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Bombers come to town

Leongatha's home ground became the Bombers base for Thursday afternoon, with an impressive turnout of red and black clad locals, many of whom were excited youngsters. The Essendon Country Tour gave mum Lisa Hibbs the opportunity to get son Kayden into an Essendon jumper, although dad Jason believes he will be a Bulldogs supporter, with Kayden's brother Zayne and Dyson Heppell joining in the fun. Full story on page 11.

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'Code Yellow' health crisis

BASS Coast Health has called a service-wide 'Code Yellow' to signal an internal emergency relating to staffing shortfalls. They made the call last Saturday, continuing indefinitely.

According to CEO Jan Child, staffing shortfalls have been a constant feature of the COVID-19 pandemic and these shortfalls are now at a point where they are impacting Bass Coast Health's ability to deliver all its services.

How does it affect you? Hopefully not

too much said Ms Child this week.

"We're taking away all those things, such as meetings, that keep staff away from care," said Ms Child.

"We'll reduce the number of acute beds which means we'll get access to beds at other places in the interim but if you need to go to hospital or to the emergency department, by all means still come in.

"We would also encourage people to see their GP if they think they can be helped by a doctor."

But it's been a challenging time for our key local health service.

"Just a few weeks ago, the whole State was in a Code Brown situation because of increased demand and staffing shortfalls. This week, Bass Coast Health, along with a number of other Victorian Health Service, find themselves in a continued state where there are not enough staff to meet demand," Ms Child said on Saturday.

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‘Code Yellow’ health crisis at Wonthaggi Hospital

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“Our staff have been magnificent throughout the pandemic. They have developed new services to ensure our community is vaccinated and tested; they have created capacity for our COVID patients to be cared for at home and in our hospital.

“They have continued to expand services such as ‘Hospital in the Home’, cancer, cardiology, and outpatients, all with the aim of making sure our community can receive care closer to home.

“And to achieve this, they have been picking up extra shifts for the past two years to fill vacancies across all areas. Unfortunately, 12-hour shifts and double shifts have become an all-too-common feature,” she said.

“We have had some luck recruiting excellent new staff but like all health services, there are simply not enough staff to meet our unprecedented demand.

“This decision was not taken lightly, but our staff are extremely fatigued, and we need to make sure we can support our staff to focus on safe, high-quality care in our key areas.

Surgery stays

“Unlike the recent Code Brown where surgery was reduced, the Code Yellow will see all clinical services continue with surgery continuing full speed ahead.

“It is important that we continue our surgery to make sure patients can get their booked surgery completed.

We know that some people have had delays to their surgical



Training at the Wonthaggi Hospital is being addressed but, like most hospitals in the state, there's a shortage of qualified staff to fill key roles. Bass Coast Health Undergraduate Coordinator Mandie Heffernan instructs Student Nurses Maria Bailey, Monica Pun and Arun Tar in the new Clinical Lab at Wonthaggi Hospital.

care over the past two years and we are trying very hard to make sure we can keep surgery ticking along.”

Maternity gets priority

Other services are receiving priority, said Ms Child.

“We will also work hard to maintain our maternity, cancer, emergency, outpatients and primary and community services, knowing they are all much busier providing essential care every day.

“Bass Coast Health had already decreased the number of sub-acute beds from 16 to 10, and will now decrease the number of acute inpatient beds from 26 to 20.

“In addition, short stay beds in the Emergency Department will decrease from 8 to 4. BCH is also reviewing its role in vaccination and testing, and will explore other service opportunities to ensure resources are targeted to the areas of

greatest need.

“We have been relentlessly recruiting, with intensive recruitment efforts over the last 12 months, and we will continue to be proactive in this space and look at incentives and opportunities to grow our team.

“We need all types of staff: clinical and non-clinical. Nurses, doctors, allied health, cleaners, porters, engineers,” she said.

“The pay is ok; we support and develop people well; and there is rewarding work available for people with the right values, at our sites at Wonthaggi, San Remo and Cowes.

“Our staff are extraordinary and every day our staff make a difference. They have been wearing stifling PPE for more than two years; and they have been working longer and harder –above and beyond – to deliver care for their community.

“But they are also exhausted and we need to make sure they can take their breaks, and spend time with their own loved ones to rest and recover.

“While we understand most of the community is now over COVID and have moved on, we are still in the grip of COVID. We are still in the midst of looking after the community during a pandemic.

“We know our demand will continue to rise; and we recognize the hugely important role the Wonthaggi Hospital expansion and the Phillip Island Community Hospital will play in serving our local community over the coming years.”

Community concern

But the Code Yellow call has raised more community questions than answers with social media respondents raising concerns about the culture at BCH and how the health service expects to boost services and staff at the new \$115 million Wonthaggi Hospital if it can't man the existing hospital.

Other contributors say it's not so easy to get into your local doctor and also that they've been told to take the patient in yourself when calling an ambulance.

Still, others say the situation is no better in Melbourne or elsewhere: “I get they say go see your doctor, but you can't get in to see a doctors on most days. You have to book three weeks ahead most times, and when you're sick, your work wants a medical certificate to prove it. I hope for everyone that this improves across the hospitals for everyone.”

Search for hit-run driver

KORUMBURRA Police are seeking to identify the driver involved in a hit and run where another vehicle was extensively damaged on Gordon Street on Saturday, April 30.

The incident is believed to have occurred at approximately 10.45pm, after the offender failed to remain at the scene after smashing into another stationary vehicle.

The offending vehicle was described as either a gold or silver Holden Statesmen, which wasn't displaying registration plates.

“We are seeking any information in regards to the identity of the driver,” Leading Senior Constable Stephen Van Hamond said.

“It has been reported (the offender) was... approximately 6ft tall, aged in his 30s with a skinny build and Caucasian appearance.”

Ldr Snr Const Hamond said the vehicle was also witnessed driving along Valley View Parade following the collision, and was last seen heading towards Korumburra-Warragul Road.

The offending vehicle also suffered extensive damage to the front passenger side and was leaking oil.

Any witnesses or those with CCTV or dashcam footage should contact Leading Senior Constable Stephen Van Hamond at Korumburra Police Station on 5655 1244 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Missing resident found safe

EMERGENCY services were fortunately able to locate an elderly Phillip Island resident who became lost after going for a walk.

On the afternoon of Saturday, April 30, an 82-year-old resident went for a walk from Ventnor Beach.

However, a few hours later, the resident became disorientated and phoned police for help.

A large-scale search commenced with local police, water police, police airwing and the community.

Fortunately, the resident was located in scrubland by the airwing just after 11pm and was rewarded with a flight in the police helicopter back to Ventnor.

Police would like to thank the wonderful local residents who assisted them in the search.

Rock bag seawall in Inverloch to be constructed

CONSTRUCTION of a new rock bag seawall is expected to commence this month at the Pymble Avenue picnic and barbecue precinct at the Inverloch foreshore.

Proposed works involve the construction of a new 70-metre rock bag seawall to protect built public assets from wave erosion.

In recent years, the shoreline

at the Pymble Avenue area has eroded at a rapid rate.

Works to construct the seawall are expected to commence in May 2022 and are anticipated to be completed in July 2022.

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

According to council, DELWP has a preference for a removable structure as opposed to a fixed seawall.

This allows for the completion of the current Cape to Cape Resilience project.

The information and recommendations from the Cape to Cape Resilience project will inform the provision of additional coastal protection structures along Inverloch's eastern foreshore and beyond.

The total project costs for the design and construction of the rock bag seawall are estimated at \$230,000.

This includes \$10,000 for design and \$220,000 for construction. This funding is from council's Infrastructure Renewal Program.

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IN BRIEF

Veneto Day in Wonthaggi

JOIN the Italian community to celebrate Veneto Day. Come down to the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine on Sunday, May 29, for a 12pm lunch. The cost is \$20 per person with a menu of polenta, two types with cheese, ragu, sauerkraut with vegies and cotechino, followed by chestnuts and vin brulé. BYO plates, cutlery, drinks, table, chairs, etc. Bookings are essential, phone Aida 0429 382 039 after 5pm. No bookings after May 17.

Wonthaggi SES needs you

IF YOU have been wanting to make a difference in your community, then why not consider joining Wonthaggi SES. The unit is actively recruiting more members for a range of exciting volunteer roles including flood and storm response, search and rescue, road rescue and more. An open day will be held this Saturday, May 7, from 10am to 2pm at 319 White Road, Wonthaggi. You can RSVP by visiting their Facebook page 'SES Wonthaggi Unit' or contact 0499 072 117 or wonthaggi@ses.vic.gov.au.

Yarram DELWP offices to be consolidated

THE Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning will be closing its customer service office at Yarram this year, consolidating its offices at the Rodgers Street facility. DELWP says it will continue its "strong presence" in Yarram, with 15 forest and fire operations staff continuing to work from its Rodgers Street facility. A spokesperson for DELWP said there would be no job losses as a result of the closure of the office.

Save \$250 on your energy bill

VICTORIAN households could receive a \$250 bill busting bonus if they seek out a better energy deal on Victoria's Energy Compare website. From July 1, 2022, the new \$250 payment will be open to all Victorian households who use the Victorian Energy Compare website to compare their energy deal and seek out a better price. While the quickest way to submit an application for the \$250 Power Saving Bonus will be through the website, Victorians who do not have access to a computer or the internet can call the Victorian Energy Compare helpline or receive support from a community outreach partners. Households that have previously claimed a \$50 or \$250 Power Saving Bonus will be eligible for this new one-off payment when the program opens in July. Go to compare.energy.vic.gov.au.

Jazz on stage in Inverloch

THE South Gippsland Jazz Club has a great afternoon of music planned for May 8 in the RSL Hall in Inverloch, between 2pm and 4.30pm. Attendees will be entertained by Donna and 'The Wizard'. The exceptional piano talents of Andrew Farrell, known to his fans as 'The Wizard', will be supporting Donna McConville. Donna had been working in Vancouver for a number of years and returned to Australia to perform in John Farnham's band. Andrew and Donna form an amazing versatile duo that play a variety of music from blues, jazz, gospel, boogie to classical. For more information, please contact Marg 0438 420 770.

Last shout for Bass Coast

THE Bass Coast 'Distinctive Areas and Landscapes' process, which will have a big say in how this area develops and is protected over the next 50 years, closed for comment last Friday, April 29. What amounts to a forward plan for Bass Coast, it was initiated by the state government and will have a big say in how much each settlement in the shire is allowed to grow, how coastal and hinterland landscapes are protected but also how industry like sand mining will be allowed to continue and grow. The Bass Coast Shire Council is making a submission to the process and will ultimately respond to the final report but there have already been calls for the submissions about the boundaries and other key aspects to be referred to the DAL's Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) for independent review.

Anita Harris and Friends return to Phillip Island

SUNDAY, May 15, will see the return of Anita Harris and Friends at the new home of jazz at the Philip Island Bowling Club. Entertainment commences at 2pm and concludes at 4.30pm. What a group of friends Anita has, with dad Kim Harris on keyboards, Phillip Island Jazz favourite Ron Anderson on reeds, David Taylor on bass and Alan Richards on drums. On this occasion, Anita will concentrate on members' requests, which should be particularly interesting. Venue is Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes. Event starts at 2pm and concludes at 4.30pm. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for visitors. For more information please contact Robin 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300.

Grant's heading for Box Hill

TAFE Gippsland's CEO, Grant Radford, will leave the Gippsland-based institute in June to take up a new CEO role at Box Hill Institute. Mr Radford will move to Box Hill Institute after more than four years at the helm of TAFE Gippsland.

Writers' readings at Inverloch

THE Bass Coast Writers are holding a 'Writers Readings Afternoon' at the Inverloch Library on Wednesday, May 4 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. A variety of short pieces will be read in their entirety for your entertainment. All welcome.

No plan for blanket speed reduction

THERE are no plans in place to introduce a state-wide 80km/h speed limit on country roads, a government spokesperson has confirmed. The Department of Transport continuously monitors speed limits across the road network, along with local councils, to ensure set limits are appropriate while also assessing whether future improvements may be needed. "Local councils may request to introduce a speed limit change on local roads; however, these are assessed on a case-by-case basis and take into consideration a number of factors." Factors include types of road users, the surrounding road environment, crash risk and history, council recommendation, community sentiment and traffic volumes. "Roads may require a temporary reduction in speed when works are underway to ensure the safety of crews and drivers." This can be frustrating for drivers but is necessary to ensure safety.



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Unknown ‘ocean blob’ washes up on Oberon Bay

DAVID Donnelly, Field Research Officer with the Dolphin Research Institute, based at Hastings, is gearing up for a big whale season on the Victorian south-east coast.

And, while the peak whale migration season runs between May and November each year, these majestic creatures, including the mighty Blue Whale, can already be spotted from a number of Gippsland vantage points, especially along the Bass Coast and around Wilsons Promontory.

In fact, a large piece of whale blubber or possibly even the placenta of a birthing whale, has washed up on the beach at Oberon Bay in the past few days.

However, to date, no one knows exactly what the large lump of biological matter represents.

Several people who walked out to Oberon Bay over the weekend posted photos on the Sentinel-Times' Facebook page "It was a bit smelly downwind but not as bad as I thought it would be," said Anse Artec.

"No birds or animals were attacking it. I saw fox footprints approaching it but no evidence of significant damage from animals. Whale placenta



What's that smell! A large amount of biological matter, believed to be the inside of a whale, washed up on the beach at Oberon Bay last week, attracting the interest of Wilsons Promontory walkers over the weekend.

or intestines has been suggested but I don't know what it is."

Mr Donnelly was interviewed on ABC Gippsland Radio on Saturday morning, April 30, about what it might be.

"I wish I could explain what this big blob is," Mr Donnelly said, noting that it would only be after tissue samples were taken and analysed before they would know for sure.

"Parks Victoria is looking after it," he said, but being in a remote location, there have only been a few photos of the thing.

"Mystery surrounds this thing on the beach and it's not

uncommon around the world, big ocean blobs float onto coastlines fairly frequently and quite often they're not understood or are not identified.

"In this case, the first few photos that we've been able to have a look at suggests that it is biological matter.

"And if it's biological, in this case, it must be something quite large.

"So, what do we think about then? We think, well, what's in the ocean that's large and it comes down, more or less whales.

"So, what we're thinking along the lines of now, is that

possibly a whale has either, one, a whale has become deceased at sea and parts of it are washing ashore, or, two, a placenta from a birth of a large whale may have washed ashore."

He said the Dolphin Research Institute, based at Hastings, which worked with a lot of other agencies studying dolphins and whales was presently gearing up for a big whale season where they're looking for "citizen scientists" to help record whale sightings.

"We do a lot of whale work. In fact, we have a citizen scientist whale program which tracks and identifies whales moving along our coastline throughout the two-bays region of the state, so in southeast Gippsland we've done quite a lot of work on whales there, particularly Blue Whales and Humpback whales.

"So, seasonality plays a part in this as well, you know, and we're starting to see humpback whales showing up on our coast in very few numbers, mind you, but also blue whales are in Bass Strait right now too.

"So there some candidates there who may offer some explanation to what's on the beach."

Sure sign it's 'whale watching season'

THE sight of a large "blob" of biological matter, likely the innards of a large whale, on the beach at Oberon Bay over the weekend, is a sure sign that whale watching season is upon us.

Running from May to November each year, it attracts visitors and locals to good vantage points along the coast from the Nobbies to Port Albert, while others take to the sea with tour operators, including Wildlifecoast Cruises and Pennicott Wilderness Journeys.

Humpbacks, Southern Right Whales and even Pigmy Blue Whales and the biggest animal to ever grace the planet, the mighty Blue Whale have started their migration past our shores looking for warmer waters... and it's game on for watchers.

And it you see a whale, or manage to photograph one, Field Research Officer David Donnelly of the Dolphin Research Institute, based at Hastings, would like to hear from you.

"We're actually quite busy at the moment. We're working up our common dolphin catalogues for Port Phillip Bay and Western Port and preparing for the whale season," Mr Donnelly said at the weekend.

"And we're going to be running our citizen science program, which is people on beaches and people on cliffs reporting whale sightings across the coast.

"And we are extending that out to the south-east Gippsland region for this particular season, particularly the Locksport area and down to Wilson's Promontory.

"So, if anybody is interested in submitting a whale sighting please do so via our website, <https://www.dolphinresearch.org.au/>

So, jump in the car with your beanie and binoculars and head to the Gippsland coastline, especially Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

You can also follow the 'Bass Coast Whale Discovery Trail' which maps out some of the best viewing spots for whales with interpretive signage at each of the below points. And you can keep tabs on the latest sightings on the 'Phillip Island Whale Sightings' Map.

Here are a few good locations where you might see a whale:

- Grossard Point (Phillip Island)
- The Nobbies & Summerland
- Pyramid Rock (Phillip Island)
- Cape Woolamai
- Punchbowl (wear a life jacket)
- Kilcunda
- Harmers Haven
- Cape Paterson First Surf
- Eagles Nest

Wilsons Promontory and South Gippsland Coast:

- Sealers Cove (Wilsons Promontory)
- Refuge Cove (Wilsons Promontory)
- Glennie Lookout (Wilsons Promontory)
- Pillar Point (Wilsons Promontory)
- Cape Liptrap Lighthouse
- Ned Neale's Lookout (Sandy Point)

Two of the great ways to get out on the water and see the whales are with Pennicott Wilderness Cruises, taking visitors out on a 2.5-hour boat cruise from Tidal River and Wildlife Coast Cruises.

Although not strictly a whale watching cruise, they often see whales at his time of the year.

Wildlifecoast Cruises is offering its 'Winter Whale' and 'Wilsons Prom Whale' cruises now on their website at wildlifecoast-cruises.com.au.

Happy whale watching.



Maybe you'll be lucky enough to take a photo like this one while whale watching in South Gippsland and Bass Coast this season, May to November. Photo: Anna Carson.

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Mayor's message

IT was great to see the crowds return to our five ANZAC Day services held across Bass Coast to commemorate the lives of all those killed in military operations. I attended the dawn service at Cowes and it was a touching, memorable event that honoured our service personnel.

With just over a fortnight until the Federal election, I encourage you to use your voice and your vote. Our coast is rapidly disappearing through coastal erosion and we have experienced the worst floods and bushfires we have ever seen, yet climate change is being ignored in this election campaign. Bass Coast Shire Council has declared a climate emergency but we need funding and policy change from all levels of government to protect the safety and prosperity of Bass Coast.

If you live in a low lying area, by the sea or in bushland you should be worried. Council is seeking an urgent contribution of \$12 million to address the urgent needs.

We have just come through a good summer but forecasts for heatwaves in climate change must not be ignored. Australian houses are not designed to withstand these and they are predicted to be the biggest killer with climate change.

We have just come through a good summer but forecasts for increasingly serious heatwaves must not be ignored. Australian houses are not designed to withstand these and they are predicted to cause the most fatalities due to climate change.

We encourage you to meet the Candidates for Monash and ask questions prior to voting on 21 May. Fellow Councillor, Clare Le Serve will chair the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre 'Meet the Federal Candidates for Monash' event on Wednesday, 4 May at 6.00pm and you can book by calling 5672 3731 or www.facebook.com/events/520562689650767. Tonight (3 May) the Monash Candidates Forum on Climate Environment will be hosted



Cr Michael Whelan

online by Just Transition South Gippsland Inc and Bass Coast Climate Action Network. Searching online for either of these groups will bring you to the event on their pages.

Community feedback is now being sought on the Draft 2022/23 Budget. Submissions are invited to the Draft Budget and can be made online, through www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/22-23budget. We are hosting an on-line Facebook Q&A forum Wednesday, 4 May from 6.00pm to 7.30pm at www.facebook.com/basscoastshire. I encourage you to ask any Budget related questions you may have on the night. Copies of the Draft Budget are available online, you can drop in to our Customer Service Centre in Wonthaggi to view a copy, or contact basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au or 1300 BCOAST (226 278) on (03) 5671 2211 to request a copy be sent to you. The submission period closes at 5.00pm on Monday, 16 May.

I also encourage you to book tickets to the Developing Bass Coast Forum with demographer Bernard Salt. This is a great opportunity to understand the key trends shaping Bass Coast in the years to come. Bass Coast experienced population growth of 3.7% from 2020-21 against the regional Victorian average of 1.02%. Bernard's insights will be invaluable for developers, the construction industry, real estate agents and business leaders. This event will be held on Tuesday, 17 May at Silverwater Resort, tickets are \$20 each (including breakfast) and can be booked at developing-bass-coast.eventbrite.com.au.



Dalyston will get another 46 blocks for residential growth, south of the recreation reserve.

Danger looms as Dalyston grows

THE further expansion of Wonthaggi satellite town, Dalyston, via an additional 46 residential blocks, makes the upgrading of the Bass Highway critical, according to the Bass Coast Shire Council.

Speaking ahead of council's approval of a new 46-lot subdivision recently, Cr Rochelle Halstead said she welcomed the news that more families would be moving into the Waterdale Estate but she called on Regional Roads Victoria to take action to improve safety on the busy highway.

"I think the proposal has covered all the bases. I do note that council did ask some questions around the drainage, and

I'm pleased to see that has been addressed," said Cr Halstead.

"I would like to point out this is quite a significant development given the size of Dalyston and will add a quite a number of new lots, so, new families will be coming into the area and it's good to see that the developer has provided a variety of block sizes, which is also nice.

"But I would suggest that we continue our advocacy to Regional Roads Victoria about upgrades to Bass Highway to accommodate the added population growth which is only going to continue to grow in that area."


As well as the drainage upgrades, council has

insisted on a system of pathways linking the estate to recreation areas.

Fix it, please

A Sentinel-Times reader took the opportunity of approval to a new estate at Dalyston to highlight some concerns: "As a long-time Dalyston resident, I think this community has been severely let down by council. There is a very deep open culvert drain in Tulloch Street which is actually quite dangerous and should have been done when the new estate went through. Daly Street and Powlett Street also need the dust seal reinstated to the roads. The school doesn't even have a proper crossing.

Council Update



Developing Bass Coast Forum

Council is hosting the first in-person Developing Bass Coast Forum since 2019. Demographer Bernard Salt, widely regarded as one of Australia's most influential social commentators, will be presenting at the Forum.

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

For more information about the forum, contact Council's Business Development Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211.

Accessibility grant funding round open

Applications are now open for up to \$1,000 for Accessibility Funding.

Your business or community organisation is invited to apply for funding to increase the number of people with a disability accessing your service as customers, visitors, members or employees.

Funding could support improvements to physical access, Disability Awareness Training, large print menus, Disability Action Plan or any other idea that you think will help people with a disability access your business or community organisation.

Applications close 5.00pm Thursday, 30 June 2022

For more information and application form, visit our website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/accessfunding or contact Kathryn Pryor, Access and Healthy Ageing Officer 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or shirley.egan@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Flu immunisations

Influenza vaccines now available free for all people eligible under the National Immunisation Program. Ages 6 months to less than 5 years and over 65 years. Please note: we do not administer COVID-19 vaccinations through our Council immunisation sessions.

May session Dates and locations:

Tuesday, 10 May - St Philips Anglican Parish, 102 Thompson Ave, Cowes
10.30am – 12.30pm – Childhood immunisations (free Flu for 6 months to <5years and paid flu for ages 5-15 years)
Booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/BXIIQQ>

Friday 13, May - St Philips Anglican Parish, 102 Thompson Ave, Cowes
10.30am – 12.30pm – Over 65 Flu only. Booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/BZADI>

Tuesday, 17 May – Old Wonthaggi Post Office, 74 McBride Ave, Wonthaggi
10.30am – 12.30pm – Childhood immunisations (free Flu for 6 months to <5years and paid flu for ages 5-15 years)
Booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/BXIIQV>
1.00pm – 3.00pm – Over 65 Flu only. Booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/BZADM>

Tuesday, 24 May - Bass Valley Childrens Centre – 60 Corinella Rd, Corinella
10.30am – 1.00pm – Childhood immunisations (free Flu for 6 months to <5years and paid Flu for ages 5-15 years) and Over 65 Flu
Booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/BXIIQX>

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More skate facilities desperately needed, says councillor

By Nick Sinis

A NOTICE of motion calling for a BMX track near Cape Woolamai, among other measures relating to the Bass Coast 2018-2028 Skate Strategy, was rejected at council's April meeting.

The motion, tabled by Cr Rochelle Halstead, highlighted the need for a site to be identified for a regional skate facility, which has been delayed due a review being undertaken of the strategy.

Specifically, Cr Halstead's motion called for confirmation that San Remo and Newhaven were no longer designated as regional facility locations, as well as confirmation that Newhaven's Graydens Reserve is designated as having a local skate facility.

The motion also called for consideration of a BMX track in Cape Woolamai, near Veterans Drive, to complement the strategy.

Bass Coast Shire has three concrete skate parks, one mini ramp and a mobile skate trailer.

But the need for new facilities is being explored due to community pressure, the strategy states.

A regional facility is identified as being approximately 1000m2, strategically located to service the whole shire, and would cost approximately \$1.2m.

"We all know council supported a regional skate park



Cr Rochelle Halstead had put forward a motion calling for the creation of a BMX track near Cape Woolamai to complement the Bass Coast 2018-2028 Skate Strategy, after a makeshift track had destroyed native vegetation near the foreshore.

in October 2018, with a \$650,000 grant committed by the state government at the time," Cr Halstead said at April's meeting.

"This commitment created an expectation in our community for a regional facility... unfortunately, the San Remo site was found to be unsuitable, as was the site in Graydens Reserve at Newhaven."

Cr Rochelle then referenced another notice of motion she put forward in April 2021 calling for a new location to be identified for a regional facility.

She said at the time it was suggested that a review of the skate strategy would be required.

"More than 12 months

later a consultant has been engaged, when there is nothing wrong with the current strategy," she said.

"The intent of council has not changed; the strategy just needs minor amendments."

Cr Halstead said as a result of the delay, BMX tracks have been built by young people at Cape Woolamai foreshore, causing significant damage.

"This situation only highlights the desperate need for facilities at Cape Woolamai, San Remo and Newhaven," she said.

"I have had discussions with the general managers of Vietnam Veterans Museum and councillors over the past 18 months about the opportunity the museum and surrounding area presents.

"With the Vietnam Veterans [Museum] working towards a new location, the old site could be utilised as an indoor and outdoor facility."

A council officer's comments noted that landscape design consultants Playce had been engaged to oversee a review of the skate strategy and amend the existing document, where required.

"They have commenced the review, which will set clear directions for skate facilities across the shire and outline guiding principles in selecting a location for a regional skate park," a council officer stated.

"The review will be completed by the end of May and presented to council thereafter."

"Following the completion of the review, council officers, in consultation with Playce, will then commence community consultation around the design of a local level skate park for Graydens Reserve in Newhaven."

The motion had also called for the review to provide a site analysis for an indoor/outdoor facility, and include a prioritised plan to refer to council's Capital Works Program for funding consideration, including the project in Graydens Reserve, Newhaven, being identified as a short-term priority.

Ultimately, however, Cr Rochelle's motion was voted against in a close tie, with the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan giving the casting vote.

Candidates to address key election issues

WITH the climate emergency looming as a major issue in the forthcoming federal election, voters of Monash will have the opportunity to hear and question the views of House of Representatives candidates on key issues of climate change action and environmental protection.

Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent (Liberal), Labor candidate Jessica O'Donnell, the Greens' Mat Morgan, and independent Deb Leonard have confirmed their participation.

All other candidates have been invited to join them in the forum.

Just Transition South Gippsland (JTSJ) and Bass Coast Climate Action Network (BC-CAN) are presenting the forum online on Zoom on Tuesday, May 3 from 7.30-9pm.

To register to attend the online forum, go to jtsouthgippsland.org or facebook.com/BassCoastCAN and follow the links.

For further information, email contact @jtsouthgippsland.org.

Meet the candidates

WONTHAGGI Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House will be hosting a 'Meet the Candidates' forum at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 4, from 6pm-8.30pm.

Organisers say a strong democracy is important to social cohesion and to the community's sense of belonging, participation and ownership.

It is not a single-issue forum; all topics/issues/questions of concern to the community are welcome.

The forum will be chaired by Cr Clare Le Serve, a well-known and well-respected independent councillor since 2012. Cr Le Serve is not aligned with any political party or candidate and ran as independent in the 2014 and 2018 state elections. Invitations to attend the forum have been sent to all candidates.

Everybody is welcome. RSVP by emailing manager@wonthaggi-neighbourhoodcentre.com or calling 5672 3731.



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Air Ambulance marks 60 years

AIR Ambulance Victoria (AAV) is celebrating 60 years of world-class pre-hospital care.

The AAV wing of Ambulance Victoria (AV) was set up in 1962 and included one rotary wing aircraft and one fixed-wing plane.

Sixty years on and AAV's fleet of four fixed-wing planes and five helicopters (HEMS) provide a vital link between rural communities and metropolitan health services.

AAV's five emergency response helicopters (HEMS) are based at the Latrobe Valley, Essendon, Bendigo and Warrnambool and are called out for life-threatening emergencies, which are mainly trauma and paediatric cases, as well as a small amount of search and rescue, and transporting remote patients.

MICA flight paramedic Steve Grove, who is based at Latrobe Valley, which services Bass Coast and South Gippsland, has worked at AV for more than 30 years and started with AAV's fixed wing in 1994.

"I'm the team manager of the Traralgon base and each day is completely different," he said.

"We do transfers out of hospitals, primary jobs which can be medical or trauma and there's a search and rescue component."

Mr Grove said Bass Coast can often be a hotspot for AAV, with three helicopters a day sometimes responding in the region.

"It's not uncommon for us to spend a lot of time at Phillip Island during the holiday season," he said.



Air Ambulance Victoria (AAV) is proud to celebrate 60 years since its establishment. Photo: Ambulance Victoria.

"We notice seasonable changes such as Easter, when it was estimated around one million people travelled to rural Victoria."

"All those people still have heart attacks and car crashes, so our workload definitely does go up over holiday periods."

Mr Grove said an aircraft crew generally consisted of three members; the pilot, a crewman and a MICA flight paramedic.

"The crewman, they're a jack of all trades, I believe they're the hardest working on the aircraft," he said.

"They have to know everybody else's job, and nobody has to know theirs."

"When we are deployed, they work as a co-pilot; or if it's a winch job, they operate it."

"And when we land on ground, they have a lot of training and basically become a medic."

"The crewmen are outstanding; it's unbelievable what they do."

The AAV service is made up of just over 37 ALS flight paramedics and almost 50 MICA flight paramedics supported by a dedicated team of flight coordinators, pilots, aircrew officers, doctors, engineers, trade assistants, retrieval services and administrators.

In 2020-2021, AAV responded to more than 7000 incidents – up almost 1000 on the previous year, with the fixed-wing fleet transporting more than 5000 patients.

The fixed-wing planes also fly patients with acute medical conditions requiring surgery, transfer injured patients from regional hospitals and retrieve critically ill patients from regional hospitals to specialist care, such as cardiac care and intensive care.

AV recently announced the fixed-wing fleet was undergoing a major upgrade to become one of the most innovative in the country.

More paramedics as calls rise

NEW paramedics are hitting the road across Gippsland as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to break records for ambulance demand.

The latest performance data for the third quarter of 2021-22 show paramedics state-wide were called to 93,234 Code 1 cases between January and March this year, breaking the record set last quarter and making this quarter the busiest in Ambulance Victoria's history.

During the quarter, 66.8 per cent of Code 1 cases were responded to within the state-wide average response time target of 15 minutes – a small improvement of 0.3 per cent compared to the previous quarter.

The state-wide average response time to Code 1 cases was 15 minutes and 15 seconds.

In the South Gippsland Local Government Area, paramedics attended 48.5 per cent of Code 1 patients within 15 minutes, compared with 40 per cent the same time last year.

The average response time to Code 1 patients was 19.20 minutes, with 474 incidents for the recent quarter.

In Bass Coast, paramedics attended 55.6 per cent of responses within 15 minutes, with an average of 17.23 minutes, responding to 711 incidents.

Ambulance Victoria Gippsland Acting Regional director Ross Salathiel said the latest performance data showed a slight improvement in state-wide ambulance response times to the most critical emergencies, despite record demand.

He said of the 57 new graduate paramedics starting from May 2, ten will go to branches in the Gippsland region, including Cowes, Maffra, Traralgon, Waragul, Sale, Bairnsdale, Morwell, and Drouin.

The remainder of the 120 new paramedics will start their induction with Ambulance Victoria on May 30.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Kindergarten Registration Open for 2023

Registration for three- and four-year-old kindergarten in 2023 is now open.

Registering is easy! Simply head to Council's website, complete the online application form and nominate your top three kindergarten preferences.

Council operates a central registration system on behalf of all participating kindergartens across the Shire to ensure an easy and fair process for all parents. The information also helps Council to anticipate future demand for services.

Children are allocated into kindergartens based on parents' preferences and in accordance with State Government Priority of Access guidelines. Where demand for

a kindergarten exceeds the number of places available, a wait list will be created in partnership with the kindergarten service providers.

There are currently 14 kindergartens in various locations across South Gippsland, with 12 of those being involved in the Central Registration program.

To be included in a first-round offer, registrations must be received by 30 June 2022.

To find out more, or to register, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment

For more information, please call Courtney Revere on 5662 9200.



Register Now for Your Say South Gippsland

We always want to hear the views of our community. In order to do that, we have a new engagement platform, Your Say South Gippsland. If you don't want to miss a single opportunity to get involved, your best bet is to register. When you do, you will receive regular updates on projects you follow and when new opportunities come up.

To register for the platform, please visit yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 18 May 2022, 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)
Dates are also listed on Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates
If you cannot attend the 'open' component of the Council Meeting in person, you can access a live stream through Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live
Council conducts its meetings according to COVID Safe Plan requirements.
Please contact the Governance team for questions about Council Meetings.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES
Council has a number of vacant positions currently taking applications. Please visit Council's website for details: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/employment

IMPOUNDED VEHICLES
Council impounded the following vehicles in accordance with Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1989:

2004 Blue Nissan Sedan
Impounded on: 20 April 2022
Impounded from: Davenport Road, Loch
Registration Number: SRR989
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2022 Silver Holden Sedan
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Unless these vehicles are collected and relevant fees paid within 14 days of the date of this notice, the vehicles will be offered for sale to the public. For enquiries, please contact the Local Laws team on 5662 9200 during office hours.

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

ALERT: SCAM PHONE CALL
Council has received reports that there is someone calling residents asking them to complete the Community Vision 2040 survey. This is not Council. This is a scam.
We will not be calling you to complete the survey. Please do not provide any personal information or answer any of the questions. Hang up, block the number, and look out for your friends and family by letting them know.
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Bombers come to town

LEONGATHA'S home ground became the Bombers base for Thursday afternoon, with an impressive turnout of red and black clad locals, many of whom were excited youngsters.

The Essendon Country Tour is inspired not only by the opportunity to reconnect with regional areas, but also forms part of the celebration of the club's 150th anniversary.

For Essendon diehards, both adults and youngsters, there was plenty to be excited about, including the arrival of four-time-premiership coach and childhood Bombers fan Kevin Sheedy and the premiership cups the club won during his reign.

Adding to the occasion was a visit from Bombers captain and Leongatha identity Dyson Heppell.

He looked to be enjoying the experience every bit as much as the young clinic attendees and, in many cases, their Essendon-loving parents.

"It's exciting to be back in town and playing around with the little tackers, and I have fond memories of being their age having a kick with a few of the AFL players that would come down in the day, and it's some of the best memories of my childhood," Dyson said.

"It's always awesome to get home and support the local community, and it's great to see so many Essendon fans."

Dyson credited Sheedy with his brilliant promotion of the club over many years, saying, "he's the reason we have so many fans here".

It's a sure bet Dyson has also brought a few locals over to the red and black.

Triple-premiership Bomber Mark Harvey was busy trying to do just that, working on Cats supporter Corran Djuric to switch allegiances.

Corran suggested he may do so



Mark Harvey tries to convert Corran Djuric from barracking for Geelong to Essendon, with Kevin Sheedy joining in the fun. A05_1822

if Essendon gets the better of the Cats next time they meet.

He was enjoying the occasion with a group from Yooralla Leongatha.

Matt Cameron was perhaps the most excited member of the group, proudly wearing Dyson Heppell's number 21 on the back of his Essendon jumper, which was freshly signed by the man himself.

Mycalie James and Byron Doran were also having a good afternoon, with Mycalie another Bombers fan, while Byron isn't really into footy.

Perhaps that will change after his close encounter with four premiership cups and some famous Essendon identities.

Bombers devotee Lisa Hibbs was relishing the chance to slip an Essendon jumper onto son Kayden, who father Jason is convinced will be a Bulldogs supporter.

The Sentinel-Times captured the moment, with Lisa, Kayden and younger sibling Zayne being photographed for posterity with Dyson.

Popular Bomber, Harvey was pleased to be able to get back to mixing with regional people after

the disruptions of the past couple of years.

"Country people are easier to talk to than city people," he said after the warm Leongatha reception.

Harvey was drawn to Leongatha Football Netball Club's honour boards, with former Parrots coach Colin Boyd one name that stood out.

Boyd played 34 games for Essendon in the late 1970s before going on to be captain-coach of Leongatha, with Harvey a Bombers fan as a kid remembering seeing Boyd in the red and black.

While it was but a brief visit from the Bombers, Dyson gave hope of returning on a longer-term basis down the track.

He left open the possibility of coming back to Leongatha in a playing capacity.

Having last pulled on a Parrots jumper aged about 16 before heading off to represent Gippsland Power, Dyson said he would love to return to represent his home club after his Bombers career ends, as long as his body holds up.

Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies



ANZAC Day is a day to stop and reflect on the sacrifices of our armed services, both past and present, particularly poignant with the war in Ukraine. There were 14 ceremonies held across our Shire which were well attended. For Councillors it is an honour to lay a wreath on behalf of the Shire. Each community chooses to commemorate in its own way, from dawn services, flags on graves at the cemetery, to a young light horseman (dressed in authentic uniform) leading the parade of ex-servicemen and women. The RSL and their volunteers do a remarkable job hosting these events.

On Tuesday 26 April, Councillor Gilligan and myself hosted a live Facebook Q&A event where we answered questions about the Integrated Plans. The event was very well supported by the community, which was great to see – it certainly kept us on our toes! There were a broad range of questions asked as well, which I think highlights the diversity we have within our region and how important it is that you make your voice heard.

Last Friday 29 April, South Gippsland Shire Council, alongside The Hills Are Alive! hosted a music festival – Reconnect. The festival was held to bring people of all ages together to celebrate the joy that music brings to our lives. To feed the more than 900 attendees, there were some great local food options. If you smelled the food, you would have been lining up to! It was terrific.

This also provided us with an opportunity to talk to locals about the Integrated Plans that went out for feedback as of 21 April. Myself along with some Council staff talked with many people about the draft Plans and encouraged people to give us their feedback, either right there and then, via an online survey or by providing a written submission.

Feedback like this on draft Plans that are this important is pivotal to ensuring that we

are putting plans in place that are reflective of the communities wants and needs. The Councillors have done a fabulous job ensuring the feedback collated from December 2021 to February 2022 has informed these Plans and that they are truly something the community can be proud of. However, we know that during that phase, there may have been people that didn't take the opportunity to provide feedback who might like to now. So, now is the time!

We have a range of face-to-face engagement events happening up until 15 May that you are invited to come along to. There is also an online survey and a spot to upload your written submission if you choose to go into greater depth about specific parts of the Plans. To view the full events list, provide your feedback, read the draft Plans, or the short summaries, please visit

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/provide-plan-feedback

Submissions close 15 May so please make sure you engage with us before then.

To conclude this week's message, I would like to share something of an embarrassing story. Those who have seen me around the street or at various events in this past week may notice I have a new accessory – a moon boot. After two lovely days at the Wilsons Promontory Lighthouse, I injured my ankle literally as I stepped onto Waterloo Bay. Luckily, we had some medical professionals in the walking group we were with who strapped my ankle. Unluckily however, I had to walk the six kilometres back to the main lighthouse track, where I was met by a Parks Victoria vehicle who gave me a lift to the car park.

I would like to thank the medicos that took care of me in the first instance, and Parks Victoria for their assistance. I really appreciated it. Now I have six weeks in a moon boot to look forward to!

Shire CEO among top public sector women

SOUTH Gippsland Shire CEO Kerryn Ellis has been named as one of the Top 50 Public Sector Women in Victoria in the Established Leaders category by the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) Victoria.

The IPAA exists to "promote excellence and pride in public service across Australia".

The 50 women chosen were acknowledged for their contributions in the face of challenges presented by COVID-19.

"This year, the Top 50 Public Sector Women awards recognise exceptional leaders during the

COVID-19 pandemic for their commitment, strength and extraordinary contribution," the IPAA Victoria states.

This year the usual 50 Public Sector Women named in the awards was expanded due to the unusual circumstances presented by the pandemic, to recognise two groups of women, both established and emerging leaders.

"As this year's awards reflect the efforts made during exceptional and unprecedented times, IPAA Victoria and the Top 50 Women judging panel were delighted to acknowledge the

outstanding contributions of public sector women during the COVID-19 crisis by honouring 80 women leaders across two award categories," IPAA Victoria states.

While Kerryn falls into the Established Leaders category, a further 30 women were named in the Emerging Leaders section.


Kerryn was one of just four women recognised in the Established Leader category from the local government sector, an area in which she has provided over 20 years of dedicated service.



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Too much government, says Meg Edwards

FORMER South Gippsland Shire Councillor, Meg Edwards, has joined the Monash election race as the candidate for the Liberal Democratic Party.

A former member of the Liberal Party, Ms Edwards says she was attracted to the LDP's sensible policies and disappointed about the in-fighting and top-down approach of the Liberals.

We put a few questions to the LDP candidate.

• Why are you running?

"We need someone who is going to stand up for the principles that we believe in: freedom, liberty, free markets, and individual choice. Gippslanders are smart, we don't need the government telling us what to do and making all our decisions for us. We can do that for ourselves, so much better.

"I believe in transparency and accountability – what government does do in terms of both decisions and financial management of our money needs to be transparent and the only way to regain the huge loss of trust in our government and other institutions, is to push for transparency in every way.

"My skin is in the game in Monash – I grew up on a dairy farm here, bringing up our own children here, schooled in Fish Creek, Leongatha Christian School, Leongatha Tech (back in the day) and Newhaven College before working my first job at the Penguin Reserve.



Former South Gippsland Shire Councillor, Meg Edwards, has thrown her hat into the ring for Monash.

"Later, I lived in Drouin and my work as an Agri Business Banking Manager covered essentially the same area of Monash.

"My partner Carl and I run a small construction business which specialises in sustainable and unique designs, and we are progressively (as time and money allows), improving our grazing farm and its soil with regenerative practices."

"I recognise that an elected representative can't honestly have everybody agree with them all the time, but I am committed to seeking out feedback on every bill that goes through Parliament."

• Who is the Liberal Democratic Party?

"The Liberal Democrats are

a sensible alternative minor party, formed over 20 years ago. We will never increase your taxes and will never vote in Parliament to restrict your freedoms or liberties.

"The Liberal Democrats offer a sensible alternative to power-hungry politicians that continue to sell out small business and individual liberty.

The core policies of the Liberal Democrats can be viewed at: <https://www.ldp.org.au/freedom>

• Why did you leave the Liberal Party?

"There are some good people in the Liberal Party, as there are in every party, but the nasty factional infighting of a major party always seemed like such wasted energy. In terms of out-

comes and policy, I found these were often out of touch even if well intentioned."

• What are the main issues?

"Anecdotally, we have seen a huge influx of new permanent residents to our region. While this brings many opportunities, there are infrastructure needs that haven't kept pace with the growth."

She listed roads funding, access to essential health services, better more reliable internet, inflation/cost of living, affordable housing.

"Essentially though, we need to get government out of the way, cut the red tape and enable individuals at local community, regional and national level to build resilience, from what we produce in our home gardens and farms through to Australian manufacturing.

"By addressing this we reduce our reliance on international supplies, and with it, national security improves as does our cost of living."

Ms Edwards said she wasn't yet aware how the Liberal Democratic Party would be directing their preferences.

"I expect that to be out later today."

Ms Edwards said she would be attending the in-person 'Meet the Candidates' session hosted by the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre (Mitchell House) at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church between 6.30pm and 8pm on Wednesday, May 4.

Get your flu shot

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WITH the changing of seasons, we are at that time of the year again – cold and flu season!

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Change of weather sent Shearwaters flying

DUNCAN Sutherland, a senior research scientist at Phillip Island Nature Parks, called it ahead of the change of weather at the weekend.

And as the wind swung around to the south and west, many fledgling Short-tailed Shearwaters took the opportunity to head off on their 14,000-kilometre marathon flight to the Bering Strait, between Russia and Alaska.

But, speaking on Gippsland ABC Radio this week, he said a significant number of the Island's 350,000 young Shearwaters were still to head off.

"So, the Short-tailed Shearwater is one of our most abundant seabirds. There are lots of them and we have about 1.4 million adults coming to Phillip Island to breed each year.

"And so, we've had a really good breeding season this year, and it's going to be something like 350,000 fledglings that are ready to take off once we get the right winds and as we were saying before, a light northerly is not quite what they're after yet.

"What they need is a big strong, westerly or something

like that, which when those winds really pick up, they'll be making that migration that we've been talking about."

He said the change of weather last weekend was something like what they were looking for but there are still more of the birds to go.

He praised local business and residents for observing the "lights out" call but urged them to continue on until the last of the birds were on their way.

"We had people out over the weekend making sure any birds that landed were cleared from the roadway but

not all of the birds got away," he said.

Mr Sutherland said one of the theories about the youngsters leaving a few weeks after the adults was that they were able to join them on the flight north after the adults had been on a fishing trip to the Antarctic and young birds had more time to strengthen their new wings.

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Principal Tony Corr with Year 12 Captains Orlando Kane-Gillard and Laura Vivian with Year 8 students Harry Arceo and Holly Martelli.



Head of Junior School Ralph Arceo with Avia Scarlett, Eden Bennett, William Lee, Billy Kimber and Aiden Smith.

Newhaven College Open Day

NEWHAVEN College is excited to be holding its annual Open Day on Saturday, May 14, from 10am-2pm.

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Building for the future

Newhaven College is committed to further developing the College facilities, ensuring that they have an environment where creativity, academic, emotional, spiritual, physical and life skills are nurtured.

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Our College leaders and staff look forward to welcoming you during our Open Day. If you are unable to attend, please contact our Registrar Belinda Manning on 5956 7505 or belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au to arrange a private tour.



Newhaven College OPEN DAY

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10am-2pm



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The man behind the politician

BORN in Koo Wee Rup, Russell was a draper who sang a few songs before being a member of Parliament for near on 21 years, with the last 18 a straight run. But who is Russell and what is important to him?

Russell spent Easter with his family – his wife, Bronwyn, three adult children, grandchildren, extended family and Caesar (VI), the black Labrador.

“It’s very important that local members have their communities in focus at all times,” he said.

“It doesn’t matter whether it’s funding for the streetscaping in Leongatha or the aged care at Korumburra, the rail precinct between Leongatha and Korumburra, or major road projects, these are all things that occupy our time.”

And once they are complete, it’s about looking to the future.

“We’ve given Bass Coast \$14 million (since 2020) and South Gippsland \$32 million,” he said.

“Funded the Cowes Cultural Centre, the Toora Footy Club for their lights, Woolamai Surf Beach, all of these things are daily jobs for me, on behalf of my community that I represent.”

The recent injection for local roads and infrastructure means programs across Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shire’s could proceed.

“A road that needed sealing in San Remo, for instance,

wasn’t going to get done outside of this – that’s been funded and that’ll make tremendous change to the amenities of people around the new school,” he said.

“You get excited about the money that went into Wallhalla Tourist Railway, the Mirboo North Pool, that wouldn’t be there without the funding.

“I get excited about the things I’ve done around women’s issues across 14-15 years.

Issues brought to Russell’s attention by locals.

With a career in politics spanning over two decades, Russell is not finished yet.

“The general demeanour of the Parliament, that we might be a kinder, more compassionate society, that we’re able to discuss issues like climate change, or refugee policies, or the integrity commission and have a discussion, rather than be polarised the whole time,” he said.

“You’re either for or against it and no-one can have a discussion anymore; we need to be a society that can have a discussion, at least we can talk about it then.

“I keep getting placed in a box, this side or that, and Russell Broadbent has never been able to be placed in a box because I have a number of views on lots of issues.

“I think I reflect my community very strongly – there’ll be people in the com-

munity who say no you don’t, there’ll always be disagreements with decisions that I take, but I take them from a national and local perspective.

“And just about everything that I have done has been driven by or come from the inspiration of the people in my electorate, who talk to me.

“I never thought I would be (in politics this long). But once I realised that this was a contribution that I could make I was determined.

“I still have a strong contribution to make, and I don’t think I’ve ever felt more able to make that contribution than I do now.”

A fireman at Pakenham for 12 years, Russell has seen his fair share of heartache and pain.

“Ash Wednesday was a pretty horrific time and shocking for my community.

“At that stage, I was also a councillor at the shire for Pakenham – and shire president the following year, so we were dealing with the aftermath of the fire, it was a rough time.

“(Money for emergency planning) those things are very important, that communities can make the right decisions in the middle of an emergency.

“We are about to make an announcement at Walkerville – spending a whole lot of money on communication system down there.”



Six Caesars have stood beside Russell over the years, throughout his life and politics.

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Russell Broadbent

Russell Broadbent MP
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Spirit of ANZAC

AN ARTICLE in last week's edition of the Sentinel-Times, on page 17, titled 'The Spirit of the ANZAC in Wonthaggi' incorrectly named David Weekes as the current president of the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-Branch; he is the former president. Mel Armstrong is the current president.

It should also be noted that Reverend Graeme Liersch, not Revered Graeme Peters, was in attendance, as well as guest speaker Ken Barnes, formerly of the Royal Australian Navy.

The Sentinel-Times unreservedly apologises for the errors.

Puppy scam warning

POLICE have closed down a Melbourne-based puppy scam and mobile-phone fraud operation involving 100 victims and nearly \$300,000.

In so doing they have issued a general warning against arranging to buy puppies, sight unseen, from online marketplaces.

"This is a reminder for people to delay any purchases until you can see the item, or animals such as a dog, in person," said police.

They have also issued a scam alert where the person claims to be from the Australian Tax Office or a mobile phone company.

"If you receive a phone call requesting personal information or payment from a person representing themselves as a government agency, do not respond to the request and hang up. Call the agency back through a publicly-listed phone number," said police.

"Similarly, if you receive a call from someone claiming to be a mobile phone company, requesting you download an application to your phone, hang up. Call the company back on a publicly listed phone number to check.

"If you believe you have been a victim of an online scam, we encourage people to make a report on the Report Cyber website at cyber.gov.au."

Anyone with information in relation to a scam is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential crime report at crimestoppersvic.com.au.

Decorated Vietnam veteran speaks in Leongatha



Commander Max Speedy and wife Judy lay a wreath on behalf of RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam (RANHFV) service in the Vietnam War between 1967 and 1971. A57_1722



The floral tribute placed by Commander Max Speedy and his wife Judy at the Leongatha Cenotaph. A58_1722

COMMANDER Ian Maxwell 'Max' Speedy DSC RAN (retired) still vividly recalls his year of service in Vietnam, which began in 1968, sharing some of his war-time experiences with Anzac Day service attendees at Leongatha's Memorial Hall.

The long-term Mirboo North resident recalled Australians who lost their lives, along with numerous Americans he served with who suffered the same fate.

Max joined the 2nd Contingent of the Royal Australian Navy Helicopter Flight Vietnam (RANHFV) as its 2IC under the command of Lieutenant Commander Graham (Zork) Rohrsheim.

The RANHFV was integrated with the US Army 135th Assault Helicopter Company (AHC) flying Iroquois helicopters in both the utility and gun-ship configurations.

The 135th AHC carried out its own troop resupplies, medevacs, reinforcements and most crucially, picked up its own pilots and aircrew if shot down.

During his year with the AHC, Max went on to fly 1,250 combat hours.

Max told his audience that he was twice shot down and believes all the pilots he served with experienced that at least once.

He flew as part of a crew of four, initially as a co-pilot, later appointed the 1st Lift Platoon Leader (troop carrying UH1-H Slicks) with the main task of leading a flight of ten troop carrying aircraft in and out of the pickup and

landing zones.

Landing zones frequently became 'hot' with enemy fire.

"Mostly the landing zones didn't get hot until you were in them," Max said.

He eventually became Operations Officer, also fulfilling the role of Air Mission Commander.

Max spoke of the bravery of those going into action, the long hours on duty and the dedication of those who kept the helicopters in flying order.

He outlined the huge loss of American lives during his time in the Vietnam War, recalling weekly statistics provided on radio.

"If only 100 Americans had been killed it wasn't a bad week; a bad week was 600," Max said.

He reflected on the 521 Australians who lost their lives during the Vietnam War, with five of those in his group.

Max also spoke of the ongoing nature of the Vietnam War for many Australians who served in it and the tragic impact it continues to have, highlighting Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and suicide.

"We weren't welcomed home by our government any more than the Australian people," Max said.

Max received his Distinguished Service Cross in October 1970, presented by the Queen at Buckingham Palace, recognising the then Lieutenant Speedy's exceptional devotion to duty, determination and courageous leadership in action.

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The president and committee of the Wonthaggi RSL Sub Branch would like to thank you all for your support, donations and attendance at this year's ANZAC Day Service.

Our committee is small but without the support of our community, both young and old, you all assisted in making this year's ANZAC Day so special in many ways.

Special thank you to committee members and volunteers for selling ANZAC badges and to all who purchased, we raised \$18,940.

On behalf of the committee: Mel Armstrong (President)

Lest We Forget.

O'Donnell wants change

"I WANT to see the change," Labor's candidate for the federal seat of Monash, Jessica O'Donnell, stated.

"I want to see the change and be involved in it because I know I've got the capacity and ability to actually do it."

"I'm not a career politician."

Ms O'Donnell is a music-loving animal enthusiast who grew up in Gippsland. Ms O'Donnell runs her own consultancy and project management company.

"We need capable, smart women in politics."

"I'm more than happy to take one for the team – dishing it out and ensuring that women have a place, and they don't have anything to be afraid of."

"Young women will second guess whether they want to get involved in politics because of what they see on the news, because of how they hear men talk about women in Parliament, and we need women in the house and on the steps."

Ms O'Donnell, a single mum to 17-year-old Decklyn, also has a chocolate Labrador puppy, Richard, as well as a multitude of other animals.

And she loves cooking, especially osso buco.

"I grew up in Latrobe Valley, but now live in West Gippsland."

"My father and grandfather worked at Hazelwood, so I'm really passionate about employment and what energy transition looks like, and how we can move into a renewable economy."

"I was on council for four years and a youth advocate."

Currently studying a Master's in International Law and Human Rights, Ms O'Donnell is stamping

out the old rulebook.

"(I had Decklyn) when I was 17, and I have to say being a mom has been my life, watching him grow up through all of the stages and transitioning into a young adult."

"I've got concerns that many, many other parents do – what's going to happen in the future? Jobs, climate change, society."

"I love my community. I've always been heavily active and involved in the community and community committees – I just like helping people."

"It's been something of a passion of mine since I was a little kid."

"When I was working in a salon as a hairdresser, I quite often heard little bugbears around local government and little sticking things that could very easily be fixed."

"And I thought, well, I'm involved in community groups, and I understand governance."

"I could potentially run in the upcoming council elections – so I did."

"I've always been very politically-minded and switched on ever since I was a kid."

"I disliked the thought of the GST when I was 10 and made a bit of a song and dance about that coming in."

"Being that I'm a huge advocate and ally to the LGBTQ community, I was appalled Russell voted against marriage equality after a really long and hard campaign for those who were impacted."

"To see that happen and for him to turn around and not just abstain, but to actually vote against the community."

"I'm a huge theatre nerd – not only do I like to play on the stage, and behind the stage, I like to watch it as well, and I'm learning the guitar."



Jessica O'Donnell is running for the federal seat of Monash for the Labor Party.



Allan and Connie Barnes of Smiths Beach took time from their lunch to raise questions and concerns with Jessica. C18_1722

Labor candidate hits the pavement

JESSICA O'Donnell, Labor's candidate for the federal seat of Monash, hit the pavement last month in Cowes, as she met locals, holiday house residents and tourists.

Giving incumbent Liberal MP Russell Broadbent a run for his money, Ms O'Donnell was keen to find out what was important to Phillip Island residents and where improvements could be made.

Many issues were raised, from a local hospital to a swimming pool, and other general concerns.

Whether for or against Labor, Ms O'Donnell reportedly handled all questions thrown at her with grace and concern.

Ms O'Donnell also recently attended the Inverloch Rally for Climate Action and ANZAC Day service in Wonthaggi.

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Footpath please, says Toora resident

THE safety of Toora residents and visitors requires urgent action, with a footpath needing to be installed alongside a hazardous stretch of the town's Victoria Street, a local says, with her concerns about the road backed by a South Gippsland Shire councillor.

Terese English said she has mounted a concerted campaign since last October for South Gippsland Shire Council to provide a gravel footpath between Mill Street and Grip Road.

"There's no footpath and there's nowhere to walk on the edge of the road when you're trying to do your shopping," Terese said.

"There's no way to avoid traffic when you're walking a dog and pulling a shopping jeep and you have to dart into someone's driveway and get well off the road."

She estimates the treacherous stretch of road is up to 500 metres long.

Terese always walks on the side of the road with driveways - so she can seek refuge - as there is only a gutter on the other side of Victoria Street.

"So, you're looking both ways all the time," she said.

Terese's campaign for action has mainly consisted of visits to the South Gippsland Shire Council office in Leongatha.

She estimates she has visited ten times since October last year about the issue and said nobody has called her to follow up.

However, she received an immediate response when she raised her concerns on council's Facebook page during a public question session with Mayor Cr Mohya Davies and Cr Sarah Gilligan.

"It is a terribly dangerous road," Cr Gilligan responded, thanking Terese for her feedback.

Cr Gilligan made it clear that council is determined to address road safety issues.

"As a part of our Draft Council Plan theme 'Connecting our People and Places', we are prioritising safety black spots and aiming to improve pedestrian accessibility and (create) safer shared roads," she said.

Cr Gilligan added that council will soon be engaging with the public to help finalise its Paths and Trails strategy.

"We know that roads and safety are a priority across the shire," Cr Gilligan said.

Cr Mick Felton also expressed concern about the state of many South Gippsland roads during the April council meeting.

Terese told the Sentinel-Times the requested footpath between Mill Street and Grip Road would not only enable residents safe access to the shops but would also be of value to visitors arriving in Toora via the Great Southern Rail Trail.

'Terrible' road to The Prom: O'Brien

MEMBER for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien has again hit out at the state government over the condition of South Gippsland's roads, particularly the Meeniyan-Promontory Road.

The Weekly Times recently featured the road as one of Victoria's "potholed paths to nowhere", with Mr O'Brien who was quoted in the article criticising the road's condition, and continuing his attack after Wednesday's article was published.

"The road to Wilsons Promontory remains in a terrible state, and although there have been some short-term repairs, it continues to be narrow, in poor condition and with no overtaking lanes," Mr O'Brien said.

He highlighted the fact the road is travelled by Australian and overseas visitors.

"It's an embarrassment that the Andrews Labor government would allow a road that serves as the gateway to one of Victoria's most beautiful tourist attractions to fall into such disrepair," Mr O'Brien said.

He argued the state government continues to rely on "patch jobs" on roads across Gippsland.

"Gippsland roads deserve substantial funding to produce high-quality road surfaces, not the ongoing patch jobs we keep seeing around the area," Mr O'Brien said.

A state government spokesperson responded to Mr O'Brien's criticism of the Meeniyan-Promontory Road, arguing weather has played a part in its condition.

"There has been above-average rainfall across Gippsland over the past six months and this in-



Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien stands near a crumbling patch of the Meeniyan-Promontory Road.

creases the number of potholes that may normally occur across the network and can slow down the progress of other works," the spokesperson said.

Furthermore, the spokesperson stated that "Since 2018, more than 20 kilometres of the Meeniyan-Promontory Road has undergone rebuilding and repair work, thanks to a total \$2.5 million investment.

"That includes more than four kilometres of resurfacing work delivered as part of this year's maintenance program."

The spokesperson said crews are out most days across Gippsland and that between September last year and February this year almost 100 kilometres of road repairs and rebuilding works have been completed across the Gippsland region.

A South Gippsland Shire Council spokesperson said: "The condition of main roads is very important to the South Gippsland community and increasing state government in-

vestment in maintaining and upgrading arterial roads is a key priority for council.

It was stated that "a large proportion of council's priority projects for advocacy are highways managed by Regional Roads Victoria".

Mr O'Brien said he raised his concerns with the Minister for Roads, Ben Carroll, in Parliament, highlighting some specific Gippsland road projects that must be allocated funds as a priority.

A couple of those are the Coal Creek bends realignment and the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Bypass stage 2.

Both of those are among the priority projects for which South Gippsland Shire Council is advocating.

The state government spokesperson responded to Mr O'Brien's call for action on those projects when requested by the Sentinel-Times.

"The Labor government continues to work with the South Gippsland Shire Council to fur-

ther understand the safety, economic and amenity benefits of stage 2 of the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route for residents and industry," the spokesperson said.

As for the Coal Creek bends realignment, the spokesperson noted initial plans were proposed "to improve the road by removing a number of sharp and winding curves", explaining further safety measures are being considered.

"As part of the road alignment, Regional Roads Victoria has been investigating the inclusion of roadside and centre median safety barriers that would reduce the amount and severity of run-off-road crashes that currently occur on this section of highway," the spokesperson said.

"Regional Roads Victoria will continue to work closely with key stakeholders, including emergency services, the South Gippsland Shire Council, businesses and landowners."

The spokesperson stressed the state government provided funding for stage 1 of the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route and has also provided funding towards the planning for the Coal Creek bends at Korumburra.

The Weekly Times article referred to previously labels the regional road network of south-east Australia as "potholed and pummelled".

"Coalition and Labor governments come and go, but the belted bitumen and serrated sidelines grow ever more dangerous, particularly when you travel further away from our state capitals," it states.

Sand mining petition bound for Parliament

MEMBER for Bass Jordan Crugnale will table a petition of 1143 signatures calling on the state government to end sand mining in the Western Port Woodlands, the wildlife corridor between Lang Lang and Bass.

The petition was presented to Ms Crugnale last week by Save Western Port Woodlands (SWPW) and will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly in the sitting week of May 11.

The paper petition is in addition to the e-petition of 2719 signatures that was tabled in the Legislative Council last year by the Member for Eastern Victoria, Harriet Shing.

Presenting the petition to Ms

Crugnale, SWPW spokesman Gerard Drew said less than 5 per cent of the pre-European vegetation remained in Bass Coast, so the woodlands were very precious to the local community.

It's been a busy time for SWPW members and supporters, with submissions on the Bass Coast Distinctive Area and Landscape closing on Friday.

Mr Drew said upwards of 500 submissions had gone to Engage Victoria asking for permanent protection of the Western Port Woodlands and the phasing out of sand mining.

According to SWPW, there are currently 10 sand mines operating in the woodlands.



Save Western Port Woodlands' Gerard Drew and daughter Murray presented the petition to Bass MP Jordan Crugnale.

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From Austria to Australia

HOW RON'S HISTORY SHAPED HIS LIFE

By Nick Sinis

WHO would have known that our very own Bass Coast Shire Councillor Ronnie Bauer, would have such deep connections to the events of World War Two and is even the descendant of a famed librettist.

Being the son of a refugee who was forced to flee from Nazi persecution, Ron's family story is one of hope, tragedy, strength and a little bit of luck.

It is through his mother's family lineage that his incredible story begins.

"My mother Henny Bauer nee Hezer was born in 1915 to Ella and Ludwig Herzer. My grandfather (Ludwig) at that stage was serving in the First World War as a regimental surgeon in the Austrian Army on the Italian front," Ron said.

Dr Ludwig Herzer was born in Austria in 1872.

After World War One, Ron's grandfather became a well-known librettist and is best remembered for his work with the internationally famous operetta composer Franz Lehár.

His grandfather collaborated with Lehár on three operettas, Frederika 1928, followed by the famed operetta 'The Land of Smiles' in 1929, from which the renowned tenor aria 'You are my heart's delight' came from.

"After that they wrote the third one 'Beautiful is the World' 1930, but then the Nazis came and things changed very quickly," Ron said.

"After high school my mother became a stage producer under the famous Max Rinehart.

"She was very left wing and worked under an assumed name.

"One night she came home and my grandmother, Ella, told her you have to leave immediately, the Gestapo are here to find you.

"She didn't even enter the house, she turned on her heel and escaped illegally into Switzerland.

"After Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass), Henny managed to get my grandparents into Switzerland, but the journey was too much for my grandfather and he passed away shortly afterwards."

Ron said his grandmother then shockingly re-entered Austria to return to Vienna and



collect her late husband's life insurance.

"Can you believe it, she got out and then went back?"

"However, she was detained on the border and was trapped.

"But this is when the story gets really interesting.

"Ella Herzer was back in Vienna and appealed to Franz Lehár and was able to buy her way out of the roundups and concentration camps because of his connections.

"Then one day in late 1944, Franz said to her I can't protect you anymore and you've got to escape.

"My grandmother is Hungarian from Budapest and escaped back to Hungary into the countryside.

"She was hidden by some farmers for the rest of the war.

"But the interesting part of the story is the reason he (Franz) was able to protect Ella is because of his wife Sophie.

"Sophie was having an affair with Albert Göring, the brother of Reich Marshall Hermann Göring (prominent Nazi figure).

"And with that connection, he was able to keep her safe until Herman fell out of favour with Adolf Hitler."

Fortunately, Ron's mother was able to escape Europe and managed to flee to China and lived in Shanghai for more than a decade, before eventually migrating to Australia.

"My mother said the most insightful thing she ever said (at the time), 'I don't want to get out of Austria, I want to get out of Europe'."

"She saw the whole of Europe

being engulfed by the Nazis which was very prophetic and insightful for that period.

"She eventually came with my stepfather to Australia and then Melbourne.

"They started a lighting business and eventually bought Klepner's Jewellers business through an Austrian connection.

"That's why I'm a jeweller today. If it hadn't been for Hitler all I would know about diamonds is where to buy them."

Ron's grandmother would also eventually move to Australia and fortunately they were able to bring his grandfather's ashes. She died in 1957.

Ella and Ludwig are buried together in Springvale cemetery.

Since discovering his family's remarkable tale, Ron is hoping to tell his mother's story through operetta.

"I had this idea after seeing Mamma Mia that I would take Franz Lehár's songs and write my mother's story weaving in Lehár's music by using operetta instead of modern music," he said.

"The Lehár publishers think it's a brilliant idea, I've already got permission from the Lehár family to do it."

But when the topic of Ron's beloved family treasure came up, a Gustav Rösler baby grand piano, he became overwhelmed with emotion.

"It (piano) survived the war in Austria and my mother brought it here in 1960," he said.

"I had to learn piano for 11 years and I hated it, but I think it's fair to say, everything I have today is thanks to that piano."



Pictured is Ron Bauer's famed grandfather Ludwig Herzer (left) standing with renowned operetta composer Franz Lehár and Fritz Lohner.

He has a touching plan to see its legacy live on.

"I spoke to council, and as we're retired in Cowes, I haven't got enough room for it. I want to put it on a permanent loan for the new Cowes Cultural Centre.

"It's beautiful when it is played but it's just sitting there; I think it needs an appropriate home and I will be making a plaque on it stating the piano's musical history."

In another family revelation, Ron's grandfather had changed his surname from Herzl to Herzer for professional reasons, meaning they have links to the founder of the early Zionist movement (creation and support of a Jewish national state) Theodor Herzl.

"As the family folklore goes, we are related to the Herzl family," Ron said.

"When I was in Israel a few years ago, I was given a personal guided tour of the Herzl Museum when they found that out my family connection."

And with deep fondness, Ron reminisced how it was also all thanks to his mother for sparking his affection for Phillip Island.

"She fell in love (with Phillip Island) during the early 1980s and rang to tell me about it," he said.

"As a result of that phone call, we bought the property where we live today.

"I'm only sorry that Henny and especially my dad Albert aren't with us anymore to see how I have built a life on Phillip Island. They would have been so proud."



Ron Bauer plans to give his most prized possession, a Gustav Rösler baby grand piano, to the new Cowes Cultural Centre so it can continue to be played and enjoyed for generations to come.



Ron Bauer preserved his grandfather's World War One medals, who served as the regimental surgeon on the Italian front in the Austrian Army.



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Protecting penguins from high temperatures



Loggers have been placed at penguin height across the Summerland Peninsula to record the temperature and humidity across different habitats.

A NEW research project is heat-mapping the habitat of Phillip Island's little penguins to help protect them from the fatal effects of hot weather.

Phillip Island Nature Parks and Latrobe University researchers are creating the heat map to determine the coolest areas to place new burrows and to identify warmer areas where more natural shading from vegetation could be introduced.

With 150 loggers at penguin height across the Summerland Peninsula to record the temperature and humidity across different habitats every 30 minutes, the recordings were taken from January to the end of April, with the entire project expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Little penguins are highly susceptible to heat stress during the moulting season from February to April.

During this time, the little penguins fatten up – almost doubling their body weight – before spending around 17 days in their burrows to undergo a “catastrophic moult” where their bodies heat up further because of the energy required and their increased body fat.

During the 2019 moulting season, hundreds of little penguins died after several days above 35 degrees, despite the Nature Parks' best efforts to save them.

It was the greatest heat-related loss on record.

“Climate change means we are seeing more extreme weather and more frequent heatwaves, and this becomes an issue for penguins on land during moulting season,” Phillip Island Nature Parks research director, Dr Peter Dann, said.

“Changing vegetation can impact the

'micro-climate' of the penguin breeding area and will provide a refuge for penguins.

“It's a slow process, with mostly new birds using the new burrows that will be placed in the cooler areas, but we're confident it will make a difference.”

The heat mapping is the second stage of work to protect the penguins against rising temperatures.

In 2020, as a shorter-term measure, the Nature Parks and Latrobe University installed 50 artificial burrows with different insulation and air flows that were designed to test the micro-climates of the different designs.

The projects have been funded by a \$25,000 grant to the Penguin Foundation from the QBE Foundation's Local Grants Program.

The results of the study and data modelling will be ready later this year.



President of South Gippsland Legacy, Phil Head, recently presented Sue Loughridge of Loch with a 25-year service certificate.

25 years of Legacy service

SUE Loughridge of Loch was recently presented with a Melbourne Legacy 25-year service certificate.

The certificate celebrated Sue's years of hard work, dedication and service - in particular, her personal service to widows of ex-servicemen and their children.

The certificate was presented to Sue by Legatee Phil Head, president of South Gippsland Legacy.

Sue and her husband Tom, a 1RAR Vietnam veteran, are stalwarts of the South Gippsland Legacy Group.

Sue was inducted into South Gippsland Legacy on April 18, 1997, and was immediately installed as secretary, a position she held for 20 years.

South Gippsland Legacy, a sub-group of Melbourne Legacy, covers the area from Cowes to Corner Inlet and from Mirboo North to Cape Paterson, with 35 Legatees caring for 197 widows of ex-servicemen.

World Red Cross Day

WORLD Red Cross Day is to be celebrated on May 8 this year.

This year's theme is 'BeHumanKIND'.

It is a day which marks the birthday of founder Henry Dunant on May 8, 1828, but it also gives us the chance to gather, pause, and take stock of the enormous impact of the movement, both here and around the world.

Just as importantly, this day is traditionally used to honour and thank the amazing people that make up Red Cross.

“Together with its donors, supporters and partners, our work ensures we can be there for vulnerable people who need a hand, whether they need a lifesaving blood donation, support following a disaster, or a friendly phone call,” a spokesperson said.

“Red Cross has always been a grassroots organisation with members and volunteers at our very core. In Australia, we are a 27,000-strong humanitarian network of dedicated staff, members and volunteers of all generations and backgrounds.”

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Robert Bruce (board member), Linda Fiddelaers (chairperson), Barry Westhorpe (general manager) all of Woorayl Lodge, with Lisa O'Brien (operations partner at Jim Pickersgill and Associates), Dennis Swan (Woorayl Lodge board member), Leo Argento (Woorayl Lodge board member) and Syd Jackson (financial planner and business partner at Jim Pickersgill & Associates). A09_1722

Welcome surprise for Woorayl Lodge

LEONGATHA'S Woorayl Lodge aged care residence general manager, Barry Westhorpe, and a group of board members were delighted to accept a \$5000 donation on the organisation's behalf last month.

The generous contribution was made by the Count Charitable Foundation, with the business partners of Leongatha's Jim Pickersgill & Associates choosing Woorayl

Lodge as the recipient.

"Count was our dealer group for financial planning," said Jim Pickersgill & Associates operations partner, Lisa O'Brien, explaining the organisations have now parted.

"But as a final farewell, the (Count) Charitable Foundation gave us a final donation," Lisa said.

The weather played its part allowing a relaxed gathering in glorious sunshine in front

of the lodge for the presentation of the giant cheque.

Lisa explained the decision to direct the funds to Woorayl Lodge, making it clear it was one the partners had no difficulty agreeing on.

"We chose it because it provides an invaluable service to our community, aged care, and people can visit relatives or spouses locally," Lisa said.

Barry expressed his appreciation of the generous

contribution to Woorayl Lodge.

"It was a lovely surprise from a prominent community member," he said of Jim Pickersgill's involvement in directing the funds to the lodge.

Barry said there will be discussions as to how best to use the donation, with the possibility of purchasing equipment or directing the money towards other worthy initiatives.

\$8000 raised for Carinya Aged Care

RECENTLY, Carinya Aged Care held its first fundraising event since COVID impacted most if not all of its fundraising plans.

On Saturday, March 26, they successfully hosted a trivia night at the Kongwak Hall. The support from the local community and very generous sponsors made this night a very successful fundraiser and a lot of fun!

"We enlisted the help of the very capable and captivating Rhonda and Cameron Nisbet (Trivia OZ). Rhonda and Cameron provided a night full of fun, challenging questions and kept the atmosphere energetic the whole night," a spokeswoman from Carinya Aged Care said.

"Our ever-wonderful Carinya Auxiliary donated a delicious supper to each table which was very well received.

"Our night would certainly not have been as successful without the attendance of 99 participants; thank you for your attendance and support towards this fundraiser. We had a lot of fun and the banter between tables was certainly amusing, making the night one to remember.

"We had an amazing response from local businesses and suppliers of Carinya. When the fundraising committee asked for donations to be auctioned off given as prizes, they did not hesitate, donating the most generous items that raised an amazing \$4300!

"We would like to thank the following sponsors for your contribution and support: AG Warehouse, Austral Hotel, David Trease Design and Drafting Solutions, Hartley Wells Betta Home Living, Bev Hall, Bidfood Australia, BizIT, Burra Garden Supplies, Choices Flooring Leongatha, Gaffke's Gardens and Landscaping, Gildana Health Care, Hoselink, iSubscribe Magazine, J&M Hairpoint, Enbom Builders, Kate Billing, Michael Hulls, Michael's IGA, Milroy Constructions, Modern Male, Monacellars, Nyora Pharmacy, Peg Armstrong, Rabobank, Restock, South Gippsland Livestock (Nutrein), The Caledonian Hotel, Walker Electrical, and Williams and Burns Contracting."

Overall, Carinya Fundraising Committee raised an amazing \$8669.74, which will be going directly to the Dementia Support garden project.

"We aim to beautify the outdoor area next to our dementia support wing (Amaroo), ensuring it is safe for residents to enjoy a secure stimulating outdoor experience."

Colourful pieces for the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival

THE Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival was already set to be a colourful affair, but will be all the more so after an enthusiastic group gathered at Foster Library to create dazzling pieces for the event.

The 15 young participants, accompanied by guardians, chose between papier-mâché and felt bases to create their cosies.

As the selected materials demonstrate, artistic appeal and visual flare won out over creating practical tea cosies.

There was no shortage of decorative items to embellish the creations, with textas, glitter glue, pipe cleaners, yarn and thread featuring.

Myli Libraries' programs officer Lisa Duvoisin provided

guidance throughout the laid-back session.

While the theme for this year's Tea Cosy Festival is 'seasons', children are not bound by that concept, so participants in the library session had the freedom to do as they pleased.

"I love to see what children can do with some pre-prepared materials and an open-ended project," Lisa said.

All participants entered their works into the appropriate children's category, with the majority in the primary section.

Tea cosies will be returned to their creators after the festival.

The Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival runs from May 14 to 22, with entries closing on April 29. Visit teacosyfestival.com.au for details.



Charlie, Gordy, Jase, Abbey, Willow and Josie show off their inventiveness with cosy designs sure to please Tea Cosy Festival attendees.

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Country music locked in for 2023

AFTER a massive second event, organisers have announced the date for the third annual Gippsland Country Music Festival in 2023.

Slated for Saturday, April 22, 2023, plans are already being put in place to make next year's festival bigger than ever.

For organiser and long-time Gippsland local Aidan McLaren, the 2022 event was the culmination of months of hard work from the Gippsland Country Music Festival crew.

"What a day," he said. "Perfect weather, an awesome sold-out audience and all of the bands were amazing. We couldn't have asked for much more. Everything came together so well and the vibe was really special."

"The main highlights of the day would have to go to our four headliner artists who were all incredible live; Kasey Chambers, The Wolfe Brothers, Travis Collins and Adam Harvey all performed stand-out sets and really got the crowd going."

"For most of them, it was their first time playing in Victoria since COVID and they genuinely were really thankful and appreciative to be performing in Gippsland. The line-dancing lead by local legend Linda Pink was also really well received, and it's hard to go past the sunset, which was magic."

The team can't wait to announce details of what they have planned for next year.

"We're really excited for 2023's event," said Aidan.

"We've already locked in a bunch of amazing artists and we're excited to also be adding more non-musical elements to the event next year as well. I can't say much more than that at this stage, other than it truly will be a celebration of all things country!"

For more information, please visit gippslandcountrymusicfestival.com.

Walk the Labyrinth in San Remo

ON WORLD Labyrinth Day (Saturday, May 7), join organisers Lorraine and Geoff Rodda as they walk in recognition and celebration of the oldest living culture on the planet.

Reflecting on the lived experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the need for their recognition in the Australian Constitution, Lorraine and Geoff are asking individuals to walk and sign up to Labyrinth Research.

"In 2011, research on a 100-year-old piece of hair from an Aboriginal man from Western Australia proved his ancestors lived on this continent 70,000 years ago and expanded into the world 40,000 years ago," Lorraine said.

Join Lorraine and Geoff at 1pm at the San Remo Meditation Labyrinth - past the Lions Park near Back Beach Road. The labyrinth is on the right alongside a row of cypress trees.

Register at bit.ly/3rTNsOE.

Island Bridge results

IT WAS great to see seven tables at play on Monday, April 25.

Partners Moya Crowley and Mike Doolley claimed first place for East/West with 57.44%. Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman came second on 55.06%. Leng Haggh returned to club and partnered Paul Waylen to come third on 51.79%.

Winners for North/South were Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson on 59.82%. Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles were next in line for master points on 52.68% and third place went to Marion Wellwood and Jill Short on 50.89%.

On Wednesday, April 27, Trish Stewart-Uden and husband Don tied with Paul Waylen and Karen Klym to take line honours with 59.72 %, very close to the top team on Monday. Moya Crowley and visitor Dawn Hill came third on 58.33% and Wendy and Graham Mckergow claimed some master points with 55.56%.

Club secretary Karen Klym is off to America on family business for several months. We wish her a safe journey and look forward to her return.

The club welcomed the purchase of a dishwasher which will be installed on Friday morning. No more cups and glasses on the sink!

A dream come true

AN OVERNIGHT sailing and Bobby Wilson and his wife, Julie were fresh on dry land from Tasmania for the Gippsland Country Music Festival last month.

Knocking out plenty of tunes, Bobby ensured the important ones were included, like River of Life, which tells the story of the Darling Murray River and the severity of the government's Murray Darling Basin decision.

Bobby's life story would fill novels.

Born in 1955 in Wilcannia on the Darling River in New South Wales, Bobby was the first born of ten.

"My dear old mum and dad raised us kids under the gum trees. My dad is from the Dunghutti tribe and mum was from the Barkindji tribe."

"Back then, my parents and grandparents were not recognised as Australians or even as people. It wasn't until the 1967 referendum that Aboriginal people were no longer classed under the 'Flora and Fauna Act'."

"I'm not being inflammatory; I am just telling the truth. There is no lying in my life."

"Dad and I built a shack on the Darling River when I was 10 years old."

"We lived off the land. If any of us kids saw a roo down the track, off we'd go with the hunting dogs."

The riverbank provided the Wilson's with wild berries and fruits, fish, kangaroos and emus.

"Once a month, we would get government rations of flour, sugar, billy tea, a tin of corned beef and maybe an old grey government blanket."

"We had our morals and values entrenched into us by our parents – they taught us to respect our elders, use our manners, stand up for ourselves, be strong and believe in ourselves and our culture."

"My upbringing helped shape the person that I am today - proud, loyal and honest."

A culture filled with music, singing made the Barkindji spirit stronger.

"I learnt how to play music by ear. I can't read music; I just copied the music from the records my parents would



be playing: the old 78s, '75s and 45 LPs."

"I would tune my guitar to the tunes of Slim Dusty, Buddy Williams or Charley Pride and other singers."

Leaving school at 16, Bobby's skills saw him undertake many jobs, including mining for 15 years.

An explosive ticket in hand, Bobby moved up the ranks exploring coal, oil and gas, eventually becoming the boss.

The years proceeding saw Bobby marry Donna and have three children.

Taking his nephew under his wing, Bobby and Donna took on sole custody of a young Clinton, and their family grew to six.

As an Aboriginal Liaison Officer in Flinders, Bobby was invited to sing and celebrate Auntie Ida West at a function.

"A lady named Hazel overheard me telling someone that I had always wanted to record a CD but had never got

the chance. So, she graciously offered me three hours of her time and that of a musician friend of hers."

Fast-forward, Bobby met Kutcha Edwards and Grant Hanson, and was awarded a \$10,000 arts grant to record his first album. His dream of recording had come true.

Today, Bobby is proudly married to Julie (after the passing of Donna in 2008) and has recorded a second album.

"I've sat around the campfire, looked at my dad and my uncles and aunts and cousins, and that's where I draw the spirits of my musical talent from."

"And from the legends that I've heard on the radiogram from Slim Dusty, Charley Pride, Buddy Williams, Chad Morgan and Troy Cassar-Daley to Adam Harvey, and The Wolfe Brothers, I enjoy all types of music."

And a third album may just

be in the works.

"I'm thinking about doing that but encouraging my grandchildren to also be a part of that. I'd love to inspire the younger ones to get up there – just do your stuff, be who you are naturally."

With his album played around the world, Bobby was chuffed to hear it receive airtime in South Korea and Canada.

With covers and his own originals, Bobby has been incredibly fortunate to collaborate with incredible talents in the music industry.

"The gentlest person that I have had the honour of sitting down, listening to and talking with was Uncle Jimmy Little. The man was so calm, he was an inspiration, to be in his aura, it's just unbelievable."

"My grandchildren, their children, and their children in the future will sit down and they'll say Grandpa Wilson's dream came true."

World music comes to Inverloch

THE Inverloch Hub recently hosted a night of world music and food in a fundraising effort to support refugees seeking to settle in Bass Coast.

Guests kicked up their heels to the music of Karavana Flamenca, a well-loved local band, in addition to up-and-coming young local talent, Aaron Lopez-Freeman.

Fabulous international music, food and drinks flowed freely, with dancing and an auction conducted by our own 'auctioneer extraordinaire', Brett Tessari, as the audience experienced a wonderful return to post-COVID entertainment while raising funds to support refugee families.

The evening was the brainchild of the Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group,



There was a fantastic turnout to the world music and food fundraising event in Inverloch recently.

supported by the Bass Coast Shire Council and the Latrobe Community Health Service, together with donations from numerous individuals and businesses.

The food was provided by the Bass Coast Multi-Cultural Women's Group, whose members hail from 15 different

countries.

As happy, well fed and weary guests departed – many with auction items tucked under their arms – it was agreed that the event should become an annual date in the calendar!

The Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group is aus-

piced by Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House Inc. 5672 3731. Please donate to: Name: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House; BSB: 633 000; Account No: 111 942 884 (reference BCRSG). For more information, email bcrsg2020@gmail.com.

To mum with love this Mother's Day

Outstanding nurse and exceptional mother



Bass Coast Health Emergency Nurse Kate Lindsay relishes her dual roles of mother and nurse. As an Associate Nurse Unit Manager, she cares for patients such as Massimo Capovilla in the Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital.

KATE Lindsay still recalls the time her daughter Julia told day-care staff her mother worked in heaven with the angels.

That was after Kate, an Emergency Nurse at Bass Coast Health, endured a difficult shift in which a patient passed away.

Yet despite the challenges, Kate loves her work and her role as a mother to three children.

This Mother's Day, Kate would not have life any other way.

Her three children – Hayden, 17, Xavier, 15 and Julia, 12 – are understanding of the work demands, including her need for sleep after night shift, and husband Mark is a fabulous father and support.

"Being a nurse and being a mum are both nurturing roles so caring comes naturally to you but sometimes when I'm dealing with sick kids at work, there have been a few moments when I have had to keep my emotions in check," she said.

"Working and parenting often feels like juggling so many balls at once and sometimes the balls

do end up under the fridge.

"My kids play footy and netball at Inverloch and basketball at Korumburra, and I'm able to watch them play, but sometimes I miss a game, however the kids realise that nurses and doctors are needed at their jobs."

As Associate Nurse Unit Manager at Wonthaggi's Emergency Department, and a nurse of 10 years, in many ways Kate is a mother figure to the community that she cherishes.

"I love the puzzle of the Emergency Department – you are never sure who will come in. I love that I can help my community – people that I know and people that I do not know," she said.

"You see people when they are most vulnerable and sometimes that can be hard. There are few steps of separation in the country and that can be challenging.

"What we do can be life-changing for people, but we might also just hold their hand while they're getting sutured or just have a chat if they're lonely.

"I'm so lucky that I get to work

and live in the community that I love. I travel 10 minutes to work every day and not everybody can say that. It's a great lifestyle in a beautiful part of the world.

"Even my mum Julie says to me 'You looked after such and such the other day and they said you did a great job'.

"You wouldn't always get that feedback from patients working in a metropolitan health service."

Kate highly recommends nursing as a career for mothers.

"As well as nursing in a hospital setting, nursing offers plenty of roles for mothers that are not shift related, such as with GP clinics or in the community.

"For some mums with toddlers, weekend work may suit their needs. Shift work has great advantages but sometimes there are disadvantages, like with anything. There is a lot of flexibility but during COVID there was a couple of years that were quite tricky because I could not work from home so juggling home schooling was not easy."



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Moby Rosco Rose was born on April 11, 2022, weighing 4.01kg, to parents Keely and Tristan Rose of Ventnor.



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Mel Kulinski holds five-day-old daughter Aaliyah, with the pair set to celebrate their first Mother's Day. A11_1822



Laura Pangrazzi brought son Oliver into the world just over a week before Mother's Day. A12_1822

New mums for Mother's Day

NEW Leongatha mums, Mel Kulinski and Laura Pangrazzi, celebrate their first Mother's Day on Sunday.

Both first-time mothers appreciated the support and care they experienced from those at Leongatha Hospital throughout their pregnancies.

Mel's daughter Aaliyah Byrne was five days old when the Sentinel-Times visited her in the maternity ward on Friday.

"It's overwhelming to have this special bundle of joy," Mel said.

"A mother and daughter's bond is irreplaceable," she added, saying that was something she felt immediately.

Mel was grateful to be able to welcome her child in her hometown and was delighted with the care provided at the local hospital run by the Gippsland Southern Health Service.

"They're very supportive through the whole pregnancy," Mel said.

Midwife Lucy Rocksmith, herself a mum of four, loves that aspect of the job.

"I enjoy seeing women and babies in all parts of pregnancy, labour and birth, and I live in Leongatha so I like serving the community," Lucy said.

The midwives continue to provide support during the early weeks of a child's life.

Lucy's colleague Lanie Verboon also relishes being a midwife.

"I love being with the mums and the babies, and helping the mums on their journey into parenthood," Lanie said, adding that she works as part of a terrific team in a great hospital, with support from senior staff.

Ready to take Aaliyah home with the youngster's dad William Byrne, Mel felt excitement, but not

surprisingly, being her first child, some apprehension.

It's sure to be a special and memorable first Mother's Day. Laura's son Oliver Taylor was even younger at less than a day old. Like Aaliyah, he was resting peacefully on Friday afternoon.

Laura also spoke of the support she received throughout her pregnancy.

"It's been awesome and they make you feel comfortable to ring any time," she said.

With the excitement of the new arrival, Laura hadn't yet had the chance to contemplate the significance of this Sunday.

"I haven't thought about Mother's Day," she said.

However, she did say that Oliver's dad Matt Taylor had joked that it will be the baby's responsibility to buy her a present for the occasion.

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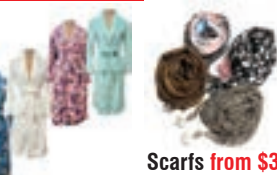
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Family always by Megan's side

MEGAN Krause had long dreamt of becoming a police officer but putting her children first was always the number one priority.

The mum of two and now Senior Constable based at Wonthaggi Police Station had a late start to her career in Victoria Police, joining at 38.

Megan spoke with the Sentinel-Times about her journey and how the support of family helped her get there.

"I always wanted to be a policewoman; I applied 18 years ago but fell pregnant with my daughter just before the physical, but it never left me," she said.

"I've devoted my life to my children, they were my career but when they were old enough, I decided to join.

"I sat the exam at 38 and now it's coming up to five years in September.

"I did my training at Glen Waverley and went to Carrum Downs for a couple months and fortunately got a spot back in Wonthaggi."

Megan had initially wanted to join the military due to her family's background, but realised policing was more suited to her aspirations.

"I love helping people, whether I'm in uniform or out of uniform," she said.

"I just knew it was the right path."

Since joining, she has loved every minute of it while serving in the general duties division but is now hoping to become a youth resource officer.

"The role supports local kids at all different levels; the ones who have it tough and the ones that don't," she said.



Senior Constable Megan Krause had always wanted to become a policewoman but held off for almost 20 years to raise her family. ns031822

"They still have the same issues that everyone has."

While her two children are now in their late teens, Megan said the journey had been fraught with challenges.

"It's tough, there's no doubt about it," she said.

"Making sure they (family) come first is the biggest challenge because you're dealing with people's lives here, and my decisions can affect someone else," she said.

"You have to find that perfect medium where you put family first and take this just as seriously."

When starting training, Megan often spent extended periods of time away from family.

"We did 31 weeks at the academy, so I had to live away," she said.

"That was extremely tough; I would come home

on weekends and my husband would do everything during the week.

"He stopped his job for me to do this; he took a 9-5 position so I could do it.

"My family are my support. If I didn't have them, I wouldn't be enjoying I as much as I do."

And with Mother's Day this week, Megan's family always make sure to spoil her.

She also has ambitions to become a detective in the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team but wants to ensure her role is always youth-focused.

"I had a tough life growing up, and if I had someone like me, I think maybe my life would have been a bit easier," she said.

"I'm just hoping to change even just one youth's life."



Mum Olivia Walkley of Wonthaggi looks forward to Mother's Day, accompanied by her children Madeline, five-month-old Charlotte, Isaiah, and Annabelle at Kongwak Market. "It means spending time with my kids and my mum," Olivia said of Mother's Day. A14_1822

Mother's Day at Kongwak Market



Mum Nikole Schellekens holds daughter Delilah with the children's grandmother Vicki Charlton holding Sophie. Nikole explained the significance Mother's Day holds for her. "It's a special day to honour the women in our lives who have shaped us and helped us grow," she said. Her mum Vicki said Mother's Day is a chance to celebrate the blessing of having her daughter and two granddaughters as well as her own mother Jean in her life. A16_1822



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A role model for all

FOR Bass Coast Shire's Deputy Mayor, Cr Leticia Laing, having the opportunity to represent her community while raising a family is something she's incredibly grateful for.

"I've really loved being able to be a young mother representing my community in local government," Cr Laing said.

"My kids particularly love the free food from going to lots of events with me.

"But hopefully it's also an opportunity to role model to boys and girls to look up to their mums and care about the community.

"That's what I'm really enjoying about being in council, that I have something to offer as a mother."

Cr Laing also hopes to inspire other mothers to be involved with local government and that there is



Bass Coast Shire Deputy Mayor, Cr Leticia Laing, hopes to inspire other mothers to join council.

a lot they can offer.

"It's an excellent way to get involved and contribute," she said.

One of Cr Laing's driving motivations has been her parents, who migrated to Australia from South America during the 1970s.

"They basically role modelled to me how important it is to work

hard," she said.

"My mum role modelled to me (the importance) of a stable, beautiful home to grow and thrive in.

"She showed me that her life was such a struggle, and she didn't have many opportunities.

"She motivated us and made sure we had a pathway so we could have those opportunities."



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Mother's Day Classic this weekend

Pop-up gift stall

MOTHER'S Day is coming! Get your baked goods, cards, pickles and Jams at the CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women Special Mothers' Day pop-up stall on Saturday, May 7, at the Wonthaggi Plaza.

They will be open from 10am till sold out.

Proceeds will help support Wonthaggi headspace in providing mental health support to the young people in the community.

Bring the kids down to select something special for mum. Be early to enjoy these delights from the kitchens of the local CWA group.

Anyone interested in attending a local branch meeting can enquire at the stall or contact the branch secretary, Marg Hauser, on 5678 3384 or email cwaofvic.wonthaggi@gmail.com.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the RSL Hall, 60 Graham Street, Wonthaggi, commencing at 7.15pm.

THE Women in Super Mother's Day Classic will once again bring Australians together on Mother's Day to celebrate and honour those affected by breast cancer and raise vital funds for breast cancer research.

There will be events across Australia, including in Wonthaggi, kicking off at 9.30am at Apex Park.

More than 1.5 million people have participated in the Mother's Day Classic over the past 24 years, making it Australia's largest fun run and walk for breast cancer research.

Now, in 2022, the landmark 25th anniversary of this wonderful event will pump more money into the fight against breast cancer, which is diagnosed in 55 Australians every day.

By getting active for breast cancer research, participants in the annual Mother's Day Classic have so far helped to donate almost \$40 million in funding for 79 breast cancer research projects.

"After two challenging years, we are all set and excited to be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Mother's Day Classic," said Zara Lawless, Mother's Day Classic CEO.

"We encourage people to be part of this iconic community fun run and



Runners were at the top of the line, followed by joggers and then walkers at the 2021 Mother's Day Classic in Wonthaggi. mm381921

walk in one of 67 event locations nationwide. It is a fun and inspiring way to spend Mother's Day with your family and friends in major cities, metro areas and regional towns on Sunday, May 8.

"This year, we are excited to have 57 local events taking place all around Australia. From Busselton in Western Australia, up to Magnetic Island, Queensland and down to Warrnambool, in Victoria, tens

of thousands of local community members will come together to walk and run, and receive their commemorative medallion as they cross the finish line."

There is still time to register and book your spot for the 2022 Mother's Day Classic by visiting the event website, mothersdayclassic.com.au, where local course and event information, distance options, event timing and FAQs are all detailed.

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Studying the impacts of multiple disasters

THE National Mental Health Commission has asked Phoenix Australia, the National Centre of Excellence in Posttraumatic Mental Health, to speak with and record the stories of individuals from communities that have endured impacts of COVID-19 and multiple disasters, such as floods.

Organisers are inviting community members from South-East NSW, Gippsland and regional South Australia to take part in online interviews and focus groups that aim to improve understanding of and responses to the mental health and social impacts of multiple disasters.

Participants can register their interest at bit.ly/3KBOMgr.

Save the date for tourism forum

DESTINATION Gippsland will be hosting the second Gippsland Tourism Forum as part of its 'Future Focus' series for 2022 at the RACV Resort in Inverloch on Thursday, May 12.

The program is still to be advised but is expected to include must-see content for tourist operators.

"Enjoy a networking lunch with industry colleagues as well as the opportunity to share insights, understand future opportunities from a range of speakers in the Tourism industry, including local case studies."

To register your interest, go to Gippsland Tourism Forum - Bass Coast Expression of Interest on Eventbrite.

Share your business experience

DESTINATION Phillip Island is seeking input from local businesses in the Phillip Island and San Remo district, and surrounds, on business conditions across summer to Easter and in particular feedback on workforce challenges.

"As we continue to navigate the challenges presented by COVID-19 and head into an election year at both State and Federal levels, it is vital that we understand your business challenges and needs," Destination Phillip Island said in an email about the survey.

"The results of this survey will help provide a strong evidence base to shape and support our advocacy efforts. It will keep our partners informed and influence the programs and activities we deliver to support you."

Go to bit.ly/3vklOfR.

Great Dunny Hunt returns

THE 2021 Great Dunny Hunt saw an incredible 3877 registrations of regional public toilets nationwide and an additional 607 new entries.

While more information about facilities will benefit all communities, it is especially impactful for the one in four Australians that experience incontinence as well as the 38 per cent of people living with a disability, who restrict and even limit themselves from leaving their home for everyday activities.

Dunny hunters are encouraged to update the facilities from now until World Continence Week, Monday, June 20, on the National Public Toilet Map at toilet-map.gov.au and go into the draw to win one of three \$500 Eftpos gift vouchers.



With the price of coffee beans soaring, Folks Café owner Graeme Heenan, who roasts his coffee in-house, is trying hard to avoid passing on the cost to his valued customers. ns041622

Coffee bean prices skyrocket

By Nick Sinis

COFFEE lovers may have to pay more for their caffeine fix as many cafes could be forced to increase their prices as the cost of raw beans soar.

A number of factors are contributing to the rise, including crop production issues in Brazil, the world's largest exporter and producer of coffee, as well as fuel prices impacting shipping and freight costs.

And unfortunately, our local cafes are not immune, with the cost increase another hit in the guts after the devastating impact of COVID restrictions.

Wonthaggi's Folks Café owner Graeme Heenan explained that the price for green coffee beans (unroasted) had already gone up by 30 per cent.

Graeme said the business

is trying its hardest not to pass on the cost to customers, but they would likely be forced to as importers warn of a further 20 per cent increase.

"That's (30 per cent) already been in effect for the last month," Mr Heenan said.

"So we'll wait to see if it does increase by 20 per cent."

"A lot of it has been affected by Brazil but it's not just the coffee, it's right across the board."

"We won't be able to suck it up forever, but we're trying at the moment."

As the café roasts its own beans, Mr Heenan said they could control the cost to some degree compared to those who buy their beans already roasted.

"A lot of other areas like Mornington Peninsula and the city are already passing it on," he said.

And like most hospitality operators, Mr Heenan said they have also struggled to find staff.

"It definitely has been a challenge, but we're pretty lucky at the moment," he said.

"If you asked a month ago, it was pretty tight."

Cowes Central Café also posted via its Facebook page recently acknowledging the rise in coffee prices, but said they had worked hard with their supplier to be able to hold off increasing prices for the meantime.

Let's all continue to support our local cafes and restaurants as they continue to face challenge after challenge.



Four Joey Scouts received their Peak Award at a recent ceremony in Leongatha. From left, Barry Ferguson (District Leader), Lisa Shannon (Group Leader), Halle Whitten, Bentley Smith, Stuart Hancock, Diane Hancock (Joey Leader). Absent: Thomas Shannon.

Joey Scouts reach their 'peak'

FOUR Joey Scouts were awarded the Peak Award at a ceremony at the Leongatha Scout Hall on Tuesday evening, April 5.

The Peak Award is the highest achievement a Joey Scout can receive.

The awards went to Bentley Smith, Halle Whitten, Stuart Hancock and Thomas Shannon. To achieve the

award, Joey Scouts had to complete a wide range of badges over the past two years, including camping, bushwalking, bushcraft, cycling, swimming, environment, science and innovation, and art.

Leongatha Scouts is thriving, with a number of new members having started recently.

New members are offered three free sessions to try Scouting before becoming a paid member.

Joey Scouts (ages 5-8) is held on Tuesday evenings, Scouts (ages 8-11) is held on Thursday evenings.

To give Scouting a go, contact Leongatha Scouts via the Scouts Vic website.



Deb Leonard is standing strong, demanding Monash residents are no longer taken for granted.

Monash voters miss out again: Leonard

INDEPENDENT candidate for the federal seat of Monash, Deb Leonard, has blasted the two major political parties for making a number of campaign commitments in only a handful of electorates.

Ms Leonard says the move is a bid to win votes at the forthcoming federal election.

"According to The Age, the Liberal Party has so far promised \$833 million per day in commitments to marginal electorates, with Labor's promises not far behind this obscene figure," Ms Leonard said.

"Monash is regarded as a safe Liberal seat, so consequently, our communities receive none of the generous campaign promises and commitments that are rolled out on a daily basis in a handful of marginal seats."

"I'm not asking for special treatment, but rather just our share of the cake."

"There are so many projects across the many towns and communities (in Monash) screaming out for support – hospitals, roads, aquatic centres, community facilities, but sadly, they are missing out because we are not regarded as a marginal seat."

"It's time to change the situation and the system."

"If I'm elected, I will be a powerful and loud voice that will advocate passionately for the people of this electorate."

"It's time to make the major parties realise that they can no longer take the people of Monash for granted."



Majorie Powell was presented with her life membership by outgoing president Beverly Walsh.

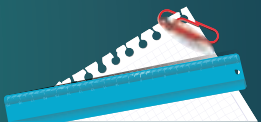
Life membership for Majorie

IN THE San Remo Probus Club's 30th year, long-standing member Majorie Powell was awarded the club's second life membership at the recent annual general meeting.

Majorie has been on the club's management committee in various capacities for 24 of her 27-year membership.

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

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



Bass Coast College Intermediate Band celebrates a successful week of performances across Bass Coast. Photo: Natalie Nguyen.

Inspiring the next generation of musicians at Bass Coast College

BASS Coast College Intermediate Band students had a busy and exciting week recently rehearsing, performing, and inspiring the next generation of musicians.

On Monday, March 28, the BCC Intermediate Band joined forces for the first time this year, after rehearsing separately at both the Dudley and San Remo campuses.

The rehearsal doubled as professional development for ensemble directors, with renowned conducting clinician, Dr Rob McWilliams (Yamaha Australia), observing. Wednesday, April 6, once

again saw students come together for joint rehearsals, workshopping pieces with ensemble directors Anthony Foon and Justin Abicare.

The rehearsal also gave students from the Dudley campus a chance to tour the wonderful new San Remo campus and develop connections with their San Remo peers.

After much focus and effort, students were off to Bass Valley Primary School and San Remo Primary School to inspire the next generation of musicians.

Junior students were treated to performances, instrument demonstrations, instrument

try-outs and a vocal workshop.

The smiles said it all; the performances were exciting and engaging for everyone involved.

The week was rounded off with students performing at the Student Investiture assemblies at the junior campuses to celebrate the newly appointed student leaders.

An important part of assemblies at Bass Coast College, student musicians performed a range of music, including the National Anthem. Congratulations to all students involved.

Students are now looking forward to performing at the annual Talented Students concert

on Wednesday, June 22, at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

Bass Coast College students are fortunate to be supported in their music lessons by the South Gippsland Schools Music Program.

Affordable, subsidised lessons with expert music teachers are offered to students across Bass Coast College, Korumburra Secondary College, Leongatha Secondary College, Foster Secondary College and Mirboo North Secondary College.

Year 7 students in 2023 at each school are warmly invited to join the band.

Learning about the dangers of coward punches

STUDENTS in the Gippsland region will learn about the dangers of coward punches as part of an innovative anti-violence program being rolled out in more than 200 Victorian schools this year.

Melbourne-based charity, the Pat Cronin Foundation, is reaching tens of thousands of young people with its powerful Be Wise educational presentations, teaching them about the far-reaching impacts of social violence.

For the first time, Yarram Secondary College will be among local schools participating in the program, from May 9-10.

The foundation was established following the death of 19-year-old Pat Cronin from a coward punch attack while on a night out in 2016 and aims to help young people avoid violence by making wise decisions.

"We're looking forward to bringing the Be Wise program to the Gippsland as schools here join others throughout the state embracing this important preventative initiative," said foundation director Matt Cronin, the father of Pat.

"We know that thousands of people are hospitalised each year in Australia due to assault. There are often many tragic lifelong consequences for the victims, as well as the perpetrators and families," said Mr Cronin.

"By giving young people everywhere an understanding of Pat's story, raising awareness of the impact of violence and offering practical tips and strategies to deal with anger and aggression, we hope to reduce those alarming statistics."

Yarram Secondary College School Nurse Rebecca Tyler-Brennan, who is co-ordinating the visit to her campus, said: "Like many Victorians, I followed the Pat Cronin story as it initially unfolded. I had also been told by colleagues in other schools that the presentations offered by the foundation were very good.

"We're looking forward to the visit as it will complement the learnings of our year 10s undertaking the school's Respectful Relationships curriculum.

"As part of a strong sports-minded community, we're hoping they'll take what they've gained from the presentation back to their various clubs outside the school."

While about 150 schools have already signed on to the program this year, there is still time to secure bookings for the hour-long sessions through the foundation website, which also includes online resources for teachers and parents.

In addition to Victorian Government funding for the second year in a row, the foundation is sponsored by the Barry Plant Real Estate Group and Le Pine Funerals.

For more information, visit patcroninfoundation.org.au. You can also follow the Foundation on Facebook at facebook.com/patcroninfoundation.



House captains from left, back row, Williamson's Stingrays captains Marley and Archie, and Powlett Penguins captains Tafara and Alani; front row, Baxter Seals captains Elliot (acting captain) and Josh (Baxter Seals), and Harmer's Sea Eagles captains Aiden and Evelyn.

School welcomes student leaders for 2022

WONTHAGGI North Primary School is excited to welcome their student leaders for 2022.

The student leadership team is now made up of four school captains and vice-captains, 18 student council leaders, five cultural leaders, 18 eco warriors and eight house captains – two from each house.

The Student Council for 2022 includes Thor, Jyah, Zara, Jarvis, Logan, Benjamin, Annabelle, Matilda, Zac,

Paddy, Kyra, Zara, Harmony, Emma-Jade, Taylor, Jedda, Bella and Tiala.

The cultural leaders are Lachlan, Lincoln, Kyra, Maggie and Tiala.

Eco warriors are made up of students across all years and for 2022 they are Willow, Max, Jordan, Ben, Mia, Billy, Riley, Tyler, Eden, Mali, Matilda, Jaidon, Andy, Xavier, Baxter, Ruby, Aaleyah and Mitchell.

Congratulations to all on their positions.



Wonthaggi North captains and vice-captains, from left, Logan (vice-captain), Andy (school captain), Alani (captain), Matilda (vice-captain).



Five of the Student Council leaders, from left, Jyah, Jedda, Bella, Kyra and Matilda.



Eco warrior leaders Ruby and Matilda.



Two of the cultural leaders, Lachie and Maggie.

Gotta get back to the basics, Minister

BASS Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, has been selected, in an exclusive group of 10 councillors from around Victoria, to sit on the 2022 Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel.

It's nice to have a seat at the table.

Together with Cr Kellie O'Callaghan, Mayor of Latrobe, and the Right Honourable Sally Capp, Lord Mayor of Melbourne, he will be meeting with Minister for Local Government Shaun Leane on four occasions this year "to provide advice on a range of matters that impact local government".

The first meeting was held last Wednesday, April 27.

But oh dear, what a wasted opportunity it will be if Minister Leane sticks to his stated agenda, that "this year's panel will focus on COVID-19 recovery, gender equality, and strengthening relationships with First Nations Victorians" ...really?

Are these the most pressing issues for local government at the moment? Not by a country mile!

If it's not a lack of funding for roads and a crisis in infrastructure, to meet the needs of burgeoning communities like Bass Coast, it's a dire shortage of qualified planning staff in these hard-pressed local government areas where growth and increased engagement compliance has placed a massive burden on shire administrations.

The fallout from not having enough residential land for social/affordable housing is you have people sleeping rough in the bush around Wonthaggi, in their cars outside the cemetery, at their parents' place, and couch-surfing with friends because there's simply nowhere else to go.

Or because rental costs have virtually doubled in this area in the past two years.

What planet do these people live on?

Sure, address climate change and gender equality later but first, everyone deserves a place to live, to feel safe, to have access to health services and something to eat.

Let us know when you have the basics sorted first, please Minister Leane.

Where is the oversight?

Obviously, slanderous or aggressive questioning from any resident should be dealt with however the council deems to be appropriate.

However, the Bass Coast Shire Council (BCSC) administration's current proposition to give discretion to the CEO and Mayor to withhold the airing of polite public questioning at a council meeting deprives ratepayers of the opportunity to judge the priorities and performance of both the council and the questioner.

Although the council has established a useful tiered "pathway" for residents to resolve queries and/or complaints, the "pathway" also removes oversight by residents in regard to judgment as to whether any issue raised reflects a repetitive failure by council to deliver standard expectations.

On a different issue arising from the Draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy and Proposed Landscape Planning Controls developed by DELWP, I do not understand how councillors and residents can give informed support unless the Bunurong Land Council produces some documentation as to what are the Bunurong values, cultural practices and knowledge which are to be acknowledged in a document affecting the future planning in regard to housing, farming, waterways and park management.

Rosemary Hutchinson, Inverloch.

Vox Pop

Are you concerned about rising interest rates and increasing prices?



Rona
Wonthaggi

"It's disgusting because everybody's jumped in and bought houses, and I'm worried for younger people because up go their repayments. Our food prices will go up, meaning some will have to change diet or grow their own food."



Rick
Sandringham

"I'm concerned about the rising cost of food. It would be alright if the wages went up with the price increases, but it takes longer for your wage to rise."



Iris
Inverloch

"I keep my eyes on the interest rates. We bought a beach shack in Inverloch and got into the market while we could. Petrol price rises are a concern because there is no public transport in many country areas, making you a captive market."



Ange Clark
Kongwak

"I'm concerned about our children having to pay off mortgages. We run a steel business and the cost of steel has gone up over 50 percent. It's a vicious circle because if wages go up prices have to go up."

Amazing response to ANZAC Day services

I have previously expressed gratitude and humility for the community support for our ANZAC Day service, this year even more so.

The response to our dawn service and main service was simply amazing and I cannot thank the Inverloch community and visitors enough. Approximately 1000 attendees for the 11am service; what can I say?

Those of us that have immediate relationship with the services, ANZAC Day commemoration is a simple matter for us: look after your mates. For so many people to turn out at either early morning or later in the day to pay their respects is just simply amazing. And so appreciated.

To have the youth give such outstanding presentations such as Jasmine Sullivan from Newhaven College, the primary school and Scouts is so encouraging for those who have served.

On my walk back to the RSL hall on Monday, I was met by a father and his three sons who had raised money for the RSL through a soft drinks sale on the footpath in Dixon St. How good is that? Thank you.

It is these one percenters that make up the complete community support and one which I assure you we at the RSL appreciate.

I concluded my talk on Monday with comment re the 'use' of the cenotaph to support a demonstration on Easter Saturday. The demonstration is not an issue; the disrespect of the cenotaph is an issue. The support from the immediate crowd at our concern was appreciated. Lest we forget.

R J Sutton, President, Inverloch RSL Sub-Branch.

Greens sticker removed

On Tuesday, April 19, while parked in the Leongatha Woolworths car park, a bumper sticker with the message 'Proud to be a Gippsland Green' was removed from my car.

Three other stickers regarding no new coal mines and stop Adani were untouched.

I am surprised that someone should deny my right to political free speech.

Does this indicate that the parties of the right, the Liberals, the Nationals or the UAP are feeling threatened by the Greens? Is Mat Morgan's campaign gaining traction in conservative South Gippsland?

And which Greens' policies do these people object to? The policy to include

dental and mental health in Medicare? The policy to build lots of social and affordable houses for those who can no longer afford rent or find accommodation? The policy to cancel student debt and provide free TAFE and university education so that young people do not start off adult life with tens of thousands of dollars of debt just when they need to start saving for a home? The policies to tax billionaires and giant foreign companies that take billions in profit from Australia but pay no tax here to help pay for upgraded social services?

Perhaps they are worried that a real integrity commission will find out the rorts they have been benefiting from. Or that a rapid transition away from fossil fuels will reduce the value of their investments.

It cannot be because the Greens' policies have actually affected them yet because we have not been in a position to actually legislate and implement our policies at federal level since the Gillard Labor government.

Government policies implemented at state and federal level for the last 10 years have been Liberal, National and Labor policies.

So do not blame the Greens for the inevitable changes caused by climate change.

And do not try to deny me my free speech by stopping me from proclaiming which political party I proudly support. The sticker has been promptly replaced.

Trevor Hoare, Mirboo.

Questions over 'smart parking'

How much is it going to cost ratepayers for smart parking in Cowes and Wonthaggi?

This CEO's operational project has an approved budget funding allocation of \$300,000. So why has the CEO used the Procurement Policy rules to spend a greater cost?

Council's own reporting, Contract No. 21039, smart parking project awarded on the 20/12/2021 to a contractor for \$377,819 has been done behind closed doors out of sight of our elected councillors.

Who will question this cost blow out before the project is started? Where did the extra \$77,819 come from and why? Will the Mayor provide the answer or sit silent?

We wait in bated breath for an answer. Source: Council's webpage, Tender file. **Graham Jolly, Cape Woolamai.**

Why builders need government to act

With our state experiencing a building and construction boom, the reliance on our sector to keep the Victorian economy growing has never been more important.

However, many building and construction businesses are struggling from the crippling effects of supply chain problems, large price hikes in key materials such as timber and steel, limited land availability, a fragmented planning system, a shortage of skilled tradespeople and the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since early 2021, Master Builders Victoria (MBV) has consistently raised awareness of the supply chain issues impacting our industry. As such, MBV welcomes the Victorian government's response to the supply chain challenges by the Commissioner for Better Regulation and Red Tape Commissioner, Anna Cronin, where it supported nine out of 10 key recommendations.

However, MBV is disappointed that the Victorian government has not supported a measure to allow builders to share some of these cost increases with clients.

We have asked the Victorian government to:

- Support the future of our industry by reducing the regulatory burden and duplication.
- Place greater urgency on the Victorian Planning Authority to lead, develop, and deliver a pipeline of state-led land releases across Victoria, with an initial focus on Wodonga, Geelong, Ballarat, and Bendigo.
- Eliminate stamp duty and replace it with a more broad-based land tax to encourage households to upsize and downsize, benefiting both home buyers and the Victorian economy.
- To provide tax relief for building and construction businesses, many of whom are small businesses. These measures will ensure that our sector and Victoria's economy will thrive for many years to come.

However, in the meantime, and during these continuing unprecedented times, we encourage consumers to be kind and patient with builders; everyone is doing their best in some exceptionally challenging circumstances.

Rebecca Casson, CEO, Master Builders Victoria.

Council doesn't want 'uncomfortable' questions

At the ANZAC Day dawn service in Wonthaggi, I estimate that around 500 people attended. Even more attended the mid-morning service.

That's a sizeable proportion of the town's population turning out to remember those who have sacrificed and those who continue to serve to protect the freedoms we enjoy in this great land.

At the 10am service, Deputy Mayor Cr Leticia Laing placed a wreath from council. Other councillors participated in ceremonies across the shire, including the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan placing a wreath at Cowes.

Notably, during his address at the dawn service address, MC David reminded us: "We must continue to make this nation, Australia, into one worthy of their sacrifice. And as we treasure our freedom, our civil liberties, our free speech – our uniquely Australian way of living in fact – that is when we will cherish the spirit of the ANZACs."

Ironically, come June, your local councillors will vote on hastily rushed out rules which, if adopted, will diminish the very freedoms and civil liberties of which David spoke.

Councillors are proposing rule changes that will allow the Mayor to effectively get rid of public question time at council meetings. And there are other changes that will reduce transparency and accountability at Bass Coast Shire Council.

There are some at council, including some councillors, who are desperate to prevent uncomfortable questions, or reasonable public criticism of council, being aired at council meetings. And they're willing to adopt these repressive rules to prevent it.

The current Mayor has demonstrated that he is quite willing to stop public questions being read at council meetings. He prevented public questions from being read at last month's council meeting, even before the rules have been considered.

If your councillors agree to these changes, a significant and likely irreversible blow to public transparency and accountability at Bass Coast Shire Council will occur.

Come June, councillors will reveal to the community whether or not they truly cherish the spirit of the ANZACs, and whether or not they will continue to make this nation, Australia, into one worthy of their sacrifice.

Kevin Griffin, Wonthaggi.

An apology

I made an inappropriate comment to Councillor Tessari at the conclusion of the 2022 Inverloch RSL ANZAC Day service.

There are reasons and circumstances behind the comment which are tied up in hurt I felt as a veteran. I should not have listened to my heart and kept my thoughts to myself, whatever the cost.

It was the wrong time, and the wrong place. I was not just, and I should have taken up my issue, a long-running one with the Bass Coast Shire, via another avenue.

Therefore, I issue an unreserved apology for my unaccountable behaviour which would have caused unintended hurt to Councillor Tessari and his wife, who was standing beside him. I also issue an apology to the Inverloch RSL Sub Branch.

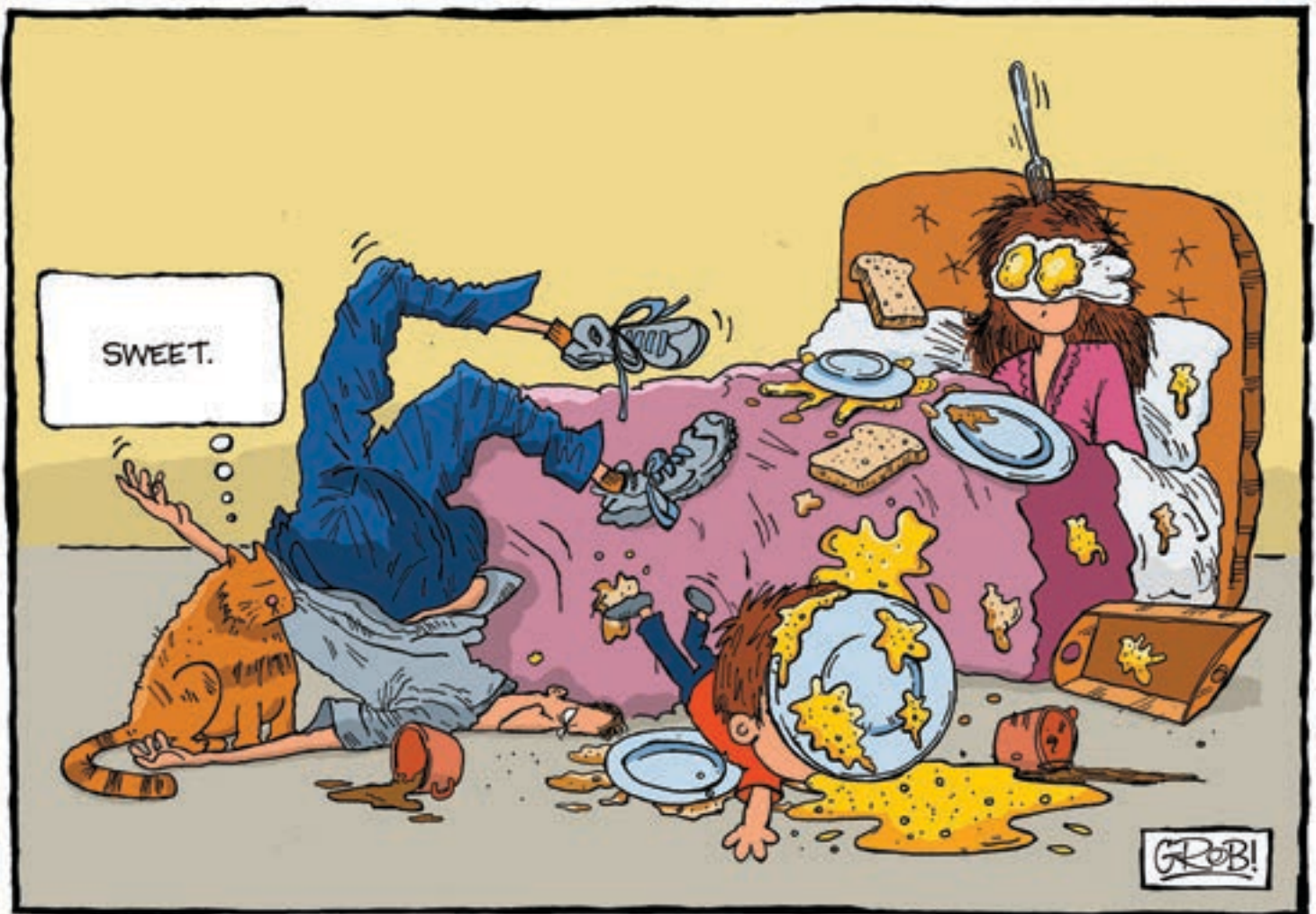
That I take things to heart as a veteran can be an unfortunate personal characteristic.

Perhaps after eight years as the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-Branch secretary and 10 years as a now-retired volunteer veterans welfare officer and advocate, I should have learnt to ignore some things.

I will say, but in no way as an excuse for my behaviour, that my recent past dealings in an official capacity with the Bass Coast Shire have caused me significant emotional distress, resulting in a negative impact on my mental health. But then, that is my problem; I will wash that impact through over time.

Again, I extend my unreserved apology.

Rod Gallagher, Inverloch veteran.



Fluffy loved including himself in the Mother's Day breakfast-in-bed tradition. Cartoon by Glenn 'GROB' Robinson.

They're generating the economy

It is with great interest that I read Mr Frank Schooneveldt's letter regarding the taxing of family homes, etc.

Unfortunately, it was too late to alert people to the situation.

People such as farmers who were up all night in foul weather assisting cows to calve.

Grain growers working 24 hours a day to stay within weather constraints and meet shipping deadlines.

Construction workers working 24 hours a day to avoid inclement weather and liquidated damages.

Truck operators working all weekend to service trucks to be ready for the following week.

Investors trading in areas of non-guaranteed profits.

FIFO workers being away from their families for months at a time.

People doing night school to increase qualifications. Updating qualifications constantly to stay current in their field.

Doctors getting out of bed in the middle of the night to attend to seriously ill patients.

Trawler men operating in dangerous seas.

The list goes on.

After living completely disrupted and inconvenienced lives to stay ahead of the game and sometimes laying out millions of dollars on equipment, they then go and waste any profit they may have made on buying holiday homes with a view, when they could have just stayed at home, sat on their hands and watched TV. And not be taxed out of existence for their effort at the end of it.

No one disputes that some people need assistance along the way, but I think it would be a good idea to keep his hands out of the pockets of people who are generating the economy.

The idea does have some merits, as instead of worrying after a quiet trading month about making up the wages of people who they are directly responsible for keeping out of the welfare system, they can sit on the beach and wait for the redistribution of wealth.

Vic Spinner, Inverloch.

Slur on the bin

Recently, we had a weekend at Cape Paterson and on a trip into Wonthaggi spotted some stickers on bins reading 'Pro Vax, Pro Union, Anti Fascist'.

This distressed me. To start with, this is a slur.

My son agonised over getting vaccinated and his decision not to cost him his job. He and his partner, who are yet to have children, took into account thalidomide was once approved by medical authority. They decided not to risk it and have taken the consequences.

For some anonymous creep to compare them with Adolf Hitler is reprehensible. I actually regard this as hate speech and inciting violence in the streets - American style.

I hope the Wonthaggi police and Bass Coast Shire treat it as such and arrest the person if known.

I also believe it is disgustingly offensive for some person with tickets on themselves to grab personal ownership of the heritage of the tens of millions of lives lost fighting real fascists.

This just to push their own grotty barrow of domestic spats.

My uncle landed with the British Army in the days following D-Day and would not engage in such low slanders.

If this person could drag themselves away from their adoring gaze at the mirror, they may find these facts confronting: The English socialist Tony Benn said in an interview that when the United Nations Charter was declared in late 1944, that this is what we were fighting the fascists for. The charter protects the individual from medical procedure they do not consent to. Any SBS WW2 documentary will quickly show it was the fascists who herded people onto cattle trucks, shipped them off to concentration camps and subjected them to medical procedures without consent.

It really is distressing that there are people around who compare themselves to the fallen in WW2 by taking possession of "anti-fascist" to push their own grubby self-loving domestic agenda.

Karen Brown, Mentone.

Firewood collection open

As we head into the colder months, the firewood collection period for autumn has now opened.

Firewood is a critical source of heat (and even cooking and hot water) for many Gippslanders, with limited access to alternative energy supplies; and I continue to lobby for accessible areas to be available for collection across Gippsland.

Information on designated fire collection areas is available at bit.ly/36IoYQX, with maps also available at DELWP offices.

It is important to remember to stay safe and stick to the rules so that everyone can continue to benefit from domestic firewood collection in state forests for years to come.

Collectors are limited to a maximum volume of 2m3 of firewood per day with a maximum of 16m3 per household per financial year (a 6x4 foot trailer can hold about 1m3).

Not everyone is physically able to collect their own firewood and, for this reason, you may need to collect firewood for a friend or neighbour. The person you are collecting for can complete a nomination form that you must carry with you. Nomination forms are available at DELWP offices and on the website ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood.

There are significant penalties for those who break the rules, with fines up to \$7380 or up to one-year imprisonment.

Of course, we also have a number of great local firms which sell firewood for those who require more than 16m3 or are unable to collect for themselves.

There are concessions available for eligible households. For more information, visit bit.ly/3qQvDiG or phone the toll-free concessions information line on 1800 658 521.

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

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

Ulysses club celebrates 20 years

ON MARCH 12, the local South Gippsland Ulysses Branch celebrated its 20th barbecue anniversary at McIndoe Park in Leongatha.

The barbecue was attended by around 55 members who enjoyed batting the breeze and well-cooked food together.

The club had its first gathering at a barbecue on March 17, 2002. It was from that barbecue that subsequent meetings were held.

A committee was formed and so the South Gippsland Ulysses Branch began.

The original three members who arranged the 2002 barbecue were Andy Grayden, Val Grayden and Lindsay Powney. These three special people were presented with a plaque as a thank you for starting and running the branch for several years in the early days of the club.

Current branch president, Alf Adennemoser, spoke briefly to everyone who had come for the occasion, speaking of the club's history, a few anecdotal stories, and more than a spade of thanks for those who have pitched in doing jobs that keep the machinery running.

The South Gippsland Ulysses Branch is a social club for older motorcyclists who enjoy a ride together and meeting socially for a coffee or meal. You need to be over 40 to join. If you would like more information, have a look at the website: southgippslandulysses.com.au.

• FAITH FACTOR

The thing about justice...

Amanda Hart (Captain)
Corps Officer - Leongatha Corps
The Salvation Army Australia Territory

JUSTICE. What's it all about? Attending a rally? Buying a t-shirt? The cool thing to do? What about when it gets real and we're called to take a stand, speak out or act on behalf of those who can't speak or act for themselves?

Jesus lived his life as a social justice champion. Jesus helped the oppressed and condemned the oppressor; he spoke out against inequality, and he welcomed those who were alienated. Crowds of people wanted to be part of his mission, but when the sandals hit the road, he was abandoned.

Sadly, this still happens today. Those who are oppressed still cry out, but when we're called out of our comfort zones and are needed to speak out against the dominant, privileged and conventional norms, will we actually be brave and take a stand with Jesus? Do we turn away in fear?

Even a brief flick through the gospels provides an example of Jesus' life of justice. He wasn't just a passive observer or cheerleader; he actively sought positive change. The story of the ten lepers in Luke 17 – verse 11 says "Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee." It doesn't seem strange to us when we read this, until you realise that actually the border between Samaria and Galilee wasn't on the way to Jerusalem. Jesus actively sought out justice. He went out of his way to go where injustice was. Justice was at the heart of Jesus' mission and that is exactly why justice should be at the heart of ours.

All through the Old Testament we read of God's desire for justice. His frustration over receiving empty sacrifices is echoed time and time again by the 8th Century prophets. Consider Amos 5:21-24, "I hate, I despise your religious festivals... But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" Or Isaiah 58, "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"

This is what God requires, for us to do justice, not argue about why we do it. Jesus is our motivation for justice. The question we need to ask is not "How can you do justice?" but rather, "How can you not?"

Volunteering sees communities thrive



Volunteer Julie Joyce dedicates endless hours to the Mirboo North Artspace both in the retail store and behind the scenes, sewing boomerang bags for the community. Z01_1622



Sheryl Doherty and Kate Billingsley donate their time to the Mirboo North Artspace alongside their fellow committee members to keep the retail store open for the community. Z02_1622

VOLUNTEERING is a vital part of community connection; it ensures project planning continues behind the scenes for fundamental developments and helps small businesses in regional towns.

Volunteer and Mirboo North citizen of the year, Mary Baker, was recognised by her community for her dedication to the regional town for the past 30 years. Mary gave tirelessly to meetings and fundraisers to help improve the amenities at the local pool – a facility that without Mary's volunteering would have been shut down.

Many visitors to the town of Mirboo North may see the vibrance of the community as a result of state and federal funding but in reality, it's the community connection and volunteering that has formed the town into what it is today.

Whether it be volunteering time at a football game or joining a local committee, the residents of Mirboo North and surrounds have worked together to improve the facilities in the local town.

Tackling tough times together over the past two years were Artspace committee members Julie Joyce, Sheryl and Brian Doherty and Kate Billingsley, who collectively kept the store open for their 60 artisans.

Together, the 10 committee members retained the croquet classes to aid those suffering from mental health and welcomed other residents to engage with the space and create boomerang bags for the public

to help remove the use of plastic – a regular sewing group held every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.30pm, purely run by volunteers.

"We opened the doors to our happy space in 2015 with the help from FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) to support local artists in the town and offer an array of handmade specialties," said Sheryl.

Designed as a not-for-profit space for small businesses, the store retails purely handmade pieces, including but not limited to pure essential oils, genuine leather notebooks, croquet clothing and keepsakes, jewellery and artwork of various mediums.

"Shopping local is supporting a retiree, a small business owner, a new mum or an emerging artist and here at Artspace we ensure you'll receive quality at its finest," said Kate.

Volunteer Brian Doherty said volunteering is a form of giving and giving time to the community is selfless and so rewarding.

He said without a dedicated team of volunteers, the Artspace in Mirboo North wouldn't be here and the artisans wouldn't have a space to showcase their craftsmanship.

To support local artists and find a unique gift, visit the Artspace located in the original office for the Mirboo North butter factory, based in the centre of town at 81B Ridgeway, Mirboo North.

Local Girl Guides unite for Disney-themed camp



Jemimah Watson, Rebecca Ellen, Johanna Langkopf, Katherine Whitbourne and Tilly Krausz.

RECENTLY, local Girl Guides from Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Phillip Island joined together and headed to Burnet Park Guide camp in Glengarry West to enjoy a Disney-themed camp.

South Gippsland district manager Chris Oliver said the camp was a great opportunity for girls from the three units to get to know each other and join together in a fun-filled environment.

Upon arrival, the girls set up tents and enjoyed a 'wide game' based on the movie Encanto. A wide game is a traditional Guide activity: a game of puzzles and challenges played over a wide area. After saving the magic for the Madrigal family, the girls organised a barbecue tea, followed by a campfire.

"It was the first time the three units have camped together; we had 21 girls altogether and seven staff, with six girls from Phillip Island guides and three from Wonthaggi. The four youngest slept indoors and everyone else camped under the stars," said Chris.

The Guides aimed to give the girls going to state camp in April some experience camping in tents.

On Sunday morning, the girls had a round robin of sporting activities including archery, totem tennis, soccer and badminton. They were blessed with warm weather, with the sun shining all weekend.

In April, there will be more than 700 Girl Guides from all over the state camping at Britannia Park in Yarra Glen. To be part of the Girl Guides, visit guidesvic.org.au.



Promoting a good diet

THE Phillip Island TOWN Club meets at the Rhyll Hall at 9am on Thursday mornings.

The club is a not-for-profit organisation which encourages weight loss by promotion of a nutritionally balanced diet, giving support, encouragement and practical advice on how to lose weight and keep it off.

For more information, call Vincent Vale on 0414 709 066 or Christine Davies on 0421 559 561.

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

WITH the late afternoon sun cooling quicker than before, it's easy to curl up most evenings and have a hot cuppa with a little something to go with it. This can lead to a strange tightening of the clothes. Blame the washing machine or perhaps come along to our Weight Management Group. They hold a friendly informal weekly meeting and discuss how their week has been and provide support to one another. Accountability is probably the best tool on this quest and doing it with a friendly group of people is a good way to start. They meet Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8pm.

The WNC at Mitchell House has joined the Chatty Café Scheme: The Chatty Café aims to help people stay connected to their community by choosing to "Have a Chat" to others in safe comfortable settings. Now, depending on when you read this, our first designated "Have a Chat" tables will be available today Tuesday, May 3 at Mitchell House at 10.30 am. We will be hosting one every first Tuesday of the month. "Have a Chat" tables are for everyone, anyone can join in, all are welcome to enjoy the company of others and a friendly chat over a cuppa and cake.

Meet the Federal Election Candidates for Monash: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Forum tomorrow evening at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church, 81 McBride Ave, Wonthaggi at 6-8.30 pm on Wednesday, May 4 2022. The forum will be chaired by Cr Clare Le Serve. Clare is a well-known and well-respected independent Councillor since 2012; not aligned with any political party or candidate and ran as independent in the 2014 and 2018 state elections.

Why are we running a candidates forum? Well, we believe that:

- A strong democracy is important to social cohesion and to our community's sense of belonging, participation and ownership.
- It's not a single issue forum; all topics/issues/questions of concern to you and our community are welcome.

Invitations to attend the forum have been sent to all candidates. Everybody is welcome, RSVP to 5672 3732.

Volunteer opportunities: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre relies on a team of volunteers to carry out a number of tasks including, working on the front desk answering phones, providing customer service and general office duties. We have day shifts available for 9.30am-4pm or half day shifts if that is more suitable. Call or drop in and speak with Iain, or visit our website and follow the link to 'volunteer-with-us'.

If you missed out on our scrumptious Free Community Lunch last Wednesday, then set your sights on coming along to the next one on Wednesday 11th May. They happen every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, starting at 12 noon. Emma will, as usual, be cooking up a storm so come along and enjoy good food while meeting new people or re acquainting yourself with old friends or bringing another along to enjoy a meal out together whilst having a chat with others. You need to book in so that we can cater accordingly.

Just a little note here. If you become a WNC member, \$10 per individual, \$15 per family for the year, then all Learn Share Activities are free and we have lots of Learn Share Activities. And not only that but you also get our 'The Grapevine' newsletter which comes out each term. Call Mitchell House on 5672 3731 for more information and keep up to date with all our activities through our Facebook Page at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

IN THE modern workplace, knowing how to use computers is as essential as knowing how to use a telephone or a diary. Yet many people still find it a challenge. The good news is there are still courses available which cater to the absolute beginner. BCAL's course on Computers: the Basics begins next Monday in a relaxed and friendly environment. The first priority is to ensure everyone feels comfortable with equipment so they will be on the road to digital literacy in no time.

It was all about the harvest at the community garden, last week. Volunteers took home coriander, parsley and the very last of the sweet corn, bush beans and zucchini harvest. They also gathered a few new season, fragrant feijoas, as well as the first mandarines for a healthy, sweet treat. If you would like to get involved, contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or drop into the garden on Thursdays between 10 and noon.

Tuesdays is for toy making at the Wonthaggi Woodies' workshop. It's a great starting point for people who are looking to get into woodworking but not sure where to begin. The sessions utilise tools such as drills, sanders and bandsaws – skills that beginners can develop and carry on to other sessions such as carving and furniture making. It's never too late to learn and all ages are welcome. For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WE ARE off and running for Term 2. We have moved the start date of Intermediate Computers for Work & Home and it will now start on May 12. We still have a spot available if you are interested. Please also express interest in our other classes if the times or dates do not suit; we cannot make adjustments without your feedback. Milpara is happy to run evening or weekend classes if there is interest.

Women on the Tools also still have places for the Thursday group, scheduled to start this week.

The Craft of Story Writing starts this week and runs on Wednesday mornings. It is a friendly class designed to help you get the best out of your writing, be it a poem, biography or novel.

Elder Rights Advocacy Information and Question session is on Thursday, May 5, at 1pm. They support older people, their families and representatives in Victoria to address issues related to Commonwealth-funded aged care services including residential aged care, Home Care Packages and other home-based aged care. Their job is to listen and support you and your family to identify and advocate for solutions that best respond to your circumstances. Sometimes this involves them advocating strongly to an aged care service and challenging them to provide better care. Their service is free, independent and confidential. Jess will have appointments available on Fridays at Milpara. Let us know you're coming.

Learn to Sew classes are starting on Tuesday May 10, starting at 4pm and running over six sessions.



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May GARDEN GUIDE

Time to plant natives

By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North
Garden Centre

AUTUMN is a great time to get out into the garden as the weather is milder.

It is also the best time to plant natives; they have time to establish over the cooler months and therefore have a better chance of surviving the next summer with minimal watering.

There are many attractive native plants flowering and coming into flower in the next couple of weeks. Correas, croweas and philotheca (better known as eriostemon) are all attractive, small-growing shrubs which fit equally well in a native or cottage garden.

Australian native plants have become very popular as they can withstand the heat and long dry spells. Salvias are also popular for this very reason. The salvia is the largest genus in the mint (Lamiaceae) family, represented by around 900 species. They make a colourful display from late summer through to autumn.

The common name for the genus is sage, and while sage (Salvia officinalis) is a renowned flavoursome herb, other species in the genus also have culinary and medicinal applications. Salvias vary in height, from around 50cm to 2m. Some can be frost tender.

The Mexican sage (Salvia leucantha) is very popular as it is very tough. This evergreen shrubby perennial grows around 1.5m tall and gives a wonderful long display of velvety bicolor flowers of soft purple sepals that create a lively contrast to the fuzzy white flowers. It is also available in



Julie Couper helping unload the Chrysanthemums.

pink and white flowering forms.

It is drought tolerant and requires minimal care once established. The bush can be revitalised by cutting old foliage to the ground in early spring. There is a dwarf type called salvia Santa Barbara. This is a compact shrub growing to around 90cm.

The nights are much colder, and it is an ideal time to plant spring-flowering bulbs such as daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, Dutch iris, freesias, ranunculus and anemones. If grown in pots, bulbs should be planted quite close together to give a good display. Make sure you use a good-quality potting mix and add a complete slow-release or bulb fertiliser.

Nothing beats the brilliant colour of the deciduous trees in autumn – especially the bright reds of the Lipstick maples.

There are three main varieties in the Fleming's Lipstick range and all colour well. Autumn blaze and Fairview Flame colour earlier than October Glory which claims the fame of being the most outstanding autumn colour tree in the world. If space is limited, there

are numerous shrubs that also prove stunning autumn colour.

Viburnum opulus (better known as the snowball tree or Guelder rose), Oakleaf hydrangea, cotinus (or smoke bush), crepe myrtle and the ever-popular health food the blueberry can all be relied on to give a great show for autumn. Some climbers also give fabulous autumn colour and one of the best is the ornamental grapevine.

Now's the time to plant cauliflower, cabbage, and broccoli seedlings and give them plenty of compost, manure, blood and bone or complete fertiliser. Also plant lettuce, leek, onion, silverbeet and spinach. Seed of peas and broad beans can also be sown now. When preparing the garden bed for those, add two handfuls of lime per square metre, as well as a complete fertiliser to provide other nutrients.

It is beneficial to add a wetting agent to the soil as well as compost as this will increase the soil's ability to absorb moisture much more readily and whatever rain we do receive will soak in and penetrate deeply into the soil.



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Clinch Saxophone Quartet to perform in South Gippsland

PROM Recitals is bringing the Clinch Saxophone Quartet to South Gippsland for one night only.

The Clinch Saxophone Quartet (CSQ) will pay homage to the fugue in a program titled 'For Fugue's Sake' in Sandy Point on Friday, May 20.

The CSQ includes South Gippsland Music Program teacher of more than a decade, Sara Ann Beale of Wonthaggi.

Alongside Sara on baritone saxophone, the audience will hear Lachlan Davidson - soprano saxophone, Martin Hemingway - alto saxophone, and Niels Bijl - tenor saxophone.

These four very different instruments, albeit all belonging to the same family, were invented halfway through the 19th century in a quest to mix the virtuosity of wind instruments with the strength of brass and the warmth of strings.

The sounds of a saxophone quartet are reminiscent of the organ, one of JS Bach's favourites for performing fugues. The key difference is that each voice is carried by one individual musician, proving the beauty and complexity of counterpoint even more.



From Recitals will pay homage to the fugue in a program titled 'For Fugue's Sake' in Sandy Point on Friday, May 20.

The program aims to prove that the saxophone quartet is an ideal ensemble for the fugal style of composition through a beautiful collage of fugues composed by very different composers through the ages: Johann Sebastian Bach, César Franck, Joseph Haydn, Gabriel

Pierné, Florent Schmitt, Astor Piazzolla, Guus Janssen, and Lachlan Davidson.

The concert will start with three movements from the most well-known fugal composition of all, Johann Sebastian Bach's The Art of Fugue.

The program will ask

audiences to consider the following: Did the fugue reach its pinnacle with JS Bach, or is it a style that can still exist all the way through to this century?

There are a number of modern fugues, of which Guus Janssen's Meesterfout is a direct answer to Bach's masterpiece, and it even includes a world premiere from Lachlan Davidson.

Haydn deserves a spot as well, of course, with his magnificent double fugue from one of his string quartets. There are also three beautiful French works: the Franck, Schmitt and Pierné, with the latter two works being quintessential pillars of the original sax quartet repertoire.

Piazzolla's 'La Muerte del Angel' (arr. J. Byrnes) serves as the perfect ending to the concert.

Clinch Saxophone Quartet

Although the quartet was founded only very recently, it is rooted in Australian music history.

Peter Clinch (1930-1995) will always be remembered as Australia's most influential classical saxophonist, with an extensive career as a soloist, renowned teacher and leader of his own quartet. Unfortunately, after Peter's death in 1995, the original Peter Clinch Saxophone Quartet ceased to exist.

One of the long-standing members of the original Peter Clinch Saxophone Quartet was saxophonist, multi-instrumentalist, composer and lecturer Lachlan Davidson.

In early 2020, Lachlan joined Sara Ann Beale, Martin Hemingway and Niels Bijl to form a new ensemble.

Within weeks, their first recording appearance in the Melbourne Recital Centre had become reality,

and since that time their repertoire has expanded rapidly and a whole range of creative project ideas have been developed.

The three new members embraced Lachlan's suggestion to name the group after one of the most revered Australian saxophonists, and The Clinch Saxophone Quartet was born.

Sara Ann Beale

Sara studied with Ian Godfrey at The University of Melbourne, where she discovered her passion for the baritone saxophone. Sara completed her Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Teaching degree, and subsequently became the first woman to attain a Master of Music Performance on the saxophone in Victoria.

Sara's talent for carrying chamber music ensembles was picked up by the inspiring educator, Dr Michael Lichnovsky. She joined Dr Lichnovsky in 'SAXE', the saxophone quartet that played all over Victoria for many years, as well as in the USA as part of the World Saxophone Congress.

Sara has been a guest artist at major saxophone events, such as The Melbourne International Saxophone Festival and the Melbourne Saxophone Summer Academy.

She has also performed with Orchestra Victoria.

Sara is particularly passionate about delivering quality music education to children from the country. She has worked in the South Gippsland Schools Music Program for more than a decade, teaching clarinet, saxophone and classroom music, as well as leading the Senior Wind Ensemble.

She is also assistant conductor at the Wonthaggi Youth Brass and a member of the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band.

Lachlan Davidson

Lachlan Davidson's career has centred around the saxophone – an instrument he has been playing for more than 45 years.

Starting with a concert band and classical musical education at school, Lachlan took up the flute and went on to complete the Associate in Music (AMusA) on the saxophone before completing a Bachelor of Arts in Music (Jazz) at the Victorian College of the Arts.

"My teaching and professional playing career then began, and they have always operated concurrently and symbiotically," Lachlan said.

Martin Hemingway

Martin Hemingway was accepted into the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music on both the saxophone and trombone, and chose to focus on classical music and the trombone. He completed his degrees with majors in Philosophy and Music Performance with Honours on saxophone.

Martin subsequently performed many times with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra Victoria and the Malaysian Philharmonic on the saxophone.

He has played in a range of different bands, from hard rock and funk through to folk and jazz.

Niels Bijl

Niels Bijl, who resides in the hills just outside Yarragon, started playing tenor saxophone at age 11, then studying classical and contemporary saxophone with Arno Bornkamp, before attending the Banff Centre for the Arts.

He has commissioned more than 50 works for solo tenor saxophone and has recorded two Super Audio CDs with repertoire for tenor saxophone and piano.

Niels' 17-year career as a member of the Aurelia Saxophone Quartet proved to be the perfect preparation for him to help make the Clinch Quartet an international success.

Details

The Clinch Saxophone Quartet is coming to Sandy Point Community Centre on Friday, May 20, thanks to Prom Recitals - a group of South Gippsland locals who are sharing their love of music and the Prom Country region through the presentation of classical music recitals.

The concert is also supported by Creative Victoria and Regional Arts Victoria.

Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are available for \$55 at trybooking.com/BXQHC.

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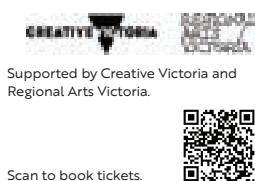
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Community partnerships in the arts

LEONGATHA Lyric Theatre has a new vitality and forward direction that they would like to share with South Gippsland.

To celebrate 57 years of producing high-quality community theatre and engagement, Lyric is opening its doors to local businesses and families to create partnerships that see the community grow exponentially together.

Timed perfectly with the introduction of the 'Draft Arts, Culture & Creative Industries 2022-2026 Plan', Lyric Theatre is pushing to see local businesses being part of a greater strategic arts plan, where businesses can benefit.

On Thursday, April 21, the Burra Brewery graciously hosted Lyric's first of three Soirée events. This was followed by Hughey's Bar at McCartins Hotel on April 27 and Moos at Meeniyon on April 28.

On the night at the Burra Brewery, Bron Beach, the president of Lyric committee, spoke directly to business owners in those areas, along with supportive Lyric theatre members.

She pointed out that, with almost 4000 people attending Lyric's major musicals each year, there was essentially 12 months of advertising available through fantastic sponsorship packages.

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On each night, guests were also entertained by musical acts from both up and coming shows, Kinky Boots and Ladies in Black.

Andrew Newton and Sam Shineberg performed a beautiful song from Kinky Boots, along with Jonas Van Stekelenburg, who plays Lola.

Imogen Whittaker was also stunning with her rendition of the title song, 'Ladies in Black', while Lyric's rising star award winner, Cecily De Gooyer, mesmerised the audience with a couple of strong emotive songs.

Lyric Theatre was grateful to all the local businesses that hosted the events and made the Soirées possible.

Local business owners and families who attended the private event were the first to hear all about Lyric's new sponsorship programs, including Corporate Partnerships, Family Sponsorship Packages and Community Sponsorship Packages. However, these packages are now open to any interested people in South Gippsland or beyond. All packages include tickets to up-and-coming shows. For further information about how you can be part of this great opportunity, contact Bron on 0408 529 581.



The Burra Brewery graciously hosted Lyric's first of three Soirée events, with Sam and Andrew among those performing.

Quirky characters at the Foster Arts Centre



See Genevieve Slattery, Margaret Rudge and Michael Knowles on stage at the Foster Arts Centre.

FAMDA's hilarious production of 'Keeping up Appearances' is currently in full swing at the Foster Arts Centre.

The foibles of the quirky characters from the 1990s BBC television show have been delighting audiences, including those unfamiliar with the original series.

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Alex Thomas-Lawrence of Castle-maine and Mia Laguna-Purcell of Melbourne enjoy lunch in Cowes on the foreshore. C09_1722



Jordan O'Brien and Alex Clayton of Sunset Strip enjoy a walk with Brooks and their two puppies around Cowes. C10_1722



Carolyn Knight and Gwen Brown enjoy the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary fete on Saturday. A22_1722



Skye's Max and Amelia Lombardi enjoy the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary fete with mum Karlee Rich. A25_1722



South Gippsland Conservation Society members Ed Thexton, Susan Atkins and John Cuttriss hosted the Feathers Information Day at Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday morning. Z06_1822



Kingsley and Hendrix Thompson enjoyed meeting Dyson Heppell. A01_1822



Leongatha's Ryker Dean was under instructions from mum Emma not to tell Kevin Sheedy he's a Collingwood supporter. A03_1822



Grace Couchman from Kongwak, Trevor Forgeh from Inverloch and Dennis Nish of Kongwak met at the South Gippsland Conservation Society Feathers Information Day. Z05_1822



Sam Wright and assistant principal of Leongatha Secondary Tanya Chalmers attended the Reconnect Festival on Friday night, discussing online safety for teens with parents and carers. Z01_1822



Pictures of you and your friends at the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary fete, Reconnect Festival, South Gippsland Conservation Society Feathers Information Day, Leongatha Football Ground, Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club and Cowes.



A group from Yooralla Leongatha relish their experience with the Bombers. They are Corran Djuric, Matt Cameron, Byron Doran, and Mycalie James. A06_1822



Sisters-in-law Sue and Toni Cornelius of Wonthaggi tuck into delicious scones during the Wonthaggi Hospital fete. A24_1722



Wonthaggi's Bert and Jean Milligan always come to the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary fete. A23_1722



Locals Joan and Tom Gordon make a purchase at the Wonthaggi Hospital fete on Saturday. A26_1722



Jarvis Law and Sean Fleming attended their first festival on Friday night where they met musician Matilda Pearl after her energetic stage performance that had the crowd jumping. Z04_1822



Marg Beech buys a succulent from Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary treasurer Marlene Talbot, with plant sales proving a great success at the organisation's weekend fete. A27_1722

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Alisha Gilliland and Bianca Pezzutto of Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault attended the Reconnect All Ages Festival to raise awareness of the support that's available. Z02_1822



The Meadows family enjoyed the atmosphere and musical talent at the Reconnect Festival on Friday night despite the pouring rain. Z03_1822



Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Liberal member for Braddon Gavin Pearce and apprentices on a building site in Tasmania last month. Photo: AAP Image/Sarah Rhodes.

'Big picture' needed: REIA

IN THE lead up to the 2022 federal election, the Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) is calling on governments to create big picture structural changes to enable supply and properly deal with the decreasing housing affordability.

REIA president Hayden Groves said property listings had continued to plummet despite strong buyer demand which is seeing record prices still being achieved in most markets across the nation.

According to SQM, in March this year there were 218,398 listings across Australia compared to 256,568 listings over March 2021. February 2022 figures show 214,495 listings compared to 257,952 in 2021 while January's listings numbered 214,495 in 2022 compared to 256,116 twelve months earlier.

Mr Groves said home ownership is part of the Australian way of life and the benefits of buying a home extend well beyond the individual – it's a long-term game that secures wealth for generations to come.

"Property has remained a standout investment for homeowners with values

increasing at the highest rate in two decades with a rise of 25.1 per cent in 2021, with the weighted median house price now above \$1m for Australia's eight capital cities."

"These kinds of prices while good for owners, are concerning for first time buyers

"Prime Minister, Scott Morrison's announcement that the Home Guarantee Scheme was to be extended with the price caps increased is a great help in easing affordability.

"Increasing the price caps for homes available under the scheme means more people have more options when purchasing a home, and the new caps help accommodate larger families under the Family Home Guarantee.

"The Home Guarantee Scheme had already helped 60,000 Australians on the path to home ownership," he said.

Mr Groves said first home buyer numbers continue to ease with new loan commitments to owner-occupier first home buyers dropping 8.3 per cent in February 2022.

"This was 36.7 per cent lower compared to a year

ago, and continued the decline seen since the recent peak in first home buyer lending in January 2021.

"According to our Housing Affordability Report, the number of first home buyers decreased to 37,620, a fall of 0.4 per cent during the quarter with first home buyers now making up 34.1 per cent of owner occupier dwelling commitments, a decrease of 7.8 percentage points over the year.

"It's a similar story for renters who are facing tight vacancy rates at under 1 per cent in many capital cities while the proportion of income required to meet median rent increased to 23.0 per cent, an increase of 0.1 percentage points over the quarter and an increase of 0.3 percentage points over 2021, according to REIA's Housing Affordability Report.

"While it's a very different market to the pre-election softening in the lead-up to the 2019 Federal Election, where uncertainty around negative gearing led to a major drop in investor confidence, rising stamp duty taxes continue to be prohibitive for owner occupiers," he said.

Demand for coastal and regional towns

MELBOURNE'S coastal suburbs and regional towns are dominating the top spots for house price growth, according to data from Real Estate Institute of Victoria's March quarterly report.

The top three suburbs for annual median house price growth are in the local government area of Mornington Peninsula.

The suburb of Rye led the house price growth with a 48 per cent annual increase, bringing the median cost of a home in the seaside suburb to \$1,195,000. Mount Martha saw a 34 per cent annual increase taking its median house price up to \$1,870,000, while it's upcoast neighbour Rosebud grew 32 per cent to \$851,121.

However, metropolitan Melbourne still has plenty on offer for different budgets.

Units in inner-city suburbs such as Docklands (\$555,000) and Melbourne CBD (\$580,000) are ranking in the top 20 quarterly growth suburbs while recording median prices under the \$600,000 mark.

Houses in Melbourne's traditionally more affordable suburbs have also reported strong annual growth. The median house price in Werribee grew 18.7 per cent to \$620,000, while Sunbury saw a 16.8 per cent spike to \$652,500.

The five-year growth streak continues

in regional Victoria, with a 26.7 per cent annual increase in the median house price (\$595,000) and a 3.8 per cent increase (\$625,000) in the last quarter.

REIV president Adam Docking said: "As expected, the report shows the metropolitan housing market is stabilising but the fundamentals remain strong."

While the quarterly data reported a 0.3 per cent drop in metro house prices (\$1,121,500) and a 0.9 per cent decrease in Units and Apartments (\$684,000), the annual median house price rose 18 per cent from \$932,500 to \$1.1 million in the last twelve months.

"The Victorian residential market has recorded strong growth for over 2 years and as supply catches up with demand, we can expect to see a steadier period," Mr Docking said.

"The data reflects the theme of ongoing migration to the regions, as we see more Melburnians seeking out a scenery change in coastal towns and regional cities."

Mr Docking emphasised that despite the stabilisation starting to be seen across Melbourne, governments, both state and federal, need to review some of the fundamentals like property taxes that form a significant part of the cost to acquire and maintain a property.

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“What a great time to be involved in the real estate industry,” says Jason. “In my 15 years’ experience in the real estate business, past success stories are generally not applicable to new situations. “However, we must continually reinvent ourselves, responding to the ever-changing times

and this, I see, is one of Ray White’s many strengths over its competitors that I’ve noticed in our first six months.” Michael Hanily added: “Many people have asked me why the change when we were going so well under the previous franchise.” He said the answer is simple.

“Ray White gives us the opportunity to take what we have been doing and combine it with Australia’s largest real estate brand. “Their technology, support and training will propel our business to a new level and allow us to branch further into the rural sector as well as

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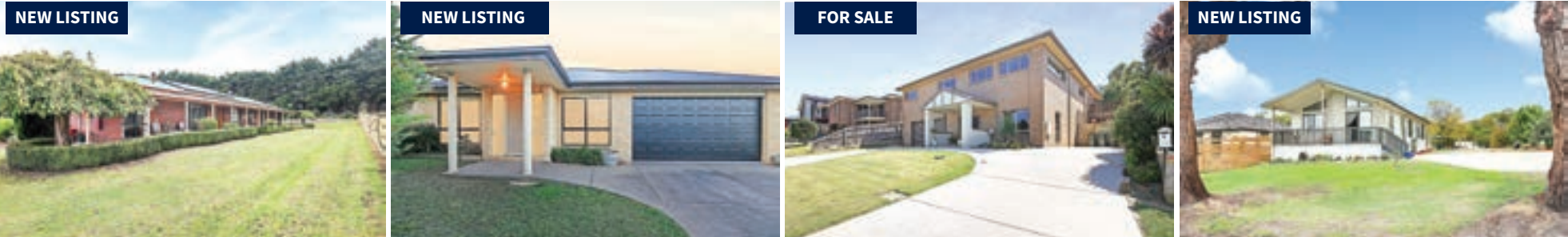
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Inside the residence is a well-appointed modern interior. The upper floor is a large open living area which is flooded with natural light. This space is perfect for the entertainers as it adjoins a well-proportioned deck area through a sliding door. Also, on the upper floor, you will find the kitchen which features electric appliances, dishwasher, pantry and breakfast bar.

The lower floor has three generous-sized bedrooms all of which have built

in robes and two feature their own split systems. The bathroom has recently been renovated and includes luxury tiles, frameless glass shower screen, bathtub, toilet and two separate showers. The lower floor is completed with a second toilet, well-sized laundry and a rear entrance to the backyard.

Sit back and enjoy the tranquillity of your own private oasis in the back yard. The established trees create a space that feels peaceful and private, almost as if you don't have any neighbours at all.

Number 5 Deep Creek Street is a fine example of an exceptionally well-maintained home and an inspection will not disappoint. Inspection by appointment or during advertised opens.

3 1 2 614m²

5 Deep Creek Street, **Grantville**
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137 acres in Moyarra

LOCATED on the north side of Armstrongs Road running down to river flats and over Foster Creek, this 137.39-acre parcel has a combination of gently undulating silage/hay paddocks and hill grazing over the north side of Foster Creek.

With great shelter belts and a central track, there are also ideal home sites (subject to council approval).

The beautiful green hills of South Gippsland are best known for being prime grazing country and the opportunity to secure this beautiful title in Moyarra is now being offered to the market.

This property is located in the heart of an extremely reliable rainfall region (approx. 40 inch-plus annually) with a productive soil type. Moyarra is central to South Gippsland's major townships such as Wonthaggi, Korumburra, Inverloch and Leongatha (which is home to Saputo and the Victorian Livestock Exchange).

For more details, please contact Andrew Newton 0402 940 320, Scott McKenzie 0428 552 898 or Christie Nelson 0407 812 904. It is a conjunctional sale with Alex Scott & Staff Leongatha and Korumburra.

For sale by public auction on Friday, May 20, at 12pm on-site.

Terms: 10% deposit, balance 30/60 days.

Land 137 acres

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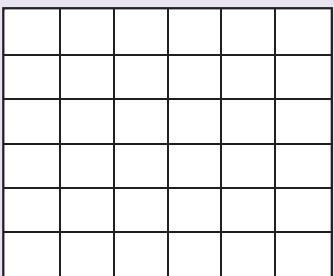
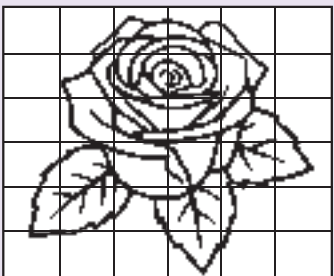
QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

MOTHER'S DAY QUIZ

1. **[\$100]** Mother Theresa founded her missionary in which Indian city?
A. Bombay. B. Calcutta. C. New Deli. D. Bangalore.
2. **[\$200]** Marge Simpson has three kids - Bart, Lisa and who? A. Mandy. B. Maggie. C. Molly. D. Melanie.
3. **[\$300]** What was the name of Harry Potters's mother?
A. Lily. B. Lori. C. Lara. D. Leslie.
4. **[\$500]** Who played Forrest Gump's mother in the film "Forrest Gump"?
A. Meryl Streep. B. Kathy Bates. C. Patricia Clarkson. D. Sally Field.
5. **[\$1000]** Which of the following flowers are often associated with Mother's Day? A. Daisies. B. Lilies. C. Carnations. D. Roses.
6. **[\$2000]** Complete the following saying: ... is the mother of invention.
A. Money. B. Patience. C. Necessity. D. Fear.
7. **[\$4000]** What is the name of Megan Markle's mother? A. Dawn. B. Doria. C. Dana. D. Daria.
8. **[\$8000]** How many children does Gold Logie winner Denise 'Ding Dong' Drysdale have? A. One. B. Two. C. Three. D. Four.
9. **[\$16,000]** Which famous pop star has a daughter named Lourdes?
A. Beyonce. B. Cher. C. Madonna. D. Lady Gaga.
10. **[\$32,000]** Which group had a hit in 1979 with "Does Your Mother Know"?
a. Fleetwood Mac. B. Queen. C. The Beatles. D. Abba.
11. **[\$64,000]** Which of the following songs by the Beatles was inspired by Mary, the mother of Paul McCartney?
A. Let It Be. B. Yesterday. C. In My Life. D. Lady Madonna.
12. **[\$125,000]** In Greek mythology, who is the mother of the gods? A. Artemis. B. Eris. C. Rhea. D. Hestia.
13. **[\$250,000]** In which movie is there a computer named "Mother"? A. Alien. B. Avatar. C. Blade Runner. D. Matrix.
14. **[\$500,000]** Who played Kevin's mum in Home Alone? A. Meryl Streep. B. Catherine O'Hara. C. Judi Dench. D. Jane Fonda.
15. **[\$1,000,000]** What date was the first ever test-tube baby born?
A. 1958. B. 1968. C. 1978. D. 1988?

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. B. Calcutta. 2. B. Maggie. 3. A. Lily. 4. D. Sally Field. 5. C. Carnations. 6. C. Necessity. 7. B. Doria. 8. B. Two. 9. C. Madonna. 10. D. Abba. 11. A. Let It Be. 12. C. Rhea. 13. A. Alien. 14. B. Catherine O'Hara. 15. C. 1978.

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CROSSWORD

Number 32 - by 'Johnno2' of Cape Paterson

CRYPTIC CLUES

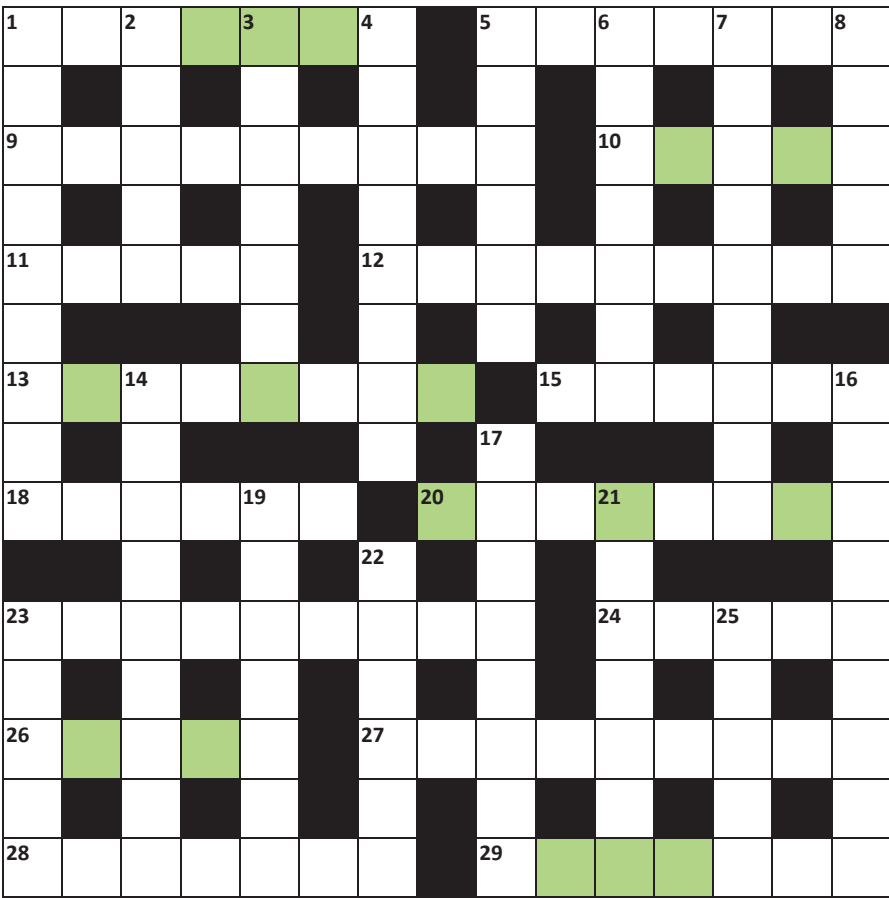
[Note: In six across clues, definitions are normal but the clueing is only partial - it's '1-down'. 1-down itself, on the other hand, has no definition but is otherwise fully clued. All other clues are normally defined and clued.]

ACROSS

- 1 Dry maintenance (7)
- 5 Unpromising rabbit-free? (postage not included) (2-5)
- 9 Whimsical nymph pair, first away,... (4,5)
- 10 ...ready to glow (5)
- 11 At last! Made tea, scones there, and relaxed! (5)
- 12 Heavenly square - Raggedy Ann, I meant (9)
- 13 Got up to EU beer (8)
- 15 Spooner's stroke on the green after a joint was a little one (6)
- 18 Mutated pairs on fifth double helix (6)
- 20 Thirsty journo's brew: weak, hot, to go (8)
- 23 Mess with the girl, jinx on the French (9)
- 24 Tucks away forgotten saint's remains (5)
- 26 Easy: not a try (5)
- 27 Captain to private: 'Five to 11! Go! Please?' (9)
- 28 Shift in focus for offset breaks (7)
- 29 Quiet journo is tucked away (7)

DOWN

- 1 Say, not as much? (9)
- 2 Abuses, and withers right to its core (5)
- 3 Current Castro, he doesn't believe... (7)
- 4 ...much of the New Testament record: it's upset. Left, plus this is in Cuba! (8)
- 5 Oppose two directions, initially overruled by two other directions (6)
- 6 Pledge by emcee, before interval (7)
- 7 Fresh cut on ear speaks to an inflammatory disease (9)
- 8 Cross one out of distribution (3,2)
- 14 Common cook ruins veal (9)
- 15 Minds the empty 'Age' desk, fitfully (5,4)
- 16 Distributed set-price vouchers (8)
- 19 Orderly back bar in rackety local (7)
- 21 Saint? Tyrant? A force! (7)
- 22 Sound reviews for EU Republicans (6)
- 23 Rack makes flesh creep! (5)
- 25 Warm to hot in open land (5)



Answers in next edition of The Sentinel Times

STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Maintenance, e.g. as of a car (7)
- 5 Unpromising, an incompetent (2-5)
- 9 Whimsical, fanciful (4,5)
- 10 Glow, perspire (5)
- 11 Relaxed, lessened (5)
- 12 Heavenly Beijing square (9)
- 13 Got up to, matched (8)
- 15 Little one, colloquially, and a small edible seed (6)
- 18 Helix (6)
- 20 News-thirsty journalist (8)
- 23 Mess, muddle (9)
- 24 Burnt remains (5)
- 26 Try; also, a written piece (5)
- 27 Please, entrance (9)
- 28 Breaks, wavers (7)
- 29 Tucked away, hoarded (7)

DOWN

- 1 Without nationality (9)
- 2 Abuses, wrongful advantages (5)
- 3 Unbeliever (7)
- 4 New Testament letters (8)
- 5 Oppose, deny (6)
- 6 Pledge - often a prisoner - pending payment (7)
- 7 Inflammatory disease (9)
- 8 Cross, tell on (3,2)
- 14 Common, everywhere (9)
- 15 Minds, notes (5,4)
- 16 Vouchers, records of payment (8)
- 19 Orderly, attendant, follower (7)
- 21 Force, endurance (7)
- 22 Citizens of one European republic (6)
- 23 Rack, ledge (5)
- 25 Open land; also, a shrub family (5)

SUDOKU

- 1 **LEVEL: Medium**
- 2 **LEVEL: Hard**

Instructions:
Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box, vertical column and horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

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SOLUTIONS: Apr. 27, 2022

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Math Squares:

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Word wheel:

4 letter words: ANTE, ANTI, NEAT, TAIN, TEAT, TEEN, TENT, TINE, TINT, VENT
5 letter words: EATEN, EVENT, TAIN, TENET, TINEA, TITAN
6 letter words: NATIVE
9 Letter words: ATTENTIVE, TENTATIVE



Famous Melbourne chef, Alejandro Saravia, is kicking goals with Gippsland produce at the iconic Long Room Dining Room at the MCG.

Grand final day for Gippsland’s produce

MELBOURNE chef Alejandro Saravia is going from success to success at his iconic Melbourne restaurant Farmer’s Daughters, his city deli and rooftop bar, and also at his functions and catering projects. And he’s taking the best of Gippsland produce along with him as he goes. From Phillip Island’s Ocean Reach Draught and Burra Brewery’s Golden Ale to Cherry Tree Downs Organics lamb, Mirboo Farm garlic and Prom Country Cheese... to name just a few, his fantastic cuisine is built on the produce of our beautiful, green-rolling hills and smartest operators. Now, the very best of Gippsland is set for the biggest sporting event of them all in Australia. The man widely credited with introducing Peruvian cuisine to Australia’s food culture, Alejan-

dro Saravia, has just been appointed to take charge of the most famous dining room, at Australia’s most famous sporting arena, the Long Room at the MCG. And he’s bringing his love of Gippsland produce along with him to create an exciting new Long Room dining experience for members and guests on match days, where members are able to book to enjoy a stylish buffet menu. Not all the food and beverages that are featured at the Farmer’s Daughters will make it on to the table at the MCG but the Gippsland name will be prominent throughout with Caldermeade Farm’s cultured butter, O’Connor’s organic beef, O’Connor’s pasture-raised eye fillet, Cherry Tree Organics lamb and many of the other locally-sourced ingredients likely to

make an appearance. You might have to visit Alejandro’s Rooftop Bar for a Loch Distillery G’n’T and Ocean Reach IPA, a Burra Brewery Dark Ale or Gurney’s ‘Pear Party Pear’ Cider. Or perhaps it’s a 2021 Bass River Pinot Gris, to go with your meal at the Farmer’s Daughter Restaurant or a 2015 DIN ‘V15’ Pinot Noir from Leongatha. All these high-profile opportunities are an acknowledgement of the hard work put in by these local small business operators to get their produce recognised, but it’s also a strong endorsement of the importance of the South Gippsland food bowl. So while Melbourne and Collingwood are playing hard out on the hallowed turf of the MCG, Gippsland’s producers will be playing just as hard inside the famous Long Room Dining Room.

Certainty needed on net-zero target

FARMERS for Climate Action are calling for certainty on Australia’s net-zero by 2050 emissions reduction target. Farmers applauded when the Nationals Party room voted for a net-zero by 2050 target, locking in the Coalition’s commitment on the issue and giving farmers certainty and clarity. However, Farmers for Climate Action CEO Fiona Davis said: “We are disappointed and confused to see Coalition figures now undermining their own net-zero emissions target, ripping away certainty and clarity. “Farmers need a stable climate with reliable rainfall to grow your food. Australia can protect our farmers and food supply by taking the opportunity to make deep emissions

reductions this decade across all sectors,” she said. “The energy and transport sectors in particular have clear opportunities to reduce emissions rapidly, with significant additional benefits to farmers and regional Australians. “Strong climate policy would bring additional jobs to regional Australia, including an estimated 30,000 regional jobs in renewable energy at a time when export opportunities for coal are waning. “Farmers deserve certainty and clarity. Changing the commitment or breaking a promise mid-election campaign provides neither.” Farmers for Climate Action is a movement of 7000 farmers calling for strong economy-wide climate policies.

Aurora Dairies tops award for farm safety

ONE of Australia’s largest milk producers, Aurora Dairies, has become the inaugural winner of WorkSafe’s farm safety honour. The company was applauded for its efforts in boosting health and safety in the agriculture industry in front of more than 350 people at WorkSafe Awards ceremony recently. WorkSafe Executive director of Health and Safety Narelle Beer said the new Commitment to Workplace Health and Safety on a Farm award acknowledged those who have made tangible improvements on their farms. Aurora Dairies was honoured for using low-cost technology, including geo-fencing and GPS tracking, to improve safety for quadbike operators on 25 of its farms across Victoria. Since introducing the new system, the company has seen a significant reduction in quad bike speeds and access to steep and potentially dangerous terrain. Two other finalists for the farm

safety award were also recognised for their unique contributions towards workplace health and safety. They included Stonyhurst Pastoral, which switched to drone-driven mustering of its 13,000 sheep and 500 cattle after a serious motorbike incident, improving both safety and efficiency. Velisha National Farms was nominated for its commitment to improving understanding of health and safety among culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) workers by setting up an induction program to communicate safety messaging through images and videos. Agriculture remains one of the state’s most dangerous industries, accounting for about 14 per cent of workplace fatalities while only making up two per cent of the state’s workforce. In total, the 2021 WorkSafe Awards crowned eight winners out of 23 finalists across a number of industries, chosen from more than 180 nominees.

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Stock Sense in Leongatha

STOCK Sense is teaming up with several expert speakers to present at a free workshop on a range of cattle health, welfare, and biosecurity topics.

Topics include:

- Pain relief in cattle
- Trucksafe and fit-to-load standards
- Lumpy Skin Disease
- Importance of on-farm biosecurity.

When and where:

Leongatha – May 3 (9 am – 1 pm) at Leongatha Football Netball Club
Bairnsdale – May 3 (6 – 9 pm) at Bairnsdale Sporting and Convention Centre

Corryong – May 10 (9 am – 1 pm) at Corryong Hotel Motel

Benalla – May 10 (6 – 9 pm) at Benalla Bowls Club.

Registrations are essential, visit shorturl.at/flrE6 to register.

Each event will provide attendees with a lunch/dinner and time to ask questions of the invited speakers.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Tegan on 0417 316 791 or at stocksense@vff.org.au

Fox and wild dog collections recommence

VICTORIAN fox and wild dog collections have recommenced.

Electronic funds transfer (EFT) is the preferred method of payment, so please bring your EFT details to the collection centre.

Acceptable entire fox scalps and entire wild dog body parts will be collected from eligible members of the public at specific dates and times, and from sites scheduled as collection centres.

Please note that no entire fox scalps or entire wild dog body parts will be accepted at any public counter or state government office.

Collections will only be accepted at the designated times.

Ellinbank collections: Depot, 1301 Hazeldean Road, Ellinbank. Collection type: Fox and wild dog. Time: 2–4pm. Dates: Monday, May 16; Monday, July 11; Monday, September 5; and Monday, October 3.

Yarram collections: Rodgers Street, Yarram. Collection type: Fox only. Time: 2–4pm. Dates: Wednesday, May 18; Wednesday, July 13; Wednesday, September 7; Wednesday, October 5.

Reducing methane emissions on farms

CUTTING farming-related methane emissions is key in the battle against climate change, but how can it be done?

South Gippsland Landcare Network (SGLN) is running a workshop on how to reduce methane emissions on farms. The free session will be held from 10am to 12pm on Monday, May 9, in Poowong.

Professor Richard Eckard from The University of Melbourne will explain where methane is emitted on-farm and talk about options that are available now for reducing methane emissions.

Martino Melerba from the Blue Carbon Lab at Deakin University will talk about emissions from farm dams and how farmers can avoid them.

Morning tea will be provided, and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions, and catch up with other farmers.

Registrations are essential. Please register online at methaneonfarms.eventbrite.com.au. For further information, contact Cassie at cassie@sgln.net.au or 0448 739 559.

This project is supported by Melbourne Water through funding from the Australian government's National Landcare Program in partnership with South Gippsland Landcare Network.



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Profitable year ahead but challenges building

AUSTRALIA'S dairy producers are set for another profitable season ahead, with record-high milk pricing and favourable seasonable condition, but risks are building, according to Rabobank's Australian Dairy 2022/23 Seasonal Outlook.

The report states while global dairy market "fundamentals" remain currently strong and high local milk prices will support profitability, farmer margins are under pressure from

increasing costs.

A soft landing in global markets and a strong currency will still support record milk pricing in 2022/23, with Rabobank forecasting an indicative milk price of AUD \$8.40/kgMS for southern Australia.

"The global dairy commodity market is doing the heavy lifting in propelling farmgate milk prices to record levels," report author, Rabobank senior dairy analyst Michael Harvey said.

"As a result, Australia's south-

ern (dairy) export region enjoyed record milk pricing in the 2021/22 season, with new records on the horizon for 2022/23."

Global dairy markets are in "unchartered territory", Mr Harvey said, with global market tightness driven by a "complete shutdown in milk supply growth across the 'export engine'".

"Global dairy markets are witnessing a rare event, with the 'Big 7' dairy exporters (the

EU, US, New Zealand, Australia, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay) all recording lower milk production this year than last."

In terms of milk production, Australia's national herd has fallen for the fifth consecutive year, with Rabobank expecting the 2021/22 season to finish down 3.5 per cent at 8.55 billion litres.

Although 2022/23 is likely to show a small reversal to this trend, the report states.

Reducing Methane Emissions on Farms

FREE Seminar

- Richard Eckard from the University of Melbourne
- Martino Melerba from the Blue Carbon Lab, Deakin University

Monday, May 9, 10am-12noon

Poowong

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\$25k grants on offer

GRANTS of up to \$25,000 are still available to help reimburse primary producers for clean-up and recovery activities as a direct result of the Severe Weather event of June 9 –11, 2021.

The Exceptional Circumstances Recovery grants can be used to cover activities including removing fallen trees, removing silt and debris, specialist support for landslip and erosion remediation.

The support can also contribute to the cost of repairs or replacement of damaged farm infrastructure such as fencing and equipment.

Applications close May 31.

To apply for a grant or to see if you are eligible, visit ruralfinance.com.au.

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Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, Apr. 20, 2022

Bullocks

2 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	555.0	540.0	2,997
2 Cowie LJ Fairbank Via K'burra	552.5	500.0	2,762
12 Butcher T & L2 Allambee East	621.7	500.0	3,108
11 Kilgour CM & JA Wonthaggi	647.7	498.6	3,229
5 Bissett JM Tarwin Lower	594.0	495.0	2,940
4 Hillside Farm Loch	672.5	492.0	3,308

Steers

3 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	453.3	620.0	2,810
4 Pocklington SG&DL Dumbalk	425.0	610.0	2,592
1 Brooks R Korumburra South	455.0	600.0	2,730
1 Townsend P & B Hazelwood Sth	340.0	600.0	2,040
1 Hosking GW & SL Mirboo	345.0	600.0	2,070
1 Cowie LJ Fairbank Via K'burra	320.0	591.6	1,893

Heifers

2 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	455.0	620.0	2,821
6 Brooks R Korumburra South	375.0	579.6	2,173
2 Townsend P & B Hazelwood Sth	327.5	574.0	1,879
4 Pocklington SG&DL Dumbalk	456.3	560.0	2,555
2 Knox GD & R Loch	412.5	555.6	2,291
5 Hosking GW & SL Mirboo	317.0	555.0	1,759

Cows

1 Turton A & S Korumburra Sth	485.0	393.6	1,908
1 Box Bank Pastoral Woodside	575.0	393.6	2,263
12 Parry MJ Welshpool	540.4	393.6	2,127
1 Carew J & M Nerrene	510.0	390.0	1,989
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Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x	\$24 to \$85
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Number of Calves: **292**

Number purchased to rear: **147**



Fruit Growers Victoria is urging farmers to consider how safety can improve efficiency.

Safety and efficiency go hand-in-hand

FRUIT Growers Victoria (FGV) is encouraging farms of all sizes to consider the link between safety and efficiency and how it can assist their operations.

Growers across the FGV network have seen improvements in operational efficiency after implementing safety measures on-farm.

From practices like daily safety meetings, to larger investments in new machinery and equipment, these changes not only improve the safety of everyone on-site, but also improve operational processes.

Andrew Plunkett, owner of Plunkett Orchards, said whilst they invest a lot in new technology to modernise their operations, it is often the most basic changes that keep everyone safe.

"We have inductions for all staff which is probably the most important thing we're constantly working to improve.

It's important that we continually update these inductions to make sure we have everything covered, from wearing a seat-belt on a forklift to making sure everyone is wearing helmets when they need them," Mr Plunkett said.

"It's standard stuff, but it's always these basic things you haven't thought about that catch you out."

The Plunketts have also

modernised their packing shed, working to minimise the amount of people inside, reducing noise and improving the layout of operations.

Simple changes, including well-marked pedestrian crossings and thinking about how people can move around the orchard more safely have also had a major impact on efficiency. Safety improvements are always scalable and while some growers can afford large-scale changes, other operators are finding small changes are having big pay-offs in their workflow.

Owner of J.K Anderson & Sons Orchards, Jake Anderson, said consistent training, and refreshing that training, is a must if you're going to keep everyone safe.

"You need to treat everyone like they have never used machinery and equipment before and you can't cut corners – you can never assume a new worker knows what they're doing until you show them," Mr Anderson said.

"On a picker's first day we work on their skills individually because we know it takes at least one full season for someone to understand the basics and feel comfortable with their work.

Mr Anderson also understands the importance of

updating equipment.

Moving from heavy steel ladders to light aluminium ones, with more stable frames, has improved both the confidence in pickers and confidence in himself that his staff are safer.

J.K Anderson & Sons Orchards introduced a new computer system to improve efficiency in chemical outputs and improved safety for pickers at the same time.

The system identifies the type, amount, time and location of chemical usage across the orchard.

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Fruit Growers Victoria Chair and owner of McNab Orchards, Mitchell McNab said no matter the size of the farm, any improvements help keep everyone safe.

Fruit Growers Victoria has partnered with Work-Safe Victoria to highlight that safety and efficiency often go hand-in-hand, and to encourage farms of all sizes to make even small changes to improve safety for everyone on-farm.

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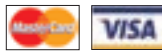
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SHANDLEY, Ann:

Our beloved Auntie Ann, we will miss your smile, your laughter, and your kindness. Most of all we will miss our nights of take-away and red wine.

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SHANDLEY, Ann:

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SHANDLEY, Ann:

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SHANDLEY, Ann:

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TEER, Ron:

96 years.
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Many thanks to Dr. Sky, Dr. Stan and all the staff at Rose Lodge.

WIGHTMAN (nee Heppell), Doris Aileen (Aileen):

12.07.1932 - 25.04.2022.

Passed away peacefully at Leongatha hospital.

Loved wife of Jack (dec.).

Much loved mother of Scott, Brett and Lynda, and mother-in-law of Janet and also Suzanne.

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FUNERALS

COMBRIDGE:

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HEATH:

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JACOBS:

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**QUALIFIED
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15-30+ hours. No
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Duty Manager
20-30+ hrs pw. Must
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and have hospitality
exp.

**Assistant Venue
Manager**
FT. Must have exp
managing food and or
bev operations.

Chef Position
FT. Must have previous
experience.

These roles will incl
days, nights and
weekends.
Applications to
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**CLASSIFIED
DEADLINE
12.30PM
MONDAY**



Chef / Cook

Seeking bright and energetic
team players, for year round work.
• 1 to 6 shifts per week
(can be tailored to suit availability)
• Day & dinner shifts,
including weekend work
• Relevant experience &
qualifications preferred
• All penalty rates paid (weekends,
public holidays etc)

Please email any enquiries/resumes
to Paul info@srfco.com.au

LB0227



Junior Staff

The Co-op is seeking enthusiastic young
locals to join our casual roster.
• After school and weekend shifts,
extra shifts during holidays
• Minimum age 15 years
• Experience not necessary
• Mainly taking orders on the till,
then extra kitchen duties once you
gain experience and confidence
• All penalty rates paid
(weekends, public holidays etc)

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to Paul info@srfco.com.au

LB0229

MEETINGS

Glen Alvie Cricket Club

AGM

**Sunday, May 15
at 3pm**

at the Glen Alvie
Recreation Reserve



LB0242

ADULT SERVICES

ESCORT LINDA

Gorgeous little
figure. Want some
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some intimacy.
Please phone to
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**GIPPSLAND
VETERINARY
GROUP**

HR & OH&S Lead

4 days per week

Gippsland Veterinary Group is a network of
7 modern veterinary clinics across the idyllic
Bass Coast & South Gippsland regions.

We seek an HR & OH&S lead to join our
busy administrative team. Applicants with
experience in both disciplines will be given
preference however if you have a track record
in either discipline & can show aptitude to
learn this will also be favourably considered.

Reporting to the Human Resources Manager
and OH&S Director you will:

- Conduct regular staff check in meetings
& assist in hosting annual reviews for
nurses, vets & admin, document & follow
up outcomes
- Participate in recruiting & other HR duties
as required
- Conduct OH&S audits of our clinics, report
& file findings & act on outcomes
- Manage our OH&S documentation, filing,
reporting & following up including incident
reports, hazard registers, MSDS
- Participate in HR & OH&S meetings to
further develop duties & strategies
- Other tasks in both disciplines as required

The successful candidate should have:

- At least 5 years' experience in either/both of
HR & OH&S with medium sized companies
- A tertiary qualification in a related discipline
(eg: Certificate, Diploma or Degree)
- Terrific communication skills both written &
oral & strong interpersonal skills

For further information or to register your
interest, please email
recruit@gippsvet.com.au.

Your application should include your resume,
a cover letter and details of 2 referees.

Applications close: Friday, May 13, 2022.

LB0226



Mirboo North Secondary College

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Fixed term position
Commencing: Monday, May 23, 2022
Full time | Job ID: 1276113
Applications close: Tuesday, May 10

Careers/English Classroom Teacher

Fixed term position
Commencing: Monday, May 23, 2022
Full time | Job ID: 1276267
Applications close: Tuesday, May 10

English Classroom Teacher

Fixed term position
Commencing: Monday, May 23, 2022
Full time | Job ID: 1276193
Applications close: Wednesday, May 11

Please submit your application through
Recruitment Online, addressing the key
selection criteria, via
www.education.vic.gov.au

Individuals with the aptitude, experience
and/or qualifications to fulfill the specific
requirements of the positions are
welcome to apply.

For further information contact
Acting Principal: Bernadette Cropper
Phone: 5667 9000

LB0219



Advertising Consultant

Part-time position

We're looking for an enthusiastic person to
join our small and dedicated team.

You will work closely with local business
owners to help them achieve their advertising
goals, so great customer service and
communication skills are essential.

Whilst a sales and marketing background is
ideal for this role, a passion for supporting
and listening to the needs of local business
is most important. Social media and website
management experience are an advantage,
as is local knowledge and strong community
connections.

Other requirements:

- Excellent skills in the full Microsoft suite
- Ability to work to deadline and remain
calm under pressure
- Ability to work with inhouse booking/
database system
- Current driver's licence

Our office is in the heart of Cowes and
offers a flexible and family-friendly working
environment.

Please address your application to the
Editor (advertiser@pisra.com.au)
and include a letter of introduction,
a brief resume and references.

Applications close: Friday, May 6, 2022

HMB986



VACANCIES @ GSHS

Finance & Administration Manager

Full Time

People & Culture Admin - Payroll

Full Time

Speech Therapist

Fixed Term

Occupational Therapist

64 Hrs Per Fortnight Ongoing

Registered Nurse District

Fixed Term

Social Worker

64 Hrs Per Fortnight Ongoing

Trainee Instrument Technician

16 Hrs Per Fortnight Ongoing

AOD Withdrawal Nurse

64 Hrs Per Fortnight Ongoing

Registered Nurse Midwife

Multiple Positions available

Endorsed Enrolled Nurses

Multifunction Ward/Alchera House/Hillside
Lodge/Koorooman House
Full Time, Part Time or Casual

LB0221

Full details, including the
position descriptions are
available on our website -
www.gshs.com.au/careers
or scan:



Early Childhood Educator Part Time

Cowes Primary School
Phillip Island Early Learning Centre

PIELC is a Sessional Kindergarten and
Long Day Care Centre, with a rating of
Exceeding the National Quality Standard.
Our emphasis is on community-based and
sustainable practices, child-led learning,
inclusion and equality.

We are seeking dedicated and caring
individuals to become part of our well-
supported team, starting May 16, 2022.
Must be willing to work across our Service in
both Long Day Care and Kindergarten.

Required qualification is Diploma, or actively
working towards a diploma. Shifts are within
a combination of hours, but usually 9am to
4pm (32.5 hours per week)

Copies of the Position Description can be
obtained from accounts@pielc.com.au.

Written applications should
be submitted in writing to
Karen Treppo
(karent@pielc.com.au).
by COB Thursday, May 4.
Ph. 03 5952 1747



PIELC is committed to Child Safety

LB0218



Dental Assistant

Full-time

We are looking for an enthusiastic team
member for our energetic team that provides
a full range of dental services to the Bass
Coast, and South Gippsland Communities.
Where service excellence is normal. Where
work involves the best environment, best
staff, best equipment.

To be the right candidate:

- Professional, enthusiastic, energetic.
- To efficiently serve your discerning clientele
one on one to co-ordinate best treatment,
comprehensively compiled dental care
options, start to finish, we will provide
specialised Inverloch Family Dental training
to support you to achieve this.
- Primarily chairside assisting abilities are
integral to quality outcomes therefore
a passion for this role is essential.
Experience is preferred but not essential.
- Already hold or willing to obtain
certificate III in Dental assisting.

We are a team orientated dental clinic and
love our work. We strive to provide the
best care to our community. So if you think
you're the right candidate please apply by
email inverlochfamilydental@gmail.com,
phone (03) 5674 2691 or pop in and say Hi!

LB0025

Jobs online?

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Advertise your job vacancy in the Sentinel-Times and get a FREE listing in our
online and searchable interactive job vacancy directory at www.sgst.com.au
Email your job adverts to: ads@sgst.com.au

Phone Wonthaggi 5672 1888
or Leongatha 5655 1422

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Heavy Vehicle Mechanic

Qualified – Full time

Wheel-A-Waste has been established for 35 years and has built a great reputation in the local area.

Located in Wonthaggi, we specialise in providing quality waste and recycling services.

The role includes:

- Maintaining all aspects of vehicles to relevant transport legislation and standards
- Maintaining all aspects of equipment to the suppliers standard
- Carry out scheduled preventative maintenance services
- Road testing of vehicles

To be successful for this role you must have:

- HR licence
- HR driving experience

If you have the essential requirements and would like to seize this great opportunity, please send your resume and cover letter to:

PO Box 878, Wonthaggi, 3995 or email: accounts@wheelawaste.com

HM0028

OBrien Real Estate | Judith Wright Operations Manager

A fantastic opportunity awaits at a leading real estate agency as an Operations Manager, working closely with the General Manager of Property Management and with the talented and committed rental team.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Provide support in areas including customer service, staffing, business planning and reporting.
- Conduct effective meetings, training & development workshops for team member
- Assist in hiring, onboard and training members that join the team.
- Human Resource management and compliance.
- Execute operational working procedures and protocols in line with company standards

Day to day will include:

- Providing leadership to team members and ongoing support to the General Manager to help achieve business objectives.
- Executing strong business plans and resources in alignment with vast growth strategies
- Ensuring compliance with operational systems within the network.
- Implementing consistent compliance processes and delivering continuous process improvement initiatives.

Skills & Experience:

- Proven analytical skills in identifying business improvement opportunities and recommending solutions
- Excellent time management skills, with the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment
- Manage and meet conflicting deadlines from a range of internal and external sources
- Outstanding written and verbal communication skills
- Experience working with various real estate software and applications

The Person

The successful candidate for the role will have a passion for real estate, people and performance.

Specific criteria include:

- Experience in the real estate industry is essential with a knowledge of the residential property management and operations.
- The capacity to resolve conflicts and remove performance inhibitors - a proven track record of results
- The ability to work both independently and within a team, to think strategically
- Excellent presentation skills and written and verbal communication skills
- Strong commercial acumen and an affinity for small business
- People management skills and capability of handling difficult conversations.

To apply please send resume

and cover letter to

joshua.dunstan@obrienrealestate.com.au

HM0020



PCA positions available (Must have experience)

Banfields Aged Care is part of a family-owned Australian Aged Care Group Pty Ltd (AACG), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, Phillip Island a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90-bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

As a PCA, your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care as directed by a Registered Nurse.

Casual and permanent part-time contracts are available for these positions.

Applicants must have a positive and professional work ethic with dedication and commitment to high quality care.

Essential criteria:

- Certificate III or IV in Aged Care.
- Current National Police Check.
- Demonstrated knowledge/ability in providing safe quality personal care to consumers and ensuring the rights of consumers are respected.
- Compassionate and empathetic person.
- Excellent communication skills - both written and verbal.
- Efficient time management skills.
- Must have flexible availability and be reliable.
- Ability to travel to Cowes on Phillip Island.
- Current evidence of influenza vaccination.
- Both COVID-19 Vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

What you can expect from us:

- A friendly, social & collaborative team
- A workplace that supports and values their staff
- Support from management and ongoing development and education opportunities

Desirable:

- Previous experience in Residential Aged Care.

****We are a non-smoking facility.****

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call: the Acting Director of Care, Elizabeth May on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to emay@banfields.com.au

JA00331

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Much hardship and difficulty is caused to jobseekers by misleading advertisements placed in the employment columns.

Our Positions Vacant / Situations Vacant columns are reserved for advertisements which carry a specific and genuine offer of employment.

Ads for 'Business Opportunities', 'Commission Only/Sales,' training courses and employment services should be submitted under those headings.

Placing misleading job ads is an offence against the ACL and all advertisements are subject to the publisher's approval. For further advice contact the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on 1300 302 502 or Consumer Affairs Victoria.



New Home Sales Consultant

Coldon Homes is South Gippsland's most active new home builder. Coldon Homes has been established for over 60 years and has been the choice of more than 8,000 new homeowners. We are seeking either an experienced Sales Consultant or a person with building knowledge that has the ability and ambition to advance their career to a Sales Consultant.

You will form part of a well organised, successful team and possess the following skill set:

- Ability to effectively communicate with a wide range of clients and team members;
- Strong organisational skills;
- High level of attention to detail;
- Good personal presentation and confidence in dealing with clients;
- Well-developed time management skills with the ability to prioritise;
- Ability to provide outstanding customer service from initial contact to signing of contracts;
- Ability to work autonomously and effectively manage enquiries, leads and client workflow; and
- High level of integrity, drive and energy.

This is a highly rewarding role. Training with ongoing sales support is provided and an attractive remuneration package is on offer.

To apply, please send your cover letter and CV to Rani Bucello - rani.bucello@cv-bp.com.au

Applications close Tuesday, May 10

LB0024

Water Mains Renewal Team Leader

**Flexible Work Arrangements Available
Permanent Full Time**

South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking an enthusiastic person to join our growing organisation as a Water Mains Renewal Team Leader. The key requirements of the role are:

1. Demonstrated qualification or an equivalent experience gained in Leading an operations / maintenance team or within an equivalent industry.
2. Demonstrated ability to lead and participate as part of a team.
3. An understanding of water network and other systems.
4. Good verbal and written communication skills along with well-developed computer skills.
5. Ability to formulate policy, analyse data and coordinate reticulation renewal programs

- Starting Location: Wonthaggi, Victoria
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band 8

Please go to <https://www.sgwater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, the role and how to apply.

Candidates will need to provide evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination status. All SGW sites are covered by Victorian Chief Health Officer Directions.

Applications Close Friday, May 13 2022 at 5pm.



1300 851 636 | www.sgwater.com.au

LB0025

Network Maintenance Team Leader

**Flexible Work Arrangements Available
Permanent Full Time**



South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking an enthusiastic person to join our growing organisation as a Network Maintenance Team Leader. The key requirements of the role are:

1. Trade qualification or equivalent experience gained within a supervisory operations and maintenance role.
2. Demonstrated experience in managing field technicians in the delivery of effective maintenance and/or minor capital programs of work.
3. Strong knowledge and experience in the delivery of maintenance programs relating to Network Operations in water and sewerage system infrastructure (or equivalent).
4. Demonstrated commitment to, and enthusiasm for, customer satisfaction with the ability to persuade and influence positive outcomes.
5. Effective time management skills combined with the ability to prioritise work at times of peak activity

- Starting Location: Toora or Leongatha, Victoria
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band 8

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Candidates will need to provide evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination status. All SGW sites are covered by Victorian Chief Health Officer Directions.

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LB0024

Employment

Complete jobs listing online | www.sgst.com.au



A. W Smith & Sons P/L

Full Time

Sales Assistant

A full-time position has become available in our Outdoor Living and Garden Centre.

This position requires an enthusiastic person to be involved in the daily running of our business with the managing and buying/ranging for the nursery being key roles. Sales in the outdoor living will also be a requirement.

The successful candidate will demonstrate sound customer service skills, and a willingness to learn. Experience in horticulture and a diverse knowledge in plants is a must.

Weekend work will be required on a roster-based system

Please forward written application & resume to:

The Manager

7-13 Roughead Street, Leongatha 3953
or email accounts@awsmith.com.au

**Applications close:
Friday, May 20, 2022**

Successful applicants only will be notified



Draftsperson

Your new company:

A well established and growing building design company based in Bass Coast, they pride themselves on delivering a high standard of innovative work for their clients. They are a very well-respected company who take pride in every single project they deliver.

They are heavily invested in their staff and strongly promote internal development.

The Role:

Working alongside a collaborative team, the role would be part of a busy Drafting division. The successful candidate would work across a variety of projects.

- Reporting into the Building Design Director, your duties will include but not be limited to;
- Using REVIT software - Producing and managing the preparation of high quality & accurate drawings for residential and commercial projects.
- Complete documentation in accordance with company standards and regulations
- Consult and coordinate with the team to manage workload and provide suggested improvements

To be successful you will need:

- First and foremost a positive attitude and a willingness to contribute to a growing team
- Minimum 3 years drafting experience in residential construction.
- Solid understanding of building standards and an ability to read architectural/engineering drawings.
- Highly proficient in REVIT software
- Structural knowledge across concrete, structural steel and timber.
- Basic knowledge of council requirements
- A strong work ethic and ability to multi-task
- Australian citizenship or Permanent residency.
- Drivers Licence is essential

What you'll get in return:

This is a permanent full-time position for an ambitious Draftsperson. The successful candidate will get competitive remuneration package, employee benefits, and opportunity for career growth. You will be joining a small and friendly team of professionals who work on the best projects in the industry.

To apply, submit your resume to Stacey@adbuildingdesign.com.au

Motor Vehicle Technician (Full Time)

*Are you looking for a change -
a new career challenge?*

An exciting opportunity exists for a qualified technician to join our Dealerships located in Traralgon/Morwell/Leongatha with our Service Team.

A position description is available from our Service Centre at 5535 Princes Hwy Traralgon, and 8 Koonwarra Rd Leongatha, or for a confidential interview please call Andrew McMahon 5172 1100

Resumes including two professional referees should be forwarded to:

**The Fixed Operations Manager,
Gippsland Motor Group
am@gmg.net.au**



Shower Screen Installer

Full-time position

Capeview Building Products is a leading manufacturer of quality frames, trusses, windows and joinery and has been supplying the local building industry for over 50 years.

We are seeking a person to install shower screens, security doors, fly screens and sliding robe doors, and perform onsite glazing of aluminum doors and windows.

Manual driver's licence and white card required. Experience preferred but not necessary. Training provided.

To apply, please send your resume to rani.bucello@cv-bp.com.au



Sales Manager

A fantastic opportunity awaits at a leading real estate office for an enthusiastic individual who is keen to push their career in the industry to the next level as a Sales Manager.

OBrien Real Estate Judith Wright provides a great platform for career minded individuals to succeed in any area of real estate.

We offer excellent support systems, in office & external training and a wonderful dynamic team environment.

OBrien Real Estate Judith Wright has achieved great success, with 25 years' experience on Phillip Island, we have a large team of 30 and are heavily guided by our values :

- Family
- Mutuality
- Realising Potential
- Embracing Change
- Health and Energy

Responsibilities will include:

- Implementing and overseeing procedures and policies
- Managing office and staff rosters
- Inputting sales lead data into the CRM and forwarding leads to Sales Consultants
- Ensuring timely responses to enquiries and resolutions of complaints, and maintaining high customer satisfaction levels
- Producing customer surveys
- Assisting with agent goals & setting KPIs

Candidates must possess:

- Strengths and beliefs in the above values
- Current real estate license or Certificate IV in Real Estate
- Real Estate sales experience
- Drivers licence
- Clear Police Check
- Excellent presentation
- Ability to multi-task
- Common sense and a "can do" attitude.
- High-level interpersonal skills and a professional presentation
- Advanced level of written and communication skills
- Highly developed customer service focus

Please submit your resume to joshua.dunstan@obrienrealestate.com.au along with a cover letter detailing why we should consider you as our newest member of this dynamic team.



From left, Shay Campbell, Jacob Singleton, Tahlia Blackman, Mike Shields (coach) and Josh Lee.

Judo competition success

SITUATIONS VACANT



Filleter / Driver

We are looking for motivated and reliable knife filleters to join our team.

- 1 to 4 shifts per week filleting, plus 1 shift per week driving the Co-op van for seafood pickup/deliveries
- Fish filleting / seafood processing experience essential
- All penalty rates paid (weekends, public holidays etc)
- Roles, hours and rates are negotiable, according to applicant's needs and experience

Please email any enquiries/resumes to Paul info@srfco.com.au

SITUATIONS VACANT

RONNI'S RESTAURANT – WONTHAGGI IS REOPENING SOON!!!

Looking for new staff to join our team.

CHEF COOKS FRONT OF HOUSE STAFF KITCHEN HANDS

We are expanding and looking for the next superstars who can provide customers with great customer service and delicious meals.

We are looking for new, experienced, or interested Hospitality Superstars to join our team in our family styled friendly team.

The perfect candidate would be eager to learn, develop new skills and build on your current skills. Someone with knowledge of food preparation, cooking skills and customer service and has worked in a pizzeria, pub, café, and restaurant environment is preferable.

We will also consider people looking for a change in career, we want to hear from you.

The main responsibility for these roles is in the production and presentation of quality meals with great customer service

Our new chef will report and work alongside, the owner, manager to grow and establish Ronni's Restaurant.

The cooks, kitchen hands and floor staff will need to be:

- Be an active team player with a can-do attitude
- Work collaboratively with the team to create specials
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment, adapt to change and work in high pressure situations
- Excellent personal hygiene
- Available to work weekdays, nights and weekends is essential in this role.

In return you will be part of a team that will help create a vibrant new food venue with career opportunities. Pay will be based on industry awards, with potential for full time and permanent part time.

Please send your cover letter telling us why you want to join our team, what you can bring to our exciting venue and your current resume to: Ronnisrest@gmail.com.

If you would like more information call 0409 005 544

Looking for a career in water?

Join a safety focused,
leading employer.

AMIS Coordinator (Ongoing, Full Time)

We are looking for a motivated team member to join our Asset Strategy, Planning & Performance Team at our Phillip Island HQ.

Lead the development of the Asset Management Information System and the Works Management System to maintain the integrity, accuracy and completeness of data.

Applications close 16 May 2022

For application details go to www.westernportwater.com.au



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.sgst.com.au

Soccer action from across the district

ON SATURDAY, April 30, close to 200 young soccer players took to the field for the first round of the Bass Coast Mini Roo Hub.

Twenty teams of U6, U8 and U10 players, representing Phillip Island, Inverloch, Lang Lang and Wonthaggi, had a ball (pun intended). Thankfully, the rain held, and a great day was had by all. Next week, the Hub heads to Inverloch for round 2.

Wonthaggi's U6 and U8 program runs on a Tuesday evening from 4.15pm, while the U10 team kicks up a storm on a Thursday night from 4.30pm. The season runs throughout terms 2 and 3, with games on Saturday mornings at locations throughout the Hub. For further information, email wonthaggsoccerclub@gmail.com.

Women – Korumburra

LEONGATHA started strongly with three quick goals in 15 minutes. Korumburra pushed back determinedly despite only fielding 10 of the normal 11 players.

Brook Grant in goal was kept busy but made some excellent saves. Natalie Short scored for Korumburra with some great support up front. Lack of substitutes really put pressure on Korumburra, running out of steam in the second half while Leongatha used the interchange to bring on fresh legs and keep the goals coming. Loss - 10-2.

U12s – Wonthaggi

A CROWDED defence slowed Wonthaggi's attack, but midfielder Billie was able to sneak one in for Wonthaggi's first. The ball bounced around the centre but a through ball caught Wonthaggi off guard and Trafalgar levelled the scores. The Wonthaggi team rallied with Hayden scoring two quick goals. The Wonthaggi defence held strong, but Trafalgar found a hole making the score 3-2 at the break.

Some subtle changes at half-time saw Joe put on the gloves, freeing Aurora to have a run. Wonthaggi pushed hard with several shots being saved by a quality Trafalgar Keeper. 3 more goals in the half for Hayden helped Wonthaggi take a 5-3 victory.

U14s – Wonthaggi

DROUIN was on the attack early. The Wonthaggi defence worked hard but unfortunately couldn't hold off Drouin for long as they scored early. It was 4-0 at the half time break and Wonthaggi were happy with their effort, but playing with the wind in the second half, it was Wonthaggi's turn to attack. Wonthaggi really pushed forward and had the Drouin keeper on the ropes, but unfortunately couldn't find the net. Wonthaggi had a great second half and managed to keep the score to 6-0.

Senior Men – Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI captain Jason Torrens won the toss and chose to kick with the wind in the first half. A strong Trafalgar team were relentless pressing forward. Wonthaggi held strong but eventually conceded their first.

Ethan held more than his own in defence, keeping the score to 4-0 at half time.

The second half saw Trafalgar use the wind to continue their pressure in their forward line, but it was a brilliant team effort that saw Wonthaggi's Daniel score their first goal of the season. Even with Adam pulling off numerous saves, Trafalgar was simply too strong.

Wonthaggi kept their heads up working hard until the final whistle, Trafalgar finishing with a 9-1 victory. Despite the loss, the team celebrated, with their first goal of the season.

Jason Torrens played his 100th senior league game, with the much-respected team member joining the club in 2013. He has played various positions during his career and has developed into a respected leader. His passion for the sport and the 'Wolfes' has never faltered; it is matched by very few.

Juniors – Leongatha

Under 12s: LKFC 2 v Burra 4.
Under 14s: LKFC 7 v Burra 5.

Women – Leongatha

Kathy Zacharopoulos opened the scoring against a 10-player side home team from Korumburra. Whilst Leongatha commanded the play, Korumburra's consistent press threatened the Lady Knights' composure.

An excellent run on wing and subsequent chip saw Burra enter one on the scoresheet. Two more from LKFC striker Zacharopoulos and a corner kick finish from captain Jordan Rintoule saw the half close 4-1 Leongatha's way. In the second half, goal scorers from Leongatha included Bree Endres, Gab Bastick, Kiera Williams and another hat trick from Zacharopoulos. Korumburra entered another score with an unfortunate own goal from Leongatha's defence. LKFC 10 v Burra 2.

Reserves – Leongatha

LKFC's Reserves team relied on combination play and accurate through balls to dominate their match against neighbours Korumburra.

With consistently strong presence on the ball, newcomer to the club Alistair Newton earned player of the match along with his two goals. Fellow goal scorers included Brian Gannon, James Heneghan, Charlie Dougherty and Jack Bainbridge. LKFC 10 v Burra 2.

Senior Men – Leongatha

Looking to secure their third win of the season, Leongatha

started strong in the local derby heading into half time with a 2-1 lead thanks to goals from Player of the Match Ethan Bath and midfielder Dan Thomas.

Strong composure in the defensive line saw Korumburra's attempts in the second half rebuffed. A confident shot from striker Jethro Alison sealed the deal with a winning score of 3-1.

Under 13s - Gippsland FC

The under 13s played their first home game for the season in round 2 against Dandenong Thunder.

After a win away to Brighton in round 1 the boys were keen to put in a good performance. Thunder managed to take the lead in the 10th minute however the local boys responded a minute later with a well taken finish from Henry Knight after some good work down the left from Zack Semmens.

The sides went in at the break level at 1-1. Gippsland were unable to convert in the second half and Dandenong proved better at taking the goal scoring opportunities that presented and ran out 3-1 winners. Frayne and Guarascio were strong contributors for the local boys.

Next week the 13s are at home again to South East United.

Under 15s – Gippsland FC

FIRST game of the regular season saw the Gippsland U15 side play their first match in Melbourne for the season. Unfortunately, we would see a similar result to those suffered in the qualifying rounds, Gippsland going down 1-4. Kingston had done their homework on the GFC, they quick to lockdown Gippsland's potential match winners and engaged in a very assertive game plan.

Kingston scored in the second minute of the match with a decisive goal. Gippsland managed to hold sway through the rest of the first half, however Kingston remained in the ascendancy. After a few positional moves at half time, it was hoped the Gippsland boys would show a bit more fight, however Kingston held firm, piling on three more goals in the half. Henry Wynne was able to grab a consolation goal for Gippsland near the end of the match.

Not the start to the regular season Gippsland wanted, there will be plenty of soul search at Latrobe City Stadium this week at training. Angus Dempsey was the GFC player of the match, working hard at left back, Luca Dicorleto persevered, as did Hamish Gleeson in midfield. Noah Jackson and Spencer Boughton brought more fight to the backline in the second half.

Under 16s – Gippsland FC

Both Mornington and Gippsland had numerous shots on goal, without any going into the back of the net.



In the Women's match, Dakota Decarlo takes a free kick for Korumburra.

GFC began to control the play in the second half. They worked hard to chase the ball and defended fiercely. Abraham Konyi and Levi Colantuono controlled the ball through the centre, while Brodie Neave locked down Mornington's key forward. Harry Humphreys made runs forward to receive the ball on several occasions. In the 75th minute, Brody Demagistris passed the ball to Lucas Vick, who put it in the box for Harry Humphreys to tap in. Gippsland took home the three points, winning 1-0.

Under 18s – Gippsland FC

Having defeated Kingston FC earlier in the year, the team was full of confidence and it showed for the first 10 minutes of the match as they created several good chances.

Kingston FC withheld the early challenge and started to gain control of the game hitting the upright three times in quick succession. Those warnings weren't heeded and soon after the home team had kicked two quality goals as Gippsland FC started to struggle with the pressure.

It was much of the same in the second half as Gippsland FC pressed to get a goal. Brodyn Taylor was working hard as was Campbell Dastey. Unfortunately, the Gippsland FC team were caught out on the break as the home team scored their third. Harry Tosch would battle his way through a number of defenders and pull a goal back, giving Gippsland FC some hope. Kingston poured it on in the later stages of the game to win 6-1.

Next games – Gippsland FC

- Sunday, May 8, 2022.
- U13 vs South East United – Latrobe City Stadium.
 - U15 vs Eastern Lions – Latrobe City Stadium.
 - U16 vs Ashburton – Latrobe City Stadium.
 - U18 vs Ashburton – Latrobe City Stadium.



Around the Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

I HAD someone in earlier this week; he asked me how the fishing reports were for a certain spot, I told him slow and there were a few small fish but that's where it stopped.

He replied with: "That's not what you're supposed to say; you're supposed to say heaps of fish."

Then later in the week, I placed a report on our Facebook page that there were some tuna sighted and caught which was followed by a customer asking me if I was trying to sell things.

As a small business, we try our best to make a sale, but if the \$50 rod and reel is better for you than the \$100 one, that's what we will recommend.

So, this week had been a bit slow; the fishing has slowed up, but so have the fishermen. The weather took a turn this week and the winds became more S/SE and seemed to have dropped a few degrees.

Winter is on the way, so picking your days fishing is now more crucial than waiting until you have time. The one major change this week is the shift in dynamic between bycatches and those keepable. The majority of those that have been out this week have reported that catches are more but also reported a lack in small piranha pinkies and Port Jackson sharks.

With people being able to get their baits below the surface level pinkies, they have been managing some nice whiting again, not the bigger 50cm ones we have been getting but still decent numbers.

Salmon still remains strong this week with larger ones still coming from Cape Woolamai back beach (Cleeland); head more towards the bridge, near the BIG4 caravan park or way down the other end towards the quarry rocks. Big schools have been seen in the boats around the Eastern Entrance and near Boys Home Channel.

There were reports late last week of some tuna catches. There have also been reports later in the week of larger schools out and about. Since then, the weather has taken a turn and we have not been able to get many guys offshore to find them for a run. There were also a few small Kingfish taken in the Eastern Entrance, but those that were in the bay have dwindled in numbers a bit.

Finally, the last week has seen a vast improvement in the flathead reports. There appears to be plenty offshore and those off of Rhyll have seen a few decent-sized ones. A lot of reports this week for the flathead off the land have come from those flicking soft plastics.

Most of the gummies in the bay are very small and not too many size, unless you want to travel down to the Western Entrance. Offshore this week, they were better than the bay but a bit smaller than normal and the best just made 8kg, the rest around 5kg. From the reports, when you find the flathead offshore, you will either find lots of small ones or a handful of bigger ones. One day there was plenty just in the entrance out to about 30m, then the next, they didn't show up until 30m fishing well out to 45m.

TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Cowes +28, Inverloch +30, Newhaven +1.03, Corinella +1.08, Port Welshpool +1.28, Tarwin Lower jetty +3 hours. The times stated are Australian Eastern Daylight Time (24 hours clock).

TUESDAY May 3	WEDNESDAY May 4	THURSDAY May 5	FRIDAY May 6	SATURDAY May 7	SUNDAY May 8	MONDAY May 9
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Leongatha Table Tennis

RESULTS as of April 26 are as follows.
A Grade: Elmer Fudd 6:19 def Captain Marvel 5:21, Minions 8:25 def George of the Jungle 3:13, and Mickey Mouse 6:20 def Daffy Duck 5:16.
After round 8, standings are as follows in order of points, rubbers and games: Elmer Fudd 16 59 197, Minions 12 55 193, Mickey Mouse 12 53 188, Daffy Duck 8 45 152, Captain Marvel 6 50 179 and George of the Jungle 0 36 150.
Leading players: Michael C 24, Case DeB 23, Dirk H 21, Bryce H 20, Zac D 16 and Michael H 16.

Combine road race to Trida and back

ON SUNDAY, the Leongatha Cycling Club conducted a Gippsland combine road race from Leongatha North to Trida, and return.
The race was broken up into Grades A, B and C.
In A Grade, Latrobe rider Paul Collins broken away on the climb to Trida and on the downhill run through Hallston, holding his lead to win. Sale rider Aaron Wain came in second with Warragul youngster Edward DaBinett third.
Best of the Leongatha riders was Tom Dudley fifth, Stef Kirsh sixth, Syd Jackson eighth and Leigh Stott 10th.
B Grade was on by another breakaway rider from Brenton Smethurst from Sale, with locals Kieran Love second and Morgan Barnes third.
In C Grade, evergreen Sale rider Mike Reneham had a clear win from local Mark Bensley with new rider Mark Baesch third.
Next Sunday racing Outtrim Reserve. Assemble for a 10am start. Half gravel, half bitumen, this is a new format. If you have a gravel bike, come and see us.

Exciting table tennis matches

THE second round of Wonthaggi table tennis matches are underway with some very close games and changes in the ladders already.
In A1, Charley Donohue and Leanne Costello (Golden Retrievers) took a jump from 6th to 4th place after a thrilling 3-2 result against Pointers (Siobhan Paxton and Warren Wilson).
Blue Heelers (Dirk Holwerda and David Kimmins just scraped over the line in a tight doubles set against Cavaliers (Braden Andrighetto and Paul McAsey). The scores were 8/11, 9/11, 12/10, 11/6, 12/10. How close can you get! The win gave them a 3-2 match result.
The remaining A1 match went to Sausage Dogs (Brad Andrew, Trish Denier) 3-2 against Bulldogs (Fred Debono and Callum).
A1 leading players: Dirk Holwerda 12(36), Braden Andrighetto 10(30), Fred Debono 7(25), Brad Andrew 7(22).
In A2, the ladder also changed with Vegies (Andy Chetcuti and Jeremy McIntosh) jumping into fourth place. Their high percentage is impressive and keeping them in front of two other teams on similar points.
A2 leading players: Leanne Costello 11(33), Brad Andrew 9(30), Andy Chetcuti 8(29), Trish Denier 8(24).
Juniors social night was a lot of fun on Thursday with Trish Denier and David Kimmins, from 6 pm. Social table tennis (Wednesday and Saturdays from 12.00 midday) is fun and often competitive too.

Midweek ladies tennis

MIDWEEK tennis is back after the Easter holidays and what glorious conditions it was played in last Tuesday.
If you are new to the area and would like to join this fun-loving weekly competition, please send a message to the Facebook page titled 'South Gippsland Midweek Ladies Tennis'.
Ladders after April 26 are as follows.
Section 1: W'port/Grantville 57, Inverloch Diamonds 51, Inverloch Emeralds 42, Wonthaggi Chooks 28 and Bena 22.
Section 2: Korumburra 53, Phillip Island 47, Nyora 37, Bena 35 and Foster 28.
Section 3: Wonthaggi Owls 48, Phillip Island Red 46, Inverloch Blue 36 and Kongwak Kookies 30.



Jim Stinson was awarded Best Clubman at the recent Loch Bowling Club presentation night.



Greg Hodge presented 92-year-old Charlie Hodge with the Club Legend Award at the Loch Bowling Club presentation night.



Singles Championships winners at Wonthaggi indoors: Jeanie Slocombe and Jim Rodhi.



Wonthaggi Bowls Saturday winners Michael Ramon and Wendy Donohue.



Wonthaggi Bowls Wednesday winners Aldo Sartori, Wendy Donohue and Jim Martin.

INVERLOCH

IT IS with regret that we pass on the sad news that Dirk Jacobs has passed away last week. Our condolences and thoughts are with Liz and their families at this sad time. Dirk will be missed around the club.
A big thank you to all those that contributed to, and participated in, the Bowl Over Cancer Day at the club.
The Inverloch Bowling Club raised \$2025.55. These funds, together with the collections from the fines during the year and a top-up contribution from club funds, has enabled us to make a donation of \$2500 to Bass Coast Health. The donated funds will go towards the purchase of a sophisticated ultrasound machine for use during cancer surgery.
The Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary has been spearheading the activities to raise the \$60,000 required to purchase this machine and we are pleased that through your generosity we are able to contribute such a sizeable amount towards the overall target.
Players and club members donated items that were placed on trading tables for purchase and the items that were not sold were auctioned off during a wonderful afternoon tea. Bowlers took to the greens with teams made up of 11 fours and 5 triples. Two games of 10 ends each were played with teams battling it out for a perpetual trophy. Four teams managed to win two games each so it came down to points.
In fourth place on 29pts was the team of Fred Martin, Daryl McStravick, Jon Justin and Martin Hannaford. In third placed the team skipped by J Duscher, with Laurel Lee, Phil Staley and Terry Seaward finished on 34pts only 2 shots behind the eventual winners. Runners Up were Jack Miller (skip), Pam Sutcliffe and Cathy Heaphey on 35pts. Finishing on 36pts were the team of Bruce Corrigan (skip), Steve Snelling and David Murfin. This team will have their names engraved on the perpetual trophy.
The new match committee have met and decided to conduct Social Bowls on a Thursday from May until the end of October.
If you wish to play Pennant in the next season, please place your name down on the sheets at the club.

LOCH

THE Loch and District Bowling Club held its season wind up and presentation night at the Korumburra Hotel last Friday night.
A very enjoyable time was had by all those who attended.
President Greg Hodge presented the Best Clubman award to Jim Stinson, and the Club Legend trophy to Charlie Hodge.
The Club Men's Champion was awarded to John Fisher, Men's Pairs to Glenn Attenborough and Phil Ashton, the Mixed Pairs was won by Natalie Cole and Rick Winters, the Ladies Club Champion was Sue Loughridge.
The night also included the

drawing of our "biggest ever raffle" - the winner being Alan Dixon. Thank you to everyone that supported the raffle.
Indoor bowls has commenced in the clubhouse during the winter months.
MEENIYAN
PRESENTATION night was held on Friday, April 30, with Brent Sinclair Catering.
Presentations were made to the winners and runners-up of all events.
Singles: Alan Hanks and Robyn Scott; runners-up Wes Logan and Rita Richardson.
100 up: Ray Corry r/u. Jim Murray, Leonie Hanks r/u Rita Richardson.
Pairs: Ray Corry and Bob Wylie; runners-up Bob Graeme and Dudley Harrison.
Ladies: Robyn Scott & Dawn Poletti; runners-up Barbara Scott & Darrilyn McCrae.
President's Handicap: Ian Brandon, runner-up Ray Corry.
It was a very successful season with both Saturday's and Tuesday's Pennant teams making it to the finals.
Monday, May 2, was the start of our regular Weekly Triples Program. Our annual general meeting is on Wednesday, May 11, with social bowls at 11am, followed by the AGM at 2pm.
MIDWEEK
TWENTY-FOUR of our bowls family turned up to San Remo Bowls Club to see the summer season of social bowls come to an end.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter and Pauline who put so much time and effort into getting us together for Thursday bowls. I hate to think what would happen without their support.
Also, a thank you for Gwen in the kitchen as well as Mike who looked after the bar and not to forget John who is master of ceremonies each week.
We had two games each of 12 ends with the winners being as follows: John Nicholson (S), Laurie Bell (3), Mark Andretta (2) and Frank D'Unienville (L).
Runners-up: Lindsay Russell and Peter McWilliams (co-skips), Phil Wright (3), Gillian Harper (2), Michael Saunders (L).
Best one game: Dennis Talbot (S), Robin Coulson (3), David Talbot (2) and Bob Arnold (L).
We will be having a short break before starting the winter season so next week there will be no bowls. But the following week (May 12), we will recommence play at Koo Wee Rup.
As usual, we will start a little later to allow those who want to stay under covers a few minutes more in the cold weather to do just that. So, we will be looking for members to be on site by 10.30am for an 11am start of play.

WONTHAGGI

IT WAS another busy and exciting week. Tuesday saw two finals with the Ladies 21 Up Championship as well as the Mixed Pairs being decided.
The first match was between Joy Phillips and Caroline Donohue. As you would expect, it was always going to

be a close match but Caroline was able to get an early break because it was Joy's first final. Nerves and the occasion all play their part.
At the end of the match, Joy was able to catch Caroline and record her first championship. The other match was the mixed pairs final between Ken Webb and Kathy Simpson and Jan Jeeves and Frank Seaton. Two very good teams with talent to burn took to the greens in a match that was always going to be close. As the match went on, Jan and Frank were able to get a break and were able to keep that margin to record a very good win. Once again, well done to all the bowlers for getting to the final and putting on such a good display of bowls.
Wednesday saw a very good number of bowlers take to the greens on a day where the weather was perfect. Most teams were three-bowl triples over two games of ten ends. The winners were Aldo Sartori, Wendy Donohue and Jim Martin with a score of 2 wins and 34pts. The runners-up were the team of Fred Kellow, Ken Webb and Scott Miller with a score of 2 wins and 31pts.
Thursday social bowls finished this week on a high with a number of past bowlers being invited for lunch. A great idea for past players still be part of the club as not many would have played on our new greens. There are photos on our Facebook page of lots of happy people. Thursday social bowls will now go into Winter recess until the weather warms up.
Saturday social bowls saw a good number of bowlers take to the greens on a cool day with a gusty breeze. The format for the day was three bowl pairs over 12 ends with the lead and the skip swapping after the first game. There were three two game winners with the winners being decided on count back. The team that were the winners was the team of Michael Ramon and Wendy Donohue with a score of 2 wins 35pts and 13 shots up. The runners-up were Allan Ireland and Joy Phillips with a score of 2 wins 35pts but 9 shots up.
Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday social bowls at 1pm.

WONTHAGGI INDOORS

TUESDAY saw our club play their Singles Championships, and an enjoyable day was had by all who competed.
The winner of the ladies was Jeannie Slocombe, runner-up was Rossanna Toffolon.
The men's winner was Jim Rodhi, runner-up was Mario Toffolon.
Friday saw a total of 29 players. The winners with a plus 12 were Heather Stone, Fred Demenech, John Bird and Jim Wilson. Coming second on plus 9 were Wilma Marshall, Judy Sweetnam and Wolfe Gilch.
Just a reminder that there will no bowling from May 6 to May 24 due to the federal elections.

FOSTER Ladies

EIGHT pairs contested the Lorna Wilson Foursomes Championship. Foster Golf Club would like to thank the Wilson Family for their continued sponsorship of this event.

Congratulations to the winners, Robyn Galloway and Michelle Sait-Bennett, with 97/23. Net winners Suzanne Anderson and Alayne McKenzie 110/38.5 71.5. NTP: 6th Robyn Galloway and 17th Michelle Sait-Bennett. Putting: Trudi Prue and Kaylene Morris 35 on a countback. Raffle winner: Judy Bacon.

Shirley Cook, Jenny Mountford, Anne Heywood and Jenny Alexander represented Foster in the Ladies Ambrose Shield in Leongatha.

Next Wednesday, May 11, stableford and Barb Britten's Trophy.

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: men's competition, Tuesday, April 26.

Stableford (32 players). A Grade: Barry Kerr (14) 35. B Grade: Phil Harris (22) 36pts. NTP: 1st Pete Van Agtmaal, 7th Phil Harris, 10th Steve Rose and 13th Pete Wallace.

Thursday, April 28 - stableford (18 players): Rob Gallagher (15) 43pts. NTP: 1st Tim Fowles, 7th Chris McConnell, 10th Peter Johnson and 13th Steve Duffield.

Saturday, April 30, sponsored by Dean Crellin, 4BBB Club Championships Rd 2 (40 players). Scratch: Shayne Harland and Ryan Williams 69. Net: Shayne Harland and Ryan Williams 60.

4BBB Club Champions 2022. Scratch: Steve Rose and Roy Fleming 143. Net: Zac Scholte and Jacob Wrigley 122. NTP: 1st Blake Cossion, 7th Rob Gallagher, 10th Ryan Williams and 13th Chris Clements.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY stableford, April 26.

A Grade winner: Dean Kellett with 35pts. A Grade runner-up: Keith Finney with 33pts on a countback. B Grade winner: Michael Hill with 37pts. B Grade runner-up: Geoffrey Linguey with 34pts on a countback. NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson at .88m. NTP 16th: Keith Finney at 3.55m

Wednesday competition, April 27.

Wednesday's par competition was super competitive but Anne Gibson managed to get the top score of the day with +4. A Grade winner: Anne Gibson at +4. A Grade runner-up: Kay Dumbleton at +2. B Grade winner: Anne Bowd at +3 on a countback. B Grade runner-up: Jill Moor at +3. NTP 14th: Lianne Adamson at 5.5m. NTP 16th: Maryanne Gartner 3.06m.

Seventy-eight people played in Thursday's stableford, battling bad weather. However, some good scores were still achieved with Bruce Christison taking out

the top score of 41. A Grade winner: Geoffrey McDonald with 40,. A Grade runner-up: John Ryan with 37 C/B. B Grade winner: Bruce Christison with 41. B Grade runner-up: Gary Mcgrath with 37. C Grade winner: Geoff Maher with 36 C/B. C Grade runner-up: Paul Luck with 36 C/B. NTP 14th: John Moor. NTP 16th: Peter Hartigan.

Ladies

PAR is a very tricky event for those golfers not in good form, as was evidenced last week: there was a huge variation in some of the final scores, ranging from +4 to -9!

One of our senior members was the A Grade winner with +4. Well done Anne Gibson, a great result. Vice Captain Kay Dumbleton was the runner up with +2. Anne Bowd was the B Grade winner with +3 with Jill Moor just missing out on the main prize on a countback.

Down the line balls: Helen Mackenzie, Nan Meagher, and Maryanne Gartner +2, Libby Seebeck and Pat Pease square, Glenyce McRobert and Louise Schache -1 and Diana Holmberg, Joc Howson and Marianne Leaver on -2, on a count back from three others.

Lianne Adamson was closest to the pin on the 14th and Maryanne Gartner on the 16th.

A very small 9-hole field this week, with Lesley Renwick winning with 16pts.

MEENIYAN

TUESDAY'S winner was Graeme Schneider with 39pts, r/up Lloyd Hemphill 35pts with Brian Erving 34pts.

NTP: 2nd Brian Erving, 11th Brian Dewar, 17th Dave McIntyre and the propin on the 14th Paul Robinson.

Thursday's winner Neil Williams 33pts, Will Bullock 31pts. NTP: 2nd Brian Erving, 8th Jeff White and the propin on the 2nd John Dumont.

Saturday was a 4B multiplication. The winners were Neil Williams and Ross Batten with 65pts. R/up were Mat Vanboven and Matt Darmanin with 53pts. NTP: 2nd Matt Darmanin, 8th Brad Wright, 11th Mat Vanboven and the propin on the 14th Neil Park.

The final of the Col Heppefour ball was played with Col Graeme and Pete Wilson taking the win over Paul Robinson and Reg Hannay. And congratulations to our men's Pennant team winning the Division 2 title 5-2 over Phillip Island. A big thanks to all that played and filled in during the season.

Ladies

ON WEDNESDAY in lovely weather, we played the qualifying round of the Doris Chambers Foursomes.

The back nine was played twice due to the maintenance on the front nine greens. Sponsor for the day was Mary Walker. Thank you, Mary.

The winners on a three-way C/B were Andrea Thor-

son (10) and Gail Browne (43) 35pts. R/up Dot Christie (13) and Heather Poletti (20) 35pts. DTL: Faye LePage (23) and Heather McCaughan (50) 35pts.

Next week is first round of championships, kindly sponsored by IGA Meeniyana.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, April 28 - stableford.

A Grade: R Matthews (10) 37pts c/b. B Grade: S Evans (20) 37. DTL: G Renwick, M Payne 37, P Woodall 36. NTP: 6th D Taylor, 16th G Renwick. Birdies: 4th D Taylor, 6th J Smeriglio, D Taylor, R Pentland, J Smeriglio, 16th Tom Traill.

Saturday, April 30 4BBB stableford. Day winner: S Beitz and D Jerram 43pts. Runners-up: J Robbins and R Robbins 39pts c/b. DTL: R Clark and S Evison 39pts. NTP: 4th D Taylor, 6th J Smeriglio, 13th M Heiberg and 16th M Heiberg. Birdies: 6th S McInnes, J Smeriglio, N Whichello.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Ladies

EIGHTY women from the South Gippsland district and visitors further afield from Traralgon and Yarra Yarra competed in the annual Leongatha Ambrose Shield in perfect weather conditions. This event has been very generously sponsored by club member Evelyn Indian for the last 20 years. Not only does Evelyn provide the winners trophies but also a vast array of prizes for the raffle. Club captain, Bronwyn Debenham welcomed three of the club's life members - Pat Pease, Nancy Sperling and Pat West - who joined the players for lunch. She also acknowledged the SGG life member Anne Walker.

The Ambrose Shield was won by Leongatha after several drought years. The winning combination were Rebecca Thomas, Dot Stubbs, Lianne Adamson and Karen de Groot 69/56.375 nett.

Coming in second place, also from Leongatha, were the sponsor Evelyn Indian, Nicole Whiteside, Fay Quilford and Trish Owen with 76/61 nett.

The Visitors Trophy went to Meeniyana Golf Club: Irene Holm, Sheila Constantine, Heather McCaughan and Mary Walker with 76/61.625.

The nearest the pins were won by Dot Christie (Meeniyana) on the 4th, Heather Cameron (Traralgon) on the 7th, Bec Thomas on the 14th and Elly Berryman (Woorayl) on the 16th.

Down the line balls were won by the following teams: Glenys Day, Kay Dumbleton, Joy O'Sullivan and Helen Mackenzie Leongatha, Jeanette Swan, Sue Brown, Karen Barwick and Sharelle Roberts from Welshpool 63.124, Elly Berryman, Patricia Berryman, Pauline Lancaster and Marg Tuckett from Woorayl 63.375, Betty Williamson, Chris Caig, Carolyn Cripps, and Chris Kent from Lang Lang 63.625, Faye Le Page, Veronica Park,

Dot Christie and Sue Hoskin Meeniyana 63.875 and just sneaking in were the Phillip Island team of Rhonda Boyd, Jen Bilson, Wendy Hopkins and Marlene Gibson with 64.375.

A reminder to everyone that the next district event is the Woorayl Open Day Ambrose on Friday, May 13.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results April 28 - stableford 18-hole SR 71.

Winner: Chris Hogbin 40. Runner-up: Glen Turner 38. Ball sweep: Philip McCrimmon 37, Dane Ellwood 36, Peter Young 35, Joseph Harvey 34 c/b. Eagle: Dane Ellwood 7th.

Nine-hole stableford, front nine, SR 34.5. Winner: Norm Burne 18. Runner-up: Kevin Bayley 17 C/B.

April 30, SR 71 - stableford.

A Grade: Glen Turner 34 c/b. B Grade: Ross Yann 38. C Grade: Paul Cornelis 33. Ball sweep: Eric Van Agtmaal 34, Gerald Mitchell 34, Aaron Yann 33, Ben Clark 33, Grant Mackenzie 32, Stephen Judd 32, Peter Hanley 32, Rod Walker 32, Alan Wright 32, Phillip Studham 32, Brad Pinal 32, Brad Andrew 32 and Jason Sartori 32. NTP: Michael Scott 2nd, Rod Walker propin 8th, Keith Ridout 13th, Glen Turner money 17th and Inoke Baudromo second shot 5th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the Royal Women's 4BBB fundraising day.

There were 16 pairs who played on the day. The outstanding score of the day was by Yvonne Everitt (19) and Geraldine Prentice (23) with a lovely 45pts.

There was a three-way countback to decide the runners-up with Lisa Brusamarello (33) and Andrea Grenville (32) with 43pts from Jan Beaumont and Catherine Bolding and also Chris Hamilton and Anne Poulton. They were given a BDL as well as Irene Walsh and Marion Walker 42pts. NTP: 2nd Merryn Dear, 8th Anne Walker and 17th Irene Walsh.

WOORAYL

Ladies

THANK you Kath and Linda for your sponsorship of the three-person drawn partners ambrose.

Once again, our captain Jo Graeme used her magic app on her phone to sort the players into teams of three. There is always much laughter and fun as the names are read out. It was lovely to see Nat joining us.

Congratulations to the winning hot team of Sharyn Rayson, Sherrill Winkler and Nat Challis. Playing off a combined handicap of 16.333, they scored 76 gross with 59.667 net.

Runners-up team consisting of Carol Johnson, Ann Poole and Elly Berryman scored 75-12.667-62.333.

Carol Johnson was the only clever person to win a NTP with her lovely shot on the 8th.



Lang Lang captain Wayne Kennedy received the Division 1 Pennant shield from association representative Gary Rotterveel, scoring back-to-back wins after defeating Wonthaggi 6-1 at Leongatha Golf Club.



Lang Lang took out the Division 1 Pennant shield, from left, captain Wayne Kennedy captain, Tim Duff, Clint Walker, Bart McDonald, Gary Sosenko, Jo Jenkins and Michael Barrow-cliffe. Absent: team manager Peter Rayson.



At Leongatha Golf Club, Ambrose Shield winners Karen de Groot, Rebecca Thomas, Evelyn Indian (sponsor), Lianne Adamson and Dot Stubbs.



At the Leongatha Golf Club Ambrose Shield event, the Visitors Trophy went to Mary Walker, Irene Holm, Evelyn Indian (sponsor), Heather McCaughan and Sheila Constantine.



At Wonthaggi, winners of the Royal Women's 4BBB fundraising day, Yvonne Everitt and Geraldine Prentice.



At Woorayl, the winning team of Nat Challis, Sharyn Rayson and Sherrill Winkler.

Zac's Aussie honour



Zac Mabilia gets set to pass the ball while representing Victoria in the 17 and under team at the National Championships. Photo: ClusterPix.

KILCUNDA'S Zac Mabilia will represent Australia in netball later this year in New Zealand after starring in the recent national championships. The talented sportsman, who also plays footy for Inverloch and basketball in the Korumburra Basketball Association, was named the MVP in the national championships grand final for male netballers aged 17 and under. His performance helped lead Victoria to victory and caught the eye of national selectors who named him in a men's Australian team that will play in competition for those aged up to 23. Zac is thrilled to have another chance to represent Australia, something he has previously done in basketball as part of the Australia Country team. "It's pretty special and it will be really fun," he said of the latest opportunity to don the green and gold. While he is competitive on court, Zac enjoys playing and loves the social interaction netball offers, having made many friends through the sport. Playing as a centre or wing attack, Zac relishes the opportunity to cover plenty of court and assume significant responsibility for the team's fortunes. "You're in the action a lot of the time," he said of his usual positions. The now-16-year-old Zac represented Wonthaggi Power in the Gippsland League as a bottom-aged player for as long as possible before reaching the age limit for boys to play in the competition.

He has since played in mixed leagues in Melbourne, adding to mum Michelle's many kilometres of driving to allow Zac to pursue his sporting passions. It's something she's happy to continue doing as long as Zac is enjoying his sport, but Michelle said his multiple sporting pursuits present some scheduling nightmares. Zac isn't daunted by the prospect of taking on older, bigger-bodied netballers in New Zealand, and looks forward to the challenge. His footy experience will no doubt prove handy in dealing with the expected increase in physicality. COVID has largely put Zac's netball aspirations on hold in the last couple of years. "He's done a fair bit of training for not much reward," Michelle said. Zac's netball journey started with the NetSetGo program from about the age of seven, with the fact his cousins played the sport encouraging him to become involved. He said although many people are still surprised to discover men play netball, it is now much more widely accepted than was once the case. Zac contrasted men's competition with mixed and girls' netball. "It's a faster-paced game and, a lot of the time, it's more physical," Zac said of the male approach to the sport, noting that whereas female players tend to rely on fast short passes, blokes like to deliver the ball longer and higher. While competition in New Zealand is likely to take place in September, details are yet to be confirmed.

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A GRADE	pts	%
Toora	214.67	12
Mirboo North	167.48	12
Boolarra	127.27	12
Morwell East	166.67	8
Tarwin	128.57	8
Fish Creek	103.16	8
Yinnar	100.00	8
MDU	119.15	4
Newborough	77.44	4
Foster	58.23	4
Stony Creek	45.65	4
Hill End	68.60	0
Thorpdale	46.95	0
B GRADE		
Toora	200.00	12
Mirboo North	155.45	12
Morwell East	150.75	12
MDU	127.34	8
Boolarra	111.0	8
Foster	100.00	8
Yinnar	138.46	4
Hill End	90.91	4
Fish Creek	89.86	4
Stony Creek	64.71	4
Thorpdale	62.68	4
Newborough	63.74	0
Tarwin	33.58	0
C GRADE		
MDU	278.43	12
Morwell East	225.00	12
Newborough	153.03	12
Tarwin	159.09	8
Toora	125.00	8
Yinnar	100.00	8
Fish Creek	117.89	4
Hill End	88.78	4
Mirboo North	79.80	4
Stony Creek	74.49	4
Boolarra	72.31	4
Foster	20.00	4
Thorpdale	28.68	0
D GRADE		
Yinnar	187.30	10
Mirboo North	169.70	10
Morwell East	178.95	8
Hill End	98.82	8
Toora	90.91	8
Boolarra	77.05	8
Tarwin	53.16	8
MDU	104.35	4
Newborough	75.73	4
Thorpdale	54.22	4
Stony Creek	79.41	0
17 & UNDER		
Mirboo North	179.45	12
MDU	166.67	12
Morwell East	145.45	12
Newborough	127.47	8
Fish Creek	100.00	8
Tarwin	90.00	8
Yinnar	92.16	4
Toora	84.52	4
Stony Creek	55.56	4
Hill End	43.30	4
15 & UNDER		
Toora	442.31	12
Thorpdale	286.84	12
Yinnar	270.59	12
Boolarra	157.14	12
Mirboo North	214.00	8
MDU	84.62	4
Hill End	78.02	4
Fish Creek	40.68	4
Morwell East	22.64	4
Stony Creek	19.28	4
Newborough	27.97	0
13 & UNDER		
Boolarra	557.14	12
Mirboo North	275.00	12
Foster	229.41	12
Toora	180.00	12
Tarwin	4.76	8
Fish Creek	117.39	4
Hill End	35.19	4
MDU	5.80	4



Wonthaggi Power's Chelsea Bowman takes the front position in this great contest for the ball against Drouin's Kim Diston.



The Gourlay Girls (Mirboo North, LDNA, B Grade), Jamie, Anita and Mary.



Chloe Marshall makes it as hard as possible for her talented opponent, Drouin's Karina Proctor.

LEONGATHA

UNDER 13: Award 1. Imogen Hulshof. Sponsor Bakers Delight. Award 2. Danay Grabham-Andrews. Sponsor Serafinos Pizza. Score: Leongatha 14 def by Bairnsdale 23. A fantastic start to the game against a strong team. The 13s had plenty of turnovers and chased many loose balls. Some great shooting, a few long bombs from Danay were incredibly impressive. Bad luck to the 13s but keep up the work as you keep improving each week!

Under 15: Award 1. Lara Gill. Sponsor Bakers Delight. Award 2. Lara Cocksedge. Sponsor Sport-first. Score: Leongatha 45 def 32 Bairnsdale. It was a good game; everybody played although the slippery conditions. It was a great team game, keep up the fantastic work girls!

Under 17: Award 1. Harper Mclennan. Sponsor Voyage Fitness. Award 2. Kate Harris. Sponsor Bakers Delight. Award 3. Bron-te Whyte. Sponsor Serafinos. Score: Leongatha 29 def Bairnsdale 19. Great team game in windy conditions, we fought hard to the last whistle. Well done Katie for playing your 50th club match, you are an incredibly valued member of our team.

C Grade: Award 1. Makenzi Gourlay. Sponsor Bakers Delight. Award 2. Emma Ton. Sponsor Lyn Rose Boutique. Award 3. Jude Reynolds. Sponsor Rusty Windmill. Auction player: Makenzi Gourlay. Score: Leongatha 36 def Bairnsdale 20. Great game ladies, an all-round team effort! A solid game with great intensity, second efforts were huge! Thanks Lily and Harper for sitting on our bench. Go Parrots!

B Grade: Award 1. Kate Sperling. Sponsor Bakers Delight. Award 2. Alicia Marshman. Sponsor Bairs. Award 3. Kasie Rump. Sponsor Tom & Ben award. Auction player: Kasie Rump. Score: Leongatha 61 def Bairnsdale 30. Great netball today girls! Second quarter got us on a role with so many taps and intercepts all down the court. Great to see the team being adaptive and credit to Zali for stepping into goals!

A Grade: Award 1. Jade Cashin. Sponsor A.W Smith & Sons. Award 2. Kayla Redpath. Sponsor Fettle & Joy. Award 3. Jess Edgar. Sponsor Adrian & Christie Hall. Auction player: Nicola Marriott. Score: Leongatha 68 def Bairnsdale 28. Awesome effort today girls, a solid, consistent four-quarter game. Thanks to Alicia for coming up!

MIRBOO NORTH

A Grade: MN 65 def Yinnar 40. Best: Louisa Pratt (Intersport). Coaches: Abby Forrester (Mirboo North Foodworks) What a game! The tigers took control right from the first whistle

and everyone played their role for the team.

B Grade: N 46 def YIN 37. Best: Ella Snell (Mirboo North Hotel). Coaches: Rachel Vansittart (Mirboo North Foodworks) Good win against a hard opposition! Yinnar we're good all over the court and made the tigers work! Congratulations to Aleisha Loh on her 100th senior game.

C Grade: MN 28 def by YIN 29. Best: Gemma McCormack (Lamezleighs). Coaches: Tarni Bartlett (Mirboo North Foodworks) This game was a hard-fought battle with the Tigers ahead right up until the dying minutes of the game. Lots of injuries and changes made with plenty to work on for next week!

D Grade: MN 26 drew YIN 26. Best: Kat Smith (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Kirsty Richardson (Craig Young Butchers). A challenging four quarters with the score bouncing between teams. In the fourth quarter the Tigers rose to even the score resulting in a draw.

17&U: MN 36 def YIN 22. Best: Jakobi Eden (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Bella Cook (MNFNC Canteen). A great game with some excellent passages of play saw the 17s come away with a convincing win.

15&U: MN 18 def by YIN 33. BOC: Lena Blackshaw (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Carson Line (MNFNC Canteen). Unfortunately, the Tigers couldn't bring home the win this week. They gave it a good fight!

MIRBOO NORTH – LDNA

SATURDAY, April 30, saw the successful return to netball for the Leongatha & District Association and the Mirboo North Netball Club for 2022.

After several years without, the club is extremely happy and proud to field an under 11s team, but unfortunately it was a bye at the weekend.

Our 13s hit the court, presenting two new faces for season 2022: Lily Smith and Shakhi Schmit, who were both warmly welcomed. After a slow start, a couple of new players, and some new combinations, the girls managed a well-earned win (11 – 3) in the first round of the new season. Congulations to all of our girls choosen to try out for the Association Championship Tournament Team; you have done yourselves and your club extremely proud. Finally, congrulations to Olivia and Eve for making the team.

B Grade welcomed back three past players, Mary Gourlay, Toni Brand and Sharon Williams; we also welcomed a new player in Stacey Briscoe. The start to the new season for the B Grade side wasn't a happy one, going down to a stronger Mt Eccles combination 40–19.



Nyora's Jassy Batrouney attempts to stop a goal from her Yarragon opponent in A Grade. Photo: Sheryl Walters.



Alicia Marsham of Leongatha leaps high in the first quarter applying strong pressure against Bairnsdale. Z11_1822



Tiarna Blackwood in action for Poowong's 17 and Under side. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Abbey Bills takes the ball as Leongatha's Alice Reid attempts to disrupt the momentum. Z10_1822

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» RESULTS

A GRADE Catani 42 lt Trafalgar 46 Buln Buln 60 d Poowong 32 Yarragon 29 d Nyora 28 N Darnum 52 d Lang Lang 34 Longwarry 34 lt Ellinbank 74	17 & UNDER Catani 31 lt Trafalgar 33 Buln Buln 25 lt Poowong 47 Yarragon 30 d Nyora 13 N Darnum 30 d Lang Lang 20 Longwarry 34 drew Ellinbank 34
B GRADE Catani 39 lt Trafalgar 43 Buln Buln 74 d Poowong 25 Yarragon 41 d Nyora 36 N Darnum 35 lt Lang Lang 36 Longwarry 19 lt Ellinbank 76	15 & UNDER Catani 16 lt Trafalgar 22 Buln Buln 24 lt Poowong 25 N Darnum 19 d Lang Lang 9 Longwarry 20 d Ellinbank 13
C GRADE Catani 21 d Trafalgar 16 Buln Buln 55 d Poowong 17 Yarragon 19 lt Nyora 34 N Darnum 34 d Lang Lang 7 Longwarry 35 d Ellinbank 30	13 & UNDER Catani 12 lt Trafalgar 29 Buln Buln 25 d Poowong 11 Yarragon 22 lt Nyora 24 N Darnum 21 d Lang Lang 15 Longwarry 26 d Ellinbank 7

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A GRADE Neerim South 381.13 12 Trafalgar 125.60 12 Lang Lang 124.83 12 Ellinbank 171.15 8 Nilma Darnum 144.04 8 Buln Buln 103.66 8 Poowong 70.15 8 Catani 97.39 4 Nyora 77.38 4 Yarragon 33.46 4 Longwarry 68.75 0	% 381.13 125.60 124.83 171.15 144.04 103.66 70.15 97.39 77.38 33.46 68.75	pts 12 12 12 8 8 8 8 4 4 4 0	17 & UNDER Nilma Darnum 141.07 12 Poowong 123.88 12 Trafalgar 140.63 8 Yarragon 123.68 8 Buln Buln 117.54 8 Catani 105.00 8 Lang Lang 90.22 8 Nyora 74.36 8 Ellinbank 95.73 6 Longwarry 69.43 2 Neerim South 53.06 0	% 141.07 123.88 140.63 123.68 117.54 105.00 90.22 74.36 95.73 69.43 53.06	pts 12 12 8 8 8 8 8 8 2 2 0
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B GRADE Drouin 39 lt Wonthaggi 47 Leongatha 61 d Bairnsdale 30 Maffra 56 d Sale 38 Morwell 38 d Warragul 20 Moe 20 lt Traralgon 42	15 & UNDER Drouin 18 lt Wonthaggi 40 Leongatha 45 d Bairnsdale 32 Maffra 48 d Sale 40 Morwell 32 d Warragul 15 Moe 5 lt Traralgon 71
C GRADE Drouin 33 d Wonthaggi 24 Leongatha 36 d Bairnsdale 20 Maffra 41 d Sale 23 Morwell 20 lt Warragul 21 Moe 20 lt Traralgon 31	13 & UNDER Drouin 18 lt Wonthaggi 33 Leongatha 14 lt Bairnsdale 23 Maffra 15 lt Sale 36 Morwell 16 lt Warragul 19 Moe 10 lt Traralgon 40

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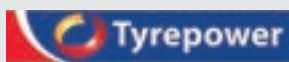


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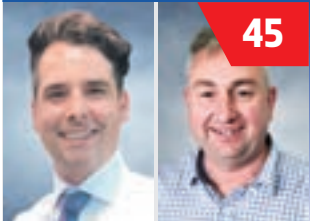
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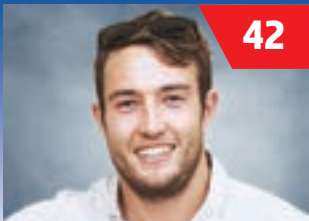
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Luke Hodge disagrees with ruling on rucks

By Claudia Sullivan

LUKE Hodge says ruckmen should have their eyes on the ball when going up for a contest.

Speaking on SEN's Whateley, Ray Chamberlain broke down when an umpire would pay a free kick for blocking in the ruck.

"Marking and rucking have the same overarching philosophy, which is that a player whose prime objective is to contest the football will be allowed to do so," umpire Chamberlain said.

"If just one ruckman puts out an arm, then it's a block and free kick. When they both do it, nothing to see here."

However, four-time premiership player Hodge did not think this addressed the issue of ruckmen focusing on their opponent over the ball.

Hodge questioned Chamberlain on his comparison of rucking to a marking contest.

"The thing that caught my ear before was when he said it's the same as a marking contest," the former Hawks skipper said.

In a marking contest you can't just have eyes for the ball and run straight at the opponent and knee them in the back or in the body. If they're hurt, you're going to have to pay the consequences.

"If you're going to take the ruck contest, you've got to at least watch the ball.

"If you've got a ruckman who's standing there with his eyes on the ball ready to tap it, and the opposition is just running straight at him with his knee up, and that poor ruckman who is solely going for the ball cops an injury and is out for three months, there's got to be a few things we need to look at to say, 'How's that allowed?'"

"In any other part of the game, you can't just run at someone and put your knee into them if you're not watching the ball."

Carlton ruckman Marc Pittonet is set to miss up to three months with a PCL injury in his knee, after a ruck collision with Fremantle's Sean Darcy, whose eyes were on his opponent, rather than the ball.



Joel Selwood of Geelong (right) in action during the AFL Round 5 match between the Hawthorn Hawks and the Geelong Cats at the MCG in Melbourne, Monday, April 18. Photo: AAP Image/James Ross.

Selwood opens up on boos, reveals surprise mentors

By Seb Mottram

JOEL Selwood has openly reflected on the boos and crowd conjecture that have become a regular feature of his game.

Selwood, 33, is undoubtedly one of the greats of the game, having just broken the all-time VFL/AFL record for most games as captain.

He's also a three-time premiership player, in addition to six All Australian jackets.

However, the Geelong champion has faced constant boos, especially to start the 2022 season, given his tendency to duck and search for high free kicks.

That's in addition to Selwood's game style, often playing

the game on the edge to inspire the Cats.

"You can't please everyone," Selwood responded when asked by Dwayne Russell, host of SEN's Dwayne's World, how he copes with booing.

"I regularly listen to a few people that I obviously like to and I'm happy to share them with you, a Nathan Buckley or a Nick Riewoldt, those guys that are straight out of the game that call the game and call it for what it is, I think you also get a lot of feedback from them."

"I'm guessing that you (Russell) are talking about the

rules and head highs and all that, you get an understanding that they see it differently and they've been living in it for a long time.

"We would just appreciate it if everyone called it that way too."

The Geelong skipper was then asked if he feels he is harshly dealt with, by both commentators and fans.

"I think the commentators, from what we understand, you get a briefing at the start of the year, and I think there's a consistency to probably just have to go with that commentary. I'm not talking about you personally Dwayne, I think across the board there's a number of

people," Selwood continued.

However, it's not "necessarily" something that bothers him.

"If you're in the game a long time you're going to have a lot of people that are not going to like particular ways that you go about footy," he added.

"It's not something that keeps me up at night."

"I fear for my mum and my wife and people around me (on the booing), but not necessarily for myself."

While Selwood's AFL resume is nearly complete, the 339-gamer will be hoping 2022 is the year he can become a premiership captain for the first time.

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Magpies fall to in-form Buln Buln

By Geoff Wyatt,
Poowong FNC

POOWONG travelled to Buln Buln where the ground was soft from overnight rain, and the bounce of the ball was making it hard for players from either side to attack the football with any confidence.

Poowong Seniors were forced to make three changes from the previous week due to work, but we had all three teams - Seniors, Reserves and Under 16s - with full lists on the day which is a credit to the club's committees' hard work and the local community.

Our very young Under 16s were up first and came away with a victory, a credit to coach Matt Henshall's hard work with skills training and the keenness of the group to train and develop their football.

The Seniors started off kicking against a strong breeze to the Noojee end and played a great quarter of football but a couple of late incidents in the quarter appeared to upset their concentration and confidence in the game.

Unfortunately, these incidents' outcomes spoil a good game of football when it requires both sides to be confident in the flow of the game.

Poowong started off the second quarter one man down and it was Buln Buln who kicked the first goal, Poowong



Noah Peacock scored one of two goals for Poowong in the Reserves at the weekend against Buln Buln.

then took the ball forward and Paddy Harmes found Steve McInnes in the goal square for their first.

From the bounce, Buln Buln kicked their third, and from the resulting bounce Poowong went forward resulting in a free kick to Alex Henshall for six points.

Will Robertson managed a

point from a mark then Josh Harvey's snap was of bounds, Jack Hazendonk grabbed the ball from the throw in and goaled.

From the resulting bounce Buln Buln went forward and received a free kick for a point, Paddy Harmes snapped through for a point for Poowong. Buln Buln went for-

ward for a rushed point followed by a 50-metre penalty from a mark, then another 50-metre when a player appeared to play on and kick a point which then resulted in a goal.

A rushed point to Buln Buln was followed by some poor Poowong defence work which let them kick their fifth. Poowong was down by 17 points at half time.

Poowong were looking to play more one-on-one but lack of pace through the centre was a concern for them and with Buln Buln working hard, they managed a series of goals before Poowong were able to hit the scoreboard through a good tackle by Steve McInnes resulting in his second goal. Buln Buln added another goal off the pack before three-quarter time where they led by 48 points.

Poowong kicked the first goal in the last quarter through Paddy Harmes off the pack but Buln Buln replied from a free kick in the square and then added another three to finish up winning 14.16.100 to Poowong 5.5.35.

Poowong will get three players back with a bit of pace and will be a better team because of this.

This weekend week we welcome Yarragon and hoping to get back on track in the Seniors and Reserves but it will not be easy.

Saints continue to show improvement

THE Nyora Saints fell to Yarragon by 28 points on a great ground in tough conditions.

Still, it was a vast improvement from the week before against Buln Buln, according to Nyora playing coach Dylan Heylen.

"We missed our chances early to really keep the pressure on Yarragon," Heylen said.

"The boys played a lot better on brand footy. We just struggled to finish off our good work going forward.

"Some things to work on but happy with the boys' effort all the way to the end.

"Week to week, as long as we are improving - that's what matters."

He added their Reserves managed a gutsy win with only 17 players in tough conditions on a fantastic ground.

"Some really good efforts from a few will see some pressure being put on the senior guys come next week," Heylen said.

The Reserves will be looking to make it two-in-a-row against Nilma Darnum, while supporters will be able to

tune in to SEN on 91.9FM to hear the Seniors match.

In other news, Brownlow medalist and Premiership player Dane Swan will be donning the red, white and black later this month, playing for the Nyora Saints for one game only.

The Seniors game on May 21 will be followed by a Sportsman's night where you can hear stories from Dane Swan and Ricky Nixon. More information on the Nyora Football Netball Club Facebook page.

Some of the younger supporters will be keen to hang around after their matches, especially given the bright future ahead for the junior Sainters. The Under 10s recorded their first win at the weekend while the Under 13 netballers defeated Yarragon, resulting in their first win of the season.

That's despite the young netballers being 11 goals down going into the final quarter with Nyora dominating Yarragon 13 to 0 to win by 2.



Travis Stewart was among Nyora's best against Yarragon. Photo: Sheryl Walters.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS																ROUND 4							
SENIORS		W	L	%	pts	RESERVES		W	L	%	pts	THIRDS		W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS		W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	3	0	446.43	12	Lang Lang	4	0	477.23	16	Neerim South	3	0	1278.13	12	Longwarry	4	0	812.96	16				
Trafalgar	3	0	313.56	12	Neerim South	3	0	2158.82	12	Ellinbank	3	0	224.10	12	Yarragon	3	1	247.06	12				
Lang Lang	3	1	224.55	12	Ellinbank	3	0	195.74	12	Yarragon	2	2	66.26	8	Neerim South	2	1	235.80	8				
Buln Buln	3	1	208.82	12	Buln Buln	2	2	238.71	8	Longwarry	1	2	90.65	4	Ellinbank	2	1	83.75	8				
Longwarry	3	1	109.09	12	Trafalgar	2	1	206.62	8	Buln Buln	1	2	39.35	4	Poowong	1	2	36.36	4				
Yarragon	2	2	150.00	8	Longwarry	2	2	183.53	8	Lang Lang	0	4	33.89	0	Lang Lang	1	2	30.67	4				
Poowong	1	3	119.37	4	Nyora	2	2	65.38	8	Poowong	0	0	0.00	0	Buln Buln	0	4	31.02	0				
Ellinbank	1	2	87.56	4	Yarragon	1	3	55.51	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Trafalgar	0	2	20.19	0				
Nyora	1	3	51.13	4	Poowong	1	3	46.20	4	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0				
Catani	0	4	20.11	0	Catani	0	4	10.02	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0				
Nilma Darnum	0	3	9.96	0	Nilma Darnum	0	3	4.10	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0				

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

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>> POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

	100		35
BULN BULN		POOWONG	

Buln Buln	1.2	5.8	10.14	14.16 (100)
Catani	0.0	3.2	4.2	5.5 (35)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Matthew Gray, Adam Rakip 4 each, Hayden Baker 3, Samuel Langford, Jack Symes 1 each

BEST: Robert McCallum, Samuel Batson, Shaun Beecroft, Matthew Gray, Jake Herbel, Trent Baker

GOALS, Poowong: Steven McInnes 2, Patrick Harmes, Jack Hazendonk, Alex Henshall 1 each

BEST: Alex Henshall, Andrew Logan, Matthew Cozzio, Steven McInnes, Conor Cunningham, Jed Benham

RESERVES

Buln Buln	5.4	8.6	13.11	27.25 (187)
Poowong	0.0	0.1	0.1	2.3 (15)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Lachlan Axford, Luke Fusinato 3 each, Jaryd Kelly, Ricky McKerrow, Bradley Trotman 2 each, Jared Doyle, Bryce Monahan 1 each

BEST: Timothy Stoll, Lachlan Axford, Thomas Park, Brody Pritchard, Luke Fusinato

GOALS, Poowong: Caspian Jackman-Riches, Noah Peacock 1 each

BEST: Kade Anderson, Riley Lewis, Brett Attenborough, Rhys Butler, Gavin Broad, Reece Attenborough

FOURTHS

Poowong	1.1	1.3	1.3	4.5 (29)
Buln Buln	0.2	1.3	3.8	3.9 (27)


GOALS, Poowong: Angus Halliwell, Rory Nettle, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton 1 each

BEST: No players named.

GOALS, Buln Buln: Matthew Cahill 2, Tyler Best 1.

BEST: Tyler Best, Cameron Eccles, Bailey Nicholas, Jesse Jagoe

>> NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

	53		25
YARRAGON		NYORA	

Yarragon	4.2	4.4	7.7	7.11 (53)
Nyora	1.1	3.5	3.5	3.7 (25)

GOALS, Yarragon: Tom Dovston 2, Mathew Adair, Tyler Hotchkin, Mitchell Jolly, Harrison Perry, Sam van der Zalm 1 each

BEST: Lachlan Shaw, Joshawa Vosper, Sam van der Zalm, Thomas Follett, Declan O'Donnell, Harrison Perry

GOALS, Nyora: Adam Tagliaferro 2, Dylan Heylen 1.

BEST: Scott Pugh, Angus McGillivray, Jordan Anderson, Travis Stewart, Aidan Simmons, Jack Rosenow

RESERVES

Nyora	1.0	2.0	3.2	4.2 (26)
Yarragon	2.1	2.3	3.4	3.4 (22)

GOALS, Nyora: Adam Tagliaferro 2, Andrew Arney, Shaun Lamb 1 each

BEST: Jarred Pearsall, Ryan Hill, Marvin Sellars, Shaun Lamb, Adam Tagliaferro, Thomas Robinson

GOALS, Yarragon: Corey Binzer, Nathanael Dungey, Morgan Dalglish 1 each

BEST: Brett Pyle, Clayton Bawden, Tom Delaney, Nathanael Dungey, Christopher Demicoli, Oliver Marek

>> IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Trafalgar	27.18.180	d	Catani	1.0.6
Lang Lang	22.13.145	d	Nilma Darnum	2.7.19
Longwarry	13.8.86	d	Ellinbank	11.11.77

RESERVES

Trafalgar	26.19.175	d	Catani	1.0.6
Lang Lang	25.20.170	d	Nilma Darnum	0.3.3
Ellinbank	7.7.49	d	Longwarry	5.5.35

THIRDS

Yarragon	7.4.46	d	Lang Lang	4.4.28
Ellinbank	8.8.56	d	Longwarry	2.5.17

FOURTHS

Yarragon	13.9.87	d	Lang Lang	0.5.5
Longwarry	11.16.82	d	Ellinbank	2.2.14



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MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB



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YINNAR

MIRBOO NORTH

Yinnar 6.4 8.7 13.10 16.12 (108)
Mirboo Nth 0.1 1.3 1.5 3.9 (27)

GOALS, Yinnar: Matt Dyke, Kane Grinstead-Jones, Daniel Johnson 3, Brendan Chapman, Ben Cheffers, Liam Eade, Sebastian Famularo, Dean Johnson, Nathan Rowley, Blake Van Der Meer 1
BEST: Matt Dyke, Ben Cheffers, Sebastian Famularo, Liam Eade, Calum Sheils, Dean Linton

GOALS, Mirboo North: Ben Campbell 2, Dominic Pinneri 1
BEST: Joel Lambourn, Jordan Cummaudo, Hudson Kerr, Izayah Terrick, Joe Brooks, Rhys Kratzat

RESERVES

Yinnar 2.4 11.8 17.13 21.17 (143)
Mirboo North 1.1 1.1 1.1 4.2 (26)

GOALS, Yinnar: Daniel Webster 4, Cameron Le Page 3, Josh Bugeja, Jayden Leicester, Matthew McCafferty, Mitch Renwick, Tige Renwick, Jamie winters 2, Shane McColl, Riley Adams 1 each
BEST: Mitch Renwick, Daniel Webster, Tige Renwick, Riley Adams, Elijah Lappin, Jamie winters

GOALS, Mirboo North: Andrew Soplakow 2, Lachlan Dight, Jake Brown 1 each
BEST: Tyron Stevens, Mark Graeme, Taj Wilkins, Luke Gervasi, Jake Brown, Lachlan Dight

THIRDS

Mirboo North 13.10 (88)
Yinnar 2.6 (18)

BEST, Mirboo North: Jesse Chila, Jack Couper, Tarmah Little, Beau Kratzat, Beau Melbourne, Blake Peters

BEST, Yinnar: Thomas Hoghton, Flynn Schill, Archie Mills, Luke Douch, Parker Mason, Ben Burrows

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



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STONY CREEK

TOORA

Stony Creek 2.2 5.5 8.6 10.10 (70)
Toora 2.6 2.7 4.9 5.10 (40)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Rhys Dixon, Darren Granger 3, Ossy Brennan 2, Darcy Atkins, Hayden Bull 1 each

BEST: Matt Brown, Darcy Atkins, Sam Marriott, Jacob Byrnes, Darren Granger, Mitchell Nicholas

GOALS, Toora: Leigh Biemans, Jake McFarland, Jonathan Pintus, Matthew Ponton, James Symons 1 each

BEST: Jonathan Pintus, Jake McFarland, Peter Grant, Matthew Ponton, Harley Hoppner, Joseph Platt

RESERVES

Toora 2.1 5.2 7.4 10.6 (66)
Stony Creek 0.1 2.1 2.1 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Toora: Jarryd Guganovic 3, James Maurilli-Pullin 2, Luke Anedda, Andrew Davies, Casey Ferguson, Mitchell Hilder, Lukas Jenkins 1 each

BEST: Casey Ferguson, Jarryd Guganovic, Andrew Davies, Jake Dows, Luke Anedda, Linden Dyson

GOALS, Stony Creek: Glenn Gray, Dylan Zuidema 1 each

BEST: Dylan Zuidema, Jonathan Ozols, Andrew Verboon, Alex Devonshire, Angus Wright, Nick Svenson

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 7

ELLINBANK

ROUND 5

Trafalgar v Buln Buln
Poowong v Yarragon
Nyora v Nilma Darnum
Lang Lang v Neerim South
Ellinbank v Catani
Longwarry - BYE

GIPPSLAND

ROUND 5

Bairnsdale v Moe
Morwell v Leongatha
Sale v Drouin
Warragul v Traralgon
Wonthaggi v Maffra

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 5

Bunyip v Warragul Industrials
Kilcunda-Bass v Koo Wee Rup
Korumburra-Bena v Garfield
Nar Nar Goon v Cora Lynn
Phillip Island v Inverloch-Kongwak
Tooradin-Dalmore v Dalyston



Tim Cross (Saputo field services adviser), Wendy McEachern (MDU co-secretary), John Heppell (MDU life member), Jason Harris (MDU president), Jason Kelly (site manager at Saputo Leongatha), Sophie Thomas (MDU co-secretary), Darlene Jones (MDU treasurer), Ian Brandon (MDU life member), and Paul Carter (Saputo UHT production manager). A08_1822

MDU kicking goals



Junior MDU player Brayden Sellings flies over fellow player and brother Conner Sellings. A10_1822

THE DEMONS will be kicking goals between their impressive new goal posts, with Meeniyan Dumbalk United Football Netball Club getting a major boost from Saputo Dairy Australia (SDA).

The shiny goal posts, which are substantially taller than their decrepit predecessors, will be complemented by new padding along with behind-goal netting.

SDA's Legacy Program supports local community projects, contributing \$10,000 for the enhancement of facilities at MDU's home ground.

"We're proud to be involved with the local community and encouraging an active lifestyle," SDA's Leongatha site manager Jason Kelly said.

"MDU is a small country club, just a short drive from our Leongatha manufacturing facility and in a key milk supply area."

Jason hopes the Legacy Program contribution will benefit many of the dairy company's employees and suppliers, along with family members and others in the local community.

MDU president Jason Harris was on hand on Thursday night to express his appreciation for SDA's support, which will benefit the club, the Mid Gippsland League and the local community.

A group of SDA and MDU representatives gathered near one set of the new posts on Thursday night to mark their installation.

The value of the new posts and padding was highlighted by the presence of MDU junior players going through their paces on the field.

When requested, Brayden Sellings was happy to put on a show for the cameras, flying over fellow under 15 MDU player and brother Conner near the new posts.

The much higher posts will make life easier for goal umpires, as it will be simpler to determine the outcome of a shot.

Stability is guaranteed with the new posts concreted in and bolted to a concrete base, and any players running into them will benefit from the much-improved padding.

Yinnar outclasses Mirboo North Tigers

YINNAR recorded a cut and dried 81-point victory and regained the coveted Vin Kal-lady Memorial Shield, when it outclassed Mirboo North in all aspects of the game at Tigerland on Saturday.

After three rounds of the Mid Gippsland season, Yinnar has won twice while Mirboo North remains winless and uncharacteristically second last on the ladder, with a percentage of just 46.78.

Although Mirboo North still has high hopes for season 2022, it's fair to say its five senior premierships flags between 2006 and 2017, look more precious than ever.

Aided by a westerly breeze, Yinnar attacked repeatedly in the opening seven minutes of the match, but was held up by Beau Peters, Joel Lambourn, Rhys Kratzat and skipper, Damien Turner's defiant defence.

When Mirboo North's new chum, Josh Smith, then marked strongly 20 metres in front of the big white sticks —

By Rover, Mirboo North FNC

but grazed the left goal post — it was the home side's only opportunity to take the lead in 120 minutes of one-sided footy.

By quarter time, the Magpies had five goals on the board and were 34 points clear of their struggling opponents, who were finding the going particularly tough.

Fast, adventurous and cohesive play from Sebastian Famaluro, Ben Cheffers, Calum Sheils and Dean Linton set up countless scoring opportunities for Matt Dyke, Kane Grinstead-Jones and Daniel Johnson that the Tigers simply couldn't stop.

As well, veteran Yinnar big man Matt Moseley's ruck work and consistently functional multi-tasking disposal compatibility made him a thoroughly dangerous opponent for the Tigers.

Long-kicking Magpie defender, Brendan Chapman, must have thought all his Christmases had come at

once, when he slammed through his second major since 2019 and Yinnar's sixth for the day — courtesy of a 50-metre penalty, that took him inside the goal square.

When Dom Pinneri scored Mirboo North's only goal to half-time, Yinnar soon answered with a major to Famularo that gave the Magpies a decisive 46-point advantage at the long break.

With Smith hobbling on one leg and Luke Bartlett out of action with a hamstring strain, Mirboo North's forward line faced more challenges than it could handle.

Yinnar's surety around the contests, safeguard mechanisms at ground level and dominance in the air, meant there were few flights to safety available for the under-siege Tigers.

The Magpies' frequent sacrificial acts — a shepherd here, a block there; protection of ball carriers almost everywhere — also didn't escape the attention of observant

spectators.

Although brave efforts from the Tigers' Lambourn, Jordan Cummaudo, Hudson Kerr and first-gamer, Isayah Terrick, lifted Mirboo North's productivity outputs to reasonable levels, nothing much was going right for the locals anywhere within the oval's boundary line.

Two third-term goals by Grinstead-Jones and singles from captain Nathan Rowley, Liam Eade and Daniel Johnson, further destroyed Mirboo North's confidence and saw it trailing by 77 points at the last change.

Just when a 100-point blow-out looked on the cards, Mirboo North rallied with two long goals from Ben Campbell and Yinnar was restricted to three last-term majors.

This Saturday, Mirboo North hosts Meeniyan Dumbalk United for the first time since 1968, when both clubs participated in the now-defunct South Gippsland Football League.

Sharks pass finals credibility test

AS GOOD as Tarwin had been in winning the first two rounds of the season, their home ground clash with classy rival Foster was a test of their finals credibility, one the Sharks passed with flying colours.

Foster had a fortnight to stew on their first-round loss to Fish Creek, in a game they led comfortably before being overrun, and arrived at Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve determined to hit back.

However, things got worse for the Tigers, going down to the Sharks by 32 points.

While Tarwin won every quarter, the Sharks didn't have it all their own way, with coach Troy Hemming speaking about the challenge his players faced.

"Foster have some big bodies and are really strong around the contest. They brought some heat but our boys stuck to the plan and played great footy," Hemming said.

"In his first game for the club, Noah Bee-Hickman was solid down back, with Lachie Schreurs having his best game for the season next to him in the backline, chopping everything off and setting us up to attack."

Jack Vanderkolk also excelled for the victorious Sharks who now have a well-earned rest.

Foster coach Sam Davies praised Tarwin's effort, while being disappointed with what his side delivered.

"They are very well structured and a much-improved side, Tarwin, but we really let ourselves down with front half turnovers and letting the ball out of the back, which ultimately was the difference," Davies said.

This week, Foster hosts Newborough, with the Bulldogs also coming off a loss.

The clash looms as crucial for both teams, but especially for the home side as the Tigers chase their first win this season.

Toora looks to improve

SUCCESSIVE 100-point-plus losses are obviously not the way you want to open your season, but for Toora, overcoming such comprehensive defeats would start with a much-improved performance against the visiting Lions, something the home side delivered.

Stony Creek was one from two and keen to capitalise on Toora's woes, but it didn't all go exactly to plan for the Lions, with Toora starting well to lead by four points at the first break.

However, it went well enough thereafter for the Lions to get the points with a five-goal victory.

Stony Creek coach Jai Accardi was impressed by what the Lions opponents delivered, but was pleased with the way his side responded.

"We had a great contest against Toora who pushed us all day, and it was pleasing from our point of view that we were able to play the style of football we have been aiming for and we are starting to gel as a team," Acardi said.

His Toora counterpart Matthew Ponton was delighted with his players' effort.

Our boys put pride back in the jumper today with a never give up attitude, and although we didn't get the result, the fight and belief we showed in each other all day was pleasing and something to build on for the rest of the year," Ponton said.



MDU defeated Fish Creek by 50 points at the weekend. Photo: Phil Smith.

MDU bounces back against Fish Creek

MDU put the disappointment of a one-point loss, and the questions of what may have been, behind it, bouncing back to defeat Fish Creek by 50 points at Meeniyar Recreation Reserve.

It was a meritorious performance keeping the well-respected Fish Creek side goalless for the entire match, with the Kangaroos left with just nine behinds to show for their day's toil.

"The effort the boys have been putting in on the track paid off today against a top side, and we have set the benchmark now and have a real belief within the group," MDU coach Peter Harris said.

The result demonstrated the competitive nature of the MGFNL competition this year.

"It was a really tough loss to take on Saturday," Fish Creek coach John Danckert said.

"We were outplayed in every aspect of the game, but we remain positive and understand that we are a work in progress, and we lick our wounds and learn a lot from a loss like that."


This week the challenge will again be a stern one for Fish Creek as it takes on Morwell East away.


MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 3

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

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MDU	1.5	1.7	4.13	7.17 (59)
Fish Creek	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.9 (9)

GOALS, MDU: Timothy Harris 2, Alexander Battersby, Stephen Hawkins, Jake Brydon, Jacob Proctor, Lucas Vanderzalm 1 each
BEST: Jake Bromley, Lucas Vanderzalm, Timothy Harris, Jason Riley, Jarrod Hoy, Joel Sinclair
BEST, Fish Creek: Thomas Cameron, Kairon Dorling, Jack Hayes, Sam McGannon, Lachlan Gale, Jarrod Walker

RESERVES

MDU	6.0	10.3	15.7	18.8 (116)
Fish Creek	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2 (14)

GOALS, MDU: Neil Mathieson 6, Sean Pearce 4, Ben Cantwell 3, Benjamin Heppell 2, Max East, Will McDonald, Joel Leeden 1 each
BEST: Max East, Ben Cantwell, Neil Mathieson, Erik O'Loughlin, Yani Zorzos, Travis Ruedin
GOALS, Fish Creek: Adam Bright 2
BEST: Liam Howard, Tom Kercheval, Jonte Arestia, Adam Bright, Jessie Baker

THIRDS

Foster	1.7	8.9	11.11	13.15 (93)
Tarwin/Fish Ck	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4 (10)

BEST, Tarwin/Fish Ck: Thomas Vuillermin, Harrison Watt, Kye McMillan, Rory Standfield, Brandon Bell, Thomas Hughes

MDU	4.3	6.7	11.11	19.18 (132)
Hill End	1.1	3.2	5.4	5.5 (35)

BEST, MDU: Jacob Whiteside, Benjamin Hibberson, Joel Leeden, Billy Trotman, Rylan Bell, Thomas Neal
BEST, Hill End: Liam Cumiskey, Mitch Harvie, James Balfour, Kyan Mulley

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

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Tarwin	1.1	4.1	7.2	10.2 (62)
Foster	0.0	2.1	3.2	4.6 (30)

GOALS, Tarwin: Jamie Cann, Cooper McInnes 3, Matthew Williams 2, Travis Kitchin, Nathan McRae 1 each
BEST: Lachlan Schreurs, Jack Vanderkolk, Nathan McRae, Travis Kitchin, Jamie Cann, Ben Ellen
GOALS, Foster: Billy Flavelle, Mitchell Green, Josh Toner, Alex Kane 1 each
BEST: Billy Flavelle, Matthew Clark, Josh Toner, Jake Thornell, Brendan Neville

RESERVES

Tarwin	4.8	9.11	12.15	16.18 (114)
Foster	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.1 (7)

GOALS, Tarwin: Nick McRae 4, Dale Marsden, Vaughan Van Dillen 3, Flynn Brosnan 2, Max Burton, Daniel Cardy, Oliver Maclean, Daniel Windsor 1 each
BEST: Flynn Brosnan, Bryce Litchfield, Harrison Cumming, Daniel Windsor, Hugh Suckling, Khy Blizzard
GOALS, Foster: Sam Payne 1
BEST: Jai Prain, Brad Coates, Caeleb Garlick, Reghan Lewis, Eddie Smith, Sam Payne

THIRDS

Foster	1.7	8.9	11.11	13.15 (93)
Tarwin/Fish Ck	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4 (10)

BEST, Foster: Jack Rathjen, Khy Davy, Zak Maynard-Barrett, Jake Matheson, Harrison Garlick, Toby Delaney
BEST, Tarwin/Fish Ck: Thomas Vuillermin, Harrison Watt, Kye McMillan, Rory Standfield, Brandon Bell, Thomas Hughes

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS				
Hill End	9.13.67	d	Newborough	6.14.50
Morwell East	21.15.141	d	Thorpdale	9.6.60
RESERVES				
Newborough	13.13.91	d	Hill End	1.3.9
Morwell East	20.11.131	d	Thorpdale	1.4.10

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 7

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 4

Foster v Newborough

Mirboo North v MDU

Morwell East v Fish Creek

Thopdale v Boolarra

Toora v Hill End

Yinnar v Stony Creek

Tarwin - BYE

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 3

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Tarwin.....	3	0	151.55	12
Hill End.....	2	0	133.12	10
Boolarra.....	1	0	115.79	10
Newborough.....	2	1	176.51	8
Yinnar.....	2	1	152.11	8
Morwell East.....	1	1	139.29	8
Fish Creek.....	2	1	138.41	8
Stony Creek.....	2	1	113.97	8
MDU.....	1	2	126.36	4
Foster.....	0	2	70.94	4
Thorpdale.....	1	2	61.56	4
Mirboo Nth.....	0	3	46.78	0
Toora.....	0	3	31.07	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Newborough.....	3	0	464.38	12
MDU.....	3	0	371.23	12
Tarwin.....	3	0	292.47	12
Morwell East.....	1	1	200.00	8
Yinnar.....	2	1	190.78	8
Toora.....	2	1	172.59	8
Boolarra.....	1	1	78.43	8
Stony Creek.....	1	2	76.44	4
Fish Creek.....	1	2	66.24	4
Hill End.....	1	2	58.24	4
Foster.....	0	2	3.57	4
Thorpdale.....	0	3	22.74	0
Mirboo Nth.....	0	3	21.74	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Mirboo Nth.....	3	0	422.09	12
MDU.....	3	0	291.82	12
Yinnar.....	2	1	172.00	8
Foster.....	1	2	132.33	4
Hill End.....	0	3	25.31	0
Tarwin/Fish Creek.....	0	3	16.04	0
Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0
Newborough.....	0	0	0.00	0
Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale.....	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 4

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

210

Redlegs

25

LEONGATHA	BAIRNSDALE			
Leongatha	3.6	12.14	17.20	31.24 (210)
Bairnsdale	2.0	2.0	2.1	4.1 (25)
GOALS, Leongatha: Justin Pellicano 6, Aaron Hillberg, Jack Hume 4, Tom Marriott 3, Jack Ginnane, Aaron Turton, Jake Van Der Pligt, Mason McGannon 2, Aaron Heppell, Josh Hopkins, Jacob Lamers, Travis Nash, Timothy Sauvarin, Cameron Stone 1 each				
BEST: Justin Pellicano, Luke Bowman, Tom Marriott, Aaron Turton, Steve Forrester, Cade Maskell				
GOALS, Bairnsdale: No players named.				
BEST: Kieran Vickery, Byron Vickery, Randall Stewart, Nathan Dennison, Shaun Mooney				
RESERVES				
Leongatha d Bairnsdale				
Bairnsdale forfeited				
THIRDS				
Bairnsdale	3.3	6.5	8.7	10.8 (68)
Leongatha	1.0	1.3	1.4	4.4 (28)
GOALS, Bairnsdale: Thomas Hudson 4, Max East 2, Jake Anderson, Tate Clay, Caleb Crofts, James Dore 1 each				
BEST: Samuel Stewart, William Bromage, Ethan Taylor, Cooper Young, Bryce Lind, Jake Anderson				
GOALS, Leongatha: Jesse Burns, Rylie Checkley, Ty Hall, Trent McRae 1 each				
BEST: Ty Hall, Jett Clark, Tyler Richards, Hudson Martin, Xavier Bolge, Wil Dawson				
FOURTHS				
Bairnsdale	3.4	6.4	7.5	10.8 (68)
Leongatha	1.3	4.3	8.3	10.5 (65)
BEST, Bairnsdale: Cooper Rowe, Archer Watt, Jesse Bills, Oscar Dullard, Jadah Frith, Xavier Bromage				
BEST, Leongatha: Will Brown, Klayton McGrath, Hamish Gill, Julian Callahan, Campbell Reid, Aydan Williams				

WONTHAGGI POWER FOOTBALL CLUB

112

45

WONTHAGGI	DROUIN			
Wonthaggi	4.4	9.10	11.14	16.16 (112)
Drouin	3.0	4.0	7.2	7.3 (45)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: Troy Harley, Jack Hutchinson 4, Jakeb Thomas 2, Jack Blair, Tom Davey, Mitch Hayes, Lachie Jones, Aiden Lindsay, Ryan Sparkes 1 each				
BEST: Jack Hutchinson, Jakeb Thomas, Jack Blair, Aiden Lindsay, Jye Gilmour, Toma Huther				
GOALS, Drouin: Shay Harvey, Cambell Jolly 2, Tom Barr, Jarrod Marshall, Harry Wans 1 each				
BEST: Jarrod Marshall, Jordan Kingi, Timothy Hancock, Harry Wans, Aden Quirk, Joseph Collins				
RESERVES				
Wonthaggi	3.3	7.4	11.6	15.9 (99)
Drouin	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.0 (12)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: Wayne Luke 5, Andrew Murray, Jaxon Williams 3, Tyson Andrighetto, Matt Coyne, Mitchell Davey, Thomas Murray 1 each				
BEST: Thomas Murray, Andrew Murray, Jarvis Brown, Jaxon Williams, Wayne Luke, Mitchell Davey				
GOALS, Drouin: Ethan Busse, Ryan Maric 1 each				
BEST: Charlie Wans, Mitchell Diston, Jacob Sandman, Ryan Maric, Jake Simpson, Trent Cooley				
THIRDS				
Drouin	3.3	5.5	7.9	13.11 (89)
Wonthaggi	1.1	2.2	4.3	5.6 (36)
GOALS, Drouin: Ryan Maric 5, Oakley Walsh 3, Eli Bracken, Lachy Braybon, Trent Fritzlaff, James Munro, Aedan Rothmeier 1 each				
BEST: Ryan Maric, Flynn Bethune, Aedan Rothmeier, Ethan Busse, Aaron Mitchell, Oakley Walsh				
GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper Lindsay, Silas O'Halloran 2, Luke Speed 1				
BEST: Hunter Tiziani, Ollie Dawson, Charlie Dawson, Cooper Lindsay, Brodie Senior-Gibson, Silas O'Halloran				

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS				
Sale	11.8.74	d	Maffra	8.8.56
Moe	8.8.56	d	Traralgon	7.13.55
Morwell	11.18.84	d	Warragul	4.7.31
RESERVES				
Maffra	14.14.98	d	Sale	0.3.3
Moe	9.13.67	d	Traralgon	5.4.34
Morwell	6.6.42	drew	Warragul	6.6.42
THIRDS				
Maffra	7.8.50	d	Sale	2.2.14
Moe	10.8.68	d	Traralgon	9.8.62
Morwell	6.6.42	d	Warragul	5.8.38
FOURTHS				
Maffra	17.13.115	d	Sale	0.1.1
Traralgon	13.17.95	d	Moe	2.6.18
Warragul	15.16.106	d	Morwell	3.2.20

Wonthaggi powers through Drouin challenge

THE match against Drouin loomed as something of a danger game for Wonthaggi Power, on the back of their loss to Leongatha, and after Drouin had easily accounted for Warragul the week before.

Wonthaggi and Warragul had played a high-scoring draw in round two.

And in front of a really good crowd at Drouin, it was the Hawks who started best with three goals to one in the opening minutes.

Sam Pratt was tightly checking Power playmaker Aiden Lindsay at the stoppages and Jarred Marshall was getting off the chain for Drouin early, allowing them to start impressively before the Power defenders locked down and the team's onballers started to take control later in the term.

It was Marshall who opened the scoring for Drouin, after Steven Scott had initially turned them out. And straight out of the centre again, they had another through an unsighted Drouin player.

Fergus O'Connor started to dig in at half back and got the ball to Troy Harley who missed an easy one.

Tim Knowles was getting active on his wing, and finally the Power started stringing some passes together, first through Ryan Sparkes, Mitch Hayes and Harry Dawson, then Jack Hutchinson, Hayes, Jack Blair and Sparkes for the Power's opener.

Blair had rotated through to the bench before Sparkes had even slotted it through. It was good defence which had set it all up.

Steven Scott took a fine intercept mark and the likes of Tim Knowles and Josh Bates continued to defend well but they weren't getting reward for effort when Harley missed another shot up the other end and Drouin rebounded for a 'Joe the Goose' goal over the back to Shay Harvey.

But Wonthaggi had already started to tackle and win the



Tim Knowles wins the contested footy and gets into the clear before putting the Power into attack at Drouin on Saturday.

contested footy and a noticeable change came over the game as everyone started playing their roles; Aiden Lindsay and Noah Anderson doing well and both Harley and Jack Hutchinson likely targets up forward.

It was Lochie Scott who ultimately produced the turning point effort in defence, starting an end-to-end passage of play through Jakeb Thomas, Tim Knowles and Hutchinson, who marked and goaled, to get Power show on the road.

The attacking move featured great passing by foot and running to position and was remarked upon by coach Jarryd Blair at quarter time.

Straight out of the centre, Lindsay got the next attacking move going and it was Hutchinson having a purple

patch who put it through with a nice long kick.

A terrific tackle late in the quarter by Ryan Sparkes down back set up the next goal, another to Hutchinson, and Wonthaggi were in front going to the first break.

As well as mentioning the terrific passing by foot in that featured passage of play, Blair said he wanted to see a harder work rate by the forwards and a more aggressive attack on the ball and he got exactly that.

Wonthaggi put its stamp of authority on the game in the opening minutes of the second term, with goals to Lachie Jones, Jakeb Thomas, Tom Harley, Mitch Hayes and Tom Davey, interspersed with one to Drouin's Harvey and the Power were soon out to a five-goal lead and they didn't look back.

Hayes actually won the contested ball in the back-line and great work rate put him in position to kick the goal – a great effort.

Tom Davey's goal was the result of excellent ruck work by Jakeb Thomas in the centre.

It was all about individuals taking pride in their performance, but it all came together as a terrific team effort across the ground.

Drouin kicked three goals to two with the wind in the third quarter, but the Power was in charge, adding five goals to nil in the last.

Jarryd Blair was still out of the side with injury and among those coming in were Brayden Duve and Harry Dawson who both played their roles.

Power host Maffra at Wonthaggi next Saturday.

Parrots dominates depleted Bairnsdale Redlegs

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When the Redlegs were able to clear defence, they were rarely able to advance far past the centre before Leongatha intercepted and mounted another attack.

As McMicking noted, the Redlegs were effective when

they got the ball into their forward line.

Thirds player, Thomas Hudson stepped up to senior level despite having played in the under 18s match earlier in the day and showed he has a big future, booting all four of Bairnsdale's goals and having kicked just as many in the

earlier game.

"He looked like a star," McMicking said of the young Redleg.

Bairnsdale was unable to field a reserves side due to a lack of numbers, with club president Murray Frew proud of the players who stepped up to avoid a senior forfeit.

Bairnsdale lost coach Logan Austin from its line-up on match day due to Covid, compounding its already overwhelming task.

McMicking commended Bairnsdale on getting a side on the field, also remarking on the Redlegs' impressive wins in both the thirds and fourths.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 4

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	4	0	270.52	16	Maffra	4	0	1486.67	16	Maffra	4	0	194.12	16	Traralgon	4	0	615.38	16
Moe	4	0	177.01	16	Leongatha	4	0	733.33	16	Warragul	3	1	311.71	12	Maffra	4	0	227.08	16
Wonthaggi	2	1	113.36	10	Wonthaggi	3	1	176.57	12	Bairnsdale	3	1	123.50	12	Bairnsdale	3	1	200.69	12
Traralgon	2	2	171.56	8	Morwell	2	1	126.19	10	Traralgon	2	2	152.41	8	Warragul	2	1	297.53	8
Maffra	2	2	131.60	8	Moe	2	2	65.19	8	Drouin	2	2	90.68	8	Moe	2	2	119.50	8
Sale	2	2	91.93	8	Warragul	1	2	77.51	6	Leongatha	2	2	75.00	8	Leongatha	1	2	75.48	4
Morwell	2	2	81.94	8	Sale	1	3	58.20	4	Moe	2	2	56.00	8	Sale	0	3	23.62	0
Drouin	1	3	47.46	4	Drouin	1	3	41.05	4	Wonthaggi	1	3	80.26	4	Drouin	0	3	20.25	0
Warragul	0	3	62.57	2	Bairnsdale	1	2	30.88	4	Morwell	1	3	79.45	4	Morwell	0	4	11.11	0
Bairnsdale	0	4	43.31	0	Traralgon	0	4	37.34	0	Sale	0	4	46.10	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	00.00	0



Max Blake tackles his Garfield opponent while Jack Papas and Cam Pedersen provide back up. Photos: Carol Ratcliff/Phillip Island Football Club Images Facebook page.

Bulldogs too strong



Jaymie Youle studies his options.

Young Giants fall to Dusties on the rebound

THE Korumburra-Bena Giants succumbed to the Warragul Dusties on Saturday by 138 points. The devastating loss came off the back of Warragul's 72-point loss to Tooradin-Dalmore on ANZAC Day in the split round. That loss saw the Dusties come out firing, booting six majors in the first term while keeping the visitors to just one goal and a behind. The 33-point margin deflated spirits, with the Giants remaining goalless in the second term while the

Dusties extended their lead to 67 points. The Giants refocused at the main break and ran out raring to go – keeping the visitors to three goals while they booted two of their own to head into the final term with only a slightly larger deficit. But the Dusties went hard, putting nine majors on the board to put the final nail in the coffin while the Giants recorded one behind. The Dusties had 10 goal-kickers in Saturday's match – with seven from Mason

McGarrity – while the Giants' Matt Kennewell, Christian Sewell and Byron Walker recorded one each. But it hasn't all been bad news for the Giants, with Alessi Green (Thirds captain), Liam Hall and Chris Kirk-Williams all playing their first games for the Giants at the weekend. And going back the week-end before last, Max Donohue played for Gippsland Power in the Under 16s in the Vic Country Trial. Donohue then topped off those efforts to be the

his charges to continue the pressure! The Stars came out and displayed a similar intent and matched the Bulldogs for periods – the difference being finishing. After five minutes of early domination by the Stars resulted in a lot of effort for little return, the Bulldogs were able to move forward cleanly where Billy Taylor gracefully slotted one. Cam Pedersen decided that it was his time, and after handing off a couple, cleanly dispatched three in five minutes to break the Stars' resistance. A total of nine for the third quarter, and a lead of 148 at three-quarter time. With coach Vernon reminding the Bulldogs at three-quarter time that they had not won a final quarter for the year, the final started with a string of behinds. Brendan Kimber 'stole' a certain goal from the returning Marcus Wright – much to the amusement of the coaches bench. Billy Taylor kicked one before the new full-forward Cam Pedersen kicked a string of additional goals. The Stars fought it out and kicked one themselves, but the Bulldogs were too strong, running out winners by 183!

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 4

» PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

	198		15
PHILLIP ISLAND		GARFIELD	


Phillip Island 4.6 15.8 24.12 30.18 (198)
Garfield 0.1 0.1 1.2 2.3 (15)
GOALS, Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen 7, Jordy Patullo 6, Max Blake 4, Harry O'Brien, Billy Taylor, Zak Vernon 3, Brendan Kimber 2, Jack Taylor, Jaymie Youle 1 each
BEST: Cameron Pedersen, Zac Walker, Jaymie Youle, Harry O'Brien, Jordy Patullo, Max Blake
GOALS, Garfield: Nicholas Lang, Mathew Zuccolo 1 each
BEST: Andrew Fitzpatrick, Joel Batson, Jett Pickering, Nicholas Lang, Trent Morrow, Matt Jones
RESERVES
Phillip Island 16.12 (108)
Garfield 5.2 (32)
GOALS, Phillip Island: Dean Blake 5, Liam Dayson 3, Aaron Edwards, Zach Wagner 2, Harry Anderson, James Nicolaci, Levi Robinson, Cameron Brown 1 each
BEST: Levi Robinson, Dean Blake, Blake Christopher, Kirby Fuller, Cameron Brown, Zach Wagner
GOALS, Garfield: Matthew Bow, Jahmain Harrison 2, Nick Willemsen 1
BEST: Lachy Fernandez, Tyler Constantine, Elliot Kennedy, Jahmain Harrison, Fletcher Kennedy, Matthew Bow

THIRDS
Phillip Island 2.0 4.2 5.4 7.7 (49)
Garfield 2.2 5.3 6.5 6.5 (41)
BEST, Phillip Island: Ben Taylor, Tyce Kleverkamp, Dylan Susic, Lucas Chihotski, Jack Johnston, Blake Olarenshaw
BEST, Garfield: Jed Pinkerton, Will Pickering, Corey Harrison, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Isaac Braaksma, Ben Tenace-Greenall
FORUTHS
Phillip Island 5.0 9.1 10.2 13.5 (83)
Garfield 1.1 2.2 4.3 9.8 (62)
BEST, Phillip Island: Darcy Thompson, Oliver Hibbert, Max Taylor, William Hill, Sonny Merryfull, Leo Savona
BEST, Garfield: Theo Zaccari, Diesel Ashe, Aaron Braaksma, Jesse Wouters, Nathan King, Jake VanDenBerghe

» KORUMBURRA-BENA FOOTBALL CLUB

	162		24
WARRAGUL IND		KOR-BENA	

Warragul Ind 6.4 11.10 14.20 23.24 (162)
Kor-Bena 1.1 1.3 3.5 3.6 (24)
GOALS, Warragul Ind: Mason McGarrity 7, Anthony Bruhn 4, Travis Ogden 3, Shane Brewster, Jackson Mockett 2, Todd Beck, Michael Debenham, Will Jolley, Nic Visser, Tyler Irving 1 each
BEST: Mason McGarrity, Will Gibson, Shane Brewster, Michael Debenham, Todd Beck, Nic Visser
GOALS, Kor-Bena: Matt Kennewell, Christian Sewell, Byron Walker 1 each
BEST: Zach Walker, Nicholas Besley, Alex Walker, Jye Celebrine, Josh Hargreaves, Jordan Grabham
RESERVES
Warragul Ind d Korumburra-Bena
Korumburra-Bena forfeited
FOURTHS
Warragul Ind 1.2 3.3 6.4 8.4 (52)
Kor-Bena 0.3 1.5 2.5 5.7 (37)
BEST, Warragul Ind: Cody Templeton, William Brewer, Thomas Vickery, Stephen Oling, Damian Leslie, Campbell Gibbons
BEST, Kor-Bena: Max Donohue, Benjamin Fowler, Bryce Riddell, Tarkyn Walker, Lachlan Wilson, Charlie Carew



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Tooradin-Dalmore 13.19.97 d Cora Lynn 6.10.46

Inverloch-Kongwak 18.18.126 d Dalyston 1.4.10

Phillip Island 30.18.198 d Garfield 2.3.15

Nar Nar Goon 14.11.95 d Kilcunda-Bass 5.9.39

Bunyip 17.11.113 d Koo Wee Rup 7.5.47

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Dalyston footy fans will be delighted when recently-retired Hawk Shaun Burgoyne joins the team for a one-off game in the coming weeks. Photo: AAP Photos.

AFL star heading to Dalyston

THE picks are in for The Carlton Draft, with AFL greats heading to country footy leagues across Victoria, including Dalyston, in a bid to help bring even more passion back to local footy in 2022.

After a difficult couple of years for local community sport, eight deserving clubs were recently selected to take part in the inaugural draft.

Headlined by Draft Commissioner Jonathan Brown, each club selected their AFL great on a special FOX FOOTY broadcast last week - ahead of the one-off games to be held in coming weeks.

Recently-retired Hawk Shaun Burgoyne will swap the brown and gold for black and white when he heads to the Dalyston Football Netball Club.

"To play game 408 for a local, deserving club will be something really special and hopefully I can provide a much-needed boost for the Magpies both on and off the field," he said.

"In the first instance, it might feel a little weird donning the black and white after so many years at the Hawks and Port, but I can't wait to meet my teammates, lace up the boots and play in front of the passionate local fans."

The first selection in The Carlton Draft saw Portarlington Football Netball Club select recently-retired Demon Nathan Jones, a game which will see him don the same red and blue colours he wore in his 15 years at Melbourne.

Legendary goal sneak Eddie Betts was next, heading to Braxholme Wallacedale Football Club in the South West District Football Netball League.

Three-time premierships hero Cameron Mooney was third and will play a game for Longwood Football Netball Club, a club in much need of a prized goalkicker after a tough couple of seasons in front of the big sticks.

Former Gippsland Power draftee-turned Hawthorn superstar Jarryd Roughead will head back to Gippsland to play for Gormandale Football Netball Club, just an hour down the road from where he grew up in Leongatha.



IK star midfielder Oscar Toussaint stamped his authority early. Photo: Aiden Box at Unboxed Photos.

Sea Eagles devastate Magpies

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK came off a week's rest, blooded young gun Taite Cumming and travelled down the road to face an in-form Dalyston side.

The game started with the hosts quelling multiple Sea Eagle forward attacks through sheer intensity at the coal face, disallowing them their trademark run and carry.

As he did last time out, IK star midfielder Oscar Toussaint broke the game open, punched home the first major and stamped his authority early.

The visitors found their run soon after and were able to meet the Magpies' ferociousness at the contest, which resulted in many problems for the home side.

Despite repeat inside 50s, the Sea Eagles struggled to finish their chances as the brisk wind played tricks on both sides' efficiency.

Regardless of the tough conditions, IK's class shone through as they linked up beautifully to find Gareth Park for his first.

Just as they had in their huge round 3 victory, the Sea Eagles looked brutally dangerous off turnover, continuously turning them into scoring opportunities.

Dalyston's decision making

By Aiden Box

and skill errors cost them towards the end of the first term.

IK reached the break 48 points ahead, thanks to some stellar ruckwork from their dynamic duo Marcus Toussaint and Clint McCaughan.

The second term began with more of the same as the Pies' defence was peppered early, although held strong as the visitors' inaccuracy spread through the team.

Dalyston transitioned well from defensive 50, although were unable to finish on a tough day for foot skills in blustery conditions.

The hosts finally found a scoring opportunity via a set shot from Jack Legione, who was unfortunately unable to convert from the pocket.

Another Gareth Park goal broke the mid-quarter stalemate, before Oscar Toussaint claimed his third major thanks to some excellent stoppage work from McCaughan.

The well-rested Sea Eagles kept the foot on the gas pedal and McCaughan was able to ride home a goal of his own soon after.

The Pies kept charging out of defence, although failed to get it inside 50, their skill errors falling right into the Sea

Eagles' hands.

Marcus Toussaint and Corey Casey dominated the stoppages for IK as they extended their lead to 70 at the main break.

The ball pinballed between the forward 50s to begin the third quarter, as Dalyston really ramped up their intensity and continued to fight.

Oscar Toussaint finally broke through for his fourth on the day after repeat forward entries and McCaughan continued to show why he's one of the league's best.

As the sun disappeared behind the afternoon cloud, so did the free scoring, the hometown Magpies doing a sensational job at harnessing the visitors through the third term.

They produced another set shot although heartbreakingly were still yet to find their first major to reward their defence for their mammoth effort.

Another positive play from the hosts ended in more heartbreak as the 'ever-reliable' Lewis Rankin claimed the intercept mark on the goal line.

The Pies battled valiantly all day, but as Oscar Toussaint slotted his fifth it became tough to hold up their heads, the lead at 97 points going into the final break.

The fourth again started with great pressure from the hosts, although this time it was sustained, and young gun Hayden Wallis' quick chance went wayward.

Moments later, Wallis made up for his miss with a brilliant snap from stoppage for Dalyston's first goal of the afternoon.

The hosts kept pressing and taking advantage of more IK misses in front of goal and were well ahead in the quarter.

But as the sun came out and the crowd found its voice, it was all IK; Tristan Van Driel finally got himself a major after struggling with accuracy all day.

First-gamer Taite Cumming slotted his first senior goal and was swamped by his teammates.

Cumming added another and Oscar Toussaint bagged his sixth in likely another best on ground performance.

Another magnificent day of football for IK, running out 116-point winners, setting up a mouth-watering top-two clash with Phillip Island next week in Cowes.

As for Dalyston, they were unable to continue their winning ways, they will head down the highway to face Tooradin-Dalmore in round 5.

Panthers taken out by the Goon

KILCUNDA BASS faced a daunting challenge against unbeaten visitor Nar Nar Goon on Saturday.

The Panthers weren't too far behind at half time, trailing by 33 points, but had yet to register a goal by that stage.

While Kilcunda Bass improved its impact up forward in the second half, managing five goals, Nar Nar Goon went up a couple of cogs to notch nine second half majors.

Six of those Goon goals came during a powerful third-term display, with the Panthers managing just a couple in response for that stanza.

Commendably, Kilcunda Bass refused to take the easy option in the final term, battling hard and winning the quarter.

The Panthers finished with 3.5 in the final term, giving them plenty of positives to take into their round 5 clash with Koo Wee Rup.

"We fought the game out," Kilcunda Bass president Les Watson said.

While he noted the absence of Panthers centre half forward Taylor Gibson and last season's best & fairest, and strong on-baller Jack Soroczynski, the president praised the performance of the opposition.

"Nar Nar Goon was a bit too polished for us," Watson said.

Against Nar Nar Goon, Marcus Baxter was Kilcunda Bass' only multiple goal scorer, finishing with a couple.

His teammates Jake Weightman, Phillip Winmar and Benjamin Eddy managed a major each.

Hard-running halfback and wingman Cam McKenzie was best for the beaten Panthers, with teammate Anthony Daraio also performing strongly.

Onballer Ben Eddy caught president Watson's eye.

"He drove us into attack many times, only for the ball to come out of Bass' forward line too easily," Watson said.

Nar Nar Goon's Dermott Yawney proved difficult for the Panthers backmen to stop, nailing six majors for the game, with the Goons having three other multiple goal scorers.

Watson was pleased with the role Dale Crawford played in attempting to curtail the dangerous Yawney, noting the Kilcunda Bass backman performed solidly considering how often the footy came Yawney's way.

Jake Smith led the way for the winning side, with Brendan Hermann also excelling.



Kilcunda Bass improved during the second half against Nar Nar Goon in their round 4 encounter on their home deck. Z19_1822

New-look Bass Coast Breakers in fine form

THE Bass Coast Breakers were greeted with true wet footy conditions for their first match of the year - a Friday night clash in Seaford.

Starting a bit rusty and with nine players donning the Breakers jumper for the first time, they allowed Seaford to get the jump - kicking the first two goals of the match.

The Breakers quickly recovered and with two nice soccer goals off the ground they went into the first break with a narrow 2.4 to 2.1 lead.

After quarter time, the Breakers dominated the play with the move of Chelsea Connell to centre half back providing steadiness in defence and limiting Seaford's opportunities to attack.

Carly Heislars, Immy Bradford, Jenna Russo and Missi Joyce provided plenty of speed around the

ground with a couple of highlight reel worthy goals to Ahlee Penry and Aimee Beck keeping things exciting in the wet.

The young brigade shone with a best on ground performance from Sunday Brisbane with Ahlee Pendry, Kate Caughey and Tess Wingfield also carrying on their good Gippsland Power form.

Paired with the experience of Kelly O'Neill who kicked four for the game, Sophie McCracken-Evans in the ruck and Shelley Goodwin on the last line of defence, the new-look Breakers look set for a great season.

Final score: Breakers 8.12-60 def Seaford 1.2-8.

Best: S Brisbane, K O'Neill, S McCracken-Evans, C Heislars, A Pendry, and T Wingfield.

Goals: K O'Neill 4, K Caughey, E Cargill, A Pendry, and A Beck.



Tess Wingfield, Kate Caughey, Ahlee Penry and Missi Joyce were among the young players to impress for the Breakers.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS														ROUND 4							
SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts	av
Inverloch-K	4	0	292.53	16	Tooradin-Dal	4	0	2530.77	16	Inverloch-K	4	0	2281.48	4.00		Inverloch-K	3	0	441.67	4.00	
Phillip Island	4	0	263.53	16	Phillip Island	4	0	361.95	16	Cora Lynn	3	1	119.89	3.00		Phillip Island	3	0	407.35	4.00	
Tooradin-Dal	4	0	257.22	16	Bunyip	3	1	230.95	12	Garfield	2	1	200.00	2.67		Warragul Ind	3	1	287.18	3.00	
Nar Nar Goon	4	0	188.57	16	Inverloch-K	3	1	197.16	12	Nar Nar Goon	2	1	61.38	2.67		Koo Wee Rup	3	1	125.68	3.00	
Bunyip	3	1	171.11	12	Nar Nar Goon	3	1	177.71	12	Tooradin-Dal	1	1	238.81	2.00		Kor-Bena	2	2	170.16	2.00	
Warragul Ind	2	2	133.59	8	Koo Wee Rup	2	2	117.53	8	Koo Wee Rup	2	2	137.85	2.00		Kilcunda-Bass	2	2	64.80	2.00	
Dalyston	1	3	64.14	4	Warragul Ind	2	2	29.25	8	Phillip Island	1	1	88.37	2.00		Garfield	2	2	63.22	2.00	
Koo Wee Rup	1	3	61.24	4	Dalyston	1	3	73.52	4	Kor-Bena	1	2	32.92	1.33		Bunyip	1	2	139.00	1.33	
Kilcunda-Bass	1	3	51.83	4	Cora Lynn	1	3	63.79	4	Bunyip	0	4	39.18	0.00		Nar Nar Goon	1	3	48.68	1.00	
Cora Lynn	0	4	54.29	0	Kor-Bena	1	2	24.72	4	Dalyston	0	3	12.08	0.00		Dalyston	0	4	26.05	0.00	
Kor-Bena	0	4	37.76	0	Garfield	0	4	31.50	0	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00		Tooradin-Dal	0	3	4.59	0.00	
Garfield	0	4	26.09	0	Kilcunda-Bass	0	4	10.24	0	Warragul Ind	0	0	0.00	0.00		Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	

WEST GIPPSLAND
COMPETITION
RESULTS

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>> DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

>> INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

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INVERLOCH-K

DALYSTON

Inverloch-K 7.6 10.11 14.15 18.18 (126)

Dalyston 0.0 0.1 0.2 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Inverloch-K:

Oscar Toussaint 6, Thomas Wyatt, Gareth Park, Taite Cumming 2, Corey Casey, Dylan Clark, Toby Mahoney, Clinton McCaughan, Ethan Park, Tristan Van Driel 1 each

BEST:

Oscar Toussaint, Dylan Clark, Ethan Park, Jamieson Soumilas, Corey Casey, Jarvis Pryor

GOALS, Dalyston:

Hayden Wallis 1

BEST:

Clay Tait, Michael Harris, Curtis Murfett, Michael Marotta, Matthew Howell, Matthew Pearce

RESERVES

Inverloch-K 0.2 2.4 5.7 8.7 (55)

Dalyston 1.3 2.4 3.5 3.6 (24)

GOALS, Inverloch-K:

Dylan Taylor 3, Thomas Miller 2, Mitch Hewitson, Jake Staley 1 each

BEST:

Malachy O'Flynn, Peter Muir, Andre Toussaint, Dylan Taylor, Campbell Scott, Travis Bergmeier

GOALS, Dalyston:

Moomen Amin, John Armstrong, Shoaib Akbar 1 each

BEST:

Jack Sheerin, Shoaib Akbar, Jy Hull, Moomen Amin, Andrew Magro, Lachy Ireland

THIRDS

Inverloch-K 7.2 10.8 17.15 23.21 (159)

Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

BEST, Inverloch-K:

Jed Rosenow, Jaxon Hayes, Ashton Hewitson, Hayden Lindsay, Oscar Ward

BEST, Dalyston:

Stewart Beaumont, Jesse Booth, Beau Hull, Ryan Gray, Ryda Kay-Darts

FOURTHS

Inverloch-K 6.5 12.7 16.12 21.14 (140)

Dalyston 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.1 (7)

BEST, Inverloch-K:

Jett Garnham, Andot Mankhong, Lucas Allen, Xavier Lindsay, Rem Dal Pozzo

BEST, Dalyston:

Max Connell, Chase Krause, Oscar Malcolm, Jaxon Foon, Sebastian Ori, Aiden Hooper

>> KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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NAR NAR GOON

KILCUNDA-BASS

Nar Nar Goon 3.2 5.6 11.8 14.11 (95)

Kilcunda-Bass 0.2 0.3 2.4 5.9 (39)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon:

Dermott Yawney 6, Brendan Hermann, Matthew Homfray, Mitchell Homfray 2, Tom Ferrari, Troy McDermott 1 each

BEST:

Jake Smith, Brendan Hermann, Aidan Picicelli, Sam Blackwood, Bradley Homfray, Matthew Homfray

GOALS, K-Bass:

Marcus Baxter 2, Benjamin Eddy, Jake Weightman, Phillip Winmar 1 each

BEST:

Cam McKenzie, Anthony Daraio, Nathan Foote, Dale Gawley, Benjamin Eddy, Jake Weightman

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon 5.6 10.8 18.14 22.23 (155)

Kilcunda-Bass 0.0 0.2 1.2 2.3 (15)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon:

Jack Gribbin 4, Nicholas Bransgrove, Matt Saunders, Kayne Somers 3, Darcy Young 2, Jarrod Hamling, Cooper Newnham, Cooper Pursell 1 each

BEST:

Nicholas Bransgrove, Jack Gribbin, Jarrod Hamling, Ben Cross, James Hoefler, Darcy Young

GOALS, K-Bass:

Jeffrey Winmar 2

BEST:

Jeffrey Winmar, Zach Stewart, Michael Gatherum, Todd Smith, Lionel Anderson, Anthony Jerrard

FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon 0.2 1.5 2.5 3.6 (25)

Kilcunda-Bass 2.0 2.4 3.5 3.5 (24)

BEST, Nar Nar Goon:

Zane Rooke, Jesse Smith, Jack Murphy, Jack Tyler, Rhys Van Dord, Mason Walker

BEST, K-Bass:

James Lewis, Trent Cartmel, Jye Sutherland, William Campbell, Thomas Bartels, Finn Russell

>> IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Tooradin-Dal 13.19.97 d Cora Lynn 6.10.46

Bunyip 17.11.113 d Koo Wee Rup 7.5.47

RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal 16.11.107 d Cora Lynn 3.0.18

Bunyip 7.8.50 d Koo Wee Rup 3.14.32

THIRDS

Cora Lynn 6.5.41 d Tooradin-Dal 0.0.0

Koo Wee Rup 6.6.42 d Bunyip 0.3.3

FOURTHS

Koo Wee Rup 4.6.30 d Bunyip 3.4.22



Jackson Harry takes the mark and drives forward in the first quarter.
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Parrots dominate depleted Redlegs

LEONGATHA did what it needed to against a COVID-decimated Bairnsdale side in round 4, claiming a 185-point win.

While a visit to the Parrots nest was never going to be an easy assignment for the Redlegs, it became impossible with 11 forced changes from Bairnsdale's round 3 side.

Bairnsdale football director Greg McCarrey said the Redlegs were missing 13 members of their best senior line-up.

They were forced to field six players who hadn't previously played in senior ranks, one of whom performed superbly.

Leongatha's relentless display was commendable and showed the ruthlessness required to be a top side, but anyone vaguely impartial had to question the fairness of the match and what it means for the competition.

That's not a criticism of the Gippsland League, which has been put in an unenviable position, like all other leagues.

With the constant spectre of COVID, the league appears to have little choice but to press on with games with whoever is available to represent clubs, but Saturday's match makes a mockery of percentage, with Leongatha handed a huge boost.

The margin would have been substantially larger had the Parrots' goalkicking been accurate.

Leongatha coach Trent McMicking felt sympathy for Bairnsdale's plight, but believes it's only a matter of time before the Parrots are in the same boat.

"I thought they battled on really well for long periods of the game," McMicking said of

Bairnsdale's efforts.

Justin Pellicano was unstoppable for the Parrots, combining his ruckwork with six goals, celebrating his majors in style.

Midfielder Tom Marriott covered plenty of ground and slotted three majors, with fellow centreman Luke Bowman once again highly influential for the triumphant Leongatha.

The imposing Aaron Hillberg marked strongly and booted four goals, dishing off another with an unselfish handball when he might have built his haul.

Jack Hume also impressed up forward with four majors.

Such was the extent of Leongatha's dominance against its undermanned opponent, 14 Parrots got their names on the goalkickers list.

The home side piled on a staggering 14 goals to two in the final term.

Despite his side never being threatened, Leongatha coach McMicking found areas for the Parrots to improve on during the game and was pleased they delivered.

He urged them at quarter time to tighten up defensively.

At the final change, McMicking praised his forwards' more direct leading, noting their tendency earlier in the game to get themselves into some difficult positions.

"We don't need to go out wide," he said.

Bairnsdale's overworked backline tried valiantly against overwhelming odds, often with the ball being delivered under little pressure into the path of a leading Parrot.

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