

# Coast reports buried by poli

IT'S government administration at its worst, surely.

The organisation charged with the responsibility of dealing with Inverloch's coastal erosion crisis has declined to release "the full suite of Stage 1 Reports" it promised would be "released soon" almost a month ago.

They've allegedly been signed off, ready to go for months.

Using the pre-election 'Caretaker' rules, which started at 6pm on Tuesday, November 1, for cover, the State Government-appointed Inverloch Regional and Strategic Partnership group (RaSP), has told the Sentinel-Times that it is now "limited in what we can share at this time."

Compounding the unfathomable nature of the announcement is that the RaSP had already released four summaries taken from these same reports, back on October 12 (they were promised in mid-August).

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Additional reports for the project, comprise another 268 pages in total.

Crucial remedial work, outlined in the summaries, and presumably in the full reports, will now be further delayed.

These include the annual relocation of between 75,000 and 100,000m<sup>3</sup> of sand to set up a "sacrificial" beach to stop further erosion of the last-remaining dunes which separate Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road (Bunurong Road) from the sea.

The influential South Gippsland Conservation Society (SGCS) has called for all candidates in the election to commit to funding interim dune renourishment works that they say need to be completed at Inverloch Surf Beach in early 2023.

"Based on our investigations, interim funding of at least \$1M is needed to extend the recent Parks Victoria renourishment work to protect the Wreck Creek and Flat Rocks coastline," said the group in response to information in the Stage 1 summaries.

SGCS President Ed Thex-

ton said: "As acknowledged in the summaries, the vegetated dunes currently shield adjoining residences from storm surge events. It doesn't make any sense not to act now to protect those valuable remaining dunes. If we wait any longer, there may not be anything left to save by the time that the final strategy is in place."

As well as calling for the release of the full suite of Stage 1 reports, the SGCS has urged the project team to complete Stage 2 of its investigations as soon as possible to allow "finally-agreed action to be costed, funded and implemented without further significant delay."

However, the decision to delay the release of the full hazard assessment and adaption reports appears to be at odds with the government's own guidelines for handling government business in the lead up to and during the 2022 State election period.

The over-riding rule is that "the business of government and public administration continues throughout the caretaker period".

For the government of the day, it means they can't implement

major policy decisions, make significant appointments, or enter into major contracts and undertakings.

The public sector, according to the guidelines, must be apolitical but it should also get on with it.

"Generally, the public sector should continue to perform its ordinary and routine functions during the caretaker period."

An exception to this might be if their normal actions could be seen as controversial or political in the context of the election.

However, while the guidelines say, "public sector bodies should assess whether any of their ordinary functions (e.g. distributing information about progress on the implementation of government policies) may need to be performed differently during the caretaker period", this guideline doesn't appear to relate to the work of the Inverloch RaSP because their findings have not yet been adopted as government policy.

The guidelines also say that the public sector can add material to their websites during the caretaker period provided that, "it is either purely factual or relates to existing policies

and programs".

As the first organisation of its kind to be created under the Marine and Coastal Act 2018, the Inverloch RaSP was gazetted on August 6, 2020, bringing together Traditional Owners and nine agencies, to work with the community to address ongoing and future coastal erosion and inundation impacts, principally at Inverloch, exacerbated by climate change.

The following agencies and entities are represented on the RaSP:

- Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC)
- Bass Coast Shire Council (BCSC)
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) (lead agency)
- Department of Transport (DOT)
- Gippsland Ports
- Heritage Victoria
- Parks Victoria (PV)
- South Gippsland Shire Council (SGSC)
- South Gippsland Water (SGW); and
- West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA).



## Trespassing not tolerated at old campus

THE former Wonthaggi Secondary College McBride Campus has seen an influx of uninvited guests with five youths apprehended for trespassing over the Melbourne Cup Weekend.

Alarms have been re-activated within the facility and Police will be conducting regular patrols of the school grounds with a zero tolerance for anyone located trespassing.

## Flying wood damages vehicle

INVERLOCH Police are requesting public assistance in relation to vehicle damage that occurred on the Inverloch-Venus Bay Road on Monday, October 31.

At 11am, a vehicle travelling towards Tarwin Lower was struck by a piece of plywood that flew from a vehicle travelling in the Inverloch bound direction, causing damage to the vehicle.

It is understood additional vehicles were travelling in both directions nearby and police are urging anyone with details, dashcam footage or information about the incident or information that can help identify the vehicle from where the plywood originated to call Inverloch Police Station on 5674 1202 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

## Appeal for burglary information in Inverloch

A FACTORY on Bear Street in Inverloch was broken into between October 29-31 in the evening.

The offices were ransacked, and mechanical property was stolen.

The Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit attended the scene and have urged anyone with information, including potential CCTV and dashcam footage to come forwards.

Those with information can contact Bass Coast CIU on 5671 4100, Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or make a confidential report at crimestoppersvc.com.au.

## Community praised by Yarram Police

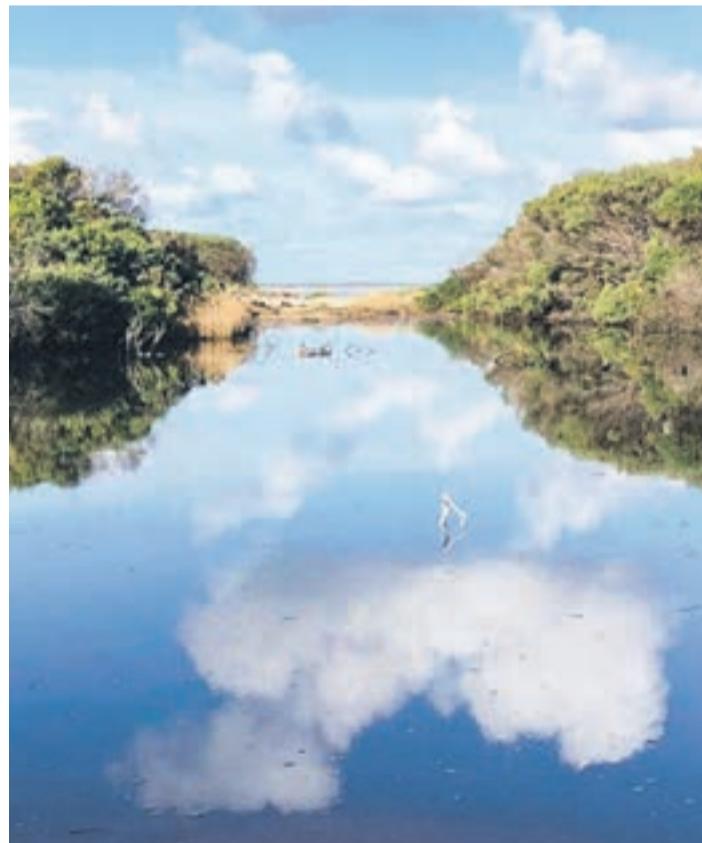
YARRAM Police attended a motor vehicle collision on Friday, November 4, in which a vehicle had driven through a local shop-front window.

An extensive amount of damage occurred, however, thankfully no-one was injured.

A 62-year-old Port Albert man was interviewed by police at the scene and has been issued an infringement notice as a result.

Yarram Police would like to thank the local members of community who not only assisted at the scene, but also assisted the shop owner with scene rehabilitation after the incident.

Yarram Police would also like to remind the community if you are asked to leave an accident scene, it is for the safety of all people present.



Wreck Creek, outletting at the Inverloch Surf Beach is one of the areas most at risk from erosion.

## Conservation group backs beach groynes at Inverloch

THE South Gippsland Conservation Society (SGCS) has backed the Inverloch Surf Beach dune renourishment option outlined in the Coastal Hazard Assessment summaries as the first line of attack in the war on beach erosion.

However, in its response to the recently-released summaries by the Victorian Government's Cape to Cape Resilience Project team, they've also called for the full suite of reports to be released and for Stage 2 of the study to be concluded as soon as possible.

Based on the findings of the Coastal Hazard Assessment consultants and SGCS's own research, dune renourishment, combined with groynes, represents the best means of maintaining the environmental, cultural and community values of the Surf Beach and its dunes at Inverloch in the face of the increasing impacts of climate change.

SGCS's Inverloch Coastal Resilience Project leader, Philip Heath, said: "It is critical to the future of the Surf Beach, the ecological and cultural values of the vegetated dunes

and the safety of adjoining residences, that the remaining dunes are protected."

"Based on information contained in the summaries and in discussions with the Cape to Cape team, increasing the resilience of the remaining dunes by renourishment, combined with constructing one or more groynes to hold the sand on the Surf Beach, provide the best means of sustaining the Surf Beach in its current, highly-valued form.

"The other short-listed engineering adaptation actions assessed in the summary all have serious negative consequences – an extended rock wall would result in the lowering of sand levels and eventual loss of the Surf Beach, while the nearshore breakwater option would completely change the character of the Surf Beach."

To read the complete statement by the South Gippsland Conservation Society go to the Sentinel-Times' website at [www.sgst.com.au](http://www.sgst.com.au) or the Society's website at [www.sgcs.org.au](http://www.sgcs.org.au)

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**SUN | Nov 13**  
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## IN BRIEF

### Wonthaggi SES Unit make the jump

WORKS have started on the new 'fit for purpose' facility for Wonthaggi SES.

"I am so pleased that construction has begun on the Wonthaggi SES Unit at 89 White Road, Wonthaggi," State Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale said.

"The building will include a four-bay garage, indoor and outdoor training areas, kitchen facilities, offices and car parking."

Located beside the Wonthaggi Fire Brigade premises, the new facilities will replace the subpar current location at 319 White Road.

"The VICSES Wonthaggi Unit are a fabulous, committed crew who support our communities near and far - all hours - all conditions," Jordan added.

"The new site will enable the VICSES Wonthaggi Unit and surrounding units to continue to respond effectively to the local community and assist Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria and fire services throughout the state.

Construction is due to be completed in the second half of 2023.

"This is an amazing opportunity for us," Unit Controller, Jarrod Hargreaves said.

"We are looking forward to growing our membership with the development of our new facility so we can best serve our community."

Individuals looking to join Wonthaggi SES can jump online and register at [ses.vic.gov.au/join-us/volunteer](http://ses.vic.gov.au/join-us/volunteer) or call Unit Controller Jarrod Hargreaves on 0499 072 117.

### Almost \$1M for local health services

REGIONAL health services across Gippsland will share in more than \$70M as part of the state government's Re-

gional Health Infrastructure Fund (RHIF).

Minister for Health Mary Anne Thomas and Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh announced the 128 projects earlier this week.

As part of the major boost to the local health system, 19 projects across Gippsland will receive a combined total of almost \$3.5 million to upgrade facilities and provide additional services.

Locally this includes:

### Gippsland Southern Health Service - \$212,000:

Construction of purpose-built accommodation for new staff, locum, agency, and trainee staff who relocate to the area for employment and students on placement.

### South Gippsland Hospital - \$400,000:

The project will ensure the replacement of many existing electrical switchboards, which are approaching their end of useful life and not fit for purpose for the next 15 years. Additionally, the project will facilitate the replacement of the plant electrical controls.

### South Gippsland Hospital - \$41,910:

Replace the boiler, which is 12 years old (end of useful life) whilst upgrades to the electrical controls and switchboards are undertaken.

### Yarram and District Health Service - \$384,000:

Laundry refurbishment - the proposed works will deliver a facility that is environmentally and ergonomically sensitive with a focus on workflow design to enable increased output due to workflow efficiencies. This will involve purchase of current spec equipment will reduce repetitive strain injury.

### Last chance to enrol

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"If you are not on the roll or if you've moved out of home or changed your address since then, you still have time to enrol or update your details," said Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately.

### Driving under the influence

A MALE driver who failed to negotiate a corner while under the influence of methamphetamine and cannabis had his licence cancelled and disqualified for 12 months last week.

The incident occurred on June 28, 2021, at Koo Wee Rup-Longwarry Road heading towards Bayles with a witness rendering assistance at the scene.

The Korumburra Magistrates Court heard that upon police arrival, the male driver was disorientated and confused, and sent to Dandenong Hospital where blood tests later revealed the illicit drugs in his system.

### Busiest month on record for VICSES

OCTOBER this year has been the busiest month in history for the Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES), with volunteers responding to a staggering 13,705 RFA (requests for assistance).

It's almost a 28 per cent increase on the previous record of 10,740 requests, set in June 2021.

SES volunteers have been tirelessly working to provide emergency assistance during October's significant

and extensive flooding rains, storms, and destructive winds.

The busiest volunteer units during October have included: Shepparton and Tatura (over 1,600) Echuca (650 RFAs), Bendigo (482), Rochester (462) and Kerang (232).

It follows two of the three busiest years on record for VICSES with 2020-21 the busiest financial year in the organisation's history, which included the response to the June 2021 storm.

A reminder if you need VICSES emergency assistance, ring 132 500 or Triple-zero (000) in a life-threatening emergency.

### Excessive speeding

A FEMALE driver was found guilty at Korumburra Magistrates Court on Thursday of driving at 90km/h in a 60km/h zone along the South Gippsland Highway in Korumburra on March 12.

The driver was intercepted at the time by police and on Thursday, received a three-month suspension of licence with no conviction recorded.

### Four-year loss of licence

A FEMALE driver who avoided an RBT on March 29 had her licence cancelled on Thursday at Korumburra Magistrates Court for four-years.

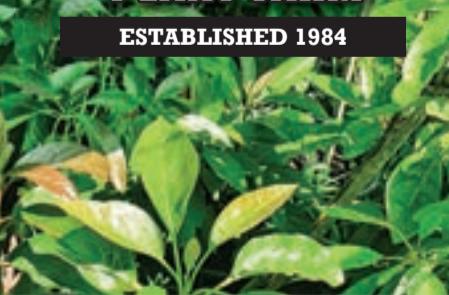
The court heard the female driver avoided the RBT on Long Street in Leongatha at 10.36pm on March 29, by turning onto A'Beckett Street; she was intercepted by police along Bent Street.

A preliminary breath test showed a reading of 0.264.

Her vehicle was impounded at the time for 30 days at \$1275.

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Students, school council and teachers were elated with the announcement by Nationals Deputy Leader Emma Kealy MP, Nationals Candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari, and Liberals Candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown, as they were joined by Liberal Candidate for Eastern Victoria Region, David Burgess, and Gary Blackwood MP in announcing \$6.7 million for stage one of Wonthaggi Primary School's redevelopment. C100\_4522

## Labor and Coalition both commit to Wonthaggi Primary

THE Liberal and Nationals parties have committed \$6.7 million to help redevelop Wonthaggi Primary School.

This follows after Labor also announced recently they would invest \$6.7 million to upgrade blocks A, B and E, if re-elected.

It comes after tireless campaigning by the school council, bringing attention to the dilapidated facilities and the dire need for investment in the school's infrastructure.

The Wonthaggi Primary School Council has worked with school staff and an architect to develop a Master Plan for capital works, with the community now needing certainty on funding.

"The school dates back to 1911 and there are significant failings, not least of which is the fact that one set of toilets are simply unusable – forcing children to cross to the other side of the school to go to the toilet," Nationals Candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari, said.

"After meeting with the school council and seeing the facilities firsthand, it's clear to see the school needs an upgrade – and this funding will address that."

Deputy Nationals Leader Emma Kealy MP highlighted the importance of the students advocating alongside School Council, and for their determination to address the issues faced by students.

"If elected to government, the Liberals and Nationals will deliver \$6.7 million to get rid of the wooden quadrangle to build a beautiful STEM building – making sure (students have) the best possible start to life, and also a brand-new library," Ms Kealy announced to



Students were elated to hear their tireless campaigning had made their voices heard. C103\_4522

student advocates Boyd, Billie, Mackenzie, Lewey and Axl."

Liberal Candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown said the funding is a real solution to address the community's concerns.

"The Wonthaggi Primary School staff have done an outstanding job working in the facilities they have. As a former student and having met with school representatives, it is great that this school will finally get upgrades that match the high-quality teaching," Mr Brown said.

The announcement is the first step in the appeal for \$20 million by Wonthaggi Primary School Council, with the Coalition promising to fight to get the rest of the school build once in government.

### Coalition casts line for Corinella

In addition to the Wonthaggi Primary School and Inverloch Recreational Reserve announcements on Monday, \$550,000 was also committed for Corinella Boating and Angling Club by the opposition.

The club has been active in the Corinella community for 42 years, with members locally and from around the state, however, the club has no permanent base for members to meet, with members securing a site to build and needing funding to complete the puzzle.

Liberal Candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown, said the club house will benefit the wider community." Mr Tessari said.

"The club is a vital part of the community with more than 70 members, and will get a lot of use over the summer months," Mr Brown said.

"After meeting with the group it's clear they have the full support of the Corinella community, this commitment means the club will be able to start works sooner rather than later."

The Nationals Candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari said it has been a concerted effort by the community.

"The club volunteers have done all the leg work here to make this plan a reality, and this building will be an amazing asset to the township but also the whole waterline community," Mr Tessari said.



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This is why, Council is advocating hard on behalf of the Bass Coast community for improved public transport within the region.

Transport into and around Bass Coast is severely lacking in the number of services and connectivity. There is a developed public transport network for Bass Coast Shire, which covers the main townships. However, it is infrequent and, in the case of the town buses, does not operate on weekends.

We seek Public Transport Victoria (PTV) to initiate a broad-ranging review of the current bus services in the Bass Coast Shire to determine needs and demands for public transport within the community.

The main areas of current concern are:

The lack of a regular bus service to and from Cape Paterson and Wonthaggi on Saturdays and Sundays utilising the Wonthaggi Town Service bus route.

The need for the extension of the bus route to provide a bus stop for residents who live at The Cape Estate in Cape Paterson.

The review would also help identify how the transport system will cope with the ongoing growth in Bass Coast, in particular, in the areas of resident population, tourism and freight.

Enhancements to existing services will reduce the region's private car dependency, resultant emissions and significant congestion during peak periods. Council has declared a climate emergency and will work with the community towards achieving net-zero emissions over the next ten years.

I'm proud of the work we are doing in relation to a study on an on-demand transport service for Phillip Island and San Remo and look forward to sharing more about that in coming weeks.

Improving our transport options will also increase accessibility to jobs and education and have a significant positive impact on the local community.



Nationals' candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari, front left with Deputy Leader of The Nationals, Emma Kealy MP, and, right, Liberal candidate Aaron Brown with Shadow Assistant Minister for Forestry Gary Blackwood, flanked by members of the sporting and community groups which use the Inverloch Recreation Reserve at the announcement that the Coalition will commit \$880,000 to sealing and draining the reserve if they win the election.

## \$880,000 challenge to seal Inverloch Rec

THE promises are coming thick and fast from both sides of politics as the race for Bass heats up with Brett Tessari of the Nationals welcoming his Deputy Leader and Shadow Minister for Mental Health and the Prevention of Family Violence, Emma Kealy MP, to Inverloch on Monday this week for a special announcement.

If the Coalition wins the state election both Brett Tessari (Nationals) and Aaron Brown (Liberal) have committed their parties to \$880,000 in funding to fully seal the Inverloch Recreation Reserve, also adding drainage to improve safety and amenity at the well-used venue.

"It will be great for Inverloch Football Netball Club, which regularly attracts big

crowds here over the winter, but this venue is really used by the whole town and district," said Brett Tessari this week.

"It's a safe pickup place for the families from the Inverloch-Kongwak Primary School, it's used as an overflow carpark for business owners, shoppers, and visitors and you've also got the cricket, the Men's Shed, Rotary, Lions, and Scouts and Guides, plus it's often used as a helipad in an emergency as well," Mr Tessari said.

President of the IK Football Netball Club, Peter Butcher, said it was a "fantastic outcome for the whole community" if it comes to fruition.

"In particular, the traffic at school pick-up time is phenomenal. I don't know what

the streets would be like outside the school if that wasn't an option," Mr Butcher said.

"But it's heavily used all day, by the traders and people going into the hub and the main street but the problem is the traffic really makes a mess of unsealed roads in the reserve, which is a particular issue for us in the winter."

Shadow Minister for Sport, Cindy McLeish, said a Liberal and Nationals Government will ensure the funding is delivered for the project.

Liberal Candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown said the project was a straightforward way to improve the reserve.

It's such an important project that it should be funded regardless of who wins government overall.

## Community fed up with foreshore destruction

CAPE Woolamai residents are outraged that a small number of people have once again destroyed part of Cape Woolamai Foreshore, in order to create a BMX and motorbike track.

Council recently cleaned up the mess made by the previous illegal creation of a BMX track, which included the deliberate removal of indigenous vegetation within the important conservation reserve. The work to rehabilitate the

site included use of an excavator to remove the jumps and reinstate the natural soil surface.

Council also put up a fence to restrict access, and a sign to raise awareness that this area is protected.

Earlier this month, the fence was cut and digging and shaping the area has again commenced.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan stated, "Council does not

tolerate blatant damage to precious foreshore vegetation, and will again be removing the track and be rehabilitating the site."

"Council officers have been monitoring the site for further activity, and we will take all necessary action to prevent this from happening again. We have raised our concerns with local police and these works are considered vandalism. We encourage those involved to stop immediately."

## Council Update



### Council Meeting - 16 November

Council's next meeting will be held at 1.00pm, Wednesday, 16 November 2022 in the Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi. In the interest of community health and safety, the Council Chamber will open to the public by RSVP only. Please RSVP at [c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au) The meeting will also be livestreamed. Join here: [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings)

The agenda is released on Council's website on Friday 11 November 2022 [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/meetings](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/meetings). There is an opportunity in the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question please submit your questions in writing no later than 1.00pm 14 November, 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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## Powering down community bills and emissions

FOUR community facilities across Bass Coast have received a combined \$33,000 from the Community Climate Change and Energy Action grants, helping lower emissions and slash energy bills.

The four successful projects are:

- 15.5 kW solar installation at Bass Coast Children's Centre
- 6.6 kW solar installation with 13.5 kWh battery storage at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House
- 15.5 kW solar installation at San Remo Pre-School
- 8.1 kW solar installation with 11 kWh battery storage at Phillip Island Boardriders Clubrooms

Bass Coast Shire Council is also supporting these projects with a funding co-contribution of \$18,000.

Phillip Island Boardriders Club vice president, Geoff Russell, shared just what it means for the Club, which installed its new solar and battery system in October.

"We're so excited to have our club's solar and battery system up and running. Not only will it reduce our carbon emissions, but it will also save on energy costs, which means we can put more money back into our club to run events and invest members funds into other club activities and programs," he said.

"Each year, our system will save up to 11 tonnes of carbon pollution. Our annual electricity bill is expected to be reduced by around 85 per cent, with the pay-back period for the whole system just under 9 years."

These projects and funding continue to help our community reach the Bass Coast community-wide target of net zero by 2030.

The Community Climate Change and Energy Action program is delivered by Sustainability Victoria on behalf of the Victorian Government.

For more information, visit [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/community-climate-change-and-energy-action-funded-projects](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/community-climate-change-and-energy-action-funded-projects)

Community groups across Bass Coast interested in funding for climate action projects can access grants of up to \$10,000, under the Bass Coast Shire Council Community Grant - Climate Action Grant category. Grant applications close in March and August each year.

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# Why Brett Tessari might be the real deal

HOW often have you thought, "where do they get these people" when looking down the ballot paper for someone to vote for?

In between the single-issue candidates, others with obscure agendas and those simply there to do their party's bidding; it's a matter of picking the best of a bad lot.

Rarely, do you see what you want or what's needed.

"Just give us someone normal. Someone from here who will listen, who understands the issues, who understands us, and will represent us for all the right reasons; they want to give our kids a future, they've experienced the local health system, driven on our roads and shared our highs and lows."

That person could very well be Brett Tessari.

And together with his wife of 26 years, Leanne, they've worked their way up and down the electorate, almost single-handedly, over the past few months, to put the result in the electorate of Bass on an absolute knife-edge, little more than a week out from the opening of 'Early Voting', at Wonthaggi and Cowes, on Monday, November 14.

Born and bred in Wonthaggi, and educated at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and the Wonthaggi Tech School, Brett learned a lot of his life skills as a team player at local sporting clubs, including cricket, football and basketball.

He played his junior footy with the Wonthaggi Blues and when they joined the Latrobe Valley league, he crossed to the Rovers where he played in a senior premiership. He played his final season of footy out at Dalyston.

He joined the football club committee at Wonthaggi at a young age and ultimately rose to the position of President of the Wonthaggi Power FNC, served as a delegate to the league and now, as the Gippsland League's first Chairman of



Wonthaggi's Brett Tessari, with his campaign manager and wife of 26 years, Leanne, out meeting the people in Cowes recently. He's in with a chance in the key Victorian electorate of Bass.

the Board.

In that role he handed out the premiership cups at Moe on grand final day.

Professionally he's worked in home building sales, as a hardware manager and real estate agent.

But it was his extensive involvement in sports and sports administration that prompted him to run for the Bass Coast Shire Council where he has now served two terms as mayor.

"I never really gave being a Member of Parliament any thought until I was elected Mayor and started representing

the community and being involved at that level," said Brett this week.

"You hear those things people say about having someone from here, someone local to represent us in parliament and I was encouraged to stand and I'm glad I did. I've been able to meet a lot of really nice people along the way, that I never would have met otherwise," he said.

"Leanne was right behind me from the beginning and even when I had a few setbacks with it, she encouraged me to stick with it and here we are."

Ultimately Brett was endorsed as the

Nationals' candidate for Bass, and he's found the party's country and regional emphasis to be a great fit for what he's on about.

He and Leanne have been a team of two over the past few months, putting up dozens and dozens of signs right across the district, from Pearcedale and Cranbourne South, to Tooradin, Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang and in the southern parts of the electorate, covered by the Bass Coast Shire.

"We've both got over the fences, out into the paddocks and through the long grass to get the signs up and there's been plenty of walking and letterbox dropping as well."

The themes, according to Brett, are very consistent all the way around.

"It's cost of living pressures including interest rates and power prices, that and the condition of the roads. They always come up, then it's access to health care, housing and one or two other local issues, like the constant stream of trucks at Lang Lang.

"There's local issues like that in every area."

As a resident of the area all his life and a former mayor, Brett is well known in the Bass Coast half of the electorate but he's also gaining recognition in the northern end as well.

"I've been doing a fair bit of visiting and I'm starting to get to know more people around Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang and Tooradin.

"But definitely, getting your name out there in some of the other places has been a real challenge."

Can he win it? Sportsbet says Bass is likely to be a race between the two conservative candidates, Aaron Brown for the Liberals and Brett Tessari for the Nationals, so yes, with his high recognition factor, Wonthaggi's Brett Tessari might finally be the locally-based candidate people have been looking for.



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# Round them up

RECENTLY the Members of the Probus Club of San Remo took a bus trip into the heart of Gippsland.

After morning tea on the road, the group proceeded to the Biloka Kelpie Working Dog Training and Breeding Farm at Welshpool.

Here the members watched in fascination as Kelpie dogs rounded up sheep in a paddock and brought them to, by the sound of various whistles, wherever the farmer wanted them.

They would then open the gates and the dogs put the sheep away in a pen.

The San Remo Probus Club meets at 10:00am on the second Monday of each month at the Newhaven Public Hall.

## In a spin over Bass election race

THE cup has been run and won, but the race for the electorate of Bass is just hotting up with several new candidates joining the race, including former South Gippsland Shire Councillor Meg Edwards, a resident of Inverloch.

She's thrown her hat into the ring as an independent, asking people against the massive turbines proposed for our coast to "vote 1 Meg Edwards" as a protest vote.

Overall though, the result in Bass is expected to be a photo finish between the three leading candidates; Brett Tessari (National), Jordan Crugnale (ALP), and Aaron Brown (Liberals) with Sportsbet installing the Coalition duo of Tessari and Brown as favourites.

A change to the electoral boundaries in Bass, significantly losing Pakenham, with tight preferencing could see them collect enough votes to oust the sitting Member Jordan Crugnale.

But the Greens' candidate Callum Bugbird, Animal Justice Party candidate Elly Mousellis and Independent Jeni Jobe, plus others who nominate by the close of nominations on November 10 and 11 are also expected to have a role to play in the final outcome.

There's a series of forums coming up for local voters, including this Wednesday, November 9 (7pm-8.15pm), the VFF farmers forum at the Grantville Hall.

There's a candidates' forum at Mitchell House in Wonthaggi on Thursday night, November 10 and on Friday, November 11 it's on again at the Corinella Hall. All candidates have agreed to attend.

### Key dates

- Enrol to vote or change address by Tuesday, November 8 at 8pm. <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment/enrol-to-vote>
- Candidate nominations close November 10 (parties), November 11 (independents)
- Early voting starts Monday, November 14
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – ELECTION DAY (Voting from 8am to 6pm).



Liberal candidate for Bass Aaron Brown at last week's forum held at Phillip Island RSL.



Independent candidate for Bass Jeni Jobe.



Greens candidate for Bass Callum Bugbird.



Current Labor member for Bass Jordan Crugnale



Nationals candidate for Bass Brett Tessari.

# Candidates lay out their cards to Island residents

EROSION, a pool for Phillip Island, the government's distinctive areas and landscapes policy and many other topics were the focus of a candidates' forum last week.

Hosted by community organisation Island Voice at Phillip Island RSL, residents wasted no time in asking the hard questions.

Most of the night consisted of pre-submitted questions, with current member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, Greens candidate Callum Bugbird, Nationals Brett Tessari, Liberals Aaron Brown and Independent Jeni Jobe in attendance.

### Aquatics

One of the first questions asked was if the parties would commit to an aquatic facility for Phillip Island.

Bass Coast Shire has developed a two-pool strategy which is seeking significant funding from federal and state governments, and advocates for both a new facility in Wonthaggi and Phillip Island.

Council had purchased land, known as the Cowes Carnival site, in anticipation for the future 'Phillip Island Aquatics and Recreation Precinct.'

While Ms Crugnale acknowledged the dire need for aquatic facilities on the Island, she hinted that council needed to "take the lead".

"They (council) need to put money into both of them (pools) and work with the state government for various grants and the

federal government," she said.

"It needs to be a three-way partnership."

Mr Brown was quick to point out the Coalition had committed to funding of \$42m towards an aquatic facility on the Island.

Citing council documents, he stated that Wonthaggi already had facilities which were still suitable for the time being.

"The reality is right now as we stand, Wonthaggi has a pool and Phillip Island doesn't," he said.

"The Coalition will build it, if we're elected."

Greens candidate Callum Bugbird was quite direct in his answer, stating aquatic facilities were "not on his agenda whatsoever".

"It's not a key election issue for us," he said.

Ms Jobe also voiced her support for an aquatic facility.

### Distinctive areas and landscapes

Another pressing question was the delay of the government's distinctive areas and landscapes (DAL) policy, which Ms Crugnale announced recently wouldn't be finalised for at least 12 months.

This is due to submissions on the draft documents being referred to a Standing Advisory Committee for independent advice.

This caused considerable concern among community groups, residents and council, with the shire stating that the delays have impacted their

"strategic planning program, particularly developer led rezoning applications".

The question posed to Ms Crugnale stated there were risks and fears that some developments which may not comply with the DAL, could be pushed through before its finalisation.

"Technically the minister could have signed it off as a draft," Ms Crugnale replied.

"And it would have met the timeline of having it done by the election."

"However, based on the number of submissions, it was referred off to the independent standing committee."

"I think this is a really positive step because we know with the woodlands and Cape Paterson, to have their voices heard in an independent and expert (panel) will then determine what the final DAL plan is."

Mr Tessari highlighted concerns that the delay left no protections for sand mining extensions in the shire, as well as the northern town boundary expansion for Cape Paterson.

"The moratorium that the Nationals committed to now becomes crucial because there is a delay for 12 months," he said.

"The Nationals have committed to a moratorium with no more (mining) licences until the DAL has been finalised."

### Erosion

One of the attendees at the forum, a Silverleaves resident,

queried if the level of funding and attention at Inverloch for erosion would be focused on Phillip Island.

"I really want to talk about the Island and the northern beaches," the attendee said.

"We've had some success for restoration work in Cowes east thanks to the government."

"But there's still a lot of hot spots at Cowes west, east and particularly Silverleaves."

"My question to the candidates is in the next four years if elected, what would you offer the community here for support for coastal erosion at our northern beach?"

Mr Tessari highlighted the Coalition's funding commitment for Inverloch and confirmed he would be dedicated to the issue.

Mr Bugbird confirmed his party's stance on erosion as part of tackling climate change, and would commit to restoring the dune system among other measures.

Mr Brown highlighted that he had spoken to the resident on the matter previously, and would have further discussions with his party to seek funding of up to \$50k for an engineer report.

Ms Jobe also said the issue was important and had her full support.

Ms Crugnale mainly focused her reply on the work being done at Inverloch as part of the Cape to Cape Resilience project, but acknowledged that it had her support too.

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# Enormous pressure on paramedics still impacting emergency response

AMBULANCE Victoria (AV) response times in Bass Coast and South Gippsland continued to lag behind official targets as paramedics faced their busiest winter on record for the recent quarter.

AV aims to respond to Code 1 emergencies within 15 minutes for 85 per cent of incidents state-wide, and 90 per cent of incidents in areas with populations greater than 7500.

For the 2022/23 quarter one period (July 1- September 30), Bass Coast paramedics responded to 58.8 per cent of Code 1 emergencies within 15 minutes.

They had an average time of 16:31 minutes, with a total of 738 call outs.

This is slightly less than the previous quarter where they responded to 59.7 per cent of emergencies within 15 minutes, with 677 incidents.

In South Gippsland, paramedics responded to 479 incidents meeting the 15-minute benchmark 48.4 per cent of the time.

They had an average of 18:20 minutes.

The previous quarter was also slightly better at 18 minutes, with 51.5 per cent of incidents responded to within the Code 1 target.

Ambulance Victoria Gippsland regional director Ross Salathiel said demand for ambulance services remained at record levels for the first quarter of 2022/23 due to the continued impacts of COVID-19 and the flu.

"July to September was our



**Response times for Code 1 incidents in Bass Coast and South Gippsland continue to struggle as demand shows no sign of slowing down.** Photo: AAP Image/Joe Carrett

busiest first quarter on record, and the second busiest quarter ever," Mr Salathiel said.

"Together with the previous quarter, this was by far the busiest and most challenging winter ever. Our paramedics and first responders worked tirelessly to keep delivering world class care.

"This quarter also marked one year since the Medium Acuity Transport Service (MATS) crews dedicated to non-urgent calls hit the road, freeing up more ambulances for the most critical emergencies."

In the Latrobe Local Government Area (LGA), there was an 18.2 per cent increase in Code 1 caseload from the same time last year.

Paramedics attended 72.3 per cent of Code 1 patients in the Latrobe LGA within 15 minutes – compared with 72.1 per cent

in the previous quarter. The average response time to Code 1 patients was 13 minutes and 19 seconds – an improvement from 13 minutes and 35 seconds in the previous quarter.

In the Morwell major population centre, with paramedics reached 85.3 per cent of Code 1 patients within 15 minutes – compared with 85.1 per cent in the previous quarter. The average response time to Code 1 patients was 11 minutes and 11 seconds.

Across the state, ambulances were called to 94,592 Code 1 cases from July to September. That's a drop of 3,335 Code 1 cases from the previous quarter, but a massive 17.6 per cent or 14,132 more 'lights and sirens' cases compared to this time last year.

Between July and September,

paramedics responded to 64.3 per cent of Code 1 cases within the state-wide average target of 15 minutes, improving from 64 per cent in the previous quarter.

During the quarter, an average of 132 staff were furloughed everyday across the state due to COVID-19, with a peak of 305 staff furloughed on 23 July and dropping to 31 staff by the end of September.

Mr Salathiel said before the COVID-19 pandemic, Ambulance Victoria recorded its best ever response performance of 83.9 per cent of Code 1 cases responded to within 15 minutes. We've since continued to respond to unprecedented demand.

From July to September, 7690 people were referred by Ambulance Victoria crews to the VVED with 76 per cent not requiring transport to hospital.

"From July to September 39,627 callers to Triple Zero (000) did not need an emergency ambulance and were instead connected by paramedics and nurses in our Secondary Triage team to more appropriate care," Ambulance Victoria Executive Director Clinical Operations Anthony Carlyon said.

"That results in 500 or more cases every day being safely matched to services that better suit their needs while also avoiding emergency dispatch. While ambulances are always provided to patients when required, about one in five calls to Triple Zero (000) do not need an emergency ambulance response."

## Shire's sector leading initiatives recognised

BASS Coast Shire was recognised for their sector-leading work closing the gender pay gap, via an Honourable Mention at the prestigious 2022 National Awards for Local Government.

Under the category Addressing Violence Against Women, it was granted the same day the federal government's new National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children was announced.

In September 2021, Bass Coast Shire implemented new parental leave initiatives for its team members that were a series of firsts for the local government sector:

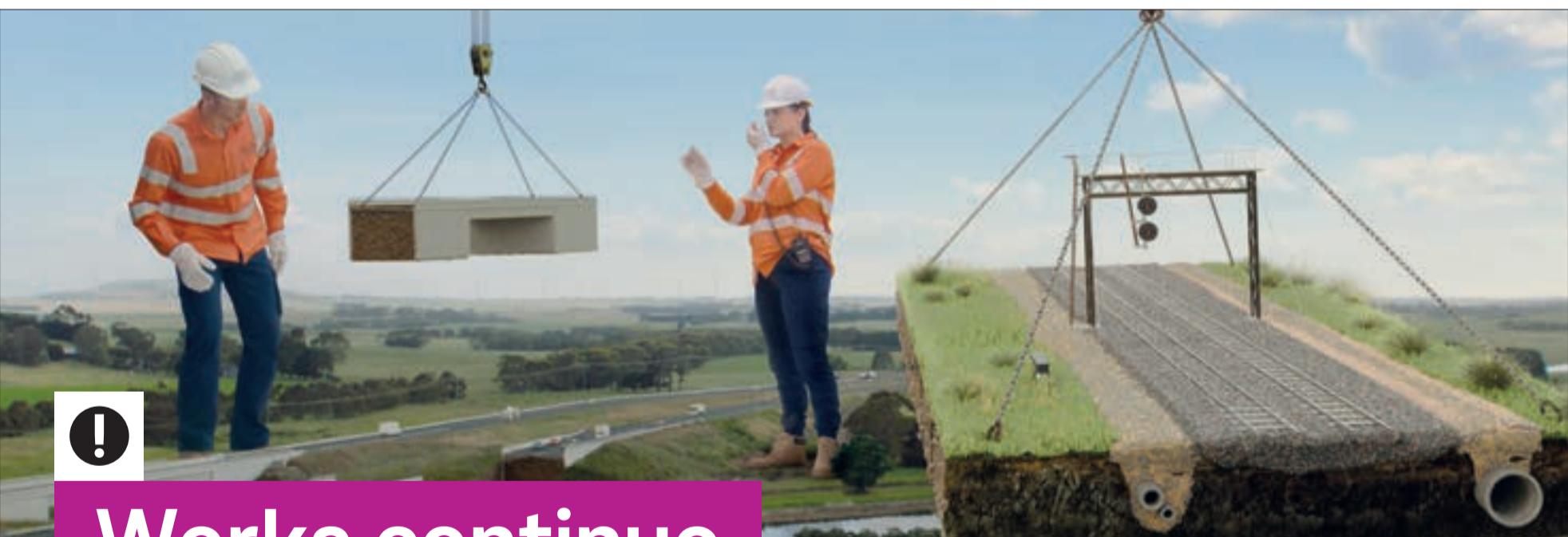
- Removing the terms primary and secondary carers - meaning all new parents are entitled to the same parental leave
- Increased paid parental leave from 14 weeks to 16 weeks for both parents.
- Superannuation contributions will continue to be made on the unpaid component of 12 months parental leave

Bass Coast Shire Council Chief Executive, Ali Wastie, said: "The recognition from peers for our pioneering parental leave policies is fantastic, and testament to the continuing sector-leadership of the team at Bass Coast Shire Council. I am especially proud to witness how our work addressing the gender pay gap last year is influencing national policy today – helping end family violence within a generation."

"More paid parental leave time for both parents has huge advantages – for families and our wider society. Gender norms are shifting. We're facilitating this by making it possible for mothers to return to the workforce sooner, while fathers can take on greater caring responsibilities within the home."

Winners and honourable mentions spanning eleven categories were announced last night by the Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.

With an exceptional high standard across 140 entries, competition for the public vote was strong.



## 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



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## South Gippsland Shire Council News

# Christmas Donations Appeal

South Gippsland Shire Council and Leongatha Salvation Army are joining forces to help those in need this Christmas, and we are looking for food and toy donations.

Last Christmas, the Salvation Army provided around over 64,000 hampers as well as 26,000 gifts to individuals and families in need.

As the cost of living increases, your support is really important to people across South Gippsland.

By collecting and donating food or gifts, you can help us make sure we leave no one in need this festive season.

If you donate, please don't wrap your gifts. This allows parents to choose gifts for their child's unique personalities and interests. However, feel free to include wrapping paper or a gift bag for parents.

Please drop off your gifts and food to Council's reception at **9 Smith Street Leongatha before 7 December**. We have a lovely Christmas tree set up thanks to our amazing Customer Service team.

### SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL Green Waste Amnesty



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.

For more information on the amnesty, please visit:

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### COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

**Wednesday 16 November,  
2.00pm**

**Wednesday 23 November,  
2.00pm – Mayoral Election**

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates)

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**Apprentice – Horticulture** (Applications close Midnight 15 November)

**Apprentices – Civil Construction and Civil Construction (Concreter)**  
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# Slowing market but demand still strong for property

By Nick Sinis

LEONGATHA, Wonthaggi and Wimbledon Heights were part of the top 20 places state-wide to be the most affected by a softening property market.

New research commissioned by online property sales platform Openi identified the top 20 housing markets that have seen their days-on-market increase, while still experiencing stable buyer demand.

The top 20 list was made up of 12 housing markets and 9-unit markets, spread over Latrobe - Gippsland (8 suburbs), Greater Melbourne (6), Ballarat (4), Geelong (1), and Bendigo (1).

The research showed that properties at Wimbledon Heights spent 53 days-on-market, an additional 13 days compared to three months ago.

Units in Wonthaggi spent 33 days, an additional 10.

While for Leongatha, houses spent 10 days longer on the market at 42.

The typical asking price for Wimbledon Heights was (house) \$699,000, Wonthaggi (unit) \$469,000 and Leongatha (house) \$610,000.

Leongatha's Alex Scott and Staff branch manager Andrew Newton said while it was too early to determine the town's



**Leongatha Alex Scott and Staff's Andrew Newton and licensed estate agent Emily Clifford highlighted the town continues to grow with more land and estates popping up.**

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exact median price range for 2022, home prices had been increasing drastically since 2020.

Mr Newton highlighted that the median price was \$430k in 2020, \$515k in 2021 and is now at roughly \$615k.

"If you look at the data throughout the regional towns it's very similar," he said.

"But the data for coastal towns is different, like Inverloch, they jumped a lot further.

"But we're finding Leongatha has settled down and has been for the last three to six months.

"However, the median hasn't retracted much and it will be another three to six months

to gauge where it's at right now."

Mr Newton said he believed the housing market in Leongatha has hit its peak and is stabilising, but there is still high demand for median priced properties.

"Properties are still selling within the first month of coming onto the market," he said.

"The turnover in volume has probably stabilised too, our actual number of properties selling is still relatively the same as it was a year ago.

"Leongatha supply (houses) is still generally pretty good."

Mr Newton highlighted they're also seeing an increase of local buyers, buck-

ing the trend of metro-based purchasers.

"It's a bit of a mix, the first homebuyer pool is still there, but there's not as many properties that suits their market," he said.

"Typically your first home buyers might sit at median and below the median price, but there's not a lot for sale under the median price in town."

But with more housing estates also popping up in Leongatha, such as Shamrock Springs, Mr Newton expects this will help get more first-time buyers.

However, not surprisingly, there's still a desperate need for rentals.

"We need supply of those but it's a catch-22," he said.

"There's so many people buying properties and they're absorbing all the rentals and they're not necessarily investors, they've owner-occupiers.

"Because of the prices being quite high, it's not as attractive for an investor to buy them."

And with interest rates also going up again last week, Mr Newton said this also likely to impact rental stock.

But on a positive note, he highlighted most of the town's businesses were booming and very few premises are currently vacant.

## Mayor's Message



**Cr Mohya Davies**



AFTER six weeks of intense practice and some late nights at home working on our harmonies, my husband John and I participated in the Mama Kin Sound of Your Town event. Thank you to everyone who came along on the night and supported us all; Mama Kin, Tommy Spender and Virginia Botts for making us sound fabulous; and of course, thank you to my fellow Six Week Singers for all of your hard work and a great performance.

The Cup Day 'long' weekend was a hit for petrol heads with Biketoberfest in Leongatha on Saturday and the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute's Automotive Show on Sunday. Despite the questionable weather on Saturday in particular, both of these events had a massive turnout of both locals and visitors. Events like this bring a boost to our businesses and our region, so thank you to all those who were involved in organising these events.

Last Thursday, CEO Kerryn Ellis and myself met with the Gippsland Southern Health Service's Chair Athina Georgiou and interim CEO Chris Trotman to talk about ideas and ways our organisations can work together. We were able to talk discuss shared challenges such as housing shortages, mental health service provisions and employment attraction. Our ability to work collaboratively for the health benefit of South Gippsland is vital and highlighted in our Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. Thank you Athina and Chris for hosting us and for the open, flowing discussion.

On Friday I attended the Myli Annual General Meeting along with Councillor Darakai. This is the first AGM since they became a not-for-profit organisation. It was a great opportunity to highlight the work they are doing to expand their offering not only in South Gippsland, but in neighbouring councils as well including Bass Coast, Baw Baw and soon, Cardinia. Libraries are continuing to change the services they offer, so it really is more than just a place to borrow books.

On Saturday, November 5, I joined with the Toora Lions Club to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Many of us have been helped by the Lions in some way, whether that be a bucket of chips at an event or something more personal. For clubs to survive, they need a powerful and committed group of people who believe entirely in their mission and attract new members. Congratulations to Toora for this great achievement.

Council's Green Waste Amnesty is now open until December 31, 2022. This is a great opportunity for you to clean up your property and reduce the fire hazards at your place. Simply load your trailer or back of your ute and take it to one of Council's transfer stations to be disposed of free of charge.

Unlike kerbside green waste, some plant species are not allowed to be disposed of during this amnesty. For all the details, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/greenwasteamnesty](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/greenwasteamnesty)

The draft Domestic Animal Management Plan feedback window has now closed. I would like to personally thank everyone who has participated in the rounds of engagement. We have been encouraged by the amount of feedback received on this extremely important topic. It has been and will continue to be invaluable to us in developing Plans that reflect the sentiment and expectations of our community.

With the wet weather, our farmers are really doing it tough. Trying to move livestock is tearing up paddocks and really making things difficult. Hopefully with some warmer days forecast, the water will subside and our paddocks will recover a bit.

## Learning environment creates career opportunities

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS) is developing its continuous learning environment as a drawcard to attract staff and create the next generation of workers.

Like most facets of society, the health system is struggling to find suitable employees, but GSHS believes it is well placed to attract a strong workforce now and in the future.

GSHS currently has about 20 job vacancies, including enrolled and registered nurses, midwives, sonographer, food and domestic assistants and speech pathologists.

Interim CEO Chris Trotman said GSHS had created a collaborative and supportive continuous learning environment as a drawcard to attract and retain staff.

"The learning options here are excellent, covering clinical, non-clinical, allied health and through to work experience placements for students," Ms Trotman said.

"We all know it's hard to fill positions so we've developed



**Mirboo North Secondary School year 10 student Gabby Buissink learns about CT scanners from radiographer Georgia Webster during a week-long placement where she worked with various allied health professionals as learnt about different aspects of nursing in the hospital wards and outpatient services.**

career pathway opportunities that will appeal to people."

Much of the training is hands-on in clinical surroundings and GSHS also provides management coaching and leadership development programs.

Non-clinical Educator and Career Advisor, Dr Jennifer Miles, has recently completed her PhD in the area of learning and development in Vocational

Education and Training.

She provides hands-on support for staff who might require guidance or inspiration for their current studies or future pathways. This might include informal, TAFE, undergraduate, post graduate and higher-degree research studies.

"Sometimes it's about considering pathways into gaining

a promotion or shift across in their current area, or staff might be contemplating a 'sea change' and want to explore something totally unrelated to their current role," Dr Miles said.

"In all instances, I provide space for staff to grow into the greatest expression of themselves - in ways that maximise the services that GSHS can offer our community."

Ms Trotman said GSHS was again collaborating with local secondary colleges to provide placements for students.

Students seeking placement can contact the education team at [education@gshs.com.au](mailto:education@gshs.com.au).

GSHS is also encouraging local people to consider government-funded placements for nursing and aged care in 2023 that can be studied for free at the TAFE Gippsland Leongatha campus.

For more information visit [health.vic.gov.au/news/studying-nursing-and-midwifery-free-from-2023](http://health.vic.gov.au/news/studying-nursing-and-midwifery-free-from-2023) and [tafe-gippsland.edu.au/campuses/leongatha](http://tafe-gippsland.edu.au/campuses/leongatha).

## Gippsland Southern health service selected as finalist

SEVENTEEN finalists have been selected for the 2022 Gippsland Primary Health Awards including Gippsland Southern Health Service.

The annual awards, hosted by Gippsland Primary Health Network, acknowledge and honour the individuals and service providers in the primary health care sector.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Pro- posch, congratulated the

finalists, thanking all those who had entered the awards.

The winners will be announced at Gippsland PHN's annual general meeting and awards ceremony on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at the Criterion in Sale from 6pm.

This year there are four categories: Populations, Health Issues, Service Issues and Prevention Issues. The finalists are:

**Populations:** • Central Gippsland Health • Latrobe Community Health Service • Gippsland Lakes Complete Health (two entries) • Royal Flying Doctor Service

**Health Issues:** • Central Clinic, Warragul • McGrath Breast Care Nurse - Taryn Robinson • Latrobe Health Services • Gippsland Lakes Complete Health • Swifts Creek Bush Nursing Centre

**Service Issues:** • Royal Medical Centre, Morwell • Dargo Bush Nursing Centre • Gippsland Southern Health Service • Gippsland Lakes Complete Health

**Prevention Issues:** • Gippsland Lakes Complete Health and Saint Brendan's Primary School Lakes Entrance • Latrobe Community Health Service • Wellways Australia



**Fredrick Christopher Malberg** was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on October 27, 2022, weighing 3.65kg. Fredrick is the first child for Robert Malberg and Natalie Sayer of Grantville.

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## Calls for athlete villages to be used for housing

THE Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA) Victoria is calling on the Victorian Government to ensure the 2026 Commonwealth Games athletes' village in Gippsland leaves a lasting legacy and helps solve the region's housing affordability crisis.

CHIA is calling for this at the Victorian Government's Regional Affordable Housing Summit recently.

"The Victorian Government could build 300 homes that would create jobs in the short term, and help solve the housing affordability crisis in Gippsland longer term," said Jess Pomeroy, Acting CEO, Community Housing Industry Association Victoria.

"The Games present a unique opportunity for the Victorian Government to trial a new housing model. CHIA Victoria is proposing a mixed tenure model to be released immediately following the Commonwealth Games. We want to see 30 percent social housing, 10 percent affordable housing, 10 percent market rentals and the remaining sold as homes for market sale."

Vacancy rates for rental housing in Gippsland are between 0.3% and 1.5%, and in 2022 the Anglicare Rental Affordability Snapshot found a total of 11 homes available for rent that were affordable to households living on a pension or other Centrelink income support.

There are over 12,000 families waiting for social housing in the Gippsland region more broadly, and affordable housing is becoming increasingly difficult to find.

# Dangerous to fast-track offshore wind, says Brown

THE rollout of wind turbines around the Gippsland coast is emerging as a key issue in the State Election locally, and Liberal candidate Aaron Brown is worried about the haste with which such a complex undertaking has been embraced.

Responding to the concerns of local residents he fears for the impact on tourism, the landscape and the environment.

"I have a number of concerns in relation to the Federal Government's announcement that it will allow offshore wind development in zones immediately offshore from our beautiful coastline, from Inverloch to Phillip Island," Mr Brown said this week.

"I understand the community had no awareness of the proposal prior to the Federal Government's announcement, that there is still inadequate information about the proposal, and that there are insufficient avenues and too little time for local stakeholders to respond.

"The Victorian Government's proposal to fast-track regulatory processes to facilitate the rapid development of the Victorian offshore



**Liberal candidate for Bass Aaron Brown supports renewable energy but fast-tracking the rollout of offshore wind farms has him concerned.**

wind industry is additionally concerning, given the time required to undertake proper investigations and consultation.

"My concerns include the impact that hundreds of wind towers, placed just 5km from the shore, and up to 300m in height, may have on marine life (particularly the penguin colonies), bird life and migratory whales, fishing and general amenity.

Many in our community rely on tourism. Phillip Island Nature Parks alone contributes \$498 million to the Victorian economy annually, according to 2016 report by Ernst and Young.

"The potential impact of electricity transmission lines is also of concern.

"Overhead transmission lines would be a blight on our landscape. I am concerned the transmission route

could cut through our valued coastline and farmland to join up with the main grid between the Latrobe Valley and Melbourne. I would oppose an overhead high voltage transmission line that cuts a swathe through our pristine coastal landscape, through areas like Bass and Grantville.

"I support the move to renewable energy where possible, in a properly planned manner but I am concerned that this is not the case with the Federal Government's proposal.

"That the government is actively pushing this proposal in conjunction with groups such as the Electrical Trades Union is of great concern to me. Such groups represent a relatively small proportion of our population and are under no obligation to consider the broader implications of this project for local residents.

"I believe that before this project proceeds there should be a process of genuine consultation with all stakeholders and a credible investigation into the social, economic and environmental impacts of the proposal," said Mr Brown.

## New \$470k underground cellar for Gurneys Cidery

GURNEYS Cidery in Foster is set for a surge in visitors as it prepares to open its new underground cellar door, following a \$470,000 investment from the Victorian Government's Regional Tourism Investment Fund.

Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh MLC visited the cidery to tour the new facilities, which will provide a unique tasting experience and allow visitors to watch the cider making process.

Family owned and operated, the cidery is set to become a key attraction in the region and boasts spectacular views overlooking Wilsons Promontory National Park and Corner Inlet.

The new facilities include a temperature controlled underground cellar with bespoke Italian oak casks and stainless-steel fermenting tanks.

The new cellar has been constructed using 208-tonne concrete panels repurposed from the Hazelwood Power Station, that were set to be demolished when the site closed in 2017.

Situated on 70 acres of farmland with an orchard of 7000 heritage cider apple trees, Gurneys Cidery specialises in producing traditional dry ciders.

The new cellar has increased the storage and production capacity of Gurneys by 200 per cent and allows cider to be fermented without the need for constant electric cooling.

Gippsland continues to be a major drawcard for visitors, attracting 6.4 million holiday-makers in the year ending December 2019, who stayed 7.2 million nights and contributed \$1.1 billion to the local economy.



**Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh joined the Gurneys' family and team to celebrate a funding commitment of almost \$500k.**

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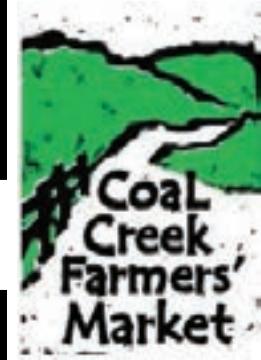
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# Ukraine war not forgotten at Griffiths Point Lodge

THE plight of children in war-torn Ukraine has touched the hearts of residents at Bass Coast Health's aged care facility, Griffiths Point Lodge at San Remo.

Two compassionate residents - Ruth Andrews and Betty Pescud - have raised \$144 for displaced children in Ukraine by knitting scarves and beanies.

Ruth Andrews said, "Children are special. They need to be protected and loved, and this is a way to show our love."

Ruth has been busy sorting and rolling the wool for Betty, who knitted the goods, which were then sold to residents and staff.

Proceeds were donated to the humanitarian organisation, Save the Children, to forward directly to addressing the

humanitarian needs of Ukrainian children.

The ladies were inspired after being emotionally impacted by news reports of the war.

"I wanted to do something to help the children."

"I remember what it was like being a child and having to run to the air raid shelter at school. It was scary. I feel sad for the kids," Betty said.

In their twilight years, these women remain active community-minded, selfless individuals who remind us of the importance of compassion. What a wonderful pair!

**RIGHT: Griffiths Point Lodge residents Ruth Andrews (seated) and Betty Pescud have raised funds for children in war-torn Ukraine.**



## Mental health always in focus for CWA

FOR the fourth year in a row, CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women have made a generous donation to Wonthaggi's headspace.

This year they donated \$400 much to the delight of centre manager Cate, who said the funds will go straight to supporting young people.

CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women's branch president Donna Mossenton said they are always more than happy to support local organisations.

She highlighted they also make regular food donations to headspace for any youth that may need a healthy snack or dinner.

**RIGHT: CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women branch president Donna Mossenton (middle left) was proud to present a \$400 cheque to headspace centre manager Cate (middle right), with CWA members Heidi Vanzet (far left), treasurer Kaye Treloar (right) and Caroline Grainger.**



## Generous donation

WOORAYL Branch of the CWA recently donated pamper packs to Leongatha St Vincent de Paul for needy locals.

Pictured during the hand over are Marg (left) CWA member, Evelyn CWA Secretary, Kath SVDP president, Betty CWA president and John SVDP member.

These items are much appreciated.



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## What's happening at Phillip Island Nature Parks?

### Visitation

The Board noted visitation to the Nature Parks had experienced a strong quarter facilitated by a successful September school holiday period, with several 'sell out' nights throughout. Pleasantly, international visitation represented approximately 20 per cent of the Nature Parks overall visitation throughout the period and domestic demand remained strong.

and improved visitor flow for emergency management. Further work on this stage of the project is ongoing, with planning processes and Request for Tender (RFT) for construction the next steps towards completion.

### Reconciliation Action Plan - Progress Report

The Board received an update on the organisation's progress against its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and was pleased to hear of our contribution to the delivery of two successful events for National Sorry Day and NAIDOC, with the well-attended Bridge Walk for Reconciliation growing in participation each year! Of note, the Nature Parks had established its Aboriginal Employment Strategy, facilitating the creation of four designated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander roles for which recruitment was underway.

The Nature Parks sought an extension from Reconciliation Australia to its current RAP, which was due to conclude in 2022. The Board was pleased to see that initiatives within this plan were back on track and confirmed the intent to renew the RAP.

### Threatened Species Update

The Phillip Island Nature Parks' long-term vision for threatened species conservation on Phillip Island is outlined in the 30-Year Conservation Vision 'Beyond the Horizon' with short-term actions detailed in the 5-Year Conservation Plan 2019-2023. Central to these strategic documents is the Threatened Species Plan, which the Board endorsed in September 2019. This month, the Board noted progress on the Threatened Species Plan, noting the success of the Eastern Barred Bandicoot Recovery program and planning for the future release of Bush Stone-curlews.



BCAL CEO Deb Watson launches Fashion Day.

## Melbourne Cup Parade at BCAL

IT was fascinators and hats at Bass Coast Adult Learning's (BCAL's) last Wednesday as the NDIS photography and art groups joined forces for a spectacular Melbourne Cup fashions parade to celebrate the tradition of fashion and fascinators.

"The idea came from Tanya," Geoff Ellis explained.

"Any reason to dress up!"

While the 'Discovering Art' group ran an amazing hat making workshop, people from across the campus joined in the parade for BCAL's 'Thru the Lens' camera group to practise portrait and group photography.

Deb, Bill, Lisa, Tanya, Allison, Erin, Fiona, Mon, Mel, Shelley and Kate's hairdressing team hit the parade as individuals from the Spanish Class also jumped on board, and Josh even made a special appearance between takes.

"An excellent party – I liked all of it," Tanya smiled recalling the day.

Prizes were awarded Wednesday, November 2, and the best photos will be exhibited on the BCAL Gallery Wall. As well as the usual categories awards were made for 'Gumption', 'Sustainability' and 'Prudence'.

Josh's parade video is available on Facebook and Instagram at bcadultlearning.

The BCAL Gallery Wall 'Melbourne Cup Parade Exhibition' grand opening will be on Wednesday (November 9); pop down after 11am to see the fun and laughter caught on camera.

# Blissful gardens on display for all to enjoy

GARDEN lovers, architecture enthusiasts, local history buffs and those with a passion for art can anticipate a special treat this weekend, with South Gippsland Open Gardens Association holding its inaugural event and raising funds to restore Mt Eccles Hall.

Four gardens will be open both Saturday and Sunday, with one home to 'Rostrevor', the long-term home of famous Leongatha identity Hugh McCartin, who built it on what is now the site of Woolworths.

Attendees can enjoy viewing the house from outside, with none of the event's homes open to the public.

Mr McCartin was a prominent Leongatha businessman and served as shire president, as did the house's next owner Sir Herbert Hyland.

Current owner of Rostrevor and its impressive accompanying garden, Andrew Bowen, is one of the event organisers.

Joan Smith planted the garden in 1976 after the home was moved to a then empty block in Turner Street, Leongatha.

"She put unusual varieties of roses in, and there are at least 25 different camellias", Andrew said of what is now his garden.

While wandering the Rostrevor garden, people can admire and buy local artworks, with a display curated by Wooreen artist Meg Viney, a member of the South Gippsland Open Gardens Association.

The works of up to 10 local artists, including Meg's and Andrew's, will be on show around the home's verandah, with sculptures featuring in the garden.



Andrew Bowen and Meg Viney of the South Gippsland Open Gardens Association in the magnificent Rostrevor garden. A07\_4522

Local chainsaw artist Andrew Noble will demonstrate his craft and sell his works.

Those enjoying the open gardens have the opportunity to see a property described as the best example of Victorian architecture in regional Victoria, situated in Wild Dog Valley.

"It's a cracker of a house," Andrew (Bowen) said.

He added that it was well ahead of Ikea, having arrived as a flatpack long before the Swedish store came on the scene, hopefully with clearer instructions.

The house, which sits on local bluestone foundations was lovingly restored by owners Tony and Rae.

While the garden is less extensive than the others, it is striking and affords great views.

Andrew (Bowen) outlined the

importance of restoring the unassuming but much-loved Mt Eccles Hall.

"It's just a little country hall that has got people in the community who use it for a heap of different things, and it's essential for their wellbeing and happiness," Andrew (Bowen) said.

"There's not enough people in their community to maintain it, but it would be a shame to let it go."

The garden of Mt Eccles Manor, next door to the hall, will be open to the public for the first time in a number of years, with owners Christine and David holding a plant sale and sausage sizzle to boost funds for the cause.

Black Duck Farm is the other open garden, with six or seven acres of whimsical features for the whole family to savour.

It includes a teapot garden,

a gnome garden and a mosaic tile wall.

South Gippsland Open Gardens Association sprang up when its founders tried unsuccessfully to join other open garden organisations from the region, being outside their boundaries.

The new association has enjoyed assistance in getting going.

"The council has been supportive and the Leongatha Community House people have been terrific," Andrew (Bowen) said.

The Community House assisted in obtaining a council grant for the open garden event.

The South Gippsland Open Gardens Association is keen to continue the event annually, with more gardens to become involved in future years.

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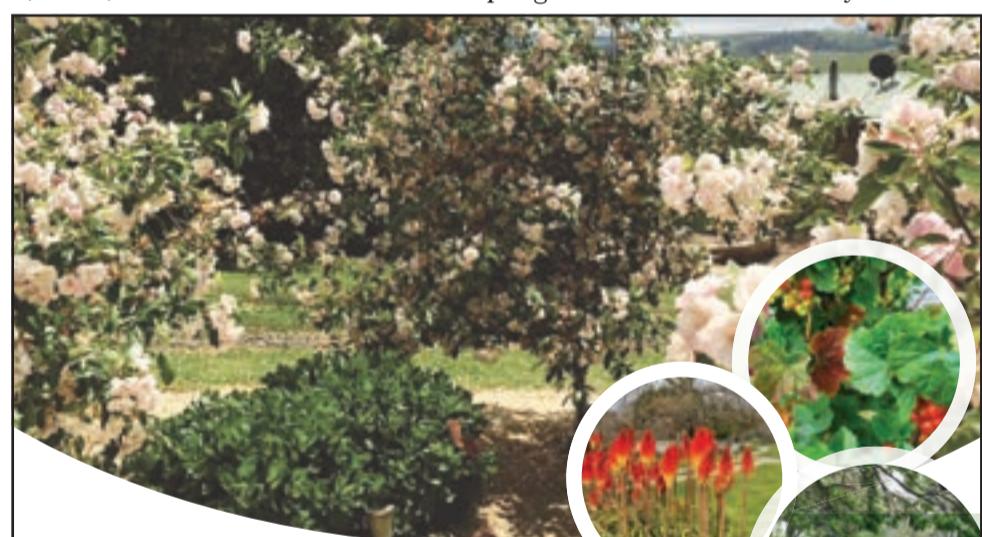


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# Nobel Peace Prize for Mirboo North?

THE town of Mirboo North and local divorce settlement counsellor, Tricia Peters, might soon be able to claim some of the honour and glory that goes with winning a Nobel Peace Prize.

Mrs Peters, who has just returned from the 23rd Annual IACP (International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Conference late last month in Orlando, Florida was delighted to share the news on Gippsland ABC Radio at the weekend.

"I'd love to claim that I've been nominated but I really need to be clear that the organisation of which I'm a board member, International Academy of Collaborative Profes-

sionals, is the group that's been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize 2023.

"But yes, 'jaw-dropping moment' is a great description of how we all felt. There was absolute silence in the room when the announcement was made... it's hard to describe the joy, excitement, elation once everyone could process what they'd just been told."

Ms Peters works with MELCA, a group of lawyers, financial planners and psychologists who provide a completely different approach to divorce, separation and settlement, by agreement, without the need for court.

"It's not the same as the legal

process. It's a very kind and gentle approach that helps them with the tools and the services they need to get them from where they are to where they need to be."

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It still costs you but reaching a settlement under those more collaborative circumstances would really be worthy of a peace prize.

**RIGHT: Making peace after marriage separation is what Tricia Peters and the team at MELCA do. Now they might share in a Nobel Peace Prize for the work they do.**



## 50th birthday celebrations at San Remo Preschool



Evie, Ruben and Billy Kimber, with Sebastian Ferretto (in black top) have all attended San Remo Preschool. A23\_4522

THE CLOSEKNIT community of San Remo Preschool came together to mark its 50th birthday with a vibrant Sunday celebration.

A common theme heard on the day was the success of parents' involvement in running the centre.

President Nikole Schellekens said it is one of the last kinders run by a volunteer committee, describing it as "community-based education reflecting family values".

She expressed her appreciation of the staff families and business operators who have supported San Remo Preschool over the years.

Its original building is gone, having been situated where the IGA carpark is now located, with the Preschool moving to its current home in 2003.

Children have plenty of space to play, with its playground extended with assistance from a 'Building Blocks' grant.

At the 50th birthday party, children enjoyed playing outside in glorious sunshine, as well as pony rides, a jumping castle and face painting.

The Kimbers mum, Laura-Bo loves the community environment and the fact parents on the San Remo Preschool committee are involved in making decisions affecting the kinder.

Ben McKenna was at the party with children Zoe, and Leo who attends 4-year-old kinder.

Ben described it as a "warm and inviting environment".

Attendees at the birthday celebration could read about the history of San Remo Preschool.

A market was held, offering a range of goods, including homemade dog soap and biscuits created by enterprising 11-year-olds Ruby Mowlam and Tiffany Clarke, and a sausage sizzle.

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## No weeds in Green Waste please

THE annual Green Waste Amnesty period is on again in the South Gippsland Shire, between October 29 and December 31, 2022.

However, in order to produce the best-possible quality mulch, the shire is reminding people not to include weeds and several species of plants in their green waste.

These include: Blackberry, Ragwort, Broom, Mirror Bush, Kikuyu Grass, Hawthorn, Cape Weed, Gorse, Blue Butterfly Bush and Pampas Grass.

If any of these plant species are taken to a transfer station, they can be disposed of as general waste and fees paid.

Alternatively, you can be disposed of through the kerbside green waste collection service as this is subject to a different composting process.

Residents can dispose of their green waste for free at any of Council's transfer stations until the end of the amnesty period.

The amnesty aims to encourage residents to prepare their properties for the fire season by removing potential fire hazards.

For transfer station operating hours and locations, please go to [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tips](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tips)

## Next stage of Rhyll playground receives funding

RHYLL Community Association (RCA) has welcomed funding of \$235,000 for stage 2 of the Rhyll Foreshore Playspace project.

The playspace was included as part of the Rhyll boating facility upgrade, which was recently completed.

However, as the playspace project was first quoted in 2020, increases in materials and labour forced the upgrade to be delivered in two stages.

Stage one, which was expected to be completed recently, involved construction of a play tower, basket swing, cubby, informal play and picnic areas, pathways and landscaping.

While stage two includes an additional tower, swings and further pathways and landscaping.

RCA president Jim Kiley was pleased that the second stage can go ahead, as the association had campaigned for the funding.

"We're very happy that it finally got the funding, we would have liked it to all be finished before Christmas," he said.

"We've been two years without a playground."

Mr Kiley added he believed the recent funding also included the provision for maritime display signs, which will feature a history of Rhyll.

# Local emergency service organisations haul big in VESEP



Eight local emergency service organisations have hauled in just over \$338,700 in funding for new vehicles and equipment to keep the community safe.

money," VBSLSC Secretary, Robyn Kaye said.

"It will help us with transport of equipment to beach 1 but perhaps more importantly aids us in keeping an eye on our vast expanse of unpatrolled beach."

Preparations are underway for the patrol season and nippers programs ahead at Venus Bay.

"Victoria's drowning statistics over the last few years have been shocking, this has prompted extending patrol hours and days – not an easy thing to enact when most of our active members are not local residents."

### Foster SES - \$83,489

New four-wheel drives for Foster.

"The Foster SES unit has two, dual cab four-wheel drives and a medium rigid truck for response capability," Foster SES Unit Controller, David Bartley said.

"Both the (4WD) vehicles were approaching their 10-year lifespan, so over the last few years, we've looked to upgrade both vehicles and we've been lucky enough to get grants for both."

"The new design of the vehicles will help us to safely store all of our equipment,

and the vehicles themselves have some of the new safety features. It will give us the capability to respond better to the community and the main thing for us is that the body at the back of the tray actually comes designed for our chainsaws and ladders."

Due to supply issues, the first new vehicle (from the 2021 grant) is scheduled to arrive in early 2023 with the body now built. The second could take an additional 12 months.

### Inverloch SES - \$80,932

Keep a look out for a new 4WD Toyota Hilux that will replace the old Ute at Inverloch SES.

"It means we will be able to store our chainsaws in the back of it, rather than having to put them in as we need them each time," Inverloch SES Unit controller, Neil Warren, said.

"At the moment we've got a tray Ute, obviously we cannot leave things in the back because they might get pinched. By having this vehicle, we can lock things away and have everything ready, so when we respond we can just jump in and off we go."

"It's been a long time since we've had a new replacement vehicle so we are quite excited about getting the grant and

being able to upgrade our fleet; and it will look a lot better to than the old Ute we've got!"

### Leongatha CFA - \$62,334

Bair Street will come to life with a new FCV for Leongatha Fire Brigade.

"We have a Forward Command Vehicle (FCV) – it's predominately used as a Strike Team Leaders Vehicle and a Radio Comms vehicle at major jobs – the funding will go towards replacing the FCV, as well as for gas flare off and Hazmat things," Leongatha Fire Brigade Captain Mick Wight said.

The new FCV will also continue to transport the Quick Fill Pump for the Hazmat specialised brigade.

In addition to the Quick Fill Pump trailer and FCV, Leongatha also have a Hazmat truck, Heavy Tanker and Medium Pumper.

"We will be looking to replace our brigade owned Hazmat truck in the next 4-5 years, as it is nearly 20 years old and is due for replacement."

"We're very grateful – it's a pretty big thing for the brigade to get, so we're very grateful."

"We also always looking for new members and will be running a recruitment drive next year."



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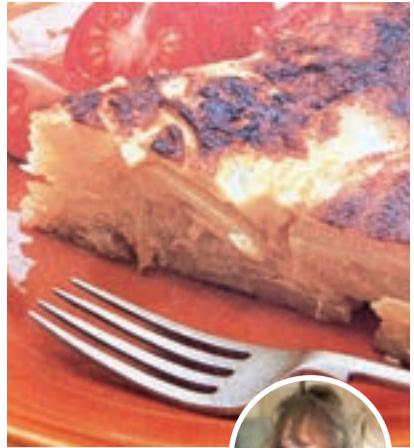
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## Potato and Onion Tortilla

By Meg Viney

THIS one is a great dish as a lunch or as an accompaniment to a meal. Easy to prepare and can be made ahead of time and served at room temperature. Even a good dish to include in a Christmas buffet.

### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 6 large potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 2 spanish onions, thinly sliced
- 6 large eggs
- Salt and pepper

### Method

Heat the oil in a large non-stick frying pan. Add the potatoes and onions along with a good pinch of salt. Cover and cook gently for 20 minutes, using a spatula to turn them over every five minutes - to colour evenly (they should be golden all over). Loosen the vegetable before adding the eggs.

Beat the eggs, then pour over the vegetable and cook for two to three minutes, lifting the edges as you would an omelette. Cover with a lid. After five minutes, remove the lid and carefully lift the edges to ensure no sticking. Cover with a large plate then invert, then slide the tortilla back into the pan and cook until golden on both sides.

**HINT.** If you are nervous about this, you can pop it under a griller (be sure to cover the handle) and brown the top until golden. Once cool, turn back onto a serving plate.



# Funding improvement hopes in election year

By Andrew Paloczi

WITH Victoria's State Government election fast approaching, Rural Councils Victoria (RCV) is lobbying for funding improvements to help councils meet their key responsibilities, with a small contingent representing South Gippsland Shire Council at the RCV forum in Daylesford recently.

Mayor Mohya Davies, council CEO Kerryn Ellis and deputy mayor Nathan Hersey attended, recognising the importance of the RCV in lobbying on behalf of councils, and the opportunity the forum presented to have South Gippsland Shire's needs heard.

Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne, deputy leader of the National Party Emma Kealy, and secretary of the Department of Transport Paul Younis all spoke about a range of topics relevant to South Gippsland.

Cr Davies identified three key areas in which funding improvements are needed for council to better service the needs of South Gippsland communities, all of which RCV is lobbying on.

The importance of planning for future sustainability of councils, the need for increased investment in housing, and the requirement for committed funding for rural roads are the key focuses the mayor highlighted.

There was a rural housing panel at the forum, with attendees hearing from Ben Rimmer, CEO of Homes Victoria which is in charge of Victoria's Big Housing Build program, the Wimmera Development Association's CEO Chris Sounness, and the Women's Housing asset manager Paul Ryan, as well as Haven Home Safe CEO Trudi Ray.

"The thing we took away from it is that the housing issue is really problematic across the country," Cr Davies said.

However, she explained it is felt more acutely locally than in some other regions.

"In South Gippsland there's been underinvestment in social and affordable housing; part of South Gippsland's problem has been that we haven't been eligible for any of the funding up until now, because they tend to have focused on areas where they've



South Gippsland Shire mayor Mohya Davies, deputy mayor Nathan Hersey, and CEO Kerryn Ellis enjoy the opportunity to represent the shire at the recent Rural Councils Victoria forum in Daylesford.

got a large centre to (establish) housing," Cr Davies said.

With RCV now lobbying for significant state government funding increases, including an expansion of Big Housing Build funding to dedicate \$1.25 billion for housing construction projects in rural Victoria, Cr Davies believes South Gippsland Shire Council is now better positioned to benefit, should such measures be adopted.

"Now that we've completed our Social and Affordable Housing Strategy, that'll put us in a place where we can start trying to identify areas where social housing can be placed," she said.

That should put council in a better position to claim a share of any improved housing funding, enabling the prospect of forming partnerships with organisations well placed to carry out projects.

Linton Court in Foster is an example of a successful local project, providing housing for older people in the community and driven by a committee.

"It would be great to help groups like that attract funding to expand on what they are doing," Cr Davies said.

RCV is also calling on whichever side comes out on top at November's state election

to initiate a grant program of \$50 million over four years to address higher infrastructure costs and infrastructure barriers in rural Victoria.

Implementing a Windfall Gains Tax revenue-sharing model where 10 per cent of state collections would be returned to rural communities in the form of housing supply assistance is a further measure being called for by RCV, along with streamlining of rezoning processes to facilitate quicker approval for land development.

Cr Davies stressed the need for improved road funding for all councils, with rate capping and the rising costs of construction applying pressure on councils in addressing road maintenance requirements.

"It'll make a huge benefit to maintaining our roads," she said of proposed road funding initiatives.

They include reinstating the Fixing Country Roads program that would inject \$200 million over four years into the state's rural roads, along with a call for an additional \$200 million per year over four years for Regional Roads Victoria to implement an ongoing upgrade and maintenance program across the state.

Cr Davies outlined the

importance of working with RCV to help achieve the best outcomes for South Gippsland Shire residents.

Should a proposed \$50 million per year Community Services Fund for rural councils be adopted, for which RCV is advocating, it will help rural councils maintain and deliver essential services to residents.

Cr Davies said an important area that presents challenges is providing early learning services.

"We'd just be able to do more," she said of the prospect of improved service funding.

"We've got pressures in Korumburra and Leongatha in terms of 'early years' waiting lists, and we've got ageing infrastructure in the coastal promontory area," Cr Davies said.

An increase in services funding could also assist council to better plan for future infrastructure needs, from playgrounds to roads, she noted.

Bio Security was another important topic covered at the RCV forum.

It will be interesting to monitor the success of RCV's State Election Platform once Victoria's State Government for the next four years is up and running.

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## Italian flavour at St Joseph's Korumburra

KORUMBURRA'S Italian community and the nation's culture and language were celebrated at St Joseph's Primary School on Wednesday, with students dressing for the occasion.

The school's Italian teacher, Emily Sheriff, loves the language and culture of Italy and said quite a few St Joseph's students have Italian grandparents.

Activities included pasta making, with students able to create traditional styles such as fettuccine, spaghetti, and tagliatelle or use cookie cutters to achieve different shapes with their handmade dough, with the pasta to be eaten for Friday's lunch.

Tarantella style folk dances got everyone moving.

The upbeat southern Italian dance originated in the province of Taranto in the Apulia region, inspired by the popular belief that the bite of a locally common type of wolf spider, named "tarantula", leads to a hysterical condition known as tarantism, something the dance style replicates.

Sporting skills were also tested, with games of Bocce, while scientific and mathematical abilities also came into play.

"They'll be doing a STEM challenge, building the Leaning Tower of Pisa," Emily said of the test of students' engineering endeavours.

Italian art, with a Michelangelo twist,



Jacob, Renn, Peyton, Zoe, Laine and Dylan get into the Italian spirit along with teacher and 'pizza slice' Emily Sheriff. AO1\_4522

was also on the agenda.

That required enthusiastic youngsters to create artworks on the underside of desks, inspired by the master painter's efforts in the Sistine Chapel, with the students' creativity to be captured on paper placed under the desks.

Children and teachers were encouraged to wear Italian colours or come as something Italian.

Emily looked the part as a slice

of pizza, while some wore Venetian masks, and red, white and green was on display.

Mario Brothers was a significant source of inspiration, with four students coming as Mario, one of the Italian plumber twins from the 1983 Nintendo game, with the other Luigi.

Even the school uniform looked the part, incorporating the green and white of the Italian flag.

## New school option offers increased support

A BRAND new schooling option will be available for Leongatha secondary students in 2023, with the introduction of the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) at ECG Secondary College.

The new curriculum is specifically designed for secondary school students aged 15 and over who are not ready or able to complete the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

The VPC will replace the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and give students an alternate pathway into the new hands-on VCE Vocational Major, further training or employment.

ECG Secondary College Principal, Katy Grandin, said that the VPC is critical for ensuring that students didn't fall between the cracks of our education system.

According to Ms Grandin, the VPC shifts the focus from academic

achievements to real world skills for life and work, while keeping the door open for students to progress to VCE.

"The VPC includes literacy and numeracy, but also work-related skills and personal development skills," Grandin explains. "Students can also study vocational qualifications, VCE units or even spend some time in a workplace as part of their learning. The curriculum is customised for each student."

The new curriculum option is being introduced from January but will not be available at all schools.

"Our numbers are limited, so we want to make sure that the students who really need us have the opportunity to learn in a location where they can thrive."

For more information on the VPC, contact ECG Secondary College on 5622 6000, or visit [www.ecg.vic.edu.au](http://www.ecg.vic.edu.au)



ECG College Principal, Katy Grandin.

## Exciting plans to expand Chairo in Leongatha

THE principal at Chairo Christian School in Leongatha, Christine Hibma, was excited to announce recently that the school intends to re-introduce Years 11 and 12 at the campus.

Mrs Hibma explained: "We received an overwhelmingly positive response to the proposal from parents, students and staff members during a period of consultation, which followed careful consideration at both governance and executive leadership level."

"Since South Coast Christian College became a campus of Chairo eight years ago, students who wished to continue studying at Chairo beyond Year 10 have travelled to Drouin by bus", she continued.

"While this arrangement has worked well for many students, we believe the time is right for us to provide Christian education in Leongatha right through to Year 12."

Enrolments at the Leongatha campus have steadily increased over recent years and the campus has consistently produced strong graduates,

including two duxes at Drouin, with many students transitioning into tertiary studies and trade careers.

With the capacity to draw on experienced teachers who already deliver successful VCE and VCAL programs at Chairo's Drouin and Pakenham campuses, a model is being developed that will see students studying onsite at Leongatha with passionate specialist teachers.

Extensive work is currently being undertaken to ensure that rich, diverse and compliant curriculum offerings will be available for the commencement of Year 11 classes in 2024 and Year 12 classes in 2025, while further capital development projects are also planned for the campus.

Parents interested in finding out more are encouraged to complete an online website enquiry or call the enrolment coordinator on 5662 4355, or to visit the school's website and book a tour with the principal at the upcoming Discover Chairo Day on Saturday, November 12.



Pre-service teachers Tara and Lisa during Term 3 at Wonthaggi North Primary School.

## Tara joins Wonthaggi North

THANK YOU to Tara Macdermid who finished her final placement at Wonthaggi North Primary School (WNPS) last term.

Tara was with Mrs Lucas in 3/4B for four weeks whilst studying a Bachelor of Primary

Education at ACU. "It's been a great experience and I've learned a lot," said Tara.

Having now finished her course, Tara has been working at WNPS as a CRT (Casual Relief Teacher).



## Ex-designer turned wild floral forager with Shelly Banders

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## The opportunities are endless for Chelsea

WHEN Leongatha's Chelsea Deering started her Certificate III in Business with TAFE Gippsland, she had no idea how busy she was about to become.

Already a small business owner when she enrolled with TAFE Gippsland, this 23-year-old local and aerial fitness entrepreneur can now add Production Assistant to her ever-growing curriculum vitae.

"Through TAFE, I was given the opportunity to work as an intern for David Atkins Enterprises (DAE) during the production process of the Commonwealth Games Flag Handover Ceremony that took place in Birmingham this year," Chelsea explained.

"I didn't exactly know what the job was at the time, but I thought it would be a great experience to work for the Commonwealth Games, live in Melbourne for a month and just basically try a new path of life. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity, so I didn't want to let it go."

Working alongside DAE and just three other young Victorians chosen for the pilot program, Chelsea's role as Production Assistant entailed various tasks involving prop development and management, costume arrangement, stage management and administration.

Chelsea said it was a very special experience.

"I was also entrusted to arrange the collection of the indigenous clapsticks from the Dja Dja Wurrung region, where they were all individually engraved with messages from the Dja Dja Wurrung people," Chelsea said.

Never underestimating the scale of the opportunity to work with such a well-renowned, global production company on a major international event, Chelsea's hard work and commitment during



**Chelsea and her certificate for participating in the Commonwealth Games intern program.**

her short-term tenure made a huge impression.

So much so, Chelsea was offered a part-time role with Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance, the dance company they hired a space from during the production of the Commonwealth Games flag ceremony.

And the key to unearthing this pathway of professional opportunities for the former dancer which she never imagined possible, was a simple "I'll do it".

"It was actually my dream job when I was 17, before I even started doing any aerials or anything like that, but the dance industry is so hard to get into that I just changed my path," Chelsea said.

"Then it was a just a weird loop around that I was actually able to come back to the industry. I'll keep doing both jobs for the time being. I want to continue with my studios as I've built them up over these past four years so I want to keep going, but also the new path of being a Production Assistant is really exciting."

Designed to present students with an experience to enhance and build upon their studies, participation in the internship program means Chelsea will be well-placed for future job opportunities in the delivery of the 2026 Victorian Commonwealth Games.

# Crucial update on shire's emergency management

VICTORIA'S ongoing flood crisis is a reminder of the importance of local government, the level of government most directly linked to communities, having effective emergency management plans in place.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) is responsible for overseeing the South Gippsland Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) 2021-2024, with councillors recently receiving an update of the committee's work.

As part of the MEMPC, council aims to identify opportunities to enhance resilience and boost relief and recovery outcomes at a local level.

Cr Jenni Keerie is South Gippsland Shire Council's representative on the MEMPC.

"This plan is crucial for the works that can be undertaken during emergency circumstances throughout the shire," she said of the MEMP at Wednesday's council meeting.

Cr Nathan Hersey also spoke of the importance of being prepared for a wide range of potential occurrences.

"It wasn't that long ago we had fires raging around the area and now it's floods, and who knows what next, and this is a space where there is ever-changing and unpredictable weather and disaster events and we as South Gippsland will continue to be strong but we have to have a way to respond," he said.

A broad range of organisations form the MEMPC, with council joined by the SES, CFA, Victoria Police, Red Cross, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, Regional Roads Victoria, Parks Victoria, Gippsland Ports, Salvation Army and the Victorian



**Cr Jenni Keerie is South Gippsland Shire Council's representative on the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee. A05\_4322**

Council of Churches, along with other organisations and agencies involved in response, relief and recovery activities.

South Gippsland's MEMP undergoes ongoing updates as opportunities for improvement are identified, with the June 2021 storm events prompting alterations.

An improved understanding of capacity and capability, along with a better grasp of contacts and operational facilities of MEMPC member agencies emerged through an 'Extreme Weather After Action Review' conducted after those storm events, council's October meeting agenda states.

"This review also led to improved communications and 'situation awareness' sharing with MEMPC members and the Incident Control

Centre," council says.

Mayor Mohya Davies reflected on the value of emergency planning at local government level during Wednesday's council meeting, speaking about her previous period as a councillor during which she became part of the MEMPC.

Her story illustrated the need to keep an open mind in preparing for a wide range of possible emergencies.

"I remember being on the committee and, as a new councillor I was very inexperienced, and there was a mass of documents to go through and at the end of one of the documents was a thing called a pandemic, and I looked at it and thought, 'As if that's ever going to happen,'" Cr Davies said.

An updated version of the MEMP is due to be adopted at the MEMPC meeting this November.

## Girl Guide gains top award

LEONGATHA Lyrebirds' Emma Murphy celebrated achieving her Junior PB award on the last night of Guides last term.

This award is the top award for girls in the Junior Guide group, the Leongatha Lyrebirds.

Also celebrating were Eloise Polglase and Ella Thompson who gained their bronze endeavour awards, showing that they are at least halfway through their junior BP.

To gain the junior BP award girls have to complete two challenges in each of the following sections: Promise and Law, Service, World Guiding, Guiding Traditions, outdoors and Patrols.

This is something the girls work

on over several years and it shows not only skill and determination, but it also requires persistence to get it finished.

The Leongatha Lyrebirds are for girls from 6 to 10 years of age and we are looking for new girls to join our unit.

We have lots of fun with games, activities, camps etc.

Anyone interested should contact Chris Oliver at chris.oliver@guidesvic.org.au

**LEFT: Laila Witteveen (back row) (junior leader), Kayla Boyd, Chris Oliver (leader) Eloise Polglase (middle), Eleanor Wittbourn, Ella Thompson, Odessa Grainger (front) and Emma Murphy.**



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The design of the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion has been informed by our many partners, including Ambulance Victoria. During construction, Ambulance Victoria's Danny Slattery, Ross Salathiel, Paul Defazio and Jake Lurati toured the expansion site with our staff Liz Friswell, Cat Bunn, Jan Child and Wimal Kirinde.

# The moment the community has all been waiting for...



BASS Coast residents will have the exciting chance to see inside the new Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion (WHE).

The WHE will be open to the public to explore and enjoy at a Community Open Day on Saturday, November 12, from 10am to 4pm.

The day will be a celebration of this first-class healthcare facility that will be a game-changer in the delivery of healthcare in our region.

The \$115m facility will start to treat patients in December this year and will ultimately feature:

- A new Emergency Department that is four times the size of the current department with space for future capacity
- A new Acute Ward with 32 beds with capacity for paediatrics in the longer-term
- Three new operating theatres plus an endoscopy procedure room.

Bass Coast Health is proud to be presenting the community with an exclusive look inside the three-storey building on the site of the current Wonthaggi Hospital.

The Community Open Day will include tours every half hour, a mega Auxiliary Fete, a sausage sizzle and coffee van, and a Smoking Ceremony (Welcome to Country) at 10am.

Online tours booked out. Limited places available on the day. For more information, go to: [www.basscoasthealth.org.au/openday](http://www.basscoasthealth.org.au/openday)

## Bigger hospital will transform the delivery of healthcare

The WHE has been designed to service the healthcare needs of the Bass Coast now and for years to come.

The monumental, \$115m expanded hospital is the first of three stages to expand and upgrade the current Wonthaggi Hospital facilities, with Stage 1 featuring a built-for-purpose Emergency Department, three operating

theatres and a new surgical ward.

"The opening of the WHE is a huge plus for the Wonthaggi and broader community of Bass Coast and South Gippsland," BCH CEO Jan Child said.

"Our region has been growing and will continue to grow. BCH has been growing its services to deliver on its role as a sub-regional health service, with the key aim to care for more people closer to home.

"The WHE is built-for-purpose, is equipped with the latest technology and is impressive. It's a spectacular facility for our community."

"The WHE will not only entice more healthcare workers to join our excellent team at Bass Coast Health, but will also give more people the confidence to relocate to our region, knowing they have a contemporary health service to care for them when they need it."

General entry to all services within the WHE and existing Wonthaggi Hospital will soon be via a new main reception on the ground level of the WHE.

There are links and lifts to take people to the old hospital, including Pathology.

The Emergency Department (ED) is located on the ground level and includes general cubicles, resuscitation cubicles, a behavioural assessment room (for people who may be agitated, have a mental illness or are affected by alcohol or similar), a plaster room and a procedure room.

Longer-term the fast-track area will be opened up to enable patients with less complex conditions to be seen in a timelier fashion.

In the short term, these patients will be seen in the expanded ED precinct.

The nurses' station in ED is centrally located to enable nurses to easily monitor patients and there is a negative pressure room for the treatment of COVID and other respiratory conditions. This room is designed to keep

infectious particles within the room, for the safety of other patients and staff.

Our larger patients will be catered for by a designated bariatric cubicle with a gantry for lifting people weighing 200kg.

There are four high acuity cubicles for very ill patients. A purpose-built ambulance bay at the rear of the hospital will have capacity for five ambulances, with direct access from Baillieu Street West. Children will be treated in a designated paediatric cubicle and there will be 2 isolation cubicles for those with infectious conditions, such as COVID.

The ED is designed so that if COVID or similar infectious diseases are present, staff can isolate that area by changing air conditioning flows and closing doors with the touch of a button.

The ED complex has a Short Stay Unit where patients can stay for longer periods when monitoring is required.

Surgical services dominate level one.

There are three large operating theatres, including a fully interactive operating theatre with digital audio-visual equipment.

This live-streaming capacity will enable surgery (primarily orthopaedic) being undertaken at Wonthaggi to be recorded and beamed to metropolitan hospitals for advice and teaching purposes. There is also a smaller theatre for Procedures and Endoscopies.

The theatres are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and technology, enabling the completion of a range of theatre specialities including general, gynaecology, orthopaedic, ophthalmology, endoscopy, urology and breast surgery, with expansion of surgery either well underway (orthopaedics) or on the horizon (paediatric).

There are many recovery bays and a large sterilising department, where

our surgical equipment will be cleaned and sterilised. The peri-operative department has dedicated education space, spacious change-rooms and an abundance of natural light.

The new Acute Ward on the top level has so many features:

- 3 high acuity beds for close observation
- A bariatric room
- An isolation room
- Paediatric beds for the future once Paediatric inpatient care commences (2023)
- 16 single rooms and 16 double rooms. Patients and their families will also have a lounge area with views across Wonthaggi.

## Hospital pays tribute to coal mining foundations

Wonthaggi's coal mining heritage has been honoured in the front foyer of the new Wonthaggi Hospital building.

A piece of black coal sourced from Wonthaggi's State Coal Mine 22 years ago by former miner Luciano Storti, has been inserted into a glass box within the desk at the new main reception.

The coal was delivered to BCH by Board Chair Don Paproth and painstakingly cut to size to fit the box by BCH facilities officer Ken Reid.

Don was a student when he heard the original mine whistle blow for the last time and recalls with pride how Wonthaggi defied predictions the town would die after the mine closed, only to expand and become the thriving rural centre that it is today.

The \$115 million Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion reflects the substantial growth of the town, and gives further confidence in the town's future, especially with further hospital expansion on the way. "Bass Coast Health has more than 1200 employees and it's the largest employer in our catchment," Don said.



Proudly displaying the coal in the new main reception are, from left, WHE Project Engineer Chris Peterson, Danny Luna, Luciano Storti, Don Paproth and Ken Reid.



Bass Coast Health has purchased a new ride-on floor scrubber to keep the longer corridors in the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion clean. Staff have been fighting for the chance to drive the machine. From left, staff Edy Liwu, Carmel Birkett and Doug Simmons with Kevin from Cleaners World.



Theatre staff, from left, Jennifer Dunker, Kylie Walker, Lucy O'Donovan and Catherine Gementiza can't wait to begin work in the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion.



The main reception of the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion is spacious and filled with natural light to create a warm welcome for patients and visitors.

## - Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion to officially open

Mr Storti worked in the State Coal Mine from 1949 until its closure in 1968.

His father Giovanni Storti worked in the mine's Number 20 Shaft during World War Two.

"It's fantastic to see the coal mining heritage of Wonthaggi reflected in a modern building," Mr Storti said.

### Expanded hospital honours Indigenous and local communities

BCH is proud to announce the Acute Ward within the WHE will be known as Kodowlinum (pronounced Ko-dowlin-um).

The name came after the BCH Board of Directors sought an Indigenous name for the surgical ward in the WHE, as a mark of respect for the traditional owners of the land.

BCH's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Nations Committee contacted the Bunurong Land Council, as part of the accepted process for all language matters.

The Land Council's Bunurong elders considered the request and gifted Kodowlinum, which means 'I am better'.

Throughout the corridors of the WHE, there also will be historic and scenic photos depicting moments in time and local landmarks, such as the iconic trestle bridge at Kilcunda.

There are also photos of The Nobbies at Phillip Island and Eagles Nest at Inverloch in the public lifts.

In another point of interest, consumers will notice that the pattern in the bricks on the front of the WHE reflects a map of the region that the WHE serves: Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

They will even see the distinctive landmark of Wilsons Promontory.

The brickwork also carries the names of local towns that fall within

the catchment of Bass Coast Health, creating a strong visual link with the local community

### How WHE services will open

The WHE will eventually offer the community a broad range of additional services.

However, it's important to note that not all of the new hospital areas will be used for their long-term purpose when the facility opens in December.

The new Wonthaggi building has been designed to be future-proofed and some spaces will be used for their designated purpose in the coming months and years.

An example of that is the fast-track space in the new ED which will accommodate other programs such as Our Hospital in the Home Service, until demand hits a peak where the space is required for emergencies. In the interim, fast-track services will be provided from the many ED cubicles now available.

The move into the WHE will take place in stages, with the aim to have surgical and medical inpatients into the third floor in December.

Acute medical and surgical patients will be cared for on the third floor of the new hospital until around June 2023, when we complete the renovations to the medical ward in the existing hospital. After this, surgical and medical patients will be cared for in separate wards: surgical patients in the WHE ward and medical patients (with general illness) in the acute ward in the existing hospital.

The Emergency Department, Short Stay Unit and radiology will move into the WHE in December. This will allow for Sub-acute patients to move from Sleeman Ward in the existing hospital to Armitage House in late December.

Until this time, the ED will remain

in Armitage House and access will continue to be via Baillieu Street West. Surgery will be undertaken in the new theatres in the WHE from mid-January.

### Main reception will move into the WHE

The main reception will move from the old hospital to the new hospital in December, and the old reception will be closed off to the public, ready for its makeover.

Main reception and public entry to all services in the expanded and existing hospital will be via the new main entry in the new hospital.

Once in the new main reception, members of the public will be directed to where they want to go by staff and volunteers.

Staff or volunteers will be stationed on each level of the hospital to help people find their way. New signage will also be in place.

Consumers will be able to access services in the existing hospital, such as pathology and maternity, by entering the main reception within the new building, accessing the first floor via a lift, and then following the link down the corridor to the existing hospital.

A different link to the existing hospital will be opened after the renovations to the front foyer are complete (around March), allowing more direct access in the future.

The Emergency Department (ED) will have a separate entry.

Both main reception and the ED are easily accessible, with a drive-way allowing patients to be delivered straight to the door. Carparking will be available in the front carpark and seating available in the drop-off area. Patients will be impressed by the grand main reception, which is spacious and filled with natural light

due to large windows that span multiple levels.

Bass Coast Health has made it easier for the public to find their way around the WHE, with signs placed at strategic locations around the facility.

### Solar power reduces carbon footprint

The WHE has been built with sustainability in mind, with a key environmental feature being the installation of solar panels on the roof.

The system is connected to the hospital power supply and will generate electricity to be used in the WHE, offsetting our use of mains electricity.

The solar system will have a total capacity of 350kW.

### Volunteer with BCH

Bass Coast Health is now recruiting more volunteers in a variety of roles, including Concierge, Drivers, Residential Care Pet Therapy, Car Washing and Wayfinding.

To find out more, phone 5671 3372 or email Volunteers and Fundraising Manager Vicki Riley on Vicki.Riley@basscoasthealth.org.au

### Work with us

Bass Coast Health is now recruiting clinical and non-clinical staff to join our growing team and to service the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion (WHE).

If you would like to join our team, contact our Human Resource team by phoning 5671 3151 or emailing hr@basscoasthealth.org.au

Feel free to email your resume and details of the type of work you would be interested in doing so that we can try to find work for you.

Our current vacancies are also advertised online at: basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au

# A powerful and generous changemaker for First Nations people

PATRICE 'Muthaymiles' Mahoney was honoured by the State of Victoria and inducted into the Aboriginal Honour Roll 2022 recently.

"Definitely an overwhelming sense of appreciation," Patrice smiled upon her induction.

"The honour is also recognition I can bring into my life to give me strength, will nurture and support me in the into the future."

Born in Canberra, Patrice is a proud mother and grandmother, her connections to family and place reflect her multicultural connections from the Anaiwan Nation (NSW), Malta, France, Ireland and England.

She grew up in Armidale (NSW) before moving to Victoria — first to Lakes Entrance (Gunaikurnai Country), and then to the Bass Coast region (Bunurong Country), where she has lived for over 20 years.

Patrice is a powerful advocate for Aboriginal people and their cultures, and a talented, prolific artist who believes art and education are the basis of identity, self-determination and leadership.

She holds a Graduate Diploma (Teaching), Bachelor of Arts (Media Art and Design), Advanced Diploma (Business Management) and is currently undertaking a Master of Fine Art.

She is profoundly influenced by a sense of space, place, the environment, visual art and culture; and takes great inspiration from the natural environment where she lives.

When Patrice was 21 years old, she closed her eyes and put her finger on a map. It landed in the sea just off Lakes Entrance, so she moved there with her two children, a foster child and two dogs.

Later, she met a man whose family lived in Wonthaggi, so they moved there in 1999 with three children in tow.

Patrice found Wonthaggi depressingly monocultural. She observed how Aboriginal people were invisible in the region, compared with her hometown.

"I'd grown up in Armidale, where there was a university, and the community was a melting pot. Wonthaggi felt like the deep south!"

She was confronted by her perception that the Bass Coast community had minimal knowledge or understanding of the Aboriginal history of the area, and limited will to learn about — let alone celebrate local Aboriginal communities.

When Patrice's eldest son was severely bullied at a local primary school for the colour of his skin, she became even more determined to educate the community and, in turn, break down negative stereotypes.

She wanted to help her children not experience racism, and also didn't want Aboriginal children to grow up with anger towards non-Aboriginal people as a consequence of being treated badly.

Convincing people that these issues mattered was a big challenge. But Patrice persevered in the face of sometimes fierce resistance to achieve things most of us now take for granted.

Patrice has dedicated her life to advancing recognition for Aboriginal people, instigating NAIDOC Week and National Reconciliation Week celebrations and Sorry Day commemorations; and she is a key member of the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group and founding member of the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network.

Patrice has worked with Phillip Island Nature Parks for over a decade,



Patrice has been honoured in the Aboriginal Honour Roll 2022 as a powerful and generous change-maker.

and Bass Coast Health and Westernport Water to establish and implement their Reconciliation Action Plans.

She has also been a Director at Baluk Arts, a non-profit centre representing Aboriginal artists, and served on several boards and committees for Aboriginal health, education and justice organisations. In 2021, Patrice became the first Aboriginal board member of Phillip Island Nature Parks.

Patrice's many voluntary advocacy roles have been complemented by other employed positions.

She particularly enjoys cultural sessions with school children, where she finds genuine rewards in sharing her professional skills and knowledge.

"Inclusion and education by active experience and participation are key to healthy shared spaces in organisations and contemporary landscapes," Patrice added.

Patrice challenges current relationships between Aboriginal people and the broader community in her creative work. Her practice includes painting, weaving, assembling found objects, and printmaking.

Creating her work by using a multidisciplinary approach that includes expanding her knowledge through traditional ways of learning, winanagli (deep listening) from an Aboriginal perspective, and her multicultural heritage.

Her work has been exhibited across Victoria for over 25 years in numerous solo exhibitions and in 2014, Patrice was bestowed the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards Federation University Acquisitive Award.

Group shows include the 2015 International Print Exchange (Colorado, USA) and the Koorie Art Show (Koorie Heritage Trust); with her works found in private and public collections in Victoria, NSW, and at Boulder University in Colorado, USA.

Patrice has completed many collaborative works including Fun in the Water (The Playground Mob led by Patrice Mahoney, Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place Playgroup), which was shortlisted for the 2018 Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards (Indigenous Children category), Who is Your Mob? for the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne and publications in language for Dandenong Best Start and HIPPY Early Learning programs.

In 2020, Patrice was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the Indigenous community.



Dr Chris Ford speaks in Melbourne after being named as General Practice Supervisor of the Year for Victoria.

## It's all about helping fellow doctors for Chris

By Andrew Paloczi

LEONGATHA Healthcare's Dr Chris Ford was recently declared Victoria's General Practice Supervisor of the Year by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), during an awards ceremony in Melbourne.

He was in the running for that accolade after winning the peer-nominated Gippsland Award.

After graduation from medical school, new doctors progress through a series of levels on their way to becoming a GP or specialist, requiring supervision as they do so, and Chris enjoys mixing his work as a GP with supervising doctors as they gain experience.

He explained that good guidance is important for doctors as they make the transition from being hospital based to working in a general practice setting.

"Being able to hold their hand through the transition into working in General Practice, I really love it," Chris said.

He outlined why it is a challenging transition.

"In the hospital system, you've always got someone who's going to tell you what the patient's got wrong with them, but with general practice, no one's there to tell you what's going to walk in through your door," Chris said.

While gaining experience in a hospital emergency department, doctors get used to dealing with patients on a one-off basis, with the move into general practice requiring a shift to a continuity of care.

While that shift can initially be confronting, Chris enjoys the different outlook as a GP.

He is grateful to his patients, who are understanding of his supervisory commitments.

"My patients know that I often get knocks on my door, primarily from registrars, but also residents and interns, and I will excuse myself and help them, then come back and keep going with my consults," Chris said.

If he is in the midst of a sensitive appointment, including mental health consults, Chris may get the learning doctor to wait.

"They can knock on my door at any time and I will try to answer," Chris said of his accommodating approach.

In addition to seeking him out, registrars also have designated supervisor time each week, with the timeframe dependent on how far advanced they are, and there is also weekly lunchtime teaching.

That may involve a registrar teaching the other GPs, or supervisors teaching the registrars and others.

Chris said the emphasis is on everyone upskilling, noting he continues to learn as well as supervise.

Registrars divide their time between the clinic and the Leongatha hospital, doing emergency medicine and looking after in-patients.

"They do a great job of that and I'm always learning from them as well," Chris said.

There is a strong focus on making rural medicine appealing for new doctors, encouraging them to stay on when they have gained experience.

Chris is in the running for the General Practice Supervisor of the Year award at a national level, with the winner to be announced at the upcoming RACGP National Conference in Melbourne.



A resident believes there are many homeowners who are supportive of a special charge scheme at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay.

## Two sides of the fence for charge scheme

A SURF Beach and Sunderland Bay resident has voiced their support for a special charge scheme to be implemented at the estates.

The resident, who wished not to be identified, highlighted that many homeowners at the estates are supportive of the scheme as issues such as dust and road conditions are becoming intolerable.

The shire has been consulting and investigating a charge scheme for almost a year, but there are still many stages and approvals before it can be formally implemented.

Currently, council is presenting concept plans to the community, with indicative cost ranges for options to be included.

By Nick Sinis

This has been based off questionnaire results undertaken by residents at the estates.

The scheme allows council to pass on the cost of constructing sealed roads, kerb and channel, footpaths, underground drainage and other capital infrastructure to the owners of properties.

Council had estimated earlier this year the project could cost between \$22.8 to \$30.4m, based on previous projects.

"If we want things fixed, we have to pay for it, it's the system we've got with local government," the resident told the Sentinel-Times.

"Many people understand

that, but some are trying to challenge it and say they want council rates to pay for the upgrade.

"But this is a standard scheme that many councils use to upgrade infrastructure.

"But I understand it's difficult to cover the costs."

The resident highlighted there was significant misinformation being circulated in the community about costs involved, as this was all yet to be confirmed.

"I get that it's difficult times (financially) but we've had 20 or more years to prepare for this," they said.

"We've known this was coming, it isn't just something that happened overnight."

They also spoke of the health

impacts the dust was having and the ongoing issues of potholes after heavy rains.

"Once summer comes along, people will start having a higher exposure to it," they said.

"I'm exposed to dust everyday on our road, every time I vacuum, I'm getting an inch thick of dust."

"You look at what happened at Sunset Strip, they didn't get it (charge scheme) and now they're all complaining about the dust and want council to do something about it."

A council meeting is expected to take place in July 2023, to decide whether to declare the charge scheme.

For more information, visit [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfbeachroads](http://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfbeachroads)

## Phillip Island school gym up for major award

IF IT'S about function as well as form, the Cowes Primary School's new gymnasium should win the 'Commercial, Community and Public Award' at the 2022 Architeam Awards Night, on Friday, November 18, hands down.

According to principal of the Cowes Primary School, Rod McKenzie, the new gym has been an absolute godsend through the wet winter and spring this year, since being opened in May 2022.

"It's been fantastic and not only for us, for the community as well," said Mr McKenzie this week.

The school has been able to continue all of its PE programs, even on the wettest days, and when required, has been able to come together as a whole school community for assemblies.

Designed by Project 12 Architecture and built by Becon Constructions, the building has been nominated as one of four finalists in the Commercial, Community and Public building section of this year's Architeam awards.

The Phillip Island Primary School's project finished up being a \$5.5 million competition-grade gymnasium, funded by two rounds of grants from the State Government, \$550,000 from the 2019-20 State Budget and a further \$4.95 million in 2020.

The finalists for this category are as follows:

- Spring Bay Mill – Gilby and Brewin Architecture
- Cowes Primary School New Gymnasium – Project 12 Architecture
- Butcher Shop Convert – Tsai Design
- Hampton Park Secondary College Senior Learning Centre – WOWOWA

The winners will be announced on Friday, November 18 at the headquarters of circular fashion label A.BCH Unit in Sims Street West Melbourne.

## What did you do on the weekend?

IF YOU'RE stuck for words on a Monday, back at work, when someone asks you what you did for the weekend, just saying "nothing" can be a real answer.

In fact, you can actually sign on for a "Doing Nothing Weekend" at a unique retreat venue at Venus Bay!

Last weekend, qualified teacher, coach and staff trainer Alex White ran a Doing Nothing Weekend at the retreat's 14 acre, waterfront property and the first thing that didn't happen for the nine participants was phone calls, text messages and constant scrolling on their mobile phones.

"We had a little ceremony to thank the phones for what they do for us and then they were put away until Sunday afternoon," said Alex, reporting on a highly successful weekend.

The weather over the weekend certainly helped. It was just glorious down here.

"It's the second retreat like this that we've done, as a response to the busy time everyone has had getting things going again after COVID."

"It was just nice to give yourself permission to literally do nothing for the weekend, to take the time to enjoy what's around you instead of the constant drive to do stuff."

There was time for "solitude, napping and wandering", a dip in the jacuzzi or a cold dip in the sea, "calm, soft and slow" time along the private waterfront land curated to be relaxing... it was great, said Alex.

The weekend was fully catered and all bedding and accommodation provided for \$690 per person.

There's other retreats available, for details go to: [www.alexwhite.com.au/retreat-centre](http://www.alexwhite.com.au/retreat-centre)

## Kids go free as Wonthaggi show makes a comeback

THE Bass Coast Summer Agriculture Show in Wonthaggi is back! After three years in the COVID doldrums, the main event of the summer in Bass Coast will make a triumphant return on Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15, 2023.

And the show has been awarded a Victorian Agricultural and Pastoral Societies grant courtesy of Agriculture Victoria to get the fun and festivities back on track.

Honorary Wonthaggi Show Secretary Rosemary Loughnan couldn't be more pleased.

"We are just delighted at Wonthaggi AP&H Show Society Inc to successfully be awarded a grant, open to Victorian Agricultural and Pastoral Societies, supporting free entry for children to shows and field days and to boost their COVID recovery," Mrs Loughnan said.

"The funding has been made available through the Victorian Government's one-off investment in the Children Entry COVID Recovery Grants program."

Agriculture Victoria Executive Director, Policy and Programs, Sarah-Jane McCormack, said



All the fun of the Bass Coast Summer Agriculture Show will return to Wonthaggi on January 14 and 15 next year.

the program ensures regional and rural shows come back stronger than ever.

"For the past two years, most of the state's agricultural shows have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 and these grants help organisers return to pre-pandemic attendance and revenue," Ms McCormack said.

"Free entry for kids makes it easier for families to come along and see firsthand the

best on-farm practices and to immerse themselves in learning experiences to better understand agriculture," said Ms McCormack.

"Regional and rural shows are a fixture of Victorian society, building community spirit by celebrating agriculture in a fun, entertaining, educational and inclusive environment."

Mrs Loughnan said the grant provided a boost just as preparations were ramping up for

the return of the local show, on Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15.

"For us here, this will be such a game changer in the Bass Coast area as the social fabric of our area is feeling the effects of the cost of living and a day out for the children is a lovely thing to do," Mrs Loughnan said.

"We have also reduced the cost for adults to enter our show. We can't ignore our community."

"We truly appreciate this initiative by the Victorian Government and look forward to our Show in January 2023."

Over \$1 million in funding has been handed out to 79 events across Victoria offering from \$750 to more than \$90,000 to the state's biggest field days and shows.

Wonthaggi's grant, although not revealed, is believed to be at the lower end of the scale, but no less welcome.

It's all full-steam-ahead now for the Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show, back again after three years away for COVID, to be staged on Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15.

## Sentinel-Times COMMENT

### It's 'Caretaker' not a public service holiday

GOOD luck trying to get anything out of a State Government department over the next four weeks, until the State Election is done and dusted, and a new or newlook government is sworn in.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), the lead agency in the Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project, supposed to address Inverloch's serious erosion problems, has already declared that it's "feet up time"!

It's all to do with the declaration of the 'Caretaker Period', at 6pm on Tuesday, November 1, ahead of the November 26 election.

But, instead of it being all about the government of the day not implementing major policy decisions, making significant appointments, or entering into major contracts (they've already done that in the days prior), the public servants take it as a signal to do nothing (or less than nothing) for four weeks.

In the case of DELWP it's gone to the ludicrous extent of releasing four summaries of a suite of larger documents on the problems at Inverloch, and possible solutions, back on October 12, but held off on publishing the full reports referred to in those summaries (almost a month later mind you) because of the Caretaker.

Come on, that's bureaucracy gone mad even by DELWP's standards.

But, when you add in the eight other agencies that make up the Inverloch RaSP group responsible for addressing Inverloch's erosion problems, including the Department of Transport (DOT), Gippsland Ports, Heritage Victoria, Parks Victoria (PV), South Gippsland Water, the West Gippsland CMA and the two shires, is it any wonder?

What did the inventor of the original Mini Minor, Sir Alec Issigonis, say? "A camel is a horse designed by committee."

We're going to have some sort of a doozy of an outcome to address Inverloch's erosion woes if the reason for this latest delay is any indication!

Come on government departments, the overriding message for you from the Caretaker Guidelines is: "Generally, the public sector should continue to perform its ordinary and routine functions during the caretaker period".

So, get on with it, and DELWP... for goodness sake release the "full suite of reports" and then we can all get some sleep!

### Revheads will be revheads

It has come to my attention in the Sentinel-Times' newspaper published on November 1, 2022, that residents of Kongwak have written in to report so called damage and carnage at the roundabout.

I, also a local resident (within 1km of said roundabout) could only laugh.

A lovely, quiet, rural area, but not so quiet said complainers couldn't find something else to do.

As a woman in her late 20s, residing in the area my whole life, I know all too well the area is failing our youth.

When the sounds of skidpigs wake me up in the middle of the night (and on weekends only) I breathe a sigh of relief.

Why? Because I take heed in the fact that instead of destroying themselves with ice, meth, and alcohol, they're entertaining themselves and spending money on something those who have paved the way have done for decades – cars.

If they sat at home doing nothing you'd be whining too.

It's easy to stereotype, decide skidders are reckless etc. But are they really?



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

## Vox Pop

**Do you have solar panels and are you pleased with them? If not, have you ever considered them?**

\*Some comments have been edited due to space constraints.



**Geoff Ellis**  
Harmers Haven  
"Really proud to have 44 solar panels and two batteries. We haven't paid for power in three years – off the grid."



**Kate Harmon**  
Wonthaggi  
"Yes, and pleased to have them. We still pay a bill but it's not as much. We are looking into batteries."



**Tayla Oldham**  
Inverloch  
"Don't have solar as we are renting, but something I'd be interested in for sure."



**Melissa Harrison**  
Wonthaggi  
"No, I'm renting. If I owned I would."

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.



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# Remembrance Day

## Fitting honour for soldiers in Foster and Welshpool

REMEMBRANCE Day will be all the more poignant at Foster and Welshpool cemeteries this year, with a total of five diggers getting deserved recognition during two special services.

That follows work undertaken through Foster RSL's Grave Marking Project.

"About three years ago the sub-branch, being aware that there were unmarked graves of ex-servicemen in both the Foster and Welshpool cemeteries, began the project to research details of those interred," Carole Williams, publicity officer of Foster RSL said.

At that time the only information on the five men was their names and grave sites, as provided in cemetery records.

Welshpool RSL disbanded, and Foster RSL undertook the research of all five diggers.

The club's historian, Michael Heal, began what turned out to be a marathon research effort, succeeding in obtaining details of the men.

The markers are like miniature grave stones in appearance and are placed on the grave sites, previously unmarked.

Those interred at Foster are Able Seaman George Long, Private William Benson, and Private Carl Oram who all served during WWI.

At Welshpool, Private Rex Bates who fought in WWII and Private Edwin Mounsey who served in WWI will be acknowledged.

The histories of the five men are still being prepared and will be published over coming weeks.

Foster RSL welcomes you to attend the dedication service at Foster cemetery at 1.30pm on Remembrance Day.

Toora RSL is conducting the dedication service at Welshpool cemetery, also commencing at 1.30pm, with people encouraged to attend.

## Veterans card on the table

A RE-ELECTED Labor Government will introduce the Victorian Veterans Card helping them with the cost of living.

Labor will fund \$37 million for the Victorian Veterans Card, delivered through the Service Victoria app.

The Victorian Veterans Card will entitle veterans to a \$100 discount on the registration of one vehicle, as well as free public transport on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

The Card will also offer free trailer and caravan registration and free fishing and boating licences, encouraging veterans to participate in outdoor recreation and connect with their friends and families.

On top of the discounts, the Card will give veterans access to dedicated employment programs to help them find careers after finishing their period of service, making sure the transition to new work is as smooth as possible.



## Korumburra REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

The Korumburra Sub-Branch will conduct a Remembrance Day Service on

**Friday 11th November, 10.45am  
at the Cenotaph**

Schools, Community groups and the public can lay floral tributes throughout the day at their leisure.

**Lest We Forget**

## A tragic story about each and every one

THE Australian official war historian Charles Bean wrote that Pozières ridge, in France, 162km north of Paris, "is more densely sown with Australian sacrifice than any other place on earth".

Corporal Duncan Alexander Phillips, a 31-year-old farm labourer of Leongatha, a Presbyterian standing 5'6 1/4", with brown eyes and dark brown hair, was among them, killed in action at Pozieres on July 25, 1916, two days into the battle.

He was no novice, Corporal Phillips, he knew how to keep his head down.

Little more than a year earlier, he was one of the 16,000 men who landed at Gallipoli on the first morning of April 25, 1915, where more than 2000 were killed or injured by the next morning.

He survived that onslaught and another four months in action at Anzac Cove only to be brought low, not by a bullet, but by a severe bout of diarrhea and gastroenteritis which saw him moved to Mudros on August 22, 1915 and admitted to the 18th Stationary Hospital there. It took him two months to recover, but ultimately, he embarked at Alexandria for Marseilles in France on October 29, 1915.

From one hell hole to the next, he was sent to northern France, where he saw action there, only to be killed in the Battle of the Somme, fought between July 1, 1916 and November 18, 1916, specifically in the Battle of Pozières (July 23-September 3, 1916).

Over a period of 42 days the Australians made 19 attacks outside Pozières, 16 of them at night; as a consequence, the Australian casualties totalled a staggering 23,000 men, of whom 6800 were killed.

The overall Battle of the Somme is regarded one of the bloodiest battles in human history, in which more than a million men were wounded or killed, Corporal Phillip among them, on the second day of the Pozières battle, July 25, 1916.

It wasn't exactly the adventure that many of those who enlisted hoped to experience.

The costly fighting at Pozières ended with the British in possession of a plateau of land north and east of the village, in a position to menace the German bastion of Thiepval from the rear.

They did it on the back



**Corporal Duncan Phillips of Leongatha saw action at both Gallipoli and the Western Front in Europe, a hardened soldier who was ultimately killed on the second day of the Battle of Pozières on July 25, 1916. He never made it home and lies with thousands of other Aussie soldiers in a war grave in France.**

of Corporal Phillips, Number 1144, and many men like him, now buried in a military grave Plot II, Row A, Grave No. 34 at Puchevillers British Cemetery, 22km north-west of Amiens, France where thousands of white tombstones stand mute in the sand.

His personal effects which consisted of an identity disc, leather money belt, jug purse, whistle, lanyard, pocketknife and chain, stud, notebook, post cards, letters, photos and a battalion colour badge were delivered to his mother, Mrs Lockwood, back home in Leongatha.

His is among the names of ex-service personnel you'll see listed in the Leongatha Memorial Hall this Friday, November 11, if you attended the Remembrance Day observance, for a minutes' silence at 11am.

While many died in action, many others died of misadventure or illness, some tragically died in the terrible mud which engulfed the battlefields, never to be heard of or seen again.

One local killed by misadventure was 4th Light Horse trooper, George Alexander, who appears to have a connection with Meeniyan, where he enlisted to serve in World War 1 on October 12, 1914.

He joined the Mediterranean Expeditionary force in Alexandria and went to Gallipoli in May 1915, where he spent four months, an eternity

under those dangerous conditions.

Dysentery, not wounds, saw him transferred out, and for a time, convalesced in Bristol where he met his future bride, Annie Mary Pickford, and was married at St Georges Hanover Square London.

His next of kin was, however, listed as Miss Emma Watterson of Pittfield Plains (near Ballarat) Victoria, prior to his marriage to Miss Pickford.

He recovered and rejoined his unit in France on August 8, 1916, where he was assigned to transport duty.

He was reported missing after an explosion in Bapaume, France, March 26, 1917.

At the enquiry into the incident, it was stated that George Alexander was sleeping in the Bapaume Town Hall, a YMCA facility, when it was destroyed by a mine explosion. He was never seen again.

A bush labourer and engine driver, Alexander was 42 years of age when he enlisted, height 5'9", weight 10 stone 7 pounds (67kg), with brownish eyes and dark brown hair.

A full list of the young men from Woorayl Shire (Leongatha and District) who lost their lives as a result of The Great War 1914-18 is available on the Leongatha and District Historical Society website where you will also find details about each of the men.

## Local Services

### FISH CREEK

FISH Creek's monument in the centre of town will be the setting for a 10.45am service.

### FOSTER

A SHORT and simple service will commence at approximately 10.50am, with local schools represented.

At 1.30pm there will be a special dedication service at Foster cemetery for three ex-servicemen who had unmarked graves.

### INVERLOCH

THE Inverloch RSL Sub-Branch will be doing a commemoration at the Cenotaph at 10:45am and then a commemoration of a new memorial in the RSL Hall at 11.30am. The new memorial will be blessed and pay tribute to those who have served in conflicts at Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan and ICAT.

### KORUMBURRA

AT the Korumburra Cenotaph for a 10.45am Remembrance Day service. While Korumburra RSL president David Jackson will outline the significance of the day, there will be no guest speakers during the short commemoration.

### LEONGATHA

THE Leongatha Cenotaph will be the focal point for a short service, commencing at 10.45am, with a guest speaker, expected to be retired Navy commander and former Leongatha RSL president Ken Wanklyn. That will be followed by the laying of wreaths.

### MEENIYAN

MEENIYAN and District RSL member John Cocking will speak about Remembrance Day, during a commemoration at the town's Cenotaph, beginning at 10.40am and concluding with a minute's silence at 11am.

### MIRBOO NORTH

MIRBOO North's schools will feature prominently in the town's Remembrance Day service at the RSL Hall, from 10.45am.

### TOORA

A wreath laying service will be held at the cenotaph, located at the corner of South Gippsland Highway and Stanley Street, starting at 10.50am.

At 1.30pm there will be a special dedication service conducted by Toora RSL at Welshpool cemetery for two ex-servicemen who had unmarked graves.

### PHILLIP ISLAND

PHILLIP Island RSL Sub Branch Remembrance Day ceremony will take place at the Cenotaph in Cowes, commencing at 10.40am.

All members of the community are very welcome to lay wreaths.

### WONTHAGGI

THE service at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph this Friday, November 11. The program starts at 10.45am so that some of the preliminaries can be dealt with before the 'Minutes' Silence' precisely at 11am.

### WOOREEN

A BRIEF 10.30am service will take place at the 'Wooreen Shrine of Remembrance' on the corner of Wooreen-Mirboo Road and Yarragon Road.

# Remembrance Day



New Wonthaggi RSL President Dan Lucas received an excellent response from the community at the Poppy stand at Bunnings this week, ahead of Remembrance Day, Thursday, November 11.

## How Wonthaggi will remember them

THERE'S been a changing of the guard at the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-branch with Dan Lucas thrust into the front line as president and he'll take the lead at the traditional Remembrance Day service at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph next Thursday, November 11.

The program is already out for the event, starting at 10.45am so that some of the preliminaries can be dealt with before the 'Minutes' Silence' precisely at 11am.

Karen Veal will be the MC, getting proceedings underway with a welcome to the community and ex-service personnel and an acknowledgement of country.

The youth of the town will have a role in the early part of the ceremony, reading out the famous John McCrae poem, 'In Flanders Field', and 'We Shall Keep the Faith'.

Dan Lucas will then ask community groups and individuals to lay their wreaths.

Local Anglican Minister, Graham Leirsch, will lead the Lord's Prayer and give the Benediction later in the service.

"It's so important that we continue to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of our ex-service personnel and also those who stand ready today, not only those who

served in World War 1 and 2, with only very few of the World War 2 veterans left now, but also those who served in the other fields of war and peacekeeping as well, anyone who has pulled on the Australian uniform," said Mr Lucas this week.

The trouble in Europe and pressures in the Asia-Pacific region have underscored the importance of a well-equipped defence force and much more interest and effort has been going in over recent years.

And there's still the welfare work that needs to be done, supporting veterans and their families.

For more than 100 years, one of the best ways to support that effort has been by supporting the annual Poppy Appeal, and this week, Dan Lucas and a team of volunteers right across the nation have been doing just that.

Your donation can help the RSL to continue to deliver life-changing support for our veterans when they need it most. So, please show your support for our veteran community by buying a poppy or badge or simply donating to the appeal as many did at the Poppy stand at Wonthaggi Bunnings store during the week.

You can also donate online at <https://poppyappeal.com.au/>

## Freemasons say thank you



Fay Quilford receiving a cheque for \$100 from Ken Barnes on behalf of the Powlett Masonic Lodge.

AT the recent ceremony of installing a new Worshipful Master, invited guests, prior to admission to the lodge, were treated to a presentation on Wonthaggi history.

Fay Quilford and Iris delivered a very interesting story of Wonthaggi along with a gallery of early photos of the town.

On completion, guests were admitted to the lodge room and there they witnessed the investiture of the Lodge Officers in their new positions.

It is not often that members of the public are able to be inside the lodge during meetings. However, this was by special request by Don to have an open ceremony.

The public can also see more of the Freemasons on Remembrance Day, as they have been invited by the RSL to lay a wreath in honour of brethren who made the ultimate sacrifice.

If anyone is curious about Freemasonry you only have to ask.

The Wonthaggi Historical Society and museum is staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers, and it is highly recommended including a visit to them.



Jenson (left), Riley, Terry Shannon, Jenny Haydon, Amalia, Bec, Jan Millington, Malcolm Marshall and Betty Marshall.

Primary students never forget, always remember

IN the lead up to Remembrance Day on Friday, November 11, grade six students from Inverloch Kongwak Primary School recently joined with members of the Inverloch RSL Sub-Branch to place 97 white wooden crosses at the graves of Australian and Allied Force service personnel of the Navy, Army, and Air Force.

Inverloch RSL has continued to provide this service twice a year for the past eight years, and invites the families of ex-service personnel in the Inverloch Cemetery to contact Jan Millington at [inverlochrls@outlook.com](mailto:inverlochrls@outlook.com) if they would like to have a cross placed at the grave of their loved ones for Remembrance or ANZAC Day.

## Long Tan remembered



This cross, a replica of the original cross erected at Long Tan SVN by 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn on August 18, 1969, was erected outside the Phillip Island RSL in memory of these members of D Company and No. 3 Troop 1st Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron who gave their lives during the Battle of Long Tan on August 18, 1966. Together with those who served in our other theatres of war, they will be remembered this Friday, November 11, starting at 10.45am.

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022**

### 10.45AM WONTAGGI CENOTAPH

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor do the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

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# Miners' Dispensary *Celebrating 100 years*



Glenda and Eric Barber (Mine Members) who attended the afternoon tea, collect their copy of 'One of a Kind'.



Claudia Platt (Pharmacy Assistant) and Wael Ramadan (Pharmacist) help to celebrate the centenary assisting with the raffle promotions. Photo: Jana Mackinder of Life Productions Photography



Danny Luna (Chair of the Board) (left), Robin Williams (President of the Northern Mining and NSW Energy and District), Danny Carr (Life Member), Grahame Kelly (General Secretary of the Mining and Energy Union), Trevor Williams (District President of Mining and Energy Union Victoria) and Mark Richards (District Secretary of Mining and Energy Union Victoria).



Sam Gatto presents his history of the Miners' Dispensary 'One of a Kind'.



Bass Coast Chorale were part of the Dispensary's celebrations.

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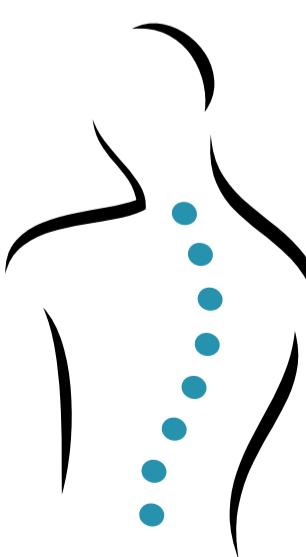
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# Miners' Dispensary *Celebrating 100 years*



Mine members (front row, left) John Vurlow, Walter Barber, Reg Wilson, Anthony Sartori, Colin Street, Aldo Storti, Victor Benetti. (Second row, left) Danny Carr, Joseph Hyslop, Ugo Andriguetto, Frank Cimino, Ian Sullivan, Eric Barber, Donald Thomson, Angelo Chiodo and Lou Storti.

## Dispensary history has come to fruition

THE Wonthaggi Miners Dispensary held an afternoon tea at the Workmen's Club in Wonthaggi on Wednesday, November 2.

Part of the centenary celebrations, this event, attended by 150 people, was held to celebrate the contribution of Mine members to the community and to the Dispensary.

Mine members are mainly former employees of the coal mines in the Wonthaggi district and their spouses.

General manager and senior pharmacist Sally Cairnduff was the master of ceremony for the event, and in opening stated, "it is an honor to represent such an iconic pharmacy. To be part of a non-profit, health service that has served its local community for over one hundred years is quite a privilege. I am grateful the Board has developed a strategic plan that will ensure we prosper into the future. Our mission is to improve

your health and wellness every day. Our focus, as a team, is to provide our members and customers with outstanding health care and products and services."

"As part of the celebrations, members will receive 15% off over the counter items for the next week and there are some amazing raffle prizes to be won by our customers."

The Bass Coast Chorale, led by Larry Hills, put on an impressive performance with members dressed in mining period costumes. The chorale led the audience with the well-known song 'There's a part of my heart in Wonthaggi.'

The afternoon tea was sponsored by the Mining and Energy Union and Mr Grahame Kelly, its General Secretary travelled from NSW with his colleagues to attend the event.

He spoke at length about the pivotal impact that the Wonthaggi mining unions had on

the development of his union.

The Chair of the Board, Mr Danny Luna introduced Life member Mr Danny Carr to unveil a plaque to commemorate the centenary of the Dispensary.

He noted that Mr Carr joined the State Coal Mine as an apprentice fitter and turner in 1942, at the age of just under 15.

He became a member of the Dispensary in the same year and has been a continuous member for over 80 years, a remarkable milestone. He joined the Committee in 1961 and served for 52 years as a committee member, treasurer, and President between 1983 and 1995.

In 1988, he took charge of the critically important project to purchase the existing premises at 169 Graham Street and to establish and later expand the Dispensary into a modern and functional facility.

Mr Luna then introduced

local historian and author Sam Gatto who wrote a short history of the Wonthaggi Miners Dispensary called 'One of a Kind'.

In describing taking on the task of researching the Miner's Dispensary, Mr Gatto said "it was both agony and ecstasy all at once, as many of the old minute books from the dispensary were lost in an historical flood but thankfully, some had been preserved, giving me a collection of materials to begin my writing at the beginning of this year."

Mr Luna went on to say, "Sam is a long-time member of the Dispensary, has been its secretary in the past and has written several books about the history of local iconic organisations. His depth of research combined with his unique writing style and passion has delivered an excellent publication that brilliantly captures the Dispensary's history. We wish to thank Sam and his

family for the work and dedication that went into writing this book which will add to the tapestry of Wonthaggi's history."

The book was launched by Mr Danny Carr and was in great demand as Sam was kept busy signing copies.

The book is now on sale at the Dispensary.

General manager, Sally Cairnduff added that the Wonthaggi and District Historical Society has chosen to feature the Miners Dispensary as the theme for this year's annual dinner.

Tickets can be purchased at the Workmen's club where the event will be held on Friday, November 25 at 6.00pm.

Tickets are \$40 and include a two course Christmas dinner. There will be guest speakers who will provide stories and history of the Dispensary operations over the years.

"It is not to be missed", she added.

## Celebrating 100 years of Miners' Dispensary

NOVEMBER 2022

Established in 1922, Miners' Dispensary was founded to provide affordable health care and associated services to the miners of Wonthaggi and their families.

To celebrate this centenary milestone, Miners Dispensary will be offering members 15% off over the counter items and exciting raffle prizes.

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## Finding hope

By Rev Wendy Elson, Uniting Church, Wonthaggi and Inverloch

OUR church has recently been using set readings about hope.

God uses Jeremiah the Prophet to challenge his people and then tells Jeremiah to do the equivalent of buying a block of land in a war zone.

Think about what it would be to buy a block of land in Ukraine at the moment.

God tells him that this is a sign of hope, of better things to come. Then Jeremiah tells those remaining in exile in the foreign land where they are forced to live after being taken captive, that they are to fully assimilate.

They are to put down roots and enjoy life, to multiply and be productive. They are to regard it as home and to seek the good of the new place. Jeremiah makes clear that their own wellbeing is dependent on the flourishing of the community around them.

Jeremiah 29: 7, "But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare".

This leads me to think about the place of hope. When we make sure that every single person is given the chance to flourish, we all have a bright and hopeful future.

It is to be noted that Jesus was from a very poor home in an occupied land and he also knew what it was to be a refugee.

Currently our churches are discussing ways to help our communities flourish. How might we respond to the huge rise in homelessness in our area? It doesn't reflect well on society when even one person must sleep rough.

We are also looking for ways to be present within the health system where we might offer care and support to health staff and of course, to patients and families.

As individual churches and as a combined group we are also looking for ways to relieve poverty wherever it exists.

In fact, it is around the time of Anti-Poverty week right now and poverty is as big an issue as it ever was.

And yet many policies still increase the gap between the wealthy and those experiencing poverty. From community meals and church agencies to gathering groceries and taking them to schools, the church seeks to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our communities.

We offer breakfast clubs in our primary schools (in partnership with other donors of food) and seek further ways to support our young families.

Many of us are also involved in groups which reach into the community and stand for justice in solidarity with those who are struggling. We support community programs such as the Partnership to Prevent Family Violence. This local group is part of the many who stand against domestic and gender based violence. We are currently supporting the cause of "16 days of Activism" which is a coalition of many community groups aiming to end gender based violence.

Here and across the world, women and girls face the threat of violence, in their own communities and often in their domestic situations. These things are signs of real hope.

While the church is rightly called to account for our actions sometimes, generally we are also seeking to love and care for our communities and give of ourselves to make a difference. We truly long to see the flourishing of our communities. This is our hope.

## ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

### WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE swinging pendulum of weather is greatest in Spring and hasn't it shown us in the last week or so. Cold winds, rain and snow (granted the snow wasn't for us) then sunny and warmer days pointing us towards the coming Summer.

Coats on, coats off. It keeps us on our toes. As to our gardens, springtime gets our gardens raring to go.

Depending on what you've got going, you may be developing quite a surplus which you may consider bringing along to our seed and veggie/ produce swap at the Harvest Centre beyond the Big W car park, past the Goods Shed.

Our next one is this Saturday, November 12, 10 to 11am. Members a gold coin donation, others \$6.

On the same Saturday as The Swap at the Harvest Centre is the Wonthaggi Food Collective. It is a local group that buys food in bulk and distributes it at a low mark-up to its members. Interested? To get a stock list or to find out more, contact [WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com](mailto:WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com) or call Michael Nugent on 0416 039 933

Our Last Fixit Café for this year is on Sunday, November 20, from 11am to 1pm. We are very lucky to have this as a joint venture between the WNC and the Wonthaggi Men's Shed, without whom we would not have the excellent fixers that we rely on to enable people to keep their valued items in working order. 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 pot luck 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. Repairs are free but donations are gratefully accepted. Even if you don't have anything to be repaired it's a great place to hang out and meet people and see what is going on, with a hot cuppa in one hand and maybe cake in the other! Our first Fixit Café for 2023 will be on February 19, with bookings opening in January.

Feeling that special felicitations for family or friends as the festive season peaks its way over the horizon? Want to make them something special? Then perhaps you might like to start now and come along to one, or both of our craft groups that top and tail our weekdays to craft them something special. There is our Traditional Sampler Quilt group on Mondays, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Learn basic quilting techniques, hand or machine and your first session, if you are a complete novice, will cover materials required and you'll see some lovely examples which could spur you on to make your own. The Friday one is the Craft and Cuppa Group and is in the morning too, 10am to 12noon. You will meet other crafty people who will help you start your own project or provide you with great company to acquire or share tips and ideas as you pursue your own already on the go.

There is lots on each week at the WNC. Ring us ahead of time to let us know you're coming. Remember, if you want to know more about the activities mentioned here today call or visit Mitchell House on Murray Street.

Our Grapevine newsletter is out and if you become a member of the WNC, this will be delivered online or posted out to you. Plus you will receive discounts to many activities. Also, you can visit us on Facebook, go to Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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### BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

If you need some de-stressing, BCAL is partnering with the Corinella and District Community Centre to present a series of wellness workshops in December.

The sessions will also serve as an introduction to the wellness industry with topics including massage techniques, hair styling and beauty treatments, mindfulness and nutrition. As a special introductory offer, the cost will be just \$20 for all four classes.

BCAL will also be offering courses in Safe Food Handling and Responsible Service of Alcohol at Corinella so people on the waterline will be able to get their qualifications without having to travel all the way to Wonthaggi or Cowes.

The Food Handling and RSA courses will also be available in Wonthaggi next week.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit [www.bcal.vic.edu.au](http://www.bcal.vic.edu.au) or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

#### ■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

Gardening is for everyone, but not everyone has a garden. That's what the Wonthaggi Community Garden is for.

Some people are unable to grow plants at home, usually for lack of space, but the community garden provides that space and so much more.

There are plots available for individuals or shared plots, plus a wealth of information and experience from the other gardeners. A very healthy composting system helps with fertilisation and is a great way to use green waste rather than throwing it in the bin.

So don't let a lack of growing space at home or inexperience hold you back. Come and talk to the friendly people at the garden about how you can get your hands (or gloves) dirty in the best possible way.

For more information about the garden contact [tgordon@westnet.com.au](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) or visit in person on a Thursday morning between 10 and noon. All are welcome.

#### ■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies' display at Newhaven over the Melbourne Cup long weekend was a big success. Lots of people came to see the Woodies at work and well over 100 items were sold.

The next big event for the group will be the annual pop-up Christmas gift shop at a venue to be announced very soon.

This time the shop will only be open for nine days so it will be best to plan your visit early.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit [www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au](http://www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au) or pop into the workshop.



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### MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

IT IS rather scary to think we are now past the midpoint of Term 4, they do say time flies when you're having fun.

It also means that we are in planning and development of our Term 1 2023 program, so now is the time to get in touch if you have classes/courses, information session or activities you would like to either run or suggest we run in Term 1.

Milpara will be planning to start Term 1 2023, here at our current location 21 Shellcot Road, Korumburra and transitioning to the Hub.

The year isn't over yet though, and we still have lots to offer for the remainder of the year. Bookings the colour workshops, Colour Wisdom November 15, Colour Healing November 29, and Colour with Style December 6.

Accredited courses still to come include First Aid Training Tuesday, November 8, and the Marine Licence and PWC Licence on Sunday, November 13.

Remember Food Safety and RSA courses are all available online and can be done at a time and date that suits you.

Information sessions coming up include Stay Protected Scam and Online Security Thursday, November 17, Wellways Family Services Pop in Session on Friday, November 18 and Donate Life Victorian Organ and Tissue Donation on Saturday, November 26.

The last course will be Learn to Sew - Christmas Themed Short Course starting December 6.

Milpara also offers a number of weekly and fortnightly activities.

Please let us know if you would like more information on any of our activities 5655 2524.



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## High psychological distress in South Gippsland

PROMOTING health and wellbeing within South Gippsland Shire required acknowledgement by council, and partner organisations, of local barriers to achieving positive outcomes in those areas.

While community feedback played an important role in the development of the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2022-25, local data also helped drive the priorities it outlines.

Statistics used by council show an increase in family violence reports in South Gippsland, leading to its aim to promote prevention of that social scourge.

For every 100,000 people who live in the shire, there were 1775 people who reported a family violence incident in 2021, up from 1517 the previous year.

Instances of abuse of a parent, and of children witnessing violence in South Gippsland are more prevalent than is the case on average throughout Victoria.

Striving for healthy and engaged communities is another important aim outlined in the new Health and Wellbeing Plan, with a focus on increasing awareness and knowledge of how to support mental health wellbeing and reduce the stigma of mental illness.

Concerning local statistics illustrate the importance of doing so.

"South Gippsland residents have high or very high levels of psychological distress", the plan document says, putting the shire's figure at 21.5% compared to a Victorian average of 15.4%.

Diagnosis of anxiety and depression is shown as significantly higher in South Gippsland than the Victorian average, at 35.5 percent compared to 27.4 percent.

While council is keen to support opportunities for community participation, there is already positive news in that area with South Gippsland residents shown to have a strong volunteer ethic with 31.5 percent of the community volunteering in some capacity.

That compared to a statewide average of 19.3 percent, albeit volunteerism figures are from 2019, pre-COVID.

While council is striving to promote healthy living, with many South Gippslanders having room for improvement in terms of exercise levels, there is also positive news on that front.

South Gippsland residents meet physical activity guidelines across 58 percent of the population, well ahead of the Victorian average of 50.9 percent, also having a significantly stronger participation rate in organised physical activity including sport.

Delivering and supporting parks and open spaces to encourage people of all ages and abilities to keep active are among council's strategies to boost local exercise rates to even healthier levels.

In promoting healthy eating, council seeks to overcome dietary obstacles in South Gippsland.

Over 6 percent more South Gippsland residents are thought to consume sugar sweetened soft drinks daily than is the case Victoria wide.

South Gippsland parents are also statistically shown to be more likely to rely on low-cost unhealthy food, with the local figure of 20.4 percent comparing with a state average of 13 percent.

Council aims to promote healthy food and beverage choices through awareness campaigns in work, education and public settings, as well as boosting access to healthy food locally.



**Kerryn Ellis (South Gippsland Shire Council CEO, Athina Georgiou (Gippsland Southern Health Service Chair), Mohya Davies (Mayor), and Chris Trotman (GSHS interim CEO) at Leongatha Hospital where they discussed potential partnership opportunities.**

## Shire and hospital pursue closer links

WHILE already having a strong relationship, South Gippsland Shire Council and Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) are keen to explore partnership opportunities, with the groundwork for that beginning during recent discussions at Leongatha Hospital.

Mayor Mohya Davies and council CEO Kerryn Ellis met with GSHS Chair Athina Georgiou, and interim CEO Chris Trotman, to discuss such possibilities and other ideas.

As two of South Gippsland's largest employers, there was a lot to

talk about.

"The meeting gave us a chance to discuss the future health and wellbeing of our community and to consider how we can work together for the benefit of our residents," Cr Davies said.

"It is important that we work together to promote our region and collaborate on opportunities such as workforce attraction, to strengthen services for our residents and visitors," GSHS stated.

During the meeting, council shared feedback provided by locals during the recent Shaping South

Gippsland 2040 community engagement program, and presented GSHS with a copy of the new Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2022-2025.

GSHS shared their 2021-2026 Strategic Plan, and the representatives of the two organisations discussed shared challenges such as housing shortages, mental health service provision, and how to attract suitable candidates for employment.

The group committed to meeting regularly and ensuring council and the health service continue working collaboratively.



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**Cr Jenni Keerie highlighted the value of the now adopted Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2022-2025. A02\_4322**

## South Gippsland community wellbeing the focus

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's now adopted Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2022-2025 identifies five ambitious priorities.

The shire's aims are achieving equity, improving mental wellbeing, increasing healthy and active living, tackling climate change, and increasing healthy eating.

Strategies are laid out for accomplishing each priority.

Six public submissions were received following the release of the draft version of the plan, but none resulted in any material changes to the final plan document.

While the Public Health and Wellbeing Plan is designed to tie in with council's Community Vision, and Council Plan, it is intended to guide other organisations in addition to council.

"This Plan is a key strategic document that establishes the overall aims and priorities for council and health and wellbeing organisations in protecting, improving and promoting the public health and wellbeing of the people in South Gippsland," council states.

Council identifies promoting and celebrating diversity in regard to sexuality, race, gender identity and those with disabilities as one strategy to promote equity.

Increasing gender equity in work, education and recreation settings is another strategy outlined to achieve that goal.

Achieving equity also requires promoting prevention of family violence and creating safer communities through awareness campaigns and training, the document notes.

Strategies outlined for improving mental wellbeing are to:

- Increase awareness and knowledge of how to support mental wellbeing and reduce stigma of mental illness
- Support opportunities for community participation and decrease social isolation through volunteering, supporting community groups and participation in arts and culture
- Promote mental wellbeing and access to services for people experiencing mental illness

Cr Jenni Keerie outlined the significance of the Public Health and Wellbeing Plan in boosting mental health support.

"Without this particular document in place, we wouldn't have the voice to be able to further the council advocacy priorities, particularly in relation to improving mental health and support in the South Gippsland community," she said.

Council aims to foster healthy living by delivering parks, open spaces and public spaces to encourage active living for people of all ages and abilities.

Reduction of harm from gambling, alcohol and drugs through policies, programs and partnerships is another method identified for boosting the health of community members.

The plan indicates many South Gippsland residents are making unhealthy choices when it comes to what they eat and drink.

## Two-Way Traffic with guest Anita Harris

ON SUNDAY, November 13, the South Gippsland Jazz Society hosts Two Way Traffic at the Inverloch RSL from 2 – 4:30pm.

Bookings can be made by contacting Neville on 03 5674 2166 or alternatively 0438 420 770.

Tickets are \$15 for members and \$18 for guests.

Two Way Traffic is the decade long collaboration between veteran reedsman and arranger, Ron Anderson and pianist, David Lole.

With its roots firmly established in progressive mainstream jazz, this impressive ensemble has wowed crowds in three states at major jazz festivals, clubs including regular performances at the Australian Jazz Convention.

With the recent retirement of legendary drummer Allan Smith, the band welcomes the brilliant Bill Horley to join excellent double bassist, Doug Kuhn in the backline.

As a treat for the jazz lovers, Anita Harris, one of Melbourne's most popular and delightful jazz vocalists, will join the band for several cameos over the course of the afternoon.

Expect an eclectic selection of jazz from foot tapping swing, classic ballads, enticing boss novas, a wide range of popular standards from the American Songbook and, maybe, even a touch of bebop from the likes of Gershwin, Van Heusen, Ellington, Rodgers and Hart, Jobim amongst many others.

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# Tibetan vocalist Tenzin Choegyal performing at Newhaven College



Tenzin Choegyal will be performing at Newhaven College this month.

NEWHAVEN College is proud to announce their first visiting artist in the school's new Performing Arts Wing black box theatre.

Tenzin Choegyal is performing on Tuesday, November 22, 6pm.

Several Newhaven College students will have the honour of performing with Tenzin as well. Tickets are \$20 per person.

One of the world's finest Tibetan musicians, Tenzin Choegyal is a master of traditional Tibetan instruments but is best known for his extraordinary vocal ability.

Tenzin has performed at major festivals across Australia and internationally, including at New York's Carnegie Hall.

He plays the lingbu (bamboo flute) and dranyen (3-stringed Tibetan lute) but is best known for his stunning vocal range and performance of droklu, the nomadic music of his parents.

Tenzin has performed with Tibetan monks in exile, whom he supports financially through his

tours, as well as the Tibetan Children's Villages, the school for Tibetan refugee children which he attended as a child.

His nine albums include collaborations with Philip Glass (The Last Dalai Lama?) and 2021 Grammy-nominated Songs from the Bardo with Laurie Anderson - a moving interpretation of the Tibetan Book of the Dead. His latest album, Yesi Dolma, is the result of a 10-year collaboration with Camerata, Brisbane's chamber orchestra.

Through songs, anecdotes, and warm explanations, Tenzin takes audiences on a musical journey that transcends cultural boundaries and brings the essence of Tibetan tradition into a very contemporary setting, even inviting them to join in lively singalongs and meditative mantras.

Tenzin's obvious joyfulness is infectious and his message is uplifting.

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## Grand return for hospital art show

**GIPPSLAND** Southern Health Service's annual art show will return this year as a live event and extend to both Leongatha and Korumburra hospital campuses.

The fifth annual art show will follow the theme 'Everyone Matters' and will be displayed from November 7 until December 31.

This year the community can also contribute by adding their artistic expressions to a canvas mural.

Last year the event was moved online due to COVID-19 restrictions but this year it will return to the main entrance and halls of the Leongatha campus and, for the first time, about 30 pieces of art will be displayed in Korumburra.

There will also be an online presence with a virtual display on the GSHS website and Facebook page.

The exhibitions will showcase the creative works of people with disability and



**Gippsland Southern Health Service's annual art show will extend to both Leongatha and Korumburra hospitals.**

chronic illnesses, and will include drawings, ceramics, book illustrations, sculptures and poems.

GSHS Allied Health Manager Vivian Carroll said about 40 artists across all mediums are expected to contribute to the show.

"This year we're trying to

highlight the works of people from a range of different backgrounds," Ms Carroll said.

"The theme is 'everyone matters' and if anyone says they like art, we try to hook them into this show. It's not about the disability or the condition, the first thing

people should see is the art."

About 50 pieces are ready to display and Ms Carroll expects a "rolling display" with new pieces being added during the life of the show.

Local artists will also do presentations during the displays and the show encourages community participation with visitors asked to contribute to an art canvas.

The art show will be formally launched with a morning tea on International Day of People with Disability on December 2.

GSHS hopes to receive art for display before November 4.

Entry to the exhibit is free and there is no commission on sales.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the show can contact Vivian Carroll on 5654 2701 or email: Vivian.carroll@gshs.com.au, or Michelle O'Loughlin, 56675662 or email: Michelle.O'Loughlin@gshs.com.au.

## Feel-good food, live music and more at the Cally

WHEN it comes to dining with just the right ambiance, The Caledonian Hotel in Wonthaggi has musicians performing on Fridays and Saturdays.

And with a vast range of dining options, patrons will receive a unique dining experience.

Whether it be for lunch or dinner, the local bar and bistro at 'The Cally' has service from 12pm until 8pm; providing meals to those who eat lunch a little later and catering for seniors or families that dine a little earlier.

Owner Dave Peters said all senior patrons will receive 20 per cent off any meal on the menu every day.

Head chef, James Kennedy and his colleagues are serving a selection of dining specials throughout the week including a main serving of brisket ruben - including rye bread, brisket, sauerkraut, pickled onion and homemade Russian sauce with a side of cut wedges.

"This week we will be serving a freshly sourced seafood dish - seafood marinara, a lamb and



**The Caledonian Hotel welcome patrons from 12pm until 8pm every day for bistro service.**

mushroom risotto and a sweet dessert of bread-and-butter pudding, paired nicely with a freshly brewed coffee."

Themed nights at 'The Cally' are designed to welcome patrons to enjoy weekly specials including Monday burger nights - enjoy a \$20 burger and a pot or \$30 for two burgers and two pots.

Tuesday night is Parma night, serving a chef's selection of

chicken parmigianas and a pot for \$25.

"On Wednesdays we offer an exclusive deal, buy any two meals and receive 25 per cent off both," said James.

Then as the working week draws to a close, The Cally's pizza menu is available from 8pm until 10pm, giving the patrons the opportunity to eat post dinner service, whilst enjoying the ambiance of live music.



**Chefs selections are available each week at The Caledonian Hotel.**

RollerToaster are performing live on Saturday, November 12 and Craig Atkins will be performing from 2pm until 5pm on Sunday, November 13 for Sunday sippers.

To treat yourself at The Caledonian Hotel, call 5605 0322 and make a reservation to dine in and make use of the courtesy bus that travels for free to Wonthaggi, Dalyston, Cape Paterson and Inverloch.

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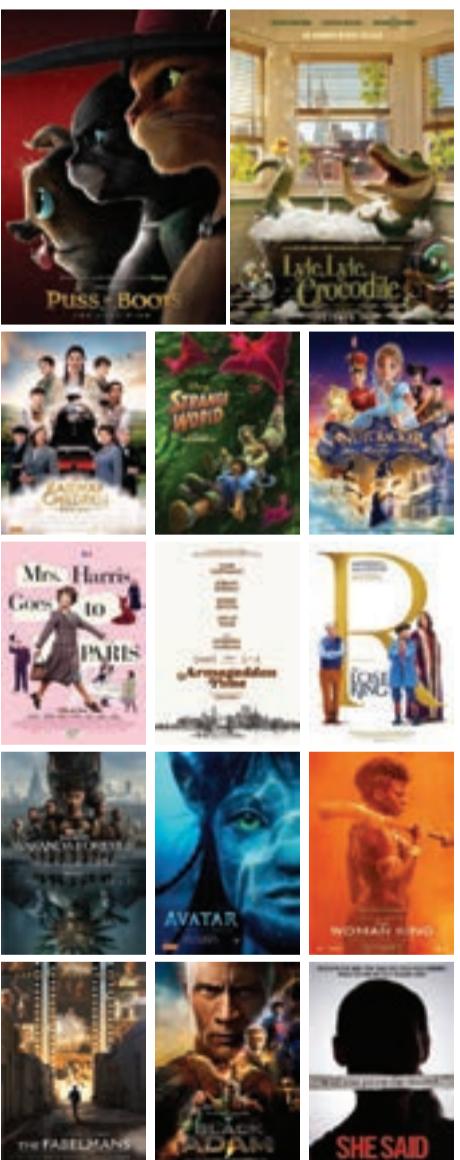
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Aaron Pendlington of Disability Connect Victoria and Jo Apostolopoulos from MEGT were on deck at the Gippsland Local Jobs Expo at Wonthaggi Workmens Club last week. nsSnap1\_4522



Aquatics and Recreation Victoria's Evie Ogier and Sami Yeomans highlighted there were hundreds of positions needing to be filled for aquatic roles. nSnap2\_4522



Daniel Scanlan and Aaron Stone highlighted that McDonald's has almost 50 positions available across Bass Coast. nsSnap3\_4522



Ally and Sharni operating their Pretty Stems business at the San Remo Preschool's 50th birthday celebration. A19\_4522



Ebony, Ryder and Clint Dorling of Koroomburra get to know a scary clown at Loch Memorial Reserve. A38\_4522



Sydney and Amy Bux of Wonthaggi enjoy getting out after recent dreary weather, checking out the family day at Loch Memorial Reserve. A37\_4522



Bronwyn Rossiter volunteers at the family fun day to celebrate the centenary of Loch Memorial Reserve, also being on the committee of management for the event. A35\_4522



Artists Peter Biram and Werner Theinert enjoy the 10th birthday of ArtSpace Gallery in Wonthaggi. A33\_4522



John Laing and David Hubble relax at ArtSpace Gallery. A32\_4522

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Jobs Expo Wonthaggi, San Remo Preschool 50th birthday, Waterline Expo, ArtSpace Gallery's 10th birthday, Loch Memorial Reserve centenary celebration.



Ruby Mowlam and Tiffany Clarke display their homemade all-natural dog soap and biscuits. A18\_4522



Deb Leonard with Delilah and Sophie Schellekens. A20\_4522



Zoe, Ben and Leo McKenna at San Remo Preschool where Leo is in 4-year-old kinder. A24\_4522



Faye Tuchtan, Kaye Illingworth, and Elizabeth Skidmore of the CWA at the Waterline Expo. A25\_4522



Rowanne Grinstead and Di Goeman of the Waterline Community Library in Grantville promote the service and hope for larger premises to welcome people to. A26\_4522



Emilia Bell and Lorena Diez Molduan of Germany are travelling Australia working on organic farms and got to check out ArtSpace Gallery in Wonthaggi. A31\_4522



Carmichael, Archie and Charlie meet the animals at the Waterline Expo. A28\_4522



Bass Coast Shire councillor Clare Le Serve, Juliette Maxwell of Concordia Mandolin & Guitar Ensemble and Jan Eriksen who is a subcommittee member for the Corinella Residents and Ratepayers Association. A27\_4522





## Farm values still strong despite easing market

ALL TYPES of farmland continue to fetch strong prices in South Gippsland, although the sharp rise in farm property values has eased recently.

That is what experienced estate agent Don Olden of Elders Leongatha and Korumburra has observed.

"Everything's gone up dramatically in the last two years and I think it's levelled a bit now," Don said, noting that so far there hasn't been a drop in value.

He attributes the levelling out to the rise in interest rates, saying that has caused prospective buyers to be a little more careful.

"We've still managed to make some very good sales of both larger and smaller rural properties, dairy, beef, and hobby farms," Don said.

The sharp price rises of the last couple of years have affected farm properties across the board, from hobby farms through to large operations.

Don explained that different factors have driven the price rise, depending

on the type of farm property.

"The shift from Melbourne metropolitan to get into the country areas drove up the hobby farm, rural lifestyle market," he said.

"Your beef, grazing and dairy properties have been driven up (in value) by strong commodity prices right across the board, and probably never before have we seen all the commodities of sheep, beef, and dairy be very strong at the same time, which they are at the moment."

Don said buyers for commercial farming properties over the vibrant last couple of years are from a variety of backgrounds.

"It's a combination of local farmer expansion, and also we've seen some purchases from other districts such as East Gippsland and Northern Victoria and New South Wales buying high rainfall country in South Gippsland," he said.

Some of the sales have also been to corporate concerns in Melbourne, which rely on farm managers, Don said.



Don Olden (licensed estate agent) and Katrina Griggs (sales agent) on a 286-acre Mardan farming property that sold recently.



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### Ombudsman report highlights inequity

THE Victorian Ombudsman tabled the report from their investigation into complaint handling in the Victorian social housing sector recently.

The report highlights the significant inequity facing community housing renters, who do not have the same opportunities to have complaints reviewed as people who live in public housing do.

This is in addition to the greater discretion community housing providers have with regards to allocating scarce housing stock, and the higher rents that some people who live in community housing pay, compared to people who live in public housing.

The Ombudsman has made a number of recommendations, including:

- more resources and training in complaint handling for frontline staff,
- more guidance for community housing providers on best practice complaint handling policies,
- a simpler process for escalating public housing complaints,
- amendments to the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities to clarify the role of community housing providers, and including a human right to housing,
- the expansion of Ombudsman jurisdiction to community housing – either through the existing body or through the creation of a new Social Housing Ombudsman, and
- greater access to advocacy and support.

The Victorian Public Tenants

Association often finds that renters are reluctant to make a complaint about their landlord, due to fear of reprisals, or a doubt that their complaint will be addressed.

"All renters in social housing, whether in public housing or community housing, should expect to be treated consistently and with respect, and have complaints managed effectively," Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said.

"We are working to ensure the complaints process is built around the needs of clients, timely and effective – and making massive investments to ensure everybody has access to safe, well-maintained home."

"The Building Works stimulus package is investing \$498 million in new funding for additional maintenance, upgrades and asset renewal, while we're also building 12,000 new homes under our landmark \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build."

"We have commissioned an independent review of social housing regulation, which includes an investigation into options for effective complaints management."

"DFFH takes every complaint seriously and there are many ways public housing renters can submit a complaint including online, email, mail or by phone. Renters can also raise matters directly with their housing worker."

"Community housing tenants are able to make a complaint directly to their registered community housing organisation in the first instance, before escalation to the Housing Registrar if the matter cannot be resolved."



## Superbly updated period home with Prom Views

BEAUTIFULLY renovated to cleverly blend all the features of the era with spaces catering to a modern lifestyle, 60-62 Welshpool Road is a delight both inside and out.

Framed by a picket fence and pretty gardens, the wide bullnose verandah is just the spot to sit and watch the world go by.

High ceilings, pressed metal, Baltic pine and an exposed brick fireplace with combustion heater give the living room a wonderful sense of history and comfort.

Located at the rear of the home, the kitchen is well appointed with as-new appliances, white cabinetry and timber bench tops.

Adjoining is a stunning light filled dining space, again with a wood heater in brick fireplace, and large sliding glass doors opening out to a sheltered deck taking in views over the waters of Corner Inlet and the mountains of Wilsons Prom.

There are four large bedrooms – one would make an ideal study with French doors out to a private deck tucked under a canopy of trees in a secluded section of the garden.

You can just imagine sitting here on a warm summer's day taking advantage of the cool sea breezes.

The family bathroom is a modern statement with large walk-in shower, separate w.c. and a laundry / utility room with built in storage.

The 1212m<sup>2</sup> block includes a four-bay garage / workshop with concrete floor, lights and power.

There is also a woodshed, garden shed, storage shed, vegetable gardens, chook pen and multiple fruit trees, all stylishly in keeping with the charm of the home.

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A newer two-bedroom cottage designed for visiting family and friends has open plan living and kitchen, plus two generous bedrooms and bathroom.

The house yard has a 3-car garage and an adjoining three bay machinery shed. The property has additional excellent shedding, with 4 large haysheds, two large machinery sheds plus workshop, and stock shelters.

There is also a not active herringbone milking shed complete with very good all weather stock handling facilities.

A central laneway system with frontage to Ventnor Road and Pyramid Rock Road services the entire property. A whole farm plan with more than twenty paddocks across the 156 acres are easily accessible on the all-weather gravel laneway system.

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Opposite the living room is the large master bedroom with a wall of floor to ceiling built in robes and sheer curtains providing privacy from the street.

Further down the hall are the two other bedrooms with built in robes and roller blinds.

There is a decent sized linen cupboard across from the up-

dated family bathroom.

Beautiful terrazzo look floor and back wall tiles, modern vanity, toilet, and corner shower complete the bathroom space.

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The kitchen showcases new modern appliances, white cabinets with pantry and overheads offering sufficient storage.

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To arrange an inspection of this immaculate home, please contact the friendly sales team.



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**A/c - A.R Warner - Athlone -  
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**41** - Calved Sept/Oct currently being rejoined to sexed semen Twister & Helium.  
**14** - Calved April rejoined to son of Kimball for July 2023 calving.  
Young medium framed cows having been milked once a day for several seasons.  
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Individual production and breeding details available prior to sale.

**A/c - Various Vendors**

**20** - In milk & springing cows & heifers

#### ATTENTION FARMERS

Please ensure all entries are booked in with your agent prior to sale.

**Following Dairy Sale: Friday, Dec. 2**

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**Elders**



Gippsland dairy farmer Kate Miriams has made a number of changes to improve sustainability on her property.

## Leading the way for sustainability

THE Australian Dairy Sustainability Framework has reached its 10-year milestone.

The Framework is underpinned by four commitments to enhance economic viability and livelihoods, improve the wellbeing of people, provide the best care for animals, and reduce environmental impact.

This is the first agricultural framework of its kind and sets the standard for sustainable dairy production in Australia to 2030, and beyond.

Since 2012, the industry has made significant progress to help address the world's sustainability challenges including:

- 94 per cent of dairy farmers are implementing measures to reduce emissions on farm
- Dairy manufacturers emissions intensity has reduced 25.5 per cent since 2010/11
- Dairy companies generate over \$15.7 billion in contributions to the Australian economy, supporting over 70,000 full time equivalent jobs in communities across Australia
- All dairy farmers support compliance with animal welfare standards, and most go well beyond this to provide best care for their animals
- Milestone research has been undertaken in dairy's role in healthy sustainable diets, with key research findings revealing

increased dairy consumption reduces fractures in aged care residents by 33 per cent and 88 per cent of general practitioners feel confident to recommend dairy as a part of a balanced diet.

Kate Miriams' family has owned her dairy farm property in Newry, Gippsland for 19 years, experiencing significant growth in land area and herd numbers over that period.

Kate has worked to position her business to respond to global changes impacting the need for sustainable food production by applying the practices that draw carbon and nitrogen from the atmosphere into the soil.

The changes she has been implementing have seen a multitude of benefits across the farm.

- Healthier soil
- Higher water quality
- A better habitat for diversity of birds, insects, and other small animals
- Greatly reduced chemical use
- Reduced fertiliser
- More efficient irrigation

She believes that the new generation of land managers play a very critical role in learning and implementing the practices that respond to the urgent call to reduce global warming, avert ecosystem collapse and care for communities.

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Natalie Nelson (Dairy Farm Monitor Project manager), John Droppert (Dairy Australia's industry insight and analysis manager), and Karen McLennan (GippsDairy regional manager and executive officer) after an informative session on dairy farming locally and further afield. A03\_4522



**Korumburra South dairy farmer and dairy genetics expert Michelle Axford is positive about the industry's future, taking variable weather and the challenges of rising input costs in her stride.** A04\_4522

## CLEARING SALE

Tractor, Motorbikes, Farm Machinery & Numerous Sundries

**Monday, November 21 at 10.30am**

A/c - Cope Farming Pty Ltd  
195 Kerrs Road, FISH CREEK

**Tractor & Motorbikes:** 2021 John Deere 6250R tractor Ultimate edition (250hrs), TGB 500 4x4 motorbike (5160kms), TTR 230 Yamaha motorbike.

**Farm Machinery:** Bogaballe twin spinner fertiliser spreader, Kverneland 9580C twin rotor hay rake, 2019 Nobili 3m mulcher (rear or front mounted), John Deere 3m R310R mower conditioner, Kuhn 2019 10m tedder, BA 1000L boom sprayer with 12m hyd. boom, hyd. grader blade, Knuckey trailing hay feeder (2 bales), 4m aerator, soft hands, 6ft slasher, PTO driven saw bench, motorised log splitter, John Deere X350 ride on mower with trailer, 4 wheel motorbike trailing spreader, Nissan Navara tray ute (farm ute - no rego) x 2.

**Sundry Items:** 50 teat 500L milk bar calf feeder, Honda Gentech 13KVA generator, MS251 Stihl chainsaw, BT121 Stihl post hole auger, Gerni pressure cleaner, BT45 Stihl drill, Peerless air compressor, bench grinder, Hitachi impact wrench, Pottinger knife sharpener, Cigweld welder x 2, 70L motorbike sprayer, tipper trailer (old), effluent sprayer, rear hay forks, 6x4 calf trailer x 2, 200L diesel tank with pump, calf dehorning cradle, Southern Cross 5inch transfer pump with foot valve, Steinfort Ag vet riser tank (for downer cows), 1T front mounted tractor weight, railway line smudger, poly test buckets x 4, teat calf feeders x 3, electric fence reels x 6, fencing gear, poly fittings, calf hay feeders, hip clamps, cattle dehorners, free standing dairy fan, cattle boluses x 5 boxes, numerous hand tools, 3inch poly 100m lengths x 6, horse yard panels x 10, dried blackwood slabs x 4, alloy Kingcrome tool boxes, Paton grain 1T feeders x 2, hay rings x 6, small square bale feeders x 2, molasses lick feeders x 2, pile of Colorbond roofing iron (blue), poly calf grain feeders, calf grain troughs x 4, steel overhead fuel tank, wire spinner, large air compressor (not going), rear tractor duals 520-85R 42 x 2, geo hex mats, numerous farm gates, push bikes, tent & camping gear, numerous sundry items.

### Outside Vendors Welcome

Refreshments available, Buyers I.D. required, number system will operate, no buyer premium. **Terms:** Card, cash or cheque day of sale unless prior arrangements are made.

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## Profits lower for Gippsland dairy, forum hears

DAIRY industry service providers heard about the balancing act between higher commodity prices and rising input costs at a Leongatha breakfast on Thursday, with profits in the Gippsland dairy region lower than in Victoria's other dairy areas.

Agriculture Victoria and Dairy Australia hosted the event, with attendees hearing the outcome of the Dairy Farm Monitor Project 2021-22, with data showing Gippsland profitability at \$1.43 per kilo of milk solids, compared to a statewide figure of \$1.72.

Northern Victoria's ideal growing conditions saw its profit per kilo of milk solids average \$1.98, while the South West region recorded a figure of \$1.71.

While the Dairy Farm Monitor Project for 2021-22 found an overall Victoria-wide nine percent increase in the average milk price to \$7.36 per kilo for milk solids, it also outlined sharp rises in costs.

Feed costs jumped 21 percent to account for a substantial \$3.45 per kilo of milk solids produced, with overhead costs rising 12 percent, translating to \$2.68 per kilo of milk solids production.

A 20 percent rise in herd costs translated to 39 cents per kilo of milk solids produced.

Shed costs rose six percent,

accounting for 25 cents per kilo of the milk solid output.

Korumburra South dairy farmer and dairy genetics expert, Michelle Axford, said a wet spring and dry autumn both increased feed costs for her herd of 280 cattle, with feed being the highest cost on the farm.

However, she is taking that in her stride, saying it is nothing out of the ordinary and that farmers are faced with variable seasons year in year out.

"It's annoying input costs are increasing, but it's always been a margin game, making sure there's a gap between what we're getting paid and what we're having to pay for," Michelle said of the dairy industry.

She believes there is too much negativity surrounding dairy.

"It is quite a rewarding industry, accumulating wealth and feeding a lot of people," Michelle said.

She noted her farm has two young staff members who are positive about the dairy industry and are developing their own careers.

"Over time it's the sort of business that does allow you to increase wealth in a way not that many other jobs enable, and if people are willing to work hard over a long time

it is a rewarding industry," Michelle said.

Blending her farming life with dairy genetics is a combination she enjoys, with the roles complementing each other.

She conducts research for DataGene.

"We provide breeding values for bulls and cows, and genomic breeding values for heifers so that farmers can make sure they're breeding a herd that's going to suit their farm business over the longer term," Michelle said.

One of the strengths of the Dairy Farm Monitor Project is the fact that many of the participating farms remain involved on an ongoing basis, helping people to compare the data gathered from year to year against previous benchmarks.

While the local dairy industry was a major focus at the breakfast, attendees also heard from Dairy Australia's industry insight and analysis manager John Droppert who provided a global perspective.

He outlined the volatile nature of the dairy industry around the world, focusing on issues such as the conflict in Ukraine and related uncertainty, and the ongoing ramifications of Covid restrictions in China.

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## NUTRIEN SGL TOTAL DISPERSAL SALE



Sale will commence on Auctions Plus

Thursday, Nov 10 at 9am and

conclude Sunday, Nov 13 at 3pm

A/c Phillip Island Free Range Eggs

Inspection by appointment

**Items include:** Chicken Trailer 1 - 9470 mm x 2670 mm - flat pack construction - 5 years old, 1000 litre water tank - rollaway nesting boxes and lights on automated timers - solar - 500 birds; Chicken Trailer 2 - 9470mm x 2670mm - fabricated construction - 4 years old, 700 litre water tank - Avio Ska rollaway nesting boxes and lights on automated timers - solar - 500 birds, Van available first week in December; Chicken Trailer 3 - 9470mm x 2670mm - fabricated construction - 3 years old, 700 litre water tank - Avio Ska rollaway nesting boxes and lights on automated timers - solar - 500 birds, Van available first week in December; Chicken Trailer 4 - 9470mm x 2670mm - fabricated construction - 2 years old, 700 litre water tank - Avio Ska rollaway nesting boxes and lights on automated timers - solar - 500 birds; Chicken Trailer 5 - 9070mm x 2670mm - fabricated construction - 1 year old, 700 litre water tank - Avio Ska rollaway nesting boxes and lights on automated timers - solar - 500 birds; 5 x 1 tonne Aussie Feeders with rain covers - on skids - 1.5 years old - 3.0 metres long; 5 x .5 tonne feeders with rain covers - on skids - 4 years old - 2.4 metres long; 1 x Transport trailer with winch for .5 tonne feeders; 1 x Commercial Grading room - portable - Health department approved - with Stainless steel benches and walls - HWS - Split System; 1 x Volkswagen Caddy delivery van - refrigerated - registered; 1 x Moba - Mobalette 3 - egg grading machine; 1 x Bambino Piccolo 6000 egg washing machine; 4 x folding egg crates - heavy duty - carries 8 egg trays; 4 x Large egg carry baskets - carries 16 trays; 290 Egg trays approx.; 8 x Portable Electric Fencing - 50 metre x 1.2metres - German Made - 15 months old; 6 x Norton gates - 1770mm x 1140 mm - 4 years old; Chicken Wire - 900mm high - 4 years old - various lengths; 28 pellet feeders - varying in age and quality; 1 x Agtor 7340 81hp tractor - running order but needs some work; 2 x James And Son - 2 tonne mobile feeders - good condition - been shedded; 1 x Durapoly round bale feeder; 1 x Massey Ferguson post hole auger - in working order; 1 x Pasture Discs - in working order; 1 x Grader blade - in working order; 1 x Feed out cart - Hulls Engineering - in working order; 1 x McCormick International B47 baler - Last used 2 years ago - been shedded; 1 x Fully dipped galvanised flat bed trailer - 5.5 metres x 2.44 metre tray - with Fishpipe rotating barrel ride - possibly only one in Australia - Google Fishpipe.

**Outside vendor:** Rotary Hoe CELLI 3 mt. Rotary Hoe, MOD. K305, Heavy Series, Antares 2 130 Tractor, Front Linkage, 40km Radspeed, 130hp, 4WD, 7134htrs, Lelly Haymower, 8 disc top drive, Spendimo 320T

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# Managing animals in wet conditions



Be vigilant as ongoing wet conditions raise concerns for livestock veterinarians.

ONGOING wet conditions can lead to a range of animal health concerns for livestock producers with veterinarians advising producers to be extra vigilant and monitor stock carefully.

The below are some diseases that can be seen more frequently in ongoing wet and cool conditions.

Where deaths, morbidity, acute or chronic ill-health or ill-thrift is occurring in a herd or flock there may be other causes and producers are encouraged to seek advice from their veterinarian.

### Barber's Pole

Barber's Pole is a blood sucking internal roundworm that can be fatal to sheep and goats.

Relatively mild and wet conditions over summer mean that:

- Significant numbers of worm eggs are hatching and becoming infective larvae (L3)
- That infective (L3) stage larvae could potentially survive on paddocks for several months.

Anaemia, lethargy, bottle jaw, decreased feed intake and weight loss are some of the typical signs in infected sheep and goats. Diarrhoea is not a sign of Barber's Pole. Production losses can be occurring before signs of illness are visible. Most vulnerable stock are weaners and lambing ewes.

### Foot abscesses and foot scald

Another serious disease in sheep is foot abscess. This causes severe lameness, impacting negatively on animal welfare and productivity. An abscess in the heel is a bacterial infection caused by organisms usually found in the gut and faeces. Sheep are vulnerable to heel abscess when grazing wet paddocks for extended periods of time.

The foot of the animal does not need to be injured for infection to occur; an abscess can result from the skin simply being wet for a long period.

Sheep with heel abscesses don't like to move around. Weight loss results, which is particularly risky for pregnant

and lactating ewes and their lambs. Rams may not mate effectively during joining and may have reduced fertility as a result of a heel abscess. Toe abscesses are caused by actual damage to the toe region of the hoof. These are more common in the front hooves of sheep.

Scald or interdigital dermatitis is another condition common in sheep exposed to lush wet green paddocks for extended periods of time. This is a mild infection of the skin between the hooves of sheep.

Accurate diagnosis of lameness problems in sheep is important. Footrot, another cause of lameness, is a notifiable disease under state legislation. Consult your veterinarian early to ensure the correct diagnosis.

### Scours

Yersiniosis, a bacterial disease of sheep and cattle is known to be a problem during prolonged wet conditions (particularly from autumn into winter). Outbreaks have been reported after heavy rainfall and flooding so this disease can be known as 'flood mud scours'.

Infected stock show signs of lethargy, inappetence, raised

body temperature, dehydration, and diarrhoea. When detected and correctly diagnosed early, infected animals should respond to antibiotics. Good nutrition, particularly during winter, has an important role in preventing this disease.

Coccidiosis in sheep, goats and cattle is caused by a microscopic parasitic protozoa. Infected calves can have severe, blood-stained diarrhoea which is why the disease is also known as black scours. Straining to defecate, soiling of the hind legs, lethargy, weakness, dehydration and anaemia are typical signs.

Sources of stress can be management related (weaning, transportation, over-crowding), nutritional, or weather related. Avoiding faecal contamination of feed and water sources by having raised and well drained trough areas is important to reduce exposure of vulnerable animals and reducing stocking rates can assist in prevention and control.

### Liver fluke

Liver fluke is a parasite that affects any species of livestock with a liver. It is a zoonotic disease which means people can be affected too. The lifecycle

of the parasite needs watery, marshy areas.

With the current wet conditions there will be no shortage of suitable habitats for the intermediate host; aquatic snails, in which the larvae develop, then transmit the larvae to pastures where animals are grazing, where after being ingested, the larvae then mature inside the liver where the damage occurs.

Liver fluke often goes undetected in herds and flocks causing production losses. However, the disease can develop from chronic, to sub-acute, then to acute fasciolosis.

Livestock owners should always be vigilant for any signs of ill-health or ill-thrift in their stock, and implement the appropriate response in a timely manner, which in some cases should (or must) include consulting your veterinarian and in more serious cases calling the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888.

For more information visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/emergency-animal-welfare/managing-animals-in-wet-conditions](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/emergency-animal-welfare/managing-animals-in-wet-conditions)

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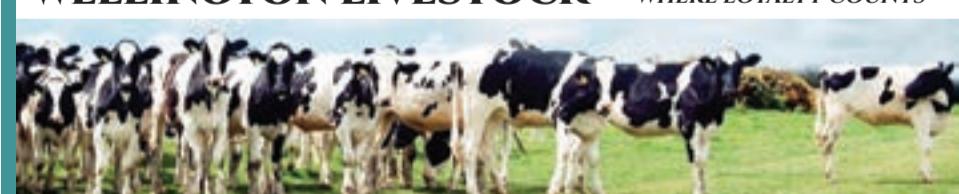
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Numerous organisations throughout Gippsland have joined an alliance calling for a ban on duck shooting. Photo: Anchor Lee on Unsplash

## Duck shoot ban gains Gippsland support

AN alliance of over 60 First Nations Clans, business, union, animal welfare and environment groups publicly calling for a bird shoot ban earlier this year, has gained momentum.

In a matter of months, the number of organisations signing up to the cause has skyrocketed to 91, including South Gippsland Conservation Society, Wildseed Nursery Gippsland, Venus Bay Eco Retreat and Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club.

A group letter was sent to the Premier and Ministers for Environment and Agriculture, copied to many MPs in September.

It referenced the Labor Party's 2019 vote to review its policy on recreational duck shooting, a pastime which is already banned in NSW, ACT, WA and QLD, citing reasons of animal welfare, biodiversity, safety and economics.

No response was received as of last week.

According to the release, in 2020, a government report showed duck shooters' spending had fallen 46% across the state

## Farming focus for candidate forum

FARMING and rural communities will have the opportunity to test the Candidates' standing at the Victorian election at upcoming forums to be hosted by the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF).

Candidates will be asked for their position on the key commitments sought by the VFF in our 'Fair Go for Regional Victoria' election Policy Statement launched in June.

**When:** Wednesday, November 9 – 7pm to 8:15pm. **Where:** Grantville Hall, 1470 Bass Hwy, Grantville. **RSVP:** Forums are free and open to everyone and there is no need to RSVP, just turn up.

The following candidates have been invited:

- Jordan Crugnale (Labor)
- Aaron Brown (Liberal)
- Brett Tessari (Nationals)
- Jeni Jobe (Independent)
- Elly Mouselis (Animal Justice)

## New fact sheets available

AFTER four years, the South Gippsland Landcare Network's Enhancing Soil Biology project has closed, however, individuals can still access the details through five new fact sheets and ten online videos, including topics of farmer case studies, soil biology, multispecies pastures, regenerative grazing management, and carbon trading.

The five new fact sheets cover details about the project and the results, actions to improve your soil biology, monitoring tools, multispecies pasture introduction and identification.

The new fact sheets and a link to the videos can be viewed at [sgln.net.au/2022/11/01/multispecies-pastures-and-soil-biology-new-fact-sheets-available](http://sgln.net.au/2022/11/01/multispecies-pastures-and-soil-biology-new-fact-sheets-available).

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**BEE,  
Joan Lillian:**

Beloved wife of David, sons Darren, Andrew, Jason, and stepdaughter Fiona.

Passed away peacefully at Wooyayl Lodge Leongatha on October 28, 2022.

Forever in our hearts and minds, rest in peace darling Joan.

**BEE (Nee Marke),  
Joan Lillian:**

22.01.1942 - 28.10.2022.

Passed away at Wooyayl Lodge Leongatha.

Loved sister of Bruce (dec.), Colleen, Cliff and Grizel (both dec.), Kevin (dec.). Peter and Helen, Roger and Margaret.

Loved by her many nieces and nephews.

Thanks to the wonderful staff at Wooyayl Lodge.

**BIGGS, Aileen:**

Dear friend of Ella. You will be sadly missed.

Sincere condolences to her family.

**"Friends forever".**

**CRITCHLOW,  
Geoff:**

Passed away peacefully 03.11.2022.

Loved husband of Rosalie, father of Jason, Daniel and family and brother of Steve.

Loved brother-in-law of Hugh, Sheryl, and family.

**DYKE, Graeme  
Leslie:**

25.07.1964 - 29.10.2022.

Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family, as he wished.

Much loved son-in-law of Peter and Lyn Brown, Korumburra.

Known to everyone as Dykey, Big Fella, and others, he will be very sadly missed by all who knew him.

**R.I.P. Dykey.**

**ELDRED, James  
Fabian (Jimbo):**

Dearly loved brother of Ross and Joan.

Much loved uncle of Lisa, Pete, Jason, Luke, Anja, and families.

10-4 Goodbye Buddy, Over and Out.

**FORRESTER,  
Dot:**

Loved long-time family friend of Alan and Judy (dec.) Hoy and their family.

**Rest in peace Dot,  
cherished memories.**

**GOSSWEILER  
(nee Francis), Gwen:**

14.06.1944 - 30.10.2022. Loving and much loved mother and grandmother.

**Forever in our hearts.**

-- Andrew, Leshelle, Rhylee, Kobi, Cooper, and Levi.

**McVICAR Ron:**

Loved son of May and Jim McVicar (Both dec.).

Loved brother of Lillian and Len Hawkins and family.



**PUGH, Gwyn:**

Dearest Daddy, Thank you for always being our biggest support, Dad.

You always put family first.

I love how much joy our kids brought you, and will miss seeing your face light up the room.

To say I miss you feels so inadequate, there will always be a great emptiness with your passing, Dad.

You meant the world to myself, John and our kids.

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We love you dad.

*'To the moon and back, and back, and back.'*

**Rest in Peace.**

From Gerard, Ashley, Gabrielle, and Maddelin.

Friends and family of Gwyn are welcome to attend his funeral on November 18, 2022, commencing at 2pm, at Handley & Anderson Funeral Services. Wake to follow at the Blues (Wonthaggi Power) rooms.

Please join us to celebrate the life of a legend.

**PUGH, Gwyn:**

Thank you Dad. For encouraging me to pursue art. For the inspiration you sparked in me as a child, and the words of advice you shared with me as an adult.

Thank you Dad. For inspiring me to protect the environment, and for teaching me to be gentle to all creatures.

Thank you Dad. For teaching me kindness, generosity, and compassion. For seeing the good in people, even when you didn't want to.

Thank you Dad. For teaching me how to be strong, and to fight for the good in the world; and though I am struggling to find strength in this time, I know you are with me.

Thank you Dad. I love you.

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Love always Ash, John, Ned, Cliff, and Alice.

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**PUGH, Gwyn:**

My precious Dad, my hero. The greatest Dad and Poppy ever. Taken away too soon. No words can convey how broken I am.

Thank you for everything Dad. Your unconditional love, your kindness your strength your everything.

**Forever in my heart.**

I love you Dad. Love Maddy X

**PUGH, Gwyn:**

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Remembering Gwyn as a kind, loyal, generous and fearless man.

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Gerard, Ashley, Gabrielle, Maddy, Ned, Cliff, and Alice.

A life to be celebrated.

Thank you for everything Gwyn, rest easy now.

-- Sharyn.

**PUGH, Gwyn:**

We extend our sympathy and love to our sister Sharyn and her kids, Gerard, Ashley, Gabrielle and Maddy. For the heart breaking passing of their dad, friend, champion, mentor, and mate Gwyn.

To know Gwyn was an honour and a privilege we now share and treasure our memories of times together.

He was our nuggety little brother-in-law and our gifted awesome uncle.

Thank you for being you Gwyn, now at peace.

-- Ian, Deb, Jodie, Luke, and Sara.

**PUGH, Gwyn:**

A Memorial Service to Celebrate the life of Mr. Graeme Leslie (Dykey) Dyke will be held at the M.D.U Football rooms, Hanley Street, Meenyan on **FRIDAY** November 11, 2022 commencing 11.00am.

Private Cremation.

**PUGH, Gwyn:**

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**TOMORROW**, Wednesday November 9, 2022, commencing at 11am.

**Handley**

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Drover (Red) (14):  
Loyal companion. Life  
Saver. Therapeutic  
support dog. Does not  
know he's a dog. Looks  
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doing dog things like  
shake hands and play  
dead. Stubborn and  
sarcastic and attached  
to Lauren at the hip.

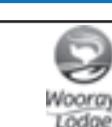
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### NOTICE

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# Sheep dogs impress all at Korumburra

THE pups were out in force over the weekend and Monday as the South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trials got underway at Korumburra Showgrounds.

Over 300 spectators watched on as parking filled around the grounds with 35 competitors, 130 runs and between 80-90 dogs showing off their impressive skills.

One of 15 trials across Victoria, coordinators were incredibly pleased with the results and shouted their praises for their sponsors from the roof tops.

"We have amazing local sponsorship that we are incredibly grateful for," Louise Rielly explained.

"We have been blown away with our sponsors and thank each of them."

"In addition to our incredible sponsors, Max Morrison of Thorpdale provided 350 sheep each day for the trials and Korumburra A&P Society ladies have done all the meals."

Celebrating 65 years of the Korumburra trials, Louise was also incredibly proud of the numerous volunteers and helpers who dedicate their time to pitching in and helping make the event a success.

"Colin, Heather and Irene have been helping time keep. Colin runs trials in Seymour and comes down to help us out."

"The Yardie's are there 7am to 8pm with our youngest Yardie 17-year-old Stirling. Daryl and Don McNaughton are handing

it down the line through Daryl's son Ricky and grandchildren.

"It's a close-knit family – very social."

"We also have amazing locals who jump in to help out, and visitors who come down in advance to help set up."

With 15 minutes to complete the course, the handler coordinates the dog to round up the sheep from the other side of the grounds before taking them back up the course and then through a series of obstacles including the gap, race, up the bridge and finally into the pen.

Working off a Supreme Course, Ed explained the format.

"The sheep must get into the pen with the pen closed to progress into the finals."

Whether a dog gives up or succeeds veteran Ned (a New Zealand Heading Dog) heads out and rounds the sheep back to the waiting yard for Ed and the Yard team.

And whilst most are veterans of the sport competing (and sometimes judging) in their 30 years plus participation, the sport is definitely open to new members, with many younger members and women recently joining.

Chris Davis of Wonthaggi is one such participant having taken part seriously since 2016.

"I have five working dogs and two retired dogs," Chris explained.

"Before taking it seriously I participated in about one trial a year."



Irene with Portia her two-year-old Border Collie who placed second in the Novice category. Portia has done incredibly well across her first three trials. C105\_4522



Coordinator Louise Rielly and Ricky McNaughton are all smiles after a successful three-day trial event. C108\_4522



Louise and Colin Rielly are incredibly proud of the team of volunteers and sponsors for this years event. C112\_4522

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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LANG LANG GAS PLANT South Gippsland Highway, Nyora

### Maintenance of Gas Pipeline November 2022

Beach Energy will be conducting routine maintenance and inspection activities of the raw gas pipeline at the Lang Lang Gas Plant from 16 November 2022 for approximately 21 days. This date has been brought forward from previous public notice due to operational requirements.

These maintenance safety works may require noticeable gas flaring for short periods of time. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has granted necessary approval for these activities, and Beach Energy also has necessary permits issued under the Country Fire Authorities Act 1958.

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Ned rounds the sheep into the yards after a run C106\_4522.

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Among those welcoming the \$2 million promise of funding for the Inverloch Boat Ramp and Carpark at the weekend were, from left, front, Reeve Weir, Cathal O'Flynn, Luciano Finsterer, Teerawhat Panyo, Sai Lar, Jordan Crugnale MP, Kate Ryan, Michael Hill, Ed Thexton, Ploen Panyo, above, Augustus Finsterer, Sam Thexton, Ocean and Peeraphan Panyo.

## Inverloch's boat ramp to get a \$2M revamp

INVERLOCH will get \$2 million spent on its busy boat ramp and carpark if a Labor Government is returned to office on Saturday, November 26.

The election promise, delivering better boating and fishing infrastructure throughout the Bass electorate, came at the weekend as families and recreation fishermen flocked to local facilities.

According to the statement on Saturday, Labor will invest \$16.7 million to rebuild

the Warneet South and North Jetties, as well as upgrading boating facilities in Lang Lang, Cowes, Tooradin and Inverloch.

Ms Crugnale is also delighted her own local boat ramp at Inverloch will be in for a boost as well as Stage 2 of the Cowes Jetty project.

The promised funding is as follows:

- \$1.8 million to upgrade the ramp and car park at Lang Lang
- \$2.6 million to upgrade

the ramp and car park at Tooradin

- \$2 million to upgrade the ramp and car park at Inverloch
- \$800,000 to be invested towards the Cowes Stage 2 Jetty expansion

Ms Crugnale said the Labor Government has already worked hard to deliver better fishing and boating facilities on waterways all over the state, investing more than \$130 million in improvements and upgrades.

### \$200k lure for Corinella boat facility

THE bid for boats continues with Labor announcing if re-elected they will provide \$200k for Corinella Boating and Angling Club towards new facilities.

Ms Crugnale made the announcement at the weekend, stating the funding for new facilities will help ensure members can continue to enjoy fishing competitions, social events and boating activities.

Few bites on offer from the jetty

Cameron Cato of Endeavour Hills took the opportunity to wet a line on the Corinella Jetty last Saturday, enjoying the clearing skies but not too many bites.



## 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 8

▲ 12.27am	1.47m
▼ 6.02am	0.70m
▲ 12.21pm	1.38m
▼ 6.27pm	0.36m

**WEDNESDAY**  
November 9

▲ 1.25am	1.58m
▼ 7.04am	0.68m
▲ 1.10pm	1.40m
▼ 7.13pm	0.28m

**THURSDAY**  
November 10

▲ 2.15am	1.67m
▼ 7.51am	0.66m
▲ 1.53pm	1.42m
▼ 7.54pm	0.23m

**FRIDAY**  
November 11

▲ 2.58am	1.72m
▼ 8.30am	0.64m
▲ 2.31pm	1.43m
▼ 8.32pm	0.21m

**SATURDAY**  
November 12

▲ 3.35am	1.73m
▼ 9.06am	0.62m
▲ 3.08pm	1.44m
▼ 9.10pm	0.22m

**SUNDAY**  
November 13

▲ 4.09am	1.71m
▼ 9.42am	0.62m
▲ 3.44pm	1.43m
▼ 9.46pm	0.25m

**MONDAY**  
November 14

▲ 4.40am	1.66m
▼ 10.16am	0.62m
▲ 4.18pm	1.41m
▼ 10.22pm	0.29m

## Around the Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

FINALLY the wind and rain gods have got together and taken a holiday to leave us with nothing but sunshine and light breezes.

Normally this time of the year the fishing is reasonably predictable and some very definite patterns. This year nothing whatsoever and trying to work out the fishing is like trying to work out the weather.

This spell of warmer weather will most definitely help, and we will start to see a lot more predictable reports coming in. That not to say we haven't seen some quality catches already and the reports are getting better.

As I mentioned the slow start has put the advantage back to the fish with conditions only allowing a fishing day every few days or so.

What this means is every time you head out, you are basically starting from the beginning to find them whereas when its fishable for a few days in a row you have a bit of a reference as to where the fish are/were.

Calamari and whiting have been the most consistent and the best of the reports for a month or so with a lot of it, due to the weather conditions making these spots the only ones to fish.

The jetties and beaches have also produced plenty of calamari and only in the last week or so are we getting reports of the very small ones.

From the beaches silver whiting is still the best and even in the boats it pays to have one out, as it seems to bring in other in that you can then throw an artificial jig at them.

There are two ways to fish for snapper, travel around using your sounder looking for them or pick a spot and wait.

The first way does require one skill and that's being able to read your sounder to identify the fish whereas the second way just needs the skill of reading depth and bottom on your sounder.

Berley is the other thing that will greatly improve your chances whichever way you chase your snapper.

Snapper reports are getting better but the

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Monthly Medal C Grade winner Grant Williams (middle) with Christie Nelson from Alex Scott, who sponsored the event and Roland Rees our Club's Men's Captain. Grant had a nett 69.

## JUNIORS

ROUND 5 saw the Sharks take on Sandhurst Golf Club at Korumburra Golf Club for the South Gippsland District Junior pennant.

The team made their final round very memorable, pulling off a 5.5 to 0.5 win over some extremely good junior golfers.

There were some very solid wins, some grinding wins and one halved match.

Handicap was on our side this week, with Sandhurst players having to give up between 13-18 shots.

Billie was playing a plus 2 marker and Max was playing a 1 marker.

Winners on the day:

- Billie Wrigley (Korumburra Golf Club)
- Max Scott (Leongatha Golf Club)
- Thomas Simon (Leongatha Golf Club) - halved match
- Lucas Saric (Phillip Island Golf Club)
- Max Bentley (Phillip Island Golf Club)
- Aaron Saric (Phillip Island Golf Club)

## KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's competition.

Tuesday, November 1  
Stableford (9 Players)

Winner: Peter Van Agtmael (17) 38 points.

NTPs: 1st Peter Draper, 10th Chris McConnell.

Saturday, October 29

Par (39 Players)

Sponsor: Alex Scott & Staff  
Monthly Medal & Scratch Winner: Steve Bromby 67 Nett and 70 Scratch.

A Grade: Steve Bromby (3) 67 Nett

B Grade: Ray Ludenia (14) 67 Nett

C Grade: Grant Williams (18) 69 Nett

NTPs: 1st Greg Wilson, 7th Roy Fleming, and 10th Darren Adams and 13th Roland Rees.

## Ladies

THERE was a small field on Wednesday due to the inclement weather.

Julie Hillberg (26) won with a nice 32 pts.

Well done to Aliesha Wrigley (27) who won the RB Stroke event on Saturday with 78 nett. Shelley Snooks (21) was runner-up, 79 nett.

BDTL went to Julie Hillberg (27), 82 nett, Merrissa Cosson (14), 84 nett and Deb Wrigley (29), 84 nett.

The Scratch score winner was Merrissa with 98.

Twilight golf is a very social event, beginning this Thursday, November 10, with starting times from 4.30pm to 6pm.

It is usually a nine-hole competition, although, seven holes might be played until daylight

extends later into the evening. BYO meal if you would like to stay on for dinner.

Those interested in playing can enter their names on the timesheet in the foyer.

Cost is \$15 per pair and newcomers and non-members are most welcome.

## LANG LANG

THE Cup Day Stableford competition saw a fairly large field brave the conditions on Tuesday.

The Division 1 winner was Dale Gude with 38 points, runner up Brendon Kearns with 37 points.

Division 2 winner was Jayden Deas with 39 points and runner up Lucas Ligt on 36 points.

Ball rundown to 34 points.

Nearest the pin:

5th Kevin Cresp

9th Tony Ambrus

12th Matthew Hogan

15th Simon Vigilante

Thursday's Stableford Competition attracted a smaller than usual crowd due to the ongoing rain forecast, but the bleak conditions didn't dampen the players enthusiasm.

The winner on the day was Bill Taberer (Bargara GC) with 37 points, and runner up went to Joe Kelly (Phillip Island GC). It's great to see so many players from other areas enjoying the course.

Saturday Stableford Competition:

Division 1:

Winner Michael Foote 41 points (countback)

Runner up Bradley Vigilante

Division 2:

Winner Steve Fuller 40 points (countback)

Runner up John Sood

Division 3:

Winner Matthew Goble 44 points

Runner up Paul Hardy 42 points

Ball rundown to 36 points.

## LEONGATHA

PAST-Treasurer Blitzes' Cup Day Field

Tuesday Cup Day Stableford November 1.

On Tuesday we had 36 members in our 18-hole Stableford event.

On a cold, wet and windy Melbourne Cup Day, well done to A Grade winner Past LGC Treasurer Richard Comerford who scored 40 Stableford points, hitting off a handicap of 8, with 3 birdies in his mid-70s round.

Richard was a clear winner on the day blitzing the field by 3 points.

Well done also to Past President Ken Smirk who came runner up in A Grade with 37 points, also scoring nearest the pin on the challenging 16th hole.

A-Grade Winner: Richard Comerford with 40 points

A-Grade Runners-up: Ken Smirk with 37 points



Wonthaggi's A Grade 4BBB Scratch winners were Anne Walker and Rebecca Thomas.



Wonthaggi mixed A Grade prize winners Andrew Hooten-Shandley, Marg Johnson, with runners-up Irene and John Walsh.

week Classic Golf Tournament.

We had visitors from over 19 clubs both local and statewide, including some who travelled from Townsville.

Results -Thursday Singles:

A Grade - Scratch L Theofanis (Mornington) 85, Scratch Runner Up T Fraser (Heritage) 87, Handicap Leesa Willmot (Wonthaggi) 73 net, Handicap Runner up Marg Johnson (Wonthaggi) 78 net.

B Grade -Scratch W Heisler (Toongabbie) 103 on c/b, Scratch Runner Up Yvonne Everitt (Wonthaggi) 103, Handicap R Pelzer (Centenary Park) 82 net on c/b, Handicap Runner Up Robyn Wilkinson (Wonthaggi) 82 net.

C Grade Winner K Philip (Mornington) 30 points, Second Marg Ryan (Wonthaggi) 26 points, Third Mary McCallister (Heritage) 25 points, 9 Holes in Wendy Cross (Wonthaggi) 15 points, 9 Holes Out P Laurie (Centenary Park) 13 points.

Friday 4BBB Scratch and Handicap

A Grade Scratch Anne Walker (Wonthaggi) and Rebecca Thomas (Leongatha) 79, Scratch Runner Up G Lawrence and L Theofanis (Mornington) 87, Handicap Leesa Willmot and Lisa Brusamarello (Wonthaggi) 39 points, Handicap Runner up on c/b Yvonne Everitt (Wonthaggi) and R Pelzer (Centenary Park) 35 points.

B Grade Scratch R Tell and A Coombs (Mornington) 96, Scratch Runner up H Ericson and M McCallister (Heritage) 100, Handicap Marg Ryan and Patsy Britt (Wonthaggi) 32 points, Handicap Runner Up N Alderson and J Quinn (Mornington) 30 points.

## WOORAYL

### Ladies

IT WAS four seasons in one day and more for the second round of the Championships and November Monthly Medal at Woorayl GC on Wednesday, November 2.

The winner of the Monthly Medal and A Grade was Elly Berryman with a score of 88-12-76.

In B Grade Anne Grist was the winner with 103-25-78, and Jo Fennell was the C Grade winner with 114-33-81.

Balls down the line went to Ann Poole 82 nett and Sharyn Rayson 84 nett with the best nine out was Inge Giliam.

Nearest the Pins were 8th Elly Berryman, 11th Kath Davis, 17th Jo Graeme.

Putting went to Anne Grist with a fabulous 25 putts.

Special Highlights were on the 9th a Gobbler to Jenny Riseley, 17th Gobbler Par to Anne Grist and a Gobbler Birdie to Elly Berryman.

This week is the final round of the Club Championships, Senior Lady, Dot Forrester 54 Hole event along with the Star Medalist Playoff.

## Ladies

THE forecast bad weather and heavy conditions reduced the size of the field, with only 21 women competing in the Monthly Medal and Star Medallist playoff.

Winner of A Grade was Trish



**Wonthaggi Bowls Club Turkey Triples winners John Duscher, Doug Archer and Martin Haniford.**

## INVERLOCH

THURSDAY Social Bowls saw 29 players attended who were split into teams of triples and fours.

Runners up for the day were Marg Griffin (skip), Pam Sutcliffe and Chris Nevill on 2 wins, 35 points and 20 shots up.

The eventual winners were Bill Selby (skip), Dianne Selby and Bob Plowright on 2 wins, 35 points and 25 shots up.

### Pennant:

Midweek had a break last week due to the Cup Day Holiday. Saturday Pennant, Division 1 Inverloch 59 defeated Wonthaggi 55. Division 2 Wonthaggi 77 defeated Inverloch 47. Division 3 Wonthaggi 77 defeated Inverloch 48. Division 4 Inverloch 72 defeated Wonthaggi 42.

## KORUMBURA

ANOTHER round of pennant has been played in midweek.

Both divisions travelled to Leongatha division one and were outclassed by their opponents.

Jo Lomagno went down 23 to 22 Katrina Evans went down 26 shots to 17.

While Judith Nicholl went down 31 shots to 14.

In division 3 it was a different story, with both rinks successful Cheryl Moore had a 25 to 17 shot win, while Jenny McVeigh got up 21 shots to 19.

On Saturday division 1 travelled to Toora.

Without luck Col Underwood went down 14 shots to 16.

Rob Cosson had 18 shots to 23 loss, while Keith March went down 15 shots to 22.

Division 2 hosted Fish Creek in a very tight and competitive game.

Les Eastman had a 2 shot victory getting up 22 shots to 20.

Rob Sund had a 14 shot all draw while Graeme Freestone went down 18 shots to 16 loss an overall draw.

Division 4 hosted Corinella and had a good win.

Jo Lomagno had a 30 to 12 win.

Peter Horsfield had a 27 shots to 14 win and Cheryl Moore went down 9 shots to 229, an overall 11 shot win well done to all teams.

## LEONGATHA

THE Melbourne Cup took precedence over the Midweek Competition on Tuesday.

Consequently bowling did not happen and the ladders did not change.

for November 9:

Due to the Clubrooms being booked for the Wake of Joan Bee on November 9, 2022, from 12pm the Board has requested Match Committee to move Social Bowls that day to commence at 9.30am.

The earlier time slot was suggested to ensure that Bowlers could bowl on that day as well as allowing any bowlers the opportunity to attend the service.

I believe the service will be held at Handley's Chapel on Anderson Street, Leongatha but I cannot confirm that at this stage.

## WONTHAGGI

THIS week we have seen a total contrast with the weather, starting on Wednesday for our Turkey Triples.

This month we had an award for the team that had a bad day.

This award was won by the team of Brian Henderson, Tony Perks and Errol McDonald from Tarwin.

They all received caps from our sponsors the Wonthaggi Club.

There were three four game winners with the unlucky team being Graham Turton, Paul Davis and Arthur Moule from Inverloch.

The runners up were a team from Phillip Island being Kevin Wagner, Graham Cornell and Daryl Major with a score of 4 wins 35 points and 28 shots up.

The winners were a team from Wonthaggi and Inverloch and were John Duscher, Doug Archer and Martin Hannaford with a score of 4 wins 35 points and 32 shots up.

The best game went to John Hutt, Arthur Newsome and Kevin Jones from Tarwin with a score of plus 27 shots.

Thursday saw a cool day for bowls but after a good roll up, lunch was held with an Oaks Day flavour.

Saturday Pennant saw Div 1 travel to Inverloch looking to get back on the winners list.

The final scores Wonthaggi 55 Inverloch 59.

Div 2 played host to Inverloch at Wonthaggi with the weather on the improve from early in the week.

At the end of the day, Wonthaggi had a very good win to cement their place on top of the ladder.

The final scores Wonthaggi 77 Inverloch 47.

Div 3, also at home, played host to Inverloch who were also looking to cement their place on top of the ladder.

The final scores Wonthaggi 77 Inverloch 48. Div 4 travelled to Inverloch and found the going a bit tough with the home team able to play their greens a little better. All three fought hard but went down on the day.

The final scores Wonthaggi 42 Inverloch 72.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1.00pm, Thursday social bowls at 10.00am, Friday Coaching at 10.00am and Saturday Pennant.

Still room on the list for our Christmas Lunch on December 4.

Don't forget on Saturday, November 19, the Vic Piasente Memorial Day will be held at the club in the format of a two bowl triples of four games over 12 ends. A sheet is in the clubhouse so put in a team and support the day.



**Surf Her Way Clinics are coming to Inverloch.** Photo: Liam Robertson / Surfing Victoria

## Surfing Victoria announce new Surf Her Way Surf Clinics

SURFING Victoria is excited to launch a new series of coaching clinics for women and girls taking place at beaches around the state this summer.

The Surf Her Way Surf Clinics supported by Rip Curl have been created to help women and girls who are beginner-intermediate surfers looking to improve and progress their surfing.

Surfing Victoria CEO Adam Robertson said he was stoked the Surf Her Way movement was evolving and excited for the many women and girls who will benefit from the sessions.

"It's amazing to be able to bring the Surf Her Way Clinics to life for this upcoming summer across the state," said Robertson.

"Having Rip Curl on board the program means each participant walks away with a prize pack and voucher as well as some handy surfing tips."

"Progression is so satisfying at all levels, especially in

a sport like surfing, and to be able to learn new skills in an inclusive, fun and friendly environment like these sessions, it's just so conducive to progression and enjoyment."

There will be more than 20 sessions taking place over the next six months across Victorian beaches including Torquay, Thirteenth Beach, Ocean Grove and Inverloch. And each participant receives a Surf Her Way surf guide and Rip Curl pack.

Girls and Women across the globe are dominating the line-up and the Surf Her Way program provides an opportunity for aspiring Victorian females to take part at a grass-roots level" said Shasta O'Loughlin, Environmental Social Governance Manager at Rip Curl.

"Rip Curl are stoked to be helping support more females to participate in surfing through this inclusive and supporting Surf Her Way program."

For more information, and to book your spot head to [surfherway.com.au](http://surfherway.com.au)

## Keep a close eye on your children around water

LIFE Saving Victoria (LSV) and Kidsafe Victoria are pleading with parents and caregivers to keep watch of their little ones around water, as statistics reveal children aged 0-4 are at high risk of drowning during November.

According to LSV's research, 11 children within this age group have drowned in November during the past 20 years, with particular risk identified around the home.

LSV manager research and evaluation Dr Hannah Calverley said any body of water, no matter how seemingly innocuous, must be treated as a potential drowning risk.

"We know children are curious, so it is absolutely vital they are actively supervised around water, and that access to things like dams, plugged baths or sinks, buckets of water, troughs

or even pet water bowls are restricted by a barrier at all times," Dr Calverley said.

"Parents and caregivers are busy, but you cannot afford even a moment's distraction around water when children are involved."

"Tragically, in 2021-22, five Victorian children aged 0-14 lost their lives to drowning. That's five families feeling the weight of this loss every day and every birthday, Christmas, and special occasion. It's every parent's nightmare."

Kidsafe Victoria general manager, Jason Chambers reminded caregivers that children under five must be within arm's reach of a supervising adult whenever they are in, on or around the water.

Tragically, 13 people have already drowned in Victoria since 1 July this year.



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## ALLAMBE MIRBOO & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

THE two games in Section 1 were one sided this week.

The closest set in the Inverloch v Leongatha North match was a tiebreaker in a mixed set.

Section 2 had some closer matches. Baromi won by 15 games with three tiebreakers – two going the way of Korumburra, but not enough to snatch the win.

Leongatha Gold and Outtrim's match only had the difference of one game.

Many sets cancelling each other out, making the day close.

This section's top three are very close in points, so it will be interesting to see how the season plays out.

**Section 1 results:** Inverloch 9.72 defeated Leongatha North 0.38, Westernport 9.72 defeated Koonwarra 0.31, Korumburra BYE

**Section 1 ladder:** Inverloch 39.5, Westernport 35, Korumburra 26, Leongatha North 19.5, Koonwarra 18.5

**Section 2 results:** Baromi 6.67 defeated Korumburra 3.52, Leongatha Gold 4.58 defeated Outtrim 5.57, Leongatha Green BYE

**Section 2 ladder:** Leongatha Gold 31, Baromi 30, Outtrim 29, Korumburra 23.5, Leongatha Green 23

## MIRBOO NORTH AND DISTRICT JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION

RESULTS and Ladders from Round 5

### A Grade results:

Baromi 4 sets and 30 games defeated Mardan 2 sets and 19 games.

Fish Creek 3 sets and 28 games defeated Leongatha Federer 3 sets and 23 games

Leongatha Nadal 6 sets and 37 games defeated Leongatha Kyrigos 0 sets and 14 games.

**A Grade Ladder:** Leongatha Nadal 24, Baromi 19, Leongatha Kyrigos 18.5, Fish Creek 16.5, Leongatha Federer 15, Mardan 12

**B Grade results:** Baromi 5 sets and 35 games defeated Leongatha 1 set and 21 games. Fish Creek 6 sets and 36 games defeated Mardan 0 sets and 6 games.

**B Grade Ladder:** Fish Creek 24, Baromi 21.5, Leongatha 13, Mardan 11.5

### C Grade results

Baromi 6 sets and 27 games defeated Leongatha Saville 2 sets and 12 games.

Fish Creek 5 sets and 26 games defeated Mardan 3 sets and 17 games.

Leongatha Swaitek 5 sets 26 games defeated Leongatha Tomijanovic 3 sets and 17 games.

**C Grade Ladder:** Leongatha Swaitek 35.5, Baromi 33.5, Fish Creek 19, Leongatha Saville 18.5, Leongatha Tomijanovic 15, Mardan 13.5

## 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 15): 1st on 172pts Just Bowl Already, 2nd on 165.5pts Pinnacles and 3rd on 158.5pts Storm.

Business Early (Week 4): 1st on 12pts Bettsys, 2nd on 12pts Balls Deep, 3rd on 10pts Old Timers and 4th on 8pts Happy Hour.

Business Late (Week 4): 1st on 11pts 3 Stooges, 2nd on 11pts S&R Clarke Auto, 3rd on 10pts Show us ya splits and 4th on 7pts Holy Splits.

Phantom (Week 8): 1st on 20pts Minnie, 2nd on 17pts PBA9X and 3rd on 15pts Mac 4.

This week's top scorers:

Men: Scott Lynch 225, Justin Porthouse 207 and Rob Wilkinson 200.

Woman: Lisa Walker 162, Tricia Niessink 163 and Katy Betts 158.

# Newman's combine as Rhys and Riley make their debut

By Aiden Box

YOUNG stars Rhys Newman and Riley Harris made their A grade debuts on the weekend for Inverloch in their match against OMK at Inverloch Recreation Reserve.

The talented pair have earned their selection after a sensational season last summer in the under 15s, taking the Stingrays to a Grand Final.

Inverloch captain coach David Newman spoke to the Sentinel-Times pre-match about what caught his eye when looking to select the two debutants.

"Riley is an exceptional batsman, he does it in juniors and even at representative level and Rhys is the same with bat and ball," he said.

Perhaps the most special element of the double debutant's selection was that Rhys will play his first A grade game alongside his dad.

The Newman's gave their thoughts on the special occasion.



Riley Harris and Rhys Newman before made their A grade debuts on Saturday for Inverloch. B13\_4522

"It's pretty special to play with your son, I'm looking forward to it, it's something you never think is going to happen but he's come along well enough for me to give him a chance," David said.

"Yeah, it's pretty good to get the opportunity and hopefully we can get the win," said Riley.

The two first gamers are no strangers to Saturday afternoon cricket having performed brilliantly for the Stingrays C

grade side last season.

Riley finished fourth in the batting rankings making 132 runs batting in the top order, he also kept wicket and took some great catches and stumpings, he also even played a number of B grade games.

Rhys finished second in the bowling with 11 wickets and was also amongst the best with the bat, a terrific achievement for the up-and-coming allrounder.

It is clear the two young

Stingrays have loads of talent, but coach Newman also had praise for their work ethic and enthusiasm.

"Both are very committed cricketers, so it was inevitable that it was going to happen in 12 months' time but obviously our unavailability's this week have landed them an early opportunity so I'm looking forward to seeing what they can do," he said.

The Stingrays fielded a young and exciting side for the matchup with the Diggers, as Rhys and Riley slotted in next to second gamer Harry Butcher who is also a member of Inverloch's under 17s side.

Rhys, Riley and the Stingrays fielded first in the match, bowling magnificently to dismiss OMK for 86, neither of the debutants were required with the ball, although they were sensational in the field, they may be called on this Saturday in the run chase, with their side needing a further 46 to win.

## Windy tales for Victorian State Warm-Up



Jen Crabbe took home the B Grade win at Wonthaggi's State Warm-Up competition.

THE Wonthaggi Clay Target Club's Pre-State Title Warm-Up Competition on Saturday, October 29 had a fantastic turn out with nine Squads and total of 47 Shooters from Frankston, Nepean, Woods Point, Melbourne, Mornington, Korumburra, Bairnsdale and Werribee.

Thankfully the rain held off but in typical Wonthaggi fashion, it was windy.

Overall winner was taken by Darrel Williams after a shoot off with 183/200.

AA Grade: 1st - Gavin Boyd 181/200.

A Grade: 1st - John Rowe 175/200.

B Grade: 1st - Jen Crabbe 136/165.

C Grade: 1st - Kevin Taylor after a shoot off 145/200.

Junior: 1st - Logan White 112/165.

Ladies: 1st - Liz Schroeter 131/165.

Veterans: 1st - David Kent 140/165.

Stuart Allen and Mel Chapman sponsored a new D Grade to encourage new shooters to the sport.

D Grade: 1st - Cindy Hyde 106/150.

Cake Shoot Winners were Alister Gammaldi and Stuart Allen.

We have to also say a huge thank you to Walter Furlan and Steven Fox for donating their ammunition as prizes for the D Grade winners.

Frank Bagnato, Jen Crabbe and Shayne Whelan also donated their ammunition to our Junior winner Logan White and thank you Glengarry Gun Shop D/L 902 852 60F for your continued support.

Wonthaggi Clay Target Club also made the decision to donate takings from our raffle to Melbourne Gun Club raising \$407.



Overall Victorian State Warm-Up winner: Darrel Williams

## Springboks sneak win in Wonthaggi Table Tennis grand final



Grand final teams at Wonthaggi Table Tennis: Runners up Charley Donohue, Paul McAsey, Brad Andrew (Meerkats) alongside winners, Dirk Holwerda, Callum Martin and Sean Michael (Springboks).

The schoolies programs have ended for the year. They have been great fun and we look forward to a continuation of those in 2023.

### Leongatha Table Tennis Results

LAST week the last home and away matches were played. A two-week finals series will follow with Fantales

v Chupa Chups and Polly Waffles v Jaffas playing this week for a spot in the grand final.

Presentation night will be held on November 8 at the RSL starting at 6.30pm, please let an organiser know if you are attending as we are required to provide numbers of guests.

Good luck to all the teams.

**A Grade**  
Snakes 8-24 def Chupa

Chups 3-12  
Fantales 9-29 def Frogs 2-9  
Jaffas 6-20 def Polly waffles 5-20

Bye: Fire Balls  
After round 13 top three standings: Fantales 18/78/238, Polly Waffles 16/70/246 and Jaffas 14/68/238.

Leading Players: Michael C 29, Case DeB 28 and Braden A 26.

**A Reserve**  
Thunderbirds 9-31 def EH Special 2-12  
Mitsy 7-23 def Lamborghini 4-13  
Nissan GTR 8-26 def Pacers 3-18  
After round 11 top three standings are:

Mitsy 18/76/231, Thunderbirds 14/58/207 and Nissan GTR 12/58/213.

Leading Players: Sven G 29, Ian R 25 and Trent B 25.



More residents would cycle if cycling infrastructure existed.

# More bums on bicycle seats needed in shires

BASS Coast and South Gippsland Shires have been proudly pushing the rail trails and bike paths across the region, but the reality of individuals jumping on their bike for daily commuting is less.

A quick search on Bass Coast Shire's Leisure and Recreation page highlights the Bass Coast Rail Trail and George Bass Coastal Walk.

Starting at the old Wonthaggi Railway Station in Murray Street, the Bass Coast Rail Trail runs to Woolamai Racecourse. It is also possible to connect at Anderson and head into Cowes.

There is just one dilemma, how do you get to these trails when the roads are 60km/h plus, incredibly unsafe for cyclists and push cyclists onto roads with large trucks, tankers and milkers?

In Australia, statistics show walking and cycling receive between 0.1 per cent and 2 per cent of transport budgets, yet it's estimated that every dollar invested in cycling infrastructure may reap up to five dollars' worth of benefits.

According to the 2021 ABS Census, the population of Wonthaggi is 8430 with a median age of 51 and participation in the labour force of 3244 people.

Of the same census, 1982 people drive to work, 129 walk, 36 cycle and seven travel by public transport.

The radius from the centre of town to the outskirts is approximately 2.52 kilometres, employing 4324 individuals.

Whilst not all residents work within the 2.52km radius, a fair percentage do. Removing those who require

vehicle access for work purposes – real estate, trade, etc. on assumption there is still a greater portion than 165 individuals who could ride or walk to work.

In 2019, Bass Coast Shire sought community feedback on the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan. Proposed within the plans was the inclusion of a dual lane protected bike path running the length of McBride Avenue. The proposal however, removed one side of existing angle parking and replaced it with parallel parking.

Of a short informal survey conducted by the Sentinel-Times in Wonthaggi, an overwhelming majority were for bike paths that they would then use to ride or scooter into work on. One individual noted their desire to leave the car at home and use an e-scooter (if legal)/e-bike, 'it's simply a bit too far to walk'.

From the southern side of Wonthaggi concerns stemmed less from traffic/safety, as opposed to those from the north precincts where the top reasons included nowhere to safely store bikes and individuals simply felt unsafe to ride on the roads – both the highways and main roads in town – particularly Bass Highway/White Road/McKenzie Street strip.

The main safety concerns were that individuals did not trust drivers, too many people are on their mobile phones and as such have higher chances of veering left than into oncoming traffic, there are no safe crossings and in winter the paths and roads lack lighting.

A large majority of those who lived in Inverloch said they would ride if there was a suitable bike path separate to the highway.

Of those surveyed, only one was against the implementation of bike lanes preferring the money be spent on teenagers and more pressing matters around town, and three individuals were against the proposed bike path on McBride Avenue but not against bike paths in general.

The 14-kilometre Wonthaggi to Inverloch Shared Pathway is scheduled to start in 2023 and be completed by 2025, and will provide greater recreation and commuter links.

And while this may free up a couple of parking spaces in Wonthaggi (and vice versa) it doesn't help those living within 3-kilometres of their work.

"If you have trails between towns, it brings in more tourists," a local cycling enthusiast, who wished to remain anonymous, said.

"It's one of the best returns for investment but it gets between 0.1 per cent and two per cent of road and transport funding.

"People say Amsterdam has always been like that, but it hasn't – they changed. You can find photos where the street was all cars and now it's people on bikes. People tend to embrace cycling more than in Australia."

"If you live in town and work in town, it makes sense."

Designated walking paths and separate cycling paths ensure individuals feel safer.

The Cycling Investment in Queensland report highlighted the health benefits far

outweigh other benefits calculated at 67 cents per kilometre ridden. With a cost ratio of \$1 the Cairns Northern Cycleway has a \$7.40 benefit.

"The health benefits, both mental and physical, have been proven for cycling and walking. It reduces traffic congestion and parking. One of the biggest problems, at the moment, is that there is no way to actually lock your bikes up if you come down the street."

"And a lot of people are discouraged by the lack of cycle paths or safe places to cycle to work around town."

Designing bicycle paths into growth areas and new developments, as well as maintaining shoulders where bicycle roads are meant to be is crucial.

"Between Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson, we need a better shoulder or designated bike path off the shoulder."

"In Australia people see driving as a right not a privilege – horses and bikes were on the roads before cars."

"If you have proper shoulder and they are clear you'll have less trouble with road rage against cyclists. We have very impatient drivers in Australia."

"I avoid the coast road (Cape Paterson/Inverloch) between the start of December through until mid-February – it's just too busy and too dangerous. Tourists are too busy trying to get their water views."

Other Bass Coast residents highlighted the importance of creating and ensuring safe bicycle paths to and from all schools enabling cycling to be the norm.

## Have a share in royalty racing!

EVERYDAY Australians can now be one step closer to Royalty, with MyRacehorse offering the opportunity to purchase micro-shares in a horse recently owned by the late Queen Elizabeth II and having forever etched his name in history being the first racehorse winner for King Charles III when saluting in the UK October 4.

For just \$250, racing fans can stake their claim to the crown and enjoy a slice of Royalty with the racehorse known as Just Fine.

Just Fine's Royal ties don't stop there; upon his arrival in Australia, he will be under the tutelage of Australia's Queen of Racing, Gai Waterhouse, in partnership with Adrian Bott at Royal Randwick.

And if that wasn't enough, Just Fine also has strong lineage to current Melbourne Cup favourite Deauville Legend, both sired by Champion Irish racehorse Sea The Stars.

Access to this Royal opportunity is available thanks to MyRacehorse, who offer elite horse ownership at an affordable price with no ongoing fees, with the \$250 securing a 0.02% stake in Just Fine.

MyRacehorse Ambassador, Jason Richardson, said: "It's not every day you get to say you own a horse whose last owner was a King! Her Majesty the Queen loved her horses and to be able to race a horse formerly from her stable is a real privilege. We can't wait to see Just Fine get to the races in Australia."

### Just Fine summary

Four Year Old Gelding  
Former Owner: King Charles III  
3 wins | 3 placings | 14 starts  
MyRacehorse information: \$250 cost for a 0.02% share

For further information visit [www.myracehorse.com](http://www.myracehorse.com)

## Longboard Titles announced as pathway to Bells Beach Classic

SURFING VICTORIA is excited to announce the 2023 Victorian Longboard Titles event dates with the addition of the 2-event series becoming the pathway for Victorians to gain a wildcard into the Bells Beach Longboard Classic World Longboard Tour event.

The Bells Beach Longboard Classic is set for August 30 to September 2, 2023 and will see 48 of the world's best Longboarders do battle including two local and two national wildcards. The event is one of four events on the World Longboard Tour in 2023.

Victorian Wildcards will be allocated to the Men's and Women's State Longboard Champions at the conclusion of the Victorian Longboard Titles giving them a shot against the world's best longboarders.

Round 1 of the Victorian Longboard Titles will be held at Phillip Island on February 18 and 19 before concluding at Point Impossible on the Surf Coast on April 29 and 30.

Entries for the Victorian Longboard Titles are now open via [surfingvic.com](http://surfingvic.com)



Young Stingray Holly Williams holds up the ball to celebrate her hat trick.

## Holly Hat-Trick!

By Aiden Box

INVERLOCH Cricket Club has a new bowling sensation who provided a performance for the history books on the weekend.

Holly Williams pulled off a very rare cricketing feat in the Stingrays' big win over MDU in the under 15s on Saturday.

Chasing 106 for victory the young Demons couldn't believe what had hit them when Holly went wicket, wicket, wicket, that's right a hat trick!

What is even more impressive is each of her three consecutive wickets were clean bowled!

And she was barely centimetres off a fourth in a row.

The talented Stingray has really found her groove out in the middle of late, training with Gippsland Pride and earning selection in the squad for the upcoming tournament this summer.

Thanks to Holly's heroics and an excellent all-round team performance, Inverloch was able to win the match comfortably, to the tune of 72-runs, Holly also made 5 not out earlier in the day and finished with 3/1 from her two overs with the ball, an incredible game!

She'll hope to work more of her magic this weekend when the Stingrays host Phillip Island at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve.

## Korumburra-Bena looking for Giant recharge

By Aiden Box

AFTER exploring their options and applying to join the Ellinbank District Football Netball League, the Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club were rejected.

Following a meeting last Wednesday night, the Giants have decided to go ahead and continue in the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition next year.

Club members and passionate stakeholders are confident the club can, and is, moving in a positive direction with a newfound urge to reinvigorate their beloved Giants.

They have already made some positive moves resigning young local guns Bailey Patterson, Jay Walker and Joel Cuman as well as head coach Leigh Cole.

Another huge advertisement for the club is the resigning of 2022 star recruit Paul Fermanis for the 2023 season.

The club hasn't had the most successful past couple of seasons, and this has drawn people away, however, it must be said that isn't a strong excuse.

Korumburra-Bena possesses all the pieces needed for success including a full quota of teams both on the netball courts and the footy field, as well as an amazing and respected community, with countless great Giants lifers.

They are only steps away from the senior success injuries and lack of local commitment robbed them off this year.

With a preseason under their belt and greater community involvement both on and off the field, the Giants will be a terrific chance of moving themselves up the ladders next year in the WGFNC.

They held their AGM last night where the committee was reviewed and elected for 2023; more to come next week.



Julia Algie gets Inverloch off to a blinder with a fantastic caught and bowled wicket. B14\_4522



Liza Burrows blasts the ball away for another four in her match-winning innings of 23. B13\_4522

# Women's Cricket launches

LAST weekend the inaugural Leongatha District Cricket Association women's competition kicked off with four matches in round 1.

Some terrific cricket was played across the competition in the beautiful sunshine on the weekend with all players loving every minute.

Each batting pair gets to face four overs before retiring and each bowler gets two overs in what are quick T20 matches.

The next matches will be played on Sunday, November 20.

### Invy' starts with a win

Inverloch v Foster Black: It was a perfect afternoon for cricket at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve and the visiting Foster side won the toss and sent the 'Stingettes' in to bat.

The hosts were on the ball from the outset with Charley Donohue finding the boundary on her way to a well-made 9.

All the 'Stingettes' were able to get off the mark and make some valuable runs on their way to an awesome first

innings total of 124 highlighted by Liza Burrows' 23 which included three fours!

In reply, the hosts were just as dominant, starting out with a classy caught and bowled from Julia Algie who bowled well in her opening spell and Keely Dennerley kept the pressure on with an excellent spell taking 2/5 herself.

Inverloch ran out winners on the day by 77-runs, they'll face Koonwarra L/RSL in their next match at home in round two.

As for Foster Black, they'll face off with Foster Yellow.

### Nyora edges Killy-Bass Blue in a close one

Nyora v Kilcunda-Bass Blue: Nyora welcomed the Kilcunda-Bass Blue girls down the road to Nyora Recreation Reserve where the hosts won the toss and chose to field first.

In a tightly contested match, both sides played some superb cricket but in the first innings it was Killy-Bass reaching 99 with the bat, highlighted by Melody Stone's 19, which included

two fours!

Jazmyn De Jong and Teisha Howarth were the pick of the bowlers for Nyora, each taking a wicket and allowing just three runs.

In the chase, the hosts top order was unreal, led by Krystin Wurzbacher at number four who belted five fours on her way to a stunning 25.

The work of the top order was backed up by the final partnership between Howarth and her captain Kristy Uren who made 12 and nine respectively, seeing Nyora past the Sharks total, and to a 7-wicket win.

Nyora's next match will come against Longwarry at home in round two, while Kilcunda-Bass Blue will face fellow Sharks Kilcunda-Bass White.

### Koony starts off in style

Foster Yellow v Koonwarra L/RSL: Koonwarra travelled down to the Foster Golf Club to face off with Foster Yellow who won the toss and chose to bat first.

All the Tigers girls were able to get some runs to their name although weren't

able to do great damage on the scoreboard, finishing up their innings with 49 runs.

Jess Thorne was a standout for the hosts, finding her way to 10 including dispatching the ball to the boundary for four.

Gracie Sanders was the best with the ball for Koony'.

In reply, the visitors got past the Tigers' total with ease, led by the opening partnership of Kathy Zacharopoulos with 25 (including five fours) and Kylie Collins with 16 (hitting two fours herself).

Denise Sanders kept their run going, whacking two fours on her way to 17.

Koonwarra L/RSL ended up finishing with a great total of 128 without losing a wicket, winning the match by 10-wickets.

They'll face off with Inverloch in round two, while Foster will face their fellow Tigers in Foster Black.

### Kilcunda-Bass White v Longwarry

Unfortunately, the result and stats from this match were not provided.

## Women get active with Strong Sisters Sportsfest



Ladies take part in a yoga session at the 'Strong Sisters Sportsfest'. A45\_4522

ENCOURAGING women and girls to get physically active was on Saturday's agenda in Inverloch, with GippsSport running the 'Strong Sisters Sportsfest'.

As well as the chance to try out activities such as yoga at The Glade, there was the opportunity to go windsurfing, paddleboarding, skateboarding, and play netball and basketball, amongst other sports.

Local Cazz McCaughan brought son Taj and daughter Harper along.

"It was a chance to try some different activities, such as windsurfing this morning and soccer, things we're not already participating in," Cazz said.

Inverloch Stars soccer club provided a welcoming presence at the event, encouraging women to come and try its new 'Go Soccer Mums' program, commencing soon.

"It's great fun and a good way to regain fitness, particularly after having kids,"

Inverloch Stars secretary Michelle Isles said.

That applies equally whether joining the new program or playing matches for the Stars.

The club offers a judgement-free, casual environment, with women and girls

of all ages encouraged to play there, and with its participants currently ranging from 15 to 55 years of age.

All levels of players from beginners to veterans are welcome, and you won't cop a blast if you make a mistake, even if it's a foul throw.

Swell Mamas was also on hand at The Glade, letting women know they can join others to try out surfing on Friday mornings at Inverloch Beach.

Mums are encouraged to bring their kids, with shared childminding giving all the ladies a chance to spend some of their time in the water.

The group is a social one, often meeting for a coffee first.

When conditions are not suited to surfing, they may bring out the stand up paddleboards.

Ladies don't need their own equipment, with wetsuits and boards available to borrow, and there is no charge other than a requirement to join Surfing Victoria to ensure participants are insured.

Swell Mamas provides a report on the conditions and applicable arrangements each Friday on its Facebook page.

# Three-way tussle for superbike supremacy at Island

By Peter Cleeland

THE excitement and thrills of high-speed motorcycle racing continue with the last round of the World Superbikes Championship at Phillip Island from November 18-20.

With a stunning round of MotoGP just completed what can the Island turn on for the World Superbike fans.

Largely, the 2022 World Superbike season has revolved around three outstanding riders, riding three different types of machines fighting for the World Championship.

Current world champion Toprak Ratzgatlioglu (Yamaha) has emerged as the only real challenger to the dominance shown by Spanish rider Alvaro Bautista (Ducati).

The Spaniard currently has all but wrapped up the championship establishing an 82-point lead over Ratzgatlioglu with only 62 points available in round 11 to be held in Indonesia and the same amount available for the Island round.

The third member of the trio is six-time World Superbike champion Jonathan Rea (Kawasaki), who currently sits 16 points adrift of Ratzgatlioglu in third place.

To further underline the complete dominance these three riders have had fourth place man Michael Ruben Rinaldi (Ducati) sits 149 points in arrears.

So mathematically any of the leading three riders can still win the championship, if Alvaro Bautista is unable to score points or does not finish in a couple of the remaining six races.

Traditionally, Alvaro Bautista with the superior straight line of the Ducati has dictated terms at previous Island meetings winning races by considerable margins.

Bautista's advantage in speed has caused Toprak Ratzgatlioglu and Jonathan Rea to ride "out of their skins", in an attempt to remain competitive in the hunt for the title.

A very close source to Jonathan Rea told me, "that he was



Alvaro Bautista leads through turn 11 on the way to victory in 2019. Photos: Peter Cleeland

worried for the riders' safety as Jonathan had been riding at 110% of his ability taking considerable risks to stay in touch." Rea, the determined Northern Irish rider more than anyone has continually demonstrated his frustration at riding a barely competitive bike in the Kawasaki.

The World Superbike meeting is scheduled to have practice on Friday and Saturday with race one also on the Saturday.

The second race, Superpole, which is a shortened 10 lap sprint and a full length third race are set down for the Sunday.

Supporting the main event are the World Super Sports (machines powered by 400-750cc engines) and the World Super Sports 300 (for machines powered by 250-400cc engines).

Australian rider, Oliver "Oli" Bayliss riding a Ducati is currently placed 16th in the World Super Sports Championship in his first year of competition.

For Bayliss his time in this class has been all about building his knowledge and experience riding in different conditions on a variety of tracks previously foreign to him.

While good results have been tough to achieve, Oli has broken into the top ten once and the signs of his improvement have been heartening.

On his home track Oli will be looking to use his local knowledge to climb up the order.

Race fans will also relish the opportunity to witness the highly entertaining Australian Superbikes, Australian Supersport, Australian Supersport 300 classes which will add to the flavour of what promises to be a scintillating weekend of action.

The World Superbikes will be back at the Island circuit again in February 2023, for the first round of the new championship season.

The last round of 2022 will also act as an important stepping stone for teams to develop their machines.

## Tribute to Australian Superbike Legend

The name Bayliss is synonymous with Australian motorcycle racing for over 50 years.

Ducati Motorcycle Company based in Bologna, in Italy formed a special relationship when it engaged Troy Bayliss to ride for the manufacturer in 2001 in the World Superbike Championship.

It is now history that Bayliss went onto win three World Superbike championships (2001, 2006 and 2008) with Ducati.

he also became the only rider to step off a winning World Superbike one week onto a MotoGP bike the next and win the last round of the 2006 MotoGP season at Valencia.

The Bayliss dynasty in motorcycle racing lives on in Troy's son, Oliver or "Oli" who currently rides for the factory Ducati team in the World Superbikes Championship.

This is the first year that Ducati have re-entered the Supersport class, and it goes without saying the company see the same qualities in Oli that they saw in Troy.

Oli has been making considerable improvement over his first season in the Supersport Championship claiming an eighth position as his best performance to date.

So, Troy Bayliss has been held in very high regard by the Bologna based manufacturer to the point where they in 2021 released a 955 V2 Panigale Limited Edition motorcycle in his honour.

The motorcycle itself features green, white and Ducati red livery with Bayliss' number 21 emblazoned on either side and at the front of the machine.

A distinctive attribute of the bike is a personalised Troy Bayliss signature situated on the fuel tank above the filler cap.

To acquire a piece of World Superbike folklore clients had to approach dealerships and pre-order the machine some 12 months prior to delivery.

Only 800 of the Bayliss limited editions were made to be released worldwide.

Australian clients ordered 204 through Ducati Australia which happened to be the most sent to any one country, such is the popularity of Troy Bayliss and Ducati.

No doubt these machines will appreciate in value in the future.



Asnor Hashim and Mohd Hasnan from Melbourne complete the long course. A40\_4522

## Cycling fun for a cause on the Bass Coast

RIDERS enjoyed the spectacular scenery on offer while slugging it out in the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge (BCCC) on Saturday, starting and finishing in Inverloch.

They had a choice of distance, ranging from 40 kilometres up to 121 kilometres.

The event is not a race, but rather a celebration of safe cycling in a friendly supportive environment, raising money to educate young people in road safety.

BCCC began in 2011, established by Gavin Slavin who is the ride director.

"The reason I started it is because one of our friends died in a traffic accident and I thought I'd raise funds for a driver education program called RYDA, which is Rotary Youth Driver Awareness," Gavin said.

Money raised through the BCCC is distributed over the full year of the driver education program, which currently runs in eight secondary schools in South Gippsland and other parts of Gippsland.

"We've put about 3,000 kids through the program," Gavin said, adding that the intention is to increase its reach to new locations such as Sale.

One of four BCCC ambassadors, Terry Shannon, said he demonstrates that anyone can succeed in the event, after completing his 40 kilometre ride.

"I'm in my eighties and I've had a heart attack and riding makes me happy and keeps me fit," Terry said.

Being likely the only participant with panniers on his bike, he enjoyed the good-natured barbs of other riders.

"Have you got your stove and thermos in there?" he was asked.

Inverloch's Angus Hume has been part of the Challenge from the outset, loving the fun of the event and the support and encouragement riders offer each other.

Health challenges prompted a switch to three wheels, with Angus enjoying the ride and finishing with a smile.

However, he said it was tough going from Kongwak to Gows Corner, describing that section as "a bit of a drag".

He was pleased to complete the course.

"It was harder than I thought after an intensive training regime of one week," Angus said with a flourish of humour.

## Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

PLEASANT conditions greeted 20 participants for the 117th running of Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun.

Steve Quirk the events age grade record holder and M60 age record holder comfortably won this morning's event in just (10 seconds) over 20mins.

While his wife Carmel and current W60 age record holder was first in the women this morning.

While at the other end of the event the field was wrapped up in a speedy 49 mins with Allison and Richard Jones looking after the back.

Massive thanks to our official parkwalker volunteer, Liz Radcliffe who has now volunteered 50 times at parkrun.

This week 20 people ran, jogged and walked the course, of whom three were first timers and three recorded new Personal Bests. Representatives of seven different clubs took part.

The event was made possible by eight volunteers.

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## Torquay boardriders dominate at Phillip Island

TORQUAY Boardriders Club progressed through to the National Final of the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle (ABB) at Phillip Island over the weekend.

They put the rest of the finalists in a combination situation to claim the win at the Victorian qualifier.

Now in its 10th season, the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle is the country's biggest grassroots boardriders event, involving more than 60 of Australia's best clubs, and boasting over \$120,000 in prize money.

Conditions aligned at Woolamai Surf Beach, as competitors had sunny blue skies paired with clean 3 - 4 foot faces, allowing for searing carves to be displayed throughout the day.

With the classic Woolamai rip bowl conditions on offer, every team was able to put their best surfing on the line as they went for the victory.

The defending champions, Phillip Island Boardriders Club, started the day strong with a 39.30-point heat total in the first round with power surfer Harry De Roth (Phillip Island) scoring a solid 8-point ride (out of a possible 10) through a huge backhand snap.

This year's Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle Qualifier event also saw the Hyundai and Surfing Australia 'She's Electric' national women's leaderboard come into play.

This sees every female's average wave score from each qualifying round go up against each other with the top 5 at the end of the series heading to an all-expenses paid HPC camp.

Once the semi-finals were complete the final was set with Peninsula, Torquay, Phillip Island and 13th Beach ready to battle it out for the two spots in the national final.

After looking strong all day Torquay Boardriders Club came out on top to take home the \$2,000 in prize money and a guaranteed spot into the ABB National Final, scheduled to take place in 2023.

Finishing in second place and claiming the second spot in the National Final was Phillip Island on 24.73 points, ahead of the third-place team Peninsula on 18.10 points, 13th Beach finished in fourth place with 18.07 points.

The National Final is scheduled to take place on February 4 - 5, 2023 and will be broadcast via [www.australianboardridersbattle.com](http://www.australianboardridersbattle.com)

Full results can be found online via <https://surfingvic.com/live/>

## Proud to support mental health

THE Poowong Loch Cricket Club might be in recess, but they are keen to participate in Bat Bowl Catch and Care.

The "ghosts" of Poowong Loch C.C. will play a social match against the "Cougars" from Koony RSL, to encourage open discussion on men's mental health and anxiety.

The match is at Koonwarra on Sunday, November 20.

Expect something 'supernatural' from the Poowong Loch and Koony cricketers.



Bells Beach's Tully Wylie and Nyxie Ryan from Lennox Head NSW claimed wins in pumping Cape Woolamai in the WSL Phillip Island Pro QS1000 event presented by Bass Coast Shire Council on Saturday, November 5.



Phillip Island local, Rylee Duell placed second in the Victorian Indigenous Invitational. Pictured from left, Anthony Hume (Torquay) 3rd, Rylee Duell (Phillip Island) 2nd, Tyler Duell (Phillip Island) 4th and Steffan Krasna (Melbourne) 1st. Images courtesy of Liam Robertson Surfing Victoria.

## Woolamai waves arrive for Island Pro finals

### From page 64

"There was a lot of paddling out there today, but it's what we train for and I felt really comfortable in the water."

Competitors will now head to Taiwan for the Taiwan Open of Surfing which starts on November 13.

"It's a real confidence boost for me going into the Taiwan event next week. I try and use these events as a learning experience which I think I did this week."

On the Women's side of the draw, it was Nyxie Ryan of Lennox Head who dominated the

final day looking right at home in the thumping swell.

Ryan finished with a heat total of 15.00 to give her the win over Zahlia Short (Woolongong, NSW) who finished on a heat total of 2.55 points.

"I'm super stoked to take the win here at Phillip Island. We had such good waves!" said Ryan

"I had a couple of wins earlier in the year but it's great to get another win ahead of the bigger events early next year."

"When I arrived, the surf looked so big. But when I was out there it felt like the waves just kept coming to me which

allowed me to get a couple of good scores, so I'm stoked."

With the win, Ryan shifts into number 6 on the Australia/Oceania Qualifying Series.

Wylie also made a large leap, now sitting in 15th position.

The finals day also saw the Victorian Indigenous Invitational completed, with the top Victorian Indigenous surfers battling it out in the pumping waves.

Steffan Krasna (Melbourne) came out on top finding a long running right hander. Finishing in second place was up and coming surfer Rylee Duell (Phillip Island).

Anthony Hume (Torquay), Deegan Searle (Mornington Peninsula) and Tyler Duell (Phillip Island) finished in third, fourth and fifth respectively.

The surfing concludes on Sunday, November 6 with the running of the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle.

Full results can be found at [www.worldsurfleague.com](http://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.

## LDCA junior representative cricket begins this weekend

LEONGATHA and District Cricket Association (LDCA) junior representative cricket gets under way this weekend with our U15 and U13 Teams playing Sale/Maffra.

This seasons U15 Country Week is being played as a Sunday Competition, rather than the usual weeklong carnival, five home and away games culminating in the final on Sunday, February 5, will be a great chance for the boys to test themselves against

the best kids in Gippsland.

The U15 Team have been training hard with the all the boys participating in a junior development training program over winter.

Squad: Captain Andot Mankong - Wonthaggi Club, VC Heath Womersley - Phillip Island, Rhys Newman - Inverloch, Riley Harris - Inverloch, Roy Checkley - Korumburra, Clayton Quaife - OMK - Town, Kade Berryman - Nerrena, Klayton McGrath - Imperials, George McCausland

- Phillip Island, Archie Casey - Imperials, Isaac Bolge - Imperials, Archie Gannon - Nerrena, Fletcher McLennan - Town, Bryce Ridell - Korumburra, Coach Scott Checkley, Manager David Harris.

The U13 team will compete in the GCL Development League with five home and away games culminating in a final on Sunday, January 29.

Try outs were recently held and the squad is as follows:

Captain Cooper Newman -

Inverloch, VC Eamon Berryman - Nerrena, Ty Debono - Inverloch, Hudson Guymer - Nerrena, Jobe Williams - Phillip Island, Jackson Allan - Phillip Island, Archie Williams - Phillip Island, Brydon Marshall - Phillip Island, Evan Belvedere - Korumburra, Jonah Foster - Korumburra, George Edwards - Korumburra, Louis Read - KLRSL, Max Johnston - Foster, Cole Munday - MDU, Coach Brett Debono, Manager Tarryn Allan.

## COVID takes back seat but weather continues to disrupt

### By Andrew Paloczi

LEONGATHA and District Cricket Association (LDCA) officials and clubs have been repeatedly challenged by the wet start to the season, which has enabled little onfield action to take place.

"It's been testing trying to make decisions," Association president John Schelling said.

"We cancel C Grade early to allow enough grounds to be available, and then hang on and hope."

Unfortunately, those hopes have been completely dashed on a couple of occasions, with two of the opening four rounds completely obliterated.

Schelling praised the efforts of LDCA secretary Ken Scrimshaw who has been busy rejigging the fixture each week to try to make play possible, at least for the upper grades.

Scrimshaw no sooner comes up with a viable fixture, based on grounds that are in playable condition, when further rain wipes out too many venues to enable play.



After two weekends without cricket the LDCA finally saw some A Grade action last Saturday.

After last season was put on hold until November, for COVID reasons, the 2022/23 campaign got underway on October 8.

However, C Grade players have been starved of action, those in B Grade have managed just one game in the opening four rounds, and A Grade cricketers have got on the park just a couple of times.

The president can't recall such a weather-disrupted start to a

season and is concerned about possible longer-term ramifications.

"The thing I fear is that people get used to doing something else with their weekends," Schelling said.

That follows the challenges COVID has presented for sports organisations, as they strive to encourage people to return after being forced out of action for a

sustained period.

Most of the South Gippsland region has fared well compared to much of Victoria, escaping the extensive flooding problems that hit the north and central parts of the State and Melbourne suburbs, but persistent rain has rendered many cricket grounds unplayable.

While turf pitches have been prepared, they need the opportunity to dry out, Schelling said.

He noted the surrounds have been the bigger concern, given pitches can be covered.

The lack of action for young players is particularly disappointing for the Association and its clubs.

"We haven't had a start to junior cricket yet, which is a bit distressing because all they want to do is play," Schelling said.

He reflected on the weather challenges on Melbourne Cup Day, adopting a positive outlook despite rain continuing to fall.

"Hopefully, this weekend we'll start getting into two-day games," Schelling said.



David Eustace, Mark Zahra and Ciaron Maher pose with the Melbourne Cup after Gold Trip took victory in race seven, the Lexus Melbourne Cup at Flemington Racecourse last week. Photo: AAP Image/James Ross

## 'The absolute pinnacle': Gold Trip's trainer and jockey revel in Melbourne Cup glory

MELBOURNE Cup-winning trainer David Eustace has reached the pinnacle of Australian racing.

The British expat and his co-trainer Ciaron Maher prepared Gold Trip to win this year's edition of the race that stops the nation at Flemington on Tuesday.

The former French galloper was purchased by Australian Bloodstock to run down under, first hitting an Aussie track in Sydney in July before heading to Melbourne for his preparation which would include a close second in the Caulfield Cup and an unlucky run in the Cox Plate.

On Tuesday, Gold Trip took out the great two-mile handicap under jockey Mark Zahra, and to Eustace, it felt like a piece of unfinished business had been ticked off.

"It's the race that everyone wants to win here in Australia," Eustace said on SEN's Sportsday.

By Andrew Slevison

"It's the absolute pinnacle and it's what you dream of doing, so to do it with some fantastic owners and for Mark, who is a friend and a top-class jockey, and still had the Melbourne Cup missing from the big races he had won."

"It felt like we were completing something for a lot of different reasons."

Eustace admitted there was a shaky moment when Emissary and Pat Moloney came sharply at Gold Trip before the six-year-old knuckled down to score by two lengths.

"I saw him at the top of the straight and Mark was travelling well," he added.

"He went to go and win the race and to be honest, we were roaring him home but thought he was going to get beat, but he kicked again and when he did, that's when we all went up."

"Moments like that is what you dream of."

Zahra was aboard Gold Trip when he was nabbed by Durston right on the wire in the Caulfield Cup in mid-October.

This time he didn't let his mind drift to victory until the job was done.

"Probably not until I went across the line to be honest," said Zahra when asked when he knew he'd won it.

"I thought I had it won in the Caulfield Cup and I got snipped late by another runner. I was quite confident a long way out because he travelled and I didn't want to produce him too early, but at the same I didn't want to disappoint when he was ready to go."

"When I wheeled him out at the 400m and gave him a kick in the guts and said, 'Let's go, boy', geez, he found a lot and I thought it was going to take something pretty special to run me down from here."

The gun hoop said the closing stages of the race felt like an eternity as he shifted the whip into this left hand to straighten Gold Trip up.

"That last 100 metres felt like it went for about 10 minutes," he added.

"I was like, 'C'mon, where is this post?'. He went to lay in, the last thing I wanted him to do was to lay back down into the inferior going, so I switched it to the left and gave him one and he just gave me the length that I needed."

"I could see a little horse's head out the corner of my eye and then that disappeared and I thought, 'Surely this is our time today'."

Gold Trip lobbed at \$21 on the official starting prices, beating the Mike Moroney-trained Emissary with Maher and Eustace's mare High Emocean running on nicely for third.

Hot favourite Deauville Legend ran fourth.

How Collingwood recruit Mitchell could be 'massive' for star teammates

By Lachlan Geleit

WITH the AFL trade period behind us, we got a glimpse of what players are valued most by clubs positionally.

As the game shifts to a more high-pace frenetic style, ruckmen and inside midfielders appeared to lose some value as players with speed and elite skills are prioritised.

While the value of the inside midfielder has decreased, AFL Media's Cal Twomey and Western Bulldogs great Brad Johnson still feel they're critically important, if set up by complementary pieces.

Speaking on Sportsday, the duo discussed why they felt Josh Dunkley and Tom Mitchell will be successes at their new clubs, with their skills potentially helping improve star teammates.

Twomey: "Just looking at the trade period, the big three were (Tim) Taranto, (Jacob) Hopper and (Josh) Dunkley in terms of those (inside midfielders) moving clubs."

"Tom Mitchell moves for not very much really from Hawthorn to Collingwood and (Jaeger) O'Meara landed late who is another inside midfielder."

Johnson: "You still need an inside mid, the Dunkley/(Lachie) Neale combination is going to stand out."

"Dunkley gets around the ground well, we know that, but he can win it in tight, he feeds it out well."

"Lachie Neale can win both, but he's got some speed on the outside, that's the combination you need."

"A Tom Mitchell for example can win the ball and then release the ball to some midfielders who can get out and about a little bit more in open space."

Twomey: "How good could he be for Nick Daicos, as a handballer finding him that little bit of room?"

Johnson: "Even Jordan De Goey, he'll be massive for Jordan De Goey in and around the footy."

"Suddenly he's giving it to one of the best ball users in their side in the midfield, and it allows (Scott) Pendlebury to play more of a half-back role more consistently setting things up."

"That's a good recruit for what we're talking about."

Collingwood and Brisbane will hope that Mitchell and Dunkley respectively can help them go one better in 2023 after both falling in Preliminary Finals last campaign.

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ROUND 5 - SATURDAY, NOV 5 &amp; 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

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## Stingrays superb on day one

## • A Grade, Division 1

AFTER a season of one-day cricket in 2021/22, two-day cricket returned to the Leongatha District Cricket Association, although only for those playing A grade as B and C grade games were cancelled once again due to minimal ground availability.

The league's two A grade divisions went ahead and there was finally cricket played following a two-week absence due to rain abandoning games.

Due to the condition of the Outtrim surface, this one was moved to the Inverloch football ground where OMK won the toss and chose to bat first.

Debuting young guns Rhys Newman and Riley Harris, the Stingrays soon made the Diggers regret their decision at the toss with some sensational line and length bowling. Callum Asbury (4/24 from 12) led from the front for Inv'y dismissing Ryan Williams for just 2 early, before second-gamer Harry Butcher (2/7 from 8) came on and tore the game wide open.

Butcher claimed his first A-grade wicket and it was a massive one, getting OMK captain Koby Brann caught at mid-off for 11, and then sending Jacob Lamers back to the sheds for 12 soon after to have the Diggers 3/49 and needing some consolidation. However, it never came

The class and smarts of Andrew Donohue (4/26 from 13.4) combined with Asbury to claim 7/37 to dismiss OMK for just 86 in an incredible display of bowling, just 45 overs through the day.

Donohue's spell included a clever set up to dismiss the danger man Ethan Lamers (42 from 102) stumped by Jack Butcher, Lamers was again a standout for the Diggers.

With 29 overs left in the day, the Stingrays were sent in to chase the 87 required for the win, and lost both openers without scoring in a twist of the tide.

However, David Newman (14\* from 83) and Andrew Donohue (21\* from 79) were able to steady the ship and find stumps unbeaten.

Play will resume in Inverloch this Saturday with the Stingrays needing a further 46-runs to claim their first win of the young season.

## Cougars survive early trouble against Town

IN A game that was moved to Poowong Recreation Reserve



Stingrays allrounder Andrew Donohue defends solidly on Saturday. B02\_4522

due to the limited grounds available, Town won the toss and chose to bowl first.

This spelled early trouble for Koony' as they lost 2/1 to open the day's play.

They were able to show great guts and dig in to recover from the early setback though, as opener Ben Davidson (46 from 168) put together a strong 43-run partnership with his skipper Ben Walsh (23 from 68).

The Cougars were able to keep the score moving but eventually last year's grand finalists were able to show their strength once again taking 5 for 62 to have to slow the Cougars down and have them finish 9/162 at stumps.

Davidson top scored for Koony, while Mudassar Riaz (2/29 from 15) and Lachlan Gill (2/25 from 8) were standouts with the ball for 'Gatha.

The two teams will head back to Poowong this Saturday as Town look to chase the 163 required for victory.

## Semi-Final replay a ripper in Cowes

IN A rematch of last season's Semi Final, Wonthaggi travelled to Phillip Island to take on the reigning premiers.

Island won the toss and chose to bat, but it was the visitors who reaped the spoils early, as young gun Joel Brann (3/34 from 12) had the

dangerous duo of Lachie Cleeland and Daniel Mock caught behind for just 11 and 0 respectively.

Jarrod Black fell soon after to have the score 3/33, before Shiran Rathnayake (17 from 37) and Thomas Keily (42 from 41) looked like saving the Sharks with a 30-run stand, until Rathnayake was too caught behind.

Keily continued on with Kohen Beaumont (16 from 58) until they both fell as James Sheerin (3/47 from 23) got his first and Brann snagged his third.

At 6/108, Club had a genuine chance to make a real statement and hold the champs to a low total, but an innings-saving 50-run stand between Brodie Johnston (34 from 103) and Marcus Baxter (32 from 39) propelled the hosts back into contention of a decent score.

Club were able to clean up the tail though, taking 4/34 to finish off the innings and dismiss Phillip Island for 192, making for quite an even chase.

With just 10 overs to play on day one, Wonny' went into bat needing 193 for the win, and unfortunately lost captain and star opener Ryan Thomas LBW for just five.

Ryan Birkett (15\* from 35) dug in with Matthew Waller (3\* from 18) to find stumps on an exciting first day.

Both teams will head back to Cowes this Saturday with Club needing a further 168-runs for victory.

## Clark does it again for Nerrena as Sameera takes 5

THE Imperials hosted Nerrena at East Campus on Saturday and the Imps' won the toss and decided to send the visitors in to bat.

In an interesting innings, it was Mitchell Clark (116 from 198) again doing it all for his side, with a marvellous century, his second in just three games this season, a sensational start for him.

Aside from the gun opener's shining knock, there wasn't much to write home about with Hayden Funnell (14 from 46) the only other batsman reaching double figures on the afternoon.

In saying this, the hosts did bowl exceptionally well led by Samudu Sameera (5/58 from 25) who claimed a brilliant five-wicket haul in a huge 25 over spell.

Lachlan Wright (3/44 from 12.2) also stood out as the visitors posted 185 and the Imperials were sent in to survive the final eight overs of the day's play.

Their openers did so and will resume this Saturday afternoon needing 162 to win at East Campus Oval.



## A GRADE

## DIVISION 1

**Phillip Island 192 v Club 1/24****Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS**

L Cleeland c J Sheerin b J Brann	11
J Black c J Sheerin b J Hull	15
DP Mock c J Sheerin b J Brann	0
SL Rathnayake c J Sheerin b F West	17
T Keily c F West b J Sheerin	42
K Beaumont lbw b J Brann	16
BD Johnston c R Birkett b J Sheerin	34
M Baxter c A Geyer b M Waller	32
M Royal c J Sheerin b A Geyer	14
S Kirton not out	6
TS Niven lbw b J Sheerin	1
C Keerthisinghe not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 1, lb 2)	4
<b>Total 192 (65.0 overs)</b>	

Bowling: J Brann 12-2-3-34, J Hull 9-0-1-26, F West 6-1-1-35, J Sheerin 23-5-3-47 (1w), M Waller 10-0-1-31, S Beaumont 2-0-0-10, A Geyer 3-1-1-6

**Club - 1st INNINGS**

R Birkett not out	15
RG Thomas lbw b S Kirton	5
M Waller not out	3
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 0, lb 0)	1
<b>Total 1/24 (10 overs)</b>	

Bowling: S Kirton 4.0-1-1-17 (1w), T Keily 3.0-1-0-7, M Baxter 2-2-0-0, M Royal 1-1-0-0

**Koonwarra L/RSL 9/162 v Town****Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS**

BF Davison b M Riaz	46
I Wickramasinghe b DL Polwatththa Gallage	0
S Hughes c S Clark b M Riaz	1
B Walsh lbw b M Madusanka	23
H Hoekstra c J Giardina b D Hume	17
K Weeranga c & b O Vimalarathna	6
J Hughes c J Giardina b L Gill	19
M Scrimshaw run out (D Hume)	17
J Kennedy b L Gill	22
W Cashin not out	1
C Buckland not out	1
Extras (nb 1, w 2, b 2, lb 4)	9
<b>Total 9/162 (75 overs)</b>	

Bowling: M Riaz 15-7-2-29, DL Polwatththa Gallage 8-3-1-18, L Gill 8-1-2-25 (1w), M Madusanka 19-8-1-27, O Vimalarathna 10-4-1-21 (1w), D Hume 10-5-1-15, C Rickard 3-0-0-13 (1nb), S Clark 2.0-1-0-8

**OMK 86 v Inverloch 2/41****OMK - 1st INNINGS**

RL Williams c W Taberner b CW Asbury	2
E Lamers st J Butcher b A Donohue	42
K Brann c A Donohue b H Butcher	11
J Lamers c D Newman b H Butcher	12
A Rose c & b A Donohue	2
N Creed c J Strickland b A Donohue	1
D Creed b CW Asbury	3
J Hayes c J Butcher b CW Asbury	0
Z Lamers b CW Asbury	2
PJ Dell lbw b A Donohue	3
N Auddino not out	2
Extras (nb 0, w 2, b 1, lb 3)	6
<b>Total 86 (45.4 overs)</b>	

Bowling: CW Asbury 12-3-4-24 (1w), JB Dennerley 5-1-0-11, H Butcher 8-3-2-7 (1w), J Donohue 7-3-0-14, A Donohue 13.4-3-4-26

**Inverloch - 1st INNINGS**

J Strickland b RL Williams	0
J Butcher b PJ Dell	0
A Donohue not out	14
D Newman not out	21
Extras (nb 2, w 3, b 0, lb 1)	6
<b>Total 2/41 (29 overs)</b>	

Bowling: RL Williams 6-2-1-9 (1nb, 2w), PJ Dell 7-4-1-4, J Lamers 6-2-0-12 (1w), N Auddino 5.0-1-0-7, E Lamers 4.0-1-0-7, K Brann 1.0-0-0-1 (1nb).

**Nerrena 185 v Imperials 0/24****Nerrena - 1st INNINGS**

M Clark b L Wright	116
LJ Giliam lbw b AR Williams	5
H Funnell c D Ginnane b S Sameera	14
T Wightman c L Rogers b S Sameera	9
J Kelly b S Sameera	0
J Hoy b S Sameera	0
R Clark b L Wright	1
D Berryman c & b S Sameera	7
J Renden lbw b D Ginnane	5
T Gannon not out	9
JA Checkley b L Wright	0
Extras (nb 1, w 7, b 2, lb 9)	19
<b>Total 185 (66.2 overs)</b>	

Bowling: L Wright 12.2-3-3-44, M Reidy 4-1-0-4, J Ginnane 11-1-0-38 (6w), AR Williams 4-2-1-10, S Sameera 25-5-5-58 (1nd, 1w), D Ginnane 10-2-1-20

**Imperials - 1st INNINGS**

L Rogers not out	13
D Ginnane not out	9
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 0, lb 1)	2
<b>Total 0/24 (8.0 overs)</b>	

Bowling: J Hoy 2-0-0-11 (1w), R Clark 3-1-0-3, T Wightman 2-0-0-3, JA Checkley 1-0-0-6



**Club number three Mitchell Davey plays a nice shot off his legs on his way to 69.**  
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## Club post strong score against Killy-Bass

### A Grade, Division 2

Wonthaggi hosted Kilcunda-Bass at McMahon's Reserve and Club won the toss and chose to bat first.

Both openers were dismissed for scores of under 10, but that did not deter the hosts, as Mitchell Davey (69 from 105) and Emmet Dempsey (72 from 68) were superb in the middle order, both posting half centuries, creating a strong base for their side.

The rest of the line-up battled hard against the quality Sharks attack that never gave in, eventually dismissing Club for 238.

Drew Herbert provided some late innings fireworks for 'Wompy' while Jackson Baker (3/45 from 11) and Ryley Duff (3/52 from 11.2) were the pick of the Killy-Bass bowlers.

Staring down an interesting chase, the Sharks went into bat for the remaining 22 overs of the day and were able to finish 1/50 behind Cameron Davidson (19\* from 66) Jaydan Tregear (25\* from 65).

Play will resume in Wonthaggi this Saturday with the Cobras needing a further 189-runs to claim the win.

### Mixed bag on day one in Nyora

NYORA welcomed Korumburra down the road to the Nyora Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and sent the Cobras in to bat.

After losing Jacob Beckwith for just two early, Korumburra recovered beautifully with a 65-run partnership between Tom Crocker (21 from 47) and Insshaka Siriwardena (69 from 83) to see them surge towards the 100 mark.

However, after losing Crocker, the wicket of skipper Rumesh Rangana began the chain of regular dismissals as the Cobras lost 7/100 to finish all out for 199 with just under 25 overs remaining in the day.

Evan Elleway (52\* from 55) did all he could with the



**Kilcunda-Bass bowler Nicholas McCallum hits the crease to deliver the ball at McMahon Reserve on Saturday.**  
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bat in a strong unbeaten innings in the middle order.

Nyora were then sent into bat in chase of the 200 required for victory and it was Evan Ellaway again, this time providing the goods with the ball, taking three wickets prior to stumps to see Nyora finish the day 4/42.

The two teams will head back to Meeniyan this Saturday with 'Island' needing 162-runs for victory.

### Sharks feed on wayward Demons

Meeniyan Dumbalk United welcomed Phillip Island down the road to the Meeniyan Recreation Reserve for their Round 5 matchup.

Island won the toss and chose to send the Demons in to bat first.

The Demons' got off to a shaky start but Steven Arnup (25 from 126) and his skipper Joel Sinclair (44 from 99) looked to really dig in and steady the ship, connecting for a 65-run partnership to turn the tide.

Although the loss of Sinclair brought about a strong comeback from the travelling Sharks, who were able to take 7/47 to finish off the hosts for 161.

The MDU skipper top-scored for his side while Andrew Tolley (3/10 from 3.4), Timothy Niven (3/33 from 16) and Clint Wilson (3/35 from 21) combined to

wreak havoc with the ball for Phillip Island.

Both teams will head back to Meeniyan this Saturday with 'Island' needing 162-runs for victory.

### Tigers post decent total against the Alvie

GLEN ALVIE welcomed Foster down the road to Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve as the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Tigers' innings was a bit of a mixed bag, after losing his opening partner Mitchell Elliot for a duck Jack Gay (31 from 75) was able to get himself in and get a start batting in partnership with Josh Toner (14 from 61), putting on a 48-run stand.

Neither were able to go on and make a big score though.

As wickets fell through the Foster middle order, Benjamin East (83\* from 131) stood tall, putting together a masterful knock to will his side to a decent first innings score.

The unbeaten half-century from the Tigers' number six was easily their highest individual total of the day as the finished 9/232 at stumps.

Dean Williams (3/30 from 9 overs) was the best with the ball for the Alvie.

The Alvie openers will resume play this Saturday afternoon needing 233 to win in Wonthaggi.

## A GRADE

## DIVISION 2

**Nyora 4/42 v Korumburra 199****Korumburra - 1st INNINGS**

T Crocker c A Simmons b R White	21
J Beckwith b MJ Rowe	2
I Siriwardena c R White b L Row	69
R Rangana b R White	9
J Whiteside c J Henry b L Row	10
EM Allaway not out	52
N Christensen run out (L Brock, J Hackett)	0
M Young c A Simmons b H Dolphin	7
H McNeill b J Henry	2
S Foster run out (L Brock, J Henry)	4
D Scott c J Hackett b H Dolphin	8
Extras (nb 2, w 8, b 1, lb 4)	15
<b>Total 199 (50.4 overs)</b>	

Bowling: MJ Rowe 7-0-1-21 (2w), A Simmons 7-1-0-18 (1w), L Brock 3-0-0-26 (2w), R White 6-1-2-25, H Dolphin 15.4-2-2-48 (1nb), L Row 7-0-2-33 (1nb, 3w), J Henry 5-1-1-23

**Nyora - 1st INNINGS**

H Dolphin c T Crocker b EM Allaway	13
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## Woolamai waves arrive for Island Pro finals



Ultimate Island Pro winner Tully Wylie cuts back in great Cape Woolamai conditions on finals day Saturday. Images courtesy of Liam Robertson Surfing Victoria.

PHILLIP Island really turned it on again for a major surfing event at the weekend when the WSL Phillip Island Pro QS1000 event, presented by Bass Coast Shire Council, wrapped up in awesome Cape Woolamai conditions.

It followed two days of challenging waves at the Penguin Beach, on the southwest side of the Island, underscoring the Island's versatility in hosting ocean sports events.

And coming through in the

end to stamp his mark as a rising star of the sport was Phillip Island local Rylee Duell who placed second in the Victorian Indigenous Invitational, surfed in conjunction with the Qualifying Series event.

But the focus was on the pro surfers and in the main events, it was Victorian Tully Wylie (Bells Beach) and Nyxie Ryan from Lennox Head in NSW who came out on top.

Local surfing identity and former CEO of Surfing Victoria,

Max Wells, was delighted.

"They've absolutely loved it," he said of the competitors.

"First off, they've surfed in really challenging conditions at the Penguin Beach and the very best have won through to the finals here at Woolamai today where the conditions turned offshore, and we've had some good, big waves to test them in the finals.

"That's what Phillip Island can do, provide good waves in almost any conditions and we've proved that again here this week."

said Wells.

After two consecutive days at the protected Penguin Parade Beach, the event shifted back to its primary location of Cape Woolamai with light offshore winds and a solid 4-5ft swell.

After showing himself as being the inform surfer over the first two days, Tully Wylie had a brutal road to the final facing off against former World Number 7 Nathan Hedge (Merimbula, NSW) in the Semi Finals.

Some smart competitive surfing

saw Wylie take the win and move through to the Final against close friend Xavier Huxtable (Jan Juc, VIC).

The final was a tight affair with both surfers locking in mid-range scores throughout the heat.

Ultimately it was Wylie who took the win with an 11.00 heat total to Huxtable's 10.60 total.

"It's a pretty special day. Getting my first QS win and be surfing against my best mate was pretty cool," said Wylie.

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