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San Remo's Irene Penn went all out for Halloween at her haunted house on Ocean View Avenue, welcoming a big crowd of trick or treaters on the big day, Monday, October 31.

Cape, Woods fears remain

EASILY the largest number of submissions to the State Government's controversial Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process came from those opposed to the expansion of Cape Paterson and the sand mining which is destroying the Western Port Woodlands.

Now they're angry and disappointed that there won't be an outcome until after the State Election, well after.

Last week, Bass MP Jordan Crugnale put out a statement saying the final shape of town boundaries and other planning protections proposed under the DAL were at least 12 months away.

"People around here are absolutely exhausted responding to this," said Cape

Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association spokesman John Coulter.

"The submissions from Cape Paterson, opposing the expansion of the town north beyond Seaward Drive and from those who want to save the Western Port Woodlands made up a significant number of the thousands of submissions received," he said.

"They announced they were doing the DAL before the last election, and that coastal landscapes would be protected but we would have hoped they would have finalised it by now."

Mr Coulter said the "vast majority" of Cape Paterson people were opposed to the expansion of the town north and wanted

a clear statement from the government to that effect before the election.

They'll have to hurry: The caretaker period for the 2022 Victorian election commences at 6pm tonight, Tuesday, November 1, 2022 after which time the Labor Party will be on the same footing as the Coalition in being able to make election promises but not policy statements.

Mr Coulter said that while the draft DAL allowed for the town to grow north, there was also support within the landscape reports for protection of the biolinks areas leading back from the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park into natural bush areas beyond Seaward Drive.

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Flying Doctor Wellbeing expands to Bass Coast

THE Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Victoria is expanding its mental health service, Flying Doctor Wellbeing, to the Bass Coast Shire to help address the region's significant lack of accessible mental health support.

The expansion will see a locally-based fully qualified clinical psychologist offer face-to-face and telehealth appointments to community members aged 18 and above, completely free of charge. Officially commencing in the first week of November, the service will initially operate in Wonthaggi one day per week and in Grantville one day per week, with additional days to be offered on Phillip Island from January 2023.

"It has been known for some time that there are unmet mental health needs in the region," says Carol Kahn, Health Services manager for Mental Health and Wellbeing at RFDS Victoria.

"It is our hope to have a positive impact on the emotional wellbeing of individuals in communities of the Bass Coast."

Flying Doctor Wellbeing was



The Royal Flying Doctor Service is expanding to Bass Coast.

launched by RFDS Victoria in 2017, to provide vulnerable rural and remote Victorian communities with free access to quality mental health services.

The service is part of RFDS Victoria's commitment to helping decrease mental ill health in rural communities, and breaking down barriers to accessing quality health care and wellbeing support. Flying Doctor Wellbeing is currently

operational in a number of Gippsland communities, including Mallacoota, Cann River and Yarram, where it has played a critical role in supporting community members through traumas related to bushfires, floods and the COVID-19 pandemic.

"No cost services are particularly important in rural locations where resources are quite limited, so we are

delighted to offer the services at no charge," says Carol.

The expansion of Flying Doctor Wellbeing to the Bass Coast Shire is made possible by funding from the Gippsland Primary Health Network.

Community members who are interested in learning more about the service are encouraged to contact the Flying Doctor Wellbeing team on (03) 8412 0480.

Cape Paterson, Woodlands fears remain



There's growing opposition to the expansion of Cape Paterson north, impacting生物 links to the foreshore and the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park, which provide habitat for endangered species. Signs like this have appeared around the town.

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The CPRRA referred extensively to these areas in their submission back in April 2022, while raising concerns about threatened species and areas of Aboriginal significance in the north Cape Paterson expansion area.

Jordan Crugnale announced last week that more time was needed to consider the submissions and to prepare a response ahead of further public consultation.

"The Andrews Labor Government is protecting the coastal landscapes, farmland and biodiversity on the Bass Coast so that locals and visitors can continue to enjoy what makes the area so special for generations to come," Ms Crugnale said.

"All written submissions to the draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) and proposed landscape plan-

ning controls have been referred to the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee for independent advice.

"This process will ensure the community can continue to have its say on stronger protections for the character of the Bass Coast.

The Committee will provide timely advice on the draft SPP and will make recommendations including on whether or not it creates an appropriate framework for the future use and development of land in the Bass Coast declared area.

"Everyone who has made a written submission on the draft Bass Coast SPP and proposed landscape planning controls will be given an opportunity to be part of the committee process," Ms Crugnale said.

"The Committee process

is expected to run for six months from its establishment, and is expected to be completed within 12 months. The Committee has 40 business days from the completion of its proceedings to provide its report to the Minister.

The draft Bass Coast SPP includes protected settlement boundaries for 25 of its townships: Bass, Cape Paterson, Cape Woolamai, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Cowes and Silverleaves, Dalyston, Grantville, Harmers Haven, Inverloch, Jam Jerrup, Kilcunda, Newhaven, Pioneer Bay and The Gurdies, Rhyll, San Remo, Smiths Beach, Sunset Strip, Sunderland Bay, Surf Beach, Tenby Point, Ventnor, and Wimbledon Heights.

A protected settlement boundary is also proposed for Wonthaggi, with the boundary location being subject to further work."

DAL could cost us, says Council

DELAYS to the finalisation of the controversial Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes process, that infamously proposed to stop farmers building wire fences, is causing another sort of headache for the Bass Coast Shire Council.

Given that reference to the distinctive area's declaration has been included in many Bass Coast planning documents and those still in development, we asked Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan what the delay might mean.

Both the shire's Township Character Assessment and Landscape Character Assessment were prepared as input into the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project, ready to make key changes to the planning scheme about height limits, vegetation removal, town boundaries and such things as protection from coastal erosion.

Now all that will have to wait, following an announcement by the State Government through Bass MP Jordan Crugnale.

"Council has not had formal notification of the decision and is following up with the Department and will take a little time to fully consider whether there are any implications arising," said Cr Whelan.

"You will recall that Council, in its submission on the DAL, sought planning panel consideration on a number of key points specifically Cape Paterson North, Newhaven West and the Grantville Industrial area. Council considered that more work was required on these matters," he said.

"I have an initial concern over the apparent scope of the Panel reference in that it does not specify areas of focus and that the whole of the DAL may be the subject of examination.

"This could drive Council's costs considerably and hence the budget if we are required to be represented across the full DAL Scope. Costs could reach into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"One Gippsland has previously raised the cost of inquiries such as this as well as Environmental Effects Statements with government and advised that the costs can be crippling for rural and regional councils.

"One Gippsland is advocating for a better approach to the management of inquiries and is seeking assistance for Councils in representing their communities on these legal inquiries.

"Our costs for this inquiry could run to into the hundreds of thousands of dollars."

As to whether the decision impacts Council over planning matters, he said Council had already introduced town boundaries and they are set out in the Planning Scheme.

"Council's work on the Neighbourhood Character study, Rural Tourism and Affordable Housing Strategy are progressing well and Council will be well prepared for those parts of the Panel's considerations," he said.

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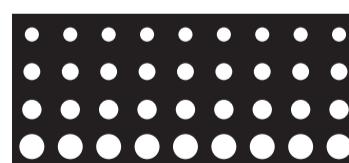


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Wind PM: W 20-30km/h

8° **14°**



WED | Nov 2

Showers.

Wind AM: W 25-40km/h
Wind PM: W 25-40km/h

7° **15°**



THUR | Nov 3

Showers.

Wind AM: W 25-35km/h
Wind PM: SW 20-25km/h

9° **15°**



FRI | Nov 4

Possible shower.

Wind AM: SW 15-25km/h
Wind PM: SW 15-25km/h

9° **16°**



SAT | Nov 5

Partly cloudy.

Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

7° **18°**



SUN | Nov 6

Shower or two.

Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

10° **20°**

IN BRIEF

Distinctive restaurant sold in San Remo

THE distinctive San Remo Chinese Restaurant building, at 163 Marine Parade San Remo, has been sold.

And after an extended period of time being closed for business, it looks set to be reopened, not necessarily as a Chinese restaurant though, but certainly something commercial.

According to the selling agent, Dominic Tallon of Tallon Estate Agents in Hastings, the property sold for \$905,000 with the purchaser keen to lease the site out again soon.

"The previous owners and operators had it for 30-plus years and their family was initially looking for someone to take over the business but now the opportunity is there for someone else to operate a business in a prominent location," Mr Tallon said.

He said he was pleased with the level of inquiry during the expression of interest period and a sale was concluded quickly thereafter.

Hoon drivers must be stopped, locals say

LOCAL residents are fed up with constant hoon activity at Kongwak roundabout along Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road.

A resident contacted the Sentinel-Times highlighting a recent event of vandalism where tyre marks, destroyed signs and vegetation are visible.

They stated the community is fed up with reckless drivers as the roundabout had been re-landscaped and beautified recently.

"Saturday morning (October 21) locals and road-users woke to carnage," they said.

"Shredded tyre debris, skid marks, busted signage and signposts and landscaped

areas gouged and decimated by tyre tracks.

Residents have tolerated late-night tyre screeching and revving exhausts for many years, but are bitterly disappointed by the malicious intent and elevation in severity of this recent act.

Action will be taken to see that this behaviour does not continue."

Korumburra Police confirmed they are aware of the situation and noted hoon driving had been an ongoing issue at the roundabout.

Police said not only were hoon drivers putting themselves at risk, but also innocent drivers and pedestrians.

Highway Patrol will be ramping up operations in the area with an increased presence to deter hoon activity.

Raise funds for Rotary and enjoy a night out

THE Rotary Club of Wonthaggi are pleased to announce the return of the popular Annual Dinner Auction.

The major recipients of funds raised this year will again be local organisations and individual projects in the Wonthaggi area, including support for families experiencing the impact of the increase in the cost of living.

The event will be held at the Wonthaggi Golf Club on Friday, November 18, from 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

There will be a three-course meal included in the ticket price. There will also be a raffle and a door prize.

Ticket sales will be available soon from the Wonthaggi Club, the Golf Club, direct bank transfer or online.

Contributions can be in the form of goods, service vouchers or cash donations.

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numbers below.

Ray McCurry dinner auction chair 0410 017 036

Bruce Kent director community/youth 0411837 467

Police fed up with alcohol related offending

YARRAM Police were extremely frustrated following an incident in the area that was directly related to alcohol fuelled offending.

On October 26, a 22-year-old Yarram female was arrested by police in relation to charges of Intentionally Causing Injury to a 21-year-old male after an incident at a local licensed venue in Yarram on October 21.

The female was released on summons and is expected to be charged pending finalisation of the investigation.

The male is also expected to be issued penalty notices in relation to his behaviour both before and after the incident.

Both the female and the male will also be placed on the local Liquor Accord, banning them from local licensed venues for 12 months.

Any witnesses to the incident are asked to contact Yarram Police on 03 5182 5033.

This incident comes off the back of Yarram Police detecting multiple drink drivers of concerningly high levels the week prior.

Yarram Police will be working heavily with both local Highway Patrol and Liquor Control Victoria to combat the current identified issues.

"I am extremely frustrated that we had police on duty, not only at the time but also in the immediate area, and still nothing was reported," Yarram Police OIC - Sergeant Bainbridge said.

"I am calling all members of the community to assist police in stamping out this idiotic and dangerous behaviour that is being committed by a very small minority."

"The community has the right to be safe both on the

roads and in our local venues. Yarram Police will be targeting this behaviour heavily over the next six months with a zero tolerance. Enough is enough."

Greens reveal plans for education

THE Victorian Greens have announced their new education policies ahead of the election, featuring a \$1.46 billion dollar investment over the next five years into public schools.

The Greens 'Quality, Genuinely Free Public Schools' policy seeks to provide more teachers, better support for disadvantaged students and to abolish out-of-pocket expenses like school fees and contributions, uniform costs, incursions/excursions and paying for devices and subscriptions.

Greens candidate for Gippsland South Jay Tiziani-Simpson wants to see public schools in Gippsland empowered to provide 'world-class education.'

"It's not just about funding, it's about listening to the educators and giving them the support where it's desperately needed. We have some massive issues in our education system and the school communities themselves are the ones with the answers, they just need to be heard!"

"We'll help our local schools by giving them confidence in the fact that they will have the high-quality facilities and fundamental support that they need, and politicians who understand and care about the public education system."

The Greens are also seeking additional funding from the federal government to 100 per cent of Gonski school resource standard, by the start of the 2023 school year.

The State Government had allocated \$1.7 billion to school education through the Victorian Budget 2022/23.



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There's plenty wrong with our councils, they say

IF COUNCILLOR Bruce Kent reports what he heard at a special forum called by the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association in Wonthaggi last Saturday afternoon, October 29, and he can get four other councillors to support him, there should be root and branch change at the Bass Coast Shire Council.

There was simply no denying that what one of the guest speakers, Cr Heather Wellington of the Surf Coast Shire, had to say about what's wrong with local councils, clearly applies to Bass Coast.

President of the ratepayers' group, Kevin Griffin, said as much at the end of Cr Wellington's address.

"The issue of transparency is very dear to my heart," said Cr Wellington, a qualified doctor, lawyer and long-serving councillor (9 years at Surf Coast, 4 years at Geelong).

She said she'd had to fight tooth and nail at both councils to get even basic information to answer questions from local residents, only to be told that all she would be given was the information needed to make decisions at up-coming council meetings.

"I was constantly told that the issue was an operational matter which wasn't a councillors' role.

"But are you going to tell me that if Qantas staff were going to leave the passengers' luggage behind, that a director of the company couldn't get involved because it was an operational matter, that's rubbish."

Cr Wellington related the story about when she first became a Geelong councillor, she thought she was doing the right thing going out to visit residents who had been trying to get action for 10 years on the number of gravel trucks using a residential road.

"There were 100 trucks-a-day and they were being driven mad by the dust and noise.

"I asked to be briefed about what permits were in place and over the course of 12 weeks, I exchanged 50 emails with staff, following up, only to be told that my questions were causing staff stress. These were senior officers, not administration staff but after that I stopped communicating with senior staff and went exclusively through the CEO.

"I was initially told that there would be an investigation but later they came back and said they were simply reviewing the relationship



Local Liberal candidate for Bass Aaron Brown chats with guest speakers at the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents forum last Saturday, including (from left) Shadow Minister for Local Government, Richard Riordan, Surf Coast Shire Councillor Heather Wellington, Ratepayers Victoria Inc Kelvin Granger and BCRRRA President Kevin Griffin.

between council and administration and would be preparing a new policy.

"They said I couldn't have the document, that all I was entitled to was the documents needed to make decisions at the council table."

Cr Wellington said she ultimately won the day, despite not receiving support from her fellow councillors, resorting to making an FOI application for the release of the report, which council took to VCAT when the FOI process came out in her favour, some 18 months later.

"I eventually got the documents, but it took a long time, and the council finally had to admit there was no permit in place and the truck movements were stopped."

She said councillors needed to involve themselves in helping residents solve their problems with council when necessary.

And if they were afraid of answering direct questions from residents and ratepayers they probably weren't suited to the role.

Cr Wellington said that while the process took a long time and she was blamed for allegedly costing the shire's administration time and the council legal expenses, it ultimately led to a freer exchange of information between councillors and the administration.

So, what's wrong with council?

* Councillors are far too dependent on administration

1. Induction and ongoing education and training should be by independent experts not senior officers

2. Officers induct councillors and then spend many hours each month briefing them.

3. Many councillors have no experience working with large organisations and managing CEOs.

4. No clear mechanism to challenge inappropriate application of governance rules in council meetings (e.g. when Mayor Whelan moved adoption motion for Annual Report at last week's meeting.

5. Councillors are overwhelmed by complex information, lack confidence to question or object and are often frustrated by the lack of access to information.

6. Governance reviews often focus on the 'problems' of 'councillor conduct and behaviour' without considering the interface with the organisation.

7. The dynamic of the councillors hiring the CEO, for the CEO to then hold the councillors accountable doesn't work.

8. A common theme was of councillors frustrated by being blocked, feeling intimidated or not being listened to or being refused information. Councillors don't want to reflect negatively on the organisation but revealed alarming concerns about the quality of their interaction with their organisation and their councillors that needs to be addressed as a priority for the health of the sector.

* What should change?

1. Compulsory disclosure and verification of candidate credentials

2. Local Government Act 2020 should define the role of councillors as including community representation both within and outside the chamber, and to imbed councillor right to access information.

3. Have common governance

rules across all councils with limited capacity for local variations.

4. Education of both officers and councillors about different roles and effective governance relationships.

5. Establish a councillor peer professional organisation to support councillors (e.g. 'Councillors Victoria').

6. Councillor access to expert, independent advice, possibly with two non-elected 'expert' councillors added to each council to support decision-making.

Cr Wellington was also asked about the locally vexed question of "council question time", saying that if the administration didn't like the way processes such as question time were going, they would often seek to review the local laws, so that they could change the rules.

Cr Wellington said, as a councillor, she had recognised that 48 closed briefings sessions for 12 open council meetings was more an attempt to control council than it was to get good decisions and she had stopped going to briefings, instead conducting her own research and encouraging residents to write letters, petition and campaign for action and change.

Another guest speaker, the Shadow Minister for Local Government, Richard Riordan, from Colac, promised a review of the Local Government Act and the rating system if the Coalition won government, saying also that councils needed a clear focus on their responsibilities for local infrastructure and services, rather than on global, national and state issues.

Sustainability lessons from Yackandandah

By Sustainable Meeniyian

SUSTAINABLE Meeniyian is the new group established with the support of Meeniyian Festival and Events Inc (garlic festival) to support major sustainable projects in Meeniyian.

Our goal is to mobilise our community to undertake projects and make adaptations necessary to become a more self-sufficient, sustainable, low-carbon community that is resilient to shocks and emergencies.

As part of our initial planning exercise the following key initiatives were identified:

- Developing a community renewable energy systems
- Promoting and facilitating energy efficient households
- (Dealing with emergencies and emergency management: connected to community renewable energy)
- Rewilding and bushland Regeneration Wildlife Corridors

Phillip Island, Venus Bay, Sandy Point, Mirboo North have already started on the journey. Korumburra and Leongatha have an interest group exploring options, and now Meeniyian has a Sustainable Meeniyian Group exploring options for positive local action.

Through personal contacts the pathbreaking work of Totally Renewable Yackandandah was identified as an exemplar of best practice.

Matt Charles Jones the president of Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY) has accepted and invitation to speak at a workshop for the whole community of Southern Gippsland.

The event is being supported by Gippsland Climate Change Network, Just Transition South Gippsland and Prom Area Climate Action.

We are sponsoring a public/community meeting with Matt Charles Jones from Yackandandah November 9, at 6:30pm, Meeniyian Town Hall.

As the president of Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY) he will share the story of a towns amazing community engagement, action on community renewable energy systems, community owned businesses and sustainability methods.

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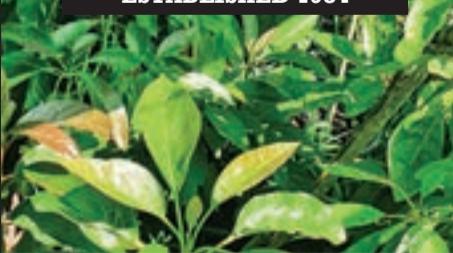
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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

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This is why Bass Coast Shire Council, has asked the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) to advocate to the Victorian Government to achieve the following outcomes:

- Additional funding for career assistance for kindergarten educators to ensure the successful implementation of the increased 3-year-old kindergarten hours.
- Adopt a child and family-centric model and prioritise co-location of new and existing kindergartens on primary school or P-12 sites.
- Fund Councils' full costs recovery to undertake the coordination and centralisation registration process for kindergartens. The funding model must reflect increases in population and all legislated requirements.

Council supports the roll out of accessible places by coordinating the central registration process. We undertake this on behalf of the State, contributing more than 50 per cent of the costs. It is time that the model was funded appropriately.

This commitment to funded 3-year-old kindergarten is good for children, families and Bass Coast communities and it's pleasing to see investment in free courses for early childhood educators. I welcome the injection of funds from state and federal governments into this vital sector but more needs to be done.

The staggering skills shortage across Australia continues to hit early education exceptionally hard. The Victorian Skills Plan revealed the state needs 41,000 more workers in education, including Early Childhood Teachers. For those eligible, free courses in Early Childhood Education are available at Chisholm TAFE's Bass Coast Campus. Support is also available for degree students at Wonthaggi's Country Universities Centre Bass Coast Campus, enabling study close to home in a supported environment.

This is a career in demand. Australia needs 29,000 more early childhood teachers by 2023 to cater for the projected number of preschool age children.

This is an important issue for councils across the state which we here in Bass Coast will continue to prioritise.



Plans have been submitted with Bass Coast Shire to develop two, five-storey apartment buildings at 6-12 Warley Avenue, Cowes.

91 apartments slated for Warley Avenue

AFTER much anticipation plans have been revealed for two, five-storey apartment buildings at 6-12 Warley Avenue, Cowes.

The \$25M proposal comprises of 91 apartments over 5 levels with a maximum building height of 16.2 metres.

At ground floor, the alfresco lobby is accessed via Warley Avenue and has been centrally located between the two proposed buildings.

The subject site is located at the former Warley Hospital.

According to plans submitted with Bass Coast Shire, "the development seeks to capitalise upon the coastal location and incorporate complementary materials and finishes to provide a striking development within Cowes. A total of 91

dwellings are proposed, comprising two five-storey buildings above basement and mezzanine carpark."

The buildings will include 15 one-bedroom apartments, 62 two-bedroom apartments and 14 three-bedroom apartments.

There will also be a total of 117 car parking spaces.

Other key aspects of the proposal include:

- The proposal includes a three-storey street wall
- All resident parking will be contained within the basement, which will be accessible via an existing and widened vehicle crossover. Direct lift access is provided within the basement to the apartment lobby and each floor of the building.
- Direct pedestrian access from Warley Avenue to the ground floor communal access.

• All ground floor east-facing apartments in Building 1 contain dedicated pedestrian access from Warley Avenue.

The development also highlights other significant planning developments underway in Cowes such as:

- 9-10 The Esplanade, 2-8 Bass Avenue, Cowes - Multi-storey 180 key hotel with conference and wellness centre
- 77 Chapel Street, Cowes - 3 storey residential building with ground floor retail tenancies
- 46-48 Chapel Street, Cowes - 5 storey apartment building with ground floor commercial tenancies

The application can be viewed at basscoast.vic.gov.au/building-planning/advertised-plans-and-planning-register/advertised-planning-applications

Timeline confirmed for highway upgrades

LONG awaited upgrades along the Bass Highway at Kilcunda after expected to commence early next year following the summer period.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll said the \$7.8 million investment will deliver a series of safety upgrades on the main road.

Improvements will include new pedestrian operated traffic light signals, turning lanes and better parking facilities along the

Bass Highway.

A new and more visible crossing for the Bass Coast Rail Trail will provide safer access to the trail and the beach.

There will be new pedestrian operated traffic signals on the Bass Highway between Peppermint Road and Carew Street.

The highway will receive intersection improvements including dedicated turning lanes at Peppermint Road, Carew Street and Holiday Retreat Road providing

safer overtaking opportunities.

Improved parking facilities and a new bus stop will also be completed as part of the project.

Works are expected to be completed by early 2025.

This project is part of a State Government \$226.7 million investment to improve safety on high-priority roads and intersections across Victoria, including the Gippsland regions Strzelecki Highway near Mirboo North and Morwell.

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Missing rail trail link receives \$375k

BASS Coast Shire has been awarded \$375,000 from the Victorian Government's Investment Fast-Track Fund 2022-23 to progress planning development for the trail extension between Woolamai and Nyora, which is earmarked as the vital western link of the 1100km Gippsland Odyssey trail.

This 25km section provides the missing link to connect the Bass Coast Rail Trail and the Great Southern Rail Trail, and if constructed will provide a continuous off-road link between Phillip Island and Port Welshpool.

Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires are working in collaboration and both financially contributing to the \$500,000 planning project.

The funding will enable vital planning for the project including biodiversity assessments, structural assessments of existing bridges along the former rail network and initial engagement with adjoining landholders.

Studies will also be undertaken into the feasibility of constructing the link and a staged implementation plan to assist both Council's in progressing the project.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Whelan noted just how important financial support for the planning stages of key infrastructure projects are.

"We're thrilled to be granted funding from the State Government to commence the planning and feasibility studies required for the Woolamai to Nyora extension," he said.

South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Mayor Mohya Davies added, "Work is already underway to extend the Great Southern Rail Trail to Nyora in one direction and Alberton in the other. Determining the feasibility of a link between Woolamai and Nyora, is a terrific next step."

Funding of \$500,000 was also announced for the Kongwak Butter Factory (KBF) Infrastructure and Business Development activities.

The Kongwak Butter Factory project seeks to develop a 'Hero' destination precinct by creating Gippsland's first destination restaurant, accommodation, provo-dore, deli, micro-brewery/distillery, and public/private events space.

The funding request is for the completion of schematic design, master planning, and engineering feasibility studies and tourism product offering design, business model definition, and partnership strategy development for the Kongwak Butter Factory (KBF) to become investment ready.

No nasty surprises on VCE English paper

LEONGATHA Secondary College students reacted positively to last Wednesday's VCE English exam, with those who spoke to the Sentinel-Times as they exited Mesley Hall feeling they were well prepared.

While all seemed relaxed as they emerged, Nick Graham didn't let the occasion get to him before the exam either, sleeping in, with friend Tahlia Ebery saving the day when she arrived to collect him.

They were on time to tackle the English paper.

Tahlia was less relaxed in the leadup to the exam than Nick.

"I was stressing about it the night beforehand and then I got to it today and it didn't seem so difficult, and I thought I know what I'm doing and I did practise enough, and all things going well I hope I get a good score," she said.

"We had a trial exam in the middle of the year, so we had an idea of what we were going into."

Alicia Prentice was relaxed coming into the exam, confident she had prepared well.

"We did a practice exam and that helped a lot of us, and we felt a bit more comfortable because we'd done it before," Alicia said.

Kyra McGrath said the hardest part was trying to remember quotes and certain things about the novels, but was upbeat about the paper.

"It was good and it was similar to the practice one we did, so I just used knowledge from the year," she said.

Poppy Clarke was pleasantly surprised when she saw what was required.

"It was fine, went well and it was better than I thought it would be," she said.

"The hardest aspects were trying to remember quotes and make everything sound fluent."

Riam Chilver was pleased she'd done her best and didn't find any nasty surprises on the paper.

"We'd done the GAT, which was similar, and we did a lot of practice exams, so we were pretty prepared," Riam said.

While English was the first exam for many, Nick had already sat his Music Performance, contemporary guitar exam, held in Moorabbin.

"I did a practical exam last weekend, so it was me performing five pieces in front of two examiners and I felt it went very well and it was a great confidence boost," Nick said.



Kyra McGrath and Alicia Prentice both felt well prepared for the VCE English exam and were happy with the paper. A01_4422



Riam Chilver and Poppy Clarke were pleased with the VCE English exam. A02_4422



Thronton's Bakery in Leongatha still had hot pies ready to go despite the power outage thanks to Nichaels and the team.

Leongatha power outage a write-off for many traders

HALF of the town of Leongatha was out of power from about 6am to 1pm on Monday, October 31 after a tree fell across powerlines as a result of stormy winds.

Ausnet said they expected power to be returned by 1.30pm, and that's how it played out, although power did flick on and then quickly off again at about 9.30am and again around lunch time.

There were 1338 Ausnet customers off in Leongatha, including much of the commercial area, where the bread and pie ovens at the local bakers went off late in production and café owners arrived to find they were without power to get their coffee grinders and fridges going.

In fact, the day was a write-off for many traders, at what was already a problematic time between the weekend and Melbourne Cup Day.

One of the worst affected was the Sentinel-Times' office where the power outage impacted the production of the paper for most of the day, delaying its printing for more than 12 hours.

Some parts of the town continued on however, with McDonalds still serving coffee, toasties and hotcakes.

Affected towns included: Fairbank 25, Ruby 12, Leongatha North 46, Wild Dog Valley 8, Leongatha 1338, Kardella 2, Arawata 8 and Mount Eccles 27.

There were also 29 electricity customers off also at Newhaven.

Elsewhere power was off at Mirboo North where 38 customers were affected, also at Allambee South 30, and Hallston 45.

A spokesperson for Ausnet said crews had identified the problem and were quickly on the scene of the fallen tree.

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There's more to the annual report than money

THE response to the Bass Coast Shire Council's annual report was chalk and cheese last week; council dissenter Les Larke was the chalk and Crs Whelan, Rooks and Le Serve were the cheese.

Where the Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, who controversially moved the motion to adopt the report from the chair, was effusive in his praise of council's performance, highlighting its completion of 118 capital works projects, in a record \$34.9 million program, Cr Larke was scathing.

He said the shire had continued to run up debt levels that would "adversely impact our residents and ratepayers' cost of living standards" well into the future, unless there was "urgent and significant overhaul" of council's finances.

But Council's borrowings have been higher. In 2018/19 they finished the financial year owing \$17.85 million, where borrowings in June 2022 stood at \$16.409 million, after council paid back \$11.8 million in the year, and borrowed an additional 13.6 million.

The shire's total liabilities are valued at \$75.3 million, however that consists not only of the loans, but also amounts owed to suppliers, provisions for landfill rehabilitation and amounts owed to employees for leave entitlements.

The shire disclosed an operating surplus of \$23.9 million for the 2021/22 year, primarily due to the receipt of \$13.9 million in developer infrastructure assets and \$11.2 million



As part of its gender-equality drive, the Bass Coast Shire Council intends to name more streets, parks and local facilities after local women, as it has done with Olive Justice Place in Cowes.

in capital grant funding.

The adjusted underlying result for 2021/22 was a deficit of \$0.7 million.

Where Cr Larke accentuated the negative, it was all positive from Cr Whelan.

In moving the motion, he focused on the shire's record capital works program, about double the previous year, but also highlighted the shire's sector-leading initiatives on gender equality within its own workforce, the development of a social and affordable housing strategy and success diverting rubbish away from landfill.

"For the third year in-a-row, Bass Coast was top of the

state for recycling and diversion from landfill. Bass Coast was nearly 10% better than the next-best local government area in the state this year," Cr Whelan said.

Of the gender equality drive, Cr Whelan said there was a "clear link between gender equity and a reduction in the impact of family violence".

He said council's biodiversity program saw the establishment of 268,000 new indigenous plants and the protection of an additional 25 hectares of bushland while making significant progress towards the achievement of the target of net zero emissions by 2030.

And a successful grant application process had delivered more electric vehicle charging stations, a community battery and increased solar on council buildings.

The council, he said, also had its sights firmly set on Wonthaggi's future role.

"Looking to the future, Council delivered the Wonthaggi 'Opportunity Unlocked' campaign, linking multiple projects to unlock Wonthaggi's full potential as an important Victorian regional centre.

"It aligns with the objectives of key state and federal planning strategies, relating to regional regeneration, urban

decentralization, population growth, investment and visitor attraction."

He said the past financial year, to the end of June 2022, was also a big year for completing significant strategic policies including the council's 20-year community vision, long term financial plan, health and well-being plan and workforce plan.

Cr Rochelle Halstead focussed her remarks on local industry and small business which she said had been heroic in the way they had battled through the 2021-22 year, also praising the role of volunteers in the shire's prosperity.

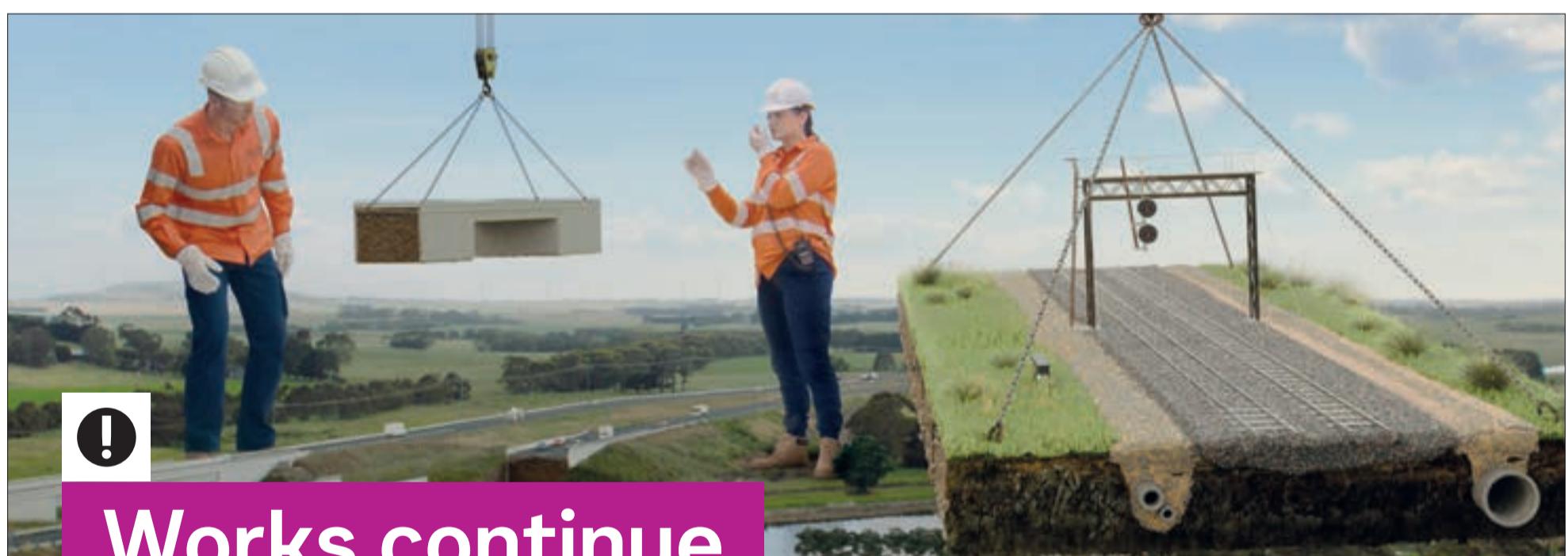
Cr David Rooks said nothing about the overall performance of the shire or how it had delivered for the community, identifying the shire's biggest achievement being equal-opportunity employment at the shire where 50 per cent of staff, he said, were women, but more than 50 per cent in the shire's higher-paying roles.

Cr Clare Le Serve simply congratulated the shire council and staff on delivering a record program of capital works.

However, there was still quite a bit of petrol left in the shire's tank.

It will carry forward more than \$20 million in capital works funding to the next financial year as part of cash reserves of almost \$47 million.

The council adopted the annual report on a vote of 7:1, with Cr Bruce Kent absent and Cr Larke against, passing the report only three days before the statutory cut-off date.



! Works continue on the Gippsland Line

While works continue at Traralgon Station, the existing pedestrian overpass will be closed until December. During this time a shuttle bus will be operating to move passengers over the rail line.

Coaches replace trains in both directions

Gippsland Line 5 to 13 November Southern Cross to Bairnsdale

Alex Scott's historic mural a touching tribute

ALEX Scott's gift to Wonthaggi of an historic mural, on the wall of their former office in Graham Street, is starting to take shape in the Wonthaggi Workmen's Carpark.

The scene, which features a timeline of Wonthaggi's early history, through the tent town, coal mining and the development of the town's commercial centre, also offers a discrete nod to the company's founder, Alex Scott.

"It's my understanding, and you'd have to ask someone better acquainted with the history of the company than me, that Alex Scott at one time helped supply pit ponies to the mines here in Wonthaggi," said Alex Scott and Staff branch manager at Wonthaggi, Dan Huther, who's taken charge of the project.

You can already see the pit ponies starting to emerge from the brick wall under the practiced hands of two of the state's best muralists, Brigitte Dawson and Melissa Turner of Melbourne's Murals.

"We had that old red wall there, which local people will know, where the signwriting was getting a bit tatty, and I said to Paul (Dunlop Chief Executive Officer) that we really needed to repaint it," said Mr Huther this week.

"I spoke to him about Jimmy Dvate's incredible birds on the side of Connell's Bakery and we discussed doing an historic mural.

"I've always been interested in



Artists from Melbourne's Murals, Brigitte Dawson and Melissa Turner, continue the work this week of adding another stunning mural to Wonthaggi's public art collection. The project has been organised and financed by Alex Scott and Staff, whose story in Gippsland stretches back to 1886.

the history of the area, with my uncle running South Gippsland Motors for all those years, and I thought we could focus a bit more on the commercial history of the town.

"We've also got those historic photos of tent town and the mining days produced by Trevor Foon in our office and we thought a stylised timeline would be suitable."

Mr Huther said he engaged Melbourne's Murals after seeing some stunning examples

of their work, took advice from some former Wonthaggi traders and the likes of the General Manager at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, Rod Bye, where there's a significant tribute to the town's mining days, and settled on a design.

"We've incorporated a few things in it about the town, like Knox Brothers hardware store, which was on that site for many years, and we've also put our own office in there, but it's only a small part of it.

"We had hoped to finish it this week but the weather's obviously intervened.

"We'll have some kind of launch later, at the Workmen's Club, and get a few people to come along to explain what it's all about but it's certainly going to be a big improvement on that red wall, that's for sure."

Alex Scott and Staff is funding the project, but they've thanked the Bass Coast Shire Council for their cooperation while the painting process goes on.

Talented students inspire all

THE Rotary Club of Wonthaggi hosted its annual Primary School Public Speaking event at the Wonthaggi Community Union Arts Centre on Thursday, October 13.

It was well attended by participants from seven schools around the Bass Coast and surrounding region.

The students were representing their primary schools after becoming finalists in their own competitions.

Students were able to choose from one of five topics including personal well-being, diversity and inclusion, sustainability, my aspirations and the beautiful Bass Coast.

As usual the level of talent amongst the participants was extraordinary as noted by the three judges. All participants presented extremely well and scored highly on all areas of the marking criteria.

After some deliberation, the judges were able to finally distinguish the top three students.

They were Mia Bowtell from Newhaven Primary coming in first speaking about Sustainability, Sadie Metsalaar from Inverloch Kongwak Primary speaking about Diversity and Inclusion, and Piper Richards of St Joseph's Primary.

All seven participants are congratulated on their performances.

Teachers and families are also acknowledged for their efforts to support the annual event which promotes confidence and communication skills, and the ability to articulate their thinking on the chosen topics, which can be complex.

The competition runs annually, and the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi encourages participation by all of the schools in the Bass Coast and surrounding region.

If you are interested to know more, follow Rotary Club of Wonthaggi on Facebook or email rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com



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Our annual Green Waste Amnesty is now open and runs until 31 December 2022.

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It is held every year to encourage you to prepare your property for the fire season by removing potential fire hazards.

However, to improve the quality of the mulch produced, there are several plant species that are not accepted as green waste, including Blackberry, Ragwort, Broom, Mirror Bush, Kikuyu Grass, Hawthorn, Cape Weed, Gorse, Blue Butterfly Bush and Pampas Grass.

Species that are difficult to mulch properly are also not included in the amnesty such as palm fronds, Yuccas, Cordylines and other related species.

If any of these species are taken to a transfer station, they must be disposed of as general waste with applicable disposal fees applying. Alternatively, they can be disposed of through the kerbside green waste collection service as this material is subjected to a different composting process.

For more information on the amnesty, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/greenwasteamnesty

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL Domestic Animal Management Plan Draft



We want to hear from you about our recent Domestic Animal Management Plan Draft, to ensure we are accurately reflecting the needs of the South Gippsland community.

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Submissions close Thursday 3 November 2022.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Council Chambers,
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**Wednesday 16 November,
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**Wednesday 23 November,
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Nominations close 7 November
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Brand new \$400k Men's Shed ready to go in Leongatha

EXCITEMENT was evident as the new home of Leongatha Men's Shed was officially opened on Thursday, with a large gathering welcoming the occasion.

"We had a dream we might be able to build our own shed," Leongatha Men's Shed president Max Wood said.

State Government funding of \$60,000 was secured toward the ambitious project in 2018.

The grant was provided through the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, with its adviser in community partnerships Kellie Bertrand speaking at the opening.

"The department offers an annual grant round to support Men's Sheds to build new facilities or refurbish an existing shed, and in 2018, we had a front row seat to the incredible project management skills of the team that led the Leongatha grants submission," Kellie said.

She described the encyclopedia-like submission as "the best in the state".

Several sites were considered for the new shed, but its recreation reserve home is ideal.

"It's convenient and easy to get to," Max said of what he described as a "brilliant shed".

The men pitched in on the project, with laying the vinyl, building the kitchen, and painting among the tasks they tackled.

A number of companies also did their bit, with an honour board in the shed



Some of the Men's Shed crew show off the new Leongatha shed. A29_4422

paying tribute to those who made sizeable contributions.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien commented on the extent of the achievement the building represents.

"The grant was \$60,000 and somehow they've turned that into a \$400,000 Men's Shed," he said.

While he joked that "All we're building is a place for blokes to have coffee," Danny reflected on a younger man who told him a Men's Shed saved his life.

That demonstrates the social value of Men's Sheds.

"I commend those involved and thank the government for its contribution," Danny said.

Leongatha Men's Shed member John Rowe is delighted with the new premises.

"It's got so much more room and it's our shed," he said.

Members enjoyed a happy 10 years at their previous primary school-based home.

However, the new shed allows for more projects to be done, and there are hopes of an expanding membership.

The men tend to have preferences for particular types of projects and often form little teams, but it functions as one happy shed.

"I love the fact you make toys and give them away to children who might not have those sorts of toys in their lives," South Gippsland Shire mayor Mohya Davies said while opening the facility.

That includes creating an average of 1,000 toy wooden cars a year, which mostly go overseas through Operation Christmas Child.

"The kids think those little cars are just it and a bit," president Max declared.

Rod Gregg and Graham Washfold are part of a group within the Leongatha Men's Shed making possum boxes for Wildlife Victoria, with proceeds from their sale aiding both organisations.

While Leongatha men now have a splendid new shed, there is still more to be done, with the need for air filtration and dust extraction in the workshop and a desire for solar panels on the roof.

The project has cost \$395,000.

In addition to the State Government contribution, South Gippsland Shire Council contributed \$50,000, with a further \$20,000 coming from local businesses, and the men raising the remaining \$265,000.

Labor funding promise to Leongatha Secondary College

AS the state election looms this month, the major parties continue to vie for votes, with Labor committing \$11.7 million to Leongatha Secondary College (LSC) on Thursday, which can be used for upgrading existing facilities or building new ones.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriett Shing and Labor candidate for Gippsland South Denise Ryan delivered the promise, contingent on Labor retaining office.

Lily Hume and Chloe Goff, two of LSC's 2023 school leaders gave the visitors a tour of the school, with principal Brad Hutchinson

and staff enjoying hosting the politicians.

"It is a growing school and we want to make sure the educational opportunities here are as good as they can be anywhere else in the state and that it's a great workplace for staff," Harriett said.

RIGHT: A couple of Leongatha Secondary College's 2023 student leaders Lily Hume and Chloe Goff with Member for Eastern Victoria Harriett Shing and candidate for Gippsland South Denise Ryan, during the Labor politicians' visit to make a major funding commitment.



Una's still going strong at 100

IT WAS a milestone occasion for Una Rieck who celebrated her 100th birthday at the Cape Tavern last week.

The long-time Cape Patterson resident was surrounded by family and friends, as well as members of the Heart Foundation - Sea Salt Walkers, which she is a founding member of.

The walkers meet weekly to not only stay fit and healthy but support each

other's mental health and wellbeing.

Una helped formed the group in 2011 and has been active ever since.

Organiser Elly Carter was thrilled they could celebrate Una's birthday and highlight her extraordinary efforts.

RIGHT: Una Rieck was joined by her loving son Malcolm to help celebrate her 100th birthday last week. Ns034422



Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies



I HAD a very busy week this week, attending many events throughout the Shire such as the opening of the Leongatha Men's Shed and the Welshpool and District Horticultural Society Spring Show. The Leongatha Men's Shed opening was extremely well attended, including Danny O'Brien MP and other dignitaries. It is also a great achievement by them to fund most of this project through selling kindling!

Events like this are bringing South Gippsland back to life after the pandemic, and I can't stress enough how great this is for our region.

It was also great to attend the Korumburra Cenotaph Rededication Service last week. It is a lasting memorial to those who have served and lost their lives fighting for our country. I felt very moved by the service and thank those who were involved in organising and running the service.

On Thursday, I attended the South Gippsland and Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network's 'Inspiring Young People Luncheon'. This event is run for Year 11 students and aims to demonstrate how school industry partnerships and the community can add value to young people's skill development, learning journey and career aspirations.

During my opening address, I gave the students some details about me, what it's like being a Mayor and some words of wisdom. I focused my speech on different paths to careers and encouraged the students that your ATAR isn't the end of the world, just a moment in time. To help, I used an example of if they remember their birth date and their weight. Their birth weight was really important at the time, but not something that matters now.

There is a lot of pressure put on students at the tail end of their secondary schooling to have all the answers. Career changes are the norm now, so we should be encouraging our students to learn as much as they can and to not be afraid of changing their mind.

With my background in early childhood education, and after raising six children, I am very passionate about our young people. As such, I was pleased to hear that as a result of the recent Youth Council information session we now have a small but enthusiastic group of young people who are keen to apply for the Youth Council. Further information sessions will be held in the coming weeks, so keep your eyes peeled for those.

On Wednesday, Councillors had briefings from a number of new energy proposals. This is a very topical conversation for us to be having and it is extremely important that we learn as much as we can about these proposals and the technologies they will be using. It is also important that we learn about the impacts on our region and the opportunities we have moving forward. I encourage you all, as we have, to learn as much as you can about these technologies and project proposals.

On Friday, I attended the monthly One Gippsland meeting where we heard from the Shadow Minister for Local Government, Housing and Resources, Richard Riordan MP. These meetings are a great opportunity for us to collaborate with other Councils and hear information and proposals from parliamentarians. The lead up to the State election makes it even more important to hear from all parties about their commitments and policies if they come into power.

On Saturday, I attended an exciting announcement at Gurneys Cider with Tom McIntosh MP who was a representative for Minister for Tourism, Sports and Major Events the Honourable Steve Dimopoulos. Gurneys has been an extremely successful business in South Gippsland recently winning the Gippsland Business of the Year award. Congratulations to them for another exciting chapter in the Gurneys Cider story and thank you for allowing me to attend.

I hope you all have been able to enjoy a South Gippsland event this weekend, despite the sometimes unfavourable weather.

Fake funding, clawbacks in horror budget

THE Federal Budget last week looks like a disaster for regional areas.

Local Federal MPs Russell Broadbent and Darren Chester agree.

"Labor's Budget axes the Building Better Regions Fund, a blow to regional and rural communities in Monash," Mr Broadbent said in response.

"The BBRF was a highly popular program which supported projects in rural and regional communities to create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional and remote communities into the future," he said.

Mr Broadbent listed the Cowes Cultural & Community Centre (\$5 million), and the Cape Paterson SLSC Clubhouse rebuild (\$1 million) as two local projects that received funding under the program.

Darren Chester lamented the loss of the Building Better Regions Fund too, which contributed \$1.5 million to a mountain bike trail at Omeo.

But he focussed on a crazy re-announcement of railway line funding.

"Last night, the Labor Party released its Federal Budget complete with a press release saying it was investing \$447.7 million in the Gippsland Rail Line upgrade," Mr Chester said last Wednesday.

"Sounds like great news... except I made that announcement five years ago as Transport Minister, and since that time we've actually built the new railway bridge in Stratford, and work is progressing on major upgrades to the Traralgon and Morwell railway stations, along with a host of smaller track improvements."

The Building Better Regions Program has allegedly been replaced by the new 'Growing Regions Program' supposed "to deliver investment in regional infrastructure and community projects".

But the measure will actually redirect \$10.2 billion from various funds to finance Labor's new spending priorities, including \$5.4 billion over 7 years from 2022-23 under the Growing Regions Program "to support economic growth and development across regional Australia", including \$349.9 million over 5 years from 2022-23 for the Investing in Our Communities Program to deliver small scale community, sport and infrastructure projects across Australia, but this is a closed program designed to deliver on election promises.

The BBRF Round 6 program has been scrapped, including several applications from Gippsland councils.

Turbine pain but no jobs gain, says O'Brien MP

THE wheels, it seems, are already falling off the jobs dividend that Gippsland is supposed to get if it gives up its beautiful coastline to hundreds, possibly thousands, of massive wind turbines.

According to Gippsland South MLA, Danny O'Brien, Barry Beach in South Gippsland should be the main port for operations and maintenance services (OMS), not Hastings, but he fears the government has already 'sold out' Gippsland.

He concedes that in its 'Offshore Wind Implementation Statement 1' there is a role ascribed to Barry Beach, but he fears it will not be a central role.

Here's what the report says: "The Victorian Government's assessment of ports and port infrastructure is ongoing. Preliminary analysis suggests that Barry Beach (Gippsland) and the Port of Portland are existing port sites that are capable of being upgraded to support provision of OMS for the industry."

Mr O'Brien says that if Barry Beach, and not Hastings, were central to the project, hundreds possibly thousands of jobs would indeed come Gippsland's way.

But not if Hastings gets the lions' share.

Here's what he had to say this week:

"The Andrews Labor Government has already sold out Gippsland on the development of offshore wind with a government paper nominating the Port of Hastings as the state government's preferred port for offshore wind construction and development," Mr O'Brien said.



Danny O'Brien MP believes this figure (page 21 Offshore Wind Implementation Statement) indicates where the State Government thinks former power station workers will have to live for jobs in the new offshore energy sector.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South said he was astounded that just a few days after the Premier made "hollow promises about restarting the State Electricity Commission (SEC)" and delivering jobs for Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley, the truth had been revealed.

"The State Government's Offshore Wind Implementation Statement makes clear that Labor's preferred port to support offshore wind construction is the Port of Hastings.

"This is despite the fact that the vast bulk of the proposed offshore wind farms are currently planned off the 90 Mile Beach and therefore are much closer to Barry Beach. Labor is clearly looking for a metro vote dividend and heading to Hastings instead," he said.

Mr O'Brien said Daniel Andrews was deliberately misleading the people of Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley on the eve of an election yet again and needs to come clean.

"I believe there are great op-

portunities for us through the development of offshore wind farms, but there are also many challenges ahead.

"If we are going to have to put up with the negatives of new energy developments, then we must also be able to reap the rewards of the jobs and investment actually in our region, not in some distant port."

The Government's document can be found here: <https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/a-clean-energy-future/offshore-wind-energy>



Surf Beach turbine still not spinning

THE huge wind turbine, towering over neighbours' houses in Dixon Street, Surf Beach, is still not spinning months after it was erected by property owner Rob McKittrick.

Mr McKittrick says he is waiting for a part to make the structure fully operational, but neighbours fear it might be the

noise that the turbine will likely generate that's holding him back.

Whatever the case, it might be set to cost the shire rate revenue with some of the neighbours close to the structure, petitioning the shire for reduced rates, due to the impact on their property values.

"If you don't think having a structure like that towering over your fence affects property values, you're kidding yourself," said neighbour Chris Broadley at the weekend.

LEFT: For a domestic turbine, this one in Dixon Street is huge by any measure.

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Community hospital a step closer

LOCALS and visitors to Victoria's popular Phillip Island will soon have greater access to the health services they need, with site preparation works underway for the new multi-million-dollar Phillip Island Community Hospital.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale visited the site of the hospital last week to celebrate this important step as part of the government's \$675 million Community Hospitals Program.

"An expansion of the existing Phillip Island Health Hub, the Phillip Island Community Hospital, is one of 10 small public hospitals being built across Victoria in some of the state's fastest growing areas," said Ms Crugnale.

A feature of the event was a welcome to country, smoking ceremony, music and address by Bunurong Land Council representatives Uncle Mik Edwards, Jungala Ellis and Eric Edwards.

Among the leaves used in the smoking ceremony by Jungala Ellis were Cherry Ballart leaves, known for its medical application (including traditionally treating snake bite), while Uncle Mik made several references to health being serious business in a wide-ranging and inclusive address.

Site preparation works are underway at 50-58 Church Street in Cowes, with the removal of the workshop COELS shed and community gardens,



Bass MP Jordan Crugnale is joined by Bass Coast Health Chair Don Paproth, CEO Jan Child and board member Mim Kershaw, Bunurong elder Uncle Mik Edwards and members of the local community including Lily Carville and Brydon Marshall from the Cowes Primary School in 'turning the first sod' at the site of the new Phillip Island Community Hospital.

as well as vegetation removal and site scraping.

The new hospital will be a public hospital providing a range of integrated community health and specialist services including an expanded urgent care service for minor, non-emergency medical issues, day surgery, dialysis, chemotherapy and public dental.

These expanded and additional services will help take pressure off nearby hospitals, including the Wonthaggi Hospital – allowing them to focus on critical care and acute health issues, emergency care and more complex surgeries

and procedures.

"Today is an important milestone for this program, with site preparation works kicking off on the Phillip Island Community Hospital and many more sites to follow across Victoria this year," said Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas.

"Bumps and bruises are part of everyday life and these community hospitals will make it easier for Victorians to manage their health needs closer to home."

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale was delighted to see action on the site.

"I'm very pleased to see works

underway on the Phillip Island Community Hospital, laying the groundwork for this important piece of local health infrastructure."

Designs for the important project released last month reveal the facility's exteriors, main reception and public courtyard have been carefully considered to create safe and comfortable environments for staff, patients and families.

Delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA), the Phillip Island Community Hospital will be run by Bass Coast Health and is on track to be completed in 2024.

Former engineer calls for \$6M to save Inverloch

IF THE government doesn't get moving soon on extending the rock wall at Inverloch's Surf Beach, maybe they could use copies of the excessive documentation they've already assembled as a stop-gap measure.

That's the view of Inverloch resident, former local shire engineer and interested onlooker, Keith Godridge, who is witnessing the retreat of the beach on a daily basis.

"We've lost a massive amount of sand already; by my calculations 50 metres deep, by 6 metres high, by 2.5km long, from Point Norman west, which is over 750,000 cubic metres of sand, which is a hell of a lot of sand."

"And it's still disappearing," said Mr Godridge.

"What's needed is action, not seemingly endless reports

without any recommendations or a commitment to funding. I would have thought we would have had that now from both parties," he said.

Mr Godridge believes \$6 million is needed immediately to extend the rock wall and to take action on a range of other measures outlined in the latest Cape-to-Cape reports.

"We've already seen that some of these measures don't work but a rock wall will work, protecting the beach, the road and property. I also see some merit in the proposed groynes but they've just got to get on with it."

Mr Godridge met with the Liberal Party's Bass candidate Aaron Brown at the beach last week to discuss the issue and he'd like to see all candidates committing their parties to immediate action to save the Surf Beach at Inverloch.



Former local shire engineer, Keith Godridge, met with the Liberals' Aaron Brown at Inverloch's Surf Beach last week calling for immediate funding for urgent erosion works.

Labor won't match Coalition's pool promise

THERE will be a clear choice at the November 2022 Victorian State Election for those who say funding the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre is a make-or-break issue.

The Coalition's National and Liberal Party candidates, Brett Tessari and Aaron Brown, had the backing of their parties when they promised \$42 million for the project, as an opening gambit, back in July 2022.

But, at the 'turning of the first sod' for the \$6.4 million Phillip Island Community Hospital during the week, Labor's Jordan Crugnale said her party would not be able to match the promise.

"Look, there's no disputing the fact that both Phillip Island and Wonthaggi need new aquatic centres but it's a lot of money, almost \$100 million," Ms Crugnale said.

"It needs a commitment by three levels of government; Federal, State and Local government and we're not at that stage yet."

Ms Crugnale said Labor had put a \$290 million promise on the table for the next stage of the Wonthaggi hospital and funding for the two aquatic centres was simply out of reach at the moment.

Secretary of the Phillip Aquatic Centre Inc Peter McMahon said the group had been asking Ms Crugnale for weeks to commit to funding but he wasn't prepared to take no for an answer.

"Well, at least we've had a response, but you never say never," Mr McMahon said.

"We'll keep pushing right up to election day, asking for a commitment from Labor. They might find themselves really desperate to win this seat by then."

In its advocacy pitch, the Bass Coast Shire Council said it was looking \$39.65M from both the state and federal governments, adding \$15M of its own money for the \$94.6 million projects, Phillip Island and Wonthaggi, to be fully funded.

Young poets and storytellers in the making

TWO students from Kongwak Primary School have been selected as first and third prize winners in the national Henry Lawson Society Wombat 2022 Poetry and Short Story Awards for Primary School children.

Teacher Amanda McMahon of Inverloch-Kongwak Primary School said Kongwak students spend time each week working in their school vegetable garden, tending to their chooks and planting indigenous plants and foods.

The small school was delighted to be notified that Year Three student Isobel Hunt had won first prize for her poem (Kangaroo), Charlotte Perrett won third prize for her poem (Echidna) in the Pre-Grade three Poem category.

Highly Commended in the Grade four to six category was awarded to Eleanor Jobe, for her 'A Yarn in the Country' and Highly Commended to Mikayla Jeffries for her 'Wedge-Tail Eagle'.



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Biketoberfest a roaring success despite weather challenge



Biketoberfest organisers Cherie Pritchett, Roz and Steve Busana and owner of this spectacular customised Harley Neil Becker enjoy the event. A39_4422



Terry Bourke of Inverloch wasn't going to let rain keep him away from Biketoberfest. A32_4422

BIKETOBERFEST drew people and bikes from the local region and further afield on Saturday, with one intrepid rider setting out well before that, travelling from Western Australia for the Leongatha event.

One of the organisers, Cherie Pritchett, was pleased with the success of the day.

"Given the weather was not fantastic, we had a really good turnout, and we were pleased with how things went, and it's great how the community comes together with something like this," she said.

While there were periods of rain, the sun broke through at times, a vast improvement on Friday's gloomy and sodden conditions.

Biketoberfest was supported by a vibrant team of volunteers who ensured everything ran smoothly.

"The biggest thing for us was the amount of help we got with all the volunteers," Cherie said.

She also expressed her appreciation for those who ventured to Leongatha despite the less-than-ideal weather conditions.

"Every single bike that came out in the wet weather was awesome," Cherie said.

She was delighted with the friendly atmosphere on the day.

Gold coin donations to check out classic bikes in Leongatha Memorial Hall helped raise \$1,750 for Black Dog Ride, a crucial mental health initiative.

A friendly crew from that organisation was on hand to chat to Biketoberfest attendees, accompanied by a giant black dog Winston, named in honour of Winston Churchill who coined the phrase "Black Dog" to describe his depression.

"Black Dog Ride is a national charity and we travel the countryside talking about mental health, depression awareness and suicide prevention," Bernie Garvey said.

While motorbikes are often maligned as dangerous, he outlined their value in terms of opening up important discussions.

"We use the catalyst of motorcycles as an interest point for people to come over and have a chat," Bernie said.

While Black Dog Ride plays a vital part in sparking conversations about mental health, he explained that its team are not mental health professionals but can steer people in the right direction should they require such expertise.

By Andrew Paloczi

Black Dog Ride was established in 2009 and is highly active in Victoria, holding rides on a regular basis, some being fundraising journeys and others just for fun.

Visit blackdogride.org.au to see what rides are coming up.

Terry Bourke was one of the early arrivals at Biketoberfest, braving the rain and dodging potholes as he travelled there from Inverloch on his 2013 Triumph Bonneville.

He was delighted the event went ahead after other motorbike gatherings in Cranbourne and Bairnsdale were cancelled this year due to rain.

"It takes more than rain and sleet to stop us," he said, albeit the weather diminished the size of his group with some less intrepid.

John Moore's 1976 Suzuki GT 750A was one of the classic bikes on show in the Memorial Hall.

He has owned it since 2013 and has ridden it to Perth, requiring careful planning to avoid running out of fuel crossing the Nullarbor.

The bike enjoys a more sedate lifestyle these days, with no more marathon trips planned for it.

A 1988 Harley was another eye-catching machine featured in the hall.

It was custom built in California, when new, to resemble a 1960s bike.

Owner Neil Becker said he bought the bike in scarcely-riden condition after it had been displayed for 30 years in America.

He purchased it from a Queensland-based man who imported it, with Neil having to overcome some issues such as a rusted-out fuel tank, but it is now in immaculate condition.

Val Bremner of Leongatha SES and David Bartley of the Foster unit were at Biketoberfest with a couple of the organisation's Suzuki DRZ 250 bikes, explaining the value of motorcycles for searching for people and accessing difficult to reach places in the event of accidents.

Cherie said Biketoberfest organisers received positive feedback and that stallholders at the event already plan to return next year.

While pleased with this year's success, she hopes for better weather and more bikes next time, and will undoubtedly throw herself into preparations after a well-earned rest.

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One of Irene Penn's favourite Halloween characters is 'Happy' the skeleton who nonetheless doesn't look to pleased to be disturbed for the annual Halloween celebrations.

They're Halloween happy at this haunted San Remo house

HOW spooky do you like to go at your place for Halloween?

Maybe you put a carved pumpkin or jack-o'-lantern in your window.

Perhaps there's a spiders' web and a skeleton hanging from your front door.

Or, alternatively, you don't do anything, it's all just American commercialism.

Whatever your position on the annual celebration of all things creepy, ghostly, hair-raising and scary, there's always someone who goes just that bit harder than the next person.

And locally, that person is San Remo's Irene Penn.

A resident of the popular seaside

town for the past three years, Irene and her family have brought their tradition for doing up their front yard (and their house) for the festival from Frankston and it's getting bigger and bigger every year.

"It's all just for a bit of fun," says Irene with a ghoulish grin.

"We started out small but add 30 or 40 pieces each year to the point now where we can set up the front yard, the back and also the house.

"This year inside we've got the Butcher's Room, a Clown Room, Spooky Room, Black Church, and a Ghosts and Witches Room.

"Outside we've got the big graveyard,

with my old favourite 'Happy' in the coffin. There's a spiders' feature, lots of pumpkins, a guillotine, a couple of sets of stocks... there's a lot of stuff there!"

It was all set up for the big day, All Saints Day eve, on Monday, October 31 and fortunately for Irene, the weather held off and they had a big holiday crowd through with lashings of popcorn, fairy floss, pumpkin pie and lollies to reward the many who dressed up for the occasion.

Next year, Coal Creek Heritage Park is promising a return of their biggest day of the year after a hiatus for COVID.

Devastating impact of gambling losses revealed

LOCALS in Bass Coast and South Gippsland lost a total of \$21.8m to pokies for the 2021-22 financial year.

This comes as health problems account for one-fifth of gambling harm in Victoria, with the negative effects of gambling on people's physical and mental wellbeing to be put under a spotlight by Latrobe Community Health Service during Gambling Harm Awareness Week (October 17-23), when communities are encouraged to Talk. Share. Support.

Under this year's theme – Could gambling be affecting your wellbeing? – the week provides an opportunity for open community conversations about different types of gambling harm.

In 2021-22,

Gippslanders lost more than \$125 million to the pokies.

According to the Australian Communications and Media Authority, 11 percent of Australians gambled online in the six months to June 2021.

About Gambler's Help Gippsland-

If you are affected by your own gambling, or the gambling of someone you know, phone Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696.

Latrobe Community Health Service provides the Gambler's Help service across Gippsland.

You can access free and confidential financial and / or therapeutic counselling to help you get your finances back on track and / or give you strategies to take back control of your gambling.

More options to ride your bike

WORKS are underway on stage two of the Cowes-Rhyll Road path link.

This stage will include the upgrade of an 800-metre section of boardwalk replaced with low-maintenance, long-life composite material, widened paths to shared trails and upgrading of some gravel sections to concrete.

These works will give the community a connection to the existing stage one of the

Cowes-Rhyll Road pathway, with further sections to be upgraded in future.

The upgrades were funded through Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund Regional Infrastructure Fund through Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions.

The joint project between the shire and Phillip Island Nature Parks is expected to be completed in November this year.



Bass Coast Health invites everyone to our Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion Community Open Day

Saturday, November 12, 10am-4pm
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Sportsbet tips Coalition to win the cup in Bass

IF YOU fancy a wager on the outcome of the Victorian State Election, there's 'interest rate' value only in the Dan Andrews' led Labor Party being returned to government.

They're listed on Sportsbet at odds of \$1.05, on a \$1 bet, as against the Matthew Guy-led Liberal-National Coalition on \$10, blown out from \$8 late last week.

But if you're a betting person and reckon you can predict the result in the local seat of Bass, there's a bit more value on offer.

The chances of the Liberals' Aaron Brown and the Nationals' Brett Tessari combining to oust the sitting Member Jordan Crugnale is the favoured outcome, regardless of whether Mr Brown or Mr Tessari goes on to win the seat.

Sportsbet has the Coalition duo in Bass as the hot favourite to win at \$1.40, whereas the incumbent Jordan Crugnale is at the juicy odds of \$4 to win what is effectively a two-horse race.

Surely, she's worth a bet at those odds!

Strangely enough, the Independents are at \$6.50 to win Bass, which would be a massive turn-up well worth a bigger return.

In Gippsland South, where sitting MP Danny O'Brien is well regarded as having a good handle on all the key issues, Sportsbet says he's over the line at 1.01 while Labor is paying \$14, any Independent \$21 and the Greens \$51.

Early voting starts on Monday, November 14.

Opposition to back Foster primary rebuild, revamp for Agnes Falls



The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien pictured with Foster Primary School council president Matt Wallis and his children Louisa and James celebrating The Nationals' \$3 million commitment to finish the rebuild of the school.

A NATIONALS and Liberals Government would hand over \$3 million to fully rebuild Foster Primary School as well as \$710,000 to upgrade Agnes Falls.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien announced the \$3 million commitment at the school earlier this week.

Mr O'Brien said he had been working with the school community to push for a rebuild of the school since he was elected in 2015.

"Foster Primary School was built in 1965 and is certainly showing its age. The school has asbestos issues throughout and literally has chunks of brick-work falling off its exterior," Mr O'Brien said.

"It's at the point where the school shouldn't continue to spend money on maintenance for things that really need to be replaced. It's not acceptable that our children and teachers have to put up with these sorts of facilities.

"That's why an elected Liberal Nationals Government in November will provide \$3 million in funding to ensure we see a full rebuild of Foster Primary School."

Mr O'Brien said funding

had been provided four years ago for new modular buildings to replace blocks B and C at the school, but the main building still needed to be renewed.

Mr O'Brien also confirmed a commitment of \$710,000 to construct a cantilevered viewing platform at Agnes Falls near Toora, along with an improved carpark, footpaths and signage.

"The viewing platform out over the gorge will dramatically improve views of the falls and improved footpaths, including allabilities access into the falls, will make sure more people can visit, bringing more tourists to our region," Mr O'Brien said.

"Agnes Falls are the highest single span falls in Victoria and we want to let people come and enjoy them. Coupled with magnificent local attractions like Wilsons Prom, Waratah Bay and Corner Inlet, the project will drive visitor numbers and the whole region will benefit.

"The Friends of Agnes Falls committee has worked hard on this project for many years and have been incredible lobbyists.

"I will be delighted to be able to deliver the full project if we're elected in November."


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Creativity flows for National Water Week

PRIMARY school students from across the region, including Bass Coast and South Gippsland, have showcased their creative talents for National Water Week.

Each year, National Water Week makes a splash across Australia inspiring individuals, communities and organisations to work together to build community awareness and understanding of water-related issues.

Westernport Water and South Gippsland Water joined forces this year with water corporations from across the state to mark National Water Week (NWW) by running a poster competition for local primary school students within their service areas.

The competition provided a great opportunity for students to put their artistic creativity to the test by creating a colourful A3 poster that showcased the NWW theme – ‘Our water stories.’

Over 300 fabulous posters were received across the region in four age categories.

Both Westernport Water and South Gippsland Water awarded prizes to the best three posters in each age category, and local winners were entered into the state-wide poster competition and judged against winners of other regions for even greater prizes.



Toora Primary School poster competition participants - Prep age category first place winner Millie Allott, second place winner Emilia Jozefowicz, third place winner Olivia Lucas and Grade 5-6 age category first place winner Scarlett Dubignon.



Nathan (third place, Prep), Madeleine (first place, Grade 3-4), and Poppy (second place, Prep) of Newhaven Primary School.



Mackenzie (first place Grade 5-6), Asha (third place Grade 5-6) from San Remo Primary School with Katrina Knight (Westernport Water). (Absent Scarlett – second place Grade 3-4).



Blake Ramage from Our Lady Star of the Sea (Cowes) came 1st place in the local Prep category for Westernport Water, and also won 1st place in the State competition for all Prep finalists! Gareth Kennedy and Katrina Knight from Westernport Water presented him with his award.



Tillie, Edward and Venus from Newhaven College were the top three winners for the Grade 1-2 category for Westernport Water.



Felix (second place Grade 5-6) from Cowes Primary School for Westernport Water.



Welshpool and District Primary School - Grade 1-2 second place winner Will Lagergren with his prize – an arts supply package.



Kongwak Primary School- Clare Gibson and Janika Murray (South Gippsland Water) and Grade 1-2 first place Charlotte Perrett and Grade 5-6 third place Lily Stark. Kongwak Primary School was also the recipient of the \$500 Sustainability Grant.



Chairo Christian School Poster Competitions participants - Year 1-2 third place winner Nellie Bowman.

Westernport Water's results

WPW Student Prizes: This year's top 3 winners took home gift vouchers from Turn the Page bookshop in Cowes.

WPW School Prize (random draw) - \$500 towards a sustainability project, water efficient products or educational materials – WINNER: Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School.

Top three posters in each category for Westernport Water

Prep

1st place: Blake Ramage
- Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School (Cowes)

2nd place: Poppy Cargill
- Newhaven Primary School

3rd place: Nathan Campbell
- Newhaven Primary School

Grade 1-2

1st place:
Venus Herath Mudiyanselage
- Newhaven College

2nd place: Tillie James
- Newhaven College

3rd place: Edward Lee
- Newhaven College

Grade 3-4

1st place: Madeleine Miller
- Newhaven Primary School

2nd place: Scarlett Findlay
- San Remo Primary School

3rd place: Levi Fisher
- Newhaven Primary School

Grade 5-6

1st place: Mackenzie Luz
- San Remo Primary School

2nd place: Felix Maund
- Cowes Primary School

3rd Place: Asha Carter
- San Remo Primary School

<https://www.westernportwater.com.au/nww-poster-competition/>

South Gippsland Water's results

Student prizes: This year's top 3 winners took home [KK1] art supply packages.

SGW School Prize (random draw) - \$500 towards a sustainability project, water efficient products or educational materials – WINNER: Kongwak Primary School.

Top three posters in each category for South Gippsland Water

Prep

1st place: Millie Allott
- Toora Primary School

2nd place: Emilia Jozefowicz
- Toora Primary School

3rd place: Olivia Lucas
- Toora Primary School

Grade 1-2

1st place: Charlotte Perrett
- Kongwak Primary School

2nd place: Will Lagergren
- Welshpool and District Primary School

3rd place: Nellie Bowman
- Chairo Christian School

Grade 3-4

1st place: Lachlan Coyne
- St Joseph's Primary School Wonthaggi

2nd place: Grace Luff
- St Joseph's Primary School Wonthaggi

3rd place: Casey Bland
- Foster Primary School

Grade 5-6

1st place: Scarlett Dubignon
- Toora Primary School

2nd place: Mason Wiggins
- Foster Primary School

3rd place: Lily Stark
- Kongwak Primary School

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2. Reducing blue light exposure

Blue light can come from electronic devices such as televisions, smartphones and computers. Exposing yourself to blue light near bedtime can affect the circadian rhythm, which can trick your brain into thinking it's still daytime. This reduces the production of hormones like melatonin, which help you relax and go into a deep sleep—restricting the use of electronic devices at least 2 hours before bedtime can make a significant difference.

3. Ruling out a sleep disorder

An underlying health condition could be causing your sleep issues, and sleep apnea could be one of them. It is known to cause inconsistent and interrupted breathing, which can result in poor sleep and leave you feeling tired despite having a full night's rest.

If you would like to learn more about sleep apnea, our TerryWhite Chemmart branch at Korumburra has trained staff and pharmacists that can answer your questions and organise a sleep study for you. Sleep issues affect many Australians, but you shouldn't need to keep losing sleep over it.

As usual, our team at our TerryWhite Chemmart stores are ever ready to have that conversation and go through your concerns with you to improve the quantity of your sleep.

SLEEP is a crucial and fundamental part of one's daily routine. You spend about one-third of your life doing it.

Without sleep, you cannot form or maintain the pathways in your brain that allows you to learn and create new memories.

It is also harder to concentrate and respond quickly.

A good night's sleep is as important as regular exercise and a healthy diet. Research shows that poor sleep has immediate adverse effects on your hormones, exercise performance, and brain function.

It can also cause weight gain and increase disease risk in children and adults. In contrast, good sleep can help you eat less, exercise better and be healthier.

Hence, if you want to optimise your health or lose weight, getting a good night's sleep is one of the most important things you can do.

Here are some simple ways to help you sleep better and be more energetic and productive during the day.

1. Practising sleep hygiene

This is not referring to having a shower before bed - but making changes and building habits to get a good night's rest. It can mean making small lifestyle changes like following a regular sleep-wake cycle, improving your sleep environment, relaxing your mind and avoiding alcohol before bedtime, which can disrupt the rhythm of your sleep patterns.

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There will be a BBQ on the day by our local Hallora CFA plus morning and afternoon tea available.

Please spread the word and let family and friends know.

For further information or to RSVP please contact Leesa Williams 0467 010 723

Lively performance caps six weeks of hard work

WESTERN Australian based singer and songwriter Mama Kin helped inspire five newly formed regional choirs across Victoria, including an enthusiastic group of 25 South Gippsland singers who performed together on Friday in the Leongatha Memorial Hall.

Melbourne-based guitarist Tommy Spender and choir leader Virginia Botts were also part of the 'Sound of Your Town' project, a Regional Arts Victoria initiative.

The South Gippsland choir was known as the 'Six Week Singers', with the name outlining how long they had to memorise their songs and prepare for their public performance.

Local choir leader Jenny Taylor guided and supported the group each week at rehearsals as they learned Mama Kin's songs.

While she laid the groundwork, Mama Kin, Tommy and Virginia arrived in Leongatha on Wednesday to work directly with the choir over a couple of nights, helping its members fine tune for Friday night's performance.



South Gippsland Shire mayor Mohya Davies, centre, with other members of the alto section of the choir. Photo credit: Karli Michelle Photography

experience," Mohya said.

She and John loved the social experience of getting to know other choir members and the challenge of preparing for the performance, with Mohya saying it was a lot of fun learning the songs.

"It was a tremendous turnout with audience members filling the hall, despite Friday's dismal weather.

"It was a fabulous

as "a real team effort".

Mohya slotted into the alto section, with John joining the tenors.

The mayor's favourite song was 'The Air Between Us', with 'Bird in Your Tree' and 'Underground' a couple of others she particularly relished performing.

"I've never had the opportunity to really sing out like that before and it was great," Mohya said.



Bill Finlay proudly displays his 60-year badge and is joined by his wife **Mary**.



Vin Tuddenham, pictured with his wife **Nancy**, has been a member of Wonthaggi Club for an incredible 60 years.



Ian McDonald and **Val** can't get enough of Wonthaggi Club, which is evident of his 50 years of ongoing membership.

Dedicated members don't go unrecognised at Wonthaggi Club

WONTHAGGI Club was proud to recognise its long-time members at their recent badge presentation.

Bill Finlay and Vin Tuddenham were both presented with badges for 60 years of consecutive membership, while Ian McDonald also received a badge

for 50 years.

Bistro and functions manager Melissa Beveridge explained the club awards the badges to dedicated financial members every year, honouring their vital support.

"There was a joke that Alan Bolding, the president of the

Club, said that he would have only been a year old when they (Bill and Vin) first signed up to become members," she said humorously.

"He presented the badges and he's been our president for 14 years."

Vice president Aldo Sartori

was also on hand for the presentation.

There is always plenty happening at the Wonthaggi Club, with theme nights and lots of specials each week.

For more information, visit wonthaggiclub.com.au/home/

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Stunning showcase of roses

By Leongatha Horticultural Society

THE Leongatha Horticultural Society is presenting their 49th Annual Rose Spectacular this year after a two year 'pandemic pause'.

We are easing our way back into show life with a smaller affair than usual, but no less spectacular of course!

The Dakers Centre, or the Leongatha Senior Citizen's Centre, is the chosen venue for the Rose Spectacular, where the best blooms available will be showcased by our local green-thumbed gardeners and rose aficionados.

As a special feature of this year's show, we will showcase two beautiful roses:

The Queen Elizabeth Rose - a long-stemmed rose of clear pink, lightly fragranced with a vigorous growth habit.

This variety is so popular worldwide that it won 'World's Favourite Rose' in 1979.

'Rosa Queen Elizabeth' was bred by rose grower, Dr. Walter Lammerts in the United States in 1954 and was named in honour of Queen Elizabeth II when she ascended the British throne in 1952.

Rosa 'Golden Celebration' is a yellow shrub rose, bred by British rose breeder, David Austin - who introduced it in 1992.

This delightful rose is known for its large, deeply cupped flowers of rich golden yellow, and its strong Tea fragrance.

It forms a rounded shrub, with ample foliage - the flowers held beautifully poised on long arching branches.

'Golden Celebration' was named for its glorious colour, making it the perfect rose for commemorating any celebration or important event.

The combination of these two roses was inspired by HRH Queen Elizabeth II, it seemed the perfect choice to honour and to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman, who served her people with steadfastness, dignity and kindness.

The Red Cross Ladies Auxiliary will be providing their famously delicious morning teas, lunches, cakes and light refreshments for sale for visitors to enjoy as they savour the vision of decorative blooms and blossomy fragrances.

A firm favourite with our



Leongatha Horticultural Society president Dawn Green and secretary Wendy McDonald admiring roses in Dawn's backyard.



The Leongatha Horticultural Society is presenting their 49th Annual Rose Spectacular next weekend.

return visitors is the plant stall, which will have a variety of perennial plants and seedlings available to purchase.

Plus, we'll be selling some delightful hand-made floral posies, the blooms of which will come from our own gardens and created on site by our artistic gardeners.

Do you have some beautiful roses in your garden? How about entering one or many of your lovely blooms in our Rose Spectacular? Entrants

new to exhibiting flowers/rooses are very welcome to bring their items to the Daker Centre on Friday, November 11, from 6.00pm to 9.00pm, or on Saturday, November 12, from 8am to 10am.

Our members will happily assist both novices and experienced exhibitors in the presentation of their flowers.

Just bring along your cut flowers in a bucket, and we will provide the right sized vase or bottle to stage your

flowers - it's that easy!

If you still have some questions, you are welcome to contact our president Dawn on: 5662 3085 or Sandra on: 5662 4618.

We have a very popular garden club on Facebook: Leongatha Garden Club - you're welcome to ask us about anything to do with the Rose Show, or anything else to do with gardens - we're always happy to share what we know.

At 10am, the judges will have the challenge of judging all of the exhibits in a two-hour time frame.

Twelve noon will see the doors opening to the public to view what promises to be an enchanting display of gorgeous colours and heady sweet fragrances that will delight the senses.

The recent abundant rain and warm temperatures will promote vigorous growth in the garden, so it will be very exciting to see what marvels nature can dazzle us with.

Dates: Saturday, November 12, 2022. Show opens at 12 noon - 5.00 pm.

Sunday, November 13, 2022. From: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.

Venue: The Dakers Centre, 23 Smith Street, Leongatha 3953, (aka: The Leongatha Senior Citizen's Centre).

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Cost: Adults: \$5.00, children - free.



The Little Penguins are coming in droves this year with another record-breaking show.

Record breaking Little Penguins do it again

PHILLIP Island's Little Penguins have set their second record in five months, with 5440 birds waddling up the beach recently.

The previous record of 5219 was set in May, which until the weekend, was the highest number recorded since counts began at Summerland beach in 1968.

"We needed a day to check we were absolutely correct - but there's no doubt our Little Penguins have broken another record," said Paula Wasiak, Research Technical Officer at Phillip Island Nature Parks.

"We knew there were a lot of penguins, but no one expected this record-breaking show!"

The penguins chose the right night to set their new record, with more than 2000 visitors watching from the stands, and all other viewing experiences sold out.

"Since the last record was set, the number of penguins coming ashore has been consistently high," Ms Wasiak said.

"The numbers are a combination of penguins feeding very young chicks and an abundant food supply close to Phillip Island. At the Parade, we are at the peak of the guard stage of penguin breeding, when parents alternate coming into shore daily. The penguin chicks are a good weight, indicating that the food supply is healthy."

Penguins can eat a variety of fish, along with squid and jelly fish.

"Sardines and anchovies are the superfoods for penguins. When these two are around, penguins thrive, and that's what we are seeing now," said Ms Wasiak.

The 40,000 strong colony at Phillip Island is the largest in the world, thanks to excellent breeding conditions and the conservation efforts of Phillip Island Nature Parks.

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Animal Justice Party Victoria's Austin Cram, Lead Upper House Candidate for Eastern Victoria, with Elly Mousellis who will run for the party in the Bass electorate.

Animal Justice Party announces Bass candidate

By the Animal Justice Party Victoria

THE Animal Justice Party has endorsed Elly Mousellis as their candidate for Bass in the November State Election, becoming the sixth candidate to be nominated to challenge incumbent Jordan Crugnale in a seat which is becoming more and more hotly contested.

Elly is the first candidate the Animal Justice Party have run in the seat of Bass and is one of the 88 lower house candidates the Animal Justice Party is standing in this state election.

Elly is standing to be a strong voice for the native wildlife and natural environment of the Bass district.

She supports an end to sand mining in the Westernport Woodlands and the preservation of the habitat for the animals that rely on it, fully supporting the aims of the Save Westernport Woodlands group.

At the state level, she will also advocate to end the violence of recreational duck shooting and the cruel use of 1080 poison on introduced species.

As well as being a carer to her bunny Leona, cockatiel Petrie, a gecko and 27 fish, Elly works at a local pet supplies store where she works with families to provide the best care for their companion animals, battling misinformation and supporting them to find the right products for their animals.

She is a big supporter of the party's "vetericare" policy that seeks to provide subsidised veterinary care for those that need it, as well as open public vet clinics including specialised wildlife hospitals to ease the cost of living pressures on families as well as relieve pressure on overworked vets and vet nurses.

She is also an advocate for human issues, including the need for a more functional and practical local public transport system and the need to respond to the local domestic violence crisis, with a focus on the families and their companion animals who are suffering behind closed doors.

Elly is standing to support Austin Cram, who is running for election in the upper house in this region for the Animal Justice Party.

The Animal Justice Party was founded in 2009 in response to the growing number of voters seeking better protections for animals in law.

In 2018 it elected its first MP Andy Meddick, in Western Victoria.

A Summer's Night



Summer and Island resident Donna Ryan at the Golden Retriever Nationals in Sydney in August this year.



An adventure loving pup, Summer more often than not joins Donna on the paddleboard.



Tully and Donna Ryan at the Golden Retriever Nationals in Sydney in August.

GOLDEN Retriever, Summer (Camuka A Summer's Night), recently won Best Gaited, under breed specialist Roger Bridgford, at the Golden Retriever Club of Victoria Championship Shows securing second at both shows in her class.

"I got involved with golden retrievers six, seven years ago," owner and Phillip Island resident Donna Ryan said.

Introduced to the world of showing through her first girl, Juno (Camuka Drops of Jupiter), Donna has not looked back.

"I got my prefix for breeding – Serasigold (Golden Retrievers) in 2014 and Summer came into our family last year.

"She's super smart. She loves coming on the paddleboard with me – swimming out she jumps on top."

At 16 months of age, Summer gained her Australian Championship title.

"Summer has been doing really well. We've been having a lot of fun going around to all the country shows and seeing a lot of Victoria."

"I've been to Sydney and Broken Hill and all these little country towns that still have an Ag Show."

"I brought myself a little campervan last year and have decked out the car – we take off and have fun. I love it!"

"I've met heaps of friends – I love the social aspects and travelling. I've learnt heaps about Golden retrievers and dogs in general."

From grooming to obedience, Donna is a part of every aspect.

"I'm involved in WonDOG Obedience in Wonthaggi with my boy, Tully (Serasi Kissed by Yasi).

"I do a bit of tracking with Tully. He is a lot more docile and mellow and has a super temperament; he's a gorgeous boy."

Born in 2019, Tully gained his Australian Championship title mid-2022.

"Tully has had some wonderful results. He won Baby Puppy in Group at one of his first shows and won his first Best of Breed at seven months."

"A highlight was at the 2019 Golden Retriever Club of

Victoria Specialty show when he won the class of Minor Puppy and also Best Breeder, Owner, Handler for the day, and his mum, Juno, also won her class 'Best State Bred Bitch' that same day."

In Australia, the Golden Retriever is bred and judged according to the Breed Standard of The Kennel Club (UK) on their general appearance, characteristics, temperament, head and skull, eyes, ears, mouth, neck, forequarters, body, hindquarters, feet, tail, gait/movement, coat, colour, size and faults.

For Summer, her championship title means she has conquered showing.

"She's a champion. She doesn't have to keep trying to do any better."

Country shows near the Murray are next on the agenda for Summer along with a litter in the future.

As a dog owner on the Island, Donna is also a proud supporter of Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association (PIBCDOA).

"PIBCDOA are important in giving dog owners on the island a voice and having access to our beaches."

"We live five minutes from the off-leash beach in Ventnor and we absolutely love it. The social side of going down there, all the people that you meet with their dogs."

"Especially during COVID, it really highlighted how dogs were important to people for many reasons."

The group are advocates for responsible pet ownership, whilst ensuring wildlife is preserved and were integral in the implementation of the dog poo bags available at beaches and parks with members continuing to check in on supplies and change over bags when they run out.

The association also recently held a blanket drive with blankets and towels going to the Lost Dogs Home, and their annual raffle over the Cup long weekend will purchase dog food for the Phil Dixon Emergency Food Relief Pantry at PICAL.

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KernArt prize building community connections



KernArt prize second place award presented to 'Bunnies' by Rebecca Moore at the 2022 art exhibition. Z36_4422



The secondary junior prize was awarded to Charlie Turnbull for piece 'Alex G' at the 2022 KernArt prize art exhibition in Kernot. Z37_4422

RETURNING in person after an annual online exhibition, the KernArt prize for 2022 was held at the Kernot community hall with the opening launch of the exhibition on Friday, October 28.

Opened to the public over the Melbourne Cup long weekend, the KernArt prize committee welcomed 180 entries with over 150 local artists exhibiting their work – some featuring their pieces for the very first time.

KernArt prize chairman Adam McLeod said the exhibition welcomed professional and amateur artists to enter their array of pieces from a variety of mediums.

"Our judge for the 2022 KernArt prize was 2021 award winner and local artist Bob Hickman. Bob exhibits his own work in his gallery in Koonwarra, as well as Meeniyan, Foster and ArtSpace Wonthaggi," said Adam.

"Bob announced the award winners at the grand opening on Friday evening and the People's choice award was presented at the close of the show on Sunday,



Grade 6 student, Amalea Parsons of Tooradin Primary School was a featured artist at the KernArt prize art exhibition in Kernot over the long weekend, recognised for her secret garden piece. Z34_4422

October 30."

First prize awarded to Marian Quigley for acrylic 'Federation Square', second prize awarded to Rebecca Moore for acrylic 'Bunnies' and third prize presented to Kalina De Bruin for

acrylic 'The rain finally stopped'.

The junior KernArt primary prize was awarded to Veronica Turner for acrylic 'Spotty dotty' and junior KernArt secondary prize presented to Charlie Turnbull for pen and ink 'Alex G'.

Vital funding for San Remo Primary

THE State Government has funded \$76,484 for San Remo Primary School towards an outdoor inclusive learning space.

San Remo Primary School will share in the \$7.89 million to build facilities suitable for all students, as part of the round eight of the inclusive school's fund.

The fund will see improvements made to play areas – with stimulating and accessible equipment – as well as outdoor learning spaces that provide opportunities for sensory experiences and peer socialization.

San Remo Primary School principal Karen Bowker said this inclusive space will be built near the current play area and vegetable garden.

She highlighted that the funding will enable the school to give students a new outdoor sensory space with outdoor seating.

The inclusive schools fund was launched in 2015 to help Victorian schools support students whose special needs require additional facilities.

The Victorian Budget 2021/22 includes a further \$10 million to the inclusive school's fund, bringing the total investment to \$70 million.

RIGHT: San Remo Principal Karen Bowker and the prep and grade one students Darcee, Zarah, Van and Zeke are delighted to hear about the new outdoor inclusive learning space. Z01_4222



New Principal welcomed

By Bass Valley Primary School

WE are thrilled to be welcoming Sharon King to Bass Valley as our Principal.

Sharon is an experienced leader who has been Principal at Yallourn North Primary School (PS), Trafalgar PS and Assistant Principal at Morwell Park PS. Prior to being a Principal, Sharon was a Cluster Educator and has a strong history of leading teaching and learning in both primary and secondary settings.

Sharon brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Bass Valley, and we look forward to all working with her.

Sharon has already been a part of the Bass Valley team over the past six months and already we are seeing the positive changes she is making in the school.

If you have any questions regarding our programs or wish to organise a tour, please contact us on 5678 0208.

Nature inspired boardwalk for specialist school

BASS Coast Specialist School has received funds to develop a 'Biodiversity Boardwalk' as part of the Junior Landcare grants.

Minister for the Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio announced the recipients of \$3.6 million in Victorian Landcare Grants and Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants.

The grants will fund 327 on-ground and educational projects.



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St Joseph's, Korumburra students
proudly took part in Socktober to raise awareness and funds for vulnerable children.

Students kicking goals for good

SETTING goals is an essential part of any school year, but for those at St Joseph's, Korumburra, the goals they kicked during October may just change lives.

The school took part in Socktober, an initiative of global mission aid agency Catholic Mission that raises awareness and funds for critical projects supporting vulnerable children in developing countries.

The focus of the learning and fundraising efforts that the students carried out throughout the month of October, known as World Mission Month, is a farming project in rural Ethiopia, where families grapple with the issues of food insecurity and malnutrition.

"Our school community is a generous one, and our students really look forward to having fun with the Socktober program while making a difference in the lives of children in need," said teacher, Catherine Riseley.

One of the first goals for students was to make a "sockball" – a makeshift soccer ball made of recycled materials like old socks. The activity helps students understand the reality of children who cannot afford high-quality balls found in schools across Australia.

"It's important for our students to understand why children in places like Ethiopia need our support, and to expose some of the root causes of poverty. In doing this, we are preparing our students to be responsible leaders of change in the future," says Catherine.

"The soccer part of the program, especially the sockball activity, helps the students to understand that while we might be more privileged than children in Ethiopia, we are very similar at a fundamental level: in our love of games and sports."

When they signed up, students picked a goal package, with various activities and reflections linked to the focus country. As the students kicked their goals, they sought sponsorship from friends and family through their online fundraising pages.

You can support St Joseph's Korumburra's, Socktober effort at their page: <https://www.socktober.org.au/fundraisers/stjosephsprimarykorumburra>

Electoral review could affect Bass Coast Shire

THE State Government has appointed the members of two Electoral Representation Advisory Panels to review the electoral structure of Victorian councils.

Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne confirmed the appointments with the panels to begin their work early next year and complete the formal process by early 2024, in time for the local elections.

The Electoral Representation Advisory Panels will conduct a review into the structure of 39 Victorian councils that need to comply with new electoral representation arrangements under the Local Government Act 2020.

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) will provide the panels with all technical and administrative support.

Under the Act, all councils must have a single-member ward structure, unless the Government has permitted them to have uniform multi-member wards or an unsubdivided structure.

Students' incredible community led projects showcased for all

MORE than 200 people busht into the Newhaven Primary School last Tuesday to celebrate the Kids as Catalysts Showcase led by local not for profit Kids Thrive.

Volunteer groups and community organisations from across the Bass Coast region joined with students from Newhaven Primary, Powlett River Primary and Bass Valley Primary, their parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents and the broader school communities to celebrate the extraordinary community-change projects students had co-designed and delivered with their community action partners.

There were tears of joy and pride on the night from participants who have spent months developing these community-based projects ranging from yarning circles, art murals, connecting kids from remote towns, creating historical moments around the pandemic, and designing and printing 3D devices for use by people with little or no hand capacity.

"We would like to give a huge thanks to the Bass Coast Community Foundation, the schools involved, the community and funders as well as media outlets who have supported this beautiful program through their time, talent and treasure," said Dr Andrea Lemon, co-founder of Kids Thrive.

Grade five and six students from the three local primary schools and their community action partners presented in front of community leaders, Bass Coast Councillors, school principals, proud families and interested community mem-



Kids Thrive team surrounded by Showcase participants and audience Andrea (left), Ande, Lizzy, Jenny Iris, Marg (Kids Thrive Program team).

bers, showcasing the projects they have delivered and the outcomes achieved to help drive positive change in their local communities.

The Kids Thrive Kids as Catalysts program has been running at Newhaven, Powlett River, and Bass Valley Primary Schools over term three and four, with students seeking project funding to address issues they see as having greatest importance in their local community, including support for older people, cultural inclusion, gender equality, environmental issues and protection of animals and wildlife as well as disability advocacy.

Taking part in Victoria's leading creative leadership and social change program for schools, principals and

program staff said students have undergone significant change since commencing the program.

Executive Officer of the Bass Coast Community Foundation Sarah Bourke said funding the program again has demonstrated the importance of connecting and engaging young people in the community, particularly in the critical years before they transition to high school.

"Bass Coast Kids as Catalyst program leads the way in fostering youth engagement and participation from an early age. The 15 action projects led by the students are all remarkable in themselves, and they should feel proud of the impacts that they can make in our local community."

she said.

Kids as Catalysts will continue to run across schools in 2023 in the local area.

If your community organisation or volunteer group wants to be involved with this unique charitable program, and partner with students in 2023 please send an email to admin@kidsthrive.org.au

Kids Thrive is a not-for-profit charity proudly working in the Bass Coast region and this Kids as Catalysts program is proudly funded by Bass Coast Community Foundation, VicHealth, Victorian Department of Education and Training, and the Sidney Myer Fund.

To find out more about the program go to www.kidsthrive.org.au and [bccf.org.au](http://www.bccf.org.au)

Inspiring the next generation of workers

MIRBOO North Secondary College students enjoyed a break from normal school responsibilities, with the 'Inspiring Young People Luncheon' exposing them to a wide range of industry mentors and speakers.

The predominantly Year 11 group were encouraged not to panic if they aren't yet sure what career to pursue, hearing there is scope to change direction in future.

Some also learned about career prospects they may not have otherwise considered.

South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network ran the session.

"There's no right or wrong way to get into a career," South Gippsland Shire Mayor Mohya Davies said.

With a passion for early learning, much of her career has been as a kindergarten teacher.

I never thought I would be mayor; it just happened," Mohya told her young audience.

She compared ATAR scores to birth weights, saying when someone is born everyone wants to know their weight, but it is soon forgotten and that while ATAR seems all important



Students Hayley Eden and Luci Seath with mentor Steph Lake, a fitter and boiler maker. A13_4422

now, that perception will alter.

Student Luci Seath was interested to hear the story of mentor Steph Lake who is a fitter and boiler maker at a power station, something that opened Luci's eyes to new career prospects.

"Steph's inspired me," Luci declared.

Steph was delighted to have the opportunity to share her career story with the students.

"I didn't know what a fitter was, and it's important for girls to know those sorts of careers are out there, and I would love to have had things like this around when I was at school," Steph said.

She said once people work out what direction they want to head, it is achievable even if the path isn't a direct one.

"My path wasn't straight forward, but I got there in the end and I'm in a leadership role, and they need to know they will get there despite their score if they really want to go in that direction," Kylie said.

Beau Melbourne is one of those Mirboo North students fortunate to have already established his career path, having an agricultural apprenticeship lined up on a farm.

Blake Peters is another student confident he knows where he is heading, with his sights set on a career as a diesel mechanic.

Paramedic Rebecca Quarries is glad she made the effort to get into a job she loves.

"It took persistence, more financially, having to pay my way while studying," she said.

Rebecca's message to students is to be resilient and not to give up if they get a 'no'.

She also stressed the importance of being busy.

"You can change direction, but doing something is better than doing nothing," Rebecca said.

Miners' Dispensary *Celebrating 100 years*



The Miners' Dispensary officially opened in November of 1922 and staff Karyn, Annette, Petra, Sally, Carolyn, Board member Reg, Narelle, Alana and Rosalie are celebrating 100 years of servicing the community. Z08_4422

Your chance to win exciting prizes at Miners' Dispensary

THE Wonthaggi Miners Friendly Society's Dispensary or "the Dispensary" as it is fondly known, turns 100 in November.

And to celebrate the centenary milestone, members and non-members are offered the chance to win one of three major prizes in store.

The Dispensary officially opened in 1922.

The catalyst for the establishment of the Dispensary was the lack of affordable and adequate supplies of medication for coal miners and their families.

With the backing of the six mining unions, it was agreed to buy an old building in Graham Street, demolish it and build the Dispensary.

Original mine employee and Miners' Dispensary board member Reg Wilson, said he has been on the board for 28 years, seeing immense growth in both the town and the Dispensary.

"The Dispensary has grown with the town; in 1950 it was compulsory to have a weekly medical levy which involved both the local doctors and the dispensary, this was in place to ensure the miners could take care of their health," said Reg.

Funds for the building and operation of the Dispensary were raised with the levy from miners' wages.

This was the way that the co-operative nature of the early years of Wonthaggi operated, with the Union and its miners' providing facilities and services in Wonthaggi.

The Co-operatives Store, Union Theatre and the new Dispensary were all funded by the miners.

This same co-operative nature still exists today, with members of the Dis-



To celebrate the centenary milestone of the Miners' Dispensary, members and non-members have the chance to win one of three major prizes this November, including this E-bike from Wheel Heat in Wonthaggi. Z09_4422

pensary receiving benefits in reduced costs of pharmacy, dental and other services.

As part of the centenary celebrations, the dispensary has a raffle running from Wednesday, November 2, until Wednesday, November 16, available to both members and non-members. Simply purchase an over-the-counter item (members will receive 15 per cent off) and go in the draw to win one of three prizes; a Shogun E-Bike from local business Wheel Heat, a \$1000 Hello World travel voucher or a Health prize pack val-

ued at \$1328 - inclusive of a 12-month membership to Voyage Fitness Wonthaggi.

General Manager and Senior Pharmacist Sally Cairnduff said Reg is the only mine employee on the board of the dispensary, and the board wanted to make sure that this important occasion would be properly commemorated within the community.

"It is a pleasure being on the board of the Dispensary; the biggest change immensely lies within the growth of Wonthaggi and the shift in proprietary

products - this is a big difference from the 1950s."

Due to the growth of the town, the board and staff saw the need to refurbish their Dispensary to improve the workflow.

There is now increased refrigeration space and storage for processed prescriptions and Webster packs. The space has been redesigned to assist pharmacists when checking prescriptions and counselling patients. Products have also been rearranged to ensure health related products are located near the trained pharmacists.

"Our NDSS department is now located adjacent to our Dispensary to ensure patients receive adequate care from our pharmacists. Our Webster service area has improved to cater for more patients. Webster packs can improve patient compliance and peace of mind. They help those taking medication to take the right dose at the right time and assist with the management of complex medication regimes," said Sally.

"The Dispensary refurbishment is near completion, and we look forward to servicing the community with a new and improved space; a space that will better serve our staff and our patients."

As part of the November celebrations, the Dispensary board also commissioned local historian and author, Sam Gatto, to write the history of the Dispensary.

The book 'One of a Kind' will be launched in early November, as will a plaque to commemorate the 100th celebration.

Copies will be available for purchase at the Dispensary after November 3.

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Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Trevor Roberts, alongside Ivan Smith (centre right) presented Alan Price and Neil Smith with their CFA Life Memberships at their recent presentation night.



Assistant Chief Fire Officer Trevor Roberts presents Jill Price with her 35 Years Medal.



Awarded his 25 Years Medal Peter Davis and Roger Davis enjoy a night of celebration.

Celebrations at Pound Creek

TARWIN Lower came alive on Wednesday, October 12, as Pound Creek Fire Brigade celebrated their annual presentation night.

Attended by Assistant Chief Fire Officer Trevor Roberts, 18 members were recognised for their service with two additional life memberships presented by Pound Creek Captain, Ivan Smith.

Maria Joyce, Jordan Crugnale, Christine Mutton and Angela Smith were awarded their Five-year Certificate of Service with Jay Masterman-Smith, Nigel Sherlock and Ivan Smith recognised with their 10 Year Medals, whilst Peter McNair was presented with his 15 Year Medal.

Twenty Year Medals went to John De Bruin and Peter Vanzyden, whilst Peter Davis and Stewart Malcom were awarded their 25 Year Medals and Christopher Buxton his 30 Year Medal.

In an incredible display of unity and service to their community, Carol Cashin, Evelyn Harris and Jillian Price were awarded 35 Year Medals.

Alan Price was awarded his 40 Year Medal alongside a CFA Life Membership Medal for his service and dedication to Pound Creek Fire Brigade and the wider South Gippsland Group.

"Since 1981, Alan has held many positions from 1st Lieutenant, Training Officer, Group Delegate and Captain at Pound Creek Brigade, and as a Group

Officer and 2nd, 3rd and 4th Deputy Officer for the South Gippsland Group" Ivan said.

"Over the years of service and professional dedication to the CFA, Alan has continued to pursue numerous CFA courses, involving hundreds of hours of study. This has resulted in Alan becoming one of the most qualified volunteer firefighters in Gippsland.

"He is regarded widely through the South Gippsland Group as one of the most knowledgeable and pragmatic CFA identities. This recognition often draws local CFA members, as well as people from other brigades, to seek his advice on any range of CFA related issues."

Alan was also nominated earlier this year for the 2022 Spirit of CFA Seniors Award, where he was presented with a High Commended Award in this category.

Neil Smith was presented with his 50 Year Medal and CFA Life Membership as a second-generation firefighter who followed in his father's footsteps as a junior at Pound Creek in 1972.

"Over the following 50 years Neil has provided a continuous commitment to the Pound Creek Fire Brigade. He has undertaken extensive training and held many responsible positions within the brigade... from 4th, 3rd and 1st Lieutenant, Communications Officer to Captain for eight years," Ivan said.

• POUND CREEK BRIGADE



It's all hands-on deck at Pound Creek Fire Brigade as bushfire training kicks up a gear. C105_4422

Pound Creek ready to respond and support

POUND Creek Fire Brigades place in the community is key.

They may be a smaller brigade, but their hearts are big, and they provide vital support to both Inverloch Fire Brigade and Tarwin Lower Fire Brigade.

Mock training scenarios ensure burn over drills, hazardous tress and situational awareness are at the forefront of members minds as they embark on their wildfire training.

Spearheaded by Training Officer, Mick, under the support of Captain Ivan, recent training allowed members to re-familiarise themselves with equipment and ask vital questions regarding the tanker and big fill appliances coming into wildfire season.

"These are mandatory skills," Mick explained.

"Entrapment procedures, tree hazards..."

"We recently acquired the reserve from the Council and this has allowed us greater access to the creek and to cluster training with Tarwin Lower and Kongwak..." Ivan added.

Similarly, to their neighbouring

brigades, Pound Creek is urging individuals and property owners to be prepared.

"Make sure your properties are clearly identifiable, so emergency services can find you."

"Clean up your properties and make sure there is clear access so if you do have to call 000 trucks can enter. Our tanker needs three and a half metres height and three metre width to gain access in the unfortunate scenario."

"Have your Fire Plan already in place and don't leave it to the last minute – likewise if you are going to leave, leave early, and have a plan for your pets, horses and livestock."

"And make yourself aware of the new Fire Danger Ratings."

What's shaping up to more than likely be a late season, Pound Creek is still urging individuals not to leave things until the last minute and prepare as they would every year.

With 32 operational members, Pound Creek certainly has the gusto to help when the call is paged out, however, they are always open to new members.

• MEENIYAN - STONY CREEK BRIGADE



Meenyan Stony Creek CFA recently held its presentation dinner where numerous awards and achievements were celebrated.

Wildfire training in focus

MEENIYAN Stony Creek CFA is urging the community to be on guard this fire season despite consistent rains.

Fortunately, this year has been a year of regeneration after the changes brought by the COVID restrictions.

The brigade has dealt with all of the challenges and is at full operating readiness.

"The seasonal forecast indicates that grass fires and storms may constitute the main incidents within our range of responsibility. However, all predictions and forecasts can be proved wrong by events."

"Our Ultralight tanker has recently received its upgrades and is absolute state of the art in terms of being a smaller, flexible, agile and capable vehicle that adds flexibility to all of our emergency responses."

Training this year has included sharpening their wildfire capabilities as well as ensuring all pre-season readiness tasks are in-hand.

"Across Australia a new unified system of fire danger ratings has been adopted," he said.

"Our experts in the CFA combined with fire agencies and fire behaviour scientists and meteorologists to address the identified inadequacies with

the previous state-based systems.

"The number of types of public fire danger ratings have been simplified while also giving detailed information to the incident controllers."

100 years of service to CFA

MEENIYAN Stony Creek CFA recently held its presentation dinner.

Among the service awards presented were three to members of one family spanning three generations.

Members of the Young family of Stony Creek were presented with three awards- 50 years, 40 years, and 10 years.

Each of the awardees are serving members and active members of the brigade.

Colin Young received his 50-year service medal from Commander Greg Fischer.

His nephew, Charlie Young received his 40-Year service medal while Charlie's daughter Natalie received her 10-year medal.

Other awards presented include Paddy Eldred who served 26 years as Captain of the Brigade (40 Year Medal), Justin Griffin and Sean Carson both 30-Year medals, Darren Harris 25-Year Medal and Matt Hardidge 15-Year medal.

• KORUMBURRA FIRE BRIGADE

Preparations underway for summer

SUMMER may be around the corner, and whilst it may not yet feel like it, Korumburra Fire Brigade have started preparations for the season ahead.

"Trainings going good," Captain Shane Maskell said.

"Coming into this time of year we always try and focus on pre-fire season; and do our annual burn over drills.

"Equipment wise we're going pretty well – we've just received eight new BA cylinders. That's going to help us at structure jobs and where we require breathing apparatus."

However, as much of the community is aware, Korumburra are in dire need of a new fire station.

"At the moment, we're trying to lobby for a new station. We've outgrown where we are and it's no longer suitable – it's dangerous and only getting worse at school times.

"We've started discussions with CFA and whoever else will listen – we need to start thinking about the future and where we're going as far as a new facility."

With four vehicles – two firefighting appliances in a pumper and tanker and two brigade owned ve-

hicles in a support and a salvage, there is always training to be had.

"The general consensus if there is a fire season, is that it will be a lot later than normal.

"But we've always got to be ready, we've got to maintain our skills and our training – we get called out 24/7, 365 days a year for all sorts of things – structure fires, car accidents..."

"This time of year our message if people are starting to think about going away is to prepare their properties, and take care on the roads – we don't want to be out on the roads at accidents over Christmas and Summer.

"Make sure your properties are accessible in the event that we do get called to a house or bush fire – ensure the property is clearly marked and we can get a fire truck in the driveway if we need too."

And don't forget to ensure your smoke alarms are up to date and working.

And whilst Korumburra are tracking well for members they would 'never say no' if someone in the community is interested. Jump online to cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa.



Three Korumburra Fire Brigade members recently completed their suppress wild fire course alongside members from across the district.

New national heatwave warning service

THE Bureau of Meteorology has released a new national heatwave warning service.

Heatwaves are Australia's most dangerous environmental hazard, resulting in more community deaths than bushfires, floods, cyclones, and severe storms combined.

The new heatwave warning service will provide an alert through the BOM Weather app and Bureau website that a heat hazard is forecast within the coming 4 days, helping Australians to prepare for and lessen the impacts of a heatwave events.

The alerts will include heatwave warnings issued by the Bureau along with 5 sets of action statements aligned to heatwave severity, agreed with partner health and emergency service agencies across Australia.

In the event of a heatwave, heatwave warnings will be issued by the Bureau through the BOM Weather app and Bureau website, as well as media and social media, with health messages relating to heat provided by state and territory agencies.

A heatwave occurs when the maximum and the minimum temperatures are unusually hot over a three-day period at a location.

This is considered in relation to the local climate and past weather at the location.

For more information on heatwaves visit the Bureau's heatwave knowledge centre Heatwave Service for Australia (bom.gov.au).

For more information on the Bureau's heatwave products, please visit the Bureau of Meteorology www.bom.gov.au

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Emergency services preparing in Gippsland

EMERGENCY services personnel came together earlier this month to prepare for this year's upcoming high-risk season through multi-agency briefings in several locations across Gippsland.

Senior Victorian operational personnel joined regional and local emergency management personnel for briefings on the localised bushfire, flood and storm outlook, specific local risks, and to ensure they are prepared to respond and work with communities to keep them safe.

Deputy Emergency Management Commissioner Chris Stephenson said the multi-agency briefings were an important part of preparedness activities.

"As a sector, we're continuing our preparedness into the higher-risk weather season, not only for the risk of fires but also for floods and storms. It's important that Victorians continue their preparations too," he said.

CFA Acting Deputy Chief Officer South East Bryan Russell said Gippsland is expecting a third year in a row of below average bushfire risk across the area.

"With significant rainfall forecast over the coming months, we expect to see a large amount of grass growth throughout Gippsland, meaning grass fires will once again be a reality this summer."

Fire Rescue Victoria Commissioner Ken Block said summer season preparedness is a shared responsibility between the emergency management sector and the Victorian community.

"It's important you understand your fire risk and get prepared now, don't wait until a fire starts. Make sure you and everyone in your household knows what to do during the summer period.

"If you live near grasslands, you need to understand the risks associated with fast-moving grassfires. If a fire starts in grasslands near your home, walk two streets back and keep clear of responding emergency services."

Chief Officer Operations of the Victoria State Emergency Service, Tim Wiesbusch, said that as the outlook suggests a wet spring and early summer thanks to a third consecutive La Niña event, it's important Victorians begin to plan for floods and storms, with an emergency plan in place.

"While we are preparing for a high-risk season, it's vital Victorians never drive on flooded roads. It can take just 15cm of water to float a small car."

The fire danger rating system has changed to the Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) and is now nationally consistent across every state and territory.

The system reduces the number of danger levels from six under the previous system, to four.

The new levels are:

- Moderate: Plan and prepare
- High: Prepare to act
- Extreme: Take action now to protect your life and property
- Catastrophic: For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas

Victorians can familiarise themselves with the new fire danger rating system and check the ratings daily this summer on the VicEmergency app or the CFA website.

• PHILLIP ISLAND FIRE BRIGADE

Phillip Island residents in good hands

PHILLIP Island CFA has responded to 120 call outs – sitting at a lower-than-average year.

However, fortunately they have a strong membership of 52 members, 38 operational and 14 non-operational.

The brigade has just put three new members through in 2022 and another recruitment drive will be undertaken early to mid-2023.

However, First Lieutenant Lino Drazzi said the Phillip Island CFA is always looking for more volunteer members and everyone is welcome to enquire and join.

"Our training officer Joe Myall has done an exceptional job with our training calendar. We train every Tuesday night and Sunday morning to keep our skill maintenance up to date," said Lino.

"This time of year, Joe is heavily focused on preparing for the

upcoming fire season which all members have to attain competency."

The brigade members are patiently waiting the opening of their new home in Cowes on Ventnor Road, which is currently under construction and will be complete in the near future. This new station will house the pumper, two tankers and FCV all under one roof.

"With this new amenity it will streamline our operations and training to all happen onsite," said Lino.

"As per every year we ask the members of the public to have their fire plan ready and familiarise themselves with the new fire danger ratings introduced this year. These new fire danger ratings are across Australia so whether you are home or travelling you will see the same rating system."



Phillip Island CFA train every Tuesday evening and every Sunday morning.



Phillip Island Fire Brigade's Third lieutenant, Joe Myall, was featured in a new profile series by CFA which highlights the challenges and benefits brigades face.



Get to know your CFA brigades

PHILLIP Island Fire Brigade was featured as part of a new profile series 'Brigades of CFA' which highlights the organisation's outstanding work in the community.

Each week CFA is sharing a story from a different brigade which is featured on their website for all to view.

According to CFA, Phillip Island has a regular population of just 12,328, but the holiday spot's population drastically increases during certain times of the year – such as summer, school holidays and the Moto GP, where more than 100,000 people visit the island.

During these population booms, Phillip Island and other brigades from the Bass Coast need to ensure that anyone on the Island continues to be protected, while brigades from all over the state send resources to help.

Third lieutenant, Joe Myall, from the Phillip Island Fire Brigade was inter-

viewed for the feature, where he spoke about the challenges they face at times.

"Phillip Island is heavily known for our events, and we get a lot of people down here at different times of the weekend," he said.

"Higher populations can be a challenge due to the amount of people."

"We make sure we have adequate members available to turn out and make sure we're able to get resources onto the Island in case of any emergencies."

Joe highlighted the brigade's involvement with the recent MotoGP, where they are on call for any fire-related matters and help ensure attendees are safe.

"We've got our own three resources down here, our pumper and two tankers," he said.

To view the interview, visit news.cfa.vic.gov.au/news/brigades-of-cfa-phillip-island

SES members recognised for their black summer service

personnel attending.

The medals are inscribed with the following message from Governor General, David Hurley:

'On behalf of all Australians, thank you for your service during the 2019-20 bushfires.'

'The intensity of the fires, and the devastation they caused, will long be scarred into our nation's memory. In the midst of the danger and tragedy we also witnessed the best of Australia – Individuals helping loved ones and strangers alike.'

'As a recipient of the National Emergency Medal, know that your fellow Australians are grateful for your service.'

The SES Units represented at the ceremony included: Inverloch, Moe, Morwell, San Remo, Warragul, Wonthaggi and the East region.



Wonthaggi SES members Michael Butera and Joel Stevenson were awarded recently for their role in the Black Summer fires.

• BASS FIRE BRIGADE



Members of Bass CFA, second Lieutenant Andy Stewart, First Lieutenant Peter Dann and former Captain Barry Dakin invite new members to join the Bass brigade. Z10_4422

Bass brigade calling for volunteers

VOLUNTEERS of the Bass Fire Brigade are lacking on the ground operational members and need twice as many hands on deck.

Currently, the volunteer numbers are low with only six operational members on the ground and second Lieutenant Andy Stewart said the brigade need volunteers, both male and female to put their hands up and help make a difference in their community.

"There seems to be an overall perception that 'if I can't contribute enough, then I won't contribute at all, however; this isn't the case, if volunteers can give their time to a ground operation twice a year, then that is enough," said Andy.

"Our members train every Monday evening at 7pm and were continually refreshing our training and dedicating our time to train new volunteers who wish to join this rewarding role."

Youth as young as 16 years are

welcome to join a local brigade and will receive onsite training, including first aid (free of charge) as well as critical refresher training annually.

Former captain of Bass CFA Barry Dakin joined the CFA in 1982 to make a contribution to his community and today, he remains a member to keep the public safe.

First Lieutenant Peter Dann made the decision to join the CFA 12 years ago, and said volunteers aren't required to have any prior knowledge or experience.

"Joining a local regional brigade allows new residents to meet like-minded people, to help them become involved in their community and make a difference - to save those in a crisis," said Andy.

To register your interest in the Bass brigade email second Lieutenant Andy Stewart at andy@themill.net.au or stop by the CFA station any Monday evening from 7pm.

• INVERLOCH FIRE BRIGADE

A new tanker for Inverloch

INVERLOCH Fire Brigade is excited for their new addition - a heavy tanker.

"We've just started our skills maintenance - hazardous trees, burn overs... in recent weeks," Inverloch Captain, Shane Frogley said.

"We've got three new recruits going through at the moment, and members have also done BA training recently.

"We were meant to have a group exercise but that was postponed due to the floods, so we are looking forwards to that in due course.

"We've also had a few members recently complete their flood training modules."

With the new tanker joining their FOV (field ops vehicle) and brigade owned FCV (forward control vehicle), Inverloch are keen to replace their pumper which is in dire need of an upgrade.

"We want to remind individuals to stay vigilant and keep an eye on the weather - if going, go early.

"Be aware of the new fire danger system and make sure you download the VicEmergency



Firefighters at Inverloch Fire Brigade are all smiles at a recent training night.

app and stay up to date."

Homeowners are also reminded not to be complacent either with messaging largely turning to bushfire awareness.

"It's still important to ensure smoke alarms stay up to date and are replaced every 10 years with the batteries replaced yearly (unit dependant).

"And barbecue safety is important. Check your gas bottles and fittings and if you want any tips or a free safety kit pop into the station Sundays from 10am."

For members looking to join, pop along Tuesday nights at 7pm or Sunday mornings from 10am for more information - training is held on a Tuesday from 7pm.

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• LEONGATHA FIRE BRIGADE



Leongatha Fire Brigade is keen to welcome new members to its friendly team, with some of its current crew shown at a recent awards day.

Prepare your whole property for fire season

PEOPLE still need to be vigilant in preparing for the fire season and not allow the current wet weather to put them off guard, Leongatha Fire Brigade captain Mick Wight said.

He emphasised the risk of rampant grass growth, fuelled by prolific rain and eventual sunshine.

"There's still a danger for fire," Mick said.

While protecting your home is a major focus, don't lose sight of other measures to minimise risk all over your property.

"Clean up around your buildings, not just your house but around your sheds and other structures that you've got," Mick said.

He offered general advice on preparing a fire plan.

"Look at different routes to get to your safe zone and make sure your fire plan's not going through bushland, and make sure we can enter your property with the tanker," Mick said.

He's happy to chat to community members wanting advice regarding planning for the fire season and specific concerns related to their properties.

Mick can be reached on

0427 866 912.

While the brigade has three new members, he's keen to hear from others wishing to join.

There are plans for an open day late in November and a full-scale recruitment drive next March, but Mick encourages anyone interested in joining to give him a call.

In addition to firefighting opportunities, there are plenty of non-operational roles available including administration, gardening, general maintenance and cleaning.

Leongatha Fire Brigade members have been sharpening their skills ahead of summer with burnover drills, entrapment procedures, tree hazard awareness training, and checking equipment is operating efficiently.

There is also strong emphasis on pre-incident planning, mainly for structure fires within town, but also factoring in measures to impede grass fires on the outskirts of town, with brigade members familiarising themselves with locations around town.

The brigade is focused on doing such pre-planning on a wider scale than it previously has.

• LEONGATHA SOUTH FIRE BRIGADE



Leongatha South Fire Brigade is ready to assist when needed, but urges people to register burnoffs to avoid unnecessary callouts.

Help the CFA find your property

LEONGATHA South Fire Brigade community safety coordinator Jodi Butler has a couple of key messages for community members as they prepare for the fire season.

"Considering that we are quite a rural brigade, the main issues we come across are being able to find your property, if you do call up, because a lot of properties aren't numbered, and also the need for people to register their burn-offs," Jodi said.

"We often attend burns people are allowed to have, but they're not registered, and a passer-by calls the fire brigade and we get called out unnecessarily, and being volunteers we want to avoid that happening."

Jodi urges people to not only register their burns but to stay with them with plenty of water on hand, and to extinguish them properly.

Information on burning off safely is available on the Leongatha South

Fire Brigade Facebook page or from the brochure holder in front of the station.

Jodi outlined what people need to do to ensure the brigade can easily find their properties.

"Have large clear reflective numbers on the outside of your property that can be seen day and night and from either side of the road," she said.

Jodi stressed that is equally important for long term residents who shouldn't assume those on the fire truck will know where their property is located.

Leongatha South Fire Brigade members train monthly, making sure members' bushfire and grass fire fighting skills remain at a high level.

Annual tree hazard awareness training and burnover training has already occurred, ensuring the brigade is ready if needed.

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• GLEN ALVIE FIRE BRIGADE



Glen Alvie fire brigade are urging property owners to maintain their undergrowth for the coming summer season.

Plan ahead this fire season

GLEN Alvie CFA is travelling well in 2022.

While always looking for new members, the regional brigade has had a good influx of young recruits recently and this has positively put some youth back into the brigade, with a total of 25 members.

Captain of Glen Alvie Fire Brigade, Craig Matthews said training had been a little hard during the pandemic period, as the volunteers were only allowed to do essential maintenance and call outs.

"However, we have started to get back into normal regular training at least once a month, mostly at the station but sometimes on site, including CFA mobile training props or with other brigades," said Craig.

Members also complete individual courses, some recently included low voltage fuse removal and hazmat awareness. Training alternates between Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

"Training now is gearing up to

ward our pre-summer skills maintenance. Even though it's quite wet and cold now and there hasn't been much heat, things can change quickly once we get into summer and with the amount of vegetation growth that we have had there will be quite a large fire fuel load around people's properties which will need to be managed." Craig said.

General advice is for people to try and keep on top of the grass and shrub-tree growth and not let it get too far out of hand.

"Equipment wise we are quite good for now, our station is around 10 years old, and our tanker is only six years old, so both are quite modern and are great assets for the community. We do keep updating some of our minor equipment however including remote lighting, new style hose nozzles and personal protective gear-clothing," said Craig.

To give back to the community and become a volunteer, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

• SAN REMO FIRE BRIGADE



San Remo CFA member, Bill McIntosh has been a volunteer for over 20 years. Z13_4422

San Remo CFA aim for gender equality

THE San Remo brigade are aiming to train a cohort of women to reach a target of 50 per cent female volunteers within the station, whether it be operational or non-operational members.

Gender diversity and gender equality are a core focus as the brigade is sitting at a 25 per cent male/female ratio.

Since the pandemic the training sessions are back to normal running on a Tuesday evening at 6pm and Sunday morning for equipment maintenance, and the volunteers are welcoming the community to join.

The brigade will be running an information session on Sunday, November 13, at 10am to give the public an insight into what volunteers can do to assist their local CFA.

Captain Mark Thiele said volunteers don't necessarily have to be operational members; they can support the brigade in various ways, including administration or fire equipment maintenance.

"Undergoing basic training in CFA provides practical fire education and pump operation, for example. Some people don't believe they're capable of being a firefighter but it's about giving it a go to see what you enjoy and how you can help others," said Mark.

"Upon joining our volunteers undertake basic training, the next steps are training in structure firefighting and breathing apparatus, but it's up to each individual as to how much they want to do. We also offer first aid and truck driver training, so it's not all about fires."

CFA members are asking the public to continue to prepare for the summer season despite the wet start to spring, property owners are urged to maintain their undergrowth and keep the grass short.

To enquire about joining as a volunteer with the San Remo CFA brigade, come along to the information session on November 13 or go to cfa.vic.gov.au and follow the 'volunteer with us' links.

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• KONWARRA FIRE BRIGADE

Koonwarra Brigade happy to guide fire season planning

KOONWARRA Fire Brigade captain Peter Hanly encourages community members to prepare for the upcoming fire season, ensuring fuel loads on their properties are minimised and they have up-to-date fire plans.

"When it dries out the grass is going to be long, so people need to be on top of that and keep the foliage down," Peter said.

While he recommends checking out information on the CFA website about protecting your property, Peter said brigade members are happy to be approached for advice, with people welcome to pop in during training nights, which run each Monday from 7.30pm.

"We're happy to visit the property and help come up with a plan, or they can come round with a plan and run it by us," Peter said.

"We encourage them to do the plan because it's their plan, not the CFA's plan but we can give them some guidance."

Koonwarra Fire Brigade members have been undertaking burnover drills and drafting practice to ensure their skills are honed for summer, and regularly check all the equipment on the trucks is operating as it should.

Community members are encouraged to join the brigade.

"We welcome everyone, and age is no barrier," Peter said.

He stressed you don't have to want to be a firefighter to join the brigade, with administrative opportunities available, along with other roles helping around the fire station.

"It's only a small community, Koonwarra, and you'll probably get to know your neighbours a bit better," Peter said of the social rewards provided by being part of the brigade.

Representatives from the brigade attend Koonwarra Farmers Market days, held on the first Saturday of each month, taking charge of the barbecue so people can enjoy a snag and a chat.

• RUBY FIRE BRIGADE

Always ready to respond

RUBY Fire Brigade is encouraging the community to be prepared for the fire season and keep fuel loads low.

While this year has been a fairly quiet one, the brigade is in need of active firefighters and will be running a recruitment drive early 2023.

Ruby currently has a training prop at their station with multiple brigades using it to practice extinguishing a car fire.

Burn over, hose testing and water drafting are some of the other training exercises they are undertaking.

In readiness for summer fire season, it's important to keep fuel loads low as we move towards summer and keep access to water dams or tanks clear and unhindered if ever needed.

Ruby has a new fire truck to add to its fleet in 2023, a smaller truck to help with access in the area's hilly terrain.

• MIRBOO NORTH FIRE BRIGADE

Fire readiness still important despite wet weather

WHILE Mirboo North Fire Brigade captain Dave Smith is delighted to have had a couple of quieter years in terms of fires locally, he is keen to get the message out that despite ongoing La Nina conditions, people need to remain vigilant in preparing for the fire season.

The wet conditions will promote greater grass growth, which combined with fallen trees from storms boosts fuel loads, with potential for fire danger to arise should the weather heat up.

Dave spoke of the importance of people keeping their properties clean and tidy and their wood piles away from their house, ensuring they have ample water and good property access in case fire trucks need to enter.

He also emphasised the importance of having a plan with which they are familiar and rehearsing it.

The brigade has expanded recently, with the addition of some people new to the CFA and others transferring from other brigades.

Dave is also set to meet with a few others keen to join. Existing members are staying on in healthy numbers.

"It's nice to have member retention and see members are still wanting to do their bit for their communities," Dave said, noting that applies across the region.

A variety of training is taking place to ensure the existing crew is ready if needed.

Drafting has recently been practised, with members refreshing skills on drawing water from dams, a crucial skill to fill tankers.

Burnover drills have also taken place, preparing members to deal with emergency situations if a truck is trapped in a hazardous fire situation, with tree hazards covered.

Building and maintaining skill levels ensures brigade members are ready to assist locally or be deployed elsewhere if required.

Some creative training took place over winter with the use of virtual reality equipment that enabled a variety of scenarios to be rehearsed.

"It's not real, but it's good enough to put you in the situation where you're doing what you need to do," Dave said, adding it is particularly helpful for new members to start learning about situations that can arise.

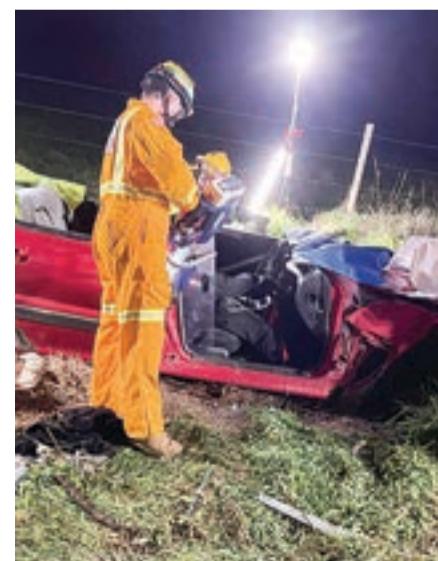


Mirboo North Fire Brigade members practice drafting water.



Firefighter Tony uses digital firefighter training technology that helps expose Mirboo North CFA members to a range of potential scenarios.

• LOCH FIRE BRIGADE



Loch CFA is also a rescue brigade, which sees them attend emergency incidents from Poowong down to Wonthaggi.

Loch CFA welcomes new members

WHILE Loch and District Fire Brigade have had a quieter year than usual, with only 62 calls to date, they have used this period to their advantage.

According to the brigade, this has given members time to complete additional training and develop some new skills.

"A couple of members have completed their wildfire," said Captain Len Wyhoun.

"Crew leader training adding to the total number of endorsed crew leaders upcoming and future seasons."

"Whilst the brigade still has a very strong operational membership concern is developing that new member recruitment has dropped off."

"Particularly in township of Loch itself."

Len noted they are always recruiting and welcome expressions of

interest from anyone who might like to have a chat about joining.

"Members are looking forward to our new rescue vehicle being completed and delivered in early 2023, replacing our existing 23-year-old appliance," he said.

"Joining the fleet of two tankers and two brigade owned support vehicles."

Len added that members have begun undertaking skills maintenance in preparation for the upcoming season as they do every year.

"We have also had members delivering specialist road rescue training at Yea in support of a state wide training initiative," he said.

"In the coming months members will again be out doing area familiarisation tours checking fire access roads and overall fuel loads."

"Particularly in the McDonalds Track and Wuckatsch reserve area."

• WONTHAGGI FIRE BRIGADE



On call 24/7 Wonthaggi Fire Brigade are ready to serve their community. C100_4422

Be aware of the new Fire Danger Ratings

"OUR key message this summer is for people to familiarise themselves with the new fire danger ratings," Wonthaggi Fire Brigade Captain Arnold Marion said.

The new Fire Danger Ratings includes four levels – Moderate (plan and prepare), High (be ready to act), Extreme (take action now to protect your life and property) and Catastrophic (for your survival, leave bushfire risk areas).

"Each fire danger rating will have a clear set of messages including actions the community can take to reduce their risk."

For more information on the new ratings visit cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-fire-danger-ratings/about-fire-danger-ratings.

"People need to start cleaning up, clearing gutters, ensure they have a fire break and the usual summer fire preparations including fire action plan, but most importantly familiarise the new ratings.

"You can always speak with your local brigades – say hello and ask questions."

Training throughout the year, the

ground may be too wet to take the trucks off road just yet, but Wonthaggi have started preparations for the season ahead.

"We are preparing as usual – brushing up on our wildfire training scenarios, but also supporting the community with hazardous response and chemical spills, and urban scenarios – including car accidents and structure fires."

"Our weekly training takes into account the different scenarios we come across in our community and the support we provide to other local brigades both across District 8 and District 9," Lieutenant Else explained.

"Whether that is taking new members through basic competency skills or upgrading skills for longer serving members with advanced pumping. We're also preparing for upcoming training in the new hospital, which is standard procedure for new buildings in our group.

"It's important our skills stay up to date especially as new and upgraded equipment replaces older equipment."

• KILCUNDA FIRE BRIGADE



Kilcunda brigade at the Bunyip fires in 2019.

Clean up and maintain grounds

THE Kilcunda Fire Brigade is a smaller team with a dedicated group of community minded members.

Operational duties see them responding to all fires, road accidents and cliff rescues.

Captain David Wingfield said the volunteer brigade are experiencing quite a growth in membership recently, with six new members about to start their firefighter training next month.

Currently the members are training each fortnight on a Tuesday evening and when the fire season starts, training will switch to a weekly basis; with a current focus on core skills, as the team seek to provide some essential training to new members and refresh the skill set of the more experienced members.

"As the fire season nears training exercises will be more complex and the community will see our appliances

and firefighters training in various locations around the town. We were very excited to receive a new build for purpose SUV only three months ago. As a state-of-the-art appliance this will serve as a command and observational vehicle across Bass Coast," said David.

"As a volunteer brigade we do need to generate funds to help purchase new equipment. Fundraising is supported by the Kilcunda Ocean View Hotel, who manage a raffle for our brigade each month."

As the summer season approaches, council run a free green waste drop off period and the Kilcunda fire brigade advise residents to take that opportunity to clean up and maintain their yards.

The early forecasts are now suggesting a normal summer weather pattern into the new year. As such it doesn't take many hot days to dry undergrowth and lead to potential running grass fires," said David.

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Real election quandary for voters

THE bookies and the surveys say the Coalition candidates, either former Bass Coast Mayor Brett Tessari or ex-South Gippsland councillor Aaron Brown, have a very good chance of winning the State seat of Bass.

Of course, that's up to the voters and voting isn't due to start until 'early voting' centres open on Monday, November 14.

Prior to that, the other important date is Tuesday, November 8 at 8pm when the electoral roll closes to new voters or those seeking to change their enrolment details.

You can enrol to vote online at <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment/enrol-to-vote>

The point is that every vote will count, especially in the seat of Bass where the result must still rest on a knife-edge.

The big question for Bass voters is do you want to have a Member who is part of the Government, in Jordan Crugnale, with a Dan Andrews' team almost certainly set to be returned, or are you voting for change locally by supporting Mr Tessari or Mr Brown?

There's also the issue of a \$42 million promise for the Phillip Island pool by the Coalition and a \$290 million promise for Stage 2 of the Wonthaggi hospital by Labor to be considered.

So, what should you do? That's up to you to consider as this newspaper will not be making any recommendations.

As for the electorate of Gippsland South, sitting MP Danny O'Brien is universally acknowledged as doing a good job, even to the point of getting his party to commit to funding a redevelopment of 'Kamikaze Corner' in Leongatha!

We'd also like to see Labor match that promise which would be a fair test for Labor's Gippsland South candidate Denise Ryan.

Easy not to act

I read with interest G. Cole's contribution ("your say") in last week's edition.

I equate climate change to a visit to the dentist, something no one looks forward to.

Our changing climate is akin to a tooth ache, it's there, it hurts and we know it won't go away.

We can take pain relief but that is only a temporary measure, a time will come when the dentist is the only solution.

We now acknowledge climate change is real and we know the consequences it brings, consider the recent fires and now floods, forecast to become more frequent and more severe in the years ahead. Vested interests would have us believe there is no urgency in addressing this issue, however, unlike a tooth ache there is no temporary relief, now is the time for strong action.

Imagine the price of electricity today if governments had the foresight and were bold enough to implement renewable policies 10 years ago.

It's easy to find excuses not to act on climate change, but again like the tooth ache it won't go away. The dentist awaits.

Michael Newton, Grantville



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

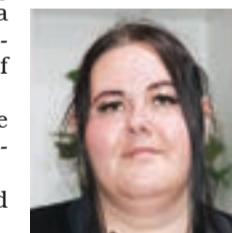
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Do you think there is too much emphasis on sports betting?
Will you have a bet on the Melbourne Cup?



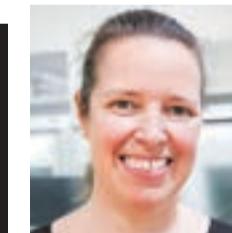
Narelle Ashcroft

"No, I have never really noticed the advertising on betting. I do watch the one major race on Melbourne Cup Day, but I have never made a bet on any of the races."



Alana Anson

"Yes, absolutely, there is too much focus on betting. I don't like the idea of betting on animals or even putting a bet on in general."



Sally Cairnduff

"No, I think there is a good balance between betting, fashion and fun. I enjoy celebrating the Melbourne Cup and I do make a small bet each year on the race."



Sue Hooper

"Yes, far too much all year round. I do take an interest in the Melbourne Cup and I'll just do a small bet on the major race."

Voices for Monash set a fresh pace

After a whirlwind campaign the independent movement in the seat of Monash, Voices for Monash hits the ground running with a refreshed steering committee.

At the AGM held on July 26, enthusiasm ran high as members were inspired by the face of Australian politics, now changed by the independent movement.

Previous hard work paid off during the 4-month local community campaign with

Monash becoming a marginal seat.

New Voices for Monash president, Fiona McKenzie said, "I was inspired to become part of the movement for political change when I discovered Voices for Monash and was then so impressed by the success of the independent candidate, Deb Leonard, at the federal election that I jumped at the chance to be on the committee to help keep the momentum going.

"The newly appointed committee is made up of energetic and engaged community members who have a passion to work together to have the voices of the community heard by our political representatives. Our next steps are to share the vision of Voices for Monash more broadly in the electorate and provide opportunities for community members to get involved."

The committee is setting a fresh pace moving forward; with its first task being to renew the group's vision and develop a plan to enhance the movement by continuing to tap into the concerns and views of the people of Monash.

If you'd like to know more about the Voices for Monash movement and get involved in its activities, please contact:

Email: Voices4Monash@gmail.com Find us on Facebook or Twitter: @ForMonash
Voices for Monash



Woodland supporters send a sign

Neil Rankin and fellow members of Save the Westernport Woodlands was protesting on Bass Highway in Grantville on Saturday, seeking the attention of state member for Bass Jordan Crugnale after receiving commitment from Liberal and National state election candidates to protect a significant amount of vegetation in the sandmining planning. Z49_442

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



Costa from Gardening Australia at the Morwell Rose Garden where he will return on November 12-13.

Roses are back and blooming

NOVEMBER already and it is rose time.

There are numerous rose shows and it is good to see the Leongatha rose show back again with their brilliant display of roses, flower displays and other plants.

Morwell also celebrates their fantastic rose gardens on November 12-13, with a weekend of plant and food stalls, live music and talks with Costa from gardening Australia making an appearance.

The Morwell rose garden is worth a visit and it looks stunning at this time of year.

The gardens are planted in a formal design in that each garden bed has blocks of one colour rose.

This can also be applied in the home garden, or you can mix up colours or just have a couple of roses in a mixed bed of perennials.

Roses are easy to grow and will survive on neglect but for best results give them plenty of food and water and a regular application of seaweed solution also helps with diseases resistance.

If chasing a specific rose you might see at a rose show, it is best to order now and get it bare root in winter.

Many of the old-fashioned plants are making a comeback because they are tough and do well in the garden.

Looking good this time of year is the weigela, it is a deciduous shrub growing to around two metres and when in flower the bush is smothered with blooms.

There are several varieties one of the most popular is the variegated with soft pink flowers, there is also white flowering, red flowering and pink with darker foliage.

Viburnums are another popular shrub of which there are many varieties.

Most have white or soft pink flowers and some are perfumed like viburnum burkwoodi, juddi and fragrans.

Viburnum plicatum mariesii is a very attractive shrub with bright green pleated foliage and large flat lace-cap heads of flowers cover the branches and look like they are floating on the shrub.

It will grow in full sun or part shade and is frost and drought tolerant.

One of the most popular and well known viburnum is known as the snowball tree (viburnum opulus sterile) also called the guelder rose.

This is a large shrub that grows to around 3m and starts with small green flowers that change to white and looks like snowballs. It flowers for many weeks over spring and in autumn the leaves colour well with a display of autumn colour to rival any Japanese maple. It is a very hardy shrub and

By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North Garden Centre

popular in many gardens.

Another old time favourite flowering at this time of year are aquilegias or better known as granny bonnets.

They are the state flower of Colorado and grow wild there and are blue and white but here with breeding there are numerous colours including doubles. Granny bonnets are an excellent garden perennial with attractive clouds of delicate, bell-shaped flowers petals around them that make them look like bonnets and also have wonderful lacy foliage.

They bloom profusely for at least 4 to 6 weeks from mid spring through summer and perform best in full sun to part shade in average, medium moisture, well drained soils. Aquilegias mix beautifully with peonies, irises, alliums and roses and they come in practically every colour including black.

They are easy to grow and widely adaptable and a welcome addition to beds, borders, rock gardens, cottage gardens and shade gardens.

It is officially tomato time.

Tomatoes would be the most popular and most challenging crop to grow but nothing beats the flavour of a home grown tomato when comparing to shop bought.

There are so many varieties from which to choose.

Cherry tomatoes are first to ripen, are most prolific bearers and so hardy they will often self sow from year to year.

When planting tomatoes choose a sunny spot and prepare the soil with compost, manure and some dolomite lime.

Plant seedlings deep as extra root growth will produce a stronger more robust plant.

Do not feed until flowers appear, then add a fertilizer high in potash.

Stake well or use a tomato trainer.

Tomatoes can also be grown in pots if space is limited and basil grows well with tomatoes.

Other summer vegetables can be planted now such as corn, cucumber, zucchini, capsicums and chilli to name a few.

Tomatoes are available in punnets or as single plants.

I am finding that because there are so many varieties that most people prefer the advanced single plants so they can have different types.

Cherokee purple, black Russian and truss tomatoes along the grosse lisse and roma are the most popular.



It's carrots galore at one home in The Cape, as fresh produce complements the natural garden surrounds. C06_4122

A big summer of food growing

THE Cape Community Farm is the envy of many home produce gardeners.

Rows upon rows of Foodcubes fill the space as the produce sprouts and overflows from the early plantings.

Overseen by The Cape farmer, the farm features over 360 advanced self-watering Australian made Foodcube wicking beds, raised water efficient market garden beds, perimeter planting beds, fruit trees and perennial herbs, seating areas, rainwater harvesting, gathering spaces and a composting area.

With beekeeping planned for the near future, the sustainable urban farm complements the carbon neutral homes in the estate; many with their own successful

fruit and vegetable gardens.

"I see the farm not only as a place where members can grow their own food, but one where they can learn, teach and share skills and knowledge," president of the Cape community farm, Heather Allen, said.

"This means no matter where one is on their journey of food growing – whether a complete beginner or one with lots of experience – they can enhance their knowledge and reap the many benefits."

Anyone interested in a membership contact farmer@liveatthecape.com.au.

To keep up to date with the Community Farm, visit liveatthecape.com.au or Facebook at [thecapefarm](https://www.facebook.com/thecapefarm)



In a matter of weeks broccoli will be ready to harvest in the Community Farm at The Cape. C10_4122



Rows of lettuce and kale are growing as summer salad season approaches. C11_4122

Learn about native seeds

LEARN the fundamentals of how to identify and collect native seeds from Geoff Trease of the South Gippsland Seedbank.

This session will also include a practical session in the nearby bush so bring secateurs if you have them and wear appropriate protective clothing such as closed toe shoes and sunscreen. This session is weather

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• FAITH FACTOR

Can a blessing chase you down?

Assistant pastor Karen Thorp, Grace Chapel, Archies Creek

YOU can find the list of blessings God gives in Deuteronomy chapter 28, they are blessings on your land and in the womb, in travel, in work, food and protection from your enemies.

In verse 3 we find: 'And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you because you obey the voice of the Lord your God.'

This literally means that the blessings will chase us down.

That word, overtake, means "to take hold of."

And though these scriptures were written long ago to the ancient people of Israel, they still apply today to anyone from any race who moves within these biblical principles.

A blessing is described in the Bible as a favour or gift bestowed by God as stated in Matthew 6:30-33.

"Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

In our home long ago, we dedicated our lives to serving God; our time and finances, our house and our future, we made God CEO over us, that way we walk in faith, and blessings follow.

For example, our household of three adults recently experienced unemployment for over a year.

Though in the natural it's considered a tragedy, God said plainly "don't worry about money." He added; "if someone offers work then take it."

During the year that followed, I found myself doing odd jobs and a small amount of pastoring work and we had a holiday given with free accommodation.

Our son was the first to be offered full-time work and then right at a critical moment when an avalanche of bills arrived my husband re-entered the workforce.

God certainly chased us with blessings.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

WELL it's good news for us. We have a new Centre Manager appointed.

Leslie Adams comes with great experience and a history of being involved as past President and volunteer at Mitchell House.

She started yesterday.

So when you come around say hi and make her welcome to our great place of community involvement.

Do you find that your physical self is not in tune with how you feel about yourself?

Then the Weight Management Group on Tuesdays, 5.30 to 6.30pm maybe for you. If you feel that weight loss on your own is a bit of a challenge, then come along and share that journey with others. Accountability is one of the best tools to achieve success.

There is a voluntary weigh-in, sharing of recipes and experiences all in a friendly and relaxed environment. Please call to let us know you are coming.

If writing is your thing or you want to find out if it's your thing then come along to our Writers' Café on the first Saturday of the month so this one is Saturday, November 5, from 1.30 to 4pm.

The WNC provides a venue for writers of all styles and genres to meet and mix, share writing passions and work on their own projects. There's quiet time for writing, feel free to join or leave at any time during the session.

BYO electronic computer or organic word processor (pen and paper).

Our Community Lunch is on Wednesday, November 9, at 12noon.

Good food and good company. Bring a friend. Just ring beforehand to book in.

If gardening is your thing and you like to talk and do garden related things with others then come along to our Garden Group who meet every Wednesday, 9.30am to 12noon at the Harvest Centre accessed from the Big W carpark beyond the Goods Shed. And if you happen to be over productive in your own garden and would like to pass it on then bring it along to our second Saturday of the month Seed and Veggie/ Produce Swap on Saturday, November 12, 10 to 11am.

Our October Fixit Café was very busy and we expect our final one for the year on November 20, 11am to 1pm to be more of the same.

We are adding two darning experts to our skills set for this one. BYO thread or wool if you want your repair to blend or take potluck with theirs.

There are lots of valued items out there to be repaired and we only have 2 hours and allocate about 30 minutes to each item, so it's a matter of booking in your valued item, that you can carry and have replacement parts if needed, with Mitchell House as soon as you can. This enables us to match a fixer to your item, luckily this is a joint venture with the Wonthaggi Men's Shed.

Repairs are free but donations are gratefully accepted. Our first Fixit Café for 2023 will be on February 19, with bookings opening in January.

There is lots on each week at the WNC. Ring us ahead of time to let us know you're coming.

Our Grapewine newsletter is out and if you become a member of the WNC, this will be delivered online or posted out to you.

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INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HOUSE

This November we bring back some of our old favourites and some with a bit of a twist.

On November 18, our Summer Sizzle Community barbecue is back this time with a sustainable twist "put a lid on it". Bring along your mismatched Tupperware containers/lids and find its donated match or find that perfect sized container you've been looking for.

Then it's simply a matter of paying 50 cents per complete container. It's that easy.

What better way to enjoy a barbecue with your community and be sustainable at the same time.

So get started sorting your Tupperware.

Hosted by the House on the Hub lawn, 3:30pm – 5pm. Barbecue is A Pay As You Feel event. Go to www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au for more information.

On Monday, November 21, in partnership with Inverloch CWA a welcome to Inverloch Morning tea takes place at the House. The morning tea is for any newcomers to Inverloch. Come along, meet other newbies, and learn all about what's on offer in Inverloch over a cuppa and some delicious CWA treats. 11am – 12noon. This is a free event.

With Christmas just around the corner, which generally means lots of travel and busier roads, it's the perfect time to book in for a free child car restraint fitting and safety check.

Over 70% of child car restraints are incorrectly installed or used, posing a serious safety risk to children travelling in those restraints. For peace of mind, book into a one-on-one session with a professional fitter. Held at Inverloch Childcare. Bookings online is essential. <https://safeseatssafekids.com.au> Inverloch.

If you would like help with bookings just drop into the House and we will give you a hand. Sessions take place Monday, November 21, 10 am to 2pm and are free.

Mental Health Workshops are back on a monthly basis with our next session November 9, 1:30 – 3:30pm.

Facilitated by the very experienced Linda Rowley. The workshops aim to promote wellbeing and are targeted to carers of someone with mental health challenges. Join other carers for an afternoon tea and support in an understanding and caring atmosphere.

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For information on other activities go to www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

COME make Orange Flowers with us! We are having two workshops on November 3 and November 10, at 11am, if these days don't suit let us know, we can organise another session or you are welcome to pick up materials and make them at home.

The orange flowers will be part of our display showing support for a future free from violence.

We will install our display for Orange Flowers with us! The World – 16 days of activism against gender violence (November 25 – December 10) which runs simultaneously with the Victorian Respect Is: Call It Out campaign.

Research tells us that violence is primarily driven by inequality.

Every person can play a role in preventing family violence by helping promote and normalise a safe and equal society. The #RespectIs and #CallItOut campaign helps us to explore our actions, what we say and what messages we convey.

We may be unaware our words/actions have hidden meaning, excuse or contribute to a society accepting of disrespectful behaviour. By acknowledging it, we can start to address it. An equitable society built on respect benefits us all – together we can make our community bloom.

If you or someone you know is experiencing family violence, help is available. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call Triple Zero (000) and ask for the Police. Safe Steps is Victoria's 24/7 family violence support service 1800 015 188 safesteps.org.au.

Last call for the Photo Books course, which will incorporate important computer skills along the way. Running over four Fridays kicking off on Friday November 4, numbers pending.

It is that time again; first Friday of the month which means its Community Meal. See you at 5.30 pm at the Anglican Church Hall in Korumburra.

Colour with Style Workshop is scheduled for Sunday November 6 or Tuesday December 6. Colour is the easiest tool to use to make you look good and feel good. Do you know what colours suit you best? Come and find out.



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Stuart and Mitchell Landry showcased their 1910' international harvester motor buggy at the Tarwin Lower district auto festival on Sunday. Z27_4422



Peter Kelly, Russell Sanders, Steve Bray, Edward Browning and Greg Barry displayed their Massey Ferguson 135 1969' tractor at the Tarwin Lower district auto festival on Sunday. Z29_4422



Emerald Northover adored having the chance to hold and feed the bunnies at the Newhaven Primary School fete farmyard on Saturday morning. Z20_4422



Max and Darcy Parker enjoyed feeding the goats in the farmyard at the Newhaven Primary School fete on Saturday morning. Z19_4422



Little Jude Wilson was learning to feed the baby goat at the Newhaven Primary School fete on Saturday morning at the Rain, Hayne and Shine farmyard. Z20_4422



The KernArt prize committee chairman Adam McLeod and treasurer Mandy Taylor launched the 2022 KernArt Prize exhibition at the Kernot community hall over the long weekend. Z21_4422



Maureen Chesler travelled from Melbourne to assist at the Loch Village Garden Club's open gardens event in the Loch public hall on Saturday morning. Z24_4422



Marianne Campbell and Therese Radford attended the Loch public hall on Saturday morning, admiring the secret garden art and plant display hosted by the Loch Village Garden Club. Z25_4422



Kathie Bravington held a plant stall at the Loch Village Garden Club open gardens event at the Loch public hall on Saturday morning, serving Diane Sheedy from Korumburra. Z26_4422

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Leongatha Men's Shed opening, Biketoberfest, Newhaven Primary School Fete, Tarwin Lower and District Auto Festival, KernArt Prize, and Loch Village Open Garden,



John Harris and his grandson Sullivan showcased their 1957' FE 35 4-cylinder diesel tractor at the Tarwin Lower district auto festival on Sunday. Z28_4422



Kerena McLaren and Heather Noble attended The KernArt prize art exhibition on Saturday morning in support of local artist Deborah Barclay. Z22_4422



Tony Lambid-Turner visited The KernArt prize 2022 art exhibition in Kernot on Saturday, admiring the 'Fergie' photo by artist Andrew Keir. Z23_4422



Anne and John Rowe enjoy the official opening of the new Leongatha Men's Shed building. A16_4422



Rod and Jan Gregg in the large and bright new Leongatha Men's Shed building. A17_4422



Hugh Williams and mum Clare at Biketoberfest where Clare performed voluntary traffic management duties. A43_4422



Dean and Aaron Notman and Ethan Lavis of BJ's Earthmoving volunteer at Biketoberfest. A42_4422



Bob Beilby and David Gerrard love their new Men's Shed. A18_4422

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'Ladies in Black': a homegrown musical

MUSIC and lyrics for the 28 songs in the upcoming 'Ladies in Black' are by the legendary Tim Finn.

The script, by Carolyn Burns, is based on the 1993 novel, "The Women in Black", by Madeline St John. The musical was first performed in Brisbane in 2015, and in Melbourne the following year.

A film by the same name was released in 2018 and the Lyric theatre cast began rehearsing in August 2022.

Set in 1950s Sydney, the musical tells the story of bookish school leaver, Lisa, who joins the sales staff of Goodes, a fashionable department store.

She hopes to go to university but, although supported by her loving mother, she must contend with her conservative father, who thinks a women's place is in the home.

While waiting for her exam results, Lisa encounters new cultural and lifestyle experiences as she is befriended by the "Ladies in Black" who work at Goodes.

There's Miss Cartwright, the crisply authoritative manager, the unhappily childless Patty, the 'unlucky in love' Fay, the long serving Miss Jacobs and the glamorous Hungarian, Magda.

Surrounded by charming characters, Lisa blossoms into a young woman of style, beauty, and confidence.

As the title implies, the musical features a predominantly female cast. However, apart from Lisa's father, there are several other male characters including; Stefan, Magda's intellectual and bon vivant husband; Rudi a young Hungarian looking for a nice Australian girl to marry and Patty's hapless husband Frank.

"Ladies in Black" celebrates glamour, gowns and growing up.

Audiences are in for a treat with this boutique musical. For ticket details and dates visit www.leongathalyric.com.au



Lyric theatre cast Sophie Clarkson, Kylie Osborne, Rhonda Melhuish, Cecily De Gooyer, Ella Osborne, Kerryn Moren and Kathy Pegler.

Leongatha Lyric Theatre Inc. Presents...

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Book by Carolyn Burns
Music & lyrics by Tim Finn
Adapted from the book
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Concordia comes to Corinella

AN AFTERNOON of beautiful mandolin, mandola and guitar music featuring solo piano accordionist Juliette Maxwell.

The group comprises around 20 players. Five members are residents of Coronet Bay and neighbouring areas.

The program contains Greek, Hungarian folk, classical and contemporary music featuring original work by local guitarist, Michelle Nelson.

Sunday, November 13, at 2pm. Corinella Hall, Smythe Street, Corinella.

Ticket prices are \$25 adult, \$20 concession, \$10 students and children under 12 free. Ticket price includes complimentary afternoon tea.

Please contact Juliette Maxwell on 0427 149 326 or Carol Robinson on 0428 999 501 for enquiries and to make reservations, which will assist with catering. Tickets also available at the door.

"Decision to Leave"

THE Bass Coast Fine Film Group (BCFFG) is screening "Decision to Leave", the latest multi-award-winning film from acclaimed South Korean director, Park Chan-Wook (The Handmaiden, Old Boy, Thirst).



DECISION TO LEAVE
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Decision to Leave tells the story of a married, dogged police detective, tasked with investigating the discovery of a man's body at the base of a mountain.

During the investigation, he meets the man's wife, who is seemingly unconcerned with her sudden state of widowhood. Drawn to each other, their lives become intertwined.

Referencing many of the traditional tropes inherent to a film noir narrative, Decision to Leave is sexy, romantic, and imaginatively and beautifully filmed.

Is the detective a naive patsy who has fallen for a wicked woman?

Screening at 10.45am on Sunday, November 6, at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. Details and trailer for the film are available through the BCFFG website: <https://bcffgfilms.weebly.com/decision-to-leave.html>

BCFFG Members entry is free on presentation of membership card; general public welcome with tickets at usual box office prices.

The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored and supported by the Bass Coast Shire.

Arcadia Winds at Poowong public hall

PROM Recitals presents Arcadia Winds Quintet at Poowong Public Hall on Sunday, November 6.

Arcadia is a young quintet of wind musicians from Melbourne formed in 2013 with a fellowship from the Australian National Academy of Music.

They are Australian music champions and will present the world premiere of a work for solo bassoon by noted young Sydney composer Elizabeth Younan, along with works by Mozart, Barber, Telemann and Pärt and others.

To share the joy of Arcadia, Prom Recitals is giving free tickets to young people up to (and including) 16 years.

Book free tickets for young people: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCXZZ>

Book \$55 tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCROV>

Tickets are \$55 except for young people 16 and under. Bring a young person with you! Doors open at 1:45pm for 2:30pm performance.

'CONCORDIA' Mandolin and Guitar ensemble

Sunday, November 13
at 2pm



Corinella Hall
Smythe Street, Corinella

Featuring solo piano accordionist Juliette Maxwell plus original work by local guitarist, Michelle Nelson.

Admission: Adults \$25,
Concession \$20,
Students \$10,
Children U12 free

Refreshments included

Bookings and enquiries please contact
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Bass Coast Fine Film Group

10.45am SUNDAY 6th November

DECISION TO LEAVE

Dir. Park Chan-Wook

A detective investigating a man's death in the mountains meets & starts to fall for the dead man's mysterious wife in the course of his dogged sleuthing.

General public welcome. Members Free Entry!

@ WONTAGGI UNION CINEMA
96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Check the website for more info:
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Helping to 'Cool the World'

RENNED Australian singer-songwriter, musician and producer Ross Wilson is pioneering a paradigm shift in encouraging the touring music industry to embrace sustainable events.

Many Australians have enjoyed countless years of Ross Wilson's live music events, including Daddy Cool and Mondo Rock.

But now, as Ross continues to entertain fans, he is taking a greener approach and encouraging all other musicians to consider a more sustainable way to tour and entertain.

The Ross Wilson Cool World tour is now taking all parts of their touring and shows into consideration and have partnered with Green Music Australia- implementing sections of their Green Artist Guide, Sound Country, for their upcoming shows.

Green Music is a registered charity created to harness the power of the music scene to create a greener, safer future.

The 'Cool World' tour consists of three popular Australian bands, The Badloves, King Canyon featuring Jimmy Cupples and is headlined by Ross Wilson & The Peaceniks. Their initial five shows will commence from October 30, 2022, through to the end of January 2022.



Ross Wilson will be heading to Phillip Island on November 20.

The aligned ticket outlet Ticketebo are an environmentally friendly, carbon neutral ticketing service. What will be different? Performances will be held at regional wineries, with a cap of only 500 people per event and held during the day to lessen the need for lighting and electricity demand.

Band members are traveling to and from the venues by

electric cars, kindly donated (whenever possible) by The Good Car Company, an affordable electric car company.

Wineries are enthusiastically embracing this cause and will provide water refill stations, therefore not selling plastic water bottles, and will be using local providores to supply food etc.

The Ross Wilson Cool World

Tour will donate \$2 from each ticket sale to Green Music, as well as \$1 per ticket sale to Support Act.

This commitment will continue for future Ross Wilson Cool Music events too.

The tour will head to Phillip Island Winery, Sunday November 20, 2022.

Tickets on sale now through Ticketebo.

Clocks, lamps, kettle – you name it, we Fix It!



The next Fixit Café is back on November 20.

NEARLY all our available skills were put to the test at the October session of Wonthaggi Fixit Café, including small alterations to clothes. At our last session for the year in November, our two darning experts will be around to plug holes – but perhaps bring the colour wool you like if it is important to you, or take potluck and live dangerously!

The next session is on Sunday, November 20, and bookings can be made at the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and the Wonthaggi Men's Shed, in person or phone 5672 3731.

The sessions run from 11 – 1pm and customers are usually allocated 30 minutes per repair.

Remember that it's only articles you can carry! We have limited space and time. If you are new to the area, it's a good way to meet people and have a coffee and cake while you take it all in.

Repairs are free, but donations are gratefully received.

Fixit Café is held in the Harvest Centre behind the Goods Shed, with access from the back of Big W carpark.

It is a joint activity between Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and the Wonthaggi Men's Shed.

Our first session for 2023 won't be until February 19, and bookings for it will open in January.

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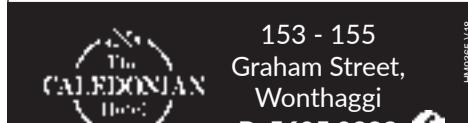
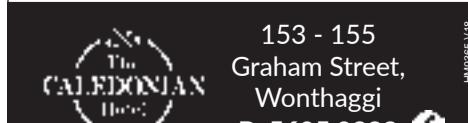
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[M] 2h19m [South Korean]

A detective investigating a man's death in the mountains ends up meeting and developing feelings for the dead man's mysterious wife in the course of his dogged sleuthing.

Director: Park Chan-wook

Sun 27 Nov 10.45am

Both Sides of the Blade

[MA15+] 1h56m

[French]

A love triangle story about a woman caught between two men, her long-time partner and his best friend, her former lover.

Director: Claire Denis
Starring: Juliette Binoche

Sun 11 Dec 10.45am

Hit the Road

[PG] 1h33m [Persian]

A family embarks on a road trip across the Iranian countryside. Over the course of their journey, they bond over memories of the past, grapple with fears of the unknown and fuss over their sick dog.

Director: Panah Panahi

[wonthaggiartscentre.com.au](http://www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au)

Find the full calendar of events and sessions on our website



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Local lifesavers swap the beach for floods

By Nick Sinis

LIFESAVERS from Inverloch and throughout Bass Coast had a big sea change after being deployed to the widespread flooding gripping many parts of the state.

For the first time, Life Saving Victoria (LSV) assisted with a major flooding event with their expert skills on the beach being put to good use tackling floodwaters.

Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club Captain Nicholas Perera was one local member deployed to the floods and shared his experience with the Sentinel-Times.

"We were deployed, my dad and I, to Rochester on Saturday, October 15 and that was the main area of concern at the time," he said.

"About 80-90 per cent of the town was underwater and initially it was a bit harder to get there with all the floodwaters.

"We had to find back roads to try and get there."

Mr Perera said they arrived in the afternoon and spent almost six hours in floodwaters on a rescue boat.

"My dad and I were going past different houses and doing welfare checks on residents who stayed behind to look after their houses," he said.

"That was my main job,



Father-son team Nicholas and Sumith Perera of Inverloch pictured at Rochester where they assisted with the floods.

and we were also tasked with transporting people who needed to get out and be transported from their house to a dryer part of town."

Mr Perera highlighted the experience was incredible while very different from patrolling the sandy beaches of Inverloch.

"I've never done anything like that so there was a lot of the unknown," he said.

"But having extensive experience in driving boats through surf beaches and rough conditions, those skills definitely transferred across."

Mr Perera added he was deeply surprised at the attitude of residents and how resilient they were.

"It was obviously very confronting seeing people

who just lost everything," he said.

"But I couldn't believe how incredibly positive the people who stayed were.

"It's not what I would have expected for people in those circumstances.

"We got asked quite a few times if we were okay and if they could support us in any way.

"It (natural disasters) seems to bring out the best in humanity; everyone is trying to work together and it's nice to see that aspect."

In total, four lifesavers from Inverloch were deployed to different parts of the state, with many others from Bass Coast also assisting.

It is expected more members will be deployed as flooding continues.



There was no shortage of attendees at a community forum in Coronet Bay recently where locals put forward ideas regarding the Fred Gration Reserve.

Locals helping shape Coronet Bay's future

THE views of dozens of community members were all taken into consideration at the Coronet Bay Community Forum on Saturday, October 22.

The Coronet Bay Combined Community Group Inc. were pleased to see more than 20 participants involved in lively debate offering meaningful input on what they feel Coronet Bay should be, and what they see as important for their community.

The input will be submitted as part of Bass Coast Shire's survey of residents as to how they see the future of the Fred Gration Reserve.

The forum involved

discussion on other reserves in the town, including the important Coronet Bay Foreshore Reserve.

This community consultation activity, mooted for a number of years, did not eventuate for many reasons including COVID.

Whilst prompted by the council invitation for community comment on the proposed and imminent 'Master Plan' for the Fred Gration Reserve, those who met extended the parameters for Coronet Bay that had been neglected in the past.

This consultation was not constricted by the brief council survey, and many ideas were raised about the

'other' areas of Coronet Bay to be aired at council level.

It appears the building does not seem to be an integral part of the master plan, but considered by all present as a vital community amenity.

Many areas such as connecting pathways, children's playgrounds, upgrading the Community Hall, passive recreational apparatus, barbecue covers, indigenous walk, frog bogs, rotundas, secured off leash area within the town, solar lighting on the foreshore and elsewhere, and other ideas were floated.

The draft master plan is expected to be released in February 2023.

Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast



Greg Price of Alex Scott and Staff Real Estate at Cowes said that while some first-home buyers were waiting to see where interest rates landed before committing to buy property, inquiry was strong in other sectors of the market including mid-range houses, premium and beach-front homes, and farms. Alex Scott is presently marketing 'Kurana', an iconic Ventnor property formerly a dairy farm operated for many years by the late Island identity Don Dixon.

Rental stock increasing despite lowest level in decades

IN A change of pace for the property sector, a local real estate agent says more rental stock is coming onto the market throughout Bass Coast and the wider Gippsland area.

This comes after REA Group launched the PropTrack Rental Report September 2022, a quarterly rental report combining seven key metrics to provide an up-to-date view of the rental property market and emerging trends.

The report highlighted that rental stock increased in regional Victoria in September, easing some of the strong competition renters have faced for some time as demand also softened.

The report found that the total number of properties listed for rent on realestate.com.au in regional Victoria increased 6.4% year-on-year in September.

At the same time, demand fell 19.2%. Despite this, rental prices grew over the period.

Alex Scott and Staff (Cowes) director Greg Price said more rental stock would be coming onto the market locally and had been for some time.

"It's probably reflective of people that might have a home they're under-utilising and they're thinking they could earn some income from it," he said.

"In the short to medium term, I think we'll see more properties become available."

However, Mr Price added there had been no decline in asking prices for weekly rents.

"The demand for rentals will remain very strong for the simple reason that people may have been thinking they would dip their toe in as a first homebuyer, but deferred that purchase for a year to see what interest rates do," he said.

"Overall, the market has been incredibly

resilient."

Mr Price said that the property market was also still strong for top end homes.

"Good property is very strong but there is still a shortage of stock," he told the Sentinel-Times.

"The first homeowner market is probably where we've seen the greatest change."

"That's absolutely tied to what's going on with interest rates."

"That will start to settle when we see these inflation figures come out, and what the Reserve Bank's forecast is on what they expect to do with rates for the next two quarters."

"The market is still remarkably resilient, even though we've had six rate rises."

Mr Price noted that Phillip Island and towns throughout Westernport Bay continue to experience a huge demand.

For the rural market, he said it continues to grow and grow.

"For lifestyle and bigger farms, it's equally as strong as it was this time last year," he said.

"In particular dairy farms, strong commodity prices and improved, consistently high beef prices have seen the rural market remain very strong."

Key findings from the PropTrack Rental Report September 2022 included:

The total number of rental properties listed on realestate.com.au in regional Victoria increased 6.4% year-on-year in September.

The increase in total stock came as the number of new listings rose 2.2% year-on-year.

With additional stock, demand per rental listing on realestate.com.au has declined, falling 19.2% over the past year.



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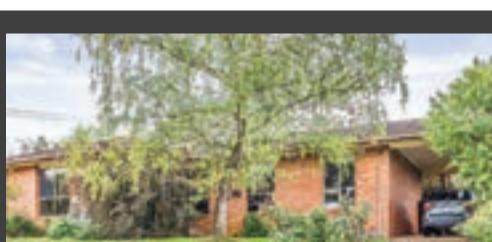
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The formal entrance to the home sets the scene for what's to follow, including the north facing open plan main living, kitchen and dining area with seemingly endless views over the rolling South Gippsland hills. There are four bedrooms, master with walk-thru his and hers robes and spacious ensuite with dual vanities, plus an office/storage room, a formal lounge and formal dining room, solid fuel heating to the family area, kitchen with large walk in pantry, extensive cupboard space, electric wall oven and dishwasher and sliding doors onto the rear deck, ideal for entertaining, that takes in the amazing views and overlooks established gardens that includes a variety of fruit trees.

The home has been well insulated and includes a Daiken Inverter ducted heating/cooling system with 5 zones and a ducted vacuum system.

Adding to the list of features included is the timber panel flooring throughout, eco-friendly sewerage system, internal sensor lighting, large double garage with direct access inside the home and a separate 6m x 6m Colorbond shed with concrete floor, power and attached rainwater tank.

Inspection of this property is highly recommended as there is simply so much you need to see.

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Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, Oct. 26, 2022

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2 Mattern J & S Tarrawile	592.5	521.6	3,090
1 Pilkington D & Toohey F			
Waratah Nth	625.0	514.6	3,216
1 Spehar Z & M Yinnar	585.0	513.6	3,004
9 Tirpcou L Woolamai	653.3	509.6	3,329
1 Albutt LM & TS Yarram	575.0	505.6	2,907

Steers

2 Glenwarr Past Co Nyora	282.5	619.2	1,749
1 Stanara Bengworden	405.0	582.6	2,359
2 Dowling EK Leongatha	355.0	581.6	2,064
1 Homebush Pastoral Co			
Dumbalk	450.0	580.0	2,610
1 Williamson C Gainsborough	415.0	572.2	2,374
6 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	474.2	565.0	2,679

Heifers

4 Jones DS & RE Kilmany	420.0	540.0	2,268
1 Williamson C Gainsborough	360.0	520.0	1,872
5 Suckling S Archies Creek	257.0	519.6	1,335
5 Pocklington KF & P Mirboo Sth	431.0	518.6	2,235
18 Hartay Family Trust			
Archies Creek	516.9	518.6	2,680
1 Homebush Pastoral Co			
Dumbalk	435.0	510.0	2,218

Cows

3 Hengstberger I & R Stony Ck	668.3	427.6	2,857
1 Jelbart DI Tarwin Lower	625.0	427.6	2,672
1 Mccormack B & T	620.0	427.6	2,651
1 Omara AW & CM Glengarry	750.0	427.6	3,207
2 Whittaker B.G & Staton JL			
Waratah Sth	692.5	427.6	2,961
9 Campbell S & L Mardan	633.3	425.6	2,695

Bulls

1 Cummaudo GT Mirboo Nth	1,015.0	391.6	3,974
1 Kalenber PL Meenyan	635.0	390.0	2,476
1 M & M Cattle Co Lang Lang	865.0	388.6	3,361
1 Whittaker B.G & Staton JL			
Waratah Sth	910.0	387.6	3,527
1 Fiddelaers JW & LG Koorooman	1,000.0	377.6	3,776
1 Sheers WJ Mirboo	985.0	373.6	3,679

Vealer Bulls

1 Hall IJA & MJ Boolarra	245.0	500.0	1,225
3 Marriott LC & SE Tarwin Lwr	470.0	495.0	2,326
1 Kent GR & CE Dalyston	355.0	453.6	1,610
3 Love VR Boolarra Sth	340.0	420.0	1,428
1 Mackrell C Carrrajung	350.0	300.0	1,050
1 Facey RJ & NJ Foster	350.0	289.6	1,013

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, October 24, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x	.....	\$22 to \$60
Friesian Bulls	.....	\$30 to \$120
Friesian Heifers	.....	\$300 to \$1000
Beef Bulls	.....	\$50 to \$570
Beef Heifers	.....	\$60 to \$290
Number of Calves: 292		
Number purchased to rear: 169		

Working together is key for West Gippsland's wildlife

THE TEAM at West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) is passionate about healthy waterways so wildlife can thrive. Across the catchment, rivers, estuaries, wetlands and inlets are home to fish, frogs, birds, mammals and insects – many of them endangered.

In Bass Coast, rivers such as the Powlett provide food and shelter for many birds.

At the estuary, where the river meets Bass Strait, Vulnerable Hooded Plovers are doing their best to survive despite many challenges with a little help from their friends.

Hooded Plovers are small shorebirds that



Small shorebirds, the Hooded Plover are doing their best to survive despite many challenges.

breed between August and March.

Once hatched, the adults invest a lot of energy in caring for and protecting their tiny, flightless chicks which must feed themselves from day one.

WGCMA has launched a project that brings many partners together to care

for the environment and wildlife of the area.

The Powlett River/Ku-ring-gai Partnership Project aims to have a holistic, integrated view of the entire Powlett catchment from the southern slopes of the Strzelecki Ranges to the estuary, where it meets Bass Strait in Kilcunda.

Solid result for store cattle

Report by the SGSA

AGENTS yarded another good size yarding of 4000 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

Medium and heavy steers held firm making from \$5.00 to \$5.25 for the bullock types and \$5.40 to \$5.80 for the heavier steers, and \$5.70 to \$6.30 for the mid weighted ones.

Good quality steer weaners continued to sell well to be firm making \$6.20 to \$7.00 for the heavier end and \$7.00 and up on the lighter ones.

Their sisters sold to strong competition with

Lighter and younger friesians were a shade dearer than the previous sale.

Cows and calves remained steady with anything of reasonable quality making \$3200 to \$3920.

Reminder that the VLE Leongatha stores sales will be held weekly on Fridays starting from the 11/11 to 16/12.

This is due to works on new selling pens etc which will reduce capacity a little and will cap numbers per sale. Please speak to your preferred agent for details.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, Oct. 28, 2022

Grown Steers

G Kuch 10 Angus	607kg	\$5.04	\$3060
G&J Tuckett 23 Angus	554kg	\$5.61	\$3100
M&M Triantafyllou 13 Ang/BB	504kg	\$5.75	\$2900
M&M Triantafyllou 16 Hfd/BB	500kg	\$5.44	\$2720
J&C Triantafyllou 19 Hfd	505kg	\$5.47	\$2760
Gembrae AG 24 Ang X	462kg	\$5.41	\$2500
Gembrae AG 16 Ang X	461kg	\$5.64	\$2600
Gembrae AG 14 Char X	424kg	\$5.52	\$2340
Aw Bott 21 Charo	415kg	\$5.88	\$2440
Chester Shorthorns 15 S/Hrn	416kg	\$6.00	\$2500
M & K Prosser 12 Speck	410kg	\$5.48	\$2250
B&S Phillips 19 Angus/BB	393kg	\$6.31	\$2480
T McGuiness 13 S/Hrn	384kg	\$5.60	\$2150

Weaners Steers

Gembrae AG 20 Angus	370kg	\$6.54	\$2420
Gembrae AG 20 Angus	369kg	\$6.45	\$2380
Gembrae AG 20 Angus	332kg	\$6.33	\$2100
Pommierie 10 Angus	324kg	\$6.79	\$2200
Wine Valley 12 Angus	326kg	\$6.20	\$2020
53rd Mayelda 14 Limo	412kg	\$5.73	\$2360

Xbred & Friesian Steers

R Noble 11 Ang X	722kg	\$4.43	\$3200
B Chapman 16 Ang X	658kg	\$4.74	\$3120
Gembrae Ag 13 Ang X	558kg	\$4.80	\$2680
Argyle Farm 16 Ang X	468kg	\$5.38	\$2520
B, T&H Thorson 11 Hfd X	383kg	\$5.16	\$1980
B Field 18 FF	610kg	\$3.70	\$2260
Ad Smith 12 FF	602kg	\$3.62	\$2180
Ad Smith 12 FF	530kg	\$3.70	\$1960
Heartwood 15 FF	510kg	\$3.69	\$1880
M Wright 11 FF	463kg	\$3.63	\$1680
Gembrae 24 FF	455		



Surge to renewables shocks farmers

THE VICTORIAN Farmers Federation (VFF) is warning against announcing substantial renewable energy targets without any plan for new transmission infrastructure across the State.

VFF President Emma Germano said the government's target of 95 per cent renewable energy sources by 2035 would lead to disastrous consequences for farming communities and food security, unless there is a plan for protecting strategic agricultural land from rushed developments.

"Rather than planning for the next 13 years of electricity generation, we need to be planning for the next 100 years of energy and food security for our community. Politicians are making announcements without any care for the consequences of having to shift our energy production from the Latrobe Valley to Western Victoria.

"There's a real need to create a Victoria-wide strategic plan for renewable energy and transmission developments that looks at the next century of the State's energy needs.

"We can move to renewables, but that shift must be gradual and well planned with agriculture in mind. Going too fast will mean the costs will be borne by farmers and regional communities, rather than being fairly distributed across the whole community."

Latest CPI shows annual food price inflation reaches 9%

THE latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, showed annual food price inflation reached nine per cent in the September quarter, the highest annual rise in food prices seen since 2006.

Rabobank senior food retail analyst Michael Harvey said the rise in prices had been "largely expected" – driven by high input costs for food production (such as energy, labour, transport and fertiliser), as well as the impact of wet weather damage on agricultural production. He cautioned there was further "upside" in food prices likely to come.

"Further rises are expected in food prices in quarter four and into 2023 as the impact of current and recent flooding in agricultural regions weighs on food supply volumes," he said.

Mr Harvey said the last time food prices had experienced such high annual growth was 16 years ago, in 2006, when Cyclone Larry had devastated Australia's banana crop, causing a huge spike in prices.

The September 2022 CPI showed food prices had increased by 3.2 per cent on the previous quarter.

Headline overall inflation rose 7.3 per cent annually and 1.8 per cent on the previous quarter.

Mr Harvey said the "food price inflation story was once again broad-based, with increases across all food and beverage categories".

"It has been led by double-digit increases in fresh produce overall, dairy, eggs, coffee and cooking oils," he said.

"Fruit prices specifically also rose this quarter, after falling in the July CPI. Milk and cooking oil recorded the highest year-on-year price inflation since recording began."

The September 2022 CPI showed the biggest category contributors to the annual rise in food prices were Fruit and Vegetables (up 16.2 per cent) and Meals out and Takeaway (up 6.1 per cent).

Heywood farmer invests in 'happy girls'

FORGET crime or romance novels, Heywood farmer Katrina McRae likes to read the latest data about her cows when she goes to bed at night.

As one of the first farmers in Australia to use Tru-Test Automated Heat & Health Monitoring with Active Ear Tags and Active Collars, Katrina is impressed with the information she's getting.

"I like to lay in bed at night and go over the data and check up on what's been going on and make sure everything is good and all the girls are happy," she says.

"I'll also sit up early in the morning on the laptop before milking, to get a better idea of what's going on, and to add my notes and update any info. I like to do that each day so we can stay on top of cow health; it's pretty important this time of year when we are AI'ing."

The 227 Holstein cows on the farm are like family to Katrina and her partner Kerry Cowland, so much so that she regularly refers to them as "the girls".

The Tru-Test Automated Heat and Health Monitoring with Active Ear Tags and Active Collars are marketed in

Australia by Genetics Australia. They were added to Katrina's cows around the start of April.

With two-year-old son William and daughter Sophie just entering high school, Katrina wanted to improve time management while also getting a higher in-calf rate.

"One of the most important things to do is watch your cows, but we felt there had to be a better way of doing it and we wanted to cut down on the time we spend sitting in the paddock watching cows," she said.

"Putting collars on just made sense. It gave us more time to do other jobs



Heywood farmer Katrina McRae.

around the farm because the system is taking care of what we used to spend hours and hours doing every day."

She's already seeing the returns on her investment.

"They are picking up heat that we probably wouldn't see and they're also picking up cows that aren't cycling, which is something we might not pick up till later and it could be too late."

Katrina wants to eliminate drug use and go with a natural cycling system.

She has used Cue-Mate to bring them on and in a group of 17, there were 15 that cycled on their own. Other cows that don't cycle go into fixed-time AI.

"We want as many cows as possible cycling in the first few weeks and to get them in calf as early as possible on their natural heat," she said. "We're not inducing heat or pumping

them full of drugs to get them all coming on at the same time. We're doing it when they're ready, and we hope that will give us a higher in-calf rate."

Tru-Test Automated Heat and Health Monitoring with Active Ear Tags and Active Collars was selected because it could be integrated with the farm's Easy Dairy data system.

Katrina is also upgrading the draft gate to an Easy Dairy system so it can connect with the collars.

The addition of collars was a smooth process.

"They walk out of the crush with the collar on, swing their head a bit and then they didn't even worry about it," Katrina said.

"We have a few cows that tend to be naughty and have lost collars but we pick that up and drive to the paddock and find it."

Lacklustre live trade levels

By Matt Dalgleish,
Thomas Elder Markets

Aussie live cattle also turned south. Just 4,309 head was sent to Vietnam from Australia over August which is 75 per cent below the August five-year average trend. So far this year Vietnam have taken just 31,524 head of Australian cattle, back in 2020 there were single months where they traded larger volumes.

At least China continues to export levels above the average trend with 12,491 head registered exported over

August. Despite the August volumes easing nearly 17 per cent the current trade to China sits 42 per cent above the five-year average for August.

The lower Indonesian and Vietnamese demand weighed on the total trade, outweighing the above average showing by China. Total Australian live export volumes for August eased 7 per cent from the levels seen in July to sit at 44,907 head. This represents trade levels that are nearly 51 per cent under the five-year average trend for August.

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ALLAN, Donald (Don) James CFA AFSM: Members and Committee of the Outram Moyarra Kongwak Cricket Club deeply regret the passing of our valued and respected life member. Our thoughts are with Don's family. Sadly missed.	BIGGS, Aileen: My Mum and best friend. Words cannot describe how much I will miss you. Our lives will never be the same without you in it. You have left this world but you will never leave our hearts. Adored and much loved Grandmother of Faith and Mark, Adam and Miranda. Special Great Grandmother of Saher. It's time to kick back and rest now my darling. Your loving daughter Jan.	BIGGS, Aileen: Ail's, I'm thinking of you and all the great times we had over the years. Especially our travels with Elvis singing in the car. I'm going to miss you so much. Rest in Peace. -- Brenda xxx	ELDRED, James (Jim) Fabian: 19.01.1951 - 28.10.2022. Passed away peacefully at Leongatha hospital on October 28, 2022, aged 71, surrounded by his loving family. Loved father of Mick, Kelly, Jamie, Chris and Brett.	FORRESTER (Webb), Dorothy Mavis: Now that you've gone, our hearts are completely broken. We will forever be grateful that you were our Nan and that we shared so many precious times together. Dearly loved and loving wife of Keith for 53 wonderful years.	FORT, (nee Carr), Heather Rosemary: 03.06.1948 - 28.10.2022. Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. Loved and cherished mother to Peter and Belinda, mother-in-law to Tamika and Danny.	NORLING, Donald Joseph: Passed away 25.10.2022, aged 89, at Monash Hospital. Formerly of Rhyll. Loved partner of Shirley. Youngest child of Olaf (John) and Johanna.	VAN KOY, John: 14.05.1931 - 18.10.2022. Passed away peacefully at Bass Coast Hospital on Tuesday October 18, 2022, aged 91 years.
 BIGGS, Aileen: 24.06.1932 - 27.10.2022. Loved wife of Des (dec.). Special and loving Mum and mother-in-law of Kerry and Daryl, Jan, Leigh (dec.), Trace and Tanya. 'Cooking up a storm' As per Aileen's wishes a private family funeral will be held.	BIGGS, Aileen (Cookie): Mum, I will always be your spoilt little boy and Tanya will feed me. Aileen had a wonderful gift for sharing love and food with everyone. Truly loved and always in our hearts. -- Trace, Tan, Jemma, Blake, Ryder, Jarah, Axtom, Kale, Nissa, Huxley, Reid and Niki.	BIGGS, Aileen: What a selfless life dedicated to others. You were a do'er, fiercely independent, with a heart of gold. You will be missed by so many for so many reasons. We will continue to "Just Do" in a way that would make you proud. May a flight of Angels carry you to rest. With all our hearts. -- The Allan clan.	FORRESTER (Webb), Dorothy Mavis: 24.02.31 - 29.10.22. Loving wife of Peter (dec.). Devoted and caring mother and mother-in-law of Judy and Winston, Pauline, Geoff and Linda, Sue and Twig and Kerryn (dec.). Loved Nan to 16 grandchildren and great Nan to 28.	FORRESTER (Webb), Dorothy Mavis: Of all the special gifts in life However great or small, To have you as our Nan was the greatest gift of all. We are so grateful that you were such a big part of our lives. We will miss your beautiful smile, cheeky humour and the way you loved and cared for us. You will be forever in our hearts. Give Mum a big kiss for us.	MILLER, George Vincent: Passed away peacefully on October 25, 2022. Loved husband of Natalina (Dawn) (dec.). Loved by all his family and friends. Rest in Peace	PUGH, Gwyn: 09.09.1959 - 26.10.2022. Loving partner to Joan. Devoted father and father-in-law to Gerrard, Ashley and John, Gabrielle and Steven and Maddy. Special pop the pop to Cliff, Ned and Alice. Loving and caring friend to Rod and Les and Jenn. Amazing Taffy to Chloe, Harrison, Morgan, Mirrin and Logan.	WITHERS, Don: 07.05.1933 - 21.10.2022. Passed away peacefully. Loved husband of Cath (dec.). Loving Dad and father-in-law of David and Wendy, Kerry and Michael, Grant and Sheena.
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The position is for 3 days/week from 9.30 to 4pm for 12 months with possible extension. Tasks include management of shop stock using a computerised Point of Sale system, maintaining shop displays, working with shop volunteers and promoting the business.

Email to Annette Read at shop@sgcs.org.au or phone 0437 433 365 to obtain a position description.

Applications addressing the selection criteria and CV to shop@sgcs.org.au by 5pm Friday, November 11.



Experienced Operators Required

Varied role with modern well maintained machines, excavators 5-30 ton, dozers, graders, skid steer etc.

Full time or part time positions. Generous remuneration/package (incl. vehicle) available for the right candidate.

Based in Tarwin Lower, Vic.
Contact Dave 0438 056 987

Early Childhood Educator

Meenyan Preschool has a vacancy for an experienced Early Childhood Educator. This position is educating 3yo sessional kinder commencing January 2023 for Terms 1 and 2.

Prerequisites:

- CertIII/Diploma of Early Childhood and Care
- Current First Aid, CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis Certificates
- Current Working with Children check
- Experience working in early childhood settings
- Enthusiastic and cheerful disposition
- Understanding of the EYLF and NQF
- Passion for high quality education and care

For a position description or for further enquiries please contact Melissa McRae on 0439 570 374 or email president.meenyan@kindergarten.vic.gov.au.

Applications including cover letter to be returned via email by close of business Monday, November 14, 2022.

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SITUATIONS VACANT



Bass Coast Health

Current vacancies

Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer

Permanent Part Time – Closes 05/11/2022

Pharmacist (Available to internal employees only)

Permanent Part Time – Closes 12/11/2022

Associate Nurse Unit Manager - Emergency

Permanent Part Time/ all hours considered

Midwifery Team

Full Time, Part Time, Casual – Closes 12/11/2022

Support Service Assistant - Environmental Services

Permanent Part Time – Closes 30/11/2022

Registered Nurse - Haemodialysis

Casual – Closes 07/11/2022

Social Worker Team Leader

Permanent Full Time – Closes 26/11/2022

Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer

Permanent Part Time – Close 05/11/2022

Pharmacotherapy Regional Outreach Worker

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 05/11/2022

Allied Health Assistant

Permanent Part Time – Closes 01/11/2022

Coding Educator/ Auditor

Permanent Part Time – Closes 04/11/2022

Nurse Unit Manager - Women & Family Service

Permanent Full Time – Closes 04/11/2022

Occupational Therapist

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 06/11/2022

Physiotherapist

Fixed Term Full Time – Closes 07/11/2022

Registered Nurse/ Midwife – Acute/ Subacute/Emergency/Midwifery/UCC/ Operating Suite

Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual – Closing dates (please refer to website)

Associate Nurse Unit Manager

Permanent Full Time – Closes 30/11/2022

Perioperative Services Manager

Permanent Full Time – Closes 30/10/2022

To find out more about working at Bass Coast Health and to apply, visit the Careers page on our website or contact our HR team on

hr@basscoasthealth.org.au or 5671 3151



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PUBLIC NOTICES



LEONGATHA REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Leongatha Cenotaph,
6-8 McCartin Street, Leongatha,
November 11, 2022
Guest Speaker 10.45am,
Laying Wreath 11am.
ALL WELCOME.

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SITUATIONS VACANT

Accountant

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic and self-motivated individual for an Accountant role.

This opportunity will suit a qualified accountant, recent graduate or an undergraduate seeking to commence their career whilst completing their studies.

Please send us a copy of your resume and your academic transcript together with a covering letter stating why you qualify for this opportunity, to connie@cardell.com.au

Applications close:
Friday, November 25, 2022.

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CARDELL
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

PUBLIC NOTICES



CARING FOR SAM'S CHILDREN

Please support the fundraiser for Sam Fraser's children, to help cover the cost of their care and education. To donate, go to gofund.me/b6e777cb, or search gofundme.com for "Caring for Sams Children".



Making a real difference in the lives of people across Bass Coast.

If you can give, please give where you live.

www.bccf.org.au

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PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION AT NYORA VIC 3987

1. As part of the Regional Connectivity Program, Telstra is proposing to install a new 4G base station at the existing Telstra Exchange, 20 Mitchell Street, Nyora VIC 3987. The proposed facility will comprise;

- The construction of a new 25m Concrete Monopole within the existing Telstra Exchange compound.
- The attachment to the top of the monopole of a triangular headframe accommodating six (6) panel antennas, giving a total structure height of 26.3m.
- The antennas will provide 4G telecommunications via LTE700 technologies.
- The reuse of the existing Telstra exchange shelter to house electrical equipment associated with the facility.
- Ancillary items including feeders, adaptors, cable tray and a GPS antenna.
- The use of existing access conditions.
- Lopping of vegetation within the Telstra Exchange land.
- All new infrastructure elements will be painted pale eucalypt.

2. Telstra has lodged a Planning Permit Application with the South Gippsland Shire for the Proposed Facility. Further information can be found at www.rfnsa.com.au/3987001

3. Telstra welcomes your comments on the proposal. If you would like to comment, please send your feedback by contacting us by letter, email or by calling the contact number outlined below no later than **Thursday 17 November 2022**. Emily Wardlaw, consultation@acquirecomm.com.au, 0422685472, PO Box 586 Elsternwick Vic 3185.

More than \$100k for local projects thanks to Community Foundation



Greg Thompson (centre manager) and PICAL Pantry Volunteer, Pauline Hamon pictured with a Community Grant from Bass Coast Community Foundation.

FOR the financial year 2021/22, Bass Coast Community Foundation gave more than \$100,000 to local initiatives.

Executive Officer Sarah Bourke said this achievement was significant given the challenges faced by the sector as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Programs supported by the Foundation in 2021/22 include:

• Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts Program – being delivered at Newhaven Primary School, Bass Valley Primary School and Powlett River Primary, aiming to ignite young people to become catalysts for change in their local communities.

• Back to School vouchers – supplied by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, 739 Back to School vouchers distributed to students in need across Bass Coast.

• YMCA (YES Youth Hub and YMCA Cowes) – supported to establish a pantry for young people sleeping rough, couch surfing or with limited access to quality food at home; as well as funds to support young people to attend sport and recreation activities.

• Bass Coast College – the Joan Eltringham Memo-

rial Fund launched to improve well-being, inclusiveness and literacy for vulnerable and disadvantaged children.

• Bass Coast Special School – funding to introduce a play-based therapy program for students with learning difficulties and communication challenges.

• Bass Coast TAC L2P Program – long standing support for learner drivers without access to a supervised driver or car to be matched with a mentor driver and program vehicle.

• Philip Island Community and Learning Centre – funding to support ongoing costs of their food pantry, including food hampers and meals prepared by volunteers.

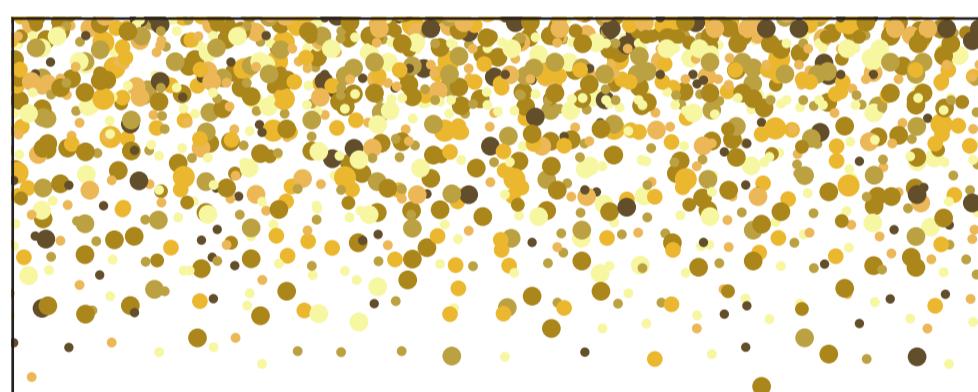
• Kinship Carers – funding to support this Phillip Island group to meet weekly, most of whom are dealing with challenging situations daily providing support to parents and children.

Tickets for the Foundation's 20-year celebration at the Cape Paterson Life Saving Club are on sale until November 11.

Tickets are \$120 and include a two-course meal, welcome drink, live music and a donation to the Foundation. Gifts and prizes and a silent auction on the night.

Buy your tickets at Bass Coast Community Foundation 20-year celebration Tickets, Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club, Cape Paterson at TryBooking Australia.

PUBLIC NOTICES



You are invited to attend

THE BASS COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

20 years of giving Celebration

FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2022

6:30 PM TO 10:00 PM

CAPE PATERSON SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

Over the past 20 years, the Bass Coast Community Foundation has given well over \$1 million to projects that help our community thrive. Come and celebrate with us.

Tickets are \$120 per person and include: Live music, a delicious two course meal, welcome drink, gifts & prizes, a silent auction, and a donation towards the Foundation.

Scan the QR code to book your ticket.

Can't wait to see you there!





Jo Fennell, Maria Arezia, Maureen Boston, Jane McKillop and Melissa Glasgow enjoy Boobs & Bubbles. A04_4422

Boobs and Bubbles a great afternoon

BREAST Cancer Awareness Month was celebrated in style at Korumburra's 'Boobs and Bubbles' event, reminding women of the importance of checking for changes in their breasts, and raising funds for 'Love Your Sister', which focuses on cancer research.

While the event at The Korumburra Middle Hotel had a serious aspect, it was bursting with fun, including popping balloons on the 'booby wall' using a miniature bow and arrow, with everyone winning a prize.

Live music, a makeup touch-up bar and pink cocktails added to the vibrant atmosphere.

Four breast cancer survivors spoke of their experiences with the disease and its treatment.

Organiser Dallas Surace said Boobs and Bubbles was a great success last year, with its informative but fun nature, and adopted the same philosophy this time.

Dallas stressed that breast cancer doesn't only affect older women, with one of the event panellists Renee McLennan diagnosed at age 30, nine years ago.

"I had suffered a late pregnancy loss and I found the tumour a couple of weeks after that, so it was picked up through my obstetrician," she said.

She wouldn't have thought to check her breasts at such a young age, believing that was something you start doing when you hit 50.

"You need to check your breasts really early," is Renee's message now.

"Know your body and if something doesn't feel right get it checked, and even if they tell you everything's ok don't be scared to get a second or third opinion."

Angel Akarana, another of the breast cancer survivors speaking at the event, was also diagnosed young, being aged just 40.

She underwent 13 months of treatment, with a combination of surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy that was initially administered intravenously and later orally.

Although not returning to work until next year, Angel is enjoying building up her activity levels.

"I'm starting back at the gym, I've got a nutrition coach and am just doing things for me," she said.

Angel said she initially tried to do too much during her treatment but learned to listen to her body.

Her experience highlights the fact breast cancer comes in a number of forms, with hers being a rare variety and non-hormonal, while her sister was previously diagnosed with an entirely different form at age 35.

Angel has now been declared to have no evidence of disease, with the term remission not used for her cancer type.

Like Renee, Angel urges younger women to check their breasts, saying Boobs and Bubbles is crucial in creating that awareness, as well as generating vital funds for cancer research through Love Your Sister.

The 'cancer vanquishing charity' was founded by actor Samuel Johnson OAM and his sister Connie who battled several forms of cancer during her life, the final one being breast cancer, which was diagnosed when she was 33.

She died in 2017 aged 40.

Maria Arezia, another member of the panel at Boobs and Bubbles, is now in remission after being diagnosed with breast cancer 18 months ago at the age of 56, and has returned to work part time.

The other panellist Melissa Glasgow, who is studying nursing, is nearing the end of her treatment and has received confirmation she is in remission.

Melissa stressed the importance of maintaining good mental health during her cancer battle and the fact that even those with strong support networks can benefit from seeking assistance from mental health professionals.

"It's nothing to be ashamed of and it's so good to have that outside person who has a different perspective, and you can say what you need to say how you need to say it," she said.

Attendees heard from the quartet of survivors about the challenges of treatment, the recovery process and the reactions of other people during their cancer journeys, including those who didn't know what to say.

"It's ok to not know what to say," Melissa said.

She added that she preferred people to be honest about the situation rather than saying everything will be ok when they have no way of knowing it will.

Renee spoke of the impact of cancer treatment.

"It makes you sicker than the cancer," she said, adding that it probably took a year to recover from the residual fatigue after finishing her treatment regime.

She said that her experience with cancer has altered her outlook and given her the desire to tackle challenges she would never have considered previously.

"Now I'm not scared to have a crack at anything and I do a lot of charity bike riding for Tour de Cure," Renee said.

"Not anyone can jump on a bike and do 120 kilometres, which before I couldn't, and I wouldn't have."



Some of the reunion attendees outside the Kardella South Hall, now Coal Creek's 'Mechanics Institute'.

Fond memories reignited at Kardella south reunion

PAST and present residents of Kardella South swapped stories at a recent reunion held at Coal Creek.

Nancye Harley (nee Phair) spoke of her memories of the town she moved to from Tatura at the age of 12.

Kardella South Hall was the locality's social centre for the area, with the building now part of Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, where it is known as the Mechanics Institute.

"The hall was where we did our courting, played cards, and it was the hub of the whole area," Nancye said.

Monthly Saturday night dances were part of the social scene there.

The hall also hosted school concerts and a yearly Christmas tree.

Brenda Eastman (nee Arnup) attended Kardella South State School, fondly recalling being there for the flyover of a Lancaster bomber shortly after the end of WWII.

"The pilots were so low we could see them waving at us," she said.

Brenda started at the school aged five and has a blend of happy memories along with less pleasant recollections.

"The school dentist used to frighten us," she said, before adding she once returned home with a swollen face having had her teeth removed.

Fortunately, they were her baby teeth.

However, playing marbles in the quadrangle is something she recalls with joy.

She also enjoyed combined district school sport days, albeit she was less than taken with the required brown uniform.

She felt daunted having to leave Kardella South State School to head to a much larger high school.

The school closed in 1954.

Lea Hagen (Carson) started there in 1953, transferring to school in Ruby when Kardella South State School shut.

She recalls the fun of travelling to Ruby on a railway cart, with her railway worker father, returning home to Kardella in more conventional fashion by bus.

Lea also remembers the horrendous 1955 shunting accident that resulted in the death of many livestock after 26 rail trucks broke away and travelled four miles before derailing.

"We heard it hurtling past our place," she said.

The Kardella South reunion was just the third one held, with others taking place in 1976 and 2004.

Barry Phillips, whose mother Valerie Jackson's time at the local school partly overlapped Brenda's, fondly recalls playing tennis for Kardella South as his mum had.

Both played in premiership-

winning teams for the club in the Arawata and District Tennis Association.

Barry reflected on the fiercely competitive nature of matches.

Kardella South's single but men tennis court, on land donated by the local Holland family, was located at the present site of Djinta Winery.

Locals built the court at a cost of 116 pounds.

Reunion attendees visited the Kardella South Hall in its present guise at Coal Creek, and were bussed to the sign marking the hall's original location, with its accompanying rock monument featuring a plaque in memory of the town's pioneers.

A presentation was made to Margaret Verdon in memory of her husband Harold who saved the original plaque, now on the memorial stone at the old hall site.

Doug and Dorothy Boston (Le Maitre) were acknowledged for their 20 years of care for the garden at the former site of the Kardella South Hall.

The efforts of the reunion's main organiser Nancye Harley were also recognised.

As well as hearing from Nancye, attendees enjoyed a photo presentation from Doug Boston of the Korumburra Historical Society, with Geoff 'Joffa' Holland amusing the crowd with his Kardella South memories.



The organising group, Barry Phillips, Lorraine Knox (Holland) Christine Hulls (Harley), Nancye Harley (Phair) and Joyce Harley (Philpott).

KORUMBURRA

Winners last week: Men's competition
 Tuesday, October 25
 Stableford (27 Players)
 A Grade: Roland Rees (9) 41
 Points

B Grade: Chris Corr (23) 35
 Points
 NTPs: 1st Roland Rees, 7th Greg Wilson, 10th Ray Ludenia and 13th Roland Rees.

Thursday, October 27
 Stableford (6 Players)
 Winner: Greg Wilson (15) 40
 Points.

NTPs: 1st Steve Duffield, 7th Chris McConnell, 10th Craig Kerr and 13th Craig Kerr.

Saturday, October 29.

Par (35 Players)

Sponsor: Steve Webster

Richie Beecroft 4BBB Stroke Championship: Tim Fowles and Steve Bromby 72. Won in three-hole playoff, 1 up, over Rob Gallagher and Shayne Harland.

Richie Beecroft 4BBB Nett Championship: Neil Spargo and Peter Draper 63 Nett

NTPs: 1st Neil Spargo, 7th Anthony Hill, and 10th Michael Foote and 13th Neil Spargo.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY'S stableford round had 18 players which gave us two grades.

Well done to our A Grade winner Shelley Snooks (22), winning with 33pts.

R/Up was Merrissa Cosson (14), 32pts.

B Grade winner was Jenny Blackmore (32), 32pts and R/Up was Lorraine Knox (41), 30pts. BDTL went to Sherrin Solly (24) 30pts. NTPs on the 1st were 'joint winners' Julie Hillberg and Trudy Mantell, 10th, Jenny Blackmore and on the 13th, Merrissa.

Our nine-hole comp was in play with Barb Walker winning, having 13pts.

Well done to our winning team; Heather Grist, Julie Brannaghan, Julie Hillberg and Trudy Olden, who competed at Woorayl's Pink Day last week and a great day was had by all.

Congratulations to our grade winners for the 2022 Gloria Burgess Memorial Trophy.

Throughout the year the best two stableford scores of three rounds were added together, with grades determined by handicaps from the first round.†

Overall winners for each grade were: A Grade - Shelley Snooks (18) 74pts, B Grade - Julie Hillberg (27) 76pts, C Grade - Betty Thomson (42) 73pts.

A small field of women braved the weather conditions Saturday with Trudy Olden (42) winning with 33 pts.

Kerri Besley (23) was runner-up, 30 pts and a BDTL went to Jennie Loughnan (52), 28 pts.

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THE South Gippsland Seniors Stableford competition was held on Monday, attracting players from many different clubs in the South

Gippsland area.

David Gow from Korumburra Golf Club was the winner by countback with a score of 37 points, with runner-up Robert Davison from Phillip Island Golf Club.

Tuesday Stableford competition:

The rain held off for Tuesday's Stableford Competition and players enjoyed warmer conditions, even though the sun didn't make an appearance.

Bill Taberer was the winner with 37 points by countback and William Stringer the runner-up.

Ball rundown to 35 points.

NTPs: 5th Wayne Kennedy, 9th Ralph Hendrich, 12th† Nicky Dryden, 15th Daryl Barker.

Wednesday was the Ladies Stableford competition in some very ordinary weather, with the winner being Sue Van Gaal with a score of 35 points and runner-up Ros Robertson scoring 33 points.

Ball rundown to 32 points.

NTPs: 5th Leah Barker and 12th Di Fraser.

Thursday's Stableford Mid-week Medal saw 55 players take to the course, with the winner by countback with a score of 38 points John Oates, with runner-up George Morozoff.

BTL 34 points. NTPs: 5th Daryl Barker, 9th Wayne Kennedy, 12th† Luke Kelly, 15th Tim Maskew.

Saturday Stableford competition: The rain and wind didn't stop a large field from playing Saturday's Stableford competition, potentially getting in some match practice before the Club Championships start next week.

The golf highlight of a lifetime for one of our members happened on the 15th hole, congratulations to Ricky Appleyard for achieving the elusive Hole in one. Luckily for Ricky there were witnesses.

Winners for Saturday as follows:

A Grade: Winner Brett Franscome with 39 points, runner up Brenton Adams on 38 points and Jason Williams on 37 points.

B Grade: Winner Shane Sparks with 41 points, Runners up David Barrie with 36 points (countback) and Ricky Appleyard

C Grade: Winner Rob Gawn by countback on 35 points to Runner-up Andy Forbes and Marty Clough scoring 34 points

Ball rundown to 34 points

Club Championships commence on Saturday, good luck to all players and may the weather be better than it has been.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY Yellow Tee Stableford October 25.

We Tuesday we had 71 members/guests in our Yellow Tee Stableford event.

A-Grade winner: Colin Bear with 38 points. A-Grade runners-up: Peter Read with 37 points.

B-Grade winner: Max Hyde with 38 points on a countback. B-Grade runners-up: Grant Handley with 38 points on a countback.

NTP 14th: Garry Rotteveel at 1.95m.

NTP 16th: Dean Kellett at .47m.

For many years Dot Stubbs has been sponsoring the D.M Stubbs Trophy for the best overall nett



Lang Lang's Ricky Appleyard after scoring a hole in one on the 15th hole.



Korumburra's Tim Fowles, Roland Rees (Men's Captain) and Steve Bromby. Tim and Steve won Richie Beecroft 4BBB Stroke Championship.

Burra Brewing Thursday Stableford October 27.

On Thursday we had 71 members/guests enjoy the day.

Thank you to Burra Brewing for their valued sponsorship of this event.

A-Grade winner: Doug Cleemann with 34 points on a countback, A-Grade runner-up: Rodney Hopcraft with 34 points

B-Grade winner: Fred De Bondt with 33 points on a countback. B-Grade runner-up: John Moor with 33 points on a countback

C-Grade winner: Ian Barlow with 38 points. C-Grade runner-up: Hugh Goodman with 37 points

14th NTP: Timothy McCarthy 6.9m. 16th NTP: William Norden with 4.2m

Invy Espy Stableford October 29.

On Saturday we had 38 members/guests take on the terrible weather conditions to finish their round.

A Grade winner: Craig Hutchinson with a score of 32 points on a countback. A Grade runner-up: Rod Hopcraft with a score of 32 points on a countback

B Grade winner: Andrew Smith with a score of 41 points. B Grade runner-up: John Feddersen with a score of 38 points on a countback

C Grade winner: Ken Lay with a score of 32 points. C Grade runner-up: Tim McCarthy with a score of 31 points

Ladies

ONLY a small group of women competed in the stableford event.

Colleen Touzel won the day with 35 points and Cheryl Borg just behind with 34 points.

Down the line balls were won by: Anne Gibson 33, Wendy Parker 32, Fay Quilford 31, Marg Griffiths 30, Glenyce McRobert, Lianne Adamson and Dot Stubbs on 29 and Karen de Groot just snuck in with 28 points.

Neryl Hopcraft was closest to the flag again this week on the 14th, and Colleen Touzel on the 16th.

The Women's Club Championship was completed last weekend with Rebecca Thomas winning for the 13th time.

Wendy Parker was the B Grade winner; Wendy Brown took out C Grade and Nicole Whiteside won D Grade.

For many years Dot Stubbs has been sponsoring the D.M Stubbs Trophy for the best overall nett

score for the Championships.

This year, the winner was an extremely surprised and excited Dot Stubbs.

Best score on day was Marg Johnson (16) 31 points from Catherine Bolding 30 points.

WOORAYL

Ladies

SHARYN Rayson dealt with the rain and lush conditions to win A grade with 93-14-79.†

A surprised Jenny Riseley won B grade with 110-27-83 and a happy Jo Fennell won C grade with 113-33-80.

BDL went to Kath Davis 81 nett, Elly Berryman 83 nett, Ann Poole 84 nett and Anne Grist 85 nett.†

The best nine out was Bev Bridge with 42 nett.

NTP's were 8th Sharyn Rayson, 11th Marg Tuckett and 17th Jo Graeme.† Congratulations to Elly on her birdie on the 7th hole.

Our annual Pink Day, played as an Irish 4BBB was generously sponsored by Joan Smith.

Despite the wind there was a sea of pink ladies raising funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Korumburra team of Heather Grist, Julie Branagan, Julie Hillberg and Trudy Olden came in winners with a hot score of 97 points.

The combined team of Elly Berryman, Bec Thomas, Dot Stubbs and Lianne Adamson from Woorayl/Leongatha came in second with a very respectable 91 points.

Down the line balls went to the following teams:

Ann Poole, Kath Davis, Chris Gunn and Raelene Milson - Woorayl/Mirboo North with 90 points

Bev Bridge, Janet Thompson, Pauline Lancaster and Jacqui Thompson - Woorayl/Cerberus with 88

Marianne Leaver, Diana Holmberg, Colleen Touzel and Karen De Groot - Leongatha with 87 points

Geraldine Prentice, Dawn Judkins, Yvonne Everitt and Marg Johnson-Wonthaggi with 87 points

Heather Wintle, Chris Hamilton, Robyn Wilkinson and Wendy Close - Wonthaggi with 87 points

The clever ladies who won nearest the pins were Barb Britten on 11th and 17th and Ros Reid on 8th.

Our busiest golfers went to a Woorayl pink team of Sherrill Winkler, Tricia Berryman, LynDe'laney and Inge Giliam.

TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Coves +28, Inverloch +30, Newhaven +1.03, Corinella +1.08, Port Welshpool +1.28, Tarwin Lower jetty +3 hours.

TUESDAY	November 1
5.43am	1.66m
11.12am	0.62m
5.21pm	1.44m
11.25pm	0.23m

WEDNESDAY	November 2
6.30am	1.57m
11.56am	0.64m
6.10pm	1.39m

THURSDAY	November 3
12.13am	0.32m
7.24am	1.48m
12.45pm	0.65m
7.08pm	1.33m

FRIDAY	November 4
1.05am	0.42m
8.25am	1.41m
1.43pm	0.65m
8.26pm	1.28m

SATURDAY	November 5
2.07am	0.54m
9.29am	1.37m
2.58pm	0.63m
10.00pm	1.29m

SUNDAY	November 6
3.22am	0.64m
10.30am	1.35m
4.21pm	0.56m
11.18pm	1.36m

Teeing off for Jarrod Lyall

THE Leongatha Golf Club held their annual Doing it for Jarrod Day recently, raising \$1325 for the challenge charity that supports children and families living with cancer.

After the loss of Australian Professional golfer Jarrod Lyall in 2018, the Leongatha Golf Club have participated in a charity golf day to keep his legacy alive and this year the club welcomed 26 ladies to the competition in their largest number of women in the competition.

Captain of the Leongatha Golf Club Garry Rotteveel presented the awards to the overall winners and place getters of the competition at the game presentation afternoon awarding first place to Robin Smith, Viv French, Karen De Groot and Josh De Groot with a score of 99 countback.

Second place awarded to Christopher Leaver, Peter Hartigan, Marianne Leaver and Trevor Moss with a score of 99 and third overall presented to Ian Barlow, Brian Fennessy, Peter Hormann and Neale Gillin with a total score of 98 countback.

The club welcomed players from Woorayl, Aussie Golf Ranch, Lang Lang, Howlong, Morwell, Traralgon, Corowa, Eastern and Cheltenham; all wearing yellow to support the challenge charity.

Wonthaggi Croquet Club

WONTHAGGI Croquet Club recently held a come and try day as part of Victoria's Seniors month of celebration.

Ten people from Dandenong, San Remo, Inverloch and Wonthaggi experienced playing croquet for the first time and enjoyed themselves over three hours of fun.†

Club members gave some coaching before everyone played several games.

The weather didn't dampen the visitors' enthusiasm and their natural playing abilities came to the fore.

Four club members competed in the Frankston Handicap Doubles tournament on October 22-23.

The first day started out wet, with playing surfaces temporarily flooded, but quickly dried out to enable play to start after a minor delay.

Tom Lacey and Sue Baker came third overall with Virginia Wheeler and Sue Cartwright also playing well but unplaced.

Anyone who is interested in playing croquet can come along to the clubhouse in Wentworth Road next to the swimming pool on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Saturdays from 9.45am, or can phone Tom on 0414 616 365 for further details.

Phillip Island Bridge

LAST Monday's winners for north/south were Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson on 56.79%.

Moya Crowley and Graham McKergow came second on 52.86%, narrowly beating Ruth Harvey and Ann Green on 52.50%.

East/west wines were Ann Hodgson and Bron Sund on 59.17%. Next in line were Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman on 56.25%.

Third place was a tie between Paul Waylen and Leng Haggith and Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran on 53.33%.

Wednesday was the final of the midweek teams. On the day, in first place were Moya Crowley, Paul Waylen, and Caroline Shaw and Leng Haggith.

Second were Molly Downing, Bron Sund, and Wendy and Graham McKergow. Hannah Martin, Maureen Stiles, and Ruth Stevenson and Penny Loughran finished third.

Overall winners for the event were Moya Crowley, partner Paul Waylen and Caroline Shaw and Leng Haggith.

SPORT | BOWLS



Wonthaggi indoor bowlers Lino Cuman, Rhonda Rattenbury, John Rook and Jim Wilson.



Inverloch Social Bowls winners Chris Nevill, John Hallas, Brian Hensley and Rob Howard (skip).



Midweek bowl winners Luke Monckton (3), Peter Thorley (L) and Peter McWilliams (S).

INVERLOCH

THURSDAY Social Bowls saw 31 bowlers compete on the greens.

Runners Up on the day were the team of Bill Selby (skip), Karen Orford and Kevin Woolstencroft with 2 wins and 32 points.

The winning team for the day consisted of Rob Howard (skip), Chris Nevill, Brian Hensley and John Hallas with 2 wins and 33 points. Start time for Social Bowls is 12.30 and registration cut off is 11.00.

Midweek Pennant Division 1 Inverloch 83 defeated Meeniyan 55.

Division 2 Wonthaggi 80 defeated Inverloch 43.

Division 3 Inverloch 38 defeated Loch 26.

MIDWEEK

OUR winners with a score of 34 were:

Peter McWilliams (S), Luke Monckton (3), Peter Thorley (L).

Runners Up with 21 points were:

Terry Floyd (S), Frank D'Unieville (3), Peter Taylor (L).

Best One Game also on 21 points were:

Tony Heppleston (S), Bill Williams (3), Pauline McWilliams (2), Tony Morris (L).

We must thank Peter and Pauline for all the hard work they had to do because we were missing both their helpers with the president and vice president both absent. We also would like to thank Koo Wee Rup for allowing us to use their superb facilities.

Thank you also to George at the bar as well as David in the kitchen.

Next week, unfortunately, we will be having a break because quite a few of our members will be headed to Oaks Day, but we will be back in two weeks (November 10) at Corinella.

KORUMBURRA

THIS week we had mixed results in pennant both midweek sides travelled to Leongatha.

In division one all teams were defeated Judith Nicholls went down 14 shots to 31.

Katrina Evans went down 17 shots to 26.

While Joanna LoMagno got the closest going down 22 shots to 23.

In division 3 it was a different story, with Jenny

McVeigh got up 21 to 19 and Cheryl Moore had a 25 to 17 shot win.

On Saturday unfortunately we had to forfeit our division four side.

With 16 players unavailable it made it impossible to field a team.

Division one hosted Phillip Island in a closely fought game.

Col Underwood had a 25 to 15 shot win Keith March won 21 shots to 18.

Brian Pepperell went down 13 shots to 28 an overall 2 shot loss.

Division 2 travelled to San Remo and got up in difficult conditions.

Rob Sund had 28 shots to 12-win, Graeme Freestone won 28 shots to 13.

While Les Eastman went down 10 shots to 37 an overall 2 shot win well done to all teams.

Don't forget the Morning tea on November 16, starting at 10.30am and the Trivia night on November 19 at 7.30pm.

LEONGATHA

THE two Midweek Pennant sides headed west to Korumburra on Tuesday and scored one win and one loss.

The Division 1 side had a positive result on all 3 rinks with a final score of 80/53 shots:

Leongatha skip Jenny Millar defeated Korumburra skip Judith Nicholls convincingly with a final score of 31/14.

Leongatha skip Carol Harry defeated Korumburra skip Katrina Evans and scored 26/17 shots.

Leongatha skip Rosa James defeated Korumburra skip Joanne Lomagno with a 1 shot margin and the board showing 23/22 shots.

Division 3 midweek Pennant side were outplayed by the Korumburra side who won overall with a score of 46/36 shots.

Rink scores were:

Leongatha skip Susan Crouch was defeated by Jenny McVeigh Korumburra skip with a final score of 19/21.

Leongatha Skip Mary Jepson was defeated by Cheryl Moore Korumburra skip 17/25.

The Monthly Triples event that was scheduled for October 26, was abandoned because of inclement weather.

The Match Committee

have decided to run the December Monthly Triples on December 20, and hopefully the 28 rinks that would have patronised the club on October 26, enter the event.

On Saturday, October 29, the Pennant matches continued with Leongatha Bowls Club featuring in three of them being Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

The Division 1 side recorded a win 67/47 shots against Wonthaggi Bowls Club. The Division 2 side chalked up a win 89/44 shots against Loch Bowls Club.

The Division 3 side was defeated by a more skilful side from Lang Lang Bowls Club, who won on all three rinks with an overall score of 69/31 shots.

WONTHAGGI

MID WEEK Pennant started the week off on Tuesday with both teams playing at home.

Div 1 played host to Phillip Island in a match where two rinks had wins and the other having a draw.

The final scores Wonthaggi 60 Phillip Island 49.

Div 2 played host to Inverloch and were looking to bounce back after a defeat last week.

All rinks had good wins to get maximum points.

Good to see the new players have fitted in and are playing well.

The final scores Wonthaggi 80 Inverloch 43.

Wednesday saw a few showers in the morning but settled after lunch.

Twenty-six bowlers took to the greens in teams of three and four.

There were three teams that were two game winners, with the winners being decided on count back.

The unlucky team was Frank Tagell, John Hill, Trevor Teer and John Migliorisi with a score of 2 wins and 33 points and 12 shots up.

The winners were the team of Ray Hin, Jenny Miller and Roger Lee with a score of 2 wins 33 points and 17 shots up.

Thursday morning is going well with the weather on the improve each week.

Saturday Pennant saw Div 1 travel to Leongatha looking to bounce back after a loss last week.

Two rinks had a tight battle, with one winning by one shot while the other going down by one shot.

The third rink came up against a team that were primed and ready to go.

They never allowed Wonthaggi to find their feet and took control of the match. The final scores Wonthaggi 47 Leongatha 67. Div 2 played host to Fish Creek at Wonthaggi, where after the rain cleared, there was a stiff breeze which was the same for both teams.

In a match that was always going to be tough, as Fish Creek were in the top four and planning to stay there.

All Wonthaggi teams had good wins with one being decided by one shot.

The final scores Wonthaggi 76 Fish Creek 58.

Div 3 also at home played host to Meeniyan in what was always going to be a tight match with two very good teams.

This week was no different with Wonthaggi winning two rinks and going down in the other.

As the result would show, Wonthaggi got a break on one rink and that was the difference.

The final scores Wonthaggi 61 Meeniyan 51 Div 4 travelled to Tarwin with a few players out but as they say "One door closes, another opens".

The final scores Wonthaggi 39 Tarwin 71.

Bowls this week: Tuesday we have Cup Day at 10am including a BBQ lunch. Wednesday is our Turkey Triples, Thursday social bowls at 1am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday Pennant.

WONTHAGGI

Indoor

A WONDERFUL turnout of 52 players+this week for our last week of bowling on a Friday there will be one more day on Tuesday cup day.

The winners on Tuesday with a plus 16 winning 2 games were Helen Rook, Marg Morgan, Sylvia Mattock and Jim Rodhi.

Coming second with a win and a draw on plus 7 were Teresa Ireland, Linda Newman and Wolfe Gilch.

Friday's winners with a plus 11 were Lino Cuman, Rhonda Rattenbury, John Rook and Jim Wilson. Runners up on plus 8 were Jean Wylde, Rossanna Tofoloni, Brian Newman and Wolfe+Gilch.

Both teams won 2 games each.

Surfers set to descend on Cape Woolamai

EIGHT Victorian clubs will do battle this weekend as the sixth event of the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle (ABB) presented by Zambrero heads to Phillip Island.

Clubs will compete for \$3000 in prize money and a guaranteed spot into the ABB National Final, scheduled to take place in New South Wales in 2023.

Now in its tenth season, the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle is the country's biggest grassroots boardriders event, involving more than 60 of Australia's best clubs, boasting over \$120,000 up for grabs.

The defending event champions, Phillip Island will spearhead an imposing set of clubs, with both new clubs and traditional rivals face-off against each other.

"Phillip Island is a fantastic venue to host the Australian Boardriders Battle (ABB) because it has so many good surf locations to choose from depending on the weather," said Phillip Island Club President Hannah Eisen.

"It's always an entertaining event with clubs from across the state competing for bragging rights. I love the team format because most of the time, surfing is quite individual."

"As a Club, we have a rich history, we've been around since 1963 and we celebrate 60 years of surfing in 2023,



Victoria will host the 6th qualifier for the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle this weekend at Cape Woolamai. Photo: Tommy Williams / Surfing Victoria

so it would be epic to qualify and represent as one of the Victorian Clubs"

Each club will nominate a squad of five of their best surfers - 2x Open Males, 1x Open Female, 1x Over-35 Master (male or female) and 1x Under-18 junior (male or female), who will compete in an exciting and dynamic 'tag team' format. Each surfer will be scored on their best two waves and must return to the beach after completing their waves, before 'releasing' the next team member into the waves.

This weekend's event will also see the Hyundai and Surfing Australia 'She's Electric' national women's leaderboard come into play.

The Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle will kick off on Sunday morning at Cape Woolamai from approximately 9am, with finals concluding by the early afternoon.

You can follow all the results from the Australian Boardriders Battle via www.liveheats.com

For previous results, images and video highlights head over to www.australian-boardridersbattle.com?

ABB event series # 10 schedule:

Event 6 – Phillip Island, VIC – November 6, 2022

Event 7 – NSW Central, North Narrabeen, NSW – November 19, 2022

Event 8 – NSW South, Kiama, NSW – November 26, 2022

Grand Final – TBC – February 4 – 5, 2023

The 2022/23 Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle presented by Zambrero is proudly supported by Harvey Norman, Oakley, Acciona, 2XP, Reeftip Drinks Co, Surfing Victoria and Surfing Australia.



Harry de Roth has been awarded a wildcard into the Phillip Island Pro QS1000. Photo: Angela Zorica / Surfing Victoria

Local wildcards announced for Phillip Island Pro

SURFING Victoria and the World Surf League are stoked to announce Phillip Island's Sophie Fletcher, Harry de Roth and Sage Goldsbury along with the Surf Coast's Xavier Huxtable and Anthony Hume have been awarded wildcards for the Phillip Island Pro QS1000.

Fletcher and Huxtable were awarded Surfing Victoria wildcards as 2022 Victorian Open Champions, while de Roth and Goldsbury received wildcards by Phillip Island Boardriders Club.

Anthony Hume was awarded the Indigenous Wildcard for being the highest placed available Victorian at the Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles.

The event to be held from November 3-6 will include a World Surf League Qualifying Series (QS) 1000 rated event for both Men and Women, as well as the Victorian round of the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle.

The Victorian Indigenous Invitational will also continue the tradition at this event showcasing the best Indigenous Victorian surfers against each other in pumping waves.

Further information can be found at www.worldsurfleague.com

The Phillip Island Pro is presented by Bass Coast Shire Council and supported by the Victorian Government, Phillip Island Nature Parks, QUIT Victoria, Cancer Council Sunscreen and Surfing Victoria.

Wonthaggi Table Tennis grand final

THE grand final of A1 teams at the Wonthaggi Table Tennis Centre was one of the closest ever seen at Wonthaggi.

Springboks (Dirk Holwerda, Callum Martin, Sean Michael) started out as favourites, but it soon became a fight to the last point.

Meerkats (Charley Donohue, Brad Andrew, Paul McCahey) took their opponents to four all with one set (a doubles) to go.

Scores went 11-5, 5-11, 11-5, 12-10 finally to Springboks, relieved to just get over the line, finally.

Supporters and family members had been on the edge of their seats.

It was a grand final to remember, with good sportsmanship on display and a great night enjoyed by all.

Juniors' social night continues on Thursdays from 6pm with David and Trish.

New players always welcome.

Schoolies afternoon is on for one more week with Nancy, Annette and Coby.

Wednesday and Saturday practice/social hit is still on from 12.00 mid-day.

South Gippy Bass back into Long Course action

THE long weekend saw the return of the Long Course meets with the SGB swimmers heading to Traralgon for GSI 3.

Back in the 50m pool for the first time, it was a great way for the swimmers to prepare for the upcoming summer long course season.

For many of the juniors who've only experienced racing in the short course pools, it was a new experience to swim the full 50 metres, but they all took it in their stride and enjoyed the new challenge.

A total of 48 swimmers took part, with a mix of juniors in their first Long Course event and senior members trying to swim qualifying times for the upcoming State Sprints and Country Championships.

Even some of the coaches got in on the action.

It was also a chance for swimmers to get another GSI under their belt, so

they can swim at the Gippsland Championships in February.

Some of the juniors will be representing Gippsland this weekend at the Country District Championships at MSAC, with the meet giving them a chance to better know those who will be their teammates.

The swimmers were pleased with their results, many improving on their last Long Course times back in March.

Head coach Dylan Muir was happy with the results for the day.

"It's really pleasing to see the squad back in the 50m pools again, for some of the newer juniors it was a big change after racing in 25m pools over winter," he said.

"I am pleased with their results and look forward to the upcoming Long Course Season."

SGB had many swimmers earning podium finishes which will give them a lot of confidence for the coming weeks.



SGB representatives Olivia, Hugh, Will, Tomei, Hayden and Mostyn.



The junior SGB swimmers relax between events.

AM&DTA Tennis results round 4

ANOTHER day of doubtful weather, but all games managed to get through except for Korumburra v Westernport in Section 1.

Korumburra's courts were just too wet and play was called off before midday.

Leongatha North were winners over Koonwarra.

It was a good, competitive match with two sets of 3/6 going the way of Koonwarra.

In Section 2 this week, Baromi travelled to Outtrim.

Both teams had juniors playing their first senior games – great news for the future of our Association.

Well done to Natalie Fraser from Baromi for winning two sets and only narrowly losing a tiebreaker. Toby Nicholas was also a winner in his mixed set for Outtrim against two fellow juniors Matt and Natalie Fraser.

Alex Beale played well for Outtrim, only just missing out on winning a tiebreaker.

Well done to you all for playing and I hope you continue to play the great game of tennis for many years to come.

The Leongatha derby

was on this week, with Gold taking home the win. Zac and Ethan Langstaff were well supported by Glenn Bainbridge this week, and won a few of the men's sets.

Sophie Kreustberger was also a junior playing for Leongatha Green, she played really well during the day. Sue Van Sinderen normally plays for Korumburra, but with the bye for her team this week, she was able to help out Leongatha Gold.

This is a great reminder that the bye team can be a useful pool of players if you are in need of one.

Section 1 results: Leongatha North 6.62 defeated Koonwarra 3.39. Korumburra v Westernport – WASH OUT. Inverloch BYE

Ladder: Inverloch 28.5, Westernport 24, Leongatha North 19.5, Korumburra 19.5, Koonwarra 18.5

Section 2 results: Baromi 5.61 defeated Outtrim 4.46

Leongatha Gold 6.63 defeated Leongatha Green 3.35, Korumburra BYE

Ladder: Leongatha Gold 25, Outtrim 24, Baromi 22, Korumburra 20.5, Leongatha Green 17.5

Leongatha Small Bore Rifle Club

2022: 50m Prone Pennant - Section F

Round 1: Leongatha A 726.022 defeated Leongatha B 717.023

Leongatha (A) 248.007

Bradley Hall, 247.007

Robert Spratt, 245.010

Christopher Sargent, 241.007

Bradley Hall, 240.013

Jack Sargent Leongatha B 683.013

(Bye)

Leongatha (B) 232.004

William Ross, 228.005

Allan Ross, 223.004

Kenneth Hart, 223.003

Cameron Davidson, 207.003

Mathew Eldridge

Round 4: Leongatha A 725.035 defeated

Frankston C 718.021

Leongatha (A), 247.011

Robert Spratt, 243.009

Jack Sargent, 242.017

Bradley Hall, 240.009

Christopher Sargent

Leongatha B 701.021

defeated Mornington

670.013

Leongatha (B), 242.007

Mathew Eldridge, 235.006

Kenneth Hart, 234.009

Cameron Davidson, 232.006

Allan Ross, 231.006

William Ross, 230.006

Kenneth Hart, 229.005

Allan Ross, 228.005

Mathew Eldridge, 227.005

Leongatha B 685.015

defeated by Frankston C

719.027

Leongatha (B), 231.009

Cameron Davidson, 227.003

William Ross, 227.003

Kenneth Hart, 225.005

Allan Ross, 224.005

Mathew Eldridge, 223.005

Round 3: Leongatha A 730.032 defeated Morn-

ington 698.013

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More than \$100k 'bowling' towards the green



State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale with members of Inverloch Bowling Club after announcing a \$104,403 grant.

STATE Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale announced last week that the Inverloch Bowling Club scored \$104,403 towards the installation of 200 Lux LED lighting on two bowling greens.

The total project cost is \$139,204.

Ms Crugnale was delighted to assist the club in applying and writing a letter of support.

The letter mentioned the club being friendly, inclusive and welcoming for players, social members and visitor community.

It went on to say that with 240 members it is the biggest bowling club in South Gippsland and has been a stalwart of the Inverloch community since 1961. Mid-week and Saturday Pennant bowls are on offer for its loyal and enthusiastic members, along with 'Barefoot' and Corporate Bowls. The Club also hosts a myriad of social functions, dinners and regu-

lar member's nights.' The Club is an ardent supporter of their local community and those in need further afield, running fundraising activities for worthy causes like the Wonthaggi Hospital Cancer Centre and appeals for bushfire-affected communities.'

"For the Inverloch Bowling Club, this lighting grant is exciting as it delivers one of our important

objectives in the current Strategic Plan," Inverloch Bowls Club President Terry Seaward said.

"With Club membership now reaching a record 250 members and growing, the lighting of our greens will introduce new options and allow extra flexibility in our bowling program.

"This would include a series of twilight bowling for members, family, friends

and tourists. On behalf of all members, we would like to thank all our partners who made this possible for us to achieve."

The Victorian Budget 2022/23 provided an additional \$88 million to deliver new and improved community sports infrastructure and programs to boost participation in local sports clubs and organisations.

Underwater with the champions at the Y



The Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club U15's (Juniors) are looking for new players – do you love the water and unusual sports?

you feel comfortable in the water and can swim, the club can teach you the rest.

"A lot of up-and-coming players come from Wonthaggi, and we're keen to get more juniors."

With most of the club

also playing at a state level, it's no surprise many of the juniors find their way to states.

"The next state Australian competition is in Bunbury, Western Australia in February."

With recent state training preparation taking players to Methodist Ladies' College on Wednesday night, Wonthaggi YMCA Thursday and Monash Friday night, individuals can do as much (or as little) as they are comfortable with.

"We're a real social club – and we really push for a safe, inclusive environment, especially for women to make sure they feel

like their welcome."

Lacie is a prime example of one of the girls who joined as a junior and has moved through the ranks, playing for the U15 Victorian team twice and U19 at present.

"My dad used to play,"

Lacie explained.

"I finished swimming

and didn't want to do

squad.

"I love how intense the game can get and the community outside the game. It's fun, niche and different."

Lacie is not alone with fellow teammate Maddi also heavily involved.

"I was part of the swim squad and my brother saw it and asked mum to try," U19s Maddi explained.

"I was sick of waiting

the hour, tried it myself

and love it now."

Maddie and Lacie's love

of the sport is echoed by all.

"I hated swimming – now swimming is fun," Darby stated.

Fellow player Caden has been playing for six years and loves that the sport pushes him and is aiming for worlds.

"I came to the game to strengthen my arm after breaking it," Jack said.

"I went to my first Nationals in 2019 and I like it as a sport – it's good fitness and I like training."

"If your kids love swimming, holding their breath and want to be involved in an unusual sport come along and give it a go," Karl concluded.

Training on Thursday's is from 7pm-8pm for the Under 15s and 8pm-9pm for the Under 19s and Open Adult at YMCA Wonthaggi the only cost is the \$10 pool entry fee, all other safety gear and equipment can be borrowed from the club.

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

2s Company (Week 14): 1st on 29.5pts Jail, 2nd on 25.5pts Alley Cats and 3rd on 22pts King Pins.

ABL (Week 14): 1st on 161.5pts Pimpals, 2nd on 156pts Just Bowl Already and 3rd on 143pts Island Sector.

Business Early (Week 4): 1st on 11pts Balls Deep, 2nd on 9pts Bettsys, 3rd on 7pts Old Timers and 4th on 6pts Happy Hour.

Business Late (Week 4):

1st on 8pts 3 Stooges, 2nd on 8pts S&



Korumburra's Tyler Dole looks for a teammate. A47_4422



Jarrah Rutherford advances for Phillip Island in its under 14B stoush with Bairnsdale. A48_4422

Junior basketball in Korumburra bouncing back

JUNIOR basketball in South Gippsland and Bass Coast received a big boost with the Korumburra Basketball Association's recent tournament providing competitive opportunities for enthusiastic young players, and generating valuable funds.

Over 200 games were shared between the new Bass Coast Community Stadium, Korumburra Recreation Centre, Korumburra Secondary College, Poowong and District Sports Centre, Inverloch Community Centre, Wonthaggi, and Wonthaggi North Primary School, with 123 teams taking part.

Nine courts were used during the two days of the event, with the draw requiring a major logistical effort to prepare.

A slight leak at the Wonthaggi North venue was quickly rectified.

"Other than that, it was a really smooth tournament for us," Korumburra Basketball Association president Mat Holmes said.

Competition for each age group was confined to a single day.

"A lot of clubs like the idea that they don't have to come both Saturday and Sunday," Mat said.

As with all such events, it couldn't have happened without the generous efforts of community members.

"There's a lot of volunteer hours go into running something like that, and it's certainly our biggest fundraiser for the year,"

so it's all hands on deck, and our Wildcat parents man the canteens, act as court supervisors and fill all those kind of roles," Mat said.

Funds are generated through tournament entry fees as well as the canteen, raffles and barbecues.

The tournament lays the financial foundation to enable Korumburra to participate in other tournaments.

Mat outlined the crucial role the junior tournament plays in assisting the Wildcats to do so.

"Our fundraising subsidises our representative teams that play in tournaments around the area and the country championships," he said.

Mat explained that helps keep fees affordable, with petrol and food costs presenting enough of a challenge for away events without expensive tournament entry fees.

Wonthaggi Basketball Club manned its own canteen at Bass Coast, generating funds for the club.

Along with the Wildcats, Wonthaggi Coasters, Leongatha Lightning, Phillip Island Rips, Foster Breakers and Poowong Panthers were all represented in the tournament, with teams from places further afield such as Bairnsdale and Sale also involved in the action.



The Coasters bench celebrate as Jenson Garnham drains the three after crossing up his Pakenham opponent. B01_4422

Coasters men stay perfect at home

By Aiden Box

WONTHAGGI maintained their perfect home record with a 23-point win over Pakenham at Bass Coast Community Stadium on Saturday night in the men's Country Basketball League (CBL) division.

Facing the winless Warriors, the hometown Coasters came out hard and fast in the first quarter, wanting to improve on their 3-3 record with a win.

The hosts took an early lead and dominated the first quarter, looking to attack at pace on the fast break that ignited from their strong defence which improved throughout the opening minutes.

The Coasters were successful on the break but were composed and efficient in their half court sets as well taking high quality shots.

However, the Warriors had a point to prove, chasing their maiden win on the CBL season they attacked the ball with aggression and pace.

a crowd-lifting crossover leading to a three-pointer.

The hosts were finally able to wear down the plucky Warriors towards the end of the third term, extending their lead to 20-points with some trademark slick play.

Pakenham continued to battle on behind the solid shooting night of Jake Meagher, but it was Wonthaggi's defence coming to life again in the fourth to help close out the win.

In an even team performance, Jett Garnham led the way with 26 points, taking quality shots and always leaking out on the break to give the hosts plenty of opportunities.

Dominic Tomasi was also a standout down low, the 200cm centre pouring in 22 of his own while grabbing plenty of rebounds.

The Coasters now improve to 4-3 on the season and will go on the road this Saturday to face Morwell, before hosting Warragul on Sunday.



Coasters star Grace McRae looks to make play off the dribble on her way to a 24-point performance. B05_4422

Wonthaggi Women win big again

By Aiden Box

THE coasters roared home to make it two on the trot with a resounding 55-point win over Pakenham on their home floor last Saturday evening.

The hosts showed their strength and class from the outset putting 10 points on the board in the first few minutes.

By quarter time, they had established a 27 to five lead and it only grew in the second as the Coasters came out firing, putting another 19 points on the board and playing some elite defence to hold Pakenham to just 2 points in the term.

After putting the foot down in the second, the Coasters lead swelled to over 40 points at the half.

Struggling to find the basket in the first half, the travelling Warriors were able to somewhat quell the onslaught in the third term thanks to some inspired play and big shots from Beth Quadara.

Despite the game opening up, the Warriors just couldn't bust through the sturdy coasters defence on enough occasions to really make a dent in the deficit.

The home side poured on the fast break points through the end of the third and the fourth quarter where their lead reached the 50-point mark in an enormous 57-point half.

Wonthaggi were a step above all game long, showing how well drilled they are on defence along with their lethal speed and composure on the fast break, which was all too much for the visitors who couldn't adjust.

All eight players got on the scoresheet in a complete team game from the reigning premiers, including youngster Sienna Tiziani who scored eight points on debut.

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

ROUND 5 - SATURDAY, NOV 5 & 12, 2022

A GRADE, Division 1

Koonwarra L/RSL v Town
KOONWARRA - Ian Thorn
Phillip Island v Club
COWES - Shane Moore
OMK v Inverloch
OUTTRIM - Ashley Stride
Nerrena v Imperials
LEONGATHA TURF - John Schelling

A Grade, Division 2

Nyora v Korumburra
NYORA - Greg Goss
Club v Kilcunda-Bass
McMAHONS - Steve McNamara
Glen Alvie v Foster
WONTHAGGI TURF - Michael Heenan
MDU v Phillip Island
MEENIYAN - Terry Rogers

B GRADE, Division 1

Inverloch v MDU
INVERLOCH TURF - Geoff Wyatt
Imperials v OMK
EAST CAMPUS - Neil Barnes
Nerrena v Koonwarra L/RSL
NERRENA - Geoff Parkinson
Korumburra - BYE

B GRADE, Division 2

Foster v Club
Foster - TBA
Phillip Island v OMK
REECE PARK (RHYLL) - TBA
Kilcunda Bass v Nerrena
Bass 1 - TBA
Town v Glen Alvie
Scorpion 1 - TBA

C GRADE, Division 1

Koonwarra L/RSL v Inverloch
LG VELODROME - TBA
MDU v Korumburra
DUMBALK - TBA
Club v Phillip Island
WONTHAGGI SC - TBA
Nyora - BYE

C GRADE, Division 2

Koonwarra L/RSL v Phillip Island
Mary MacKillop - TBA
Town v Kilcunda-Bass
SCORPION 2 - TBA
OMK v Glen Alvie
Digger Park - TBA

Subject to Confirmation.
Any prospective umpires can contact
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or Geoff Wyatt 0413 081 136



Stony Creek Football Netball Club

Annual General Meeting 2022

Monday, November 7
7.30pm

Stony Creek Recreation Reserve

Business Arising:

- To receive 2021/2022 financial's
- Football and netball updates
- Appoint new committee

For more information contact:
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Fabulous Phil Hanley takes world bronze

LEADING three-quarters of the way through the bike leg of the Ironman 70.3 World Championships at St George in Utah, USA over the weekend, Wonthaggi's Phil Hanley was sitting pretty.

But he hit the wall, in the form of the towering sandstone cliffs and petrified dunes of the spectacular Snow Canyon State Park just outside St George, and lost valuable time to the chasing pack.

Phil went from a dominant position in first, ahead of an international field of 36 competitors in the 70-74 age group, to a precarious 4th and was even down as low as 5th as he gathered himself in the transition into the final leg, the 21.1km run.

By his own admission, speaking by text message to the Sentinel-Times after the race, he "suffered big time" late in the ride, and considered himself fortunate to finish, let alone climb his way back up to a heroic podium finish in third.

"The climb up Snow Canyon was an absolute beast, so happy to even finish," he told friends and well-wishers on Facebook afterwards.

While you can read about the 1.9km swim, the 90km bike course and the 21.1km run in the brochure before you go, they don't tell you about those moments in a gruelling event when your fitness appears to be failing you and the doubts set in.

But it's the sign of a real champion who can fight through something like that and come out the other side. Phil Hanley did just that.

"I finished in third place in 6:07:15," said Phil afterwards. "Suffered big time on the steep climbs, especially through the beautiful



Wonthaggi's Phil Hanley has just enough left in the tank after taking third place in a gruelling Ironman 70.3 World Championships in the USA at the weekend to salute the crowd and his supporters watching online back home.

Snow Canyon, but feel very fortunate to be able to race in such a stunning location at the Greater Zion Country. Thanks to all for their well wishes and support. Regards Phil."

Phil started strongly in the event, finishing the 1.9km swim in third in a time of 35:39, just behind Tom Nagy (US) 35:24 and Gordon McLaughlin 32:49, but a good minute ahead of the rest of the field.

Making up time in transition to the bike, Phil actually emerged in first place, a position he held until the 68.4km mark of the 90km ride when he started "suffering" on several tough climbs.

Between the 68.4km mark

and the 74.8km mark, Phil fell down to fourth, was even down as far as fifth when the 21.1km run commenced, having posted a bike leg that was 14 minutes off the pace set by the eventual winner of the 70-74 age group, Volker Fischer (US), who had made up the 6 minute deficit he spotted Phil after the swim, and then some; Fischer's ride time 2:59:33 compared with Phil Hanley's 3:14:10.

But, by the 4.3km mark in the run, Phil was back up into 3rd and he swapped places with Mike Wien (US) and Jim Fuller (US) all the way to the line, ultimately finishing little more than half a minute ahead of Wien, one of the pre-race favourites in the age group.

As it turned out, Phil was well behind the first and second placegetters in the 70-74 section; Volker Fischer (US) 5:51:58 and Stuart Connolly (Canada) 5:57:53, finishing third in a creditable 6:07:15, just ahead of his fast-finishing Aussie compatriot Graeme Hampton 6:07:49, who put on a withering run leg of 1:55:30, a full 10 minutes better on that leg than Phil's 2:05:37 for the 21.1km.

So, in the end, just getting a position on the podium against the best age group athletes in the world was quite some achievement and Phil Hanley received the plaudits of his friends and family back home after his brave effort.

Another accolade for outstanding Eleanor



Eleanor Patterson displays her Outstanding Achievement award from the New South Wales Institute of Sport. Photo: NSW Institute of Sport

LEONGATHA'S world champion high jumper Eleanor Patterson added to her accolades recently, being named the recipient of the 'Outstanding Achievement' honour at the New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS) Awards on Friday.

The Outstanding Achievement award is named after Ian Thorpe AM.

"I didn't expect this with such amazing finalists, and I'm honoured to be recognised," Patterson said.

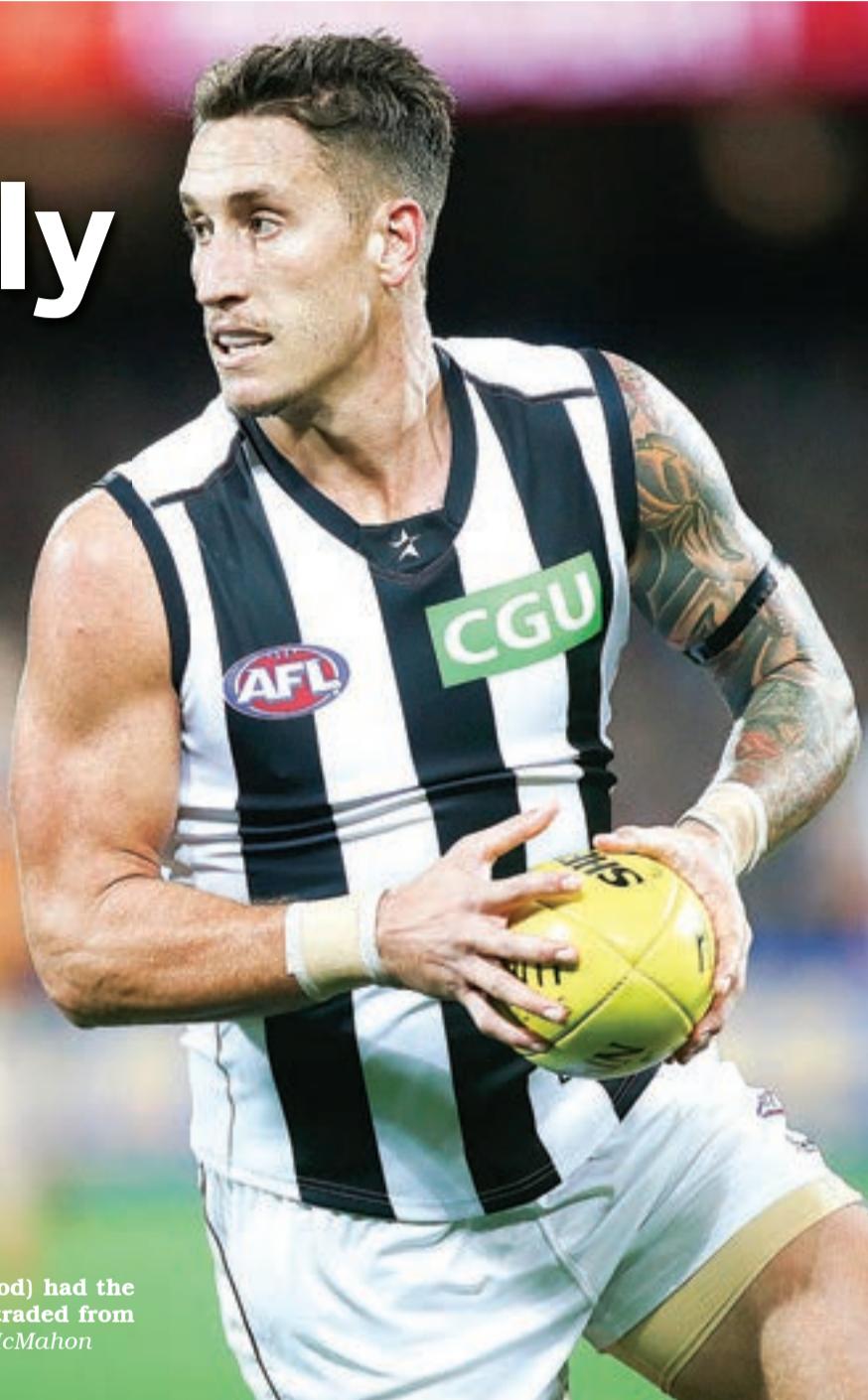
The award recognised her achievement in winning gold in Eugene, USA, becoming the first Australian to win a high jump world title.

While Patterson is Leongatha raised and a product of the town's Little Athletics club, she is a NSWIS scholarship holder.

She recently visited Leongatha Little Athletics club, to the delight of its young athletes who were thrilled to hear from her and see her gold medal.

'I literally signed'

The sliding doors moment that saw key forward's trade scrapped



Jesse White (pictured playing for Collingwood) had the 'rug' pulled out from under him when being traded from Sydney to Adelaide in 2012. AAP Image/Ben McMahon

JESSE White had signed on the dotted line to be traded from Sydney to Adelaide in 2012 before the rug was pulled out from under him.

The former key forward was ready to begin a new chapter in a new state, agreeing at the end of the first week of the trade period – but that all changed over the weekend.

Adelaide was fined \$300,000, stripped of draft picks and banned from completing trades for breaking the AFL's total player payments

By Nic Negrepontis

surrounding star forward Kurt Tippett.

The ban saw Tippett suspended for half of the 2013 season and led to White's trade being torn up.

"I literally signed. I actually got signed with Adelaide," White told SEN SA.

"My partner packed up and told her boss that she was quitting and it happened on a Thursday or a Friday and back then over the weekend

the trade period was off.

"We spent the weekend packing the house and looking at houses and the Monday we got the call saying 'better just hold off there's been a bit of a hold up'.

"I can't remember too technical what actually happened, but I think Kurt and the club got banned from trading.

"So my actual trade ... my half got done, but the other half didn't quite get put through and it all got torn up. "I was still contracted with

Sydney for another year and I spoke to a few other clubs at the time and Sydney worked out they could keep me and get Kurt in the off-season, pretty smart.

"So I spent another year there and it was a really great year that last year at Sydney so if anything it helped me out."

White left the Swans and joined Collingwood the following year.

The 34-year-old has signed on to play with North Adelaide in the SANFL for the 2023 season.

**'We need him':
Should Smith
replace Finch as
T20 captain?**

By Lachlan Geleit

FORMER Australian all-rounder Simon O'Donnell isn't sure if Aaron Finch deserves to hold his spot in the Aussie T20 World Cup XI.

Finch entered the tournament in average form and has yet to hit his straps with scores of 13 off 11 and 31 off 42.

While his form may not warrant guaranteed selection, one thing that's keeping him in the side is his status as captain.

Despite his position, O'Donnell thinks it's going to be hard for Finch to keep his spot if his form doesn't improve.

"Very few times you feel a little bit sorry for someone on an elite sporting field, but I felt a little bit sorry for him the other day," O'Donnell said on SENQ's Pat and Heals.

"He's just way out of whack ... he was just trying to face some cricket balls the other night, he got 18.2 overs out there, whether that helps him turn it around and give him that feel, I'm not sure.

"In this form of the game when it's so helter-skelter, it's going to be hard for him.

"It's not that he's not trying, he's just a millisecond out with picking up his line and length which is all you need with your timing and everything to be out the window."

If Finch is to lose his place Australia will need to find someone to lead the side, and O'Donnell believes Steve Smith can both replace him in the XI and as skipper.

"You've got a pretty good one sitting there in Steve Smith," O'Donnell said.

"I think we need him, I call it a 'whacking order', we're all whackers the order at the minute.

"It's like the Kiwis, they have their skipper that just comes in and (Kane) Williamson can be the steadier.

"Sometimes it is good to get twos and threes and not having to hit fours and sixes all of the time.

"I think our side is better with Smith in it, I'm one of the few that gives that vote because he doesn't even look like getting a game at the minute."

Finch and Australia next faced England at the MCG last Friday night, with their remaining group games coming against Ireland on Monday at The Gabba and Afghanistan next Friday at the Adelaide Oval.

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Bass Valley Primary School students Isa, Autumn, Gemma, Jaylah and Tiarah were selected to part of the Victorian softball team representing the state in late November. Ns024422

Swinging for softball glory

By Nick Sinis

FIVE students from Bass Valley Primary School (BVPS) will be representing Victoria at the School Sports Softball tournament in late November.

After taking out the state finals in September this year, the five girls from BVPS were selected for the state team after trying out against students from throughout Victoria.

The girls have spent years training and countless weekends honing their skills to make it this far, and will face off against Queensland, NSW and South Australia.

- Local students to represent Victoria

Proud mum, Maryla Shumack, couldn't be happier with her daughter's efforts.

"They started off with t-ball for the school and then they went to the state finals and won the title," she said.

"Then they were told to try out for interstate and five of them got in.

"They tried out against everyone in the state!"

Ms Shumack said parents and the school had been raising funds to get the girls through

to the interstate finals, as they must cover all costs involved.

"We're lucky it's being held at Waverley Softball Association (Wheeler's Hill) and not interstate," she said.

"They're representing Victoria and are playing from November 20-25.

"Obviously it's not funded, we have to fund it ourselves as parents, it comes to around \$1300 (per student)."

Ms Shumack said she was thankful to Member for Bass

Jordan Crugnale for making a donation to support the students, and they were also hosting other fundraising events such as barbecues and raffles.

"For a tiny school, they've done a huge job in getting five of them into the interstate team," she said.

The team, students, teachers and even a representative from Softball Victoria gathered at Kilcunda-Bass Recreation Reserve last week for training.

Despite the miserable weather,

the girls, who are in grades 6 and 4, were in high spirits and spoke to the Sentinel-Times about their accomplishments.

"We've put in a huge amount of effort to get to where we are," they said.

"We were surprised to win the state title in September, and we've been training every weekend."

The girls highlighted they loved the sport as it is team orientated and have enjoyed getting to know other students from around the state.

"To win would be amazing, but it's been great just to get this far," they said.

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