jordan Jones, Mitch Forgiarini, Jake Genoni

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Andre Toussaint 1

**BEST:** Barry Withers, Stuart Kilsby, Jacob Strickland, Bryce Chizzoniti, Andre Toussaint, Campbell Scott

### THIRDS

Inverloch-K 1.1 1.3 4.4 5.8 (38)  
Tooradin-D 1.3 2.5 4.6 5.7 (37)

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Hayden Lindsay, Jed Rosenow, Isaac Seuren, Rem Dal Pozzo, Xavier Lindsay 1 each

**BEST:** Ashton Hewitson, Tyson Bolam, Lucas Harmer, Zac Mabilia, Xavier Lindsay, Archer Reid

**GOALS, Tooradin-D:** Brody Campbell, Kye de Little, Tadhg O'Riordan, Panos Papas, Ben Sellings 1 each

**BEST:** Logan Downe, Charlie Shinners, Kye de Little, Anthony Mirauta, Tyler Kirkbride, Cooper Bassett

### FOURTHS

Inverloch-K 7.1 15.5 21.9 27.15 (176)  
Tooradin-D 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 (6)

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Rem Dal Pozzo, Willem Duursma 4, Jobe Scapin, Harry Butcher, Xavier Lindsay 3, Jett Garnham 2, Zak Box, Zac Mabilia 1 each

**BEST:** Charlie Shaddock, Harry Butcher, Rem Dal Pozzo, Willem Duursma, Jobe Scapin

**GOALS, Tooradin-D:** Chayse Campbell 1

**BEST:** Aaron Knight, Chayse Campbell, Rylen Cranton, Kasy Deren, Daniel Ahern, Jett Lowndes

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DALYSTON

Phillip Island 11.1 14.3 23.9 32.15 (207)  
Dalyston 1.4 5.5 5.8 6.8 (44)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Jack Taylor 7, Cameron Brown 5, Levi Robinson 3, Jack Papas, Jesse Patullo, Jordy Patullo, Cameron Pedersen, Billy Taylor, Zak Vernon, Ben Taylor 2, Matthew Jones, Brendan Kimber, Harry O'Brien 1 each

**BEST:** Brendan Kimber, Cameron Pedersen, Jack Taylor, Cameron Brown, Billy Taylor, Max Blake

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Michael Harris, Michael Marotta, Jack Murray 2

**BEST:** Curtis Murgatroyd, Jack Murray, Michael Harris, Hayden Wallis, Brendan Walsh, Michael Marotta

### RESERVES

Phillip Island 1.4 6.6 9.6 13.9 (87)  
Dalyston 1.0 1.1 2.2 4.3 (27)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Alex Duyker 3, Harry Anderson, Jess Gislingham, Will Taylor-Eagles 2, Arie Cook, Lucas Chihotski, Jett McMillan, Tyce Kleverkamp 1 each

**BEST:** Luke Glossop, Blake Christopher, Harry Anderson, Alex Duyker, Finlay Cousins, Thomas Officer

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Tylah Maloney, Jesse Orchard-Moore, Jack Sheerin, Dean Wylie 1 each

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### THIRDS

Phillip Island v Dalyston - Match forfeited

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# Inspired Bulldogs dominate Magpies

A BEAUTIFUL, crisp, clear morning was welcome for Saturday morning, particularly after frantic efforts to establish teams for the matches between Phillip Island and Dalyston.

With injuries, flu and COVID running riot through its teams, Dalyston had been forced to forfeit U16s on Thursday, and then late Friday, Under 18s.

A flurry of activity from the Bulldogs – with upwards of 15 injuries followed by some new COVID outbreaks late Friday, saw the Bulldogs calling on several Under 18s to fill the gaps in the Reserves. Then some more COVID positives on Saturday morning in the Seniors brought about some more juggling.

The volunteer team was also heavily impacted, with volunteer numbers down by more than 50 per cent across all areas.

## All Abilities Football Netball Day

A welcome addition to the

morning was the gradual arrival of an amazing array of very special people as part of the inaugural all-abilities football and netball day. Sponsored by PIFNC in conjunction with senior coach Beau Vernon, GippSport and Interact Australia, 30-plus people participated in a wonderful morning tea followed by meetings with PIFNC senior footballers and netballers.

Then an opportunity to participate with some 'Come-And-Try' Netball and Football sessions. A very successful way to have people with disabilities experience all that the club can offer, breaking down barriers and encouraging all to be part of the Bulldogs community.

### Seniors

The Bulldogs were clearly inspired by the presence of the all abilities day participants because they were to turn on one of their most complete performances from the year. A blistering start in the first of 11

goals to 1 – after the Magpies were very competitive early – continued throughout the day. The Bulldogs were to run out winners by 160-plus points in a thoroughly complete and dominant performance.

Dominating all over the ground, particularly in the second half, the Bulldogs were in magnificent form. Cam Brown playing his best game by far for the seniors booted 5 goals in a frenetic first, Cam Pederson dominating all day with more than 30 individual possessions and countless demonstrations of rucking precision led the charge. Brendan Kimber returned to mid field for a 30-plus possession game much to the pleasure of the coaching panel.

The Bulldogs defence functioned superbly – particularly after half time, after some some detailed main break analysis. Forward turned key defender Max Blake led the defensive charge, more than capably filling the hole left by the injured Jason Tomada. Mid-field play-

ers including Kai MacKenzie and Zac Vernon took control later in the game and were irrepressible.

But with all of that, it was probably the three Taylors running riot in the forward line that was most impressive. Jack Taylor returned to his magnificent best, clunking more than 15 marks for the game and kicking beautifully for 7 goals. Billy Taylor fed the ball constantly into the forward line, and Ben Taylor wasn't far behind teaming up with his brothers like they used to in their own backyard! With the two Patullos supporting, and cameos from Harry O'Brien, Jack Papas and returning Levi Robinson, the forwards totally overwhelmed the opposition.

With an exciting and challenging block of away games coming up against fellow undefeated teams Nar Nar Goon and Tooradin, the second half effort was an impressive tune-up at just the right time.

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Chelsea Connell is chaired off in her 50th game by Jenna Russo and Georgia Sharp.

## First home match for the Breakers



Imogen Bradford weighs up her options.



Kelly O'Neill gets a kick away.

THE sun came out for the Breakers first home match against the top of the ladder Coburg Lions.

It was a tight fought contest right from the first bounce with both teams only managing one goal each for the quarter.

The Breakers goal coming via a bit of magic from Ella Cargill from the pocket.

Sunday Brisbane was rewarded for her work rate and hard running with a goal in the second to give the Breakers the lead going into half time.

Half time: Breakers 2.3-15 - Coburg 1.3-9

The Breakers continued their great pressure in the third quarter with Tayla Tatterson, Aimee Beck and Rachel Cameron leading the way but couldn't find an avenue to goal.

A 25m penalty with seconds to go in the quarter gifted the opposition a goal, the lead and momentum going into the last quarter.

The Breakers had most of the play in the last quarter with a Jenna Russo putting her team back in front with a nice snap.

However, Coburg found another gear in the last 10 minutes and scored a couple of quick goals to put the game away.

Chelsea Connell in her 50th game played as we have come to expect - getting herself in the right position time after time to cut off the opposition attack.

Stacey Poke was another key contributor in the backline and worked tirelessly all game.

Goals: E.Cargill, S.Brisbane, J.Russo  
 Best: C.Connell, S.Brisbane, T.Tatterson, S.Poke, K.O'Neill, K.Caughay

Next week the Breakers host Edithvale-Aspendale on Sunday at 11am at Dalyston.





# Tight game sees Morwell triumphant

THE SIREN rang out as Jack Hutchinson took his set shot to win the game for Wonthaggi, but his kick sailed through for a behind, condemning Power to a 1-point loss.

With Wonthaggi trailing by just a goal at the last change, dominating the final term and holding Morwell to 1.0(6) for the stanza, it was remarkable the result came down to the final kick of the day.

A commanding second term had Wonthaggi well placed at the long break, leading host Morwell by 22 points.

After an even first stanza, Power got on top around the ground and looked increasingly dangerous up forward.

Big man Jordan Staley became a strong marking target in Wonthaggi's attacking arc, with lively teammate Noah Anderson also proving difficult for the Tigers' backmen to contain.

Anderson was in the game from early, kicking goals and setting them up.

After a classy first term gather-and-goal, he added another major early in time on in the second stanza.

That came from a shot on the run set up by a teammate's handball.

That was just reward for Anderson's earlier pinpoint passing to set up goals for teammates.

Such was Wonthaggi's dominance in the second term, Morwell took 28 minutes to record its one major for the quarter.

Power was quick to respond to that, with Troy Harley marking a Toma Huther pass and nailing his set shot from the goal square.

However, the home side hit back hard in the third term to set up its 1-goal lead at the final change.

The Tigers stepped up their ferocity, hunting in numbers, and Wonthaggi looked

rushed and harried throughout the term.

Red-headed big man Tristen Waack had been contained in the second term after a strong first quarter, but took charge in the third stanza with some classy ruck work, and was winning the footy around the ground.

He set the standard with his tackling and uncompromising attack on the Sherrin.

A Ryan Sparkes' snap in time on gave Power a crucial goal and hopes of a three quarter time lead.

However, Morwell responded swiftly, with set shot goals to Nathan Noblett and Brandon McDonald.

It was McDonald who goaled early in the third term, making no mistake from a difficult angle after marking near the behind post, showing confidence that spread throughout the team.

After his time-on goal, the Tigers' defence had to withstand some late pressure from Wonthaggi, but succeeded in holding Power at bay.

Frustratingly for Wonthaggi, coach Jarrod Blair was ready to take a set shot inside Power's attacking arc after receiving a 50-metre penalty, only for a free kick to be awarded to the Tigers.

Blair's tenacious attack on the footy and courage helped inspire Wonthaggi and set up attacking opportunities in the last term, but while Power looked much improved it struggled to have an impact on the scoreboard.

A goal on the run three minutes into the term pulled Wonthaggi level, but that was quickly cancelled out by a defensive howler that handed Morwell an easy major, and the lead.

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**Jordan Staley contests the ruck. Ns042122**

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