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State Premier Daniel Andrews paid a surprise visit to Wonthaggi Hospital with Bass MP Jordan Crugnale (middle) to see how the expansion project is progressing. ns032222

HOSPITAL ON TRACK



Premier Daniel Andrews was joined by representatives from Victorian Health Building Authority and Kane Constructions on his tour of the hospital.

PREMIER Daniel Andrews made a surprise visit to Wonthaggi Hospital last Friday with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale.

The Premier had a quick tour of the new \$115m hospital, witnessing the 200-plus workers who are building the new Emergency department, four theatre operating suites, the recovery and central sterilising area, a 32-bed combined surgical and paediatric ward and the new radiology precinct.

It is expected the hospital will have the capacity to treat 26,000 extra emergency patients every year.

The Wonthaggi Hospital expansion is due to be handed over to BCH in November this year to facilitate commissioning of areas before Christmas, with the total project to be completed early 2023.

BCH is also expanding its workforce with a significant recruitment agenda underway.

According to BCH, over the past five

years, the state-funded contribution to BCH grew from \$42 million in 2016-17 to \$77 million in 2021-22, with a large proportion going towards expanding the workforce.

Staff numbers have grown from 700 in 2016, to more than 1000 currently, and over the coming two years with more growth and more services, BCH expects staff numbers to grow by a further 100 or more.

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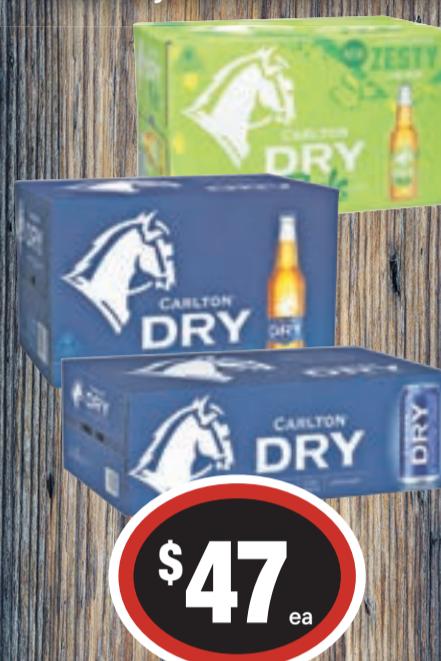
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Keep the Leongatha momentum going

WITH the town's businesses largely having withstood the challenges of the last couple of years well, with many thriving, outgoing Leongatha Business Association (LBA) president Anthony Walls is excited about the organisation's future.

He is keen to build its membership and generate further momentum for the town.

"Anyone positive and passionate is more than welcome," Anthony said.

That includes people from Leongatha businesses and community groups who are keen to contribute their ideas and energy.

After four years as president, Anthony feels it's time to give someone else a go, but he won't be stepping away from LBA, and will remain part of its committee following the organisation's June 1 AGM.

The Bair Street redevelopment is a highlight of his time in charge.

The LBA played an important role working with South Gippsland Shire Council during the project and keeping Bair Street business operators in the loop on its progress.

Anthony is delighted with the rejuvenated street and the vibrancy it's added to Leongatha.

"Bair Street's been fantastic and it's brought many businesses to town," he said, adding there are only a couple of vacant shops along the strip.

Anthony has noticed the pride business operators take in the new-look Bair Street, and loves seeing people out and about



Outgoing Leongatha Business Association president Anthony Walls will remain firmly involved with the organisation and is excited about what lies ahead for the town. A01_2222

enjoying time in the sun at its cafes.

LBA has a strong relationship with South Gippsland Shire Council, with local ward councillors John Schelling, Clare Williams and Adrian Darakai set to attend its AGM, along with mayor Mohya Davies.

A crucial project the LBA continues to work towards with council is increasing the availability of industrial land in Leongatha.

"There are lots of businesses in the industrial precinct that

want to expand and there are businesses that want to come to town and businesses that get pushed away because they can't find suitable land," Anthony said.

Increasing parking for shopkeepers, in the railway precinct, is another important development that is taking place, something the business association has advocated for with the council.

Just like sporting clubs that have had to rebuild momentum and enthusiasm after the

disruptions of the pandemic, LBA is looking forward to getting back into full swing.

It even has a new festival coming to town in October and has established a subcommittee to organise and run the event.

Biketoberfest takes place on October 29, with expectations it will feature at least 3500 motorcycles.

Locals came up with the idea, but the expertise of the LBA will be crucial given the challenging logistics and organisational requirements of running such a large-scale event.

Last year's Christmas Carnival along Bair Street was a raging success, with the Leon "Gather" Daffodil Street Festival another event the LBA is in charge of.

With South Gippsland Shire Council owning Bair Street, it is relatively easy to close it to traffic for such community events.

The LBA plays a vital role in bringing community groups and businesses together, and also allows for combined marketing and advocacy efforts for businesses.

Those keen to become part of the organisation and help out are encouraged to visit Anthony at his business, Phone Rite, 55 Bair Street, or join online through the organisation's website.

There will be a few changes at this year's AGM with a new secretary and treasurer required.

Anthony's wife, Kristie Walls, is also strongly committed to the LBA, but is stepping aside from her position as treasurer.

Tee off for fundraiser

THE ELDERS South Gippsland Annual Charity Golf Day is a popular long-established event that benefits local families hit by adversity and will burst back to life this Friday, June 3.

While a full field of golfers is already locked in, with 35 teams set to participate, everyone can still contribute to the cause through donations, purchasing raffle tickets or bidding on auction items.

Beneficiaries of the event are usually found through word of mouth.

"Most people know that we have our golf day and if they know of a family (in need) they'll tell me," co-organiser Tracey Gollop said.

This year, three families from the local region will be assisted.

Eight-year-old Liam Lund has a rare and serious condition, Aplastic Anaemia.

At just 11 months of age, Emmie Donchi has recently been diagnosed with infant Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia.

Geoff Whykes had to close his Korumburra butcher shop after being diagnosed with kidney, liver and lung cancer.

Over its history, the Elders South Gippsland Annual Charity Golf Day has raised over \$140,000.

Expectations this year are for a figure of at least \$20,000 to \$30,000.

The event started as a fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation, with a couple of Elders' staff members impacted by family members with breast cancer.

"The McGrath Foundation was tied up with the charity (connected) with Elders at the time, so we started supporting the McGrath Foundation," event co-organiser Rohan McRae said.

Later, when a staff member lost his wife to breast cancer, the golf day raised funds directly for the affected family.

"It's evolved that we look for a local family, someone who's come on hard times, and support the family directly," Rohan said.

Tracey said raffle tickets will be available to buy through Elders Leongatha and Korumburra offices.

She hopes to list auction items online so that those not already booked in for the Charity Golf Day still have the opportunity to purchase items and aid the cause.

Donations can be made in person at Elders Leongatha or Korumburra branches, or over the phone on 5662 3523 (Leongatha) or 5658 1894 (Korumburra).

As well as monetary donations, many businesses donate vouchers to be auctioned off at the golf day.

The Elders South Gippsland Charity Golf Day began over 10 years ago but was put on hold the last couple of years by Covid.

Don't miss art show at Mirboo North this July

THE Mirboo North Art Show will return in 2022 for its 39th year, bringing this hugely popular celebration of the arts back after a two-year COVID hiatus.

Regionally renowned, the Mirboo North Art Show showcases hundreds of artworks from across the region, giving artists the opportunity to display and sell their works, and to be in the running for \$4500 worth of prizes.

Held in the Mirboo North

Shire Hall, the show festivities will kick off at 7pm on Friday, July 29, with an opening night complete with drinks, courtesy of the Grand Ridge Brewery, nibbles and live music.

The show will continue throughout Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31, with the return of the popular Mirboo North & District Community Bank Artists in Action program and the addition of workshops and live music, all

within the hall.

Artist applications are now open and can be found on the website mirboonorthartshow.com.au.

There is a broad range of categories including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, ceramics and textile art.

Organisers are very pleased that the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation will sponsor the Best Exhibit prize of \$1000.

Traditionally held on Mother's

Day weekend, this year the art show will be held from July 29 to July 31 and form part of an exciting new winter festival for Mirboo North.

Winterfest will be in a celebration of art, culture and community connection during the darkest months of the year.

An exciting program is being developed and the organising committee are looking forward to sharing more in the coming weeks, so stay tuned

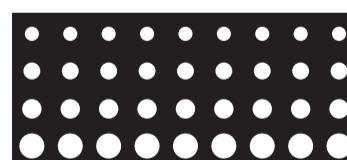
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6° **13°**



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Wind PM: NW 15-25km/h

6° **15°**

8° **15°**

IN BRIEF

New toilets for Apex Park

WONTHAGGI'S Apex Park is getting another facelift with the toilet block set to be replaced.

The existing facility will be upgraded with a modern unisex and accessible facilities, including a changing places facility.

A new playground was also installed in 2020, as part of council's Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan.

Bailed on drug charges

A 28-YEAR-OLD man from Toora was caught with a drug of dependence in Toora.

The male was arrested and charged with trafficking, possessing and using a drug of dependence.

He was bailed to appear in Korumburra Magistrates Court at a later date.

93 business surveys received

THE 'Understanding Business in Bass Coast' survey has now closed after the shire received 93 contributions.

The number falls short of the 3200 business, employing almost 11,000 people, that the Bass Coast Shire Council was aiming to attract, but the responses will still be compared with the results from the 'Bass Coast Business and Industry Survey' completed in March 2020 helping the council to better understand the needs and priorities of the business community.

The winners of the three \$100 gift vouchers at Revive Beauty and Spa, Zeal and Flow and Ivy Plant Studio will be contacted soon.

Editor on the move

TODAY'S edition of the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times is the last one edited by Matthew Male.

Matthew will be leaving at the end of the week to take up a new job. Contributors can send correspondence to news@sgst.com.au.

Gold-plated?

A PROMINENT local collector of number plates might have to think twice about driving around with his 'double digit' Victorian plates after a new record was set for the sale of the historic 'Number 14' plate in Melbourne last week.

The 14-plate fetched a state record of \$2,270,500 at a Shannons auction during the week, just shy of the \$2.45 million Australian record for NSW number plate '4' set in 2020.

Of course, it's not just the value of the plate itself, especially if it's an original enamel plate, but the right to drive a car legally displaying the heritage number.

Changing times for LBA

THE Leongatha Business Association is holding its annual general meeting on Wednesday, June 1, at 6.30pm at the Leongatha RSL.

Members and non-members are welcome.

As well as reports on commercial activities in the town in the past year and coming up, the night is also likely to see the election of a new president.

President for the past three years, Anthony Walls, will be stepping down and there may be a change to other executive positions as well.

Come along and support the committee members of the Leongatha Business Association.

'Big cat' video goes viral

A VIDEO on the Sentinel-Times' Facebook page, filmed by Jess Dell in Wonthaggi, has been viewed more than 25,000 times.

The video, depicting a 'big cat' or something else, prompted other reports of people seeing similar-sized animals, including near Tabro Meats around 17 years ago, on Inverloch-

Kongwak Road near the Wattle Bank turn-off in the late 1990s, on Phillip Island near Gap Road, and in Grantville a year ago.

In an online article on the Bass Coast Post, titled 'The Wonthaggi monster', Carolyn Landon wrote: "On December 1, 1955, the frenzy over 'Wonthaggi's mystery' began to mount, and it was on that day that Tom Gannon, editor of the Powlett Express, began writing articles about claims of sightings of a strange animal by those living or passing through the area surrounding Wonthaggi."

Climate threat to \$728m shire assets

THE Bass Coast community has until Tuesday, June 7 to make comment on its Draft Asset Plan', a document that details how the shire will look after \$728 million in buildings, roads, stormwater drainage, transport and open space assets.

A feature of the plan is the risk posed by climate change with the shire planning what to do in response to 1.5 degrees of warming.

"Council will need to take into consideration that changing weather may lead to an increased need for reactive maintenance for storm and flood damage repair. Assets will need to be built and renewed to a standard that can withstand at least 1.5 degrees of warming," the council says in its 37-page report.

"This may require different materials, methods of construction and other innovative approaches. There may also be increased expectations for leadership from Council to make use of sustainable energy sources and to provide environmentally efficient assets.

"In the longer-term, there may be greater community demand for weather protection, for sports and leisure

activities that have traditionally occurred outdoors."

Comment about the report can be made online or by email to: basscoast@bass-coast.vic.gov.au.

Saputo opens at \$8.50kg

LEONGATHA based milk processor, Saputo Dairy Australia (SDA), has announced its opening price for the 2022-23 season at a "weighted average farm gate milk price for non-exclusive supply of \$8.50 per kilogram milk solids".

It's a significant increase from the \$6.55kg opening last year.

"The minimum price is the price we will pay monthly to suppliers for non-exclusive supply of premium quality milk in each of the Northern Region, South-West Victoria and South Australia region, Gippsland region and Tasmania (including King Island)," said Saputo this week.

"In addition to the minimum price, SDA will continue our usual additional payments to suppliers, including the monthly milk quality bonus, productivity payment and off-peak payment."

AEC giving Labor 76 seats

THE Australian Electoral Commission is giving Labor the 76 seats its needs to govern in its own right, and still with Gilmour and Macnamara in play and likely to go the ALP's way. But the final result is unlikely to be declared until the close of business this Friday, June 3, the deadline for postal votes to be received.

Meanwhile, David Littleproud has taken over as Nationals' leader from Barnaby Joyce, with NSW Senator Perin Davey as his deputy.

Gippsland's Darren Chester was the other candidate throwing his hat into the ring as leader.

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Bass Coast 'Number 2' for property in Australia

THERE were a quiet few weeks for Bass Coast real estate, in the run up to the May 21 Federal election, no question about that, but with that out of the way, it's all systems go again.

And there'll be no better time to go house hunting, in and around the hotspots on Phillip Island, Cape Paterson and Inverloch, than over the Queens Birthday Weekend when buyers will be keen to meet the market with a long (cold) winter ahead.

Greg Price of Alex Scott and Staff in Cowes acknowledged some hesitation prior to the election, but said the fundamentals of the Bass Coast market remained strong.

"Yes, we often see it, people just like to get it (the election) out of the way before going ahead and committing to a purchase," Mr Price said.

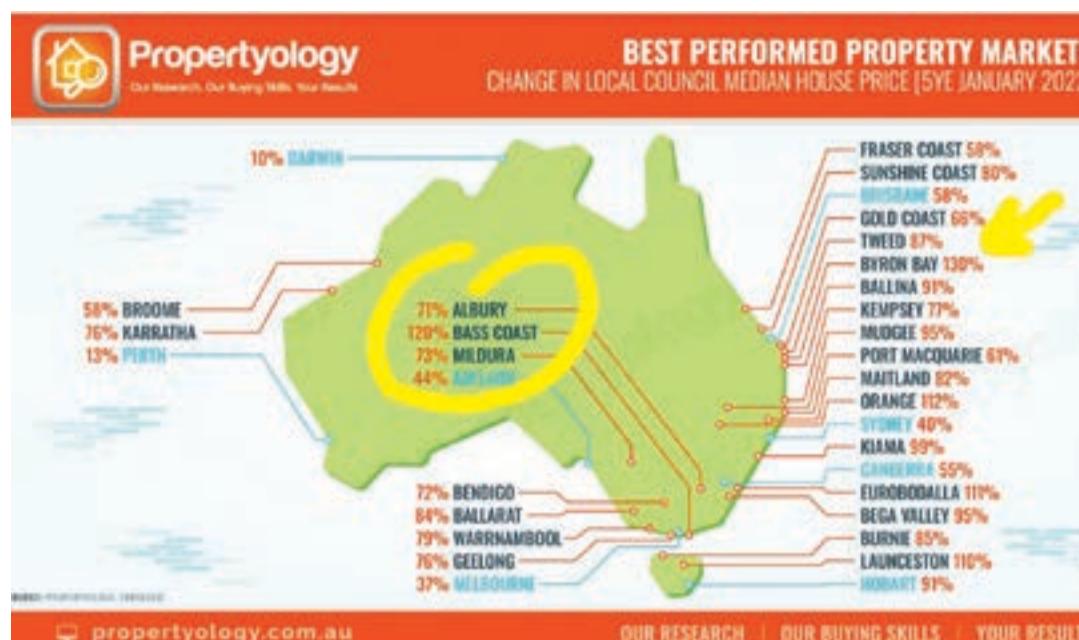
"And we had some movement in interest rates too at the same time but there's still plenty of interest."

"The growth in Bass Coast has been phenomenal and I think we'll see that reflected when the 2021 Census data is progressively released from June 28 onwards."

"But the pandemic has fundamentally changed the way people see Bass Coast, speeding up the movement of people here, to work from home and go back to the city only as they only need to."

Mr Price said the "sweet spot" in the Bass Coast market was under \$1 million with the surf side of the Island ever popular.

"We just sold a classic old beach house on The Esplanade, probably built in the 1960s, flat roof and full of



Better than Noosa, and just behind Byron Bay for performance, Bass Coast property had an average capital growth of 120 per cent over the past five years, ending January 2022, and you can bet the better located properties went up well in excess of that.

charm at the top end of the advertised range (\$920,000 to \$960,000) in a great location."

It wasn't on the market for long so you've still got to be quick to get the most desirable places.

Mr Price's continued confidence in the market locally is underscored by a recent study conducted by leading property and investment advisors, Propertyology, which found Bass Coast outperformed the top cities in Australia and most regional areas to post an average 120 per cent increase in property values, for the past five years, to the end of January 2022.

"Bass Coast municipality," it said, "is officially Australia's strongest magnet for attracting relocators."

"Over the last 5 years, net

internal migration alone has added a whopping 13.8 per cent to the region's population."

The report by Propertyology Head of Research and REIA Hall of Famer, Simon Pressley, quotes General Manager of O'Brien Real Estate in Cowes, Josh Dunstan, as saying the region's quality lifestyle and affordable housing, relative to Melbourne and Mornington Peninsula prices, was driving growth.

"We're becoming a more youthful demographic, the retirees still love it, but a lot of young families are settling here."

The region maintains its agricultural DNA, says the report, but its economy is evolving to include value-added agriculture, services, and a vibrant tourism sector.

Phillip Island, said the Propertyology report, was particularly popular for its spectacular scenery, wildlife, water sports, and annual motor racing events.

'Top 6' in Australia

A property report produced by Propertyology, to the end of January 2022, placed Bass Coast 2nd for value increase over the past five years. Here are the top six:

1. Byron Bay, NSW 130% (average \$1.8 million)
2. Bass Coast, Vic 120% (average \$800,000)
3. Noosa, Qld 118% (average \$1.2 million)
4. Orange, NSW 112% (average \$680,000)
5. Eurobadalla, NSW 111% (average \$850,000)
6. Launceston, Tas 110% (average \$550,000)

Boom time at Venus Bay for seachangers

ALEX SCOTT AND STAFF
VENUS BAY SHORT STAYS

Venus Bay Alex Scott and Staff director and officer in effective control, Daniel Lawrie, couldn't be prouder of how the town continues to progress and expand.

"During the last couple of years, we didn't have a lot of investors coming into the market, so rental stock has suffered."

"We still have a lot of tenants looking for properties but we're slowly starting to build up now."

Mr Lawrie said fortunately housing stock is stabilising with more expected to be available throughout winter.

"The stock tends to keep continuing because people love buying down here in winter, I don't know what it is," he said.

"It might be the case of not having as much competition."

Throughout the town's period of growth, Mr Lawrie said he has noticed a greater increase in young families moving to the area," he said.

"At Venus Bay we have NBN available, so of course the big shift with COVID, people are able to work from home," he said.

"During the last two years of the pandemic there were lots of permanent homes [purchased].

"There wasn't really a lot of holiday home purchases at all, which was a first."

"But now we're finding holiday home buyers are coming back."

"So there has been a shift of demographics and we do still have retirees down here."

"But it (demographics) has become a real cross section."

And with a supermarket at Tarwin Lower and more amenities available at Venus Bay, its appeal is becoming more and more strong.

"There has been a lot of positive things happening here, it's little bits and pieces that have helped strengthen the area," he said.

Mr Lawrie added while uncertainty continues to shroud every aspect of life these days, it is expected housing prices will continue to rise but not as substantially this year.

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Hospital on track

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"It has taken years of planning, excellent commitment by the community members and staff who contributed to the design, the Victorian Health Building Authority, Kane Constructions, and the vast array of expert consultants working with our own facilities team," BCH CEO Jan Child said.

Jordan Crugnale MP added that it had been a great partnership working with Ms Child to get additional funding to 'Pandemic Proof' the new building, with new design features being incorporated based on the learnings across the sector over the past two years.

This includes significant changes to the ventilation systems to reduce any risk of cross infection with airborne viruses.

"We have been fortunate to make these changes during construction rather than retro fit at a later date and we are extremely proud that this massive expansion to our hospital will see our local and visitor community benefit from a first-class building, where they can continue to receive our first-class service," added Ms Crugnale.

"Friday was a wonderful opportunity for the Premier and I to meet with many doctors, nurses, allied health, cleaners, porters, administrative staff from all areas including emergency, dental, integrated cancer care, maternity and inpatient areas.

"Staff spoke of their personal experiences and the Premier acknowledged their quality of care, dedication, professionalism and fatigue and how the stress on the system had personally impacted staff and their families."

Electronic vehicle chargers for business

VICTORIAN businesses can now apply for a share of \$1.5 million in grants to install electric vehicle charging stations.

The Electric Vehicle Charging for Business Fleets program will reduce operating costs and emissions by supporting chargers for business fleets and stimulating the purchase and lease of ZEVs for business operations.

By switching to Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV), businesses could save up to \$500 per month per car in their fleet.

Transport is one of Australia's largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for 25 per cent of Victoria's total carbon footprint.

Applications are open until 5pm on Friday, July 22. Go to energy.vic.gov.au/grants/ev-charging-business-fleets.

Hospital staff shortage continues



A number of Bass Coast Health testing staff have been redistributed to other services within the organisation.

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is continuing to experience ongoing staff shortages across numerous departments.

The Code Yellow is still in place.

The code signals an internal emergency affecting service delivery in hospital.

Fortunately, there has been some relief following the closure of BCH's community vaccination clinic and drive-through testing site earlier this month, with staff redistributed to other roles. "They have joined our ongoing COVID response function, within theatre operations, supporting our flu vaccination program and assisting with the transition of testing to Monash Health Pathology," BCH stated.

"A daily review of staffing levels and associated challenges continues to be conducted and whilst there are signs of a slow improvement, we are still experiencing shortages in nursing, medical, environmental and administrative roles. We are hopeful of further improvements within the next week and a return to minimum baseline levels in most areas."

BCH added they are continuing surgery and maintaining maternity, cancer, emergency, outpatients and primary and community services. COVID vaccinations continue to be available at GP clinics, six Gippsland Respiratory Clinics and participating pharmacies by appointment.

\$4600 boost for Wonthaggi's YES Youth Hub



Rebecca Wilson (YMCA area manager) and Tracey Cobb (program officer YES Youth Hub) received a community grant from Bass Coast Community Foundation executive officer Sarah Bourke.

THE Bass Coast Community Foundation announced five successful recipients of its recent community grants program, with YES Youth Hub (YYH) receiving \$4600.

The grant will help YYH support local young people who may be sleeping rough, couch surfing or not being provided enough quality food at home.

The funding will initially support the establishment of the pantry at YES Youth Hub and then support the ongoing stocking of items as needed and guided by young people.

New executive officer for the foundation, Sarah Bourke, said the community grants aim to help local eligible organisations identify and address areas of need and disadvantage through evidence-based early interventions, and help build resilience, well-being, and opportunities for Bass Coast residents. All community grants are funded by the generosity of the foundation's donors from the Bass Coast community.

The other successful organisations in this round of

funding include:

- Bass Coast Specialist School, who was given \$5000 to deliver play-based therapy for students diagnosed with learning difficulties and communication disorders.

- TAC L2P Driver Training, who was given \$5000 to deliver driver training for 16-23 year olds from families of disadvantage.

- Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre Inc., was given \$5000 to support the delivery of food pantry services for Phillip Island families.

- YMCA Cowes was given \$5000 to support disadvantaged youth to attend out of school activities such as music lessons, swimming, etc.

Rebecca Wilson from YMCA said the YYH provides a safe space for young people to connect, to be empowered and to access information about services and support. For more information about the foundation, go to bccf.org.au or follow them on Facebook.

Council Update



Asset Plan feedback

Council is calling for community feedback on its Draft Asset Plan. The Plan identifies the infrastructure assets that Council owns or manages, and informs the community on how these assets will be maintained to ensure that levels of service expected by the community can be sustained in the long term. It covers four major asset classes, including roads and transport, buildings and facilities, open space and parks and stormwater drainage.

For more information on the Draft Asset Plan or to provide feedback, please visit www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/assetplan. The engagement period closes on Tuesday, 7 June.

Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay Estates road improvement project

Council is continuing to develop concept plans for a potential special charge scheme for road and drainage upgrade works for the Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay estates.

Following community consultation in late 2021 and the Council decision in March this year to proceed to the Project Planning Phase, Council is now seeking further community input, to inform the development of concept plans, cost estimates and proportioning of costs for the potential scheme. Residents of these estates should have received a new questionnaire and supporting information in the mail, to enable them to provide their feedback.

Feedback can also be provided online through Engage Bass Coast at www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfbeachroads.

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

IN just the first week as the new Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese has made it clear that Indigenous affairs reform is high on his government's agenda.

You will already see that all Australian official flags now take the stage behind the Prime Minister.

He has committed to progressing the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart was first presented in 2017 and has three key objectives: a Voice to Parliament, Treaty and Truth.

As part of this process, First Nations voice will be enshrined in our constitution for the first time in history.

Here at Bass Coast, we are supportive of any steps that are taken towards reconciliation and are committed to building strong and meaningful relationships with the Traditional Owners of the land upon which we live and work.

In recognition of this, we are currently developing our first Reconciliation Action Plan in collaboration with our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and Reconciliation Australia.

This Plan will incorporate the principles of healing, education, empowerment and collaboration so as to provide a culturally appropriate and safe environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in the Bass Coast Shire.

National Reconciliation Week is on

from 27 May to 3 June. Due to bad weather, the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network celebration that was planned for today (Tuesday, 31 May) has been postponed until NAIDOC Week in July.

We were really pleased to celebrate with 45 of Bass Coast residents who were officially made Australian Citizens at a ceremony held in Wonthaggi last week.

Many of the people we celebrate at these ceremonies have been living in the Bass Coast region for many years.

But the ceremonies also give us the opportunity to formally welcome them to not only citizenship, but also to our local community.

In Bass Coast, we are always aiming to make our patch a better place to live, work and play and we are lucky to be able to live somewhere with such a fantastic and diverse community.

Each new citizen received a wonderful hamper of local produce as part of the official ceremony.

It was also great to hear from Bass Coast Citizen of the Year, Carol Blair at the event.

Candidates clash over draft farm fence rules

MEMBER for Bass Jordan Crugnale has refuted criticisms made by a Liberal Party candidate regarding certain proposals for agriculture under the state government's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) program.

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

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

According to Liberal Party candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown, he met with local farmers recently who expressed serious concern over the government's proposed landscape planning controls for rural land within the Significant Landscape Overlay of Bass Coast.

"Farmers are bewildered by what the government proposes. Fences are not an optional extra, they are an absolute necessity," Mr Brown said.

"Farmers can be prosecuted if their cattle, sheep or other animals stray onto roads, and when a farm fence needs to be replaced it should not be subject to an inevitably lengthy and costly planning permit process. It could potentially take months to



Liberal Party candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown, with Bass Coast farmers.

receive a permit."

Other restrictions and permit requirements apply to sheds and the removal of exotic trees and shelter belts.

"If a farmer wishes to remove exotic tree species it should be 'as of right,' Mr Brown said.

"The decision guidelines suggest that sheds and structures must be located out of sight of road corridors and public walking tracks - a requirement which is costly and impractical.

"I am calling on the Andrews government to abandon all proposals which adversely

affect the farming community in Bass Coast."

In response to the points highlighted by Mr Brown, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said she took "umbrage" with his comments that were fuelling an issue "that does not exist".

"Mr Brown knows full well that there was a drafting error and that there is no requirement for a permit for post and wire fencing up to 1.8m," she said.

"Along with other Victorian Farmers Federation Bass Coast members, he also was at the April 14 [meeting] that

I organised with DELWP representatives to discuss their concerns and seek guidance for DAL submissions.

"Post and wire fencing will continue to be exempt and this will be reflected in the final planning policy."

"Let's be clear that what is proposed is a planning permit for fences other than post/wire and post/rail up to 1.8m in an SLO."

"All the feedback from the DAL is being considered and we absolutely understand the important role farming and value our farmers here in Bass Coast."

Man escaped police custody

A 31-YEAR-OLD South Gippsland man is wanted by police following two thefts in Korumburra on Sunday, May 29, at 5.20pm.

It's alleged a man stole liquor from Monacells and other items from BP.

A 31-year-old man was located by police but escaped custody, and is wanted on charges of theft, escaping police custody and an outstanding warrant.

Canine assisted in the search but to no avail.

The individual is understood to be transient and anyone with details or further information is urged to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, Korumburra Police Station or submit a confidential report at crimestoppers.com.au.

\$5m for penguins

PHILLIP Island's Penguin Parade will soon be able to welcome more visitors through a \$5m upgrade to protect the penguins' habitat and support local jobs.

Premier Daniel Andrews and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale visited the iconic tourist attraction to announce the upgrade, which is supported by the state government's Regional Tourism Investment Fund.

The project will deliver new accessible boardwalks to the penguin viewing stands, alongside additional seating to improve the visitor experience and open the attraction to more people.

It will also protect the natural environment home to the Island's penguin colonies by reducing erosion from visitors walking in the area, minimising the impact of visitors on the species and their natural habitat.

A new sky box will be installed, providing visitors with a premium elevated view over the picturesque Summerland Beach and the Penguin Parade.

Work is expected to be finished in June 2024.

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Fix the intersection, they say

ACTION is being called for to fix a dangerous intersection at the corner of the Strzelecki Highway and Darlimurla Road Mirboo North, with many accidents having occurred there, including a 2019 fatality.

Now chairman of the Strzelecki Highway and Darlimurla Road Intersection Action Group, Les Harmer, and wife Diana had only recently moved into their home near the intersection when they experienced a traumatic incident.

"We witnessed a 55-year-old man die after dropping his motorbike because he could not see (in time) that a car had stopped to do a right hand turn in front of him," Les said.

He explained that there was a four wheel drive behind the turning car.

The accident occurred during daytime hours.

"It was broad daylight, so lack of light was not a contributing factor, but rather that there was no indication that a car was in a position to make that right hand turn," Les said.

He said that it was not the turning driver's fault, but rather the design of the intersection that lacks a dedicated right hand turn lane.

The action group is seeking Black Spot funding to enable the intersection to be fixed.

Specifically, the group is calling for the construction of dedicated right and left turning lanes from Strzelecki Highway into Darlimurla Road, and a dedicated passing lane on the highway at the intersection.

It is also seeking dedicated left and right turning lanes from Dar-



Some of the members of the Strzelecki Highway and Darlimurla Road Intersection Action Group, Anne Goranitis, Shaun McDonald, Annette Twite, Les Harmer and Sandra McDonald stand near the hazardous intersection. A03_2222

limurla Road onto the highway.

Improved lighting at the intersection is also being called for by the action group.

It held an April meeting at Darlimurla Community Hall to address the concerns of locals about the dangers of the intersection.

Prior to the meeting, the action group carried out traffic counts on April 7, before school holidays, and April 21, during the school holidays.

It counted vehicles turning both directions from Strzelecki Highway into Darlimurla Road as well as those turning either direction onto the highway at the intersection.

The counts took place between 7.30am and 6pm on both days, with 262 vehicles turning at the intersection on April 7 and 256

vehicles doing so on April 21.

The action group said that TrafTec data for the stretch of the Strzelecki Highway on which the dangerous intersection is located indicates that 4,300 vehicles travel along it daily.

That means that 6.1 percent of those vehicles are either turning off the highway at Darlimurla Road or onto it.

Darlimurla Road is an important connection between Mirboo North and Boolarra.

It is also used by people accessing the Grand Ridge Rail Trail at the Darlimurla Station.

Cr John Schelling presented a report released by the action group to South Gippsland Shire councillors.

His aim is for council to advocate to Regional Roads Victoria to

make the intersection safer.

"The intersection's always been dangerous because of the lack of sight of cars coming around the bottom hill there," Cr Schelling said.

"It's very hard to see cars coming up from the bottom as you're approaching the Darlimurla turnoff from Mirboo North towards Morwell, so people stop there and make dead sure before they turn, and then people run into the back of them."

He backed the action group's calls for a solution.

"It just needs a simple turning lane to allow cars coming behind (those turning) to pass safely," Cr Schelling said.

This scribe felt like a sitting duck turning right from Strzelecki Highway onto Darlimurla Road, having to wait for a truck while a bus approached from behind.

Les outlined the importance of establishing a dedicated left turn lane from Strzelecki Highway onto Darlimurla Road, as well as one for righthand turners.

"You've got to slow down to do a lefthand turn and then cars come around the outside of you and that's on a double white line," he said, explaining that drivers regularly veer onto the wrong side of the road to avoid those turning left.

As well as speaking to federal, state and local politicians, who have been supportive, to get action taken at the intersection and issuing their report, the action group is also collecting signatures on a petition to be submitted to South Gippsland Shire Council and VicRoads.

More stay options at Wilsons Prom

TENDERS are being sought to build new accommodation for Wilsons Promontory National Park.

This expansion is part of the state government's \$23 million Wilsons Promontory Revitalisation project, building new and accessible roofed accommodation to support the high demand for overnight stays at the iconic national park.

A ballot system is currently used during peak periods with near 100 per cent occupancy rates recorded. This summer, about 140,000 people stayed at the Tidal River campground.

Two new units are planned alongside the existing huts at Tidal River, providing more options for families and groups.

Some of the ageing Wilderness Retreats in the same area will also be replaced.

At the northern end of the national park, new studio-style units are planned.

Located just outside the park boundary, the units will offer a base for visitors to explore the tracks and trails through the remote north-eastern sections.

The Wilsons Prom Revitalisation project includes improved visitor experiences with more accommodation options, new walks, a revamped visitor precinct at Tidal River, and other upgrades.

Parks Victoria is engaging with Traditional Owners on this project and gathering feedback from the community, with surveys and opportunities to join the conversation on Engage Victoria at engage.vic.gov.au/wilsons-prom.

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Drop-In Sessions for Community Grants

With Community Grants for 2022/23 opening on July 1, our Community Strengthening team are hitting the road to provide advice to the community.

During June and July, drop-in sessions will be held across the Shire where community organisations and individuals alike can come along and ask any questions they might have.

All drop-in sessions will be available between 9.30am and 3.30pm on the relevant date and at the specified location. These are listed below:

- Monday 6 June – Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, Korumburra.
- Wednesday 8 June – Mirboo North & Community Foundation's Co-Space.
- Wednesday 15 June – Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute.
- Friday 17 June – Council Chambers, Leongatha.

- Monday 20 June – Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, Korumburra.
- Wednesday 22 June – Manna Gum Community House, Foster.
- Monday 27 June – Sandy Point Community Centre.
- Wednesday 29 June – Uniting Church, Poowong.
- Monday 4 July – Council Meeting Room 2, Leongatha.
- Wednesday 6 July – Toora Library and Community Hall.

Community groups are more than welcome to call the team on 5662 9200 to book their space, but booking is not essential. For more information, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants



L2P Driver Mentors Urgently Needed

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

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

Please phone Denise Trani on 5662 9200 for more information.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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

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.

WORKS THIS WEEK

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

IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

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

1996 Blue Ford Utility

Impounded on: 26 April 2022

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VIN Number: 6FPAAJLCMTA16681

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Impounded on: 26 April 2022

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Unless these vehicles are collected and relevant fees paid within 14 days of this notice, the vehicles will be offered for sale to the public. For enquiries, please contact the Local Laws team during office hours on 5662 9200.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/328 Design, Supply and Installation of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 21 June 2022.

Documentation is available from Council's

e-Tendering Portal:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

ROAD RENAMING PROPOSAL – KOONWARRA Section – South Gippsland Highway

Submissions for the naming of the new part of the South Gippsland Highway at Koonwarra have now closed. The following names were compliant under the GNV guidelines and shortlisted:

- Milson
- Barguss
- Prosser
- Fossil
- Kinnish

Abutting landowners impacted by the renaming are now being consulted. The results and the shortlisted names will be presented for consideration at the next Council Meeting.

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Murder, deaths, derailments and mystery...

The story of the Great Southern Railway

FOR those who remember travelling by train on the Wonthaggi, Leongatha and Yarram lines, it was generally a long, laborious and essentially uneventful experience.

Except when it wasn't!

Breakdowns, extended stopovers at Lang Lang, the occasional crash and youth hijinks were a regular occurrence.

And as local historian and author of a new book about the local railway line, Bob Newton, has discovered, there was also murder and mayhem on the line over the years.

"Yes, I've found an account in a book about Kerrow that a woman who left her handbag at the station was attacked, raped and murdered, and the report goes that a rail worker also died around the same time of rabbit poison," Mr Newton said.

"Sadly, there were also numerous deaths on the line and many lucky escapes too, like the time a train struck a milk tanker at the Woodleigh crossing and the driver of the truck was ejected through the windscreen.

"Luckily, he survived, but there were a number of fatalities at that crossing."

Several crossings around Leongatha were also notorious hazards.

Bob Newton, a former Mayor of South Gippsland

Shire, is also interested in the number of derailments on the line and has been trying to get accurate dates.

"I'd like to get some details on a derailment in the Korumburra yards, in the 1970s I believe.

"There was also a crash out at Kardella, I believe it was in 1953, the year before the Queen visited Australia but it could have been 1955. If someone knows the exact date, I would be pleased to hear about it.

"If anyone has any photos of train derailments on the Leongatha or Wonthaggi lines, I would be pleased to get a copy of those as well."

Mr Newton said the book was just about ready to go to the printers, only waiting on a few photo permissions, some dates and an index.

To be titled 'Train tracks to rail trails', he hopes it will be out in time for the official opening of the new Great Southern Rail Trail extension from Leongatha to Nyora, awaiting the completion of bridges, but already getting plenty of use.

If you have any photos or details about the railway lines, east of Dandenong, you can contact the author Bob Newton by email on inverburra@yahoo.com.au.



Local bike riders and visitors, including Ian and Chris McLennan of Melbourne, have already found the new rail trail extension, between Leongatha and Nyora, to be a delight but a dark and stormy history lies just below the surface.

Have your say on the Great Southern Rail Trail

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is keen to hear your feedback on the draft Great Southern Rail Trail (GSRT) Visitation and Marketing Plan.

The plan aims to outline a direction to help elevate the status of the already popular rail trail and increase recognition. It includes projects and activities that are designed to improve the experience for rail trail users, promotion and opportuni-

ties of economic benefits for the region - both now and into the future.

Mayor Cr Mohya Davies said the Great Southern Rail Trail is an important asset for South Gippsland.

"It is heavily used by the local community who use it as a place to exercise and to catch up with friends and family, yet there is potential to elevate the profile of the trail as a key tourism asset and attract visitors through-

out the year," Cr Davies said.

"The draft plan contains a number of recommendations and opportunities for the Great Southern Rail Trail and how we will promote it.

"We are very keen to hear our community's thoughts on what has been suggested."

Community members, businesses and visitors are encouraged to complete a short survey relating to the

plan or to provide a written or online submission. There will also be two drop-in sessions on Wednesday, June 1:

- Foster (Prom Country Visitor Information Centre) – 1pm to 3pm.
- Korumburra (Coal Creek Community Park and Museum) – 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

You can find out more about the plan and give feedback at yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies

AS I mentioned in last week's message, National Volunteer Week was held between 16 and 22 May and was a chance for us to celebrate our volunteers who do so much not only for Council, but for a range of organisations across our Shire. To celebrate the week, I popped into the Prom Country Visitor Information Centre in Foster to personally thank them for the work they do and present them with a certificate of appreciation. I'm sorry I couldn't see all of our amazing volunteers during this week, but please know you were in my thoughts.

If you are a landowner and notice a few weeds around the place, now may be the best time to get on top of them. For more information on how to best treat these weeds, there is some great information on Landcare's website www.sgn.net.au

I thought it may also be important the mention that myself and the other Councillors are holding a Community Day once per month. Community Days are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of the month and are designed to be a forum where the community can ask to have a conversation with the Councillors and the Councillors can ask questions and better understand the matter being presented.

Community groups are encouraged to give the team a call on 5662 9200 to book their session. All others can pop in at any of the locations between 9.30am and 3.30pm on the dates specified. There is two a week schedule at this stage starting on Monday 6 June at Coal Creek.

For all the information on these sessions, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

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No rest for fox chasers on Island

THEY seek him here, they seek him there, they seek that damned elusive Phillip Island fox everywhere.

But so far, despite using every weapon in their arsenal, including sniffer dogs, cameras, snares, and late-night stake outs, Phillip Island Nature Parks' officers have seen neither hide, nor hair of their quarry.

The person leading the hunt is PINP Vertebrate Pest Program Manager, Stuart Murphy, who told ABC Gippsland Radio last Friday that he was frankly surprised by the distances the fox was covering.

"We're basically staking out a site on Phillip Island where we know the fox frequents and we're getting a lot of information about this individual from camera footage and from prints that we're picking up in the sand and in the mud," Murphy said.

"And we've also got a detection dog that's trained to detect fox poo or fox scats and also the fresh scent. So Jazz is really helpful in fine tuning, I guess, the information that we're finding out about this individual.

"It's coming through at various times of the night, and early in the morning so that's how we tailor our control program to focus on those key times of the day and early mornings.

"So yes, we're staking out and doing trapping as well. Lots of monitoring in the surrounding areas as well.

"Look, I quietly respect the fox. They're survivors, they'll eat bugs and blackberries when they're abundant and at other times they'll be preying on local wildlife and livestock as well to feed themselves so yes, they are survivors.

"But our native critters in Australia haven't evolved to deal with such an efficient predator as fox and as a result, they're the ones that usually come off second best."

And it was suggested more animals have been killed since the fox, and they hope it's just one, hit a free-range egg farm at Ventnor and killed 30 chooks on May 9.

"Well, we're hoping it's just the one and we're testing the biological samples that we've collected from some of the animals that have been killed and the few skats that were found during our surveys.

"We sent them away to get the genotypes and it's going to give us a bit of a DNA fingerprint on the animal and it's going to tell us whether it's a male or a female, and once again, whether it's just the one animal and we've got our fingers and toes crossed that it's just the one but if it is one, it's covering a lot of territory."

He said the fox might be searching for a mate in the lead up to the breeding season, hence the greater distances it was covering.

The hunt continued over the weekend, but so far, to no avail.

Anyone who sees a fox on Phillip Island is urged to call a PINP officer immediately on 0419 369 365.

Cowes cultural centre continues to take shape

CONSTRUCTION of the \$27.2m Cowes Cultural and Community Centre is progressing with concrete pours commencing.

Works completed in May have seen ground pour to two-thirds of the slab for stage 1 (theatre).

The amenities core has been insulated and was commencing preparation for concrete.

While in-ground services are nearing completion, with stormwater and hydraulic runs being dug around site.

Preparation for strip footings below the stage floor has also been completed.

Other works also include concrete preparation to the gallery area, steel for the theatre area ready for fabrication and electrical in-ground services installed in the northern area of the project.

Construction of the new facility is expected to be completed by the end of March 2023.

The new cultural centre will feature a library, museum, theatre with associated change rooms, community

kitchen, visitor information service, cafe/box office, a gallery and grand hall and offices.

The theatre will seat up to 250 patrons and have the capacity to run a cinema.

The project had received state and federal government funding, including \$2.5m from the Growing Suburbs Fund, \$800,000 from the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program and a \$10m loan from the Community Infrastructure Loans Scheme, as well as \$5m from the federal government's Building Better Regions Program.

According to the shire, under the state government's Loan Scheme, the government will fund half of the interest cost, with the actual interest rate paid by council at less than 1 per cent per annum.

Council has assumed a 10-year repayment period for the infrastructure loan in its Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

This will require it to repay less than \$1.1 million per annum.



Sections of concrete have been poured at the Cowes Cultural Centre. C12_2222



Lift pit bases being prepared for concrete.

Vietnam Veterans Museum passes test

THE National Vietnam Veterans Museum's new \$37m home is a step closer after council voted in favour of their planning application at last week's meeting.

The museum's new site will be located at 24 Churchill Road, Newhaven and will replace their current location at 25 Veterans Drive, Newhaven.

Council was required to make a decision as the permit received 10 objections and was a development of more than \$3m.

The site is vacant agricultural land that is used intermittently for cattle grazing.

Council officers recommended granting the planning permit for reasons including:

- The proposal is a significance development for the region with potential to grow the tourism and visitor economy resulting in a net community benefit; and
- The built form and scale of the development is not detrimental to identified and valued



An artist's impression of the new National Vietnam Veterans Museum which will be located at 25 Veterans Drive, Newhaven.

landscape qualities.

The museum will be used to permanently display and store the collection of more than 40,000 items of memorabilia and artefacts.

The development consists of the main building with a total area of 4206sqm containing exhibition areas, visitor services spaces and support area spaces.

The exhibition spaces are contained in approximately one

half of the building and include three areas: a central theme area, a supporting theme area and an indoor memorial space.

Approximately half of the building will consist of visitor service spaces, support spaces and plant.

The visitor services spaces include ticketing, retail, reception, cafe, training, meeting and function rooms and amenities.

Externally the development includes 60 car parking spaces,

an additional overflow parking area to accommodate 30 spaces, bus parking area, special purpose spaces, commemoration garden and several event spaces.

National Vietnam Veterans Museum general manager Braxton Laine said receiving council's support was a tremendous milestone.

"What we set out to do was to protect the legacy of the Vietnam Veterans with this new facility and at the same time give back to the community," he said.

"The parklands that will cover the site are a part of that, its wetland component will help meet the needs of the Phillip Island Wildlife Plan and the Biodiversity 2037 Plan – so the environmental benefit of this project is a huge gain for Phillip Island and Bass Coast.

"Our open space will be for the community and visitors to use at no cost and that is important to us."



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Owners can't afford charge scheme, says resident

By Nick Sinis

A RESIDENT of Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay estates believes there will not be enough support for the shire to implement a special charge scheme.

Council announced it would investigate a potential urban roads and drainage improvement project late last year, which allows council to recover the cost of the upgrade from the property owners.

Council had stated the estates consist of approximately 15.2km of road network, with the project cost placed at \$22.8m to \$30.4m based on previous charge schemes, which have costed \$1.5-\$2m per kilometre of road constructed.

For comparison, the total scheme cost at Pioneer Bay is \$4.6M with 230 residents paying for 92 per cent of the costs, which equate to an average amount of \$18.4k per property.

Following council's March meeting, councillors voted in favour to proceed to the planning project phase at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay estates, which includes the preparation of concept plans, cost estimates and a distribution of costs.

A resident spokesperson, who wished not to be named, said majority of residents are not supportive of a scheme, but acknowledged the estates do have issues with dust and drainage.

"The problem is more than 50 per cent of the houses aren't oc-



Council is continuing to explore a special charge scheme at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay estates.

cupied," he said.

"They're holiday homes and there's an increasingly high number of Airbnbs.

"There's no way known council can get this through.

"The locals who live here don't want it because they want to keep the look of the place and feel.

"And those who don't live here, don't want to spend the money because they receive no personal benefit from it.

"And the sheer fact that there are those who simply don't have access to that sort of money."

According to a council report, letters were sent to 1033 property owners at both estates to determine if the scheme would be supported, and if they are prepared to contribute to the cost.

The questionnaire received a

total of 293 responses (28% of 1033 property owners) and included:

- 139 (47% of responses and 13% of the 1033 property owners) expressed that they would like the road and drainage upgrade to occur and would be willing to contribute towards the project.
- 154 (53% of responses and 15% of the 1033 property owners) expressed that they would not be willing to contribute towards the project.
- 140 (48% of responses) expressed they would likely require additional financial assistance due to financial hardship.

The resident questioned how the scheme could proceed if the shire had only received a response from 28% of the prop-

erty owners.

"That left almost 700 out of the 1033 papers just simply not returned," the spokesperson said.

"The concern is simply people don't have the money; they're dealing with pensioners."

For the scheme to be abandoned, 50% of residents would need to object.

Council have engaged consultants to undertake feature survey and Geotech of the Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay areas, as part of concept plan development works.

Once concept plans are developed, these will be presented back to council for consideration. Council is seeking further input regarding the next stage of the scheme which can be provided at engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfbeachroads.

Community quick to support Fraser family

GENEROUS donations have been pouring into a GoFundMe page which will be used to support Samantha Fraser's three children.

As of last week, almost \$20,000 had been raised out of the \$50,000 goal since the fundraiser was launched in early May.

Ms Fraser, a Phillip Island psychologist, was murdered by her estranged husband, Adrian Basham, in July 2018.

The children have been in the care of their maternal, retired grandparents, who unfortunately cannot always cover the financial cost of their care and education.

"Trevor and Janine have experienced what no parent should, losing their child," the GoFundMe states.

"And in the midst of their grief, they've been parenting her children, supporting them through their grief, bearing the financial costs of raising children again, and dealing with the psychological effects this type of loss endures."

"The Fraser family has been dealing with incomprehensible grief and COVID-19 has impacted the kids' ability to go to school, socialise and reap the benefits of the amazing Phillip Island community whose support has been unwavering over the last four years."

"Janine and Trevor want to give their beloved daughter's kids a life full of love, adventures and positive experiences."

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On 'hands and knees' after court access fails

WONTHAGGI Magistrates Court provides a vital service for the local community, however, recently it left one resident incensed when essential accessibility services were unavailable again.

Installed in 2018, the wheelchair lift is serviced every quarter by Court Services Victoria.

However, a defect on Friday, May 20, rendered the lift inoperable, and left one member of the public unable to gain wheelchair access.

In the video, local resident and amputee Wayne Clarke is seen lifting himself out of his wheelchair, hopping with the assistance of railings to the staircase, pulling himself under the stair railing, climbing the stairs on his hands and knees, and walking on his knees into the courthouse, with his motorised wheelchair remaining outside.

It's not the first time Wayne has found himself unable to access Wonthaggi Courthouse services or struggled with the accessibility options – previously going up separately in the lift to his wheelchair.

"They say they've fixed it, but how long is it going to last?" Wayne said this week.

"It's not the first time either."

And whilst Wayne is independent and was able to access the court by other means, others with ability issues have not been so fortunate.

"Years ago, prior to the lift being installed, business was conducted in a spare room beside the public toilets," Wayne added.

"They relocated the court (for me)."

Mr Clarke has since taken the matter up with the office of local MP Jordan Crugnale.

"My office was ap-

proached by a constituent last week regarding concerns about the accessibility lift not working at the Wonthaggi Courthouse," Ms Crugnale said.

"We immediately referred this matter to the courthouse directly, as they are responsible for its management and maintenance, and I can confirm the lift is now fixed.

"Accessibility to essential services is vitally important and I am grateful that my office was contacted so we could assist in resolving the matter."

Court authorities are well aware of the issues.

"Court Services Victoria is working to improve reliability as a matter of priority," a spokesperson for the Court Services Victoria said.

"Court security staff were available to assist court users to access the building while the lift was not working.

"Court Services Victoria apologises for the unavailability of the lift and acknowledges the unacceptable impact for the court user."

Court Services Victoria maintains 75 courthouses and facilities across the state, of which 41 per cent of the buildings are over 50 years old and of these, 78 per cent are over 100 years old. Twenty-two buildings are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.

"Court Services Victoria is progressively remedying building defects and improving accessibility where possible."

The wheelchair lift, which is outside in the elements, has now failed or been otherwise out of action on several occasions, prompting the suggestion locally that a ramp might be a better, low-tech option.

Food, culture and friendly atmosphere



Sergio Povolo, Povolo President Vincentini, Frank Cengia coordinator of Sandonesi Wonthaggi, Luigi Bacchin Vice-President Padovani, Renzo Zanella, President Veronesi Dionisio, Sandona Vice-President Vincentini with bottom left Adrianna Sandona, Ida Zanella and Katia Bacchin. Z23_2222



The Italian families whom had migrated from a small town in the Italian alps called Sandonato in the Veneto region annually get together to reunite and connect over food, wine and good company at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine. Z24_2222



Rosa Bianchin, Marisa Cengia, Andriana Sandona and Antonietta Moscogiuzzi cooked traditional polenta for Veneto community at the Wonthaggi Coal Mine. Z27_2222

BEGINNING in the early '80s, Italian families whom had migrated to Wonthaggi from a small town in the Italian alps called Sandonato, in the Veneto region, began an annual reunion to keep their culture and traditions alive.

On Sunday, May 29, the Sandonese families all came together at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine to celebrate what they call Polenta Day (known as poor man's bread) – polenta being a traditional Italian meal in the Veneto region.

Families and friends travelled from Melbourne to rejoice in the traditional Italian gathering, sharing Vin brûlé wine, a traditional method of boiling the wine and burning the alcohol leaving with a hot medicinal wine.

Frank Cengia, coordinator of Sandonesi Wonthaggi, welcomed those from Bass Coast and Melbourne surrounds to embrace community connection after two years of being apart.

"The day was an extremely good time, we usually hold our Veneto Day between February and March but this year we were sceptical of people's health and isolation; however due to the demand we decided to go ahead and the sun was shining," said Frank.

The event brings culture and tourism to the town of Wonthaggi, with local hotels booked out, accommodating those travelling from far and wide.

"We don't want to lose our traditions, we follow from our forefathers, roasting the chestnuts and cooking for the entire community – a tradition that goes back generations in Northern Italy," said Frank.

The Wonthaggi Sandonese have kept the tradition going with thanks to the friends of the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine and Parks Victoria. The not-for-profit organisation welcomes not only Italian from the Veneto region but also Italians in Wonthaggi from other regions and provinces of Italy – including many local Australians whom have integrated with the Wonthaggi Italian community from the early days of migration.

"Any profits made by the Sandonese families is given back to the community and over the years the event has given to the Friends of the State Coal Mine for enhancement or repairs to the iconic centre – our thanks for allowing us this facility for our annual event," said Frank.

The 2022 event collaborated with Italian committee Ente Vincentini from Melbourne, helping Veneto Day become bigger and better in the future.

"We give our special thanks to those helping in the kitchen and catering for the hundreds that turnout to share in this historical event," said Frank.

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EPA to assess mine risks to Western Port

A GRANTVILLE sand mine expansion faces one last hurdle with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to assess potential environmental risks to groundwater and waterways.

On May 3, Planning Minister Richard Wynne gave approval for a proposal to widen the current pit and dig 20 metres below the water table.

It's proposed to wash sand on site, with wastewaters and sludge to go into a 3500ML unlined dredge pond.

The EPA has now advised that it will assess the environmental risks to groundwater as part of the Environment Protection Approvals required under the Environment Protection Act 2017.

A leading biochemist has warned that chemicals used to wash sand and heavy metals extracted from sand could pose a threat to marine food chains in Western Port.

A former professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at Melbourne University and inaugural director of Victoria's Bio21 Molecular Science and Biotechnology Institute, Dr Richard Wettenhall, examined the sand mine expansion application at the request of the Save Western Port Woodlands community group.

"There is ample evidence globally for serious risks to environmental waterways posed by the release of the break down products of chemical coagulants used in sand washing, as well as the heavy metals contaminating wastewater concentrating up the food chain to eventually cause serious problems, including to human health," he said.

Save Western Port Woodlands spokesperson Tim O'Brien



Professor Dick Wettenhall with Tim O'Brien from Save Western Port Woodlands. Photo: Geoff Ellis.

welcomed news that the EPA would investigate the risks recorded in Dr Wettenhall's report.

"Western Port is listed under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as habitat for migratory species under the Ramsar Convention. It's much too valuable to risk that for a sand mine."

Ray McNamara, a civil engineer who worked locally, said the size and location of the proposed dredge pond was cause for concern given the environmental risks and potential for operational disasters.

"The tailings dam at the Ranger Uranium mine is only 1000ML and it has leaked millions of litres into the environment over its lifetime."

He said the depth of water in the pond would exert very high pressures, making it difficult to prevent the percolation and leaching of dredge pond liquids into the sub strata.

"The changes to our weather and climate mean the region has to expect more extreme wet events, which could cause flooding/overflow of the pond. This has indeed been experienced at Ranger with both cyclones and wet season events.

"What is to prevent the same catastrophe at Grantville, especially as the quarry is in a natural gully?"

Dr Wettenhall's concerns relate not just to the Grantville sand mine. Ten sand mines currently operate between Nyora and Bass,

some within a few hundred metres of Western Port and others near waterways that discharge into the bay. Another nine work authorities have been approved for sand mining and seven more are under application.

He called on the Victorian government to, at the very least, tighten testing for potentially mutagenic and carcinogenic chemicals used in sand mine operations adjacent to Western Port or risk catastrophic damage to the bay's Ramsar-listed wetlands.

"Out-dated guidelines for testing and the release of these chemical and heavy metal pollutants into waterways from sand mining in Australia are well behind those legislated in the US and the European Union."

June finish date for shared path

STAGE 3a of Inverloch's Surf Parade shared path is expected to be completed in early June.

The \$905,000 shire-funded project began in February this year and has seen the existing path extended from Veronica Street to Ozone Street.

Works have included a new 2.5-metre concrete path, fencing, retaining walls, bollards, landscaping and construction of 75 parallel parking bays in this section.

According to the shire, the next stage from Ozone Street through to the Surf Life Saving Club (Stage 3b) is being reviewed, which will consider an appropriate design to comply with DELWP requirements.

"Stage 3a of the Surf Parade shared path is nearing completion with the fencing, retaining walls and drainage now finalised," Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie said.

"Work is underway to complete the path, kerb and channel and bollards. Works programmed over the next couple of weeks will include finalising the parking bays, landscaping and line marking.

"Practical completion is expected in early June subject to favourable weather conditions and availability of materials."

The shire also hopes the project will bring it closer to completing its Wonthaggi-Inverloch Rail Trail, allowing for an alternative mode of transport from Inverloch to Cowes via Wonthaggi using shared pathways.

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Harvard students Aaron Schultz and Sundeep Padamadan, played by Jackson Plail and Emmanuel Tuyau, meet Elle Woods, played by Jade Dalton, on her first day at law school. Z01_2222



Brooke Wyndham, played by Kiarna Smith, faces trial for her husband's murder and Elle Woods, played by Jade Dalton, successfully obtains Brooke's alibi whilst promising to maintain her trust by keeping it a secret. Z04_2222



Elle Woods, played by Jade Dalton, and Emmett Forest, played by Zac Krause, perform the final scene of Legally Blonde the musical where Elle Woods graduates from Harvard Law. z03_2222



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Pretty in pink

FRIDAY evening was opening night of Legally Blonde the musical presented by the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre and the streets of Wonthaggi were glowing pink.

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture starring Golden Globe American actress Reece Witherspoon, Elle Woods sets off to Harvard Law school to find love but in its place finds herself.

Director Kerryn Lockhart was drawn to the show for its upbeat energy and comedy but also to the message that comes through Elle's journey: "To thine own self be true."

"I am passionate about live theatre," Kerryn said.

"It's a wonderful art form that takes immense effort to get it on stage and all coming together in a cohesive vision."

Lead characters Elle Woods, played by Jade Dalton, and Emmett Forest, played by Zac Krause, captivated audiences with their vocals and outstanding performance.

The cast began rehearsal on January 30 and will perform 12 shows up until June 11.

Choreographer Emily Laughlan trained in numerous dance styles in Melbourne. Legally Blonde was

Emily's first show with Wonthaggi Theatrical Group. She was astounded by the energy and professionalism of the cast and crew.

Trio performers Ellen Kavanagh playing Serena, Helena Leonardos playing Margot and Cassie Pennicuik playing Pilar were engaging and enthusiastic, drawing in audiences with their dancing and singing, including the ensemble cast and their catchy song 'Omigod You Guys.'

Ellen remembers having the best time of her life in school performances and this is Ellen's first show with the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group.

The Legally Blonde cast were all aged 16 years and over but the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group has held a summer pantomime in the past and holds school holiday workshops for younger, passionate performers who are interested in getting involved in theatre.

President Karen Milkins-Hendry is incredibly proud of the resilience, creativity and persistence of the production team as they navigated every challenge to bring this heart-warming entertaining musical to the supportive regional community.

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Walsh opens the bidding for country votes

THE unofficial Victorian election campaign moved to Wonthaggi last Friday, May 28 when the Premier Daniel Andrews made a "surprise" visit to check on progress at the town's \$115 million hospital project.

The fact that the visit by the Premier came the day before a major announcement by the Opposition for regional Victoria may have just been a coincidence.

An announcement about an Infrastructure Guarantee for regional Victoria was the centrepiece "State Leaders' Address" by Nationals' leader Peter Walsh at the party's state conference in Shepparton last Saturday, May 29.

It will see 25 per cent of all new government infrastructure spending guaranteed for regional Victoria.

Notwithstanding the fact that a huge new facility is nearing completion at Wonthaggi, Mr Walsh said regional Victorians "have been denied our fair share of state government funding for too long".

Our regional hospitals, he said, schools, sports grounds, roads and rail infrastructure have been short-changed with decades of careless neglect by successive, city-centric Labor governments.

He was joined by Liberal Leader Matthew Guy in committing to the 25 per cent deal.



The Nationals and the Liberals have committed 25 per cent of new infrastructure spending to regional Victoria. Now it's up to Labor to match that promise before the election on November 26 this year.

But, the catch and it's a big catch, is the Coalition has to win government to deliver on the deal, unless Mr Andrews matches it.

The Liberal-National Coalition would need to take 18 seats from Labor or the Greens and independents, to secure a majority in the 88-seat house on November 26 this year. It's a tall order.

But it may not be an impossible one, going by the social media response to the

Premier's visit on Friday. Here's a few comments from the Sentinel-Times' Facebook page:

- I know a few nurses that would love to have a few words with him about how he's handled the "pandemic", some of them lost life-long careers over it.
- Won't make one bit of difference unless you have staff, which you have fired because of mandates.
- What about the rest of the state that's in crisis, can't

get ambulance or in emergency – we need more hospitals?

And certainly, the pressing need for a new hospital at Warragul comes to mind locally.

There were more messages in that vein.

Damning new report

Mr Walsh claims a new report by Victoria's Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) "has exposed the Andrews Labor Government's severe under-investment in regional Victoria".

The report, 'Asset investment excluding Australian Government funding', reveals "the extreme neglect of regional Victoria", he said, "under a city-centric Labor Government that's investing 114 per cent per person in metropolitan Melbourne when compared to regional counterparts".

It found a per person asset investment in metropolitan Melbourne of \$15,268 versus \$7142 in regional Victoria in the 2021-22 State Budget.

"Daniel Andrews' great regional rip-off has been exposed," Mr Walsh said.

"We always knew that the city-centric Andrews Labor Government was short-changing regional Victorians, but this report shows just how deep the neglect goes."

Church shines a light on domestic violence

SIXTEEN participants from the western region of the diocese, including Bishop Greg Bennet, priests, pastoral associates, parish staff and religious sisters took part in the first of least six workshops recently that will be held in the diocese in a pilot program led by Mercy Sister Nicole Rotaru under the auspices of CSSV.

St Joseph's Parish at Wonthaggi will host one of the workshops on Saturday, June 25.

The 'Shining a Light' workshops aim to equip parish staff with the resources needed to address family violence within their local communities and to respond appropriately.

It follows recommendations made in the 2015 Royal Commission into Family Violence that faith communities need to be proactive about family violence education.

It is hoped the program will pave the way for state-wide implementation of the workshops for Catholic clergy and parish staff.

Sr Nicole said the workshops were about understanding the issues and the role the church can play in responding to family violence. The three main things are to be "informed, equipped and courageous".

"In being equipped, church, community and group leaders can often be first responders, so with training, we can identify signs of abuse and start careful conversations," Sr Nicole said.

"And importantly, we need to be courageous – don't stay silent. Don't ignore warning signs. We need to be clear that violence is never justified, and we can use our platform and influence to create awareness about the issue and support for people experiencing violence."

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Nurse Nancy recognised in 'Celebrate Her!'

WHEN Belgian-born nurse Nancy Audriens arrived in South Gippsland to work at the Foster Medical Centre in 2005, she felt like she had "stupid" written across her forehead.

Although fluent in four languages – Dutch, English, French and German – fellow mothers met her accent with coolness at school pick-up time. And patients doubted her medical knowledge despite an extensive nursing career in midwifery, paediatrics and emergency medicine in Belgium and France.

"People would look at me like I didn't know anything," Nancy recalls. "I was already a nurse in Belgium, but nobody knew me or believed who I actually was," she reflects.

"People will judge a book by its cover and won't bother to take a look at what's inside."

But with time and hard work, Nancy has won the trust of her community and her initiatives to improve the health of South Gippslanders are legendary.

Nancy migrated to Australia to join her sister in 2003 and came to South Gippsland two years later after a short stint in Wangaratta as an emergency nurse followed by a role as an ICU nurse at LaTrobe Regional Hospital. Whilst pregnant with her third child and working in ICU in Traralgon, she impressed a GP from Foster Medical Centre and the rest is history.

Nancy remains at the Foster Medical Centre today and has played a central role in the delivery of COVID-19 vaccinations to the local community. In fact, Nancy has worked in the critical area of vaccination access for longer than COVID-19 has been in our lives. Inspired to improve local vaccination rates for the flu virus she established and coordinated a drivethrough clinic at Foster Secondary College, which has been operating since 2019. This service has ensured thousands of vaccinations are administered to locals each year.



Medical staff at the Foster Medical Clinic and Justice Michelle Gordon (to Nancy's immediate left).

Recognising the unmet need for accessible medical care in Yarram, Nancy also established a walk-in 'Nurse Nancy' clinic in 2011 at Neilson's Pharmacy. Every Thursday morning on Nancy's day off from her Foster job, locals can literally walk into the Yarram pharmacy for health checks, to have their blood pressure tested, medication explained and first aid care provided free of charge by Nancy.

Yarram Pharmacist Geoff Neilson credits the Nurse Nancy program with saving lives in that community due to her diagnostic skill. He says "she is an institution in Yarram and her example has led to an increase in collaboration between (local) pharmacies and general practices".

The nickname for her clinic comes from A little Golden Book called "Nurse Nancy" originally published in 1952 and sold, complete with child-sized band-aids, to teach small

children about first aid. Like many Little Golden Books, it was beloved of generations of children all over the world including Nancy, who read it as a child in Belgium in the 1970's.

Dr Phil Worboys at Foster Medical Centre says Nancy's "quiet leadership and the huge amount of work she does behind the scenes to care for patients has been a constant.

There are multiple examples where Nancy takes it upon herself to pop in and see a patient who lives away from medical care to see how they are going and to flag to doctors when they are not managing....".

So, like the band-aids in the Little Golden Book stories, the Nurse Nancy nickname has stuck.

But few would know Nancy's harrowing journey or the challenges she faces every day to serve others.

Michelle Gordon, a Justice of the High Court of Australia and South Gippsland local since

1994, met her while volunteering at Nancy's inaugural flu vaccination clinic in 2019. While working as Nancy's assistant greeting patients in a school carpark and offering post-vaccination lollies, she gradually learned about Nancy's life of resilience.

Nancy left Europe in 2003 to escape an abusive relationship and start a new life. She arrived in Australia with three suitcases and two children under eight years old. Her second child, has complex disabilities due to the abuse suffered in Belgium, requiring Nancy's ongoing care.

"Nancy's encountered great difficulties, yet here she is," Michelle says. "She's a single mother with huge responsibilities for her own family, yet she recognises the need for medical care in our South Gippsland community and she's able to provide incredible treatment and care for people who might not otherwise have access".

She says: "There's no putting

your head in the sand and saying this is too hard. Instead, she continues to do what she does – saves lives."

Michelle says Nancy's work has inspired the 'Celebrate Her! Project', which aims to bring the global celebration of women on International Women's Day right back home into our community to honour some of the women who make our lives better.

Typically self-effacing, Nancy responds to her role in the Celebrate Her! Project by saying: "I don't feel I am deserving; many more people deserve this before me."

We beg to disagree. Every community needs a Nurse Nancy. And we celebrate ours.

Celebrate Her!

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

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

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

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

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

She deserves to be celebrated for what she does.

To fill out the nomination form, go to promrecitals.org.au/celebrate-her.

Questions include:

- Who would you like to nominate?
- Why would you like to see her celebrated?
- How is she inspiring to you?
- How can we contact you to find out more about here?



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Story time in Wonthaggi and around Australia

AT 11am last Wednesday, bottoms hit the deck and silence descended in preparation for National Simultaneous Story Time at Wonthaggi Library.

Dancing and singing expelled the energy prior to as excited students from Wonthaggi North Primary School and Bass Coast Children's Centre joined in the national simultaneous reading of *Family Tree* written by Australia's very own singer and songwriter, Josh Pyke, illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh, and read aloud by Bass Coast Shire Deputy Mayor Cr Leticia Laing.

Cr Laing said sharing stories in libraries were vital for connecting and supporting literacy in the community.

"I have very fond memories

of my mum taking me to my local library as a child – she is an amazing storyteller," she said.

"It's probably why I have such a love of reading and also why I love reading stories to my children."

"Today, I loved hearing from our local children and someone told me they loved *Nony The Pony* which is one of my big favourites too."

National Simultaneous Story Time is an annual campaign that is currently in its 22nd year and aims to promote the value of reading and literacy by using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.



Librarians Jon Dixon and Jenny Temple kickstarted Simultaneous Story Time with singing and dancing. CO2_2222

National Simultaneous Storytime celebrated

WHAT an incredible year it was for National Simultaneous Storytime 2022!

Over 2 million registered participants joined in on Wednesday, May 25, at 11am to read *Family Tree* by Australian singer and songwriter Josh Pyke. From more than 59,000 locations including libraries, schools, preschools, childcare centres, family homes, and many other places around the country.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Now in its 22nd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

Check out some highlights from the events that were held across Myli – My Community Library below:

Wonthaggi library hosted a fun morning with around 50 children and teachers with us for NSS, plus guest reader, Bass Coast Shire Deputy Mayor, Cr Leticia Laing, and Bernadette Kennedy, Deputy



Rowanne from the Waterline Community Library had a fun morning at the Bass Valley Kindergarten.

CEO Myli – My Community Library.

Bec from Phillip Island and San Remo Library visited Nurture One Cowes Children's Centre with guest reader Bass Coast Shire Cr David Rooks and then travelled to San Remo Pre-School with guest reader Bass Coast Shire Cr Bruce Kent. A combined total of 53 children attended these events.

Rowanne from the Waterline Community Library had a fun morning at the Bass Valley Kindergarten sharing the NSS book *Family Tree* and a simple craft activity with 25 exuberant children.

Guest reader, Friends of Inverloch Library (FOIL) president Ann Both hosted a fantastic NSS with children at Inverloch library. There was lots of songs, dancing and stories before the kids joined in a tree craft activity afterwards.

Heather from Korumburra library trekked up the hill to Karmai Children's centre for NSS. She hosted an audience of 53 beautifully well-behaved children and 8 adult staff members. They sat outside in the sunshine and talked about the library, sang songs including 'Home Amongst the Gum Trees' and '5 Cheeky Monkeys' and read the NSS book to the group.

It was a fun morning at Warragul library with the Grace Bergland Kinder. VIP guest Baw Baw Shire Deputy Mayor Cr Anne-Marie McCabe read the NSS book to the group.

It was a great day of fun with so many happy faces, all glad to be back in the library again. For more information please visit myli.org.au or call 1800 HI MYLI (1800 44 6954).

book *The Family Tree* after a countdown to 11am.

Foster library staff and South Gippsland Shire Cr Adrian Darakai visited Prom Coast Children's Centre for a fabulous NSS reading.

Mirboo North library hosted 2 groups of 19 preps to enjoy the book and Lego activities afterwards. They focused on the storyteller of the book being the tree, and the kids used their imagination to be the storyteller of the Lego.

And Baw Baw Shire, special guest, Phil, former Storytime presenter and Michelle hosted a super NSS at Drouin library. Around 60 adults, children and babies enjoyed Phil reading 'The Family Tree.' Phil and Michelle revisited their 'I Got This Hat' skit and introduced a new one- 'Mrs Honey's Hat'!

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Protecting forests in Mirboo North

MIRBOO North is a critical habitat for some of Victoria's most threatened wildlife, such as the Powerful Owl and Lace Monitor.

The state government declared forests in Mirboo North as Immediate Protection Areas (IPAs) as part of the Victorian Forests Plan, meaning they won't be logged, despite the state's determination to keep logging native forests until 2030.

The Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA) said at this stage, the IPAs are merely a promise.

Until they're legislated, any change in government could jeopardise the protection of these forests, they say.

Following assessments from the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning is conducting a community consultation.

And VNPA is asking for your help to choose the Platypus and Powerful Owls over logging.

The outcomes of the assessment and consultation will guide decision-makers to assign the tenure under which the Mirboo North forests will be protected.

Add your voice to the call for the Mirboo North forests to be protected, co-managed with Traditional Owners and managed for conservation and cultural heritage.

For more information, visit vnpa.org.au/campaigns/strathbogie-mirboonorth-consultation.

Visit a library and 'unjudge' someone

ENJOY a cup of tea, great conversation and story-sharing with a culturally and linguistically diverse person across Bass Coast and South Gippsland this Refugee Week.

The Human Library first started in Denmark in 2000 to address people's prejudices by helping them talk to those they would not normally meet, with the objective being to 'unjudge someone'.

Volunteers from our multi-culturally diverse community, supported by a facilitator and library staff, will share their story in a relaxed setting with plenty of time for questions and reflections.

Sharing stories can be life affirming for the teller and a journey somewhere new for the listener.

Refreshments will be provided. Bookings are preferred due to limited spaces.

Dates

Monday, June 6

Leongatha – 10am to 11am
Foster – 1pm to 2pm
Korumburra – 3pm to 4pm

Thursday, June 16

Mirboo North – 3pm to 4pm

Monday, June 20

Inverloch - 10am to 11am
Wonthaggi - 1pm to 2pm
San Remo - 3pm to 4pm

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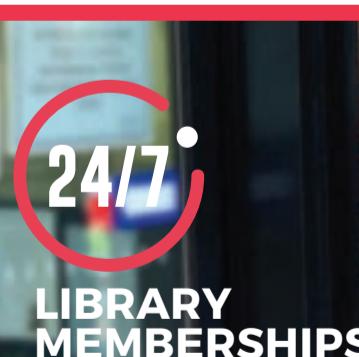
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COVID-19 winter booster access expanded

MORE people are now eligible for a fourth COVID-19 vaccine.

People aged 16 to 64 who have a medical condition that increases their risk of severe COVID-19 illness and people with disability with significant or complex health needs will be recommended to receive a winter booster vaccination dose from May 30, 2022.

The federal government has accepted advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) to expand the booster rollout program to these at-risk population groups.

ATAGI recommended this change to ensure those who are at greater risk of developing severe disease receive the best possible protection.

Healthy people aged 16 to 64 who do not have a risk factor for severe disease and who have received three doses of COVID-19 vaccine are not recommended to receive a winter booster dose at this time. This includes health care workers and pregnant women who do not have other risk factors.

"The government will work with the medical experts, states and territories and community groups to ensure each and every Australian knows the importance of vaccination and how they can take up their opportunity to remain protected," Minister for Health, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, said in a statement.

"We will work in partnership to ensure we communicate with Australians in this new cohort and to share information widely across the community. The expansion of eligibility is an important next step in building community protection from COVID and increasing booster rates.

"The primary goal of the Australian COVID-19 vaccine program is to minimise the risk of severe disease, including hospitalisation and death, from COVID-19."

The advice builds on the ATAGI recommendation on March 25, 2022, for an additional winter booster dose (fourth dose) for most people in high-risk groups, including:

- People aged 65 years and above
- Residents of aged care or disability care facilities
- People with severe immunocompromise, and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years or above.

People who are now recommended to receive a fourth dose include people with:

- Immunocompromising conditions.
- Cancers.
- Specific chronic inflammatory conditions.
- Chronic lung disease.
- Chronic liver disease.
- Severe chronic kidney disease.
- Chronic neurological disease.
- Diabetes requiring medication.
- Chronic cardiac disease.
- People with disability with significant or complex health needs or multiple comorbidities which increase risk of poor outcomes from COVID-19.
- Severe obesity.
- Severe underweight.

People who are eligible for the winter dose, but have had a recent infection of COVID-19, should delay their winter booster until three months after their infection.

People can book their COVID-19 vaccination using the Vaccine Clinic Finder at covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au.

In addition, ATAGI recommends everyone in Australia over the age of 6 months should receive an influenza vaccination.

Influenza vaccinations can be given at the same time as COVID-19 vaccines.

People at more risk from influenza are eligible for a free vaccination. This includes:

- Adults 65 years and over.
- Children aged 6 months to less than 5 years.
- Pregnant women.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over, and
- People aged 6 months and over with certain medical conditions that increase their chance of severe influenza and its complications.

To book an influenza vaccination, speak to your GP, pharmacist or other immunisation provider.

For more information, visit health.gov.au.

COVID tests available from Bass Coast Health



COVID testing is now being offered to the public at Wonthaggi Hospital and the Phillip Island Health Hub at Cowes.

Monash Health Pathology is delivering the service, with both sites offering PCR tests and distributing Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) to eligible people.

Staff will assess your eligibility, however, criteria includes those with COVID symptoms such as a sore throat, cough and fever; household and household-like contacts; workplace exposure and education exposure; and symptomatic people with a valid disability card or high-risk industry surveillance.

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

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

At Wonthaggi Hospital, people seeking a PCR test and RATs will be able to access the hospital via the main entrance.

Bass Coast Health staff will

check in patients and provide an N95 mask that patients will be required to wear.

PCR testing and RATs will be available from Monday to Saturday, 9am-1pm.

At Phillip Island Health Hub, people will be able to have a PCR test and receive RATs if eligible.

Bass Coast Health staff will check in patients and provide an N95 mask that patients will be required to wear.

PCR testing and RATs will be available 12.30pm-3.30pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday, effective from May 30.

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

LEFT: Registered undergraduate student of nursing, Cassy Anagnostou, is among the Bass Coast Health staff greeting people presenting to Wonthaggi Hospital for COVID PCR testing and to obtain Rapid Antigen Tests.

Plenty of jobs but lack of workers

WAIT staff, kitchen hands, pizzaiolos, chefs, baristas, front of house, back of house, 'We Are Hiring' signs line dozens of shopfronts along the main street of Cowes, and it's not just hospitality.

Figures released last week from the Australian Bureau of Statistics have unemployment rates remaining static at 3.9 per cent.

Shops in Cowes that burnt down have not rebuilt, and others sit empty that have been filled since the early millennium.

Young individuals are keen to break into the workforce with local businesses reporting greater youth applications, and whilst young blood is a welcome sign for many, unfortunately the skills and experience is also required at the higher end, with many business owners in desperate need of experienced team members.

"Since summer, it's impossible to find employees," G'Day Tiger owner, Jonathan Bentley, explains.

"A lot of people left the industry (during the pandemic)



Casual and full-time roles for front of house are some of the many roles G'Day Tiger is trying to fill.

and a lot do not want to work, which is exacerbated by the Island getting busier.

"We are at least one person short every day."

After two years, Jonathan was looking forward to taking a holiday and giving his team a well-deserved break, but with employment down, his only choice would be to close.

"We don't close (and other than four days due to COVID-19 exposure, we haven't since opening in December 2017), but there may come a

time we have to close to give staff a chance to have a break."

On the opposite side of the road, U-Neek Souvenirs face a similar tale in the retail sector.

"There is a real lack of genuine applicants," Bruce Wisbey explains.

"There have been four applicants in the last five/six months."

"We're running on skeleton staff - we've got to shuffle our hours around, tighten up."

"We haven't had to close any days, but we have certainly had

to restrict hours, and individuals are working longer hours than we'd like them to have to work."

Bruce has also found himself stepping into the shoes of his team and filling in the gaps.

"It's hard to keep up - I should be out organising other things, but I cannot do that - I'm doing the jobs I'm hiring for."

"It's the tightest we've ever had - we've managed to replace one of five employees, four down on what we (had pre-COVID).

"We couldn't even get short-term people over summer - we had one guy, normally we get two or three."

Whether as your main source of income or a secondary position for pocket money, there are plenty of businesses looking for enthusiastic, genuine individuals.

"Anyone looking for work, give us a call - it's a good, fun place to work!" Jonathan smiled.

"Full time or part time we are flexible - come in and have a chat," Bruce concludes.



Cuppa with a cop

SERGEANT Adrian Condron met up with Zoe Rotthie and son Ted of Inverloch at the 'Cuppa with a Cop' event at the Inverloch Library earlier this month. Ted got the chance to test out the lights and sirens in the police car, and even got to try out the breathalyser. Police were happy to take the morning to engage with local residents about issues and concerns. mm052122

Navigating a competitive milk market

By Rohan Davies, General Manager - Dairy & Procurement at Bulla Dairy Foods

DAIRY remains one of the top rural industries in Australia, and as the local milk supply chain finds itself amid a competitive open milk market coupled with the volatility of global supply chain issues, it's the farmers, processors and individuals who connect with family values and who support one another that build resilient and enduring businesses.

Bulla Dairy Foods prides itself on being a privately owned and local Victorian family business for over 110 years. Our sustainability is not only focused on our care for the earth, but also for our people. And for Bulla, this includes the 800 plus team members we work with, the two hundred plus farmers we partner with and the thousands of individuals in our immediate supply chain.

Part of Bulla's strategy for sustainable growth is about ensuring we have a viable and dependable milk supply. We work directly with our farmers, with no middle operators, to procure milk for our products. It is our belief that direct relationships with the makers of fresh, local milk is imperative to both the success of our business and the success of theirs.

Farming for growth

Working directly with local Victorian farmers provides an opportunity to more intimately understand the supply chain within which we operate. As processors and farmers share ideas and listen to feedback, we all learn to work within our supply chain



Rohan Davies and Allan Hood of Bulla Family Dairy with the Glennen Family Farmers; John, Helen, Matt and Lucy.
Photo: Guy Evans Photography.

better, including establishing simple and fair pricing structures, easier logistics and clear and consistent communication.

Dealing direct offers a competitive advantage

In working directly with farmers, we're able to keep things simple. We offer a simple flat payment model to assist with cash flow for farmers in Spring, and we always aim to be first to farmgate to announce our opening milk price well ahead of the industry deadline. We do this to provide a strong starting price to assist our farmers in planning for the next financial year. This year we are witnessing some extraordinary global events and a buoyant

global market which has resulted in a significant increase to our F23 milk price communicated this week. Our relationship model includes regular in-person touchpoints with our executive team throughout the year as well as with our field officer team. Gaining real-time feedback from our farming community means we can act quickly if something isn't working, and that communication is regular, consistent and meaningful.

Transparency and honesty, key ingredients for dairy

Working directly with milk suppliers cultivates a relationship of transparency and honesty. Dairy farmers are among the

first to hear about how our business is performing, new products we're launching and general business news. They know that when we're doing well, we pay that forward and that gets reflected in milk price step ups we conduct throughout the year. In a market that is competitive and filled with larger corporations and multinational processors, Bulla seeks to connect our farming families to what we do and why we do it, right through to the creation of our beloved Cream and Ice Cream products. We share a pride in these outcomes and the impact on our shared community. In this same way, we celebrate our farmer's award wins, fundraisers and

business growth because we feel proud to be a part of that, too.

Bulla Dairy holds a special place in the history of Australian owned dairy with heritage in the state of Victoria in particular. When we partner with local Victorian dairy farming families our partnerships celebrate local business, family business and Australian-made products. Our farmers are proud to be a part of Bulla and what we do, and we're proud to be a part of their thriving businesses.

Like all dairy processors, our procurement relationships are a business contract, however, our decision to work directly with farmers in Victoria makes it so much more than that.

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Bulla is an Australian family owned business which has been around for over 110 years and our strategy is simple, to create a sustainable business for generations to come.

At Bulla, we are extremely proud of the exceptional quality of the milk supplied by local Victorian farms which enables us to bring award-winning dairy products to tables across Australia.

To support Bulla's continued growth from new products we have an opportunity for a number of farms to join the Bulla family as milk suppliers.

We invite interested suppliers to contact one of our field officers to discuss your milk supply profile and Bulla's milk contract.

Features of Bulla Milk Supply Contracts

- Simple flat payment model for better cash flow in spring & easier annual planning
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To register your interest go to www.bulla.com.au/farmers/joinbulla
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Volunteers recognised for vital contribution

THE dedication of hundreds of Nature Parks' volunteers was celebrated this week, with a barbecue held in their honour to mark National Volunteers Week.

More than 200 people volunteer every day at Nature Parks, making an invaluable contribution matched with hard work, commitment and a passion for conservation.

The Phillip Island Nature Parks volunteer team was formalised five years ago, but volunteering efforts date back decades, with volunteers assisting with the Island's first Penguin Study Group and at Churchill Island.

"From threatened species monitoring and re-vegetation, to creating a memorable experience for our visitors, we are so grateful for the vital contribution the volunteer team makes," Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield said.

"This collective effort helps us to achieve our purpose - to protect nature for wildlife and inspire others to act".

Earlier this year the Nature Parks' volunteer team was nominated for a 'COVID resilience' award at the 2021 Volunteering Awards.

Karen Duffy, a Bush Stone-Curlew and Koala volunteer and Stephen Martin, a Bushbank and Water Watch volunteer were at Government House to accept the nomination.

As part of the National Volunteer Week celebrations at Churchill Island, awards were presented to volunteers who went above and beyond in their role and to those who have reached service milestones of up to 25 years.

"This year's theme of 'Better Together' perfectly embodies the volunteers at Nature Parks," said Nature Parks Volunteer Coordinator, Helen Masters.

"I am continually impressed by the support and camaraderie of the volunteer team, along with making a significant contribution towards the Nature Parks' purpose.

"We really could not do it without them."

Trivia with U3A

TEST your local history knowledge, reach for that obscure sports stat, switch on those little grey cells and enjoy a lively and pleasant afternoon of Trivia at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club with U3A fellow members and friends. All welcome.

An event where we can come together for an afternoon of fun and fundraising. There are also some great prizes up for grabs plus bragging rights!

The 2nd Not Quite Annual U3A Wonthaggi Trivia Afternoon will happen on Wednesday, June 29, from 2pm. Cost \$15 per person, with tickets available at [eventbrite.com.au/e/345987627307](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/345987627307) or from hard-working U3A treasurer and quizmaster John at treasurer@u3awonthaggi.org.au. John is also happy to field enquiries: 0412 025 666.

U3A Wonthaggi president Lynn Kirk said: "We encourage people to pull together a team and settle in for a sociable afternoon."

"This long-awaited event provides seniors, and not so seniors, in our community a chance to get together with their friends and make new ones while making a significant contribution to the running costs of the U3A."

"Special thanks must be given to the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club whose sponsorship and support has made the trivia afternoon possible."

U3A Wonthaggi is an all-volunteer organisation of mature people who share an interest in many educational, creative and leisure activities.

Classes and activities are offered at a number of venues in Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson. Go to u3awonthaggi.org.au for more information.

Nature Parks honoured for 20 years eco-certified



PHILLIP Island Nature Parks has been honoured with entry into the Ecotourism Australia Hall of Fame.

In 1997, there were only 18 eco-certified operators in Australia and as the nation's first ecotourism innovators, Nature Parks has helped pave the way for responsible and sustainable tourism that millions of visitors enjoy.

Today, over 500 eco-certified operators are participating in the National Ecotourism Accreditation Program.

Nature Parks is one of only 41 Australian organisations that has achieved this hallmark of 20 years' certification.

"Nature Parks is proud to be eco-certified, as it's one way we can demonstrate our commitment to conservation and

nature-based tourism to our visitors," said Kate Adams from Phillip Island Nature Parks.

The achievement comes as Nature Parks welcomes international visitors back to Phillip Island.

From June 1, Nature Parks will extend its eco-accredited offers to include the popular Guided Ranger Tour and Ultimate Adventure Tour on a nightly basis, where guests will experience a guided eco-adventure amongst the little penguin colony with eco-accredited rangers.

LEFT: Eco-accredited rangers, from left, Rachel Ong, Stephen Pendlebury and Meagan Tucker, with the Ecotourism Australia Hall of Fame award.



Leongatha Lizard Guides, from left, front, Jemimah Watson, Adeline Carter, Emily Nielsen, Johanna Langkopf; back, Eric Begg, Rebecca Ellen, Elizabeth Hoekstra, Anabelle Meadows, Xen Lawry and Laila Witteveen.

Girl Guides to host Biggest Morning Tea

THE Leongatha Girl Guides are practising their cooking skills in preparation for their Biggest Morning Tea to be held at the Guide hall on June 26.

Guide leader Robyn Begg is organising the morning tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council in honour of her sister.

The Lizard Guides had a cooking night in preparation and learnt how to cook apple

pies. There seemed to be a lot of flour on girls and aprons, but the final product was pretty good. Now that they know how to make pastry and stew fruit, the possibilities are endless!

Everyone coming will be bringing a plate and we hope that some of the girls will be challenging themselves to cook something that they have never tried before so that they can earn their 'food' badge.

The girls are also planning some escape room challenges for the children that come along. The girls had a chance to practise their skills when Alex Begg brought along his locked safe to Guides this week.

It was full of chocolate and the girls had to solve a number of puzzles to work out the combination. Chocolate is a great incentive and the girls managed to work out the combination

with only a few minutes of the meeting left.

It will be a fun event for a very worthy cause!

Anyone who would like to support their fundraising efforts can visit the website: biggestmorningtea.com/fundraisers/LeongathaGirlGuides

Anyone who would like to join them on the day can contact Robyn Begg at robyn.begg@guidesvic.org.au.



Harper White, Amy White and Harriet Morrison collect one of the main prizes, a girls' prize pack full of donated goods, at Linda Jefferis' Biggest Morning Tea last week.

Cancer cure one cup at a time

LINDA Jefferis' Biggest Morning Tea for cancer research funding at Kardella South was a roaring success, raising \$5637, as part of \$42,466 generated in the past 12 months.

More importantly, it was a lot of fun for all those who attended.

"This year we did the catering COVID-safe again and on entry, everyone was given an individual food box containing their morning tea," said Linda.

The popular practice of grazing across heavily laden food tables will have to wait for another year.

The hamper raffle was won by Lynne Leppin, second prize went to Maria Condoluci and Kate Strong was the lucky winner of third prize.

Many local businesses supported the day. They included Magilla's Play Centre, Jenny's Picture this Framed, the Korumburra Newsagent, TerryWhite Chemmart Korumburra, Middle Pub, Burra Hardware, Parry's Gifts, The Tiny Teapot, Gippsbeary Cottage, Pure Fitness Korumburra, Burra Water Deliveries, Lyn Rose Boutique, Inspiration Hair Design, Henrietta's and Silvan Organics.



A vehicle fire is one of two mobile training small industry prop scenarios currently in Bass Coast Shire for CFA brigades. C29_2222



The gas cylinder hot fire prop has multiple controls, allowing operators to increase the intensity. C30_2222

MAIN PHOTO:
A controlled learning environment the two props give members, new and old, the ability to train and work in 'real life' conditions.



Allambee firefighter Susan Spanitz gained her truck licence through the Enhancing Volunteerism Grant Program in District 9.

Live simulated scenarios for Wonthaggi CFA

TWO Mobile Training Small Industry Props are in Bass Coast Shire for three weeks as part of the CFA Live Simulated Training Scenarios.

Giving firefighters the opportunity to work together in a controlled learning environment, the two props place individuals into two separate scenarios: a structure fire with a gas cylinder, and the second a vehicle fire.

For Wonthaggi CFA and other brigades in the district, having access to controlled hot fire mobile training is an important skills platform.

"It means we get to do some simulated live fire training," Wonthaggi Fire Brigade Captain Arnaud Marion explained.

"It's a controlled environment with facilitators who are trained to run the props.

"If at any time something unsafe occurs, we can release a dead man's switch and kill the prop."

Shared across the state, the two simulators are a rare commodity and have been in circuit since 2009.

"If you're lucky enough, they come back around."

A controlled environment for live simulated fire training is key to re-building skills, training new members and keeping regular firefighters trained.

The props form part of some of the live training facilities available to CFA members, with a state-of-the-art training facility opened near Ballan in November 2021.

Whether fighting fires is your cup of tea, or you prefer to sit back and help behind the scenes, brigades across Bass Coast and South Gippsland are looking for members. Head to cfa.vic.gov.au for your closest brigade.



THE CFA will have more than 100 new licensed fire truck drivers throughout District 9 following the completion of training through the Enhancing Volunteerism Grant Program (EVGP).

The district administered and paid for 105 medium rigid truck licences, and four heavy licences, with almost all 44 brigades across the district participating and benefiting from the \$115,000 grant.

The grant was submitted to assist District 9 brigades, which includes South Gippsland, to improve the time it takes to get from station to incident, and to increase depth and resilience throughout the district with an increased availability of truck drivers.

It was designed to assist members who had little or no truck driving experience to gain their licence and free up a limited pool of driver trainers.

District 9 Assistant Chief Fire Officer Trevor Roberts said the grant initiative provided a significant increase to capability across the district.

"In the three years before the grant application, District 9 had an average of 10 volunteers completing the truck licencing program per year," he said.

"This is a significant boost in truck drivers for our brigades and I wish to thank our members for embracing this opportunity."

CFA proud to mark Volunteer Week

THE CFA is celebrating its 54,000 volunteers as part of National Volunteer Week, which started on Monday, May 16.

CFA is one of the world's largest volunteer emergency services, with more than 1200 brigades across Victoria.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said National Volunteer Week was Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering, giving them the chance to recognise the vital work of their volunteers.

Over the past three years, Australians have experienced major fires, floods and a pandemic.

CFA members have been called on to assist local, Victorian and interstate colleagues to support them in extremely challenging and trying conditions.

As part of a \$126 million funding package announced in June 2020, the CFA has started construction on some of the 16 new fire stations, and 50 new tankers will be rolled out across the state in the coming months.

The 2022/23 State Budget also announced funding to build female-friendly changing facilities at three training campuses and upgrades at 40 CFA stations.

CFA has also begun rolling out its new workwear to volunteers across the state, which is expected to be completed later this year.

Find out more about volunteering with CFA at cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteer-careers/volunteers.



Forest Fire Management Victoria alongside local CFA undertook a planned burn on Tuesday at Kilcunda.

Successful planned burn at Kilcunda

SMOKE filled the horizon and speed was reduced on the highway around Kilcunda on Tuesday afternoon as a planned burn took place.

"Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic), alongside local CFA crews, successfully completed a planned burn on Tuesday, May 24, in the Kilcunda area of the newly created Yallock-Bullock Marine & Coastal Park," Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Gippsland, Sam Quigley said.

"The 10-hectare planned burn was carried out for ecological purposes to enrich critically endangered remnant patch of damp coastal grasslands, which is dependent on regular fire to regenerate.

"Regular burning favours native grassland species over introduced grasses and weeds, enhancing greater biodiversity, and improving wildlife habitat."

It is anticipated that there will be regular burning of these

areas as part of the ongoing improvement of the grassland, allowing for a mosaic of burnt areas across the landscape.

"We would like to thank the local community for their patience while we undertook the planned burn. All tracks throughout the area are now open, including the George Bass Coastal Walk."

FFMVic takes every opportunity to burn while conditions allow and it is safe to do so.

Working closely with the Bureau of Meteorology to assess weather conditions – such as humidity, temperature and wind speed - they will only carry out burns when conditions are suitable.

To find out when and where planned burns are happening near you, sign up at vic.gov.au/plannedburns or call 1800 226 226. You can also download the VicEmergency App and see current burns.

2022 Victorian AHA Hospitality Award Winners



Venue manager Daniel Mock was accompanied by 13 of the team as they won the 2022 State Award for Excellence in Best Pub Bar – Regional.

San Remo Hotel-Motel wins big at industry awards

IT HAS been a tough three years for San Remo Hotel-Motel.

If the pandemic wasn't hard enough for the third-generation pub, then a fire in early January took the icing.

But now after an incredible evening at Crown's Palladium, San Remo Hotel-Motel has the cherries.

The team walked away with two wins and multiple finalist listings at a recent industry awards event.

Recognised with the state awards for Excellence in Best Casual Dining – Regional and Best Pub Bar – Regional, the feat was a welcome relief on Monday, May 16.

"It's great recognition for the staff for how hard they worked and the standards that were set," venue manager Daniel Mock explained.

"We've had a pretty tough 12 months – we didn't have a bistro for 13 weeks.

"To bounce back from that and to get recognition for the work that the crew put in, that's been good."

Whilst a diverse range of venues and hospitality heavyweights were recognised for their achievements across 40 different categories at the gala dinner and awards ceremony, San Remo Hotel-Motel's bounce back is due to the tireless effort of the team



After a tough couple of years and an extraordinary start to January, taking home the 2022 State Award for Best Casual Dining – Regional was an incredible and well-deserved feat.

and the community.

"The staff are amazing and loyal – they stuck with us through the tough times.

"A lot of the criteria for the two awards is to do with service and presentation – it's a testament to them.

"I'd love to thank the local community for all their support throughout COVID and especially the fire.

"They are very giving, very supportive of us and very patient, and have come back and supported us better than ever."

The awards were not only a celebration but also provided the team an excuse to dress up, network and

enjoy a rare evening in the city.

"Events like that have been few and far between.

"Getting to know other people in the industry was good, as well as sharing ideas and having fun."

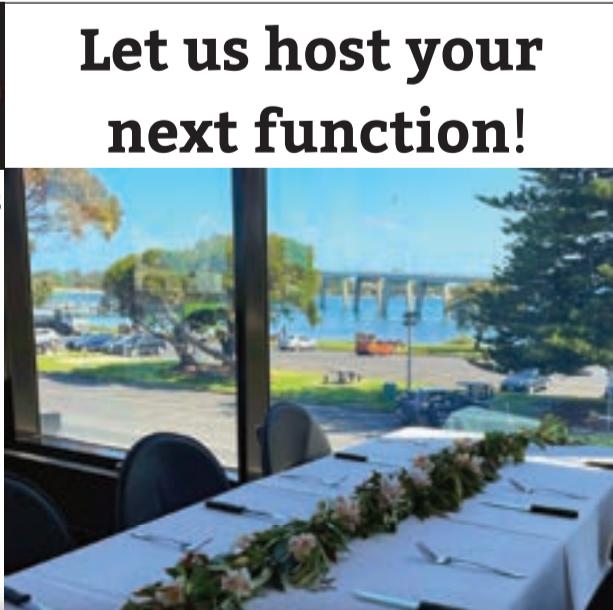
And after a night of letting their hair down, the team are back in action and ready for winter.

"We are trading as normal at the moment – there will be some changes and hopefully some improvements to come, which is exciting.

"And the function room is back in action ready for birthdays, weddings, engagements, sporting clubs!"

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Middle Korumburra Hotel staff and owners celebrate the venue's People's Choice Award at the recent Australian Hotels Association's State Awards for Excellence.

Delicious food, excellent service

FRIENDLY welcoming staff, delicious food and excellent service resulted in the Middle Korumburra Hotel being nominated for a stunning 14 categories prior to the Australian Hotels Association Victoria's recent State Awards for Excellence night, also being voted the People's Choice winner.

With over 700,000 total votes for venues statewide, coming out on top was an impressive achievement, made all the sweeter by the fact the Middle Hotel was also the People's Choice in 2021.

"Our staff have a good vibe with the locals and whoever comes in, and we create a warm atmosphere with good service," co-manager and part owner Ben (Fish) Fisher said.

The Middle Korumburra Hotel was announced at the awards night as a finalist for Hotel of the Year (Regional).

The pub's food received strong endorsement, with nominations for Parma of the Year, and Best Casual Dining (Regional).

Head chef Mark Smith ensures a wide variety and high standard of food, making sure special dietary needs are catered for.

He was selected as a finalist in the Chef of The Year category for the second year in a row.

While Mark works his magic leading the kitchen team, bar manager Ash Harper and Jai Rapson, front of house, ensure staff are well trained, motivated and supported.

Jai received a nomination in the Emerging Leader of the Year category.

The Middle Hotel's bar service was also recognised, being nominated for Best Presented Beer.

Thirteen staff were rewarded for their hard work and hospitality with a night in Melbourne to enjoy the awards at Crown Casino's Palladium Ballroom.

Fish and Elyse Fisher take a hands-on approach to hospitality, with Fish busy



Ash Harper, bar manager, and Jai Rapson, front of house with the Australian Hotels Association People's Choice Award won by the Middle Korumburra Hotel. A17_2222

pulling beers when the Sentinel-Times arrived.

Apart from Fish and Elyse, the venue's other owners are San Remo Hotel's Peter and Colleen Williams.

Fish said the Melbourne awards night was an awesome experience with over 1300 attendees.

He thanked the hotel's loyal and enthusiastic staff and customers for creating a great local vibe that makes everyone, including tourists, feel welcome.

As well as being the People's Choice, getting nominated in so many categories is a glowing endorsement of the Middle Korumburra Hotel, with mystery shoppers and judges impressed with what they experienced during anonymous visits.

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Decades of experience at LS Finance Broking

WONTHAGGI-based LS Finance Broking has the knowledge when it comes to finding you the right loan or mortgage.

The business was established in early 2017 by Lynda Sainsbury, who has more than 20 years' experience in banking and finance.

In addition to her experience, she also holds two Diploma degrees in Financial Services and in Finance Mortgage Broker Management and has received several awards over the years.

LS Finance Broking has access to a wide range of lenders and even offers a complimentary consultation around your financial requirements.

"Although we don't officially provide advice, our job as a broker is to help educate and guide our clients to make an informed decision around choosing a lender and a product," said Lynda, director and senior broker.

"We help our clients through the entire process, from beginning to end and beyond, within a professional and caring environment."

"Searching for the right bank and product that suits your needs can be a minefield. By using an experienced broking firm, our staff can navigate bank policy, monthly living expenses, calculate income and expenditure, as well as find features you love, such as offset and redraw facilities."

Lynda said the team is proud of all the clients' dreams they've helped achieve, including first home buyers and those upgrading or refinancing.

"We've helped hundreds of first home buyers get into their own home and of course many other buyers and investors. A huge thank you to my team. I couldn't be happier with the team I have. They are all so amazing and share my vision of helping our clients achieve their dreams," she said.

LS Finance Broking is expanding into the rest of Victoria, with a new webpage currently in development.

They are also growing their social media presence, with staff member

Hannah working on regular informational Facebook posts and creating an Instagram page shortly.

"Whilst purchases have slowed down somewhat in the past month, due to some nervousness around interest rate movements and the election, refinances are running hot!" said Sean, also a broker in the firm.

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Don't double dip your deductions

THE Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is reminding people not to make the mistake of double dipping their deductions in their tax return this year.

Assistant Commissioner Tim Loh explained: "Around 8.4 million Australians claimed nearly \$19.8 billion in work-related expenses in 2021. That's a lot of deductions so we want to make sure you get it right the first time. It's important you claim what you're entitled to – no more, no less."

When people prepare their tax return, it's important to remember the rules for claiming different types of work-related expenses. What can be claimed depends on the type of job, individual circumstances, and whether there are the required records to support the claim.

"While some people make genuine mistakes, we do see people trying to gain an unfair advantage by claiming incorrect or false expenses. A mistake that we often see in tax returns is people claiming expenses twice."

"You wouldn't double dip your chip, so don't double dip your deductions," Mr Loh said.

"Remember, we use sophisticated data analytics to monitor for incorrect information and you risk being audited or penalised for deliberately providing incorrect information."

Below are some 'double dipping' mistakes the ATO sees when people lodge their tax returns each year.

Working from home expenses and the shortcut method

"One in three Aussies claimed working from home expenses in their tax return last year and we expect this trend to continue," Mr Loh said.

A common mistake we see is people using the working from home shortcut method to claim their working from home expenses and then double dipping, claiming additional amounts in their return for expenses such as their mobile phone and internet bills, as well as the decline in value of equipment and furniture.

When the working from home shortcut method is used to claim working from home expenses, it is all-inclusive.

There are three methods available to claim a deduction for working from home expenses depending on individual circumstances, the shortcut, fixed rate and actual cost methods. The method that gives people the best outcome can be used, as long as the eligibility and record-keeping requirements for their chosen method are observed.

Taxpayers can use the home office expenses calculator to help them work out which method will give them the

best outcome.

"While the traditional methods require receipts, paperwork and other record keeping, the shortcut method only requires a record of hours worked – diary entries or timesheets will suffice," Mr Loh said.

When claiming working from home expenses using the shortcut method, the amount needs to be included at the Other work-related expenses question in tax returns with 'COVID-hourly rate' in the description field.

If a method other than the shortcut method is used in later years and you want to claim depreciation for an expensive purchase such as a laptop, the correct records for that item must be kept.

"Getting your tax return right is simple if you have the right records. Make sure you have your records before you lodge your tax return and keep your records after you've lodged, in case we have any questions. The easiest way to keep track of your records is with the ATO app," Mr Loh said.

Car expenses

Nearly 3 million people claimed work-related car expenses in 2021 and one of the most common mistakes was people using the cents per kilometre method to make their claim, and then double dipping by claiming expenses separately such as fuel, car insurance, and registration.

The cents per kilometre rate is all-inclusive and covers decline in value, registration, insurance, maintenance, repairs, and fuel costs. These expenses can't be added on top of the rate when calculating deductions.

The ATO will also be taking a closer look at claims calculated using the logbook method, to ensure they reflect people's circumstances coming out of the pandemic.

"You must choose your preferred method when calculating car expenses, the cents per kilometre or the logbook method. Just because there is a dip in the road, doesn't mean you can double dip your car expenses," Mr Loh said.

Reimbursed expenses

Finally, the ATO is making sure taxpayers aren't claiming expenses where they have already been reimbursed by their employer.

"If your boss has reimbursed your dry-cleaning costs for your uniform, but you then claim laundry deductions on your tax return, well you're picking your neighbours' pockets," Mr Loh said.

For more information, visit ato.gov.au/deductions.



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The main access road into Phillip Island, with its frequent, unprotected right-hand turns, is a murderous hazard for motorists and a terrible time waster for commuters. Rapid growth in the area dictates it must receive a major, dual-lane upgrade.

Yes, regional areas do deserve more

WITH the federal election over, it's "game on" in Victoria, in the run up to the November 26 state election, still an agonising six months away!

Last week, the Premier Daniel Andrews was in Wonthaggi, making a welcome visit to check on progress at Wonthaggi's \$115 million hospital.

Certainly, the pandemic has exposed some serious problems with the state's health system, especially chronic under-staffing, under-funding and blown-out waiting lists, but for a rapidly expanding community, it's great to at least have the infrastructure in place.

We also saw the Opposition, the Liberal-National party coalition, coming out over the weekend to pledge 25 per cent of infrastructure spending for regional areas, in line with the population spread.

And whether you accept their potentially rubbery figures or not, it seems that there will be an added focus on the regions in the run up to the poll which will be welcome.

A few things stand out: there's not enough affordable housing or enough childcare to provide for the people who want to work in this region now, let alone those who want to come here for the jobs being opened up by growth.

These twin issues are stifling growth in business and forcing young people in particular to look elsewhere.

There's the Wonthaggi and Phillip Island aquatic centres to be funded and two less "sexy" problems to be attended to: 'kamikaze corner' in Leongatha and the slow, dangerous Island access route, Phillip Island Road.

Both these roads are the scene of crashes and near misses on a daily basis, the latter involving several fatalities.

Whatever the cost, both these projects need to be on the regional infrastructure lists of both sides of politics over the next few months.

What would you like to see on the 'to do list' for the next state government?

Support for students

I'm writing to express my deep appreciation to everyone across Victoria who supported The Smith Family's 2022 Back to School Appeal.

Our vision is to help young Australians experiencing disadvantage to create better futures for themselves. We launched our appeal calling for extra support to help students re-engage with their education, after another tough year due to COVID-19.

For families and their children, this year's return to school may have been the toughest yet. Not only are we concerned the pandemic has exacerbated the gap in learning outcomes between children living in poverty and their more advantaged peers, we're also worried families are facing more hardships, including rising

living costs, a housing affordability crisis, and ongoing impacts of the digital divide.

When any family faces ongoing financial difficulties, it makes it harder for them to support their children's education. We know there are still thousands of young Australians who don't have access to the education essentials they need to learn, and we're concerned it'll be those who can least afford it, who'll continue to struggle.

Our Learning for Life education program provides emotional, practical and financial support to children and young people. And thanks to the wonderfully generous response to our sponsorship appeal, we'll be able to provide around 3000 more students with evidence-based and life-changing support for the duration of their education. To learn more about Learning for Life, and how you can be part of a growing community of sponsors tackling the effects of poverty on the education of young Australians, visit the smithfamily.com.au.

For 100 years, The Smith Family has been working to improve the lives of children in need. Our goal is to have a lasting and positive impact on students and families, and generations to come. So, to everyone who generously contributed to our appeal – thank you very much.

Doug Taylor, CEO, The Smith Family.

Thank you, Woorayl Lodge

I would like to tell my story.

I have even surprised myself of how I've tried to turn a darkness into a much happier place.

I have been unwell for almost two years now. I've had many months in hospital, had to learn to walk again and try and see the benefits of help. Doctors, nurses and the girls that just help in need.

My wife passed away last August and I've had to change to my life around.

Woorayl Lodge in Leongatha is now my new home and I'm so happy.

This little home has 40-odd people and the care and food are excellent.

I'm even putting some weight on, which is good.

Barry and Bernadette are ever so professional and work with all residents. Also Di.

We have nurses and see a doctor weekly. I could not cope on my own and Woorayl Lodge stepped in.

If anyone wants a chat, well, here I am.

Also, I must mention Wellways – they just add to my recovery.

Norman Price, Leongatha.

Sand mining decision will come back to bite

I write to join SGST, BCSC and correspondents in expressing dismay at Planning Minister Richard Wynne's recent decision on sand mine expansion in the Westernport Woodlands – i.e. approval for Dandy Premix to clear 13 hectares of vegetation for a new pit, massively expand its current pit there, including digging below the water table, and to wash sand on site.

Several arguments against this have already been detailed, from... local conservation tourism to threatened species... all in a forest stand that's survived in a largely cleared landscape.

DELWP's draft Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) Strategy, recently under public consultation, ignores the woodlands as important. It was, in the accompanying map, buried under symbols for 'industrial zone'! That, and the Minister's decision, mocks this whole strategy consultation, and lowers any local respect for its outcomes.

South Gippsland's conservation network is resilient, as I've learned over some 30 years of sharing actions, and in the political climate of 2022 this community is unlikely to tolerate the relentless and irreversible destruction of the

bushland in question.

In the late 1960s, Victoria's growing environment movement fought a battle over protection of the Little Desert, in far-west Victoria. Premier Hamer's government, succeeding that of Bolte, never forgot the bruising it received, and went on to lay a visionary foundation for an enduring conservation regime that's still evident.

The retiring Minister might be putting his government's repute on the line, discounting important advances Labor has continued in Bass Coast. His government's intransigent stand on sand mining here is set to inflame resentment in November.

The Minister would not dare endorse sand mining of a beach at Inverloch or Phillip Island, so what veiled priority is at work behind the large-scale destruction – also for sand – smack down the spine of our remnant coastal woodland?

My elephant hiding in a quarry near here is this: Why are known and mostly suitable sand deposits in central and west Gippsland not being heavily exploited?

Mr Wynne's silence on such key questions, and his ignoring of his own appointed panel's warnings while destructive extraction stubbornly expands, leaves us mug voters to conclude that the reasons are political and financial.

Well, why should our environment pay his price? Golden vistas in happy-clappy DAL studies clearly do not define what happens here. In the absence of a stay and review of the Minister's announcement, the Andrews Labor government should expect a focused local backlash in this election year.

Ken Blackman, Inverloch.

Housing crisis must be addressed

The current housing crisis is impacting many people in our beautiful region.

Whether looking to rent, buy or access social housing, I am regularly hearing from Gippslanders who are struggling to put a roof over their heads as availability and affordability is constrained by rising costs, huge demand and government inaction.

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

While for some it may be a good thing that there is booming demand for property in our region, the reality is that the failure to meet this demand is pushing people down the chain from ownership to rental and even into the need for public housing – and understandably the shortages are causing significant stress.

While demand is strong, there is not enough effort on the supply side and too many constraints caused by government.

The Labor government's own budget papers show that the time taken to approve planning scheme amendments is well over target – that's red tape that hinders new housing developments.

Despite promising no new taxes before coming to government, Labor has since introduced 42 new or increased taxes and 21 of them are property-based.

The Nationals and Liberals opposed the implementation of a new "windfall gains tax" on property developers because we could see that it will only result in costs being passed on to homebuyers and make housing affordability even worse. Ultimately this tax will only hurt those in most need.

I congratulate the government on its "Big Housing Build" where a number of new houses will be built across the Wellington and South Gippsland Shires for the purpose of social housing over the next year, but many of these are replacements for houses that were decommissioned and it simply isn't enough to meet the backlog.

This is a problem that needs a solution now. We need more housing in Gippsland and we need to make building those houses easier and more affordable.

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

Curtailment of voluntary community work

I am a proud member of both the Fish Creek and Foster communities, and of the greater South Gippsland community.

It is a privilege to live in our area, and I believe that we should all do what we can to maintain and advance our community and its facilities.

When we go to other areas, I take great interest in the standard of maintenance of their community facilities as I see that as a good indicator of the locals' pride in and love for their towns.

Councils everywhere are stretched for resources and need help wherever it is available. I believe that our council, and the outside staff, do a great job - but their resources are limited.

As such, I have been happy to assist where I am able to. Amongst other things, this has involved doing grounds maintenance work around Fish Creek community areas in the period leading up to important town visitation times like Easter, the Tea Cosy Festival, etc, and also maintaining a small wayside stop area alongside the Rail Trail around 2km on the Foster side of Fish Creek.

This is an ideal spot for older people walking from Fish Creek to stop and rest before the return walk to Fish Creek.

I have just received an email from the council requesting me to stop the maintenance work that I do around Fish Creek and on the Rail Trail. This email was as follows

"Dear Lloyd. I am writing to request that you stop mowing areas on the Great Southern Rail Trail east of Fish Creek and also within Fish Creek, including around the BBQ shelter and Tennis Courts.

"Concerns have been raised about the impact the mowing has had on Indigenous native vegetation on the Great Southern Rail Trail. Council is legally required to protect areas of Indigenous native vegetation, including on the Great Southern Rail Trail. The Rail Trail acts as a significant wildlife corridor in the broader South Gippsland landscape and it is essential that the native plants and animals that are present on the Trail are protected.

"There are also public safety and liability issues associated with the mowing on Council-owned or managed land. Council staff and contractors are covered by public liability insurance and have appropriate training and work safety plans in place to protect themselves and the community while working. People without the appropriate training, insurance and work safety plans are not permitted to work on council owned or managed land."

Of course, I must and will comply with this direction from the council.

However, I am puzzled by the fact that the council itself does mow and maintain another wayside stop area alongside the Rail Trail, of equivalent or greater size, just a further 2km along towards Foster past Lowrys Road.

I do feel that good maintenance of the small number of Rail Trail wayside stop areas is important to overall outcomes and enjoyment of the trail, and can be done in balance with and without compromising protection of Indigenous native vegetation, plants and animals.

The council are actively seeking to promote visitation to use the Rail Trail and have just released their draft 'Great Southern Rail Trail Visitor Experience and Marketing Plan 2022-2031', and I believe as part of this the amenity of the wayside stops is important to the many walkers and others who will use the trail.

As indicated, I believe the council staff do a great job with the resources they have available, and the work I have been doing was aimed to assist both the community and the council which serves it.

I wanted to convey the reasons that I am now unfortunately not able to continue the work outlined. However, my pride in our great community is undiminished, and the ways that people can work to advance their community remain infinite.

Lloyd McKenzie.

Vox Pop

How will action on climate change affect you?



Paul Wilson

Leongatha

"Power prices will go up but we will have a better planet as the result of action."



Kristen Wallis

Buffalo

"Hopefully it will slow down climate change or reverse it because the future of the whole planet is at stake. If everybody makes small changes it makes a difference."



Natahl Thomason

Korumburra

"Globally, we are being left in the dust and other economies are going to capitalise on the innovation and industry."



Wal Mayhew

Wattle Bank

"It's going to be a lot better for the whole community and I think it's about time we did something about it."

Finding foxes

I came to the Island in the early 1960s and lived in the area for 47 years.

A number of us locals hunted foxes on the Island all that time.

We used fox hounds, spotlights, other dogs, tracked and stalked them along the sand dunes, walked through the dense ti-tree patches driving them out to waiting shooters.

The last fox I saw on the Island ran across Ventnor Road in the middle of the day near Ventnor Reserve.

The Nature Parks had a hired person with a dog or dogs, killed ibis and scat was found.

The introduced wallaby has made it too difficult now to use hounds or other dogs.

This current sighting does not surprise me at all; I was always sceptical when the Island was declared fox-free.

I still hunt foxes to this day using hounds on the mainland killing up to 200 a year. I wish you well in the pursuit of one of the most cunning and destructive vermin in Australia.

Geoff Lee, Longwarry.

Focus on roads, rates and rubbish

Further to the letter 'No consultation over parental leave' 24/5/22 re Ali Wastie article May 12.

Many ratepayers will be shocked to learn that the CEO, who we have not voted for, made this decision and not democratically voted for by the councillors that we voted to run the council for us.

Just as it was the CEO's decision to dictate for equal prize money or you cannot use the sporting facilities that have been paid for by state and federal taxpayers' money.

Why do we elect councillors when an unelected CEO can make decisions like this?

The CEO has authority under legislation for operational policy but ratepayers expect their rates to deliver, outcomes for better roads, town planning, infrastructure, services and facilities for the benefit of all ratepayers.

All fine advocating for equality, yet no equality in town planning, roads or rubbish.

Council is for rates, roads and rubbish. If and when the council get this right, then the CEO can go off from council's job description and push her political and social agenda.

Definitely no equality when four males and five females, from the council workforce of 430, benefit over and above the 33,016 rateable properties [Annual Report 2020/2021] with population of 37,445 [A/R 2020/21].

Roads are a disgrace with little maintenance, town planning is a joke, what one person can build is denied to another.

Red bins not picked up weekly, especially in summer, is unhealthy, but at least it was democratically voted on by councillors.

Fix these council issues - that is what our rates are for.

The CEO's costing of \$60,000 per year is questionable and if that is all it will cost then the CEO can take a wage cut to fund her policy that she is so passionate about.

The council is paying double super for the one job as the replacement maternity employee is also paid superannuation - basically doubling the cost. Ratepayers are all for equality and the council does not provide or demonstrate any consistency or equality in its decision.

Ratepayers need to be made aware that their elected members don't make decisions like this.

Anonymous.

Case for hydrogen-powered vehicles

I read with interest the letter 'Rethinking electric vehicles', by Lindsay Love in Sentinel-Times, May 24.

Mr Love's concerns that "saving the planet" mantra espoused by those with the "dark green bent" and their call for more electric vehicles is not cost effective when considering the government cost of installing recharging stations throughout country areas and the fact that these vehicles will not do the comparable work loads of petrol-powered vehicles in rural areas.

His lateral thinking and proposition of Australia manufacturing hydrogen fuelled cars is a very good option.

These vehicles only need their tanks filled with water and are comparable to the horsepower of current petrol-fuelled engines and do not emit pollutants into the atmosphere.

He also questions the safe disposal of electric vehicles' used batteries.

I also question the mining of copper for the extensive copper windings in electric motors. One only has to look at the old copper mine in Queenstown, Tasmania, and the long-term denuding of the surrounding bushland.

Can the Greenies comment on this?

The newly elected Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, is wanting Australia to get back to manufacturing; what a wonderful boost it would be to the economy to resurrect car manufacturing and start building hydrogen-powered vehicles instead of importing electric vehicles; many made in China.

Barry Gilbert, Walkerville.

Empathy please

I can't begin to convey how incredibly disappointed I am in the residents of Wonthaggi North who are 'up in arms' about a proposed social housing block in their area.

Housing has been a public, critical problem for Bass Coast Shire for some time, with the crisis only growing over the last few years. Homelessness support services have had an unprecedented caseload, with many elderly residents and young families bearing the brunt of the rental shortage.

The perception of social housing tenants that the spokesperson so clearly agrees with - that social housing would impact their 'peaceful' neighbourhood - is the sort of rhetoric that implies that those who are working to escape homelessness are unruly or disruptive, rather than the vast majority of tenants who are just trying their hardest to find stability and safety for themselves and their families.

The quote: 'Everybody needs a place to live, that's fine, but we've got our fair share of community housing' says everything it needs to: 'Sure, people need houses, but why should my life be very slightly inconvenienced to provide that?'

I hope these residents are able to reflect on their position (and the privilege they have to be secure in their homes) and come to a more empathetic stance; one that sees all members of our communities as equally worthy of safety, respect and security, regardless of their real estate status.

Imogen, Walkerville.

Question of democracy

"It ignores the fact that the foundation of a strong democracy includes trust in institutions, experts and government - and that this can be built up over decades but torn down in mere years. It ignores that a strong democracy relies on debate and dialogue."

This quote forms part of a recent address given by the New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern. This politician understands that questioning is a critical part of a liberal democracy. To turn away from questioning is political cowardice at any level of government. To actively develop policies to stifle questioning is an attack on one of the founding principles of a liberal democracy and is one of principles I stood for when I served my country in the Vietnam War.

The great Athenian orator and leader, Pericles, one of the early founders of democracy, relished to opportunity to be questioned by the people of Athens. He saw it as the opportunity to shine, to provide leadership, and diminish his political opponents.

No such courage in the Bass Coast Shire. This organisation does nothing to engender trust, community engagement, mere words.

Rod Gallagher, Veteran, Inverloch.

Level playing field?

Lindsay Love's letter 'Rethinking electric vehicles' (SGST) is very misleading.

His notion of a level playing field ignores the fact that we currently spend billions of dollars to overseas companies, importing refined fuel to run our ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) cars.

There is nothing level about the ongoing cost of petrol or diesel as the cost of these fuels is on an upward trajectory. Prices are controlled by supply and demand and the conflict in eastern Europe is putting a lot of pressure on supply.

If that conflict was in Asia, then these imports could just as easily be cut altogether. Australian stocks of petrol/diesel are insufficient to sustain this country much beyond a couple of weeks. So much for fuel security, let alone the drawdown on our national economy.

If Australian householders could charge their vehicle from renewable energy, like rooftop solar, then motorists would be financially much better off as well as having a large rechargeable car battery to provide backup electricity for the home.

There is no real problem with provision of charging points for electric cars as they can be installed wherever the electric grid goes. For remote communities, renewable energy, electrical storage and electric vehicles makes for an economical, sustainable and secure lifestyle.

Currently, our supermarkets are keen to provide fuel discounts and centres for the sale of petrol, diesel and LPG, but what is to stop them from building fast electric chargers in their parking lots and making a few bucks while we do the weekly shopping?

The Victorian government is already investing in this charging infrastructure to facilitate a smooth rollout of charging stations along public roads.

Every state government is providing incentives to promote the uptake of electric transport, both private and public, in line with their policies to retire fossil fuels.

The Victorian government plan is quite modest with an upfront rebate of \$3000 off the cost of a new EV (with a price tag of less than \$68,740), but they are also charging an annual road levy of \$375 on EV owners so that EV drivers are paying their fair share of state highway maintenance.

Lindsay has also ignored the fact that there is currently no federal policy or assistance for the purchase of EVs, but primary producers and most business owners can claim a rebate on GST as well as write-off the value of a new ICE vehicle over several years as a tax deduction.

There certainly is no level playing field for many Australian workers who pay a fixed tax rate as well as GST on all purchases and are finding it difficult to put food on the table for their families.

Wages have stagnated for many years whereas prices, particularly fuel prices, are climbing steadily. Within this scenario, it is almost obscene for Lindsay to suggest that the great Australian lifestyle demands a big petrol-guzzling vehicle to tow the caravan and boat.

Did Lindsay consider health costs associated with a transport system based on petroleum within his level playing field?

Australians are constantly breathing in exhaust toxins from cars and trucks on our roads which contribute to heart disease and many cancers.

The Victorian government plans to have 50 per cent of all new cars "emission free" by 2030, and new public transport 100 per cent emission free by 2025.

These government priorities will benefit public health and save money but will people like Lindsay ever be grateful?

Figures regarding EV policy by state governments was taken from the website car-sales.com.au.

Ted Minty, North Wonthaggi.

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.

Toilet-friendly wipes made clear

CONSUMERS will now find it easier to choose toilet-friendly flushable products thanks to new guidelines for manufacturers.

Gippsland Water has welcomed the approval of a new standard that will see only wipes that break down and do not cause blockages labelled as 'flushable'.

"In the past, some wipes have been marketed as 'flushable' when they actually don't break down in water and can cause blockages and damage to our pipes and wastewater treatment equipment," Gippsland Water managing director Sarah Cumming explained.

"Now the standard has been introduced, manufacturers will need to make sure their products meet criteria in order to display the flushable symbol."

Ms Cumming said manufacturers would have several months to adopt the new, voluntary standard, and consumers can start looking for the symbol soon.

• FAITH FACTOR

A treasure hidden in a field

Father Darren Howie - Parish Priest
St Joseph's Parish, Wonthaggi

THE words of Jesus, that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field in which a person is prepared to give up everything, are still true.

It is also still true that it can be difficult to grasp that it is not only possible to have a personal relationship with God but that it is worthwhile.

Lee Strobel, an atheist and investigative journalist, set out to destroy the newly-found Christian faith of his wife because he believed it was not true. His main objective was to disprove the lynchpin of the Christian faith which is Christ's resurrection; and he failed.

There is a film about Lee Strobel's journey to belief entitled, "The Case for Christ", and he has written several books arguing for belief in Christ.

Christians believe that the great treasure hidden in the field is a personal relationship with God.

In Romans 8: 31-39 one can read the apostle Paul speaking about how nothing can separate us from God's love revealed in Jesus Christ. Where does that leave someone who has not had a personal experience of God?

Christians can offer arguments for the existence of God but that does not necessarily bring one to an experience of God's love.

In 1 Kings 19: 12 we hear about the importance of times of silence in prayer: "And after the earthquake, there was a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire, there was a whisper of a gentle breeze." Prayer is not limited to set words; for example, the Christian prayer most people have heard of, namely, the "Lord's Prayer".

Praying can be talking to God in your mind in your own words. These words may seem to be absolutely incomprehensible to some, but then again, they would have been so to Lee Strobel and countless other people at the beginning of their personal relationship with God.

Christians will never be able to scientifically demonstrate the existence of a personal relationship with God which may annoy immeasurably people who only believe things can be argued for which it can be scientifically and empirically verified.

That may explain why Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, and why, to the exasperation of people who have not personally experienced it, Christians quite literally have been prepared to give up everything, even their lives, to experience it.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

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'. Complete the online volunteer application form and we will be in touch with you.

The first Tuesday in May was our inaugural Chatty Café session. If you went along, did you have a good chat? It aims to help people stay connected to their community by choosing to 'Have a Chat' to others in safe comfortable settings. Put the next one in your diary for next Tuesday 7th June. Remember, it's on every first Tuesday morning of the month at 10.30-11.0am.

Don't forget our Free Community Lunch coming up on Wed, June 8 at 12noon. Ring us to book a place.

Are you ready to be brave and prune your fruit trees so they are at optimum condition ready to give you fruit later in the year? Come and join Lewis for a hands on fruit tree pruning workshop at the Harvest Centre 10.30-11.30am on Wed, June 8. The cost is \$6, however WNC members are free.

We have a new program starting up. It is the Wonthaggi Food Collective.

The Collective is a local group that buys food in bulk and distributes it at a low mark-up to its members.

We do this: For our community: a not-for-profit that gives back any surplus; For our pockets: buying in bulk reduces cost; For our planet: minimal packaging and food-miles; For our wellbeing: buying organic when it's affordable.

We distribute from the Harvest Centre, behind Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Interested? To get a stock list or to find out more, contact WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com or call Michael Nugent on 0416 039 933.

If you have any excess produce that you are looking to pass on to others, consider the Seed / Veggie and Produce swap, coming up on Saturday, June 11, 11am-1pm. It's a Learn Share Activity and is held at the Harvest Centre. WNC members free, others \$6.

Our Fixit Café Sunday at the Harvest Centre earlier this May was a great success. This is such a great co-operative effort on the part of the WNC and the Men's Shed. All items must be booked in through Mitchell House before the day. This is when a time is allotted and a suitable fixer is matched up to the item. So many items, such a limited time to fix 'em. Call us on 5672 3731. Put the next one in your diary or on your calendar for Sunday, June 19.

Don't forget the One-Off Power Savings Bonus of \$250 from the State Government. If you or someone you know is struggling to pay their power bills and is eligible to receive it. We can help anyone who has a pensioner concession or healthcare card or receiving Centrelink payments. The deadline is June 30, 2022. Call us on 5672 3731 or drop in if you need help applying. Online, go to compare.energy.vic.gov.au/welcome.

To get to The Harvest Centre is just a short walk across Apex Park from Mitchell House which is on Murray Street or you can access it from the back of the Big W car park, past The Goods Shed.

If you become a WNC member, \$10 per individual, \$15 per family for the year, then all Learn Share Activities are free until the end of June 2022 and we have LOTS of Learn Share Activities.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

BCAL offers a range of computer and digital literacy courses from beginners to intermediate level. But what if you're not sure what you need? What if all you want to do is learn what you can do with your digital devices?

That's where BCAL's Friday afternoon Tech Club comes in. It covers a range of topics including smartphones, tablets and iPads, smart home devices and even old fashioned computers.

In recent weeks, the group has looked at video cameras, shopping safely online, and e-books. Last week they learned how to connect phones to Bluetooth enabled cars for safe calling, music and navigation.

This free course runs on Friday afternoons from 1 to 3 and is the perfect place to learn how to navigate the digital world. You can enrol at any time.

■ U3A WONTAGGI

The Wonthaggi University of the Third Age is holding its second not-quite-annual trivia afternoon next month.

Test your local history knowledge, reach for that obscure sports stat, switch on those little grey cells and enjoy a lively and pleasant afternoon of trivia at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club with U3A fellow members and friends. All welcome. And to come together for an afternoon of fun and fundraising. There are also some great prizes up for grabs plus bragging rights!

The second Not Quite Annual U3A Wonthaggi Trivia Afternoon will happen on Wednesday 29 June from 2.00pm. Cost \$15 per person, with tickets available via EventBrite at eventbrite.com.au/e/345987627307 or call 0412 025 666.

For more information visit u3awonthaggi.org.au or phone 0491 093 300.

■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

Fresh challenges greeted volunteers at the garden on a wet Thursday last week.

Rats had been visiting the garden in numbers, taking particular delight in the young broccoli and cabbage plants. Let's hope they are passing through, feeding as they go in preparation for winter.

Then there was the puzzle of low levels of water in the tanks despite recent rainfall. Could the gutters and pipes be blocked with autumnal and gum tree debris?

A quick look around also showed a significant increase in the fuzz of weedy green around paths, after warm sunny days and enough moisture.

Undaunted, the loyal volunteers discussed what to do and where to get extra help. Tackling problems as a team certainly lightens the load.

There's always a problem to solve at the garden. To find out more contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or visit on a Thursday between 10 and noon to help, look around and have a chat.

■ WONTAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Scrollsaw is a popular session at the Woodies' workshop. A scrollsaw is like an electric fretsaw and is used for very fine and intricate cutting – a technique which used to be called piercing. It enables the crafters to cut out pictures or patterns which are then glued to a backboard.

Another use of the scrollsaw's delicate ability is to create small shapes which are then glued together for carving. This way the carving group doesn't necessarily need a solid block to start with. Instead, they use woods of different types and grain directions for extra effect.

These pieces are often the first to sell out at the Woodies' gift shop.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or call in at the workshop.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

AS MENTIONED last week, our Soup Lunch will be on Tuesday, May 31, so if you got the paper early this week and you are interested in coming, I am sure we can squeeze in some extras.

Our second Polymer Clay Workshop is this Thursday, June 2, at 6.30pm. This workshop they'll be focusing on jewelry and fastenings. There will also be a third workshop on June 16 where you can bring your idea to life. So, don't miss out and book your place for these fun and friendly workshops.

It's also getting to that time of the term where we are starting to put together the Term 3 program, eek. We would be interested to hear from you if you have an idea for a program, group, workshop, etc., that you would like to see us offering. If you have a skill you would like to offer, and group you would like to start or there is something you would like to kick off at Milpara, let us know. The other thing is we really do value feedback. It helps us to learn and better meet our community's needs. If you do not tell us that our program is on too early in the day, or evenings would be better, or you wish we ran a certain workshop or class on weekends, it's very hard to make those adjustments. So please reach out and provide feedback or find out how to start something new and give Belinda a call at Milpara on 5655 2524.



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Max was joined by his grandfather Lino on Friday at school as they coloured in. C53_2222



Janice Grace (garn/grandma), Jake Grace and Clee Grace (dad) joined in the fun at Wonthaggi North on Friday. C52_2222

Celebrating grandparents at Wonthaggi North

GRANDPARENTS, aunties, uncles, parents and special friends descended on Wonthaggi North Primary School on Friday, May 27, as part of the 150 years of public education festivities.

Toured around the school, the students' special friends were introduced to the class and joined in

fun activities.

"I love my dad so much," Jake Grace explained in introduction to his father, noting their passion for motorbikes.

"I love my garn, she buys me gob-stoppers!"

For Max's grandfather Lino Cacullo, the day was a particularly

exceptional moment.

"I have come from Melbourne for today specially – it's very special."

"I always play with him, we have dinner together and go swimming," Max explained.

"It's nice to be here – sharing this time together," Kristen Dowsett added.

Kristen joined her son Sam as they coloured in and prepared for a tour of the campus, alongside Max and Lino.

"It's really fun and exciting showing them around and doing activities together," Grade 6 student Matilda said of having her aunty stop by.

Student reps appointed at Bass Coast Specialist School

ON MONDAY, May 23, seven students from Bass Coast Specialist School were presented with their 2022 Student Representative Council badges in front of a special assembly consisting of staff, students and parents.

To become a part of the Student Representative Council (SRC), students must perform a speech and are then elected by their peers to represent all the students within the school.

The SRC then meets with the principal and a teacher rep to discuss the needs of the students at the school, their ideas and what they want to help their learning excel.

"We highly value the SRC within

our school, they give the students a voice and bring changes to the school that the students want, not just what staff think they want," the school said.

Changes from the 2021 SRC committee meetings:

- New basketball court and ring.
- Swing in the playground.
- Extra shade sails outside the kitchen.

"We look forward to hearing from our students through the 2022 SRC and look forward to their ideas and suggestions."

RIGHT: From left, Jaide, Natalie, Sara (teacher representative), Kaedin, Oliver, Rob (principal), Chad and Hope.



Tomorrow's teachers chalk up awards success

THE brightest teachers of tomorrow have been recognised for their academic excellence, professional standards and quality research at Curtin University's annual School of Education awards ceremony.

Korumburra Primary School year 1 teacher Andre Hetebrueg, who lives on Phillip Island, was named The Broadley SPERA

Award for Outstanding Regional Student for achieving excellence in his overall academic performance during the course.

"I want to inspire young people to wonder and I want them to know that they can be good people regardless of their academic outcomes as long as they give it their best go and leave nothing behind," Mr Hetebrueg explained.

"Children should have the confidence to know that they can reach high and should not be afraid to fail but stand up and persist; I hope I can instil this attitude."

LEFT: Andre Hetebrueg was awarded The Broadley SPERA Award for Outstanding Regional Student.

Students make their voices heard

SECONDARY and primary school students took to the streets of Cowes to rally for more action on climate change recently.

Students from across Phillip Island were joined by federal candidates for Monash as well as representatives from Bass Coast Shire.

This isn't the first-time local students have come together to protest for climate change action, with a sizable rally also taking place in Wonthaggi earlier this year.



Photo: Phillip Island & San Remo Advertiser

Supporting access to higher education

THE Country Universities Centre (CUC) has welcomed the announcement from Minister for Regional Education Bridget McKenzie on funding the Eastern Australia Regional University Centre Partnership to nurture the aspirations of young people in regional communities.

The Eastern Australia Regional University Centre Partnership is a collaboration of 25 universities and 16 Regional University Centres across Queensland, NSW, ACT and Victoria led by CUC and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

The project will utilise the Commonwealth funding to work on a coordinated, community-led approach to widening university participation and school outreach, partnering with local communities to co-design innovative programs that address their unique community challenges in nurturing local aspiration and supporting access to higher education.

"Previous outreach and widening participation initiatives from universities were focused on delivering services to schools, without any understanding of the local context," said CUC's Chris Ronan.

"With the funding provided by the Commonwealth, this refreshing project will develop programs that are designed by the community for the community and respects their local knowledge, while still drawing on the existing experience and knowledge of universities."

Lead university UTS's Pro Vice-Chancellor (Social Justice and Inclusion) Verity Firth said she was excited to be working in partnership with local communities, Regional University Centres and other universities to break down barriers to tertiary education in these communities.

"Young people growing up in rural and remote communities face far more barriers to getting a university education than those in the city or in large regional centres that have universities in their backyard."

"We want more of these talented rural and remote community members to go to university."

"However, that requires us as universities to listen to communities and understand what their challenges are so that we can work together to co-design outreach programs that are going to work."

This new approach enabled through the Commonwealth draws on substantial research from Australian university student equity practitioners and places local communities at the centre of the design and implementation of all school outreach and widening participation activities.

The Eastern Australia Regional University Centre Partnership is funded under the Regional Partnerships Project Pool Program (RPPP).



Nanna Barbara Sydenham joined granddaughter Tanah for some colouring-in on Friday at Wonthaggi North. C54_2222



Nan, Gwen Watson, was given a special tour of Wonthaggi North by her granddaughter, grade 2 student Emma Maiden, on Friday. C49_2222



Grade 1 student Ella proudly showed off her granddad, Lex Dobbyn, at Grandparents & Special Friends Day. C50_2222



Nanna and Pop, Rhonda and Daryl Street, joined Taylor Street for a tour of the library and day of activities on Friday. C51_2222



Riley Jeffrey is joined by his grandma, Heather Jeffrey, for Grandparents & Special Friends Day at Wonthaggi North Primary School. C48_2222



Grandson Logan Shawcroft toured his grandparents, Lyn and Colin Allen, around campus for Grandparents & Special Friends Day. C56_2222



Dave Canny joined Daniel McCausland, who has lived on Phillip Island for more than 30 years, at the Bass Coast citizenship ceremony.



Dean Hancock was glad to see Alex Van Ramshorst and Nadia Van Ramshorst become Australia citizens.



Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Michael Whelan and the 2022 Bass Coast Citizen of the Year Carol Blair enjoyed celebrating the shire's citizenship ceremony.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Bass Coast citizenship ceremony, Veneto Day at The Wonthaggi Coal Mine, Special Friends Day at Wonthaggi North Primary School, and Close Knit at the Wonthaggi Library.



Julia and Peter Bolge enjoy the community Veneto Day at the Wonthaggi coal mine with grandchildren Alex, Zoe and Georgia on Sunday afternoon. Z25_2222



Rosa Bianchin and Marisa Cengia cook traditional polenta for Veneto community at the Wonthaggi Coal Mine. Z27_2222



Vince and Tony Rossi of the Veneto choir travelled from Melbourne to enjoy the food, wine and good company down at the Wonthaggi coal mine. Z26_2222



Ori Testolin and Mario Paalzzl gathered together on Sunday afternoon enjoying music, wine and traditional meals with family and friends. Z28_2222



Kathy Everitt of Wonthaggi knits a blanket ready for gifting, as Sarah Gent of Wonthaggi knits on a blanket for her grandfather. C24_2222



Sean and Michelle Joubert of Inverloch have done a lot of travelling before eventually becoming Australian citizens.



Cath Moutafis of Dalyston and Shirley Lamers of Wonthaggi tackle their next knitting creations at Close Knit on Thursday. C22_2222



Thelma Kyval and Marnie Fletcher of Wonthaggi indulge in knitting and chatter at Wonthaggi Library Close Knit. C23_2222

Try knitting at your local library

CALLING all knitters, ex-knitters and wannabe knitters.

Whatever your age, young or old, come and have a go on World Wide Knit in Public Day at Wonthaggi Library.

Held in conjunction with South Gippsland Spinners & Fibre Arts Group from 10am to 3.30pm, call in at any time, and stay for as long, or as short, as you like.

Skilled and friendly knitters will be on hand to show you the basics, or maybe you can show others the basics if you already know how!

Got any spare wool? Why not drop it into the library and help things along?

San Remo and Warragul Libraries will also be hosting events. Check out myli.org.au for details.

Artwork to be showcased

By Grow Lightly Artists

FOR a year or so, a group called Grow Lightly Artists has been together painting and drawing.

We are now ready to showcase our work with an exhibition at the Korumburra Rotary Federation Art Gallery.

The gallery is located on the corner of King and Commercial Street, Korumburra.

It is planned to have the show from Thursday, June 2 until June 14, and opening hours will be the same as that of the adjoining Korumburra Library.

We have mainly worked in water colours and acrylic and many scenes are portrayed – landscapes, people, still life and the built environment. We have met regularly every fortnight in the Grow Lightly Hub, the building which adjoins the Coal Creek car park.

If people want to join this group, they may enquire through the email gilmem3951@gmail.com.

Some of the pictures will be for sale and those wishing to buy can make arrangements with each of the artists involved using the contact details listed on the catalogue.

Everyone is welcome to appreciate some of our local artists as they showcase their talents.

Be part of this year's Jubilee Beacon

LOCH Community Development Association (LCDA) is proud to be part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons and Associated Activities on June 2, 2022.

LCDA has announced plans to light a beacon for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the evening of Thursday, June 2.

All are welcome to a BYO barbecue at 5.30pm in Sunnyside Park in Loch for the lighting of the beacon at 6pm.

The beacon is one of thousands being lit in the UK and the Commonwealth, and forms part of the official programme announced by Buckingham Palace for the Jubilee.

Beacons will be lit in all 54 Commonwealth capitals and the Principal Beacon lighting will take place in a special ceremony at Buckingham Palace on Thursday evening.

This will take the form of a lighting installation with The Queen's Green Canopy 'Tree of Trees' sculpture and projections onto the front of Buckingham Palace.

This innovative new way of taking part in the beacon lighting will reflect the Royal Family's long history championing environmental causes.

Details of the event and those taking part can be viewed by going to the Guide To Taking Part found at queensjubileebeacons.com.

Knitting for good

WHAT started as a social gathering at Big W has evolved into a community project with reach to the most vulnerable.

Gathering at 1pm each Thursday at Wonthaggi Library, Close Knit works together and separately creating knitted and crocheted masterpieces.

"Sandra (librarian) approached us and asked if we could assist with blankets and beanies for the most vulnerable community members," Cath Moutafis explained.

Creating gifts that have been distributed by the Anglican Church, Salvation Army in Wonthaggi, and most recently Need for Feed and the Lions Club of Wonthaggi.

"We sent 35 blankets to the floods."

The ladies were also treated to a beautiful message and photograph from one of the blanket recipients in NSW, as part of their collaboration with Need for Feed: 'I just wanted to pass on our thank you to Myli Libraries for the donation of a beautiful handmade blanket our family received in a care package from Need for Feed Australia after the devastating floods on the northern rivers. It is much appreciated and has a permanent home on our lounge for the winter months ahead.'

"It's nice to know they've been well received through the care packages and nice to get the feedback," Cath explained.

A large part of what the group has established is the gift approach – blankets and items for those in need are not simply items created to help someone but are gifts filled with heart, joy and thought.

Kathy Everitt is working on a blanket using the 'scrap' ends of yarn – ensuring no piece goes to waste, whilst Sarah knits a blanket for her grandfather who recently went into care.

Thelma and Shirley are



A family in Greenridge, NSW, who were affected by the floods received one of 35 blankets created by Close Knit.



Shirley Lamers has finished a blanket ready for gifting. C25_2222

working on separate blankets, piecing together squares.

Knitted items, such as blankets and beanies, are still needed in the local community and up north, whether you have a spare set of hands and want to participate, have spare wool and needles you no longer use and can donate or wish to learn, pop in and see what all the yarn is about.

"The camaraderie, learning new things and sharing knowledge," Thelma explains is her favourite part

of the group.

"It brings a bit of heart and joy (to ourselves and those who receive the gifts)."

"To know what we are doing matters to others in need," Cath added.

"I look forward to (Close Knit) each week."

"People can also work on their own projects – anyone can come along and is welcome."

"A big thank you to the library staff and Sandra who initiated the gifts for the vulnerable – they've all been very supportive."

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Social housing employment program launched

MINISTER for Employment Jaala Pulford announced the state government's \$3 million Social Housing Employment Program with new jobs to be located in Gippsland.

The program offers secure work for at least 12 months for jobseekers who are social housing residents, women (particularly women over 45), people with disability, the long-term unemployed, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people aged 18 to 25, veterans and those from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Workers will earn an income while gaining an industry-relevant qualification.

They will also receive mentoring support to ensure success in their new jobs. Recruitment has begun and will continue until mid-2023.

The new jobs will be located in metropolitan Melbourne and Gippsland.

Jobs Victoria, Homes Victoria, Uniting Vic.Tas and Qualify Training are working together to deliver the initiative.

Jobs Victoria supports people looking for work and connects employers with the staff they need. It provides information, advice, and support in person, on the phone, and via the Jobs Victoria online hub.

For more information about the Social Housing Employment Program, visit jobs.vic.gov.au or call the Jobs Victoria hotline on 1300 208 575.



Ray White Leongatha sales team includes Dave Trotman, Kasey Bowman, Mick Hanily, Paige Matthews and Jason Harris.

Giveaway time at Ray White



TO CELEBRATE six months since joining the Ray White brand, directors Mick Hanily, Jason Harris, Kasey Bowman and the team at Ray White Leongatha are giving away a car!

"We are so pleased with how the changeover has gone and excited for what the future holds. We are also delighted to have had Dave Trotman and Paige Matthews join us and appreciate the fresh ideas and energy they bring to the team," said Kasey.

"The real estate industry has had an excellent couple of years and we hope this continues into

the future," Jason commented.

"To commemorate these extraordinary times and give back to our clients we would like to offer everyone an opportunity to win a car," added Mick.

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For Sale

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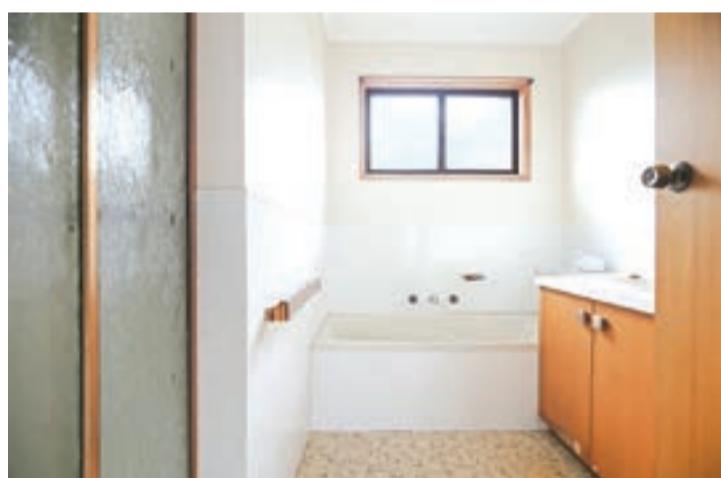
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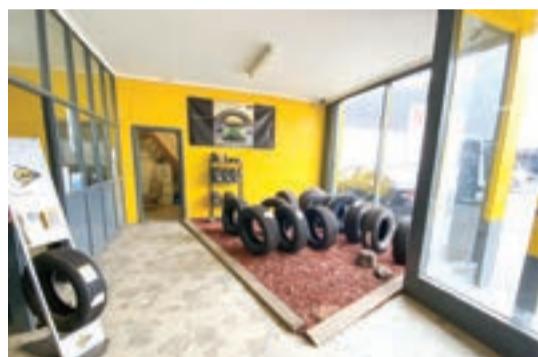
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SEJ livestock auctioneer James Kyle in action at Friday's Koonwarra store sale. A06_2222



Oscar and Vera Greeley at Friday's Koonwarra store sale, where Vera was looking to purchase high quality steers. A08_2222

Busy times at Koonwarra

FRIDAY'S store sale at Koonwarra's Victorian Livestock Exchange (VLE) saleyards drew around 5500 head of cattle.

"It's market driven at the moment with prices bringing cattle out of the paddock and into the saleyards," SEJ livestock auctioneer James Kyle said.

He was pleased with another successful day, saying that ongoing strong prices are encouraging many farmers to sell rather than have \$3,000 steers occupying their paddocks over winter, preferring to look after lighter cattle.

Many of Friday's available cattle were from the local area, including Korumburra, Leongatha, Tarwin Lower, and Foster.

However, James said that the high quality of VLE's Koonwarra saleyards makes it a drawcard for people right across Gippsland.

"It runs smoothly with good people in charge, is a good facility and it attracts major buyers," James said.

He clearly enjoys his work and the banter coming from buyers that keeps it entertaining.

James sold 14 seven-month-old steers for Shannon and Darren Burns of Ryanston.

"It went very well," Shannon said of the auction result.

Vera Greeley of Kilbar farm in Wooreen, accompanied by young son Oscar, came

to inspect cattle, with a view to buying a pen of good quality 350kg steers.

Another huge yarding at Leongatha

By the SGSAA

AGENTS yarded another 5500 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

Some very good pens of heavy and medium weight feeders steers and good quality weaners but there were more secondary and dairy types than the previous sales.

Prices eased around 10 cents a kg for the better end of cattle and a little more for the off bred and dairy cross types with a couple of orders not operating.

Once again it was the feeders taking a large chunk of the heavy and medium steers with Brooklyn Park, Hopkins River, Montrose Beef, JBS, Charlton and TFI getting a large share.

Weaner steers were mainly purchased by the locals with a couple of domestic feeder orders purchasing some of the Euro cross types.

The heifers met steady demand with a couple of orders in play to go to Northern NSW and into the Riverina.

The Xbreds and Friesian steers had mixed results with prices steady for the better quality end but the plainer types attracted less competition.

MARKET REPORT

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Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, May 13, 2022

Grown Steers

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|-------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| S Beaton 12 Angus/BB | 690kg | \$4.95 | \$3415 |
| Sandycake P/L 11 Angus/BB | 659kg | \$5.07 | \$3340 |
| R Mcleish 13 Angus | 657kg | \$5.05 | \$3320 |
| Krowera Cattle Co 14 Hereford | 640kg | \$4.87 | \$3120 |
| Tsb Farms 13 Angus | 628kg | \$5.25 | \$3300 |
| Sandycake P/L 13 Angus | 611kg | \$5.10 | \$3120 |
| E&C Farmer 17 Angus | 603kg | \$5.30 | \$3200 |
| Market Place 12 Angus | 600kg | \$5.30 | \$3200 |
| Alcheringa 14 Angus | 595kg | \$5.21 | \$3100 |
| Franklin Park 17 Angus /BB | 593kg | \$5.22 | \$3100 |
| Krowera Cattle Co 14 Hereford | 593kg | \$4.92 | \$2920 |
| D Scott 12 Angus | 588kg | \$5.23 | \$3080 |
| N Bond, 23 Angus | 577kg | \$5.63 | \$3250 |
| A Lester 17 Hereford | 565kg | \$5.38 | \$3040 |
| Market Place 13 Angus | 558kg | \$5.44 | \$3040 |
| T Crooke, 16 Angus | 552kg | \$5.61 | \$3100 |
| J Mcgrath, 16 BB | 542kg | \$5.75 | \$3120 |
| T & N Anderson, 10 Angus | 534kg | \$5.76 | \$3080 |
| B Stewart, 14 AA & BB | 532kg | \$5.73 | \$3050 |
| I&V Wilson 14 Angus | 522kg | \$5.63 | \$2940 |
| B Bates 15 Angus | 521kg | \$5.71 | \$2980 |
| L Osbourne, 18 Angus | 518kg | \$5.59 | \$2900 |
| A Walker, 13 Angus | 515kg | \$5.63 | \$2900 |
| N Page, 26 Angus | 508kg | \$5.80 | \$2950 |
| V & D Albanese, 9 AA & BB | 506kg | \$5.77 | \$2920 |
| Stevron 11 Angus | 503kg | \$5.76 | \$2900 |
| Aquila Farms 25 Angus | 506kg | \$5.81 | \$2940 |
| Melaleuca Past, 15 Angus | 499kg | \$5.77 | \$2880 |
| K, P & R Hourigan 36 Ang/BB | 498kg | \$5.50 | \$2740 |
| R Hopkins, 16 Angus | 490kg | \$5.87 | \$2880 |
| Holleywoods Past, 23 Angus | 487kg | \$5.91 | \$2880 |
| G Fox, 24 Angus | 487kg | \$5.85 | \$2850 |
| R & C Walker 13 Angus | 481kg | \$5.73 | \$2760 |
| M Collier 19 Hereford | 477kg | \$5.36 | \$2560 |
| Aquila Farms 27 Angus | 465kg | \$5.92 | \$2760 |
| Gibson Farm 20 Angus | 459kg | \$6.10 | \$2800 |
| A&M Bolton 15 Angus | 457kg | \$5.99 | \$2740 |
| Ajay Nom 25 Angus | 446kg | \$5.94 | \$2650 |
| A&M Bolton 21 Hereford | 435kg | \$5.56 | \$2420 |
| R.J Mc Kenzie 32 Hereford | 432kg | \$5.53 | \$2390 |

Weaner Steers

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|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| R W Looker 10 Char X | 400kg | \$5.87 | \$2350 |
| B Hinson, 17 Angus | 392kg | \$6.19 | \$2430 |
| P Cashman 12 BB | 368kg | \$6.14 | \$2260 |
| D C McGrath 14 Angus | 367kg | \$6.10 | \$2240 |
| P Mattern, 20 Char X | 366kg | \$5.81 | \$2130 |
| B Hinson, 13 Charo | 361kg | \$5.54 | \$2000 |
| G Rose 17 Char | 360kg | \$6.22 | \$2240 |
| Sandy Creek 21 Angus | 354kg | \$6.49 | \$2300 |
| G&K Sisley 22 Angus | 353kg | \$6.48 | \$2290 |
| A Walker, 20 Angus | 349kg | \$6.81 | \$2380 |
| J&G Christison 14 Angus | 322kg | \$6.89 | \$2220 |
| JD Sawers, 19 Angus | 322kg | \$6.39 | \$2060 |
| Rosebank Farm 21 Angus | 316kg | \$6.70 | \$2120 |
| Ws Roberts, 23 Angus | 312kg | \$6.53 | \$2040 |
| Ajay Nom 29 Angus | 294kg | \$7.14 | \$2100 |
| P Galvin 18 Angus | 302kg | \$6.75 | \$2040 |
| A Walker, 20 Angus | 287kg | \$7.00 | \$2010 |
| G&K Dorling 22 Angus | 285kg | \$6.98 | \$1990 |

Heifers

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|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Wood Green Farm 72 Angus | 436kg | \$5.11 | \$2228 |
| Ajay No 24 Angus | 434kg | \$5.52 | \$2400 |
| Stackhouse Past, 70 Angus | 403kg | \$5.68 | \$2290 |
| K Oliver 23 Angus | 402kg | \$5.59 | \$2250 |
| S & E Richardson, 24 Angus | 366kg | \$6.03 | \$2210 |
| Telegraph Past 16 Angus | 348kg | \$5.60 | \$1950 |
| M & K Breen, 28 Angus | 315kg | \$6.66 | \$2100 |
| Sandy Creek 16 Angus | 296kg | \$6.51 | \$1900 |
| Ws Roberts, 14 Angus | 286kg | \$6.29 | \$1800 |
| Mirrawah P/L 20 Angus | 282kg | \$6.73 | \$1900 |

X/Bred & Dairy Steers

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|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Wallace Brae 11 AA/FF | 465kg | \$5.03 | \$2340 |
| K Waters 16 AA/FF | 410kg | \$4.51 | \$1850 |
| H Pruyin 22 Friesian | 572kg | \$3.46 | \$1980 |
| D&S McAuley 10 Friesian | 488kg | \$3.59 | \$1750 |
| P&C Davis 16 Friesian | 479kg | \$3.76 | \$1800 |
| B Brinker 35 Friesian | 450kg | \$3.44 | \$1550 |

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, May 23, 2022

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|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Jersey & Jersey x | | \$30 to \$130 |
| Friesian Bulls | | \$42 to \$160 |
| Friesian Heifers | | \$260 to \$750 |
| Beef Bulls | | \$80 to \$590 |
| Beef Heifers | | \$250 to \$600 |
| Number of Calves: | 182 | |
| Number purchased to rear: | 104 | |



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Concern over global food availability

IN 2020, between 720 and 811 million people faced hunger - a sobering statistic from the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) last year.

Seven years ago, UN member states committed to ending hunger, food insecurity and all forms of malnutrition by 2030.

Today the humbling reality has hit.

An estimated 660 million people may still face hunger in 2030, according to FAO, 30 million more people than previously estimated.

Away from the millions, these statistics mean the number of people facing hunger would be triple the population of Brazil or double that of the United States.

In 2020, 418 million undernourished people lived in Asia, alongside 282 million in Africa and 60 million in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Furthermore, moderate and severe food insecurity in 2020 was equal to the previous five years combined - that is a staggering one-in-three people in the world.

The pandemic, conflict, climate variability and economic slowdowns has only exacerbated the problem with a healthy diet out of reach for three billion people.

Of these statistics, in every continent, food insecurity is slightly higher for women than for men.

With a food crisis threat looming abroad due to the conflict in Ukraine, expect to see the cost of produce continue their upward trend on our shore.

"The instability from the Ukraine-Russia conflict starts to create a whiplash effect in the food supply chain," Daniel Aminetzah, leader of McKinsey's Chemicals and Agriculture Practices, recently explained on The McKinsey Podcast.

"It's hard to fully project the implications, but this crisis will have clear secondary effects on other breadbaskets.

"Despite efforts to strengthen the global food supply, and the overall resiliency we've seen in the past couple of years, we are quite concerned.

"The world, to some extent, seems unprepared for the crisis now unfolding."

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Dairy industry confident despite market volatility

ACCORDING to Dairy Australia's Situation and Outlook Report, the 2022/23 season is opening with large numbers on both sides of the ledger.

Early announcements of opening milk prices have set new records, backed by stiff competition for milk and robust global markets.

Meanwhile, fertiliser, fuel and grain prices are on the up amid the reality of a war in Europe, renewed geopolitical tensions and ongoing disruptions associated with COVID-19.

After successive seasons of recovering profitability, the net effect of these rapid and substantial changes on margins is a key question as farmers and processors try to plan ahead in a volatile market.

Despite some market volatility, data from the 2022 National Dairy Farmer Survey indicated profitability has continued to improve, with 88 per cent of survey respondents reporting an operating profit in 2020/21, and 90 per cent expecting to do so in 2021/22.

The report also revealed that 82 per cent of Australian dairy farmers



Dairy Australia's Industry Insights and Analysis manager, John Droppert.

are confident about the future of their own businesses (up by 2 per cent on 2021), while 68 per cent of farmers are feeling positive about the future of the industry (up 4 per cent).

Dairy Australia's Industry Insights and Analysis manager, John Droppert, says the report confirms that dairy commodity markets remain strong, driven by a combination of tight supply, robust demand and buoyant soft commodity values.

The report indicated that ongoing growth limitations and heightened margin risk are expected to offset strong milk

prices and favourable seasonal conditions, resulting in a comparatively flat milk pool totalling 8.6 billion litres.

Domestic consumption volume has shifted from grocery to food service as the effects of the pandemic recede and more consumers are out and about.

Meanwhile, the value of dairy products sold through supermarkets has increased.

The report also finds that Australia's major competitors are experiencing negative or slow growth in milk production, driving up demand and competition.

Farmer fined \$25,000 for animal cruelty

A FARMER was recently fined \$25,000 in the Latrobe Valley Magistrates Court for animal cruelty offences to his cattle herd.

The offender pleaded guilty to seven charges, including two for cruelty and three aggravated cruelty offences.

With conviction, the farmer was fined \$25,000.

The Magistrate also imposed a conditional disqualification order on livestock for a period of five years.

The farmer lives at a property in Vermont

South and has been operating a pastoral farming enterprise since 1999.

He is the sole director and secretary of a company which owns three rural properties at Flowerdale, Woodside and Mirboo.

Across these properties, the farmer generally ran approximately 150 head of cattle, which were predominantly Angus.

Agriculture Victoria authorised officers inspected the property in response to a report of sick and dying cattle at the Mirboo property. Agriculture Victoria said

several cattle were observed in poor condition with several young cattle having to be euthanised to prevent further suffering as they were found too weak to rise or lift their heads.

On further inspection of the property, Agriculture Victoria said officers identified the farmer failed to monitor the conditions of his stock.

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THE South Gippsland Landcare Network has organised three farm walks across Fish Creek, Meeniyian and Waratah Bay.

The first will be held in Fish Creek, with multispecies specialist Jade Killoran, on Thursday, June 2, from 10am to noon.

The farm walk, on David Hall's Fish Creek property, is a follow-up to two online sessions about multispecies pastures that Jade delivered for SGLN in early 2022.

Register at multispeciesfarmwalk.eventbrite.com.au.

The second is at local farmer and vet Phil Poulton's beef farm in Meeniyian. Hear about Phil's experience participating in the Enhancing Soil Biology project and see what he's doing on-farm now.

The session is on Thursday, June 9, from 10am to 12pm.

Register at soilbiologymeeniyian.eventbrite.com.au.

The third session will involve a visit to the Tracy's dairy farm at Waratah Bay to hear about what they do on-farm following the Enhancing Soil Biology project.

The session is on Monday, June 20, from 10am to 12pm.

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Pa to Hayden, Joel, Ella, Marlee, Heidi, Harlen, Poppy, and Riley.

Great Pa to Savannah. A great friend to many.

Will be sadly missed.

GREAVES, Peter Norman:

My heart is so broken and the emptiness I'm feeling is so sad. But I'm also very grateful of the wonderful journey we have had for 44 years creating a family home for our wonderful children and grandkids.

Your antics and one liner's will live on forever.

Missing you so much, All my love Heather.

My dad, my best mate, my beer drinking buddy. You were my world. I miss you and love you so much. Rest easy.

Big bubbles... No trouble.

Love forever, Jo.

Got a bit on. Catch ya later. Love Steve.

Miss you Dad. Will keep running over your lawn.

Love Russ.

He was a great dad and a wonderful role model. Love Alan.

What's to Eat! Rest easy Horrible, catch up for a beer soon.

We will always miss you.

Love H, Robyn and Savvy.

Love you Pa

Miss you always. Joel.

Love you heaps Pa. Ella.

Peter, a most wonderful brother-in-law and uncle to the Jefferis family. Alice and John.

DEATHS

GREAVES, Herder:

Long-time neighbour and friend.

Many celebrations of laughter, drinks and fun.

Condolences to Heather, Jo, Steve, Russ and Al and families. Jennie, Brodie and Irene; Carol, Peter, Amanda, Jamie and family.

GREAVES, Herder:

Thank you for being a good neighbour. Happy memories of celebration and laughter.

Thank you for spraying my weeds and putting my bins away.

So now we celebrate for the last time, to say goodbye.

Sympathy to Heather, Joanne, Steven, Russell and Alan and families.

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MEIKLE (nee Vallance), Doreen:

31.03.1927 - 25.05.2022.

Passed away at her Meeniyana home with her family.

Dearly loved wife of Neville and dear mother of Jennie, Helen, Kathryn, David, Christine and Robyn, and their spouses Steane, Ken, Ann, Martin and Jamie.

Special Grandma of 14 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

In God's care.

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MEIKLE (nee Vallance), Doreen:

We have treasured memories of a wonderful mother, mother-in-law, grandma, and great grandma. She was much loved and will be very much missed.

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31.03.1927 - 25.05.2022.

To Mum/Grandma we thank you for being there for us; you will be remembered for your kindness, sincerity and selflessness.

Chris and Martin, Julian and Laura, Cameron and Hannah, and Thomas.

MEIKLE, Doreen:

Loved sister-in-law of Grace and Doug.

Aunt of Carolyn and family.

Heartfelt sympathy to Neville and Family.

In Gods' care.

DEATHS

MUELLER, (nee Sauermann) Ursula:

08.08.1946 - 29.05.2022.

Passed away at Prom Country Aged Care after a short illness on May 18, 2022, aged 90 years.

Loving Big Sister of Brigitte and her partner Bob and Karl (dec.)

Devoted Mother/Mutti to Henry and Susan, Barbara, Ellen, and John

Beloved Aunt and Great Aunt of Ingrid, Stephen and Annette, Rainer and Sylvia and families.

Wonderful and doting Grandmother/Oma Mutti to Peter and Kahlee, Stephanie and Wayne, Allana and Elliot, Matthew and Rhiannon, Samantha, Matthew K, Peter K and families....Special friend to Daniel.

Great Grandmother/Uma Mutti to Lilli, Ryder, Arlo, Remi, and Layla.

A strong, courageous, caring, and helpful country woman with strong opinions, but loyal and kind to her family and many friends.

May you Rest in Peace and be forever proud of all that you achieved in life.

You will be greatly missed.

Sincere thanks to the Staff at Prom Country Aged Care for all their care and support over the last 10 years.

Rest in peace.

DEATHS

SAGE, William Robert (Bob):

08.08.1946 - 29.05.2022.

Loved father of Cameron, father-in-law of Nicole and cherished pop of Alana and Liam.

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GARTON:

A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr. Raymond Alfred Garton will be held at the Uniting Church, Bridge Street

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A Funeral Service to Celebrate the life of Mr. Peter Norman Greaves will be held at the Loch Public Hall, Smith Street Loch on Thursday June 2, 2022 commencing 1pm. The Funeral will leave at the conclusion of the Service for the Korumburra Cemetery. This Service will be livestreamed, to view please go to www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au

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WRENCH, Lachlan Scott: 22.06.1989 - 03.06.2007. Another year passes, another year wondering what may have been? Loved and so greatly missed by his dad Garry, Jo, Grandma and the Wrench family.

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Elaine Claire Stainkamph (Holt) (nee Ritchie), Elaine Claire: 19.05.1938 - 24.05.2022. Passed away peacefully on May 29 2022, at Leongatha Hospital. Aged 75. Born in Leongatha on 8th August 1946 to Jim and Alice Sage (both dec.). Dearly loved father of Cameron, Grant, Bradley (dec.), and Tanya. Much loved father-in-law of Nicole, Kellie, and Millsy. Cherished grandfather of Ella (dec.), James, Kasey, Ned, Alana, Charlie, and Liam. Reunited with his brother John, and son Bradley.

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COMBRIDGE, Norma: 06.11.1937 - 26.04.2022.

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All of the lovely words written in the cards just told us that it wasn't just the family that knew she was a beautiful person. Also to Megan for the lovely service, just the way Norma would have wanted, Sharon and Scott for their support in all aspects of the funeral. Thank you all.

DONOHUE, Irene:

31.10.1947 - 18.05.2022.

Denis, Mark, Steven, Paul, Matthew, Andrew and families would like to sincerely thank extended family, the community, friends, Fr Darren Howie, the medical professionals, and caring professionals who looked after Irene and allowed her to pass away peacefully in her own home.

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THE Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Renewable Energy has failed to acknowledge the positive contribution that waste-to-energy and hydrogen can make in helping Victoria to achieve its commitment to net-zero by 2050, according to Nationals MP Melina Bath.

"Today in Victorian Parliament, the Liberals and Nationals released a minority report to address the shortcomings in the inquiry committee's majority report," Ms Bath said on Thursday.

The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria, Ms Bath, who participated in the inquiry, said: "It was disappointing to witness Labor and its army of Independent MPs show a bias towards certain renewable energy options, instead of considering the positive environmental outcomes other technologies can make."

"There is no doubt our community want more climate action, which is why the Liberals and Nationals are committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050," said Ms Bath.

"The former Liberals and Nationals federal government funded Energy from Waste at Opal's Maryvale Mill and supported offshore wind development with positive legislative reforms - these are all positive climate actions.

"The world-first Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) Project successfully produced liquefied hydrogen from Latrobe Valley brown coal and transported it to Japan.



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The Latrobe Valley's Yallourn plant will be the next to go, in mid-2028.

Valley relief as AGL burns demerger

VOICES of the Valley President, Wendy Farmer, said yesterday that the news on Monday this week, that AGL Energy Limited (AGL Energy) was withdrawing its proposal to separate AGL Energy into AGL Australia and Accel Energy via a demerger was a relief.

AGL Energy operates Loy Yang A, which also supplies coal to Alinta's Loy Yang B.

Loy Yang B could close as early as 2030, Loy Yang A in 2040.

Energy Australia has previously said the Yallourn power station will be retired in mid-2028.

In the absence of a transition plan, there was no guarantee, according to Ms Farmer, that a weakened entity, Accel Energy, would be able to deliver the transition and rehabilitation plan the Latrobe Valley needed.

"Everyone knows the closure of the coal-fired energy plants is inevitable and also that it's likely to happen sooner than they are saying now but what everyone wants is certainty, honest discussions with workers and the community and a transition plan," Mrs Farmer said.

Political pressure will also be brought to bear after promise of emissions reduction by 2030 went from the Coalition's 30% to 35% to Labor's 43% promise by 2030, while the 'Teal' MPs want a 60% reduction and The Greens still higher.

Ms Farmer wants the transition plan to be in place before the November state election.

"The government owes us that much," Ms Farmer said.

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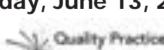
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Look at other energy technologies, MP says



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WEST GIPPSLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY CORPORATION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL LAND

West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation ("WGRLC") gives notice under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("1989 Act") that it intends to sell its land described below ("proposal").

The land is:

Lot 2 on Plan of Subdivision PS501012B, contained in certificate of title volume 10647 folio 564, and known as Unit 2, 65 – 67 Victoria Street, Warragul (Land)

The proposal is that the land be gifted to Myli – My Community Library Ltd (Myli).

The basis for the proposal is that WGRLC is a regional library corporation established by Bass Coast Shire Council, Baw Baw Shire Council, and South Gippsland Shire Council, under section 196 of the 1989 Act. Under section 330(4) of the Local Government Act 2020 ("2020 Act"), no new regional library corporations can be created, and existing regional library corporations must be wound up by June 30, 2031.

It is proposed that WGRLC is restructured, so that its assets (including the Land) are transferred to Myli to enable Myli to continue to operate the library located at the Land, and to then allow WGRLC to be wound up in accordance with the 2020 Act.

The principal terms of the gift of the Land will be:

1. No or nominal consideration; and
2. Settlement to take place by 30 June 2022 (or such other date agreed in writing by the parties).

A person may make a submission on the proposal. Submissions must be submitted by no later than 3pm Wednesday, June 29, 2022.

Any person making a submission is entitled to request in the submission that the person wishes to appear in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, at a meeting to be heard in support of that submission.

All submissions will be considered in accordance with section 223 of the Act.

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, and can be:

1. Hand delivered to WGRLC's Office at 2/65 Victoria Street, Warragul Vic 3820;

2. Emailed to ceo@wgrlc.vic.gov.au; or

3. Posted to the following address:

The Chief Executive Officer
West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation
2/65 Victoria Street, Warragul VIC 3820

Any person requesting to appear in person or to be represented by a person specified in his or her submission will be notified of the day, time and place of the meeting of WGRLC or of a committee determined by WGRLC to hear submissions.

Leanne Williams
Chief Executive Officer

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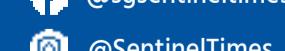
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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

WINTER QUIZ

- [\$100] What is Chinophobia?
A. Fear of ice. B. Fear of snow.
C. Fear of cold. D. Fear of ice cream.
- [\$200] What is the most popular winter sport worldwide? A. Ice hockey.
B. Snow skiing. C. Snowboarding.
D. Curling.
- [\$300] How many sides does a snowflake usually have?
A. 6. B. 8. C. 10. D. 12.
- [\$500] What art exhibition had its official opening last Sunday, May 29 at Wonthaggi's Centennial Centre and runs through to June 26? A. Vivid.
B. Winter Solstice Exhibition.
C. Winter wonders. D. Cold and bold.
- [\$1000] In what TV series is the term 'Winter is coming' notorious?
A. Game of Thrones. B. Snowpiercer.
C. The Last Kingdom. D. Frontier.
- [\$2000] Which of these is not a Star Sign for those who were born in winter?
A. Cancer. B. Leo. C. Virgo. D. Libra.
- [\$4000] The first Olympic Winter Games were held in which country?
A. Austria. B. France. C. Germany.
D. Switzerland.
- [\$8000] What do British children leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve?
A. Brandy or whisky. B. Hot chocolate.
C. Hot toddy. D. Wool gloves.
- [\$16,000] In which city would you visit The Winter Palace? A. Amsterdam.
B. Berlin. C. Rome. D. St. Petersburg.
- [\$32,000] Which of the following is the name of a play by William Shakespeare? A. The story of the winter.
B. A tale of the winter.
C. The winter's tale. D. Kings of Winter.
- [\$64,000] Which of these countries has three of the top four "snowiest cities in the world" (average snowfall)?
A. Canada. B. USA. C. China. D. Japan.
- [\$125,000] What is the coldest recorded temperature in Australia (and where was it recorded)? A. Minus 11°C (Mt Hotham Vic). B. Minus 15°C (Spencer Creek NSW). C. Minus 23°C (Charlotte Pass NSW). D. Minus 32°C Thredbo Valley (top Station NSW).
- [\$250,000] For how many years did the Ice Age last?
A. 1.2 million. B. 2.5 million.
C. 3.2 million. D. 8 million.
- [\$500,000] Which country has won the most Winter Olympic medals?
A. Norway. B. Germany.
C. Canada. D. USA.
- [\$1,000,000] Which William Shakespeare's play opens with the line "Now is the winter of our discontent"?
A. King Lear. B. The Tempest.
C. Henry V. D. Richard III.

Quiz answers: 1. B. Fear of snow. 2. A. Ice hockey. 3. A. 6. 4. B. Winter Solstice Exhibition. 5. A. Game of Thrones. 6. A. 6. 7. B. France. 8. A. Bradley. 9. D. Japan. 10. C. The winter's tale. 11. D. Japan. 12. St. Petersburg. 13. B. 14. C. Minus 23°C (Charlotte Pass NSW). 15. D. Richard III. 16. A. Norway. 17. B. 18. C. Minus 32°C (Thredbo Valley). 19. D. 20. B. 2.5 million. 21. C. Minus 15°C (Spencer Creek). 22. A. 2.5 million. 23. C. Minus 11°C (Mt Hotham). 24. A. 3.2 million. 25. D. 8 million. 26. C. 1.2 million. 27. B. 2.5 million. 28. D. 8 million. 29. A. 2.5 million. 30. B. 2.5 million. 31. C. 2.5 million. 32. D. 2.5 million. 33. A. 2.5 million. 34. B. 2.5 million. 35. C. 2.5 million. 36. D. 2.5 million. 37. A. 2.5 million. 38. B. 2.5 million. 39. C. 2.5 million. 40. D. 2.5 million. 41. A. 2.5 million. 42. B. 2.5 million. 43. C. 2.5 million. 44. D. 2.5 million. 45. A. 2.5 million. 46. B. 2.5 million. 47. C. 2.5 million. 48. D. 2.5 million. 49. A. 2.5 million. 50. 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Mitchell to visit San Remo, Meeniyian

THE Australian singer-songwriter who captured hearts around Australia in 2006 on Australian Idol has released her highly anticipated fourth studio album.

A glorious and heartrending tribute to what it means to be alive and learning in the world, having been old enough to feel its bruises and heartbreaks, but also be at the beginning of understanding our own individual insignificance within it, A Place To Fall Apart by Lisa Mitchell was five years in the making and a lifetime of influence, inspiration and significance.

"I'm so excited!" Lisa exclaimed.

"My full band – all five pieces (will be touring).

"And I'm excited to have the beautiful support from Carrissa Nyalu, a Yorta Yorta Dja Dja Wurrung singer-songwriter for the San Remo show."

A Place To Fall Apart evolved and transformed as Lisa travelled Europe.

"I spent quite a bit of time in London and Paris. I fell in love with Paris and the language.

"But I had a strong feeling I needed to move back to Melbourne (in 2017)."

Completing her year 12 qualification as a mature age student, Lisa's life was drawing her towards a university degree in the arts.

"I left school at 17. It was an interesting experience being a mature aged student.

"It felt really important to me to experience university-style education.

"We are so lucky to have access to incredible education."

Taken in a different direction before finishing, the subjects inspired her mind and broadened her horizons.

"I was really lucky to do Indigenous Studies that focused on Australian history and politics.

Cultural studies, history and life, practices and ways of thinking, brutally awoken to the true depths of horror that has gone into Australia's history – the colonisation and genocide.



Lisa Mitchell's highly anticipated new album has dropped as she prepares to tour Australia. Lisa will be playing at the Westernport Hotel in San Remo on Friday, June 3, and Meeniyian Town Hall on Saturday, July 2. Photo: Tamara Dean.

"It definitely informed some of the songs on the album, some topics of identity and connecting in Country in the way that I can as a white woman.

"I'm incredibly connected to my Scottish and Irish ancestry through my dad's side. "I've got my own Celtic ideas of connection to land and ways of being.

"Without overly romanticising it, I think there was a lot that really helped us humans to understand ourselves and the world around."

Accompanied by her beguiling melodies and hushed tones, the lyrics within the album are deeply introspective and impactful: "Deciding to come back and find myself as a storyteller."

At age 32 and spending the better half of the last 10 years on and off overseas, Lisa finds herself drawn to home and her family.

American artist Julie Byrne has an album Not Even Happiness that is really beautiful – very inky, spacious, a kind

of melancholic album.

"The Weather Station's self-titled album I am really obsessed with – I had it on repeat when I first got back to Melbourne.

"And a friend of mine now, Lucy Roleff, a beautiful folk artist and oil painter, had an album called Left Open in a Room.

"(They) definitely influenced and inspired me to get back to my guitar and back into picking.

"There is a lot of mixed repetitive trance picking on the new album."

Built over three years (2017, 2018 and 2019), Lisa is excited to tour and reconnect with her audience.

"I am looking forward to playing a lot of the new album.

"I have a song called 'She Is Of The Earth', which I am excited to play.

"Let Your Body" is another song on the album that has a really fun singalong – hopefully people are feeling ready to (join in).

"We've excavated some gems out of the vaults of my back catalogue and I'm excited to play some old favourites."

Lisa's parents also have a great appreciation of music. Growing up, Lisa and her sister would attend folk festivals with their parents.

By 13, Lisa and a friend started their journey as a Celtic duo, writing their name on the 'Blackboard' for an impromptu stage session at the festivals.

"We loved being in that atmosphere – it ignited my love and faith in music.

"I'm noticing now the arrangement in instrumentation has a bit more Celtic melody coming through.

"We are super lucky to have an incredible Uilleann pipes player – they're very beautiful and strange, dreamy, and they feature in three/four songs on the album."

The pandemic took Lisa in a different creative direction – waiting for the album to be released, Lisa started weaving, rug braiding and Qigong.

"I felt a bit stuck; we had the whole album written and ready to record, but we had to wait – it was pretty frustrating.

"To keep the energy moving because there was so much stagnancy and underlying fear, I found that Qigong was a beautiful way to move energy through the body every day."

Moving to the city with her partner and surrounded by "too many guitars", Lisa is full of enthusiasm for her next project – though she is trying to be patient.

"After so long, I want to enjoy this tour with the band and connect with the audience again."

Lisa will be playing at the Westernport Hotel in San Remo on Friday, June 3, and Meeniyian Town Hall on Saturday, July 2 - tickets for her album launch tour are on sale now at lisamitchell.com.au.

A Place To Fall Apart is also available to stream and purchase on vinyl (at the shows and online).



Stephen Cummings ex-The Sports and Paul Kelly's favourite band, King Curly, were part of a big line-up at Archies Creek over the weekend.

Sun, stars, sublime sounds return to Archies Creek

THE old Caravan rolled back into Archies Creek during the week and the sublime sounds were soon filtering out of the warm confines of the hall and pub, and into the pre-winter air.

On Friday, Lost Ragas got things going underneath the coloured lanterns in the hall and the total blues package Ray Beadle followed on Saturday night.

On Sunday it was back into the pub for a fascinating afternoon of music featuring Paul Kelly's favourite band, King Curly, who have travelled down from the Blue Mountains to launch their latest album.

They left Paul in Sydney topping the bill at the opening of Vivid.

And joining them for a rare performance was Stephen Cummings, firmly on the comeback trail after suffering a mild stroke in March 2020.

And then it's onwards and upwards for the Caravan Club team who've made Archies their home now for the past three years.

"On the new show front, we are delighted to announce Melbourne roots stalwarts The Hornets, lead by Craig Horne and featuring gun players like Jeff Bustin (guitar) Bruce Haymes (keyboards) and Yuri Pavlinov (bass), will make their Archies Creek debut on Sunday arvo June 26. Tix on sale now," said venue empresario Peter Foley.

"On July 5, we'll be taking the Caravan on safari to central Australia for six weeks before roaring back into action on Friday, August 19 with an album launch by Jodi Philius (Clouds) playing with a full band. Tix now on sale.

"On Sunday August 21, we are super excited to have Caravan favourites The Black Sorrows knocking out two big sets of hit laden music in The Archies Creek Hall.

"And then a little bit further down the road, on Sunday September 4, the hall will reconfigure to fully seated mode, for a performance by acclaimed singer songwriter Michael Waugh. Michael's a compelling live performer and an extraordinary storyteller. Tickets on sale."

Coming up

- Friday, June 3 - The Meltdown
- Saturday, June 4 - Sionnach Rua's Great Irish Songbook
- Sunday, June 5 - Andy Baylor Trio
- Saturday, June 11 - Henry Wagons' 'Old Fashioned Nights'
- Sunday, June 12 - 19 Twenty
- Saturday, June 18 - Broderick Smith & Shannon Bourne
- Sunday, June 19 - Brooke Taylor & Band (Single Launch)
- Friday, June 24 - Sing A Song Of Sixpence
- Saturday, June 25 - The Audreys
- Sunday, June 26 - The Hornets
- Saturday, July 2 - Duelling Pianos featuring Ezra Lee and Damon Smith
- Friday, August 19 - Jodi Philius
- Sunday, August 21 - The Black Sorrows
- Sunday, September 4 - Michael Waugh with special guests Kerryn Fields

Rayson family backs band

THE RAYSON family has a long and proud association with the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band, originally known as the Leongatha Town Band, and then the Woorayl Municipal Band, with Leongatha identities Allan and Marlene Rayson recently visiting band headquarters at the town's old courthouse.

Allan's dad George arrived in Australia from England, originally living in Eaglehawk before moving to Leongatha as Assistant Station Master.

Brass music ran in George's veins, and he was at one stage runner-up on cornet at the Australian Solo and Party Competitions, the winner of which went on to join Foden's Band in England.

George became bandmaster of the then Leongatha Town Band in September 1937.

He was highly respected by the local community, and generously shared his musical expertise with those keen to learn.

Allan, along with brothers John (Jack) and Ingham (Pinky), all played in the band.



Allan and Marlene Rayson visit the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band headquarters, reflecting on their family connection.

Meetings and rehearsals were often held at the Rayson's home, with Mrs Rayson a keen supporter of the band.

George's passion for his community led him to stage a 1952 concert to raise funds for the new Leongatha Hospital.

In 1958, he hosted a massed bands contest at Easter to raise money for Leongatha Rotary Club's Old Folks Home Appeal. That home is now known as Woorayl Lodge.

For many years the band performed and competed at the Bendigo Easter Fair, staying in a pergola in the park and sleeping on straw mattresses.

Allan recalls Her Majesty's Royal Marine Band visiting Leongatha, entertaining locals while playing alongside the Woorayl Municipal Band at the recreation reserve.

Marlene's memories include being a member of the Leongatha Marching Girls, a group that competed at the 1959 Bendigo Easter Fair, coming close to winning just the year after being formed.



South Gippsland Water board chairman Philip Clark (left) welcomes new managing director Robert Murphy.

New managing director at South Gippsland Water

SOUTH Gippsland Water (SGW) is pleased to welcome and announce the appointment of Robert Murphy as managing director, following Philippe du Plessis' retirement after more than 20 years of service.

Robert commenced his role on Monday, May 16. He brings a deep understanding of the water sector in Victoria.

Robert started his career as an engineer, working multi-nationally before moving to Australia and taking up an executive position with Western Water, which also included nine months as acting managing director.

Robert joins SGW from his current role as executive director of transport assets, network design and integration in the Victorian Department of Transport and has a degree in Civil Engineering from University College Galway and an MBA from Melbourne Business School.

"Having had two years out of the water industry and working in transport, I will enjoy working in the industry again. I look forward to seeing familiar faces and rekindling professional relationships," he said.

Robert and his family have a close connection to the region, enjoying regular holidays in Inverloch, and a close family connection, through his wife, Kathleen, to farming in the Leongatha district.

He added: "Ever since we moved to Australia from Ireland, we've been regular visitors to South Gippsland and Bass Coast for about 10 years. Our kids, Conor, Niall and Niamh, have many local friends and are looking forward to their new home."

Mobile help for Services Australia

SERVICES Australia's Mobile Service Centre Golden Wattle is travelling through south-east Victoria this week to offer locals easy access to Centrelink, Medicare and Department of Veterans Affairs services.

Golden Wattle will travel to South Gippsland and Phillip Island, visiting: • Korumburra on Tuesday, May 31, at the rear of Kelly's Bakery Café, Commercial Street (9am to 4pm).

• Cowes on Wednesday, June 1, (9am to 4pm) and Thursday, June 2, (9am to 3pm) near the Jetty, The Esplanade.

Mobile Services Centres are 20-tonne trucks operated by staff from Services Australia, providing regional and rural Australians with friendly face-to-face service and tailored support. Staff on board this trip can help with:

- Centrelink claims;
- Medicare registrations; and
- Accessing online services.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services will also be available. All services will be offered with strict COVID-19 safety precautions in place.

Winter Solstice exhibition launched



Artist and curator Warren Nichols congratulated artist Marian Quigley on her first prize acrylic on canvas piece in the winter solstice exhibition, titled Seafarers Bridge. Z29_2222



Artist Ursula Theinert was awarded second prize by curator Warren Nichols for her acrylic piece Forest Forms in the winter solstice exhibition. Z30_2222

WONTHAGGI Artspace presents a vibrant program of exhibitions and on Sunday, artist and curator Warren Nichols awarded Marian Quigley and Ursula Theinert with first and second prizes in the Winter Solstice exhibition.

Marian was awarded with first place for her acrylic on canvas piece titled Seafarers Bridge.

"I was drawn to this piece because it captures everything; I like the way that the eye looks into the far distance, the artist uses an integration of colours – leaving an impression of a majestic structure," said Warren.

Marian began as an art teacher in the 1960s and went onto study and teach English, losing her confidence in her art and channelling her focus into the alternative art of writing.

"It wasn't until retiring and taking an art class locally that I developed a new sense of confidence in my work and began painting with acrylic again," said Marian.

"Seafarers Bridge was a finalist in the Maritime art awards in the Docklands and it's wonderful to have taken first prize today."

Artist Ursula Theinert

was awarded second prize for her acrylic medium Forest Forms.

"I look at how work responds to emotion, its originality and the overall composition and with forest forms, the subtle different colours made me stop and think, 'Would I be prepared to walk into this artwork?' and for that I was emotionally drawn to the piece," said Warren.

Bass Coast and South Gippsland artists have the opportunity to make connections between the art and ideas in the temporary exhibitions, and emerging artists and junior artists are welcomed to submit their various mediums.

The Winter Solstice exhibition is available for viewing until June 26, featuring artwork of recent times, including pieces narrating the period of isolation and natural disasters. Art therapy is a positive way for an artist to connect with their emotions during unprecedented times and the work showcased is a reflection of these past years.

To keep in touch with gallery programs, visit The Centennial Centre at 1 Bent Street, Wonthaggi, or call 5672 5767.



Aerial view of river mouth closed to Bass Strait.



Eastern Great Egret (endangered) in the Powlett estuary.

Authorities monitoring river mouth closure

THE Powlett River estuary is a significant and ever-changing wetland that provides essential habitat for wildlife.

The river mouth closed to Bass Strait in February 2022 and West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) is monitoring the natural event.

After a wet year in 2021, this year has so far been dry in South Gippsland, resulting in low river flows and natural river closures across the catchment.

Low river flows allow the ocean to develop a sandbar at the mouth of an estuary eventually, closing its connection to the ocean.

WGCMA CEO, Martin Fuller, said closures provide critical habitat for many threatened species.

"The Powlett River Estuary is one of many estuaries that has

recently closed its connection to the ocean.

"Over the coming weeks, if the Powlett mouth remains closed, we can expect to see water continue to cover the wetlands," explained Mr Fuller.

"This helps maintain the health of the wetland that surrounds the estuary.

"The wetland provides important habitat and an abundance of food for many species of fish, birds and invertebrates that seek food and shelter, some of which are endangered."

Mr Fuller explained that it is very important to let this natural process occur, otherwise the integrity of the surrounding wetland and the species it supports may be jeopardised.

"There is a flow on effect when the river mouth closes," continued Mr Fuller.

"Algae begins to grow which provides food for insects and

fish. The calm waters then turn into a fish nursery and with the increase in fish and insects, birds flock to the wetlands to feed.

"The environmental benefits of the estuary mouth closing cannot be overstated and if the mouth does open naturally, particularly as a result of increased water level height and freshwater river flows, it will trigger fish migration upstream and out to sea," explained Mr Fuller.

If required, the river mouth may need to be artificially opened. Decisions to open the estuary mouth are informed by the Estuary Entrance Management Support System (EEMSS) and additional data and information collected through onsite monitoring and stakeholder consultation.

Bass Coast Shire Council and Parks Victoria are joint partners in this process. Bass Coast

Shire Council works closely with WGCMA and Parks Victoria to monitor conditions and alert residents of road inundation at the Mouth of the Powlett.

"If it is decided that an artificial opening is required, it will only take place if it is deemed safe to do so and can be sustained. This requires a number of things to line up," Mr Fuller explained.

"In an effort to look for a long-term solution to address this issue, and alleviate the need for artificial estuary openings, the WGCMA continues to work with landholders and other agency staff to explore options for the management of this land moving forward."

For more information about the Powlett River Mouth, the estuary and the closure, visit wgcma.vic.gov.au and follow the links from the homepage.



Rhyll's boat ramp playspace project is being delivered in two stages due to budget increases.

Rising costs continue to impact project budgets

COST blowouts for materials have affected Rhyll's boat ramp playspace upgrade which is now being delivered in two stages.

According to the shire, the cost of materials for the playspace had risen significantly, resulting in the project being outside of the budget allocation.

However, the shire didn't provide exactly how much the cost was out of budget.

The playspace works will be phased/staged to accommodate the increase.

Stage 1 of the playspace, which began in May and is expected to be completed in three months, was funded as part of the shire's 2021/22 capital works program of \$212,000.

Works so far have included installation of be-spoke play items, planting, pathways and a basket swing.

"Stage one of the Rhyll Boat

By Nick Sinis

Ramp Playspace project is currently within budget and is due for completion this year. Stage two is being considered for the 2022/23 Capital Works Program," Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie said.

Rhyll Community Association president Jim Kiley, who has been involved with the playspace project since 2019, said he was pleased with how council had communicated the changes.

"They're trying to keep us happy, but the only thing is the kids have missed out on the playground for 18 months or so, that's how long it's been going for," Mr Kiley said.

"We're now hoping in the next budget that it will fund stage two."

Mr Kiley said he believed stage two would involve

about a third of the playspace construction.

He added the association also plans to include a heritage trail to highlight Rhyll's long history of maritime activities.

Overall, the boat facility upgrade has been delivered in two stages, with stage one completed in September 2021, and stage two involving final completion of the car park, playspace and seawall works and all marine-based construction.

Stage two had begun in February and is expected to be completed by September this year.

During this time, the car park and the boat ramps has been completely closed, with no public access.

The total project cost was more than \$5 million, with the majority of funds provided by the state government.

The project includes:

- Replacement of the existing three-lane boat ramp with three new lanes extended further into Western Port, to permit all-tide launch and retrieval operation.
- Two new fixed jetties to replace the existing jetty, new fish cleaning tables and two new larger floating pontoons to replace the existing pontoon.
- Reconstruction of the existing car park to provide 40 larger car/trailer unit spaces, with improved traffic management and improved public lighting.
- Partial replacement of the masonry seawall with a new seawall and pedestrian pathway along the eastern edge of the car park.
- New dedicated kayak/yacht/canoe facility for non-powered craft.
- Landscape planting.



The Australian Grayling is a significant migratory fish species in West Gippsland's catchment.

Connecting rivers, fish and people

WEST Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) celebrated World Fish Migration Day recently.

The global celebration on May 21 only happens every two years but connecting rivers to allow migratory species to break free is what WGCMA does every day.

"All fish need to be able to move up and down rivers for food and to breed, and 70 per cent of native fish in West Gippsland must migrate between rivers and the sea to survive," explained WGCMA CEO Martin Fuller.

"Working with the community and partners to restore and reconnect rivers to allow fish to move freely is a highlight of what we do."

And research reveals that migratory fish are winning as their river homes are improved and reconnected.

"Work over almost 25 years is seeing a return of healthy rivers able to support the many migratory fish that rely on them to survive and thrive," said David Stork, waterways project manager for WGCMA.

"This has been achieved by delivering water for the environment in key rivers such as the Thomson and reconnecting the river with a fishway to support migratory native fish like Tupong, Australian Grayling, Australian Bass and eels in their migration."

The story of the migratory Tupong shows the positive impacts of the Thomson River fishway opened in 2019 to connect the upper and lower sections of the Thomson River at Horseshoe Bend.

This enabled permanent fish passage to 80km of the Thomson and Aberfeldy Rivers for the first time in over 100 years.

"The impact was almost immediate.

"Annual monitoring has shown a return of Tupong populations upstream of the fishway for the first time in 17 years of monitoring.

"World Fish Migration Day is a time to acknowledge work done across the world to connect rivers and we are glad to be playing our part in West Gippsland," concluded David Stork.



Recent surveys have revealed greater catches of the native Tupong upstream of the Horseshoe Bend tunnel.

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 | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
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| May 31 | June 1 | June 2 | June 3 | June 4 | June 5 | June 6 |
| 6.03am 0.43m | 12.37am 1.43m | 1.16am 1.44m | 1.54am 1.44m | 2.31am 1.46m | 3.09am 1.45m | 3.46am 1.43m |
| 1.15pm 1.69m | 6.45am 0.40m | 7.23am 0.39m | 8.00am 0.39m | 8.37am 0.41m | 9.12am 0.44m | 9.44am 0.48m |
| 6.43pm 0.88m | 1.55pm 1.72m | 2.29pm 1.73m | 3.00pm 1.73m | 3.32pm 1.71m | 4.06pm 1.68m | 4.41pm 1.65m |
| | 7.22pm 0.85m | 7.59pm 0.82m | 8.35pm 0.80m | 9.11pm 0.79m | 9.46pm 0.78m | 10.21pm 0.78m |

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Midweek bowls winners Frank d'Unienville (L), Gillian Harper (2), David Talbot (3) and John Nicholson (S).



Wonthaggi Bowls winners on Wednesday: Ray Hin, Howard Jensen, Hans Bischofberger and Keith Cousens - a visitor from Inverloch.



Wonthaggi Saturday winners Keith Cousens, Eira Thompson and Frank Tagell.



Midweek bowls runners-up Tony Heppleston (S), Phil Wright (3), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Michael Saunders (L).



Inverloch Bowls Club social bowls winners, from left, Paul Davis, Judy Parker and Graeme Turton (skip).



Midweek bowls best one game went to Peter McWilliams (co-skip), Bill Williams (L), Lindsay Russell (co-skip), Gwen Jeffrey (2) and Luke Monckton (3).

INVERLOCH

EVEN though it's only May, those club members wishing to play Pennant in the next season should ensure that their name is registered on the sheet down at the club.

If members know of people who are away and usually play Pennant, please contact them and put their name down for them if they are interested.

Social Bowls is on Thursday with play beginning at 11am. Names need to be in by 10am. We play two games of 10 ends with a break in between the games for lunch. Lunch can be bought for \$1 which consists of a slice of breadstick and a cup of soup. Banter and jokes are provided free of charge.

Last Thursday saw 22 players front up to play in our fickle autumn weather. We had six teams on the greens made up of 4 fours and 2 triples. The eventual winners with 2 game wins on 34 points were Graeme Turton (skip), Judy Parker and Paul Davis. Runners-up with a win and a draw were the team of Terry Seaward (skip), Chris Nevill, Jon Justin and Doug Archer.

Don't forget about Friday Night Meals and Members' nights. Great times are had by those that attend. For new members, ask someone around the club what these are all about.

The club is holding a Midwinter Function on Sunday, July 24, from 2-5pm. Easy listening music from 60s and 70s featuring popular entertainer Rob Foenander. Bar open all afternoon. Light meal at 5pm good music - optional dancing. \$10 per head. Please read club email for more information.

Many thanks to all the volunteers around the club that make IBC a great place to be.

LOCH

WONDERFUL news was received this week. We will be off the grass, literally!

It is with pleasure that we can announce that the Loch and District Bowling Club has been successful with a Sports Vic Grant to replace our grass with a synthetic green and major facility upgrade.

Four years of hard work has paid off with a core group of hardworking members and a very determined committee giving their all to make this pipe dream happen. Early in the journey there were many hard knocks, barriers and other hurdles that made us question if this was possible, but we

worked even harder and now we're there.

It could not have happened without the assistance of the South Gippsland Shire Council who have been extremely supportive, especially Mr Ian Murphy, who has gone above and beyond to assist us in driving this project.

A massive thanks to the state government for funding our small, humble club. I would also like to mention the LCDA, who helped whenever required in a range of capacities. We're sure bowlers all over Strzelecki will be rejoicing that our grass will be gone, and the ice packs will no longer be required on shoulders on Saturday night.

We're also confident that Finlay will be very pleased to retire the mower. Thanks also to Councillors Nathan Hersey and Mick Felton for their support and also the many businesses and the people who supported our vision to obtain this grant, this support has been so much appreciated.

The club will now be able to operate potentially 12 months of the year and bring even more tourists to the town of Loch.

Our AGM has recently been held and our chairperson is Mr Paul Latham, with all positions as they were.

We are holding Jingle and Mingle Christmas in July. Tickets available through the club.

MIDWEEK

WINNERS: John Nicholson, David Talbot, Gillian Harper and Frank d'Unienville.

Runners-up: Tony Heppleston, Phil Wright, Pauline McWilliams and Michael Saunders.

One game winners: Lindsay Russell/Peter McWilliams (co-skips), Luke Monkton, Gwen Jeffrey and Bill Williams.

Midweek bowls was played at Corinella with 24 happy bowlers.

The weather was kind to us and allowed us to play both games without being rained on, only on the last end did the rain start in earnest.

The green was slow and it took some effort to bowl to the other end.

However, all was not well in the camp. President Laurie Bell decided he wanted to play at San Remo instead of Corinella but when he arrived at San Remo he only found the green keeper and his dog, so decided to ring up and see where we were actually playing.

Although he was a little late,

all turned out well and the day was a great success and as usual everyone was in a great mood.

Some high scores were recorded with winners 35 points, runners-up 28 points, and one game winners 22 points.

Thank you to Phil Wright for looking after us in the bar and kitchen; he is a great midweek member. Thank you to our members who brought in items for the free raffle table. Please contribute to our table - it is a lot of fun and we have some wonderful items. Next week we will be playing at San Remo. Please note the time for the start of midweek bowls has changed back to 10am at the club for a 10.30am start. BYO lunch. If you see any of our members, could you please pass on this information to them.

It was put to a vote and it was unanimous to start at the earlier time. For more information, please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974. Everyone welcome.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER week with the weather being at its best and not so good. Wednesday saw a day that was perfect for bowls and that bought numbers to the greens together with a few visitors from Inverloch to enjoy the day.

The winners were the team of Ray Hin, Howard Jensen, Hans Bischofberger and Keith Cousens, a visitor from Inverloch, with a score of 2 wins and 34 points and 31 shots up. The runners-up were the team of John Migliorisi, Veronica Griffiths, Stan Noad and Rae Haines with a score of 2 wins 34 points but plus 14 shots to lose on countback.

Saturday also saw a good number of bowlers take to the greens with the weather taking a turn after Wednesday but at least it was fine. The field was topped up with visitors from Inverloch which is always good for the game of bowls. The winners were a mix of Inverloch and Wonthaggi bowlers being Keith Cousens, Eira Thompson and Frank Tagell with a score of 2 wins and 33 points. The runners up from Wonthaggi, with a score of 2 wins and 32 points, were Fred Kellow, Lyn Tagell and Merryn Quilford.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

FOSTER**Ladies**

EIGHTEEN ladies hit off in very foggy conditions for our par event on Wednesday.

Winners were A Grade Beth Curram (23) -1, B Grade Elise Nudelman (31) + 2. NTP: 6th and 17th Barb Warren.

BDTL: Trudi Prue (24) -2, Kaylene Morris (29) -2 and Frances McGlead (34) -4 on a C/B.

Thank you to Frances McGlead for sponsoring the day and supplying the raffle.

Belated congratulations to Barb Britten on winning the A Grade handicap event with 75 net at South Gippsland Golf Woman's singles Championship at Leongatha.

Robyn Galloway received a BDTL.

Jenny Alexander, Helen Fulton and Lyndell Shields represented Foster at Wonthaggi's friendship day.

Anne Heywood won B Grade at Meeniyans Olive Harris Bowl on Friday.

Congratulations to all winners. Next Wednesday, June 8, Marg Blake's stableford trophy.

KORUMBURRA**Ladies**

LAST Wednesday, players enjoyed sunny weather and mild conditions.

We congratulate Merrissa Cosson (12) having a nice round of 34pts. Runner-up was Heather Grist (19) with 33pts.

BDTL went to Johanna van den Heiligenberg (10) and Karen Sorrell (40) with 28pts. NTPs on the 1st and 13th went to Merrissa and on the 10th Johanna.

Our nine-hole comp was won by Betty Thomson (42) with 17pts. We thank our team of women who played at our neighbouring club Meeniyans last Friday; we hope you all had an enjoyable day.

On Saturday, we had nine women out playing a stableford round. Top scores all coming in with 29pts each, Kerri Besley (18), Judy Webb (21) and Julie Hillberg (24). Well done to Kerri winning on a countback. NTPs on the 1st Julie Hillberg, who also made the putt for a birdie! Merrissa had NTP on the 10th and 13th greens.

This Wednesday we have our June monthly medal but the weather looks grim at this stage. For those dry weather golfers, we'll have our simulator up and running where you'll stay warm and dry! Coming up on June 15 is our Doris Chambers Foursomes Stableford event with a shotgun start!

LEONGATHA**Ladies**

IT WAS beautiful autumn weather for the 36 women playing stableford last week. Two women were also playing in the match play final of the prestigious Cashin Cup.

Sue Wylie had 32 points to take out A Grade with Maxine Eabry runner-up on a count back. The B Grade winner was Robin Smith with an exceptional 38 points. Chris Lay was not far behind with 34 points.

Down the line balls were awarded to Joy O'Sullivan with 32 points, Ashleigh Hutton, Alison Strong and Jenny Fraser 31, Glenyce McRobert, Libby

Christison and Cheryl Borg 30 and Nan Meagher, Anne Gibson and Else Gedye on 29 points.

Robin Smith and Anne Gibson were closest to the flag on the 14th and 15th respectively.

Congratulations to Fay Quilford on her win against Karen Murchie in the Cashin Cup final. Thanks also to Shirley Welsford for refereeing the match.

MEENIYAN**Ladies**

IN GLORIOUS weather on Wednesday, the last round of the ladies championships was played. In A Grade, with only one point separating them, Andrea Thorson and Dot Christie had a very close contest with Andrea becoming the A Grade champion for 2022.

In B Grade, another close contest between Susan Straw and Sue Hoskin with Susan becoming B Grade champion.

In C Grade, on top in all three rounds, Jenny Cope became C Grade champion.

Congratulations to all three champions and to everyone that competed each week.

Final scores over the 3 rounds were: Andrea Thorson (8) 82-84-82-248; Susan Straw (21) 100-98-99-297; Jenny Cope (37) 116-108-117-341; Handicap & Seniors champion was Dot Christie (12) 71-72-74-217 net.

A special thank you to IGA Supermarket Meeniyans for their sponsorship of the three-weekly grade winners and championship grade winners for 2022. And a big thank you to Jye for coming for the presentations and for Kaylene for her ongoing support.

The grade winners on the day were: A Grade - Dot Christie (12) 74 net on C/B; B Grade - H Poletti (20) 77 net on C/B; C Grade (37) 80 net.

DLB: Andrea Thorson 74 net, Sue Hoskin 77 net and Susan Straw 78 net.

Putting: Andrea Thorson 26 putts.

Next week is medal day - stroke and putting. Sponsor: Jan Trease.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, May 26 - stableford.

A Grade: T Whitelaw (9) 39pts. B Grade: D Taylor (22) 38pts.

DTL: S Duff, M Payne 38, T Tomada 36, P Woodall 35. NTP: 6th G Shandley, 16th D Taylor.

Birdies: 6th G Shandley.

Saturday, May 28 - stableford (captain trophy first round playoff).

A Grade: S Duff (9) 38pts. B Grade: J McFarlane (18) 34pts c/b.

DTL: T Whitelaw 37, W Reynolds 34, N Baker, G Dawson, R Clark 33.

NTP: 4th S Duff, 6th B Williams, 13th B Bradshaw, 16th M Heiberg.

Birdies: 6th R Clark, N Rutledge, 16th M Heiberg.

Captain trophy play offs: D Taylor def S Evison 4/2; B Bradshaw def S Mills 5/4; R Clark def N Whichello 5/4; J McFarlane def S McInnes 4/2.

Next week: S Evison v B Bradshaw; R Clark v J McFarlane.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results - May 26, sta-



At Meeniyans, B Grade champion Susan Straw, Jye - IGA representative, A Grade champion Andrea Thorson and C Grade champion Jenny Cope



Winners at Wonthaggi on Wednesday: A Grade - Catherine Bolding, B Grade - Marg Ryan, C Grade - Lisa Brusamarello.



Fay Quilford was the winner of the Cashin Cup Match Play final at Leongatha.

stableford 18-hole, SR 71. Winner: Ryan Williams 38. Runner-up: Peter Magnussen 37.

Ball sweep: Glenn Hewlett 36, Philip McCrimmon 36 and Ian McNish 34.

Nine-hole stableford, front 9, SR 34.5.

Winner: Norm Burne 17. Runner-up: Graham Ryan 15.

Men's results May 28, SR 71, stableford.

A Grade: Michael Scott 36. B Grade: Gerald Mitchell 34. C Grade: Ian McDonald 35.

Ball sweep: Glenn Hewlett 36, Mat Johnson 35, Peter Dell 35, Simon O'Halloran 34, Doug Putt 33, Peter Hanley 33, Jim Jordan 33, A Hooton-Shandley 33, Daniel Crellin 32 and Glen Rielly 32 C/B.

NTP: P Davidson 2nd, D Putt 4th, K Bayley propin 8th, M Scott 13th, G Hewlett money hole 17th, and A McLean second shot 5th.

Ladies

THERE were 22 players in the daily stableford event and two matches being played in the singles knockout semi-finals.

On Wednesday, Dawn Judkins won against Irene Walsh, while Dot Garry was

victorious against Geraldine Prentice. Good luck in the final.

The daily winners were A Grade Catherine Bolding (19) 32 points, B Grade Marg Ryan (28) 31, C Grade Lisa Brusamarello (33) 34 points.

NTP: 2nd Leesa Willmot, 8th Marg Johnson and 17th Catherine Bolding.

BDL: Jan Beaumont 31,

Andrea Grenville 31, Robyn Wilkinson 30, Merryn Dear 30, and Marg Johnson 30.

WOORAYL**Ladies**

WE WERE very lucky to enjoy a beautiful Autumn day for our stableford aggregate event sponsored by Pauline and Lance Lancaster.

The winners Sherrill Winkler and Inge Giliam came in with a very good combined score of 70 points.

BDL winners on a countback were Jenny Riseley and Elly Berryman with a combined score of 65 points.

NTPs were 8th Inge Giliam, 11th Pauline Lancaster and 17th Jenny Riseley.

We currently have a few members on the sick list. We hope you are on the mend and will soon be back at golf.



Tom Koster, new player at Wonthaggi, has made it into the A2 finals, to be played this week. Good effort, Tom.

Surprises around finals time

THERE were a few surprises last week in A1 and A2 for the last matches in the second round before the finals.

It always seems to happen around finals time. It was made more difficult by injury and COVID disruptions but only one match had to be cancelled which did not affect the race for finals selection.

We wish everyone a speedy recovery and hope we are praying for a full round up this week for the semi-finals.

In A1, the team that finished on top for the season was Cavaliers (Braden Andriagetto and Paul McAsey). They will go straight to next week's grand final.

The semi this week will be between second-placed Blue Heelers (Dirk Holwerda, John Colomiere) and third-placed Sausage Dogs (Brad Andrew, Jake Stivic).

In A2, Spuds (David Kimmings, John Colomiere) will go straight to the grand final after finishing number one on the ladder.

Cabbages (Leanne Costello, Jason May) will play Sprouts (Trish Denier, Tom Koster) in the semi for a chance of a crack at the big one. Tom is a new player. Good effort in making the finals Tom.

We wish them all a great night of competition and (we hope) friendly rivalry. End of season leading players:

- A1: Dirk Holwerda.

- A2: Leanne Costello.

Phone Trish on 5672 3421 for more information.

Close matches in table tennis

THE Leongatha Table Tennis club junior players are having some close matches

Samuel Ellen and Omaishia Miller had a tight three set game with Sam winning 15-13, 7-11, 11-9. Samuel then had another tight game against Charlie Collier, but Charlie was able to hold Samuel off winning 11-13, 11-4, 12-14. Charlie then played Japheth Short who looked like overcoming Charlie with his strong forehand smashes, but fell short at the last game going down 12-10, 9-11, 11-9.

Trent Beggs played Jemima Watson and Jemima has shown a lot of improvement since last season against Trent, who took out the Tammy Howlera aggregate shield last season, winning 11-9, 11-7.

Ryan Collier and Ben Watson battled it out with Ben wearing Ryan down winning 11-9, 10-12, 7-11.

Shem Hogarth is a new player this year and had a great game against Charlie Collier winning 11-4, 9-11, 14-12.

Eligible families can apply for the state government's Get Active Kids Vouchers Program, where \$200 per student is provided free for them to play sport. This covers registration, weekly fees and equipment or uniforms. We are providing a free bat to players taking this offer up.

For more information, contact Bill 0409 217 900.



Knights' defensive midfielder Jasmine Garry moves the ball out of defence.

Soccer from around the district

Leongatha Knights

GSL Round 7 Leongatha Knights FC match results

Under 12s: LKFC 7 v Mirboo North 0.

Under 17s Girls: LKFC 10 v Phillip Island 0.

Under 17s Mixed: LKFC 8 v Phillip Island 3.

Reserve Men: LKFC 5 v Drouin 2.

Senior Women: LKFC 16 v Mirboo North 0.

U13s Metro - Gippsland

THE Under 13s were the only team at home and welcomed Brighton to Latrobe City Stadium.

The two sides met in round 1 in an entertaining 7-5 victory to Gippsland. Brighton started on the front foot and continually attacked in the first 10 minutes. The pressure took its toll and eventually took the lead. After a slow start Gippsland gradually started to get into the game, however they were far from at their best and went in 1-0 down.

Jett Koppen almost equalised and Henry Knight continually tried to get an equaliser however it wasn't to be. Brighton finished off two chances late in the second half to run out 3-0 winners. Henry Knight and Ruairi Couper played well for Gippsland however consistency as a team from one week to the next is the challenge for the group at the moment.

U15s JBNPL - Gippsland

Gippsland U15 were flying the flag out at Dandenong City this weekend. Despite some outstanding efforts, Dandenong would again prove too strong as they had in the qualification round.

This was the team's third away game in a row and a similar pattern has developed. Despite fighting hard and creating some early chances to score it was Dandenong City who would take their chances early and would go into the half time break up by one goal.

Set plays are Gippsland's challenge and five minutes into the second half Dandenong were able to double their lead, with the final nail in the coffin for Gippsland coming only a few minutes later. Try as they might the Gippsland boys were not able to penetrate a now confident Dandenong's defence in the closing stages of the match and the game finished up 0-3 to Dandy.

For Gippsland Dylan Rosato persevered while Jesse Dugard ran himself into the ground trying to create forward movement. Jedd Foster worked overtime in the Gippsland goals and Spencer Boughton again gave his all. Hopefully next week the team can be flu free and at home the boys can really challenge fourth placed Malvern City.

U16s JBNPL - Bye.

U15s JBNPL - Bye.

Breakers back on the winners' list



Courtney Fletcher gets her kick away.

AFTER a couple of narrow losses, Breakers coach Bianca Hellmuth-Pask urged her team to focus on a good start against Edithvale-Aspendale.

The team didn't disappoint with Kelly O'Neill snagging an early goal from the netball courts pocket. She followed up a few minutes later taking the ball from the ruck contest and delivering the Breakers second from virtually the same spot.

The home side made the most of the momentum with Sunday Brisbane and Immy Bradford getting in on the action.

In perfect conditions, the Breakers utilised their pace with Courtney Fletcher at half back and Carly Heislers on the wing, providing plenty of run and carry.

Jenna Russo had clean skills around the stoppage and hit her targets all game.

The second half was a lot closer with Edi-Asp kicking their first goal for the match, and the Breakers adding just

three more goals to their tally.

Under more pressure the defence end held strong with first season players Tracey Johnson, Rachel Cameron and Aimee Beck shutting the ball down nicely on the last line of defence.

Final Score: Breakers 12.12-84 def Edithvale-Aspendale 1.1-7

Best: Jenna Russo, Kelly O'Neill, Imogen Bradford, Courtney Fletcher, Chelsea Connell and Sunday Brisbane.

Goals: Kelly O'Neill 5, Imogen Bradford 3, Sunday Brisbane 2, Tracey Johnson and Kate Caughey.

Luncheon success

The Breakers topped off a great performance on the field with fantastic Women in Sport Luncheon.

A long time in the making (with a number of postponements due to COVID) the event was well received with guest speakers Change our Game

ambassador Monique Hanley, and Alison Drennan, from the AFLW Gold Coast Suns entertaining the crowd.

Monique, a former professional cyclist spoke about gender equity in sport and her role in campaigning for equal prize money in women's cycling.

While Ali gave an overview of her experience across a number of sports both in Australia and the US, providing an insight into footy at the Women's AFL level.

Both speakers emphasised the Breakers core values of making footy accessible, affordable and fun for everyone to participate and the value of creating female leaders, who not only help the club to run well but are also able to transfer those skills into their personal and professional lives.

The Breakers are at Dalyston again this weekend - Sunday, June 5 - at 11am against Karingal.

Local IRB competitors hit Hampton beach



Venus Bay Women's IRB Team hit the surf at Hampton.

INFLATABLE rescue boat (IRB) racing competitors from Venus Bay, Wonthaggi and Inverloch Surf Life Saving Clubs (SLSC) returned for Life Saving Victoria's (LSV) 2022 TRE Motorsport IRB Premiership Season.

They joined teams from clubs across the state at Hampton, showing off their speedy skills.

With some huge clubs in the field, Venus Bay came in at an impressive seventh place overall.

"It might be cooling down in Victoria, but lifesaving sports are still charging ahead, with competitors braving the conditions for round four of the TRE Motorsport IRB Premiership Series

at Hampton Life Saving Club over the weekend," Life Saving Victoria's manager aquatic sport Simon Butterly said.

"Competitors from Venus Bay and Inverloch Surf Life Saving Clubs, and Wonthaggi Life Saving Club, made the journey and all clubs were performing strongly in a highly competitive field.

"Venus Bay had a fantastic competition and placed seventh overall for the combined team points, with their under 23 division competitors reaching fifth place. An enormous thank you to Hampton Life Saving Club for hosting, who put in an incredible amount of work to make the day a success."



The inaugural 50 Year Storm ran in large waves last year at Bells Beach. Photo: Zac Loveless.

Surfing for mental health

THE Bells Beach 50 Year Storm Invitational is back, ready to raise awareness for mental health and make a splash.

Sandy Ryan, Carl Wright, Glyndon Ringrose and Lannia Fostin are some of the local names who have been nominated.

Bells Beach 50 Year Storm Invitational was envisioned to honour our local legend Shaun Brooks, a World Junior and Victorian Open champion, who took his own life in 2012 after a long battle with mental illness.

The event aims to reduce

the stigma of mental health, promoting the prevention and management of mental illness.

The name is also a cheeky reference to the 1991 cult movie, Point Break, where the lead character Bodhi paddles out at Bells in the '50-year storm', never to return.

Jump onto instagram.com/bellsbeach50yearstorm to vote today.

If you need support, talk to a GP or health professional: Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36 or beyondblue.org.au; Lifeline on 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au.

Fog adds to beautiful Koonwarra parkrun landscape

By Colleen Clark

the 8 degrees in singlets and shorts.

The fog added to the beauty of the Koonwarra landscape.

A big congratulations to Amanda Browne for completing her 100th parkrun and to Jason and Jacob on doing their share of parenting duties, allowing Amanda to run (noting Lisa running alongside Amanda - no doubt cheering her on).

There was a fumble in getting out the banner for Amanda but was soon found and a re-run

saw Amanda cross the line running through the banner.

First time runner to Koonwarra, Greg Betts, was the first male over the line in a time of 20.37. Courtney Clark was the first female over the line in a time of 26.04, arriving in 7th overall.

Blake Horking was the first youngster over the line in a time of 28.14.

Lesley Turton handed out finish tokens allowing us to know our finish positions while Christine Winning and Shane O'Loughlin scanned our barcodes and finish tokens.



There was plenty of action at Koonwarra's parkrun at the weekend.



Sam De Koning of Geelong during the AFL Round 6 match between the North Melbourne Kangaroos and the Geelong Cats at Blundstone Arena in Hobart, Sunday, April 24, 2022. Photo: AAP Image/Linda Higginson.

Cats reveal high hopes for 'revelation' young defender

GEELONG assistant coach Nigel Lappin believes the only way is up for young Cats defender Sam De Koning.

De Koning, 21, has been a vital cog for Geelong down back in 2022, playing both a lockdown and intercepting role just 10 games into his career.

The first-round draft pick is averaging six intercept possessions and two contested marks among his average of 12 disposals this season and has a very promising future ahead of him.

Speaking with Lappin about De Koning on SEN SA Breakfast, Kane Cornes described the youngster as a "revelation".

"Credit to the coaching

By Seb Mottram

group, early on this year there was one game where he was out marked a few times and you thought, 'he's a bit all at sea', but by the second half he looked like he was owning the position," Cornes said.

In response, Lappin revealed that the Cats see De Koning as a prototype of the modern defender.

"We feel like he's got lots of room for improvement," Lappin said.

The good thing about Sam too is that he's not just a one position player, (but) he'll probably end up playing him most of his career as a key defender.

"When you think about the King brothers, they're all 200cm+ these guys, so to have a player like Sam that can play on those types, and he really enjoys the challenge.

"The good thing about Sam is he's not just a pure defender, he's got a great set of hands, he judges the ball in the air as well as I've ever seen, so he really backs himself in the air and when he gets his hands to it, he generally marks it."

The Cats clearly have the oldest list in the competition and are also ranked first for average games played.

They're supposedly on the edge of the cliff in terms of entering a list rebuild, however, Lappin says the club is

keen to bring some talented young midfielders into the club.

"He's (De Koning) going to be a really good player for us over a long period of time, but we've also got some other players we're looking forward to developing this year as well," Lappin continued.

"You've seen us play Cooper Stephens over the last couple of weeks, we've got a midfield that is pretty mature, Brandan Parfitt is one of the younger ones we play in there and he's having a good year.

"But it's really important over the next few years that we bring some really good quality midfielders through, because so many of the other teams have got those."

Bombers set to be active in trade period

By Seb Mottram

ESSENDON GM of Football Josh Mahoney has revealed the Bombers' plan to be active in this year's trade period.

The Bombers' subpar performances have come in for criticism in 2022, winning just two of 10 games to languish in 16th spot on the ladder.

Mahoney was asked whether it was fair for list managers to be criticised following Glenn Luff's sudden resignation from North Melbourne.

Essendon's list manager Adrian Dodoro has been in his role at the club since 2010, a period where the Bombers have failed to win a final.

"I think there are so many things that relate to list management," Mahoney said SEN SA Breakfast.

"There's connection to development, connection to coaching, so they're all separate things."

"You've got to select the right player, select the right player at the right pick, select the right player for the right role, and then you've got to have a good development plan in place."

"So all those different parts are so connected and it's been a focus of mine coming to Essendon to look at how that's all connected."

The club is coming off a quiet trade period after exceeding expectations to make an elimination final in 2021, only recruiting Adelaide free agent Jake Kelly.

Coming into 2022, Essendon had the third-least experienced list with the average player having played just 54.3 games.

However, with the need for a quick rebound up the ladder after a poor season to date and plenty of salary cap space, Mahoney confirmed the club's intentions to be "pretty active" in the trade space.

"Our list at the moment is at a development stage," Mahoney continued.

"We lost some key players just before I joined in Joe Daniher, Orazio Fantasia and Adam Saad, experienced guys that were in the prime of their careers, and they were replaced which Picks 7, 8 and 9, which sounds great, but the idea is we're bringing in three young guys to replace the mature guys, so our list is developing," Mahoney continued.

"We're really excited by the opportunity we do have though. I think last year we were quiet during the trade period deliberately, we wanted to look at our young list and see what we've got available to us."

"But this year we've got the opportunity with the gap we've got in our salary cap, we've got the opportunity with some picks at the moment that we think we can be pretty active in the trade period and along with the development of our players, we can rebound quite quickly."

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A GRADE

Fish Creek 40 d Boolarra 30
 Hill End 53 d Thorpdale 23
 MDU 39 It Newborough 41
 Stony Creek 35 It Foster 38
 Tarwin 44 It Morwell E 61
 Toora 45 drew Yinnar 45

B GRADE

Fish Creek 38 d Boolarra 32
 Hill End 50 d Thorpdale 37
 MDU 63 d Newborough 42
 Stony Creek 37 d Foster 25
 Tarwin 26 It Morwell E 62
 Toora 44 d Yinnar 36

C GRADE

Fish Creek 43 d Boolarra 31
 Hill End 28 d Thorpdale 17
 MDU 37 d Newborough 11
 Stony Creek 42 d Foster 31
 Tarwin 22 It Morwell E 25
 Toora 38 d Yinnar 34

D GRADE

Hill End 39 d Thorpdale 18
 MDU 24 It Newborough 29
 Tarwin 16 It Morwell E 39
 Toora 17 It Yinnar 35

17 & UNDER

MDU 54 d Newborough 20
 Tarwin 34 It Morwell E 54
 Toora 29 It Yinnar 30

15 & UNDER

Fish Creek 11 It Boolarra 72
 Hill End 14 It Thorpdale 27
 MDU 29 d Newborough 14
 Toora 24 It Yinnar 28

13 & UNDER

Fish Creek 10 It Boolarra 32

» LADDERS

| A GRADE | % | pts |
|----------------|----------|------------|
| Mirboo North | 185.71 | 28 |
| Toora | 182.10 | 26 |
| Morwell East | 207.14 | 24 |
| Yinnar | 159.27 | 22 |
| Tarwin | 108.64 | 16 |
| Newborough | 93.01 | 16 |
| Fish Creek | 83.99 | 16 |
| Hill End | 94.10 | 12 |
| Boolarra | 76.37 | 12 |
| Foster | 58.71 | 8 |
| Stony Creek | 36.11 | 8 |
| MDU | 80.44 | 4 |
| Thorpdale | 53.41 | 4 |

B GRADE

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| Toora | 192.09 | 28 |
| Morwell East | 167.34 | 28 |
| Mirboo North | 161.54 | 28 |
| Yinnar | 144.44 | 16 |
| Boolarra | 102.99 | 16 |
| MDU | 101.20 | 16 |
| Hill End | 98.19 | 12 |
| Fish Creek | 86.56 | 12 |
| Stony Creek | 62.60 | 12 |
| Newborough | 82.00 | 8 |
| Thorpdale | 65.53 | 8 |
| Foster | 63.56 | 8 |
| Tarwin | 49.81 | 4 |

C GRADE

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| MDU | 227.41 | 28 |
| Morwell East | 158.39 | 24 |
| Newborough | 136.84 | 24 |
| Yinnar | 167.90 | 20 |
| Toora | 112.12 | 20 |
| Tarwin | 125.87 | 16 |
| Mirboo North | 106.81 | 16 |
| Fish Creek | 100.81 | 12 |
| Hill End | 95.39 | 12 |
| Stony Creek | 69.91 | 12 |
| Boolarra | 66.34 | 8 |
| Foster | 30.80 | 4 |
| Thorpdale | 38.19 | 0 |

D GRADE

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| Mirboo North | 221.84 | 26 |
| Yinnar | 205.13 | 26 |
| Morwell East | 179.05 | 24 |
| Hill End | 134.33 | 24 |
| Tarwin | 64.23 | 20 |
| Newborough | 85.64 | 16 |
| Boolarra | 71.33 | 16 |
| Toora | 76.32 | 14 |
| MDU | 65.06 | 10 |
| Stony Creek | 63.51 | 8 |
| Thorpdale | 53.64 | 4 |

17 & UNDER

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| MDU | 211.82 | 28 |
| Morwell East | 151.90 | 28 |

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| Fish Creek | 115.04 | 20 |
| Mirboo North | 111.26 | 20 |
| Yinnar | 108.33 | 20 |
| Newborough | 85.20 | 16 |
| Tarwin | 74.68 | 16 |
| Toora | 92.26 | 12 |
| Stony Creek | 53.42 | 12 |
| Hill End | 41.99 | 12 |

15 & UNDER

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| Thorpdale | 223.46 | 28 |
| Toora | 263.38 | 24 |
| Yinnar | 222.73 | 24 |
| Mirboo North | 196.23 | 24 |
| Boolarra | 160.74 | 20 |
| Morwell East | 71.69 | 20 |
| MDU | 92.52 | 12 |
| Stony Creek | 24.43 | 12 |
| Hill End | 68.07 | 8 |
| Fish Creek | 31.19 | 8 |
| Newborough | 42.40 | 4 |

13 & UNDER

| | | |
|--------------|--------|----|
| Mirboo North | 348.72 | 28 |
| Boolarra | 235.09 | 24 |
| Toora | 172.50 | 24 |
| Foster | 66.67 | 24 |
| Hill End | 194.12 | 20 |
| Tarwin | 5.77 | 20 |
| Fish Creek | 84.62 | 12 |
| MDU | 9.64 | 8 |

| | | | |
|-------------|----|------------------|----|
| NNG | 74 | d Phillip Island | 9 |
| Bunyip | 69 | d Tooradin-D | 35 |
| Dalyston | 57 | d Warragul | 33 |
| Garfield | 36 | d Cora Lynn | 46 |
| Kor-Bena | 51 | d KWR | 30 |
| NNG | 40 | d Phillip Island | 39 |
| Bunyip | 45 | d Tooradin-D | 50 |
| Dalyston | 70 | d Warragul | 28 |
| Garfield | 43 | d Cora Lynn | 33 |
| Inverloch-K | 61 | d K-Bass | 42 |
| Kor-Bena | 35 | d KWR | 41 |
| NNG | 55 | d Phillip Island | 34 |
| Bunyip | 47 | d Tooradin-D | 11 |
| Dalyston | 61 | d Warragul | 10 |
| Garfield | 32 | d Cora Lynn | 17 |
| Inverloch-K | 55 | d K-Bass | 22 |
| Kor-Bena | 25 | d KWR | 31 |
| NNG | 40 | d Phillip Island | 31 |
| Bunyip | 55 | d Tooradin-D | 13 |
| Garfield | 28 | d Cora Lynn | 24 |
| Inverloch-K | 29 | d K-Bass | 17 |
| NNG | 74 | d Phillip Island | 9 |

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Grace Green catches the ball mid-flight for Poowong in A Grade. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Jess Edgar scores for Leongatha during the Parrots' narrow loss to Moe. A13_2222



Bairnsdale's Danielle Johnson takes a shot at goal against Wonthaggi Power with Olivia Watson on defence. Z12_2222



Laura Higgins looks for a Leongatha teammate. A15_2222



Taylah Brown takes off for Leongatha. A14_2222

ELLINBANK

» RESULTS

A GRADE

Neerim Sth 60 d Trafalgar 20
Lang Lang 50 d Poowong 42
N-Darnum 42 drew Ellinbank 42
Yarragon 44 lt Longwarry 61
Buln Buln 43 lt Catani 46

B GRADE

Neerim Sth 53 lt Trafalgar 58
Lang Lang 43 d Poowong 18
N-Darnum 33 lt Ellinbank 61
Yarragon 37 lt Longwarry 49
Buln Buln 60 d Catani 31

C GRADE

Neerim Sth 30 d Trafalgar 24
Lang Lang 31 d Poowong 29
N-Darnum 40 d Ellinbank 32
Yarragon 20 lt Longwarry 73
Buln Buln 50 d Catani 30

» LADDERS

| A GRADE | % | pts | 17 & UNDER | % | pts |
|--------------|--------|-----|--------------|--------|-----|
| Neerim South | 372.31 | 28 | Trafalgar | 222.07 | 24 |
| Ellinbank | 164.81 | 22 | Poowong | 151.43 | 24 |
| Nilma Darnum | 153.88 | 22 | Lang Lang | 120.98 | 20 |
| Trafalgar | 134.57 | 20 | Ellinbank | 109.62 | 18 |
| Lang Lang | 113.04 | 20 | Catani | 110.86 | 16 |
| Catani | 98.37 | 12 | Nilma Darnum | 70.62 | 16 |
| Buln Buln | 86.44 | 12 | Buln Buln | 90.28 | 12 |
| Poowong | 61.32 | 12 | Longwarry | 82.96 | 10 |
| Longwarry | 76.01 | 4 | Yarragon | 75.58 | 8 |
| Nyora | 56.09 | 4 | Nyora | 67.01 | 8 |
| Yarragon | 41.56 | 4 | Neerim South | 53.65 | 4 |
| B GRADE | | | 15 & UNDER | | |
| Ellinbank | 279.29 | 28 | Longwarry | 181.82 | 28 |
| Buln Buln | 162.90 | 28 | Poowong | 150.00 | 24 |
| Trafalgar | 137.41 | 20 | Yarragon | 167.95 | 20 |
| Lang Lang | 109.44 | 18 | Buln Buln | 161.54 | 16 |
| Nilma Darnum | 108.88 | 16 | Trafalgar | 127.59 | 16 |
| Catani | 98.90 | 16 | Catani | 123.39 | 16 |
| Neerim South | 138.93 | 14 | Nilma Darnum | 106.72 | 16 |
| Poowong | 55.40 | 8 | Ellinbank | 95.63 | 12 |
| Nyora | 69.23 | 4 | Lang Lang | 42.20 | 8 |
| Longwarry | 55.95 | 4 | Neerim South | 21.10 | 4 |
| Yarragon | 42.76 | 4 | Nyora | 127 | 0 |
| C GRADE | | | 13 & UNDER | | |
| Nilma Darnum | 248.96 | 24 | Trafalgar | 264.38 | 28 |
| Longwarry | 179.33 | 24 | Catani | 127.27 | 22 |
| Ellinbank | 228.57 | 20 | Nilma Darnum | 98.59 | 20 |
| Neerim South | 182.24 | 20 | Lang Lang | 122.12 | 18 |
| Buln Buln | 115.35 | 16 | Yarragon | 142.28 | 16 |
| Catani | 110.27 | 16 | Longwarry | 135.83 | 16 |
| Lang Lang | 83.42 | 12 | Buln Buln | 86.89 | 16 |
| Trafalgar | 64.08 | 4 | Nyora | 91.03 | 12 |
| Nyora | 53.49 | 4 | Neerim South | 69.08 | 4 |
| Poowong | 48.87 | 4 | Poowong | 48.11 | 4 |
| Yarragon | 40.20 | 0 | Ellinbank | 43.04 | 4 |

GIPPSLAND

» RESULTS

A GRADE

Warragul 40 d Maffra 36
Wonthaggi 62 d Bairnsdale 27
Traralgon 50 d Sale 33
Morwell 51 d Drouin 27
Leongatha 55 lt Moe 56

B GRADE

Warragul 36 lt Maffra 48
Wonthaggi 33 d Bairnsdale 31
Traralgon 62 d Sale 37
Morwell 60 d Drouin 33
Leongatha 45 lt Moe 44

C GRADE

Warragul 28 lt Maffra 37
Wonthaggi 32 d Bairnsdale 22
Traralgon 23 d Sale 20
Morwell 34 d Drouin 20
Leongatha 48 lt Moe 24

» LADDERS

| A GRADE | % | pts | 17 & UNDER | % | pts |
|------------|--------|-----|------------|--------|-----|
| Morwell | 165.73 | 28 | Sale | 186.08 | 32 |
| Moe | 150.46 | 28 | Traralgon | 161.50 | 28 |
| Leongatha | 148.50 | 24 | Wonthaggi | 119.73 | 24 |
| Drouin | 123.95 | 20 | Leongatha | 111.70 | 16 |
| Wonthaggi | 116.78 | 16 | Morwell | 107.60 | 16 |
| Traralgon | 107.30 | 16 | Maffra | 96.64 | 16 |
| Warragul | 86.46 | 12 | Drouin | 90.83 | 14 |
| Maffra | 79.12 | 8 | Bairnsdale | 83.45 | 6 |
| Sale | 52.37 | 4 | Warragul | 56.07 | 4 |
| Bairnsdale | 47.65 | 0 | Moe | 51.96 | 0 |
| B GRADE | | | 15 & UNDER | | |
| Leongatha | 177.17 | 32 | Maffra | 185.45 | 30 |
| Maffra | 136.54 | 28 | Traralgon | 267.57 | 28 |
| Traralgon | 167.19 | 24 | Sale | 207.58 | 28 |
| Moe | 122.56 | 24 | Leongatha | 163.00 | 22 |
| C GRADE | | | 13 & UNDER | | |
| Wonthaggi | 74.15 | 12 | Traralgon | 241.84 | 32 |
| Bairnsdale | 74.07 | 12 | Sale | 270.37 | 28 |
| Morwell | 94.85 | 8 | Bairnsdale | 185.53 | 24 |
| Drouin | 78.89 | 8 | Maffra | 100.00 | 16 |
| Sale | 69.38 | 8 | Wonthaggi | 93.62 | 16 |
| Warragul | 62.89 | 0 | Leongatha | 82.23 | 16 |
| D GRADE | | | 11 & UNDER | | |
| Maffra | 159.70 | 32 | Traralgon | 60.00 | 12 |
| Leongatha | 162.89 | 24 | Sale | 55.29 | 12 |
| Drouin | 95.12 | 20 | Bairnsdale | 42.98 | 0 |
| Morwell | 120.00 | 18 | Moe | 38.43 | 0 |
| E GRADE | | | 9 & UNDER | | |
| Traralgon | 117.33 | 18 | Leongatha | 22.22 | 16 |
| Warragul | 107.96 | 18 | Maffra | 18.18 | 16 |
| Sale | 80.24 | 8 | Wonthaggi | 16.00 | 12 |
| Wonthaggi | 69.96 | 8 | Leongatha | 15.00 | 12 |
| Moe | 86.59 | 6 | Moe | 14.00 | 12 |
| Bairnsdale | 57.00 | 4 | Drouin | 12.00 | 12 |

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RND 8

» POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



POOWONG 68



LANG LANG 45

Poowong 1.3 3.8 8.11 9.14 (68)
Lang Lang 4.2 4.4 4.7 6.9 (45)

GOALS, Poowong: Cody Loughridge, Steven McInnes, Thomas Robertson 2, Matthew Cozzio, Jack Hazendonk, Alex Henshall 1 each

BEST: Jack Hazendonk, Thomas Robertson, William Lumby, Kurt Newton, Mitchell Vanthof, Jared Mills

GOALS, Lang Lang: No players named.

BEST: Jackson Ventura, Tyler Guan, Daniel Lewis, Brody Leitch, Brock Duggan, Joshua Brown

RESERVES

Lang Lang 1.7 4.13 8.15 12.19 (91)
Poowong 1.1 1.1 1.2 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Lang Lang: Aaron Ouwehand, Jackson Tribuhi 3, Phys Simmons, James Vela 2, Kaden Finlay Smith, Daniel Makepeace 1 each.

BEST: Troy Miller, Cameron McLean, Mark Penn, Daniel Makepeace, Jackson Tribuhi

GOALS, Poowong: Jackson Glindemann 1.

BEST: Reece Attenborough, Benjamin Schulz, Jake Peacock, TJ Loughridge, Brett Attenborough

FOURTHS

Poowong 0.2 2.5 4.7 7.10 (52)
Lang Lang 1.2 4.3 7.6 7.7 (49)

GOALS, Poowong: Rory Nettle 3, Aaron Damon, Angus Halliwell, Thomas Sherar, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton 1 each.

BEST: Aaron Damon, Matthew Heywood, Rory Nettle, Jett Blackwood, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton.

GOALS, Lang Lang: Joshua Davidge-Miller 4, Shakarn Brown, Blake Greenaway, Millan Parolin 1 each.

BEST: Diesel Bonaddio, Joshua Davidge-Miller, Bille Townley, Millan Parolin, Ethan Davidge, Ashton Townley

» IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Neerim Sth 9.12.66 d Trafalgar 5.2.32
Ellinbank 41.13.259 d Nilma Darnum 4.4.28
Yarragon 10.19.79 d Longwarry 1.10.16
Buln Buln 28.19.187 d Catani 4.1.25

RESERVES

Trafalgar 7.8.32 d Neerim Sth 4.8.32
Ellinbank 43.11.269 d Nilma Darnum 0.0.0
Longwarry 8.9.57 d Yarragon 3.2.20
Buln Buln 29.27.201 d Catani 0.0.0

THIRDS

Neerim Sth 15.13.103 d Ellinbank 2.2.14
Buln Buln 5.9.39 d Lang Lang 0.3.3
Longwarry 9.12.66 d Yarragon 4.1.25

FOURTHS

Ellinbank 15.17.107 d Buln Buln 1.5.11
Neerim Sth 8.15.63 d Trafalgar 4.3.27
Yarragon 4.13.37 d Longwarry 4.8.32

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

» ELLINBANK ROUND 9

Trafalgar v Lang Lang
Poowong v Nyora
Ellinbank v Neerim South
Longwarry v Nilma Darnum
Catani v Yarragon
Buln Buln - BYE

» GIPPSLAND ROUND 9

Drouin v Leongatha
Maffra v Traralgon
Moe v Wonthaggi
Sale v Morwell

» WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 9

Cora Lynn v Dalyston
Garfield v Inverloch-Kongwak
Kilcunda-Bass v Bunyip
Korumburra-Bena v Nar Nar Goon
Tooradin-Dalmore v Phillip Island
Warragul Industrials v Koo Wee Rup

» MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 8

Boolarra v Stony Creek
MDU v Yinnar
Morwell East v Toora
Newborough v Fish Creek
Tarwin v Mirboo North
Thorpdale v Foster
Hill End - BYE

Magpies take down Tigers



Rory Nettle climbs high for Poowong in the Under 16s. Photo: Julie Nettle.



Jayden Sullivan on-the-run for Poowong in Saturday's Seniors match. Photo: Jeff Tull.

ROUND 8

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

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| Neerim South | 7 | 0 | 319.00 | 28 | Ellinbank | 7 | 0 | 449.18 | 28 | Neerim South | 7 | 0 | 1098.53 | 28 | Yarragon | 7 | 1 | 281.02 | 24 |
| Trafalgar | 5 | 2 | 239.29 | 20 | Neerim Sth | 6 | 1 | 485.11 | 24 | Ellinbank | 5 | 1 | 190.95 | 20 | Longwarry | 6 | 1 | 521.14 | 24 |
| Ellinbank | 5 | 2 | 203.33 | 20 | Trafalgar | 6 | 1 | 338.76 | 24 | Longwarry | 3 | 3 | 88.79 | 12 | Neerim South | 5 | 2 | 219.57 | 16 |
| Buln Buln | 5 | 3 | 193.68 | 20 | Lang Lang | 6 | 1 | 319.82 | 24 | Buln Buln | 3 | 4 | 51.84 | 12 | Ellinbank | 4 | 2 | 113.88 | 12 |
| Longwarry | 5 | 2 | 101.48 | 20 | Buln Buln | 4 | 4 | 227.78 | 16 | Yarragon | 2 | 5 | 47.71 | 8 | Trafalgar | 2 | 4 | 42.16 | 8 |
| Poowong | 5 | 4 | 172.70 | 16 | Longwarry | 4 | 3 | 185.71 | 16 | Lang Lang | 0 | 6 | 26.44 | 0 | Poowong | 2 | 4 | 33.76 | 4 |
| Lang Lang | 4 | 3 | 163.71 | 16 | Nyora | 3 | 4 | 64.65 | 12 | Poowong | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | Lang Lang | 1 | 5 | 49.73 | 4 |
| Yarragon | 3 | 5 | 106.60 | 12 | Poowong | 2 | 6 | 54.22 | 8 | Nyora | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | Buln Buln | 0 | 8 | 25.04 | 0 |
| Nyora | 2 | 5 | 51.06 | 8 | Yarragon | 2 | 6 | 45.59 | 8 | Yarragon | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | Catani | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Catani | 0 | 7 | 21.64 | 0 | Catani | 0 | 7 | 7.39 | 0 | Nilma Darnum | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | Nyora | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Nilma Darnum | 0 | 7 | 10.92 | 0 | Nilma Darnum | 0 | 7 | 4.09 | 0 | Catani | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | Nilma Darnum | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |

Mid Gippsland round 8 preview

Boolarra v Stony Creek

BOOLARRA, as good as they've been in the 2022 season to date, are still showing signs of improvement on a week-to-week basis. The Demons are still a few players short of their best, and their output over four full quarters can also improve, but the fact is they are continuing to win and they seem to be doing it even in pressure situations.

Stony Creek may have come back to earth after a defeat at the hands of Foster just last week, but their performances on a weekly basis have been mostly pretty good, certainly good enough to give the Demons a scare on their home ground, the key for the Lions is going to be getting off to a good start away from home and in front of a healthy opposition crowd, who like the players on the ground are enjoying what the year has offered to date.

The Lions are still a very real proposition of climbing their way up the MGFNL ladder, but they do have to win a few matches like this one when the odds are slightly against them to make some much needed ground.

MDU v Yinnar

It has been hard to gauge just how well this Yinnar team has been going, certainly the scoreline indicates extraordinarily well, given their last fortnight has produced wins of 140 and 164 points!

Those results however should be read with the knowledge that as good as the Magpies have been their respective opposition in Thorpdale and Toora, have been a long way from their best, with covid, injuries and availability decimating their first choice starting line-ups.

All that said and done, you can only beat what is put in front of you and credit where credit is due, Yinnar have done the job very well.

This week the task gets a bit tougher as they confront MDU.



Hill End first gamer Lachie Answer kicked his senior first goal on the siren in his side's match against Thorpdale at the weekend.

Morwell East v Toora

Morwell East have failed twice in the past fortnight, and those two losses have been in games where the result has been absolutely crucial.

In front of a healthy representation of past players a fortnight ago, the Hawks were comprehensively beaten by a more committed Newborough team, that result set up last week's clash against an unbeaten Tarwin side as a "must win", however, the resultant loss has seen Morwell East fall to seventh on the ladder and having them fighting amongst more than a handful of teams all vying for a top five position.

There can be no excuses this week, as the Hawks host a winless and undermanned Toora side, a team that although yet to taste success, are giving their all on a weekly basis. The Magpies may come into this match at very long odds of winning, but coach Matt Ponton knows his boys are fighting as hard as they can, the most pleasing thing is that they appear to be doing for longer periods of time as week passes. Morwell East wouldn't want to approach the game with any less intensity than they've showed.

Newborough v Fish Creek

Newborough have responded to the pressure of having to perform when it counts and slowly but surely started to claw their way up the MGFNL ladder.

Currently 4th, the Bulldogs are just the one win from second spot and as tantalisingly close as that is, coach Craig Skinner would be more focused on his side continuing the improvement he has witnessed since season start.

The Bulldogs will be keen to put on a show for those that have supported them in the tough times and who have remained firm and are now enjoying the ride of a more successful season.

The visiting Kangaroos team are facing some tough times with results sometimes out of their control, courtesy of Covid, injuries and availability of players, but proud clubs make little mention of their challenges as Fish Creek have done and continue to push forward hoping to take some unlikely scalps along the way.

Tarwin v Mirboo North

A fortnight ago, it was tipped that an unbeaten Tarwin side

was about to face their toughest month of football to date and that those four games would give an indication as to just how good they were.

Two weeks into that month and the Sharks remained unbeaten, a game and a half clear on top of the ladder and with one less game played than Hill End in second spot.

In short Tarwin has done everything right and plans to dish out the same disciplined performance this week.

You get the feeling that Mirboo North are going to start a run of wins that will propel them back into finals contention, but the fact is that time is quickly running out for the Tigers.

Even with the visiting Tigers bolstering their stock with returning players, you get the feeling that the task at Tarwin might be just a little too much to ask for a visiting side that has the class but has not managed to reach their potential to date.

It might just be a season to forget for Mirboo North, but this writer has written off the Tigers too early before and is reluctant to do it again this year.

Thorpdale v Foster

A return to their home ground won't be the worst thing that could happen for Thorpdale this week, but it is also unlikely to be the difference in a drastically different performance either.

The Blues really need to look within and find something deep down that can lift themselves both individually and as a team after a couple of potentially soul-destroying losses suffered over the past fortnight.

Thorpdale coach Ray Pickering is happy to lead the way and although hitting a few hurdles in recent times, there were some pleasing aspects of their performance against Hill End in round 7. Playing better for longer might be what most coaches want, but if Pickering can get it, well, things can quickly turn around, even against a very good side in Foster.

Tigers to take on Sharks

By Rover, Mirboo North FNC

ALTHOUGH Mirboo North is fully rested after last weekend's bye, confronting undefeated Mid Gippsland's top team Tarwin at Shark Park this Saturday, is a difficult proposition.

Consider the evidence: Tarwin has won its six 2022 matches by an average of 52 points, whilst the mighty Tigers' two narrow victories have both been under a goal.

In the corresponding match last year, Mirboo North escaped with a one-point win, where the Sharks pounded the goals late in the game — only to have five consecutive shots go either side of the big white sticks.

Despite not missing finals since 2002 — and collecting five senior premierships along the way — easy kicks have been harder for Mirboo North to find this season than post-pandemic bargains in a used car yard.

Opposition clubs continue to go to school on Tarwin's game plan, as they attempt to emulate the Sharks' bite when they circle the packs.

Tarwin will look to recent match winners Nathan McRae, Lachlan Schreurs Nick Anderson and Fergus Warren to carry on with their recent outstanding form.

Mirboo North is hoping for the return of several players from injury, to help add depth to its side and support for Liam Nash, Joel Lambourn, Joe Brooks, Hudson Kerr and Beau Peters.

Playing coach, Josh Taylor, is sure to emphasize to his troops the importance of a barnstorming opening with ferocious attacks on the ball, hard tackling and making the most of every scoring opportunity that comes the Tigers' way.

For these things to happen, Taylor knows there must be adrenaline pumping through his players' arteries with their aortic valves pushed to the absolute limit.

Battle of the Magpies

THE "Battle of the Magpies" looked to be a one-way affair if one was to judge the match on ladder positions alone.

Toora winless and on the bottom of the table against a Yinnar team desperate to climb from seventh, to a spot, any spot, inside the five.

However it was noted by the visitors that this Toora team had pushed a very good side to within a kick just the week prior, so Yinnar, unlike many others, were ready for a fight, but the fact was an undermanned Toora side was no match for the victors losing 2-2-14 to 27-16-178.

Daniel Taylor, Yinnar coach, said: "Fantastic result for us over at Toora, our footskills, run, carry and spread were on show all day."

"We understand Toora had a lot out with COVID which makes it very hard, they had three blokes play Seconds and Seniors, so by the end of the day we just completely outrun them, they will be a much better team next week."

The one-sided affair, not really a true reflection of what Toora are capable of, when they have a full list to choose from.

Matthew Ponton, Toora coach, said: "Was always going to be tough with 11 senior players out through COVID and injury and the scoreboard reflected that."

"Take nothing away from Yinnar, they are a really well drilled side and play an attacking brand of football that can hang with the best of them."

"Our boys gave it a crack today and that's all you can ask when undermanned, credit to our better players: Oscar Casmore, Michael, Cameron and Lukas Jenkins."

Toora are hanging tough under trying conditions and that in itself is a win that should be recognised.

Record-breaking 432 games at Korumburra-Bena

PAUL Whelan celebrated a record-breaking 432 games at Korumburra-Bena Football Club at the weekend after equalising the record (431) set 28 years ago by Terry Waycott.

Paul's love of football started as a child, back in Mordialloc where Paul played his first 100 games (bringing his life tally to 532).

"We grew up in Melbourne and moved to Korumburra in 1988.

"I played for the Thirds in 1989/1990 and we won back-to-back premierships."

In his senior career, since 1991, Paul excels on the back line.

When Korumburra amalgamated with Bena in 2001, Paul found himself in the history books as the last captain of Korumburra and the first inaugural co-captain of Korumburra-Bena.

Meeting his wife, Melissa, the two welcomed sons Corey (18) and Daniel (15), who have followed in their father's



Paul Whelan is flanked by his sons, Corey and Daniel, for his record-breaking 432 games. Z05_2222

footsteps, first with Auskick and then up the ranks.

Paul also coached the Thirds to a premiership in 2003, Reserves to runners-up in 2009, and played alongside his brother, Chris, in the senior premiership - one of many highlights within the family over the years.

"Together we also played in

the inter-league team; I was full back, he was full forward."

Paul first retired at 36 from the Seniors with 306 games under his belt, but a comeback in the future wasn't erased when at 40 years old, Paul returned and has played ever since.

"When I came back in 2014,

we won the Reserves premiership – it was definitely a highlight and unexpected.

"I also played in the Senior premiership in 1997 – we celebrate our 25th reunion later this year.

"The camaraderie, the good times and the memories – the journey that you go on."

Whilst Corey is now playing alongside Paul in the Reserves, it was a very special moment for Daniel (Under 16s) to step up and play in the game.

"I'd like to thank the club for their support throughout the years and on Saturday."

"And thank my family and friends for their support and putting up with aches and pains over the journey."

"I'm close to the finishing line now, I'm 49 in September."

Want to play alongside other like-minded footballers? Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club are looking for new members.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 7

» MDU FOOTBALL CLUB



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NEWBOROUGH

MDU

Newborough 3.3 7.8 8.11 11.11 (77)
MDU 2.5 4.8 4.9 5.10 (40)

GOALS, Newborough: Joshua Bland, Joel Mitchell, Josh Pearce, Hayden Prestidge 2, Liam Charles, Joshua Hecker, Zachary Skinner 1

BEST: Joshua Bland, Liam Charles, Hayden Prestidge, Liam Flahavin, Wade Anderson, Joshua Hecker

GOALS, MDU: Stephen Hawkins, Thomas Corry 2, Jake McMillan 1

BEST: Ryan Giliam, Jake Bromley, Thomas Corry, Samual Wilson, Connor Krohn, Jason Riley

RESERVES
Newborough 3.2 4.5 10.8 12.9 (81)
MDU 0.0 1.5 1.5 2.7 (19)

GOALS, Newborough: Patrick Frendo 3, Jay Fleming, Lachlan Gilroy 2, Jake Bowden, Jack Brincat, Mathew Leicester, Jordan McMahon, Lachlan Westhorp 1 each

BEST: Mathew Leicester, Ryan Lambos, Will Troy, James Grant, Lachlan Gilroy, Jake Bowden

GOALS, MDU: Neil Mathieson, Sean Pearce 1 each

BEST: Aaron Trease, Travis Ruedin, Harry Vanderzalm, Stuart Bright, Alexander Battersby, Brenton Faltum

THIRDS
MDU 4.1 7.4 10.8 17.9 (111)
Foster 2.0 7.2 10.3 11.4 (70)

GOALS, MDU: Finn Dunn, Rhys Weaver, Jacob Whiteside 3, Thomas Burt, Jesse Helms 2, Rylan Bell, Angus Kemper, Brody McEwan 1 each

BEST: Jacob Whiteside, Joel Leeden, Tadhg Dennehy, Rhys Weaver, Jarvis Lacy

» TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB



81



62

TARWIN

MORWELL EAST

Tarwin 3.2 4.8 6.11 11.15 (81)
Morwell East 3.2 3.5 7.7 9.8 (62)

GOALS, Tarwin: Nick Anderson 4, Cooper McInnes 2, Jamie Cann, Travis Kitchin, Julian Patterson, Kaj Patterson, Jack Vanderkolk 1 each

BEST: Matt Zagni, Fergus Warren, Nick Anderson, Lachlan Schreurs, Nathan McRae, Ben Ellen

GOALS, Morwell East: Matthew Coutts, Matthew Cunningham, Brandon Francis 2, Nicholas Grainger, Robert Michaelides, Joel Soutar 1 each

BEST: Isaac Abas, Daniel Hutchison, Joel Soutar, Robert Michaelides, Lucas Towns, Frank Marks

RESERVES
Tarwin 6.2 8.8 10.8 15.14 (104)
Morwell East 1.0 2.3 3.4 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Tarwin: Nick McRae 9, Tom Williamson 3, Logan Anderson, Flynn Brosnan, Dale Marsden 1 each

BEST: Shaun Silver, Harrison Cumming, Daniel Windsor, Max Burton, Charlie Batten, Tomi Brosnan

GOALS, Morwell East: Zac Brown, Kaleb Chapman, Shannon Winnar, Dylan Day 1 each

BEST: Ryan Carlson, Kaleb Chapman, Dylan Day, Ben Marks, Jake Birchall, Callum Lane

THIRDS
Yinnar 2.0 7.2 9.5 13.9 (87)
Tarwin/Fish Ck 1.1 1.1 1.2 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Ck: Zak Bright 1

BEST: Tige Brewer, Max Maverick Woodham, Joseph Rysko, Thomas Hughes, Kye McMillan, Rory Standfield

» FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



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BOOLARRA

FISH CREEK

Boolarra 3.2 4.4 8.6 12.7 (79)
Fish Creek 2.2 6.5 7.7 9.10 (64)

GOALS, Boolarra: Michael Cleaver 6, Kieran Jones 2, Ricky Cochrane, Kyle Hearn, Brendan Mason, Marcus Twomey 1 each

BEST: Kyle Hearn, Michael Cleaver, Joel Mason, Ricky Cochrane, Luke Marriott, James Holmes

GOALS, Fish Creek: Sam McGannon, Jordan Shaw 3, Darcy Berryman, Trevor Hooker, Jake Anderson 1 each

BEST: Jordan Shaw, Jack Hayes, Aaron Ireland, Darcy Berryman, Sam McGannon, Travis Manne

RESERVES
Boolarra 3.2 8.2 12.3 16.3 (99)
Fish Creek 0.0 1.1 2.3 4.6 (30)

GOALS, Boolarra: Jesse Giardina 7, Dwayne Cooper 4, Jacob Carnes, Patrick Haines, Neil Kreun, Glen Richards, Eddy Stanton 1 each

BEST: Joshua Wright, Jacob Carnes, Eddy Stanton, Jamie Maggs, Baylen Riley, Glen Richards

GOALS, Fish Creek: Bradley Perks 2, Kye Baker, Brock Stefani 1 each

BEST: Owen Straw, Brandon Bell, Tom Kercheval, Matthew Pocklington, Brock Stefani, Lane Bowman



Newborough took home the win on Saturday against MDU by 37 points.

Tenacious victory for Newborough

THE Demons made a significant statement a fortnight ago, when successful by a point over one of the league's top sides in Hill End, only to fall over the line against the competition's bottom side in Toora just seven days ago.

This weekend, MDU faced another significant challenge in the form of a visiting Newborough side who, like themselves, were in a fight for what is quite clearly limited room in the top five positions on the ladder.

Newborough announced their arrival with another tenacious victory 11-11-77 to 5-10-40.

The win for the Bulldogs was built on the back of some great team play and very good skills.

Craig Skinner, Newborough coach, said: "We got to play on a great ground in perfect conditions, against a side of locals that move the ball very well and deny the opposition the ball.

"A few injuries at crucial times cost MDU on the scoreboard.

"We are happy to win our first game in South Gippsland and we feel, like other teams, that we are improving every week which is a very rewarding energy for the coach.

"Our nervous energy is turning into enthusiasm for the next contest."

The Demons were happy enough with their effort, if not the result.

Peter Harris, MDU coach, said: "Our effort and endeavour was superb, really proud of how the boys went about it.

"We made simple skill errors that hurt us, where Newborough were much cleaner and then able to convert on the scoreboard with greater ease."

Newborough's fate is now very much in their own hands while for the Demons, the need for some wins against the odds will be needed over the next month or two.



Newborough and MDU played in perfect conditions at the weekend.



MDU's effort and endeavour was superb.

Tarwin claims another win

THE Sharks came into their weekend clash against the Hawks very much focused on protecting their unbeaten record of five wins from five matches and wanting along the way to continue the enjoyable ride for their growing community support at their home ground.

Morwell East had so much to prove on the back of their lacklustre start on a big occasion just seven days prior and were well aware a fast start away from home was to be pivotal in their chances of winning.

Tarwin withstood the fight of the visiting Hawks and claimed their sixth win in six matches 11-15-81 to 9-8-62, and the coach of the Sharks couldn't be more pleased of what his side has achieved to date.

Troy Hemming, Tarwin coach, said: "Morwell East were exactly what I expected, well coached by Devon, I have a lot of respect for him as a person and as a coach.

"They play a good modern brand of football and have some great, experienced players in their team.

"Great contest game with it being pretty even across the ground. Our group is pretty young so I'm very proud of the boys for sticking to the game plan and staying confident within themselves to get the job done.

"I'm very proud of our group not only as footballers but the care they show for each other out on the ground too."

Morwell East coach Devon Soutar couldn't have asked for a better start to the match.

"Right from the pre-game, it was clear we were gonna be cracking in, driven by our leaders we finally played in the exact manner that we've been searching for, unfortunately, very good sides like Tarwin don't give up much margin for error and a turnover riddled patch in the second quarter and a slight drop of intensity at the start of the last prevented us getting the reward for effort."

The rewards for the Hawks are sure to come as coach Soutar works at turning his team of champions into a champion team.

Boolarra Demons withstand pressure

FISH Creek found themselves in the unusual position at the bottom half of the table (9th) and more than two games behind their opponents prior to their weekend clash with Boolarra (3rd), who had also had the added benefit of having a game in hand.

The precarious position of the respected Kangaroos meant that a loss would rapidly decrease their chances of being a part of finals action later in the year, reason enough for the home side to throw absolutely everything at the visitors.

The Demons withstood the pressure, got the points courtesy of a 12-7-79 to 9-10-64 win, in a game that for a lot of the afternoon could have gone either way.

Boolarra coach Tony Giardina said every week is a tough game in the competition.

"In the first half, we went away from the type of footy we want to play and Fishy were playing good running footy and making us look ordinary.

"But to the boys' credit, after half time we started playing the footy we want and the game turned our way."

The turn of the game means contrasting fortunes for the two sides, with Boolarra now well positioned in third spot and Fish Creek in the danger zone of 11th.

John Danckert, Fish Creek coach, said: "It was a much better effort this week and things are starting to come together. We had a poor patch of footy in the third quarter that Boolarra capitalised on, credit to them they took their chance."

The immediate road ahead for the Kangaroos doesn't get any easier this week, facing an inform Newborough side on the Bulldogs' home ground.



Stony Creek acknowledges Jacob Byrnes' special milestone.

Byrnes reaches game 300

ADMIREDB clubman and captain Jacob Byrnes reached a special milestone on Saturday, notching up his 300th game for Stony Creek in its home match against Foster.

Byrnes has strong family connections to the club where his father and uncle played, and brother Lucas continues to represent the Lions in the reserves.

Jacob has played his entire career, from his junior days, at Stony Creek, having won a club Best & Fairest in the thirds (under 18s).

Formerly playing on a half-

back flank, he is now a focal point for his teammates at centre half forward, although he briefly returned to the backline earlier this season.

The senior assistant coach and 2009 premiership player is renowned for his hard work and commitment to the club and gives his all every time he pulls on a Lions jumper.

"He's one of those rough and tumble get in and get the job done kind of blokes," the club's media liaison officer Josh Brown said.

Stony Creek football manager and player Dylan Zuidema

spoke of Byrnes' loyalty to the Lions.

"He's always been a club first person because he's had the opportunities to leave to play a higher standard of football," Zuidema said.

He noted that while Byrnes has enjoyed successful times at the club, he's stuck around through the periods when the team has struggled.

Byrnes was hard at the footy as always on Saturday, albeit with limited opportunities given Foster was in control of proceedings for much of the day.

With the veteran player still in his early 30s, Lions supporters are likely to enjoy seeing Byrnes continue to play a crucial role in the seniors for a few more seasons.

Off the field, Byrnes is a workhorse around the club, marking the lines on the ground for every home game, a job he now shares with Zuidema.

It was a huge day for Stony Creek, with reserves player Damian 'Pig' Burge bringing up his 200th game and kicking three goals in a big win.

52-point victory for Foster against Stony Creek

WITH both teams looking for a win to keep their season on track, it was shaping up to be a cracking day at the Racecourse. Stony Creek had extra to play for today, with a momentous milestone game, 300 for Jacob Byrnes, a stalwart of the senior team over the years.

The first quarter got underway with an early barrage for Stony but they were unable to make any scoreboard pressure, while at the other end, the Foster forwards were kicking strong and true. Long periods of the quarter went, as it turned into a free-flowing tug of war, with defences of both teams put under the pump.

With a three-goal lead, Foster would go into quarter time, looking to add more pressure.

The second started more positively for the foster fans, with Mitch Green bagging an early couple to push the

margin further out. The Foster midfield were sharing it around, with Billy Flavelle showing skill and class at either end of the ground, while the Stony Creek defence were bolstered by the general, Chris Verboon.

A follow up goal to Hayden Bull from Stony Creek cut the margin back, to keep the hopes of the Creek up, but Foster held strong and keep a four-goal lead going into the main break.

Both teams come out after half time with some fire in their bellies and something to prove. Stony Creek put the pressure on again early around goal, but Foster held fast and strong to keep the scoreboard from ticking further along.

A handy snap from a mark just on the point line from Cooper Cary for Stony Creek invigorated some spirit from both the crowd and the play-

ers, but Foster fought back with more run, including a handball chain from arc to arc find the big sticks to increase the lead to 31 points at the final change.

The 4th quarter started just like the others, with high pressure at both ends, with the free flowingness of the game showing.

Both teams holding strong in defence, however Foster just having a better time with a couple sneaking through to push the deficit for the Creek even further.

A midterm goal kept hopes up for Stony, but a swift response, with an added 50 metre penalty that accompanied the mark, was the sealer for Foster.

Another quick later term goal to Jake Chaseling was just icing on the cake for a very solid win for Foster, to dampen the celebrations for a local legend of Stony Creek.

Sam Davies, Foster coach, said it was nice to be back on the winners list.

"We had moments of really good play, our back six keep absorbing and continue to be a strong group, we look forward to keep building momentum."

Foster are slowly climbing their way back up to where they need to be, while the pressure remains on Stony Creek.

Jay Accardi, Stony Creek coach, said: "We came up against a Foster side this week and were unfortunately not able to match their intensity in the match. The boys battled but came up well short, a big improvement is needed for us to be competitive against Boolarra next week."

The clash of the Lions against the Demons is likely to be defining, as the league gets close to the halfway mark of the home and away season.

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| Yinnar | 4 | 3 | 218.18 | 16 | MDU | 5 | 2 | 152.82 | 20 | Hill End | 0 | 6 | 24.86 | 0 |
| Foster | 3 | 3 | 117.86 | 16 | Boolarra | 4 | 2 | 136.33 | 20 | Tarwin/Fish Creek | 0 | 7 | 19.51 | 0 |
| Morwell East | 3 | 3 | 102.09 | 16 | Morwell East | 3 | 3 | 124.58 | 16 | Stony Creek | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Stony Creek | 3 | 3 | 90.83 | 16 | Hill End | 3 | 4 | 78.92 | 12 | Newborough | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| MDU | 3 | 4 | 99.14 | 12 | Stony Creek | 2 | 4 | 74.04 | 12 | Toora | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Mirboo North | 2 | 4 | 62.05 | 12 | Fish Creek | 2 | 5 | 43.02 | 8 | Boolarra | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Fish Creek | 2 | 5 | 86.67 | 8 | Mirboo North | 0 | 6 | 29.28 | 4 | Thorpdale | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Thorpdale | 1 | 6 | 40.05 | 4 | Foster | 0 | 6 | 9.47 | 4 | Morwell East | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Toora | 0 | 6 | 30.19 | 4 | Thorpdale | 0 | 7 | 18.88 | 0 | | | | | |

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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» STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

» FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

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|  | 86 |  | 34 |
| FOSTER | 4.3 | 6.5 | 8.10 12.14 (86) |

Stony Creek 1.3 2.5 3.9 4.10 (34)

GOALS, Foster: Mitchell Green, Zak Maynard-Barrett 2, Jake Chaseling, Matthew Clark, Billy Flavelle, Alex Kane, Brendan Neville, Josh Toner, Tim Wigney, Harrison Garlick 1 each

BEST: Trent Hamilton, Billy Flavelle, Josh Toner, Alex Kane, Mitchell Allott, Jake Chaseling

GOALS, Stony Creek: Hayden Bull 2, Cooper Cary, Rhys Dixon 1 each

BEST: Mitchell Nicholas, James Monaghan, Darren Granger, Chris Verboon, Ossy Brennan, Hayden Bull

RESERVES

Stony Creek 3.2 5.6 13.8 15.13 (103)

Foster 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 (6)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Damian Burge, Jarrad Byrnes, Ryan McKnight, Joshua Wyhoun 3, Zac Van Delft 2, Andrew Richardson 1

BEST: Angus Wright, Zac Van Delft, Nick Svenson, Damian Burge, Jack Patten, Ryan McKnight

GOALS, Foster: Khy Davy 1

BEST: Sam Payne, Ollie Cox, Mikey House, Jai Prain, Bryce Judd, Simon Gibson

THIRDS

MDU 4.1 7.4 10.8 17.9 (111)

Foster 2.0 7.2 10.3 11.4 (70)

GOALS, Foster: Jedd Davy, Zak Maynard-Barrett, Jack Rathjen 3, Khy Davy, Cory Jenkins 1 each

BEST: Beau McGregor, Khy Davy, Cory Jenkins, Jack Rathjen, Darby Hoskins, Jedd Davy

» TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

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|---|------------|---|------------------|
|  | 178 |  | 14 |
| Yinnar | 4.3 | 10.5 | 19.8 27.16 (178) |

Toora 0.0 1.2 2.2 2.2 (14)

GOALS, Yinnar: Ben Cheffers 5, Ned Marsh 3, Dean Johnson, Harrison McColl 2, Brendan Chapman, Liam Eade, Sebastian Famularo, Kane Grinstead-Jones, Nathan Rowley, Calum Sheils, Blake Van Der Meer, Damian Yates 1 each

BEST: Sebastian Famularo, Calum Sheils, Liam Eade, Ben Cheffers, Matt Dyke, Daniel Johnson

GOALS, Toora: Lukas Jenkins 2

BEST: Oscar Cashmore, Michael Cameron, Jackson Moore, Lukas Jenkins, Jesse Biemans, Ethan Pearce

RESERVES

Toora 2.2 3.7 6.9 8.12 (60)

Yinnar 1.2 3.4 4.7 6.8 (44)

GOALS, Toora: Lukas Jenkins 3, James Maurilli-Pullin 2, Linden Dyson, Luke Grylls, Bennett Osborne 1 each

BEST: Jackson Moore, Jarryd Guganovic, Luke Grylls, Jake Mabilia, Wellesley Jenkins, Lukas Jenkins

GOALS, Yinnar: Riley Adams, Zac Cantrill, Timothy Hutchinson, Cameron Le Page, Patrick McGrath, Daniel Webster 1 each

BEST: Matty Nardino, Elijah Lappin, Jack Chessim, Lachlan Alexander, Thomas Russell, Daniel Yates

THIRDS

Yinnar 2.0 7.2 9.5 13.9 (87)

Tarwin/Fish Creek 1.1 1.1 1.2 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Yinnar: Lachlan Bell 3, Harry Bugeja, Zac Schill, Keegan Zieleck 2, Luke Cheffers, Ryder Makepeace, Noah McCafferty, Will Xerri 1 each

BEST: Flynn Schill, Lachlan Bell, Luke Douch, Pharoah Gardner, Presley Podmore, Zac Schill

» MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

THIRDS

Mirboo North 4.3 10.6 11.10 15.10 (100)

Hill End 0.3 1.5 2.7 3.9 (27)

GOALS, Mirboo North: Max Woodall 5, Ethan Woodall 4, William Lewis 2, Sam Bradley, Tarmah Little, Reid Melbourne, Robert Shervell 1 each

BEST: Max Woodall, Nicholas Cummaudo, Jack Couper, Ethan Woodall, Campbell Pinkerton, Tarmah Little

GOALS, Hill End: Lincoln Mulley, Nicholas Roberts 1 each

BEST: Damon Russell, Mark Ferguson, Ryley Cumiskey, Lincoln Mulley, James Balfour, Kian Line

» IN OTHER GAMES</p

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 8

>> WONTAGGI POWER FOOTBALL CLUB


104 **49**
Wonthaggi 6.3 8.6 12.12 14.20 (104)
Bairnsdale 0.3 3.4 5.7 7.7 (49)**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Noah Anderson, Jack Hutchinson 2, Jarryd Blair, Troy Harley, Andrew Murray, Ryan Sparkes, Jordan Staley 1 each**BEST:** Ryan Sparkes, Aiden Lindsay, Andrew Murray, Tim Knowles, Toma Huther, Jack Hutchinson**GOALS, Bairnsdale:** Brayden McCarrey 2, Logan Austin, Link McKenna, Daniel Preston, Josh Wykes, Austin Hodge 1 each**BEST:** Logan Austin, Austin Hodge, Samuel Park, Kieran Vickery, Brayden McCarrey, Byron Vickery**RESERVES**Wonthaggi 4.2 9.6 13.11 18.17 (125)
Bairnsdale 2.2 3.4 4.5 5.7 (37)**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Tyson Andrigutto 4, Mitchell Davey 3, Nathan Jones 2, Ry Enoss, Wayne Luke, Elliot Staley, Josh Waters, Ben Wingfield 1 each**BEST:** Mathew Ware, Mitchell Davey, Ben Wingfield, Tyson Andrigutto, Riley Lindsay, Flynn Anderson**GOALS, Bairnsdale:** Thomas Hudson 3, Flynn Davis 1**BEST:** Reece Carstairs, Thomas Hudson, Flynn Davis, Lachlan Ritchie**THIRDS**Bairnsdale 1.2 6.7 9.11 12.13 (85)
Wonthaggi 0.4 0.4 1.5 2.5 (17)**BEST, Bairnsdale:** Jet Phillips, James Dore, Jamieson Humphreys, Archer Watt, Jesse Bills, Ethan Taylor**BEST, Wonthaggi:** Stewart Beaumont, Jai Williamson, Nathan Gundrill, Ethan Dickison, Jackson Baker, Kyle Yann

>> LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB


138 **44**
Leongatha 6.3 12.6 16.7 21.12 (138)
Moe 0.2 2.4 5.7 6.8 (44)**GOALS, Leongatha:** Aaron Heppell 4, Jack Hume 3, Jack Ginnane, Aaron Hillberg, Tom Marriott, Cameron Stone 2, Tom Crocker, Ned Hanly, Josh Hopkins, Luther Juric, Cade Maskell, Justin Pellicano 1 each**BEST:** Aaron Heppell, Justin Pellicano, Steve Forrester, Ned Hanly, Tom Marriott, Cade Maskell**GOALS, Moe:** Jacob Balfour, Matthew Barrand, James Blaser, Dylan Brooks, Harrison Pepper, Lucas Fry 1 each**BEST:** Trent Baldi, Matthew Heywood, Brock Smith, Ben Morrow, Jacob Wood, Jacob Balfour**RESERVES**Leongatha 7.4 14.5 25.6 30.11 (191)
Moe 0.0 2.0 2.0 3.0 (18)**GOALS, Leongatha:** Nick Nagel 7, Tallin Brill, Lachie Wright 5, Rhett Kelly, Nathan Trotto 4, Timothy Sauvain 2, Noah Fixter, Kim Drew, Jacob Lamers 1 each**BEST:** Joshua Schelling, Nick Nagel, Will Littlejohn, Jake Mackie, Tallin Brill, Jacob Lamers**GOALS, Moe:** Caleb Michie 3**BEST:** Sam Hanson, Aaron Wilson, Liam Michie, John Chessells, Caleb Michie, Liam Durkin**THIRDS**Moe 2.2 3.4 5.6 7.9 (51)
Leongatha 1.1 2.3 4.4 5.6 (36)**BEST, Moe:** Thomas Blackshaw, Jarryn Makepeace, Callum Nash, Brayden Jeffs, Dustin Blackshaw, Maclan McInnes**BEST, Leongatha:** Ty Hall, Xavier Bolge, Sebastian Borg, Wil Dawson, Lachlan Gill, Jesse Burns**FOURTHS**Leongatha 3.1 4.3 5.4 9.4 (58)
Moe 1.2 3.5 6.12 7.14 (56)**BEST, Leongatha:** Zavier Lamers, Hayden Bowler, Nathan Skewes, Jude Fixter, Julian Callahan, Aydan Williams**BEST, Moe:** Lincoln Roe, Liam Masters, Alex Styles, Zach Daley, Ashton Wanigavitharana, James Declan Pace

>> IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORSMorwell 16.17.113 d Drouin 8.8.56
Traralgon 14.14.98 d Sale 12.6.78

Maffra 17.8.110 d Warragul 9.13.67

RESERVESMorwell 14.16.100 d Drouin 6.3.39
Sale 13.4.82 d Traralgon 7.11.53

Maffra 14.9.93 d Warragul 2.3.15

THIRDSMorwell 8.4.52 d Drouin 7.7.49
Traralgon 13.5.83 d Sale 7.7.49

Warragul 7.14.56 d Maffra 3.6.24

FOURTHS

Drouin 12.16.88 d Morwell 6.4.40

Traralgon 13.12.72 d Sale 3.5.23

Warragul 9.14.68 d Maffra 10.4.64

Lindsay celebrates 150

Wonthaggi celebrated the 150th senior game of star player and captain Aiden Lindsay in style, defeating Bairnsdale by 55 points, with Lindsay instrumental in the win.

He booted four goals to be Power's most prolific scorer for the day.

Lindsay started his career at Wonthaggi in the under 13s, going on to play great football at Gippsland Power and Casey.

Representing Wonthaggi at senior level, he's won 6 Best & Fairest awards, and a league MVP.

He became a premiership player in 2008, and has been captain of the seniors since 2017.

"Aiden is the ultimate professional and leads by example always, and as a player he is tough and determined and brings his teammates into the game through his ability to win contested football," Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair said.

Blair said everyone at the club is grateful for Lindsay's



Wonthaggi's inspirational leader Aiden Lindsay gets set to run through the banner for his 150th senior game. z14_2222

ongoing commitment.

While the spotlight was on Lindsay on Saturday, Jordan Staley, Harry Dawson and Andrew Murray also did damage around the big sticks for the winning side, notching a couple of majors apiece.

Murray featured on Wonthaggi's best players list, behind Ryan Sparkes, and Lindsay.

Blair said everyone at the club is grateful for Lindsay's

with Power switched on from the outset.

Wonthaggi fans saw their side leap out to a 6-goal lead by quarter time, keeping Bairnsdale goalless for the opening term.

Bairnsdale showed pluck after the break, narrowly winning the second term, but Wonthaggi stepped up its performance after halftime to put the contest beyond doubt with a dominant third-term display.

That set up a commanding 47-point lead for Power heading into the last quarter.

While Wonthaggi could manage only a wayward 2.8(20) for the final term, Bairnsdale could register just two scores during that period, albeit maximum ones.

Bairnsdale coach Logan Austin, and Austin Hodge were the Redlegs' best, with Brayden McCarrey's pair of majors making him the beaten side's only multiple goalscorer.

Five other Redlegs managed a goal apiece.

Leongatha demolishes injury-hit Moe



The footy is hotly contested between Leongatha and Moe. A10_2222

HOPES of a tight and entertaining top-of-the-table clash were dashed, with Leongatha recording a thumping 94-point win over Moe in front of the Parrots' home crowd.

While Leongatha was the better side from the outset, and for most of the game, the Lions were decimated by injury throughout, starting the final term with no remaining bench players.

The Parrots set up a solid platform for their win with a terrific opening term that won praise from coach Trent McMicking.

"It's a 22-man effort and it's absolutely fantastic," he told his players at the first break, with Leongatha already 37 points up.

McMicking aptly described his side's first quarter tackling and forward pressure as 'elite'.

While the Parrots were easily the better team to that point, Moe had its moments, managing some impressive passages of play, but Leongatha's defence ensured they came to little, with the Lions mustering just a couple of behinds for the stanza.

Leongatha's dominance continued in the second quarter with the Parrots seizing a 62-point advantage by the long break.

Josh Hopkins was impressive for the home side,

extended its half time lead by three quarter time, that was a poor reflection of the third term, with the Parrots slotting three time-on goals.

Although Moe kept trying in the final term, its inability to rotate players was taking its toll, with Leongatha capitalising with five goals to one.

The Parrots were determined not to ease off in the final term after a calm but honest address from McMicking at the last change.

"It was pretty ordinary stuff," McMicking said, while acknowledging his team still fared ok on the scoreboard.

Aaron Heppell was one of those leading the way for the victorious Parrots, not only creating plenty of opportunities for teammates with his tenacious and creative play but booting four goals.

While Pellicano managed just one major, his confidence and ability to take on opponents helped bring teammates into the game.

Young small forward Ned Hanly again impressed for the high-flying Parrots, kicking a goal and being named in the winner's best.

While Moe found a few avenues to goal, no player managed more than a single major for the Lions.

Trent Baldi and Matthew Heywood were prominent for the beaten side.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 8

| SENIORS | W | L | % | pts | RESERVES | W | L | % | pts | THIRDS | W | L | % | pts | FOURTHS | W | L | % | pts |
|------------|---|---|--------|-----|------------|---|---|--------|-----|------------|---|---|--------|-----|------------|---|---|--------|-----|
| Leongatha | 8 | 0 | 248.56 | 32 | Leongatha | 8 | 0 | 610.53 | 32 | Maffra | 7 | 1 | 177.36 | 28 | Traralgon | 7 | 0 | 480.13 | 28 |
| Moe | 6 | 2 | 117.64 | 24 | Wonthaggi | 7 | 1 | 266.79 | 28 | Bairnsdale | 6 | 2 | 164.90 | 24 | Maffra | 6 | 1 | 209.45 | 24 |
| Traralgon | 5 | 3 | 153.32 | 20 | Maffra | 6 | 2 | 340.89 | 24 | Warragul | 5 | 2 | 221.46 | 20 | Warragul | 5 | 2 | 215.59 | 20 |
| Sale | 5 | 3 | 109.14 | 20 | Sale | 4 | 4 | 86.67 | 16 | Bairnsdale | 5 | 3 | 119.07 | 20 | Bairnsdale | 4 | 3 | 137.54 | 16 |
| Wonthaggi | 4 | 3 | 122.75 | 18 | Moe | 4 | 4 | 59.16 | 16 | Moe | 5 | 3 | 77.30 | 20 | Moe | 3 | 5 | 101.43 | 12 |
| Maffra | 4 | 4 | 115.47 | 16 | Morwell | 3 | 4 | 81.96 | 14 | Drouin | 3 | 5 | 92.92 | 12 | Leongatha | 3 | 4 | 71.97 | 12 |
| Morwell | 4 | 4 | 91.59 | 16 | Bairnsdale | 3 | 4 | 58.00 | 12 | Morwell | 3 | 5 | 86.67 | 12 | Drouin | 3 | 4 | 56.18 | 12 |
| Warragul | 1 | 6 | 59.59 | 6 | Warragul | 2 | 5 | 51.98 | 10 | Leongatha | 3 | 5 | 64.81 | 12 | Sale | 1 | 6 | 38.29 | 4 |
| Drouin | 1 | 7 | 55.35 | 4 | Traralgon | 1 | 7 | 49.86 | 4 | Sale | 2 | 6 | 67.64 | 8 | Morwell | 0 | 7 | 19.89 | 0 |
| Bairnsdale | 1 | 7 | 54.12 | 4 | Drouin | 1 | 6 | 36.84 | 4 | Wonthaggi | 1 | 7 | 60.27 | 4 | Wonthaggi | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |

Demons breaks Giants' hearts

KORUMBURRA-BENA gave its fans plenty of encouragement with a strong first half at home in the West Gippsland feature match of the round, taking it up to visitor Koo Wee Rup.

The Giants burst out of the blocks with three goals to none in the first quarter of an hour, with a couple of those going to the returning and imposing Paul Fermanis.

While Korumburra Bena has had bad luck with injuries sidelining recruits this season, Fermanis included, his return provided a prominent target and the kind of tough bustling presence that teammates feed off.

Just as the Giants threatened to take control of the game, Koo Wee Rup hit back through a strong Nathan Voss mark and resultant goal.

That got the Demons going as time on approached, with Voss inserting himself effectively into a number of contests and Bailey Galante becoming an increasingly assertive presence for the side.

While a Luke McMaster snap and Voss set shot put Koo Wee Rup just ahead by the first break, the Giants weren't discouraged.

They won a competitive, low-scoring second term, managing a couple of goals to one to lead by three points at the long break.

Play had scarcely resumed when powerhouse Fermanis attacked the floating Sherrin, pulling in another overhead mark and driving home an accurate set shot to extend the home side's lead.

However, Jason Wells wasted no time replying for the Demons, splitting the big sticks from close range.

With less than a goal separating the sides, an intriguing arm wrestle took place over the next few minutes appearing likely to set the tone for a tight and exciting finish.

Korumburra-Bena emerged from the deadlock impressively, managing two of the next three goals to lead by seven points halfway through



Paul Whelan leaps behind, still applying pressure against Koo Wee Rup despite their staggering seventy-point lead in the third quarter of the reserves clash. Z06_2222

the third term.

While the Giants appeared well positioned, Nathan Muratore raised his already terrific term in the midfield for the Demons to a higher level.

His brilliance and hard-at-the-footy approach lifted Koo Wee Rup which suddenly took complete control in the centre, driving repeatedly into attack and laying siege to the Korumburra-Bena backline.

A Giant-killing run of goals

resulted, blasting the Demons to a 27-point lead by the final change.

The Giants matched it with Koo Wee Rup in the last term but the damage was done.

Fermanis is Korumburra-Bena's leading goalkicker in 2022 and had lost none of his form, keeping Koo Wee Rup's backmen on their toes with a five-goal game.

While he was deservedly named the Giants' best, Fermanis was well supported

around the big sticks by Alaster Bradley, who snatched three majors.

The Demons had only four goalscorers, but prolific trio McMaster, Voss and Wells each notched four goals, with Mitch Cammarano kicking a couple.

While Cosi Anagnostou was the Demons' best for the match, Muratore's explosive third term was the biggest factor in Koo Wee Rup's 27-point win.

Bulldogs off to a flying start against Nar Nar Goon

AFTER a sprinkling of Friday rain, Saturday presented as clear and fine much to relief of the Bulldog faithful as the trek to Nar Nar Goon began.

Some stiff competition, including undefeated Reserves and Senior teams, awaited what presented as an excellent day of early winter football.

With the Bulldogs generally recovering from a stiff bout of flu and COVID cases in the preceding week, the sides were more settled. The Under 16s and 18s were also thankful to be back on the park after banking forfeits in the previous week.

Seniors

The step-up in competition was clear from the opening bounce, with stiff competition and the ball moving across the ground in the near perfect

conditions with lightning speed and precision.

After the obligatory tight opening, the Bulldogs settled better.

With smooth footy and quick movement, a lead was quickly established with goals coming from the on-ball trio of Youle, Kimber and Pedersen - aided and abetted by the ever-reliable Eli Richards.

Jack (Bison) Taylor started as he left off from last week in the first and was the fifth of the first quarter goalkickers.

A five-goal to one opening was to prove decisive to the overall outcome, with the boys from Nar Nar Goon playing catchup for the rest of the day.

And catchup they played. The second and third quarters showcased the skills of the game in this competition.

The Nar Nar Goon boys - led by Aidan Pipicelli and Jake Smith - were relentless. Goal

for goal, defence on defence, it was spectacular play as the ball moved from end-to-end with precision.

Daniel Pearce - back this week for the Bulldogs - was outstanding throughout these tight quarters, leading the Bulldogs' defence ably supported by Max Blake, Jesse Patullo and the Big G Officer.

The Taylor boys continued to combine sweetly, with notable contributions from Zak Vernon on ball, as well as wingers Kai MacKenzie and Matt Jones.

The difference at three-quarter time was effectively the same as the first-quarter time break.

Both sides looked to be heavily figured at the three-quarter break, so it looked as though it would all come down to the fitness levels of each team.

It was the Bulldogs who

were able to take the ascendancy early in the last, with early goals to Cam Brown and Cam Pedersen putting the game beyond the reach of the Gooners.

Nevertheless, they kept coming with strong defence and excellent ball movement to continue scoring - with Jake Smith, Dermott Yawney and Jeconiah Peni outstanding - and keep the Bulldogs honest.

Cam Pedersen dominated the last quarter with a further goal to seal the deal and the Bulldogs were in front by 33 at the final siren.

So, with the first big test of the three-week block against fellow finals bound teams scoring a resounding pass, thoughts turned to next week and the next big test against Tooradin-Dalmore in Tooradin. What a cracking game that promises to be.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 8

» KORUMBURRA-BENA FOOTBALL CLUB

97  **70**

KOO WEE RUP

KOR-BENA

| | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|
| Koo Wee Rup | 3.2 | 4.4 | 11.11 | 14.13 | (97) |
| Kor-Bena | 3.0 | 5.1 | 8.2 | 11.4 | (70) |

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Luke McMaster, Nathan Voss, Jason Wells 4, Mitchell Cammarano 2

BEST: Cosi Anagnostou, Nathan Muratore, Matthew Voss, Luke McMaster, Mitchell Cammarano, Bailey Galante

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Paul Fermanis 5, Alaster Bradley 3, Matt Kennewell, Wade MacDonald, Dylan West 1 each

BEST: Paul Fermanis, Josh Hargreaves, Daniel Brown, Darcy Hargrave, Alaster Bradley, Nicholas Besley

RESERVES

| | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Koo Wee Rup | 6.4 | 10.10 | 11.15 | 18.19 | (127) |
| Kor-Bena | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.4 | (10) |

BEST, Koo Wee Rup: Cody Miller, Samuel Cox, Nick McNamara, Marcus Clavant

BEST, Kor-Bena: Jasper Macri, Matthew Hancock, Jed Harris, Corey Whelan, Austin Gurnett, Charlie Moller

THIRDS

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|-------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| Kor-Bena | 0.0 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 6.3 | (39) |
| Koo Wee Rup | 0.6 | 1.7 | 2.12 | 3.15 | (33) |

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Max Donohue 3, Hamish Boys, Alessi Green, Mitchell Croatto 1 each

BEST: Hamish Boys, Player, Max Donohue, Charlie Moller, Alessi Green

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Max Allen, Joel Anderson, Tyler Evans 1 each

BEST: Corey Lucas, Cooper Webb, Seth O'Hehir, Kooee Dore Wilson, James Voss, Dante Di Pietro

FOURTHS

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|-------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|
| Kor-Bena | 2.1 | 56.4 | 7.6 | 9.8 | (62) |
| Koo Wee Rup | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | (7) |

BEST, Kor-Bena: Max Donohue, Tarkyn Walker, Bryce Riddell, Curtis Bailey, Zac Graham, Jake Fowles

BEST, Koo Wee Rup: Kyran Nicholls, Ethan Neill, Merrick Stewart-Wells, Cullen Anderson, Drew Simmons, Luke Briganti

» PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

101  **68**

PHILLIP ISLAND

NAR NAR GOON

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|----------------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|
| Phillip Island | 5.1 | 9.4 | 11.7 | 15.11 | (101) |
| Nar Nar Goon | 1.3 | 3.4 | 7.7 | 10.8 | (68) |

GOALS, Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen, Zak Vernon 3, Jordy Patullo 2, Cameron Brown, Brendan Kimber, Harry O'Brien, Eli Richards, Jack Taylor, Jaymie Youle, Ben Taylor 1 each

BEST: Daniel Pearce, Cameron Pedersen, Jack Taylor, Max Blake, Billy Taylor, Alexander Officer

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Dermott Yawney 4, Mitchell Homfray, Troy McDermott 2, Eamon Trigg, Cooper Pursell 1 each

BEST: Aidan Pipicelli, Mitchell Homfray, Jake Smith, Tex Marsham, Bradley Homfray, Jeconiah Peni

RESERVES

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|----------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Nar Nar Goon | 3.3 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 13.8 | (86) |
| Phillip Island | 1.4 | 2.4 | 3.5 | 6.7 | (43) |

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Nicholas Bransgrove 5, Jack Gribbin, Trent Noy, Jeffrey Poels, Matt Saunders, Kayne Somers, Michael Van Roy 1 each

BEST: Darcy Young, Trent Noy, Jai Hamilton, Nicholas Bransgrove, Bailey Beet, Michael Van Roy

GOALS, Phillip Island: Alex Duyker 3, James Nicolaci 2, Andrew Redmond 1

BEST: Tarquin McMillan, Luke Glossop, Andrew Redmond, Coby Olarenshaw, Orlando Kane Gillard, Alex Duyker

THIRDS

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Phillip Island | 1.2 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 6.6 | (42) |
| Nar Nar Goon | 0.1 | 1.3 | 3.5 | 5.6 | (36) |

GOALS, Phillip Island: Dylan Susic 4, Jai Coulton 2

BEST: Eden Goldsbury, Thomas Niven, Dylan Susic, Tully Dickie, Sunny Mattock, Jai Coulton

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Brody Allen 3, Kody Seing 2

BEST: Campbell Sheedy, Sam Coleman, Luke Mounter, Brody Allen, Connor King, Riley Sutherland

FOURTHS

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| Phillip Island | 3.2 | 6.5 | 10.5 | 13.9 | (87) |
| Nar Nar Goon | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 3.1 | (19) |

GOALS, Phillip Island: Charlie O'Garey 4, Noah Muller 3, Jack Huther, Cooper Walton 2, Daniel Caffieri, Benjamin Chihotski 1 each

BEST: Noah Muller, William Peppard, Darcy Thompson, Finn O'Brien, Charlie O'Garey, Max Arceo

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Wil Taylor 2, Kyron Smith 1

BEST: Jack Murphy, Jack Allchin, Kyron Smith, Jesse Smith, Chace Parker

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Tooradin-Dalmore **15.9.99** d Bunyip **6.5.41**
 Warragul Industrials **15.12.102** d Dalyston **10.6.66**
 Cora Lynn **15.11.101** d Garfield **5.6.36**
 Inverloch-Kongwak **18.16.124** d Kilcunda-Bass **4.8.32**
 Koo Wee Rup **14.13.97** d Korumburra-Bena **11.4.70**
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The rucks go at it.



Nathan Foote kicks under pressure from Inverloch's Lachlan Johnson. Photos: Aiden Box/Unboxed Photos.

Sea Eagles soar over Killy-Bass

INVERLOCH KONGWAK bled two more debutants in Campbell Scott and Callan O'Flynn and welcomed Kilcunda-Bass down the road.

The hosts burst out of the blocks and were able to find their spearhead Tristan Van Driel, who drew first blood early.

The Panthers lifted the pressure gauge for the rest of the quarter, quelling IK's run until O'Flynn got a chance at his first goal in senior footy.

He kicked truly sending his mates behind the goals into a frenzy and lifting his teammates as they swamped him.

Feeling energised, Oscar Toussaint was able to break out of the centre and Van Driel slotted his second, finding a third soon after thanks to a superb follow up from Campbell Scott.

In the absence of Marcus Toussaint, the debutant looked right at home handling the ruck duties, making an impact around the ground with his skill and speed.

By Aiden Box

Taylor Gibson was able to fire home a major in reply for the visitors, and Marcus Baxter's clever smother and snap from the pocket cut the lead to 12 at quarter time.

Nathan Foote was excellent through the midfield for Kilcunda-Bass, setting up another Baxter goal, trimming the lead to 15.

Following a brief stalemate, Jarvis Pryor bit off a magnificent inboard kick leading to Ethan Park's first.

This play appeared to open the hosts run and carry, as Corey Casey bagged his first and Joe Soumilas converted from deep.

The Sea Eagles took a 34-point lead into the main break, the Panthers were up for the fight.

The third term began with a strong surge from the visitors as Shem Hawking and the IK defence repelled.

The young Sea Eagles began to put their mark on the game and spark their older teammates as Park finished beautifully for his second,

and the first of the third.

Another goal to Van Driel pushed the lead out to 59, but it was the visitors who claimed the next major through Baxter who kicked his third.

But it was all IK to finish the term as Oscar Toussaint and Casey started to wreak havoc through the midfield.

Lachlan Scott and Clark ended the quarter with majors to their names, the Sea Eagle lead was 66 at the final break.

The final term started with more trademark IK run and carry from defence, but strong counterattack from Kilcunda-Bass.

The ball pinballed for much of the quarter, until Johnson went back bravely inside 50 and converted his second on the day.

Clark was able to add his fifth as the siren sounded on a triumphant 92-point win for IK, they'll look to repeat the dose next week in Garrowfield.

A brave effort from Kilcunda-Bass, they will host Bunyip next weekend.



Debutant Campbell Scott gets the hit out towards Oscar Toussaint.



Dalyton's Michael Harris launches to defend the incoming attack toward Warragul Industrial's goals. Z21_2222

Dusties polish off spirited Magpies

AFTER three consecutive hefty defeats Dalyton showed their faithful supporters that better days are on the horizon despite falling to the Dusties to the tune of six goals.

Any expectations of any easy victory that Warragul Industrials may have taken into their encounter with Dalyton were quickly extinguished. The Magpies on their home deck matched them practically goal for goal for three quarters only to fizzle out in the final term.

In clear but cool conditions both teams commenced brightly and traded goals in the first ten minutes. Travis Ogden posted the first for the visitors as Mason McGarrity found him free in space.

Mason Storr and Jack Murray answered for Dalyton but McGarrity who was looking lively kicked his first to level the scores.

First gamer Jaxon Foon started a good passage for the Magpies that ended with Matt Howell finding Blake Carew in the goal square, allowing them a four-point buffer at quarter time.

The second term saw big momentum swings. The Dusties with quick direct entries allowed their full forward Anthony Bruhn to post two early majors and Kyle Beveridge added another with a beautifully executed set shot from the half forward flank.

Dalyton retaliated with the next two, both scored by Storr off the back of good ball use of Hayden Wallis, who was rebounding all the Dusties attempted clearances. The home team had upped the ante, persisting with team pressure and second efforts, that were rewarded when Michael Marotta snapped truly

from 35 metres.

The Industrials not to be denied pushed forward and Gibson's run and carry resulted in a goal to Todd Beck. When Beveridge kicked his second, Warragul held sway by 7 points at the main break.

The start of the third term had the home crowd abuzz with goals to Murray, Carew (with a long bomb) and Storr, with his fourth, opening proceedings. Holding a ten-point advantage Dalyton were energised and the game had lifted to a new level.

The pressure was on at both ends of the ground with defenders owning the contest. The pendulum finally swung when Dalyton, under pressure, scooped the ball on the last line and McGarrity made them pay for the error.

In time on, Storr missed with a long ping from outside 50, only for Dusties' Bailey Beck to edge his team back three points ahead with a last-minute goal.

The messaging from coach Harmit Singh at the last break didn't fall on deaf ears and the Dusties held their nerve.

McGarrity saluted with his third goal only for Dalyton's Murfett to peg it back immediately.

The heat remained in the contest, but the Dusties picked a path through the tiring Dalyton defence for the final fifteen minutes. The Beck brothers, Gibson and Oldham pumped the ball forward and the final five goals added icing to their day's work.

Warragul slip into fifth with their victory and will hope to consolidate that top five position when they host Koo Wee Rup. The Magpies will travel to Cora Lynn.



Dalyton's Brad Monson led his opponent to the contest to take this strong mark on the half back flank as the game was in the balance. Z22_2222

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

| SENIORS | | | | | | RESERVES | | | | | | THIRDS | | | | | | FOURTHS | | | | | | ROUND 8 | | | |
|----------------|---|---|--------|----|----------------|----------|-----|---------|----|----------------|--------|--------|--------|------|----------------|---|---|---------|--------|----------------|---|---|--------|---------|--|--|--|
| W | L | % | pts | W | L | % | pts | W | L | % | pts av | W | L | % | pts av | W | L | % | pts av | W | L | % | pts av | | | | |
| Tooradin-Dal | 8 | 0 | 293.60 | 32 | Tooradin-Dal | 8 | 0 | 1518.06 | 32 | Inverloch-K | 7 | 0 | 965.43 | 4.00 | Inverloch-K | 7 | 0 | 665.59 | 4.00 | Inverloch-K | 7 | 0 | 665.59 | 4.00 | | | |
| Phillip Island | 8 | 0 | 228.57 | 32 | Phillip Island | 7 | 1 | 265.22 | 28 | Garfield | 5 | 2 | 254.55 | 2.86 | Warragul Ind | 7 | 1 | 400.59 | 3.50 | Warragul Ind | 7 | 1 | 400.59 | 3.50 | | | |
| Nar Nar Goon | 7 | 1 | 172.13 | 28 | Nar Nar Goon | 7 | 1 | 201.92 | 28 | Cora Lynn | 5 | 2 | 101.47 | 2.86 | Phillip Island | 6 | 1 | 324.14 | 3.43 | Phillip Island | 6 | 1 | 324.14 | 3.43 | | | |
| Inverloch-K | 6 | 2 | 198.87 | 24 | Bunyip | 6 | 2 | 220.00 | 24 | Tooradin-Dal | 4 | 2 | 309.63 | 2.67 | Garfield | 5 | 2 | 138.36 | 2.86 | Garfield | 5 | 2 | 138.36 | 2.86 | | | |
| Warragul Ind | 5 | 3 | 141.88 | 20 | Koo Wee Rup | 5 | 3 | 160.18 | 20 | Phillip Island | 4 | 2 | 103.11 | 2.67 | Kor-Bena | 4 | 3 | 197.28 | 2.29 | Kor-Bena | 4 | 3 | 197.28 | 2.29 | | | |
| Bunyip | 4 | 4 | 122.29 | 16 | Cora Lynn | 4 | 4 | 136.57 | 16 | Nar Nar Goon | 3 | 3 | 107.97 | 2.00 | Koo Wee Rup | 4 | 4 | 78.68 | 2.00 | Koo Wee Rup | 4 | 4 | 78.68 | 2.00 | | | |
| Koo Wee Rup | 4 | 4 | 82.93 | 16 | Inverloch-K | 4 | 4 | 111.80 | 16 | Koo Wee Rup | 2 | 5 | 81.76 | 1.14 | Bunyip | 2 | 5 | 103.87 | 1.14 | Bunyip | 2 | 5 | 103.87 | 1.14 | | | |
| Cora Lynn | 3 | 5 | 101.37 | 12 | Warragul Ind | 3 | 5 | 86.00 | 12 | Kor-Bena | 2 | 5 | 42.92 | 1.14 | Kilcunda-Bass | 2 | 5 | 28.41 | 1.14 | Kilcunda-Bass | 2 | 5 | 28.41 | 1.14 | | | |
| Dalyton | 1 | 7 | 42.16 | 4 | Dalyton | 2 | 6 | 55.49 | 8 | Bunyip | 1 | 6 | 37.82 | 0.57 | Dalyton | 2 | 5 | 51.30 | 1.00 | Dalyton | 2 | 5 | 51.30 | 1.00 | | | |
| Kor-Bena | 1 | 7 | 41.34 | 4 | Garfield | 1 | 7 | 38.04 | 4 | Dalyton | 0 | 5 | 7.52 | 0.00 | Nar Nar Goon | 1 | 6 | 36.00 | 0.57 | Nar Nar Goon | 1 | 6 | 36.00 | 0.57 | | | |
| Kilcunda-Bass | 1 | 7 | 40.15 | 4 | Kor-Bena | 1 | 6 | 16.96 | 4 | Kilcunda-Bass | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | Tooradin-D | 0 | 7 | 5.53 | 0.00 | Tooradin-D | 0 | 7 | 5.53 | 0.00 | | | |
| Garfield | 0 | 8 | 31.89 | 0 | Kilcunda-Bass | 0 | 8 | 10.96 | 0 | Warragul Ind | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | Cora Lynn | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | Cora Lynn | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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» INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

» KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

124 INVERLOCH-K **32** KILCUNDA-BASS

Inverloch-K 4.3 8.8 14.13 18.16 (124)

Kilcunda-Bass 2.3 3.4 4.7 4.8 (32)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Dylan Clark 5, Tristan Van Driel 4, Lachlan Johnson, Ethan Park 2, Corey Casey, Lachlan Scott, Oscar Toussaint, Callan O'Flynn 1 each

BEST: Dylan Clark, Corey Casey, Oscar Toussaint, Lachlan Scott, Ethan Park

GOALS, K-Bass: Marcus Baxter 3, Taylor Gibson 1

BEST: Nathan Foote, Dale Gawley, Jack Soroczynski, Taylor Gibson, Zach Stewart, Thomas West

RESERVES

Inverloch-K 3.3 9.6 11.7 16.9 (105)

Kilcunda-Bass 0.0 2.0 3.1 3.2 (20)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Patrick Jobling 5, Dylan Taylor 3, Andre Toussaint, Joshua Bertacco 2, Mitch Hewitson, Jasper Kempster, Malachy O'Flynn, Ashton Hewitson 1 each

BEST: Jordan Tomas, Mitch Hewitson, Lucas Harmer, Jed Rosenow, Emmet Taranto, Patrick Jobling

GOALS, K-Bass: Michael Gatherum, William Speed 1 each

BEST: Phillip Winmar, Anthony Jerrard, William Campbell, Isaac Sinniah

FOURTHS

Inverloch-K 4.3 8.9 12.11 12.11 (83)

Kilcunda-Bass 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jobe Scapin, Harry Butcher 3, Rem Dal Pozzo 2, Willem Duursma, Jett Garnham, Max Scott, Xavier Lindsay 1 each

BEST: Jobe Scapin, Andot Mankhong, Luke Williams, Jasper Cousins, Charlie Shaddock, Harry Butcher

BEST, K-Bass: Trent Cartmel, Thomas Bartels, Matthew Dakin, Alexander Barbuti, Xavier Azzato, Oliver Marks

» DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

102 DALYSTON **66**

WARRAGUL IND DALYSTON

Warragul Ind 2.3 7.4 9.8 15.12 (102)

Dalyton 3.1 6.3 9.5 10.6 (66)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Mason McGarrity 4, Kyle Beveridge, Anthony Bruhn 3, Travis Ogden 2, Bailey Beck, Todd Beck, Will Gibson 1 each

BEST: Kyle Staples, Anthony Bruhn, Mason McGarrity, Matthew Herbert, Kyle Beveridge, Michael Ablett

GOALS, Dalyton: Mason Storr 4, Blake Carew, Jack Murray 2, Michael Marotta, Curtis Murfett 1 each

BEST: Mason Storr, Michael Marotta, Curtis Murfett, Michael Harris, Louis Armstrong, Hayden Wallis

RESERVES

Dalyton 4.2 5.4 7.5 9.6 (60)

Warragul Ind 1.1 4.2 4.3 4.3 (27)

GOALS, Dalyton: Alexander Geyer 2, Adam Banks, John Jones, Benjamin Lewis, Kyle Wright, Dean Wylie, Jack Legione, Joshua Wright 1 each

BEST: Alexander Geyer, Fraser West, Jack Legione, Benjamin Lewis, Ash Chetland, Kyle Wright

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Josh Baker, Stephen Joyce, Noah Glen 1 each

BEST: Noah Glen, Sam Davies, Darcy Norton, Kiel Vann, Stephen Joyce

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind 4.3 8.6 14.7 18.8 (122)

Dalyton 0.0 0.1 0.1 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: William Brewer 6, Zac Tepper, Jarrod West 3, Regan Awty, Joshua Bradley, Stephen Oling 1 each

BEST: Alixander Tauru, Campbell Gibbons, Jarrod West, William Brewer, Noah McDonald, Declan Burton

GOALS, Dalyton: Will Chisholm 1

BEST: Jaye Woods, Chase Krause, Noah Shepherd, Noah Forrest Mabilia, Riley Sharp, Max Connell

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Bowen Gough swims his way into the Australian team for this year's FINA World Championships and Commonwealth Games.

Gough to represent Australia

BASS-RAISED swimmer Bowen Gough is ready to represent Australia at the 2022 FINA World Championships and the 2022 Commonwealth Games, having qualified for the 200m butterfly at both.

Now aged 24, Gough has devoted years of hard work to reach this point, having started out at South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club when he was seven.

After the disappointment of narrowly missing selection for last year's Tokyo Olympics, due to placing third, and despite making the required qualifying time, he took a break to reassess his goals.

"It was hard last year because the pinnacle of our sport is the

Olympics and the planning coaches do for you is in a four-year cycle, and it was shattering to swim under the qualifying time but come third," Gough said.

"I had to think about if I wanted to try and do it again, and there's always the risk that the same result happens, but I decided I was going to go all in and leave no regrets."

That renewed commitment prompted a move to Queensland, under the watch of experienced coach Michael Bohl, who Gough considers the best coach in Australia.

"I didn't have any regrets about how I prepared for Tokyo, but Queensland's the mecca for swimming in Australia, and it's

a perfect environment for swimming, and I didn't want to look back and say, 'I wish I'd given it a go,'" Gough said.

He made the move to the Sunshine State from Melbourne last November.

Gough is inspired by squad members including Emma McKeon, Kaylee McKeown, and Mack Horton.

"I think there are seven of us going to the World Champs from my group and 10 to the Commonwealth Games, and being surrounded by world class swimmers every day has made me a better swimmer," Gough said.

He explained that Bohl's experience combined with his calm demeanour are reasons for the

coach's success.

"He's so relaxed and so good at planning for every individual and he gives you confidence," Gough said.

Previously, Gough identified his starts and turns as areas in need of improvement.

"The turns are certainly more competitive this year but there's still some work to improve on the start," he said.

Achieving better underwater dolphin kicks has been a major focus in improving his turns.

"My underwater kicking speed isn't quite as fast as some others, but I'm probably the fastest swimmer on top of the water," Gough said.

The team leaves on June 4,

with a two-week training camp in Slovakia leading into the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

"I can't wait because I've been trying for so long to get onto that stage," Gough said.

"Once I realised I'd made the team it was just relief, and now real excitement to get over and have a crack against the best in the world."

He was delighted his parents, Owen and Michelle, were in the stands to watch him qualify after they were unable to make it to the Olympic trials due to COVID border issues.

The Sentinel-Times looks forward to following Bowen's progress on the world stage.



Bowen Gough is congratulated after achieving his long-held ambition of qualifying for the Australian swimming team.

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