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# COASTAL REPORTS REVEALED

THE first of the key reports on how to protect the beach, dunes, roads and houses at Inverloch from the march of erosion, and temporary or permanent inundation by the sea, came out last Wednesday, October 12.

A new, 1km-long seawall, stretching from the end of the existing rock wall at the Inverloch Surf Beach to Flat Rocks and a 145-metre breakwater, located 150m to 200m off the main surf beach at Inverloch are among the hard engineering solutions proposed.

Where the breakwater is concerned, the report authors acknowledge that it may not be popular with beachgoers because: "Surfing and beach use would be impacted by reduced wave energy."

Relocating Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road (Bunurong Road) and a "planned retreat" from impacted areas are also canvassed.

However, notwithstanding the level of urgency in the Bass Coast 'Mayor's Message' this week, where he calls on the State Government to fund research into a coastal

erosion and inundation overlay, there's no need to press the panic button just yet.

According to the reports, the risk of permanent inundation by the sea at Inverloch remains "low" out until 2100 in five of the six specific study areas in the town, the exception being the "Inverloch Foreshore Holiday Park to Screw Creek" area where "permanent inundation risks are low at present day, increasing to medium from 2040 to 2070, then significant after 2100".

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Police believe he can assist enquiries regarding alleged property damage at the North Pier Hotel on August 17.

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## Who am I?

COWES police believe the male pictured can assist in the investigation of an alleged affray at the North Pier Hotel in Cowes on July 31.

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## Koonwarra Village School theft

THIEVES have stolen up to 10 laptops from Koonwarra Village School on October 12.

It's believed the theft took place overnight with a couple of buildings along the side broken into.

Students and teachers were away on a camp trip at the time.

Anyone with information regarding the missing items or incident are urged to call the CI Unit at Wonthaggi (5671 4100) or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

## Stay vigilant with scams

VICTORIA Police continue to receive reports regarding scams.

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# Coastal reports revealed



## From page 1

At the following locations, the risk of permanent inundation remains "low" to 2100:

- Flat Rocks to Wreck Creek (Bunurong Road)
- Inverloch Surf Beach
- Coastal Reserve (inlet entrance to The Glade)
- Inverloch Boat Ramp
- Inverloch Foreshore Dog Beach

However, the report finds that the dominant threat to Inverloch comes from erosion of the surf beach and dunes system, especially in the Wreck Creek to Flat Rocks area and along parts of Surf Parade.

It reports the following:

- Inverloch Surf Beach: Erosion risks medium to 2040, then increasing to significant in 2070 and high at 2100. Temporary inundation risks are low at present day increasing to medium at 2040 to 2100.
- Flat Rocks to Wreck Creek (Bunurong Road): Erosion risks medium to 2040, then increasing to significant in 2070 and 2100. Temporary inundation risks are medium out to 2100.

The Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project Stage 1 reports, which comprise seven coastal hazard reports of 776 pages and a further six response reports, totalling 268 pages, focus

attention on Inverloch but do start to address issues along the whole coast between Cape Paterson and Cape Liptrap.

While the reports paint a concerning picture for a limited number of locations in Inverloch, there's a more positive outlook for other parts of Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

For example, while the reports say that the tidal levees within Anderson Inlet "are unlikely to be enough to prevent flooding during combined future coastal and catchment extreme flood events" over the next century, "the major residential areas within the inlet at Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay are almost completely above the predicted coastal inundation extents for all scenarios assessed".

The reports found that the town of Inverloch is "mostly above the coastal inundation extent", with the exception of areas around Wreck Creek and the Surf Beach residential area, around the boat ramp and jetty,

and around the Screw Creek and Broadbeach Estate. "the area around Wreck Creek is considered to be particularly vulnerable due to the recent erosion of the barrier dune".

The lengthy and technically complex reports were released more than two months after they were promised.

South Gippsland Conservation Society representative on the Cape-to-Cape stakeholders reference group, Philip Heath said his group welcomed the report but was disappointed it didn't provide recommendations on preferred actions.

"The fact that the study group hasn't provided recommendations indicates it will have to go through another process. None of the proposals have been costed either which makes it tough to get commitments from the political parties and candidates.

"We're encouraged that a number of the proposals include dune nourishment

works but we would like to see some of that work going ahead sooner rather than later, while we wait for a plan to be formulated.

"The work that Parks Victoria has carried out on either side of the rock wall has been excellent and we'd like to see more of that.

"A lot of the erosion and damage to the beach and dunes has been caused by the combination of south-westerly storms and high tides and while that has slowed a bit in recent times, after more easterlies in the past year, we're concerned this has only delayed what is an ongoing situation.

"We're still losing mature coastal banksias at Flat Rocks. We need to be taking action to at least save those trees as the only thing protecting Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road."

Mr Heath said he personally saw merit in the proposal to construct a long groyne, up to 1/2km out into the sea from Norman Point, but the project has listed a large number of "negatives" including complexity of construction and the need for an on-going investment in dune nourishment.

He said the South Gippsland Conservation Society would develop a comprehensive response to the report.

## 'Planned retreat' an option, says Bass Coast Mayor

BASS Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan has painted a disastrous scenario for local infrastructure and some private properties in Inverloch, as well as other parts of the shire, due to climate change and its impact on the coast.

In his Mayor's Message this week, which comes as the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and its Cape to Cape Resilience Project team releases Stage 1 of its response to coastal erosion, Cr Whelan refers to those reports when he says that, "without intervention, erosion will cover hundreds of metres of Surf Parade, Inverloch and eat into about a dozen private properties as the sea level rises 0.5 metres by 2070".

"As early as 2040, the modelling shows the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club building sur-

rounded entirely with a 0.2 metre sea level rise. By 2100, erosion would reach more than 40 houses at Surf Parade and beyond with a 0.8 metre rise.

Erosion also threatens popular Phillip Island beaches."

While the reports rate the present day risk of "temporary inundation" as "medium" in Inverloch, "medium" in parts of South Gippsland Shire and "low" for the rest of Bass Coast (excluding Inverloch), continuing as "medium" through to 2040 and rising to "significant" by 2070, Cr Whelan says the time to act is now.

And he has called on the State Government to provide the sort of funding and administrative support it did in response to Victoria's disastrous 2009 Black Saturday Bushfires to "develop an overarching state-wide flood inundation

overlay" which would direct the planning response in impacted areas.

"In 2019, we declared a Climate Emergency and developed a comprehensive Climate Change Action Plan to cut our community's emissions to zero by 2030. This plan also includes adaptation to respond to climate impacts, one of those being coastal erosion.

"The State Government's latest modelling has confirmed our concerns, that unless serious action is taken now, coastal erosion will impact dozens of houses in Inverloch in coming decades.

"As early as 2040, the modelling shows the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club building surrounded entirely with a 0.2 metre sea level rise. By 2100, erosion would reach more than 40 houses at Surf Parade

and beyond with a 0.8 metre rise. Erosion also threatens popular Phillip Island beaches."

He said the DELWP would be consulting the community as it considers more rock walls, sand renourishment and even realigning or raising sections of road in Inverloch, but there is much more that needs to be done.

"We may not like to talk about it, but a planned retreat of public assets, and potentially even houses, may need to be considered among the options."

Cr Whelan has called on the State Government to fund the strategic planning response to coastal erosion and inundation by the sea because local shires simply didn't have the funds or the resources to deal with the planning challenges.

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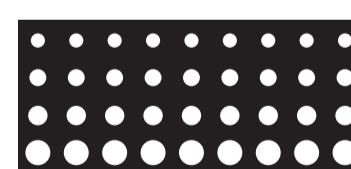


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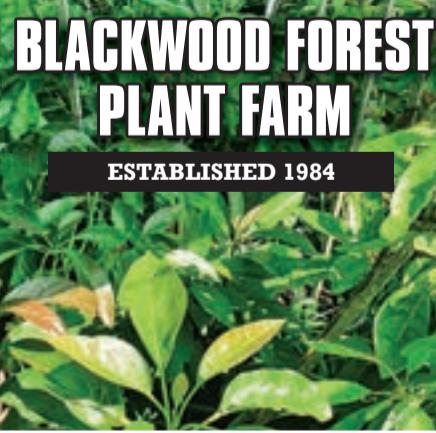
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Wind AM: Light  
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14° **22°**



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13° **20°**



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### Equipment Aids Expo

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### Mirboo North accident turns fatal

A MOTORCYCLE collision in Mirboo North on Wednesday, October 12 has turned fatal.

It's believed a male motorcyclist was travelling along the Strzelecki Highway just after 1.30pm when he collided with the rear wheels of a trailer being towed by a truck.

The 63-year-old NSW rider was taken to hospital in a critical condition but died over the weekend.

Speaking about the regrettable incident on Gippsland ABC Radio this week, Latrobe Police Inspector Peter Fusinato said the fatality was unrelated to the Phillip Island MotoGP.

The truck driver was not injured and assisted at the scene.

The exact cause of the collision is being investigated.

Anyone who witnessed the crash, or with dashcam is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at [crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://crimestoppersvic.com.au)

### \$200,000 promised for Koo Wee Rup

AS PART of the Liberals and Nationals' Local Shopping Strip Recovery Plan, Koo Wee Rup's main shopping strips

will receive \$200,000 towards upgrades and amenity improvements.

After the devastating impact COVID restrictions had on small businesses, especially in Victoria's smallest communities, the grant plays an important part in getting them back on their feet.

The Koo Wee Rup Township Committee has been advocating for funding to be able to tackle the run-down street by installing benches and trees, and placing LED lights in the town's clock tower.

### Give blood this month

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The mobile van is rolling into town from October 25, to November 4.

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### Kongwak accident reminder to drive safe

CFA were notified to reports of a vehicle accident at Benakongwak Road last week, where a person was trapped.

On arrival, crews found all occupants were out of the vehicle.

One vehicle from Kongwak Fire Brigade attended with police and ambulance also on scene.

Emergency services want to remind individuals to remember to drive to the conditions with the recent heavy rains.

### Need staff? Jobs expo coming up

BASS Coast Shire Council, in conjunction with the Australian Government's Local Jobs Program (LJP), will be hosting two upcoming Gippsland Local Jobs Expos:

- Phillip Island (St Philip's Parish Hall, 102 Thompson Ave, Cowes) – Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 9.30am - 2.30pm
- Wonthaggi (Wonthaggi Workmens Club, 75 Graham St, Wonthaggi) – Thursday, November 3, 2022, 9.30am - 2.30pm

The Bass Coast Gippsland Jobs Expo is an opportunity for job seekers to meet with employers and discuss available positions, apprenticeships and career pathways in Bass Coast and the surrounding region.

### Coalition promises Lang Lang boost

THE town of Lang Lang will receive \$200,000 to boost local business confidence, if the Liberals and Nationals make government after the November 26 election.

After discussion with the local Lang Lang Business and Community Group, the Coalition parties promised the funding for a grass seating area on an old rail site near the town's main street as part of post-COVID recovery support.

The commitment is part of the Victorian Liberals and Nationals' \$30 million Local Shopping Strip Recovery Plan, which will support local communities across the state to recover and rebuild.

Liberal Candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown, said Victoria's smallest towns needed the support.

"This new outdoor space will be a welcoming spot to have a picnic, kick a footy, or have a break during a long car trip and will become a new place for residents to call their own."

### Ute impounded at San Remo

A TOYOTA Hilux was impounded on Monday, October 17 at 9.30am.

The 31-year-old male from

Glen Waverley was charged with driving while suspended.

It was also the offender's second offence for suspended driving. The offender is due to appear at Korumburra Magistrates Court at a later date. His car was impounded for 30 days at a cost of \$1005.

### Police praise for GP crowd

GIPPSLAND Police Inspector Peter Fusinato has heaped praise on those attending the Phillip Island MotoGP at the weekend.

While there was a crash involving a motorbike at Mirboo North last Wednesday, October 12, which became fatal when the injured NSW rider died at the weekend, Inspector Fusinato said police believed it was an unrelated incident.

He said riders travelling to and from the Island were on their best behaviour and there were no reports of any anti-social behaviour.

### New retaining wall underway

BASS Coast Shire has contracted Wilttrack Earthmoving to undertake construction of a retaining wall at the Cape Paterson Boat Ramp car park.

Construction of the \$110,000 project, which is funded by the Council as part of its 2022/23 Capital Works Building and Open Space Renewal program, is expected to be completed within five weeks.

It includes construction of a new concrete sleeper retaining wall and associated drainage works.

Access to some car parking bays at the end of Hut View, the boat ramp and beach will continue to be available during construction.

Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said the existing retaining wall was in poor condition and concerns had been raised about its integrity and potential safety issues.

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A system of beach groynes has been proposed to support the dunes which provide protection to some of the impacted residential areas.

# Rock walls, groynes and breakwaters for Inverloch

THE first of the Cape-to-Cape project reports are out and they list five possible engineering solutions for Inverloch including rock wall extensions, beach groynes and extensive dune nourishment.

All five engineered coastal protection actions have advantages and disadvantages, and they all require significant capital works and ongoing maintenance costs.

"All come with risks and many of the impacts cannot be predicted or modelled because of the entrance dynamics and variability of the future wave and storm climate. The options recommended below allow for community and stakeholder decision making when developing the future adaptation pathways."

## 1. Bunurong Road Beach Renourishment

Between 75,000 to 100,000m<sup>3</sup> would be required for a "sacrificial" beach to prevent erosion in 2% AEP storm. Ongoing renourishment of up to this volume may be needed annually.

• **Positives:** Natural along-shore transport of sand would benefit Surf Beach. Can be short term whilst adaptation planning is progressed. Less chance of long-term impacts (reversible). Allows natural processes to take place

• **Negatives:** Risk of impact on Anderson Inlet entrance dynamics with the continued large volume of imported sand for nourishment. High risk of impacts on intertidal habitat at Flat Rocks. Potential to increase inundation risk landward of Bunurong Rd through blocking of existing drainage paths. Change in beach amenity from wide flat beach to high dune. Requires investment in regular maintenance nourishment, possibly 100% of the original volume/year. Community could view the need to regularly renourish as a failure of the action

## 2. Seawall

Bunurong Rd Seawall 1,020m of seawall would be

required to protect the entire length of the beach/road interface. Design would need to address drainage.

• **Positives:** Would prevent structural failure of road and protect utilities in the road reserve. Can be short term whilst adaptation planning is progressed.

• **Negatives:** Would need to be up to 1km long; difficult to remove in future. Over wash in a storm could still occur, damaging the top of the wall making the road unsafe. Potential to increase inundation risk landward of Bunurong Rd if drainage not maintained/improved. The beach/seabed in front would be lowered (toe scour); beach/dune at the ends would also scour. Significant impacts on beach views, and use/access, particularly at high tide.

## 3. Surf Beach Groynes and Nourishment

Three groynes of 180 – 210m along Surf Beach, with additional groynes likely into Anderson Inlet over time. Groynes would need to be around 4m high and 14m wide at seaward end. Initial beach nourishment of 100,000 – 200,000m<sup>3</sup> could be required to allow for realignment to provide an ongoing sacrificial beach.

• **Positives:** Would prevent erosion of existing beach and dune, maintain vegetation buffer. Can be constructed using geotextile containers for reversibility & reduced visual impact.

• **Negatives:** Groynes would have a significant visual impact on the beach, especially at low tide. Beach would be very wide in parts, up to 80m. Inundation risks to land behind Surf Beach due to impacts on drainage of Wreck Creek. Surfing and beach use would be impacted by reduced wave energy. Beach may widen significantly and may not be liked by beach users.

Breakwaters would need to be exposed above low tide level by 2 to 2.5m. A lot of seaweed may get trapped between the breakwaters and the beach. Likely erosion of adjacent beaches

## 4. Nearshore breakwaters

Conceptual configuration of eight nearshore breakwaters, ranging between 80m and 145m long, 4 to 4.5m high, placed 150m to 200m from the present day shore.

• **Positives:** Would protect the coastline by reducing wave energy reaching the shore. Reduction in along-shore sediment transport. No structures on the beach.

• **Negatives:** Significant visual impact on the beach. Significant change in beach type along the shore (i.e. impact waves coming ashore). Coast to the east of last breakwater would recede due to lack of incoming sediment from the west. Additional coastal protection or groyne field may be required in future to the east.

Complex entrance dynamics create uncertainty of significant impacts on eastern side end of breakwaters. Potential for beach to join a breakwater and block sediment transport eastward. Very large rock required may be difficult to source. Sacrificial beach would require monitoring and regular renourishment. Inundation risks to land behind Surf Beach due to impacts on drainage of Wreck Creek. Surfing and beach use would be impacted by reduced wave energy. Beach may widen significantly and may not be liked by beach users.

Breakwaters would need to be exposed above low tide level by 2 to 2.5m. A lot of seaweed may get trapped between the breakwaters and the beach. Likely erosion of adjacent beaches

## 5. Long Groyne Point Norman

Groyne 300m to 500m is required to anchor enough sediment to realign the beach and protect the coastline at Wreck Creek. Beach nourishment volumes required to achieve this protection are unknown and the initial

storm demand of approximately 100,000m<sup>3</sup> would be required to be managed or increased as the beach realigned.

• **Positives:** May reduce the rate of dune recession. May provide a buffer to the existing dune during storm events. Minimise loss of sand towards Anderson Inlet.

• **Negatives:** Beach width 50 – 80m at initial sacrificial nourishment. Potentially a very wide beach may form along the groyne at Point Norman. Significant impact on beach aesthetics. Inundation risks to land behind Surf Beach due to impacts on drainage of Wreck Creek from sacrificial nourishment. May require regular relocation of sand from near the groyne back towards Bunurong Rd. Complex entrance dynamics = uncertainty of significant impacts on eastern side of groyne. Coast to the west would erode, receding toward Surf Parade. Tidal channel may form along east side of groyne. Entrance channel could move closer and deepen at groyne, construction complexity would be high to minimise risk of structural failure. Additional coastal protection or groyne field may be required in future. Significant impacts on beach views. Unlikely to provide stable beach protection, especially at the western end of Surf Beach. Size of rocks/sandbags required would be difficult to source & construction complicated. Potential beach very wide adjacent to groyne. Requires investment in ongoing renourishment and sand relocation.

Other pathways look at what needs to be done to keep the Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road (Bunurong Road) in its present location, including raising the level of the road and also relocating the road.

A rock wall all the way from Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road (Bunurong Road) to Point Norman is considered as well as a "planned retreat" from at risk areas, with such measures yet to be discussed with the community.



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## Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

### IT'S Time For The State Government To Help Save Our Beaches

As you return to our Bass Coast beaches in the coming months many of you may be distressed to see the impact of coastal erosion.

In 2019, we declared a Climate Emergency and developed a comprehensive Climate Change Action Plan to cut our community's emissions to zero by 2030. This plan also includes adaptation to respond to climate impacts, one of those being coastal erosion.

The State Government's latest modelling has confirmed our concerns, that unless serious action is taken now, coastal erosion will impact dozens of houses in Inverloch in coming decades.

Maps modelling the impact of climate change on Inverloch, released as part of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) "Cape to Cape Resilience Project" show that, without intervention, erosion will cover hundreds of metres of Surf Parade, Inverloch and eat into about a dozen private properties as the sea level rises 0.5 metres by 2070.

As early as 2040, the modelling shows the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club building surrounded entirely with a 0.2 metre sea level rise. By 2100, erosion would reach more than 40 houses at Surf Parade and beyond with a 0.8 metre rise. Erosion also threatens popular Phillip Island beaches.

DELWP is consulting the community as it considers more rock walls, sand renourishment and even realigning or raising sections of road in Inverloch, but there is much more that needs to be done. We may not like to talk about it, but a planned retreat of public assets, and potentially even houses, may need to be considered among the options.

Bass Coast is not alone, of course. This is a crisis shared by almost every other coastal council in Victoria, around Australia and the world, from

Bells Beach to Massachusetts in north-east of the United States and beyond.

That's why at last week's Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting, Bass Coast Council put forward a motion requesting the Victorian Government urgently integrate environment and climate change policy into Victorian planning schemes and develop a state-wide Flood Mapping system and Flood Management Overlay.

The Victorian Government's current position is to leave it to local councils to update flood mapping and controls in their planning scheme. Limited support has been provided by the State Government to some councils to help them developed flood studies and tools to help Councils manage and respond to local flood risks and coastal erosion.

This system and overlay should be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect our changing environment and the impacts of climate change. Inundation and coastal erosion are natural disasters that pose a significant threat to life, the environment and the economy.

Many councils do not have the resources nor capability to undertake such work. It is both logical and feasible for an overarching state-wide flood inundation overlay to be developed by the Victorian Government.

The Victorian Government demonstrated leadership in the aftermath of the 2009 Black Saturday Bushfires by implementing a Victoria wide Bushfire Management Overlay.

There is now a desperate need for a similar overlay to respond to the climate emergency and projected flood inundation and coastal erosion across Victoria. Whether it's informing a staged retreat, coastal protection, or just managing growth and development; our communities need access to up to date information and modelling so we can make wiser decisions for our future.

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Craig Marinus and Wonthaggi Citizens' Band musicians in action while they performed a number of incredible songs. Ns024222

## Triumphant return for Wonthaggi Citizens' Band

WONTHAGGI Art Centre was filled to the brim for the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band annual concert.

The night was filled with beautiful renditions of many famous and well-known songs, such as Bridge Over Troubled Water, Greatest Show, Birdland and many more.

Long-time musical director Craig Marinus elegantly conducted the musicians, with the stage packed full of instruments from trombones, horns and percussion.

The crowd was swayed and moved by the harmonising melodies, while others tried their best to sing along quietly and mimic the lyrics.

Compere Chris Longstaff highlighted they were thrilled with how the night went after not being able to perform for three years due to lockdowns.

Mr Longstaff also highlighted they managed to raise almost \$900 from their raffle on the night.



There was a range of instruments being played by musicians at the annual concert performance.

## Bass Coast building starts below 2021

BUILDING activity in the Bass Coast Shire is tracking below the 2021 level with 1029 building permits issued to the end of August 2022 as compared to 1226 to the end of August 2021.

The total number of permits issued in 2021 was 1810.

Among the projects to receive a permit were the following:

- Development of the land for seven (7) dwellings located at 3 Lock Road, Rhyll.
- Remove eight trees in a Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO2) located at 216 Church Street, Cowes.
- Subdivision of land into 5 lots in TZ located at 24-32 Hade Avenue, Bass.
- Use and development of land for a dwelling in the FZ and SLO1 and construction of a domestic tennis court located at Lot 2 PS421958 Punch Bowl Road, San Remo.
- Increase in the Red Line Plan area associated with a Producers Liquor Licence for the existing winery use located at 17 Jade Road, The Gurdies.
- Use and development of land for three group accommodation units in the Farming Zone (FZ) and Significant Landscape Overlay, Schedule 3 (SLO3) located at 100 Churchill Road, Newhaven.

## Key State election dates loom

THE state election is fast approaching with the start of the 'Care-taker Period' during which government activity is dumbed down, set to commence at 6pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

Other important dates include:

- Tuesday, November 1 issue of writs, new electoral boundary changes come into effect
- Wednesday, November 2 nominations open, postal vote applications open, voting centre locator available
- Tuesday, November 8 voting roll closes at 8pm (Enrol to vote now online at <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment/enrol-to-vote>)
- Thursday, November 10 nominations for registered political party endorsed candidates close 12 noon
- Friday, November 11 nominations for independent candidates close 12 noon. Ballot draw from 1 pm.
- Monday, November 14 early voting opens
- Wednesday, November 23 postal vote applications close at 6pm
- Friday, November 25 early voting closes at 6pm.
- Saturday, November 26 election day – voting is open from 8am to 6pm.

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# Fed up: Local candidate highlights constant harassment online

**Jay Tiziani-Simpson, Greens candidate for Gippsland South, has been experiencing a large amount of harassment online including inappropriate and sexually suggestive messages.**

A GIPPSLAND South candidate has taken to social media to highlight the incessant harassment they have been experiencing since launching their campaign for the state election.

Jay Tiziani-Simpson announced last month she had been selected to run for the Greens party, but since this time, she has experienced a barrage of inappropriate and sexually suggestive emails and messages.

Last week, Jay posted on social media that was she was calling out gender discrimination in politics, highlighting a speech made by former Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

"We all remember that powerful speech made by former PM Julia Gillard exactly 10 years ago today, about sexism and misogyny in politics, "If he wants to know what sexism looks like in modern Australia, he doesn't need a motion in the house of representatives, he needs a mirror!"

"Gender equality is a major passion of mine, it is also one of the reasons I chose to run as a candidate.

"I have many female friends, across all parties, who all receive the same disgusting, sexist, misogynistic, offensive harassment! From inappropriate comments, to receiving sexual solicitations and vile videos."

The Sentinel-Times contacted Jay asking when she started noticing the harassment.

"I got it a lot on my personal page until I switched it to private," she said.

"But I wasn't expecting to receive it on my candidate page, from the second I launched it's just been relentless."

"One in three emails I get is legitimate, so two of the three have just been some sleazy email."

Jay said she was shocked to receive such harassment on a professional page, and that it

continues to be ongoing.

"It's almost like the email starts off legitimate and they're reaching out to assist my campaign," she said.

"They're using it as a starting point and then it takes a turn and they start commenting on my appearance or asking me out on dates."

While difficult to gauge, she highlighted most of the harassment appeared to be from older men.

"It's very frustrating, I've asked other women, including in the Greens, and they've also received it," she said.

"And then asked my male colleagues, some of them said they get a few odd comments, but some were completely taken back and didn't realise this was happening."

Jay added the situation has got to the point where she is now cautious about what she posts online, including which events she's

attending.

Fortunately, however, she has received much praise for highlighting the issue.

The Sentinel-Times also contacted Deb Leonard, who ran as an independent for Monash during the Federal Election earlier this year.

Deb noted that while she experienced a lot of online 'trolling', sexual harassment wasn't as much of an issue.

"It's a shame that other people are doing it and that people think it's okay to do that," she said of Jay's experience.

Deb added it was also an issue that definitely needed to be addressed.

If you need help or advice, call 1800Respect on 1800 737732, Safe Steps 1800 015 188, Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault on 1800737 732 or Men's Referral Service on 1300 766 491. You can chat online 24/7 at 1800respect.org.au

## Different experience for Bath

Fortunately, Member for Eastern Victoria Region Melina Bath has had by contrast a different experience to Jay Tiziani-Simpson.

"I haven't been subjected to sexist, misogynistic or offensive harassment," Ms Bath said.

"I'm someone who gives respect and expects respect in return, I won't tolerate an environment where respect is not reciprocated."

"The Nationals is like a family, we're brothers and sisters. We debate ideas and we respectfully call each other out if we disagree on any given topic."

"The Nationals team may have protected me from poor external treatment."

Melina says she has strong sense of self, and while she hasn't been the recipient of harassment or sexual inuendo she doesn't dispute others have had that experience.

Irrespective of party, Melina doesn't support bullying and harassment towards women and goes out of her way to ensure the victim knows she has solidarity.

"It's important we show support to each other, irrespective of party."

Melina is also incredibly proud of The Isabelle Project by The Nationals. An internal mentoring program designed to mentor and raise the profile of women in parliament.



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## No hope for Jam Jerrup road works

A COMMUNITY campaign to get the Bass Coast Shire Council to seal Bay Road and Foreshore Road, Jam Jerrup looks set to fail.

Initial community consultation, conducted in July and August this year, as a result of a petition calling on council to seal the road, revealed that only about 47 per cent of residents would be willing to financially contribute to the cost, well short of the 70 per cent threshold needed for special charge schemes.

At the time the petition, signed by 48 people, was presented to council in March 2022, it was claimed that 70 per cent of people supported the sealing of the road, for tourist traffic and to keep the dust down, but those prepared to pay is well short of that number.

In a report to be tabled at this week's council meeting, it is noted that the cost of upgrading the extensive length of unmade roads and insufficient drainage within urban areas across Bass Coast would cost in the order of \$144 to \$192 million in today's dollars, based on 96 kilometres of roads on the unsealed urban road and drainage improvement program priority list at \$1.5 to \$2 million per kilometre.

The shire doesn't have that sort of money without landowner contributions.

The Jam Jerrup project is listed at 20th on the shire's Urban Road and Drainage Improvement Evaluation List and will move up to 19th priority with the completion of works at Pioneer Bay.

But a recommendation to council this week states that the Jam Jerrup project should not be moved up into the top 5 for action, this list presently including projects at Surf Beach/Sunderland Bay, Smiths Beach and Beachcomber Estate, Sunset Strip and Koala Estate.

# Organisations unite to protect Western Port Bay

CONSERVATIONISTS and community groups have launched a bold new plan to guarantee the future of Western Port Bay, Victoria's second largest bay and an internationally recognised Ramsar wetland.

The plan, A Strategic Framework for the future of Western Port Bay, sets out steps to protect the Bay from inappropriate industrialisation and development, pollution and climate disruption.

All political parties have been urged to back the plan for Western Port Bay ahead of the November 26 state election.

According to the framework, Western Port Bay has a serious water quality problem, with five of the nine estuaries which flow into it rated as "very poor".

While the population of the Western Port catchment is expected to double in the next 20 years alone.

Substantial land use changes mean local rivers are carrying more pollution into the Bay.

The decline of snapper and waterbirds in Western Port Bay is a clear signal the Bay needs a new vision in order to thrive.

The new framework, which is backed by a broad alliance of community, tourism, local business and conservation groups, would:

- Create a new co-ordinated strategic plan for Western Port Bay which recognises



The recently released 'A Strategic Framework for the future of Western Port Bay' seeks to create a new vision for the bay and protect it from pollution and climate disruption among other issues.

the natural values and future economic prosperity

- Bring together Traditional Custodians, community representatives, government agencies, councils, local businesses and industries, fishing and recreational group to develop and oversee the plan
- Establish a dedicated Western Port fund with annual

funding at least equivalent to the Port Phillip Bay fund

Key groups behind the proposal include the Victorian National Parks Association, Western Port Biosphere Foundation, Save Westernport, Phillip Island Conservation Society and Environment Victoria.

"We have long awaited more protection for Western Port Bay, which has three to four times

more marine life than Port Phillip Bay," Phillip Island Conservation Society's Jeff Nottle said.

"That includes the largest colonies of Little Penguins, Short-tailed Shearwaters and Australian Fur Seals in the world.

"A thriving tourist economy for our local region relies on the local environment and a healthy bay with local businesses."

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## Free Kinder: the best start for 2023.

### Enrolments are now open for Free Kinder.

Free Kinder will be available for all Victorian three and four-year-old children at participating services in 2023. Free Kinder will be available in sessional (standalone) and long day care (childcare) settings across the state, saving families up to \$2,500 per year, per child.

In 2022, funded Three-Year-Old Kinder continues to roll out across Victoria. Find your local kindergarten services at [vic.gov.au/kinder](http://vic.gov.au/kinder)

# Bidding war over Wonthaggi Hospital expansion

THE Liberals and Nationals Government have ramped up the pressure after announcing they would invest \$300 million to complete the second and third stages of the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion.

This follows from the Labor Government's announcement in mid-September to fund \$250-290 million for the completion of the next stages.

The funding commitment was made last week with Liberal Candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown, Nationals Candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari, Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath, and Bass Coast Health Board Chair Don Paproth, and Shadow Minister for Health (and former nurse/midwife) Georgie Crozier in attendance.

"We are stoked," Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child smiled.

"It's a gamechanger for the community and assures staff of a good contemporary work environment. It's amazing!"

The Shadow Minister also announced their funding would deliver a specialised onsite accommodation for healthcare workers and new helipad, so that patients requiring critical care can be flown both to Wonthaggi and on to Melbourne if they require urgent treatment.

"This build is going to provide so many services that are desperately need for this community, and it is a true credit to the work of the local board and management of the hospital..." Ms



**The Coalition Government announced last week they would fund \$300 million towards finishing Wonthaggi Hospital Stages 2 and 3, specialised onsite accommodation for healthcare workers and learning centre, plus a helipad. C01\_4222**

Crozier said.

At least 750 jobs will be created through the development of the project.

The announcement forms part of the Liberals and Nationals Government plan to fix the health crisis in Victoria, which includes new and upgraded hospitals right across the state.

The redevelopment of Wonthaggi Hospital includes new wards and extra beds, a new labour and delivery complex, a new outpatient clinic including dialysis, chemotherapy and specialist services, an improved medical imaging unit, upgraded spaces for allied health treat-

ment, upgraded administration and training areas, additional car parks for staff, patients and visitors; and a new Learning and Development Precinct, incorporating a Clinical Lab.

"Our plan will support our local healthcare workers, and importantly deliver a helipad for extreme cases when lives are on the line," Liberal Candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown said.

The Nationals Candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari, said the commitment means better care closer to home.

"Like so many regional areas, the Wonthaggi Hospital serves a large area, and this significant

commitment will deliver a world-class health service in the Bass electorate," Mr Tessari said.

"With new facilities and staff to support the health service, it means better health outcomes for people in our region."

Furthermore, the Liberal and Nationals Government are promising to deliver the state-of-the-art community hospital on Phillip Island, which they claim has sat idle for four years under the current government.

"Community hospitals play a vital role in taking pressure of the larger health services in the area, and it's important we deliver it urgently," Mr Brown said.

## Exciting projects to progress

BASS Coast Shire has welcomed the announcement of \$1.14 million from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

San Remo's Anderson Street Reserve will be transformed with a new playspace, universal fitness area, rotunda, new plantings for shade and accessible parking and pathways.

Of the funds, \$517,000 will be committed to this project.

San Remo local resident and advocate for the Anderson Street Reserve Thelma Boon said: "With the development and growth in San Remo, spaces for recreation, to catch up with the community and get outside are just so very important. These works will enable the community to enjoy so many facets of the Reserve and outdoor space. We look forward to seeing the designs when they go out for community consultation next year."

Further encouraging people to enjoy our outside spaces, the Rhyll foreshore playspace stage 2 can now be fast-tracked thanks to the \$235,000 funding injection.

The new playground will be extended and enhanced, with heritage signs erected throughout the precinct.

Designs are being finalised with works expected to commence in April 2023.

The Bass Coast Rail Trail - Wonthaggi Precinct also received \$388,000 to entice trails users to further explore Wonthaggi.

Works will include the glazing in of the Wonthaggi Railway Station Museum, further opening up this space for the community.

Council will also be contributing \$210,000 towards the three projects.

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### To register

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## South Gippsland Shire Council News

### New ArtCubes Project

We are excited to announce a new community-based art initiative from South Gippsland Shire – the ArtCubes project.

ArtCubes is the name we have given to three cube containers that are about to be transformed into portable, adaptable, experimental creative spaces.

Each cube is solar-powered and designed to safely house creative installations with open or closed doors. Viewing is also available through the windows. They can be transported anywhere, bringing

innovative experiences to every corner of the Shire.

The ArtCubes will be launching in the coming months (details TBA) and will change location on a seasonal basis.

Some funding will be available to assist with hosting the ArtCubes, so if you are interested in this project, please let us know.

For all enquiries please contact:

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#### SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL Sound of Your Town with Mama Kin Spender



**Tickets are still available for Mama Kin Spender.**  
This soulful collaboration will unearth and renew a passion for music and connection through community and voice.  
The Aria-nominated Mama Kin and our newly-formed local choir, the Six Week Singers will share a live performance on Friday 28 October at Memorial Hall in Leongatha.  
Tickets are available now at:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CCXGF>

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Council Chambers, Leongatha)  
**Wednesday 19 October, 2.00pm**

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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

If you cannot attend the 'open' component of the Council Meeting in person, you can access a live stream through Council's website: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

Council conduct its Meetings according to COVID Safe Plan requirements.

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings

#### REQUEST FOR TENDERS

**RFT/339 – Construction of Skate Park, Venus Bay**

Tenders close 2pm AEST on Tuesday 1 November 2022.

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

#### SOUTH GIPPSLAND YOUTH COUNCIL

South Gippsland Shire Council is calling out to all young people in the region to come along to an information session to be held at Leongatha's Memorial Hall on Thursday 20 October 2022 between 4.30pm and 6.30pm.

For more information please call 5662 9200 or email [sophied@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:sophied@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

#### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The 2023 South Gippsland Australia Day Awards are now open.

Nominees in all categories will be celebrated at an Australia Day Awards event at 6.30pm on Wednesday 18 January, 2023 at the Meeniyan Town Hall.

Nominations can be submitted at:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)  
**Nominations close 7 November 2022.**

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# Skateboarders set for upgrade in Venus Bay

VENUS Bay's skateboarders and scooter riders can look forward to a brand new skate park with South Gippsland Shire Council expecting the project to be completed during the current financial year.

The skate park will be part of a revamp of Jupiter Boulevard Park.

Those businesses keen to construct the facility have been submitting tenders, which need to be received by November 1.

As well as a modern skateboarding facility, a basketball area will be created.

Consultation on the skate park was undertaken in March this year after the release of a concept design.

While most of the 98 responses received were positive, some suggestions led to design changes.

The most significant alteration was to the planned direction of the basketball area to reduce the potential for stray basketballs to impact skateboarders.

Venus Bay skateboarders and scooter riders are currently restricted in terms of available facilities, with a basic skate park located near the town's community centre.

Venus Bay Community Centre manager Alyson Skinner is delighted to hear skateboarders should soon have access to a modern facility, that also caters to those with more advanced skills.



Concept plans for the Venus Bay skatepark which were released earlier this year.

She explained the new skate park has been a long time coming, saying \$125,000 was originally committed to the project five years ago as part of \$400,000 infrastructure funding for Venus Bay.

Several delays have occurred since, with Alyson saying COVID and council undergoing a period of administration have contributed to the delays.

She explained that the planned skate park development is now part of a wider project.

"It got rolled into the re-

newal of the whole of Jupiter Park," Alyson said.

She noted a lot of work has already taken place there, such as relocating the playground and installing a table tennis table, with an area set aside for the skate park.

"People in the Venus Bay community are very keen to see this done before summer because we have so many more families here, so many young people and people on skateboards," Alyson said.

She hopes the new skate park will be an addition for locals rather than a replace-

ment for the more modest skateboarding facility at the community centre.

"I will argue that is still a useable part of the community centre," Alyson said.

It has been used for programs such as street art workshops and for young scooter riders honing their skills.

As for the new skate park, it is an exciting development for skateboarders to look forward to, but local hopes that it will be ready for this summer seem a little ambitious.

## Council set to adopt plan for animal management

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is intent on reducing the incidence of wandering, unrestrained dogs and stray and feral cats, with those being significant priorities outlined in the draft version of its Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022-2025.

The document is set to go on public display from Thursday, pending approval at Wednesday's council meeting, with a period of community engagement expected to occur between October 20 and November 3.

Introducing a 'leash order' to keep dogs in check and a potential 'cat curfew' are initiatives council is keen to investigate further.

In the case of dogs, the aim is to reduce incidence of nuisance and attacks on people and animals.

As well as educating the community about the implications of dog attacks, council intends to communicate how to report such incidents, something it plans to actively encourage.

Reduction in harm to native fauna is a driving force behind a potential cat curfew, with other aims of that initiative being to reduce nuisance and address incidences of unwanted cat litters.

An expansion of council's

cat trapping program is forecast, targeting stray and feral felines.

Measures to reunite more pets with their owners, such as extending the use of social media to increase the return of lost or impounded animals are mentioned in the draft plan.

During August and September, a total of 583 survey responses were received, along with 24 written submissions, with stakeholder workshops and community listening posts held.

Key issues identified include:

- Dogs being walked off lead and not under effective control
- Wandering dogs
- Dog aggression
- Cats' impact on native wildlife
- Wandering cats
- Cats not being desexed
- Irresponsible breeding

In addition to measures to minimise public concerns over animal management, council is keen to simplify the pet registration process, with the introduction of an online application system for new registrations forecast in the draft plan.

**RIGHT:** Cr Sarah Gilligan with much-loved companion Desi.



## Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies

THIS week, I attended the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Annual Conference and meeting alongside Acting CEO Renae Littlejohn. There were presentations on statistics and data about global and national trends and the implications of these for local government. Lots of discussion too about our communities and how important they are to us in local government. The health, prosperity and connectedness of the communities we serve are vital and local government has a key role to play in ensuring that happens.

While the sessions are always extremely insightful, it is the connections we build and foster with colleagues at other councils that are important. It allows us to find common ground and use our collective voice to create change. I get so much energy from being in a group of people like this that are so passionate about the positive change we can do if we come together.

I also went on a tour at Wilsons Promontory last Tuesday that allowed me to see the Prom from a different perspective, and gave me a renewed appreciation for the beauty of our region and our wonderful tourism business. We really do live in a special part of the world. This year, as the Christmas holidays draw near, I'd encourage you to consider staying in South Gippsland and exploring your backyard. There is lots to do and see! To find out more, you can go to [visitsouthgippsland.com.au](http://visitsouthgippsland.com.au)

Speaking of things to do and see, last weekend I went on a walk along the Great Southern Rail Trail with my husband John and grandson. Part of our walk took us through the Black Spur section, which has changed a bit with the road realignment. However, it was absolutely amazing. It is phenomenal to look at the work they have had to do to get that road realigned and the space it has created underneath for users of the trail to enjoy. If you haven't already gone for a wander or ride along that stretch, I highly recommend it to you and ensure you take a moment to appreciate the work that has been done.

If you operate or are looking to start a business, please give our Economic Development team a call. At Council, we partner with the State Government to offer free workshops that will help you grow your business. Topics range from finance to social media marketing, so there is something for everyone. Plus, we have a Business Concierge who can give you personalised advice for your business.

If you want to find out more about all of the services they offer and register for any upcoming workshops, please visit [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/business](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/business)

The Mama Kin Six Week Singers performance on Friday 28 October still has tickets available. My husband and myself are both involved and I must be honest with you all, it has been extremely challenging, but a lot of fun. We have been listening to the songs at home to practice our harmonies. If you would like to come along and support your fellow community members, you can purchase tickets here: [www.trybooking.com/CCXGF](http://www.trybooking.com/CCXGF)

Finally, I must make an apology. In last week's message I spoke about a fabulous deb ball I attended but named the organisation incorrectly. I would like to apologise to the Leongatha & District Netball Association and thank them for hosting such a wonderful evening.

**Com Games bid by Bass Coast**

THE Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games will run from March 17-29, 2026 and the Bass Coast Shire Council is at least in discussion about what events it might bid to host.

Councillors discussed the possibilities with shire officers at a meeting recently, including Jodi Kennedy, James Stirton, Greg Box, Wayne Mack, Shannan Little, and Sharni McLennan and are expected to bring a report to council soon.

Among other issues addressed at the meeting were the Cowes Streetscape Masterplan, the 2021/2022 Capital Works Program and a developer briefing for a Warley Avenue project.

**Still time to share your story**

ARE YOU thinking about making a submission to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide or started preparing a submission but haven't finished it yet?

The Royal Commission encourages serving and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force, their families, related organisations, interested groups, and advocates, to come forward and share their experiences and expertise. There are protections available for people engaging with the Royal Commission, and you can make a submission anonymously. Making a submission is a valuable way to share your story and contribute to the inquiry.

You can make a submission online, make an audio or video submission, or send your submission by mail, anytime until October 13, 2023. You can share your story in the way that works for you - this may be telling your story via an artwork, poetry or music.

Information about how to make a submission is available at [submissions.defenceveteransuicide.royalcommission.gov.au/general/submissions/](http://submissions.defenceveteransuicide.royalcommission.gov.au/general/submissions/)



Huge crowds gathered for the final day of the MotoGP on Sunday which showcased some spectacular races.

## Thumbs up from Bass Coast for GP

THE CROWD was raring to go at Phillip Island this weekend for the 2022 Ani-moca Brands Australian Motorcycle GP.

The 91,158 strong crowd, over the three days, was the best since Casey Stoner's final race at Phillip Island in 2012.

"I was there on the Saturday, and it was a good crowd," Bass Coast Mayor Michael Whelan said.

"The race (on Sunday) was sensational; Phillip Island at its best.

"It was a welcome back to the Moto GP and I think the town's pretty happy that it's

back on the agenda.

"During COVID, Bass Coast, as a whole not just Phillip Island, lost around \$40 million a year by not having the Moto GP, it's really important."

And whilst COVID restrictions have eased and life is back to normality, the weather played havoc this year - likely deterring a few visitors.

"It was a tough year because they couldn't do the camping, it was too wet. Couldn't do the parking so we'd had to resort to the buses; the queues were pretty big. You couldn't get enough buses.

"I was walking past one of those queues for central Cowes and there was a really good spirit amongst people. They were sucking it up, which is admirable really, I thought people handled that really well.

"It was a workaround. It was one of those things you had to make work and I think people should be commended."

Jorge Martin claimed pole position ahead of the race breaking Jorge Lorenzo's All Time Lap Record (dating back to 2013) with a 1:27.767 in his Phillip Island Moto GP bike debut.

"I was watching them and

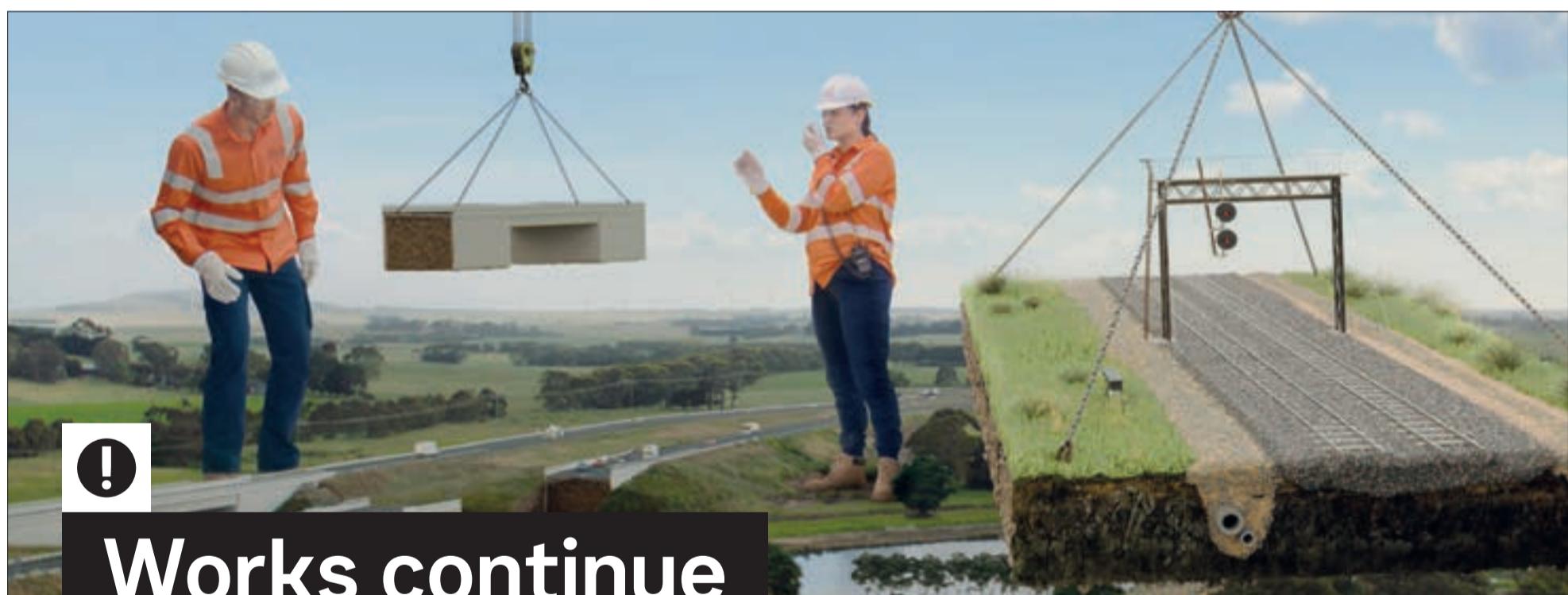
you're looking at them come down the straight and then they've past you; they're that quick," Cr Whelan added.

"Overall, it was a really successful event.

"It will be reviewed because you do lose experience over two years of not running things. This year was really good, but it'll go even better next year.

"The spirit of Phillip Island is up and running again, people really enjoyed themselves and that's what it's all about."

Local police also praised the behaviour around town with no issues or major incidents.



## Works continue on the Gippsland Line

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# Council to vote on \$150M Cowes village

THEY knocked it back at their council meeting in August this year.

But what will the Bass Coast Shire Councillors do this Wednesday when the application for a \$150 million residential village in Cowes is presented to them again for decision.

Two months ago, Cr Rochelle Halstead called it "a glorified trailer park".

Cr Ron Bauer said he had seen pictures of "old African slaver ships that have more room on them".

He asked why council would allow "a sardine can project to go ahead without making a noise" about it.

Ultimately, the council voted 5:4 to reject the application to put 277 UMDs (Unregistered Moveable Dwellings) on a 12-hectare property at 299-325 Church Street, Cowes with Crs Halstead, Bauer, Kent, Le Serve and Tessari against and Crs Whelan, Rooks, Laing and Larke in favour.

The use of demountable buildings, admittedly in 23 highly sophisticated home designs of 1, 2, and 3-bedroom configurations, each with solar panels and high efficiency ratings, exploits a loophole to avoid council rates on individual dwellings, while keeping annual costs down for residents.

So, what has changed between August and October which might shift the balance in favour of the applicants, ASX200-listed company 'Lifestyle Communities' (ASX: LIC).

According to the revised application to be presented to council this week, "the proposed plan indicates that a potential 256 UMDs could be placed on the land", not 277 as originally asked for, that is 21 fewer.

As well as that, the developers have added five "parklets" to provide "convenient and useable passive open spaces" throughout the village and one larger park area next to the Settlement Road entrance to the site.

A large "Community Garden" with barbecues, outdoor tables and chairs, orchard and planter boxes was already part of the project.

Just one councillor needs to change his vote and at the August meeting, Cr Bruce Kent acknowledged being torn on the decision because



The community clubhouse, at the proposed Lifestyle Village at Cowes, offers dining, lounge, activities room, cinema, gym, library, shared-tool supply, BBQ, seating, bowls, croquet, outdoor pool, pickle ball court, and 20-car parking spaces.



Billion-dollar residential village developers, the ASX200 listed company, Lifestyle Communities, has reduced the number of houses in their proposed Cowes village from 277 to 256 ahead of this week's council decision.

"overall, I do like the idea but not shoulder to shoulder".

Cr David Rooks, an Island Ward representative on the council, was unequivocal about the proposed development when moving the motion to support it in August:

"There's a lot to like about this residential village proposal for Cowes. We are an aging population here in Bass Coast, including on Phillip Island. Being an older population, this lifestyle village does meet the local demand that's there," he said.

"That's already been proved by the old Penguin Resort which is now Palm Lake Resort, which is at full capacity and it's very hard to get onto that waiting list there.

"A lot of locals, the mature locals in our community will be able to move into this new residential village. And what that will also do is free up, there's around 280 residential village residences, and

this will free up 280 houses potentially within our community.

"And this is a great outcome for our community where rental spaces, at the moment, are in short supply.

"People are very keen for our town boundaries to be kept as they are but we can have higher density living within those town boundaries. And this residential Village would be selling up before moving in.

"Pleasingly, there's not a lot of impact on the community resources and infrastructure and, if anything, the developers are actually putting back into the community.

"There's a fantastic list of things that are going to be part of this residential village, which the people staying there will get to enjoy including a cinema, gym, library, a shared tool supply, an indoor pool and an outdoors barbecue, seating areas, bowls,

croquet grounds, outdoor pool and a pickle ball court, whatever that is.

"So, they're adding to the community, and they're also putting in some new pathways. They're putting in a new pathway down Bellavista Road, which will make its way to the foreshore and should the proposed Cowes to Ventnor trail go ahead, they will be able to walk all the way into town which will be leisurely walk through the Conservation Reserve which will take around 30 minutes, relieving them of the need to get into their cars."

But Cr Rochelle Halstead said she believed it was an over-development of the site and Cr Bruce Kent said he didn't believe it would lead to more rental options elsewhere in the town, as suggested by Cr Rooks, because he believed those going into the Lifestyle Communities' village would be selling up before moving in.

So, it leaves the future of this \$150 million project, and the addition of 256 dwellings, in the balance until Wednesday's council meeting.

One thing seems certain, if the Lifestyle Communities' company gets the go ahead, they'll start work almost immediately, already with more than \$1 billion in similar assets, including 20 completed or under-construction villages elsewhere in Victoria and a further six in the pipeline including villages at Pakenham, Clyde, Phillip Island, Ocean Grove and Leopold - 5391 dwellings in all.

## Apply for Gippsland community leadership program

Applications for the Gippsland Community Leadership Program (GCLP) 2023 are now open and will close on Monday, October 31.

Committee for Gippsland CEO Tony Cantwell said GCLP was the longest running regional leadership program of its kind in Australia.

"GCLP provides participants with an overview of the challenges and opportunities for Gippsland, while developing individual leadership skills and inspiring further community participation," Tony Cantwell said.

The Committee for Gippsland delivers the leadership program that runs from February to November each year, developing 28 aspiring regional leaders across Gippsland while showcasing the region, its people and industries.

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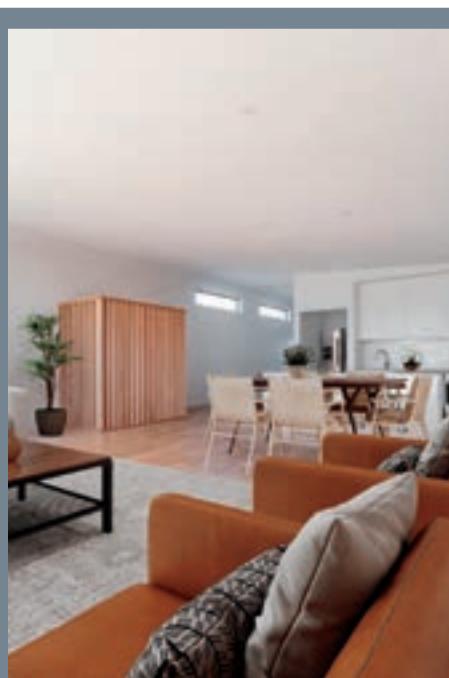
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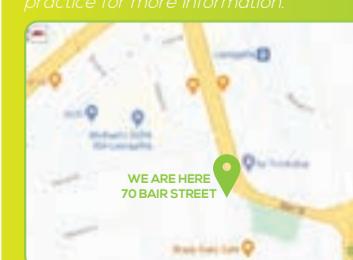


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# Downsizer Strategy

## - Contributing to Super

By David Caporale,  
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

If you are near retirement, semi-retired or already retired you may find yourself looking to sell the family home for various reasons. This might include: you no longer need the space or it is unsuitable for your needs; you want something smaller; you want a lifestyle change; or you want to move closer to your adult children, family or friends that may live elsewhere.

By selling the family home you could in doing so unlock the equity from the sale proceeds to boost your retirement savings for the years ahead. This is where the downsizer strategy comes into action as these proceeds can be contributed to superannuation. Why super you ask?

The reason for choosing to invest inside as opposed to outside the super system is mainly due to the tax concessions. Super that is in a pension phase pays no tax on investment earnings (income or capital gains) whereas invested outside super you are liable for tax on any income earned or capital gain made.

The difficulty in accessing a tax free environment lies in being eligible to contribute to the super system in the first place, as there are a number of rules which need to be met.

To be eligible for the downsizer contribution some of the criteria you must satisfy are:

- Aged 60 or more at time of contribution;
- The property that's sold needs to have been yours or your spouse's main place of residence at some point in time, and you need to have owned the home for at least 10 years;
- The sold property must be in Australia and excludes mobile homes, caravans, and houseboats; and
- A downsizer contribution must be made within 90 days of receiving the sale proceeds.

The maximum you can contribute

is \$300,000.00 for singles or \$600,000.00 for couples, but the contribution can't be greater than the total proceeds from the sale of your home. Downsizer contributions are not tax deductible and whilst they are exempt from contribution caps it can only be used once in a lifetime.

To illustrate the benefit of this strategy let's say a couple sold their home for \$1.5 million dollars and maximised the downsizer contribution fully. As a result they would boost their super balance by \$600,000.00 and still have \$900,000.00 remaining to buy a new home. Assuming their combined super balance was already \$400,000.00 the downsizer contribution would increase the balance to \$1 million. If invested at 5.50% it would provide a tax free income of \$55,000.00 per annum, just over a \$1,000.00 per week, an outcome that yields the median of a modest and comfortable retirement income according to the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia.

It is also worth noting that if you do sell your home and use the downsizer contribution you are not obliged to buy a new home with the sale proceeds nor do you have to actually downsize. You could purchase something bigger or of greater value, all subject to your financial position of course.

Most importantly it is to best to seek advice from a financial advisor or tax advisor beforehand as breaching superannuation rules can result in penalties, usually in the form of additional tax.

To conclude this strategy can really benefit an individual or couple by significantly increasing their retirement savings albeit by selling the family home, which may be easier said than done.

*The information above does not constitute financial or other professional advice and is general in nature. It does not take into account your specific circumstances and should not be acted on without a full understanding of your current situation and future goals and objectives by a fully qualified financial advisor. Before you make any decision about whether to acquire a certain financial product, you should obtain and read the relevant product disclosure statement.*



Noelene Cosson was more than happy to pass on the role of president to Shaun Hill.

## New era for business association

KORUMBURRA Business Association held their recent AGM at the Austral Hotel with some key changes announced.

In attendance were guests Deputy Mayor Nathan Hersey, Councillor Jenni Keeri and South Gippsland Shire's Business Development Officer Pauleen Boulton.

Nathan chaired the meeting for the election of office bearers for the coming 12 months.

Noelene Cosson stood down from the president's role after six years and was replaced by Shaun Hill, owner of Fishers Timber Yard.

"Tonight, I step down from the president's role and it has been a privilege to be in this position for the past 6 years," Ms Cosson said at the event.

"I thank everyone that I have met along the way, and I feel satisfied that we have achieved so much for Korumburra in that time."

Ms Cosson also highlighted many of the association's achievements.

"We managed to complete our long-term project of replacing of the old Industrial Estate locality signs with a new sign at the entrance to the Estate," she said.

"We made a lengthy submission to the Federal Government Regional Banking Taskforce highlighting the impact of bank closures on regional communities.

"Just recently we sold two of the 13 laser cut steel light drums that had been used for a display along Commercial Street on two occasions.

"These drums were funded as part of the Pick My Project state government grant as was the 2019 Southern Lights Festival.

"The funds from these two drums will be going towards the next Southern Lights Festival planned for 2023."

Shirley Arezia also stood down from secretary after

seven years on the night and was replaced by Noelene.

Shirley will continue on the committee doing social media work.

Kate Murphy was re-elected as vice president, and Jess Paul was re-elected as treasurer.

Pauleen Boulton addressed the meeting explaining her role at council and how she can assist businesses.

She gave an overview on the census data and the 'spendmap' data informing the meeting of where people come from that spend money in Korumburra.

The Business Association keeps its members and the wider community informed of anything relevant to business or Korumburra, including grant opportunities and business courses.

They still have two vacancies for ordinary committee members if anyone is interested.

## BASS COAST SHIRE COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Dalyston lane to be sold off

AT ITS council meeting this Wednesday, October 19, the council will consider a proposal to discontinue Back Lane Walker Street in Dalyston and to sell it to an adjoining landowner.

The proposal has been advertised and no submissions were received.

### Cowes community garden cost increase

THE cost of developing a Community Garden at the Blue Gum Reserve in Cowes has blown-out from the original budget of \$278,000 to \$363,848.

However, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Phillip Island RSL, \$106,000 sitting in the Bass Coast Phillip Island RSL Trust will be used to offset the increase.

The project budget will now rise to \$384,000 subject to council's approval at this week's council meeting.

### Old Post Office refurb up by \$52,000

THE Bass Coast Shire Council will be asked to approve an additional spend of \$52,500 in excess of project budget for the refurbishment of the Old Post Office, Wonthaggi, the funds to be taken from savings in the 2022/23 building renewal program.

Originally a budgeted amount of \$95,000 had been allocated but the works needed to bring the Old Post Office "up to a fit for purpose state" and to prevent structural damage but an amount of \$147,500 now needs to be set aside including a contingency of \$12,621.

The works on the 111-year old building aims to stabilise the building's existing structural defects and preserve long term performance and life span of the building.

### How much more for Cowes CCCC?

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has not released details yet but is believed to be

considering a cost blowout with the construction of the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre project.

A confidential project update was provided by the builders at a closed council committee meeting on September 7 and the issue was subsequently raised in closed session at the September 21 council meeting.

But whether the outcome is an increase in the cost of the \$27.2 million project is not known.

Progress on the Wonthaggi North East housing plan was also discussed at the September 7 council session.

### Shire awards lights contract

IN THE period from August 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 the Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie awarded a contract to RJC Electrical Solutions Pty Ltd of South Melbourne for the design and construction of lighting towers on Oval 2 at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve.

The value of the works is \$280,500.00

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# Local police welcome crime reduction

THERE were 469,506 criminal offences recorded in Victoria for the year ending June 2022, representing a decrease of 52,139 offences or 10 per cent from the same twelve-month period in 2021.

This represents the lowest number of criminal offences since 2014.

For Bass Coast, total criminal incidents dropped by one case with the top five suburbs including Wonthaggi, Cowes, Inverloch, North Wonthaggi and Grantville. Unsurprisingly, the top five offence subgroups were breach family violence order, criminal damage, other theft, residential non-aggravated burglary and common assault.

Jumping into South Gippsland, the total criminal incidences were down 6.7 per cent with Leongatha, Korumburra, Mirboo North, Foster and Nyora the top five suburbs.

Breach of family violence order, criminal damage, other theft, common assault and sexual offences rounded out the top five offence subgroups.

While the Victorian pandemic restrictions that began to lift in October 2021, curbed criminal offending in the early months of this reporting period, it remains incredibly positive to see a steady decline across the vast majority of offence categories.

"It's pleasing that the crime statistics indicate that there's a reduction in overall offenses, just over 10 per cent for the South Gippsland local government area, and just over 6 per cent for the Bass Coast local government area; that's really pleasing results for the local community," Bass Coast Acting Inspector Glenn Parke said.

"In relation to recent crime



**The latest crime statistics represent the lowest number of criminal offences since 2014.**

trends, an area where we have seen some small increases is residential burglaries and associated property crime with theft of motor vehicles.

"We believe a lot of these offenders are targeting properties which are left unsecured, or vehicles which are left unsecured.

"We'd like to stress to the community the importance of making sure their homes are always secured regardless of whether it be in a rural environment or within towns, and to make sure that vehicles are left locked, including when parked at home."

Victoria Police have seen an increase in offenders more willing to travel to rural locations and as such, people living in those locations need to be aware of their security.

"We think we could see a good reduction in most property crime categories, and one of the best ways we can achieve that would be by the general community being more security conscious.

"A lot of offending is opportunistic when it comes to property crime. Again, that

comes back to the owners being more vigilant about the security and reducing the opportunity, if the opportunity is reduced, we will see our offenses reduce accordingly.

"The other area of concern is the slight increase in assaults. Some of those offenses are occurring between parties known to each other and private property, but there's also some of the offenses occurring in public places.

"At the moment we're working on strategies to reduce the occurrence of assaults in our area and there'll be a particular focus on that coming into the warmer months and holiday periods. We'll have an increased police presence during that time, particularly in and around licensed premises and places where people gather for festive reasons."

Victoria Police are urging the community to keep safe and be mindful of how they are behaving and conducting themselves at licensed premises and public gatherings, ensuring people are considerate of others and looking after friends.

"As a community, adjusting to life post COVID, we've noticed an increase in some aspects of assaults and antisocial behaviour in public places, which we believe is attributed to people getting out and about after a long period of isolation.

"We are working closely with our local licensees and other event and tourism stakeholders to make sure that we're working collaboratively to do what we can to make those environments as safe as possible for the community."

For the outlook on the next 12 months, Acting Inspector Parke and his colleagues would like to see a reduction in all crime categories.

With unsolved criminal incidents sitting at 36.1 per cent and 34.1 per cent for Bass Coast and South Gippsland respectively, Victoria Police also welcome any knowledge from the public.

"In relation to unsolved crime, if anyone in the community has any information about a particular offence or someone who may have committed an offence, we encourage them to contact Crimestoppers or their local police station and pass on that knowledge.

"Sometimes the smallest piece of information is vital to helping us solve outstanding crime."

Crimestoppers can be reported anonymously via telephone (1800 333 000) or online (crimestoppers.com.au).

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PICTURE this: You are looking at yourself in the mirror, admiring the great sight that beholds you... And you begin to realise that you are seeing more scalp than the hair on your head.

Or maybe it's your hairdresser/barber casually mentioning that you are 'slightly sparse', hoping to sneak in a subtle hint that you may need to address your lack of hair in a certain spot.

Sounds familiar? These are unfortunately signs of Alopecia, more commonly known as hair loss. According to a survey done in 2019, hair loss affects up to 45 per cent of men and women by the age of 50 years.

As much as it may be an embarrassing issue to talk about, it is something one should look to get addressed, or at least know the cause of it as it can be due to various factors.

Common causes of Alopecia could be due to but are not limited to hormonal changes, hereditary factors, certain medical conditions, environmental factors or even a normal process of aging. Treatment for Alopecia is aimed at 3 main aspects:

- Stimulating hair regrowth
- Slowing down the loss of hair
- Disguising hair loss

Treatment options would naturally depend on the cause of hair loss, and the next step would be to have a conversation with a trained healthcare professional.

As we understand how this can be a sensitive topic for some, our private counselling rooms are always accessible for us to have a closed-door conversation with you in a safe and non-judgmental space.

Being consumers ourselves, we know exactly how overwhelming it can be when faced with so many products.

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## Crazy socks at St Joe's

IT WAS crazy sock day at St Joseph's Wonthaggi last Wednesday as students donned odd, silly and crazy socks to help raise monies for Catholic Mission during Mission Month.

"The kids love crazy sock day and we have done so for many years," Religious Education Leader, Bel O'Brien explained.

"The gold coin donation from students raises funds to support families in Ethiopia facing malnutrition and food insecurity.



**Grade 1/2 get into the spirit with St Joseph's crazy socktober challenge. C05\_4222**

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# Local SES ready to assist



**Floodwaters reached popular northern Victorian tourist hotspot Bridgewater last Friday, with the possibility of SES members from Gippsland units helping in such towns. Photo: Shannon Schubert ABC Central Victoria**

WHILE residents in many northern and central Victorian towns are being impacted by evacuation orders and flooding, the Gippsland region has so far escaped major issues despite continued wet weather.

Leongatha SES unit controller Matt Saario said the unit hasn't had any recent callouts for trees down on roads or water damage to buildings.

While pleased that is the case, he said the unit continues to monitor rainfall and be ready if required.

There is a possibility of Leongatha SES and other units from the Gippsland

area assisting in severely affected areas.

Matt said a request was put out on Thursday for boating crews and people to help with sandbagging, with a further call on Friday for SES members able to assist with incident management and in call centres.

In a Thursday Facebook post, the Victorian SES hit out at motorists driving into flood waters.

"We've hit 30 rescues for people entering flood water today and it's not good enough," the statement says.

"We want to spend our time and resources helping

those most at risk, not people driving into floodwater."

Matt reiterated that message, saying those who enter floodwaters unnecessarily, whether driving or on foot, put not only themselves at risk but also rescuers.

He said people sometimes underestimate how deep floodwater is or are unaware what is under it, with the possibility of roads having collapsed.

Victorian flooding has not been confined to regional areas, with Maribyrnong severely affected by the rising Maribyrnong River which has swamped streets and buildings.

## Island local given the opportunity to perform

LOCAL actor and Newhaven College Grade 6 student Oscar Tuchtan has been selected for inclusion in World Monologue Games, an international event featuring the best performers from 45 countries.

Years of disruption to the arts and entertainment industries hasn't stopped actor Oscar Tuchtan. After reaching the Global Finals in 2021, the Phillip Island local is competing again this year in the World Monologue Games, a worldwide event often referred to as the Olympics for Actors. Thousands of international performers vie for a spot on the podium in six different categories.

When Oscar discovered he had been selected for the event's regional finals again this year, he was thrilled.

"I'm super excited to be competing in World Monologue Games again this year. This has me representing Australia alongside scores of incredible performers from around the world. I can't wait for my performance."

World Monologue Games was set up in 2020 by Australian producer Pete Malicki, who refused to let global lockdowns deprive his fellow creatives of opportunities to perform.

Malicki says, "Our third season is shaping up to knock the previous two out of the park. Many judges commented that the standard of submissions was much higher than in the past. I'm looking forward to seeing what the best actors from scores of countries can bring to the table with this year's Games."

Oscar has been selected with a monologue about an embarrassing incident that could happen to any middle school kid.

"This is such a great piece to perform. It has the typical ups and downs that feature in any kid's school day, and a surprise twist at the end."

Oscar's Regional Final will be livestreamed on Friday, October 21 at 8pm, featuring actors representing Australasia, Canada, and the UK. He will be competing for a cash prize and a position on the podium during the prestigious Global Finals held late November.

## State Government commits to flood recovery

THE VICTORIAN Government has announced additional funding for families, roads and clean-up efforts, with a \$351 million support package to help communities recover from the state's flood crisis.

That commitment includes dedicating \$165 million to emergency road repairs, with that directed toward both large-scale works such as rebuilding roads, bridges and culverts and smaller repairs such as resurfacing or fixing potholes.

Other flood recovery measures include promising up to \$15 million to help those Victorians worst affected by the floods by delivering support in the areas of housing, health and wellbeing, financial and legal counselling and assistance to apply for grants.

The government says it will place community recovery officers in all flood-affected local government areas, with the aim of ensuring communities get support tailored to their requirements.

Recovery officers are budgeted to cost \$6 million overall.



**Grade 6 student at Newhaven College Oscar Tuchtan returns for his second season in the world monologue games.**



**Australian Government**

**Department of Health and Aged Care**

## The Aged Care Quality Standards are being reviewed. Now is the time to have your say, because quality aged care matters.

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety final report challenges us to create better aged care services and a better standard of care for older Australians.

In March 2021, the Australian Government announced a review of Aged Care Quality Standards (Quality Standards) in response to Recommendation 19 of the Royal Commission final report.

We're encouraging input from older Australians, families and carers, aged care providers, the workforce and anyone interested in contributing to the future of aged care in Australia.

**Consultations are open between 27 September to 7 November 2022.**

To have your say about the Quality Standards, visit the Aged Care Engagement Hub or call the My Aged Care's freecall phone line.

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With the Wonthaggi Hospital expansion almost ready, Bass Coast Health has undertaken numerous forums to inform residents on plans for its future. Photo: Bass Coast Health

## Pivotal time for Bass Coast Health

WITH the first stage of the Wonthaggi Hospital expansion nearing completion and both Labor and Coalition Governments pledging hundreds of millions of dollars for the next stages, Bass Coast Health (BCH) is entering an extraordinary chapter.

Throughout October, BCH has been undertaking community forums to update the public on where the organisation is at and plans for its future.

This includes the hospital's expansion, current and future services, workforce projections, priorities for the coming years and the new Phillip Island Community Hospital.

At a recent session, BCH CEO Jan Child gave an overview of how the organisation is growing into a sub-regional health service.

"It's only been in the last two years we got ourselves into this playing field," she said.

"That's because we've done a lot of work to grow our services.

"Our job is to make sure we are growing our services and to look after more complex patients, and improve the numbers of people that can be treated locally."

Another topic Ms Child discussed was ongoing issue of staff and the effects it was having on BCH.

"I'm going to sit here and say to you I don't have enough staff... but I don't know of a health service or any health provider that have enough right now," she said.

"But what I do want to say is we've had really strong growth while others have had less growth."

Attendees were also given a tour of what the completed hospital



At a recent forum Bass Coast Health highlighted their workforce projections among a number of other key factors for its future growth.

expansion would look like and some of the services.

"It will include a huge emergency department that's future proofed," she said.

"It's bigger than what we need right now but it will be able to hold us steady for a couple of decades."

Ms Child also highlighted that building works are expected to commence for the Phillip Island Community Hospital this week, with hopes it will open by late 2024.

The hospital will offer a range of health services including urgent care, dialysis, chemotherapy, day surgery, public dental, allied health, women's health, family violence support, and community mental health.

There are still plenty of forums upcoming including:

October 24 - Wonthaggi Golf Club - hosted by BCH Ladies Auxiliary - 1:00pm-2:30pm

October 25 - Phillip Island Golf Club - hosted by Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary - 12:30pm-2:00pm

October 25 - Online Open Access Community Forum #3 - 5:30pm-7:00pm

October 27 - Inverloch Hub - hosted by BCH Inverloch Auxiliary - 5:30pm-7:00pm

October 28 - Newhaven Yacht Squadron - hosted by San Remo Op Shop Auxiliary - 10:00am-11:30am

For more information, visit [www.basscoasthealth.org.au/roadshows](http://www.basscoasthealth.org.au/roadshows)

## Future of general practice care is unsustainable: says RACGP

THE ROYAL Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) has urged government to secure the future of general practice care so that no patients anywhere in Australia are left behind.

It comes via the college's General Practice: Health of the Nation 2022 report, an annual health check-up on general practice in Australia.

RACGP President Adj. Professor Karen Price has called for urgent action to address the challenges confronting general practice.

"The future of general practice care is in crisis and it's not of our making," she said.

"If general practice were a patient, I would say that it had several serious underlying health conditions that if not properly addressed will lead to grim outcomes.

"Unless things change, more and more practices will face the impossible decision of hiking fees for patients or closing up shop. Just 13.8 per cent of future doctors are choosing general practice as their career and sourcing and retaining GPs has now become the highest priority challenge reported by practice owners in 2022.

"The primary reason GPs choose to bulk bill is because their patients, especially those with multiple serious health conditions, cannot afford to pay.

"Urgent action is needed to give general practice an immediate restoration of funds lost through the Medicare rebate freeze plus an appropriate further investment and rebalancing of health system funding."

The RACGP President also called for government to ease the excessive administrative burden on general practice.

"Let's cut the red tape and let our GPs and general practice teams get on with the job of doing what we do best - providing world-class care to our

patients," she said.

The Sentinel-Times caught up with Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent MP to understand how the Federal Government was tackling the growing problem.

"I addressed the Parliament on the issue a couple of weeks ago," Mr Broadbent said.

"It's one of the most serious issues that my electorates face, and so too the regional electorates across Australia.

"The first thing the Labor government did was reverse the program we put in place to encourage GPs and international GPs to come to country Victoria and Australia; so, they could get GPs into closer regional areas and city centres, in other words, into their electorates.

"That means those doctors can now apply to go out of country areas straight into regional areas, and one of the regional areas they've nominated is Frankston.

"Because of the shortage of GPs everywhere the impact is greatest on areas like Monash and Gippsland. We have a real problem.

"We haven't gotten enough GPs, and the GPs we have are aging, and because of all the pressures that have come through COVID they're retiring early, and places like Moe can't get GPs at all."

The delays in accessing GP appointments are also having a flow on effect, as Russell highlighted.

"If you've got to wait four weeks and you've got bronchitis, you're not in good nick - so you end up going straight to hospital, which puts enormous pressure on the hospitals.

"This is not unique to us, this is in every regional electorate right around Australia, which has been the discussion of the Parliament the last few weeks."

To stand up for change write to your Labor Senator or to Russell Broadbent MP.

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**Adam Support is seeking registered nurses and support workers for their client at Venus Bay.**

### Make a difference while enjoying the serenity

ADAM Support is seeking dedicated and passionate registered nurses and support workers who are looking for a sea change in the beautiful town of Venus Bay.

Adam Support is an organisation caring for a gentleman with complex disabilities, to live an active and fulfilling life in his own home and community.

The organisation is looking for a number of registered nurses to work with him and his team of support workers.

He requires a registered nurse and support worker for each of three shifts per day, seven days per week.

This is a very rewarding role making an enormous difference in the gentleman's life.

The role is interesting, challenging and different but far less stressful than in a hospital or nursing home.

It is a role that involves caring for the whole person, not just one specific health problem.

"It will be a registered nurse and support worker who will be working with him all the time," Adam Support's Les Cope said.

"He's complex in that he has epilepsy; he is nonverbal and has some issues with his cognitive skills.

"However, he's also a published poet and writer.

"He's published three poetry books and he loves the arts.

"But all these things he needs support for."

Les highlighted that the role is very attractive in that the client lives in his own home at Venus Bay, and staff get to participate in the various activities he enjoys.

The organisation is also looking for more support workers.

If you are interested in making a real difference and enjoy working in an energetic, creative and caring team, please contact [admin@adamsupport.org.au](mailto:admin@adamsupport.org.au)



# FROM the CLASSROOM

## Newhaven Junior School shines



**Ella Herbert playing the role of Zoe in Newhaven College production Brains Trust.**

NEWHAVEN College's Junior School students shone on stage during their recent performance of Brain's Trust.

Written, produced and directed by college teachers Nina and David Prideaux, the production at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre was spectacular.

With 215 Prep - Year 4 students on stage, bringing this show together as a professional-looking production, was remarkable.

The show was an entertaining and heart-warming journey to find a young girl's self-esteem and qualities she has hidden from herself.

The adventures of Zoe, played by Ella Herbert, took her on a journey to meet groups represented by each year level, including Excellence, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Responsibility, Optimism, Community and Joy.

All these principles are reflected in Newhaven College's own values, helping students

to become thoughtful, caring and brave.

Staff, students and parents worked conscientiously to create the final production.

Nina, David and many Junior School staff worked tirelessly all term to bring the show together.

The students rehearsed through lunchtimes and after school to learn all their lines and songs. Junior School parents generously volunteered their time organising props and costumes.

Anyone who witnessed the show were amazed at the high level of acting and singing abilities the students brought to the stage.

The sets were created by Ben Stein, Tony Kellett and the students in their VET Building and Construction class.

The sets certainly supported the professional image of the show. The live music, performed by college staff, completed the overall performance with style.

## The Youth in Arts Program – Exhibition #1

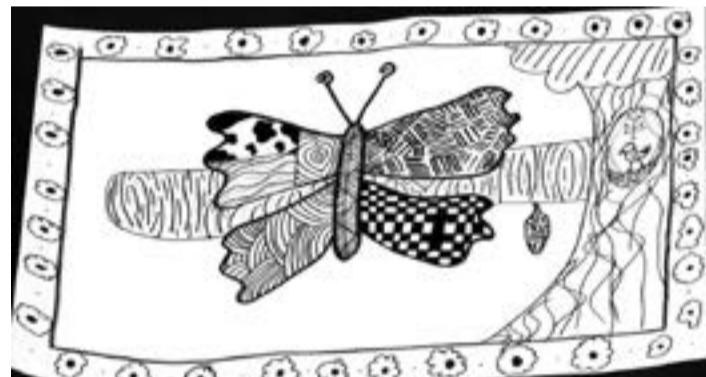
*A series of exhibitions at Salvation Army Thrift Store Wonthaggi by students from Wonthaggi North Primary School*

SALVATION Army Wonthaggi recognises the important beneficial significance of The Arts and artists within our South Gippsland Community.

Over many months of careful planning, Jenn Pitts from Salvation Army Thrift Store Wonthaggi and Kerry McGennisken, Arts Educator at Wonthaggi North Primary School, kick started 'The Youth in Arts Program' to encourage local youth in their contribution and enrichment entering into the art world.

The Youth in Arts program will endeavour to showcase artwork from students and rotate on a monthly basis.

Parents and friends are invited to show their support by voting on various artworks



**A series of black and white animal line artworks inspired by Haji Abdullah Wakil Zadahah. C08\_4222**

throughout the year.

At the end of each monthly exhibition, the three pieces of artwork with the most votes will be awarded a people's choice trophy in recognition of the artist's contribution.

Works will form the basis of portfolios and the beginning of the artist journey. As

such, pieces of artwork will be available to purchase with any funds going directly to the artist.

The artworks included in Exhibition #1 are inspired by artworks at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) by Haji Abdullah Wakil Zadahah from Afghanistan.

Students observed the artist's textural pieces which helped them to create their own Black and White Animal Line Artworks focusing on line, texture, contrast, pattern and movement.

This exhibition demonstrates a range of skills by grade six students with other year levels being involved in the coming months.

Vote for your favourite artwork/s easily at the Salvation Army Thrift Store front counter for 20 cents per vote – with all proceeds going to the school.

Artwork sales enquiries can be directed to Kerry McGennisken at Wonthaggi North Primary School on 5672 4697 or via email on [wonthaggi.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:wonthaggi.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

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# Students getting creative to help save butterflies

STUDENTS from Bass Valley Primary School have been working alongside Bass Coast Landcare Network as part of the Kids Thrive charity program Kids as Catalysts.

After a successful pitch to local community members including councillors, principals and others, the students raised \$50 for this project to help increase butterfly populations around the region.

The team "Flutterby Savers" have worked with Lisa Wangman and the volunteers who do the potting of plants at their nursery at the Bass Recreation Reserve.

Students worked with Landcare to research what butterfly species are located in the area, and then determined which plants would need to be planted out.

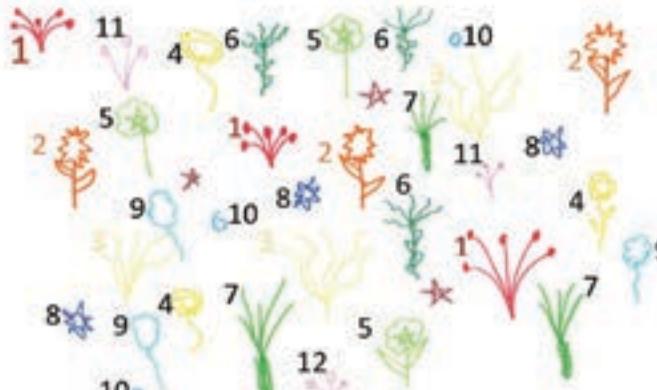
The plants chosen are host plants which provide food for growing caterpillars.

"Butterflies and moths are important to the pollination of many types of plants and are an integral part of nature's complex web.

Butterflies are particularly attracted to daisy-type flowers as these provide excellent landing platforms while the butterflies are feeding," said Lisa Wangman.

The students have each designed a planting design that will be handed out by Landcare when people purchase the Butterfly Plant Packs.

The volunteers who work



Sample garden design by Chloe

Local students have been creating their own butterfly garden plant packs in an effort to repopulate them.

at the Nursery on Fridays are keen to plant out a garden at the Reserve, and Landcare are also looking at having the school plant out a demonstration garden at their river area so that people can see the designs when in flower.

The students attended the nursery and met volunteers who they then presented their garden designs to.

Each student took it in turns to explain the process and what they wanted to achieve with the project.

They then potted some seeds to start the butterfly packs that will see their project result in increased butterflies and the benefits to the environment that they bring.

Here you can see some of the designs by some stu-

dents of their garden and planting designs.

These plants are all available for purchase at the Landcare nursery.

The students have said they're very excited to be a part of this project and to have been able to create something so meaningful for the environment.

"I was so proud when everyone got their money at the pitch and when I was on the radio talking about the project," said Jaxon, a student and Flutterby Savers team member from Bass Valley Primary School.

This program is possible due to funding from Kids Thrive, Bass Coast Community Foundation, Department of Education (Vic) and VicHealth.



At Bass Coast Health's Community Forum at Grantville, BCH CEO Jan Child received a donation from Faye Tuchtan on behalf of the Grantville Country Women's Association towards cancer services at BCH. They are pictured with BCH Board Chair Don Paproth and CWA members.

## Forums reveal future of health service

BASS Coast residents have seized the opportunity to learn more about their local health service at community forums hosted by Bass Coast Health (BCH).

Forums have been held at Corinella, Phillip Island, Grantville, Wonthaggi and via Zoom, and there are more forums to come.

BCH CEO Jan Child has been informing the community about the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion (WHE) due to open in December, the Phillip Island Community Hospital to open in late 2024, and current and future services.

"The forums have been hosted by our Community Advisory Committee and BCH's Auxiliaries (Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary, San Remo Opportunity Shop Auxiliary, BCH Ladies Auxiliary and Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary), and the Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group.

The Grantville forum was hosted by the Grantville Country Women's Association at the Grantville Hall, where CWA members proudly presented BCH with a cheque towards cancer services.

Forum participants heard that BCH

treated 12,629 inpatients in 2021-22 and offered 17,000 medical specialist appointments during the same period, with most specialists hailing from Alfred Health and Monash Health.

The Phillip Island Community Hospital will be a double-storey building built next to the Health Hub, on the former PICAL site. Earthworks start this week.

The hospital will include chemotherapy and renal dialysis facilities, dedicated areas for mental health and paediatric patients, a radiology precinct, an expanded urgent care centre and non-retail pharmacy. Further forums will be held on:

- Monday, October 24, Wonthaggi Golf Club, 1pm-2.30pm
- Tuesday, October 25, Phillip Island Golf Club, 12.30pm-2pm
- Tuesday, October 25, online via Zoom, 5.30pm-7pm
- Thursday, October 27, Inverloch Community Hub, 5.30pm-7pm
- Friday, October 28, Newhaven Yacht Squadron, 10am-11.30am.

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## Bass Coast Health invites everyone to our Community Forums

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- The \$115m Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion
- The Phillip Island Community Hospital
- Our growing services

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## COVID cases on sharp decline

THERE were 8061 COVID-19 cases reported in Victoria last week, down 12.2 per cent on the previous week.

The average daily number of new cases this week was 1152.

The number of active cases in Victoria was 6564, down from a peak of 71,428 recorded on July 23.

The seven-day rolling average of patients with COVID-19 in Victorian hospitals is 148, an increase of 8 per cent when compared to the same time earlier this month.

The number of COVID-19 patients hospitalised in the BA.5 wave peaked at 906 on July 20.

There were 13 COVID-19 patients and no cleared cases in intensive care.

There was one COVID-19 patient on a ventilator. The seven-day rolling average of patients in intensive care in Victorian hospitals is seven.

In the past three months, 5564 COVID-19 patients were hospitalised in Victoria.

About 44.1 per cent of these patients had not received their third vaccine dose. 1653 (29.7 per cent) were unvaccinated, 57 had received one dose, 743 had two doses, 1612 had received three doses and 1499 had received four doses.

In the past three months, there have been 1394 COVID-19 related deaths in Victoria.

Of those deaths, 49 per cent had not received their third COVID-19 vaccine dose, 566 (40.6 per cent) were unvaccinated, 8 had received one dose, 109 had two doses, 291 had received three doses and 420 had received four doses.

## Better mobile connectivity by 2026, says government

BASS Coast and South Gippsland are set for a huge boost in mobile connectivity with more than 60 projects underway to build mobile towers and deliver broadband infrastructure.

In partnership with five telco providers, the State Government will invest more than \$250 million to deliver 1108 mobile infrastructure projects.

Some areas will also see networks upgraded to 5G sooner than planned.

Together with Axicom, ENE.HUB, Optus, Telstra and TPG Telecom, the Government will build 309 new mobile towers, upgrade 492 towers to 5G, adapt 170 towers so they can be used by multiple telco providers and make 137 towers more resilient during natural disasters, by 2026.

At many sites, the telecommunications providers have agreed to share infrastructure, which will give more Victorians a choice of mobile provider, helping make data costs affordable.

Connecting Victoria has already announced \$27.5 million in grants for mobile projects to deliver new mobile towers or upgrades from 4G to 5G in high-growth areas, and \$73 million to provide broadband upgrades to 54 locations across the state.

To find out more, visit [vic.gov.au/connectingvictoria](http://vic.gov.au/connectingvictoria).

# Scouting legend retires after more than 50 years

AFTER 53 years of being in the Scouting movement, Korumburra resident Shirley Reeves OAM retired at the recent South Gippsland District ARAP (Awards, Reports and Presentation).

Shirley held many roles within Scouts, including being a Joey, Cub and Scout Leader, District Joey Leader, District Cub Leader, District Commissioner for South Gippsland and Assistant Commissioner for the Gippsland Region.

Shirley has been involved in running events for Scouting Youth members around Australia from local Scout meetings, to Kangarees, Cuborees and Jamborees.

Shirley has also attended Jamborees and events in other countries around the world. There is not a Scouting Youth member in this District that does not have fond memories of Shirley, also known as Mrs Chook and Mrs Wallaby.

Shirley has also been a member of the Leader Training Team in Victoria and for more than three decades she has helped shape, support and teach thousands of leaders within Victoria.

Shirley has received recognition within the Scout move-

ment for her efforts with Youth members and Leaders and has been awarded the Medal of Merit, the Silver Acorn, Silver Emu and the Silver Kangaroo.

Shirley was also presented with a 50-year Service Award.

Outside of Scouting, Shirley was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her outstanding support of Scouting and other Community organisations.

On her last night as a Scout Leader, at the South Gippsland District ARAP, past Branch Commissioner and long time friend, Robert Taylor, had the pleasure of presenting Shirley with an Honorary Commissioner of Scouts Victoria.

When presenting the award, Bob made reference to the fact that Shirley has had a lasting impact on thousands of Scouts and Leaders around the State, and that those who have been lucky enough to have been in Scouting with Shirley are greatly indebted to her.

The South Gippsland Scouts as a whole would like to say well done and thank you to Shirley for the time, effort and care that she has put into the youth of this region for the past 53 years.



Shirley Reeves receives her award from Bob Taylor which was presented to her for 50-years of service in Scouts.

## Primary Health department reopens doors at GSHS



Manager of allied health Vivian Carroll and acting manager of community services, Sara Mullery celebrate the reopening of the primary health department.

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS) has reopened its primary health department in Leongatha.

The department's doors have been closed for two years because of COVID-19 but the easing of restrictions allowed the reopening this week.

GSHS manager of allied health services Vivian Carroll said that while services had continued, reopening the doors was good news for clients.

"For the past two years, we have restricted access to the main door of the hospital to regulate the check-in process," Ms Carroll said.

"Being able to open these doors is lovely because it makes us much more

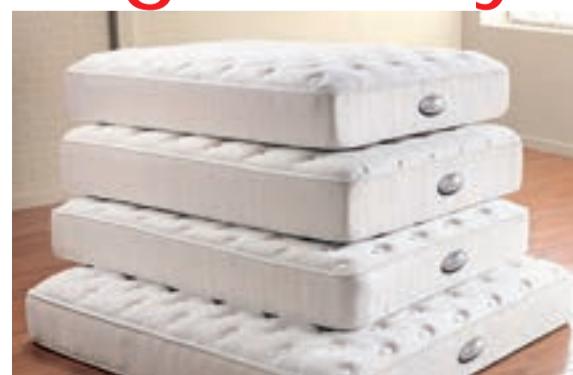
accessible. Because we're three-quarters down the building, it has been a long walk to get to the services you need, but now people can come straight through."

There are check-in kiosks at both hospital and primary health entrances and reception and concierge staff can help visitors with the process.

Ms Carroll said it was timely to remind people they have to wear face masks in health care settings.

The primary health department is home to allied health services such as podiatry, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and dietetics, and community services such as social work, drug and alcohol services, palliative care.

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# Price Submission 2023-28

SUMMARY

Customers asked for affordable prices, quality drinking water, reliable and responsive services and accelerated climate change action.

We would like to thank customers for their willingness to participate in the price review process and influence the future of their water and wastewater services. Approximately one in 20 customers directly provided feedback to inform our projects and service levels for the next five years. We feel this plan responds to the needs of our customers, now and in the years ahead - placing customer value at its centre.



## CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT

### Phase 1 - Explore

Jul - Dec 2021 we engaged with customers via:

- telephone surveys
- online surveys

### Phase 2 - Test

Mar - Jun 2022 we engaged through:

- online deliberative forums
- face-to-face events
- in-depth interviews

### Phase 3 - Validate

Jul - Oct 22 we closed the loop with customers:

- lodged Price Submission to the Essential Services Commission (ESC) Sept 2022
- support ESC consultation process Oct-Dec 2022

### Phase 4 - Finalise

ESC determination in 2023:

- July 2023 ESC price determination takes effect

## DELIVERING CUSTOMER VALUE

### Keep bills affordable

- ✓ Average residential bills will increase by \$3 or 0.4% in year 1 (2023-24). No bill increases in years 2-5, excluding inflation.
- ✓ Tenants will continue to have the cheapest average bill in Victoria.
- ✓ Reduction in fixed charges (offset by usage charge increase) to give customers greater control over their bill.
- ✓ Hardship grants will increase from 25 per year to 100 in 2023-24.

### Take climate action now

- ✓ \$20M will be invested to reduce environmental impacts and adapt to climate change.
- ✓ Westernport Water will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 35% (minimum).
- ✓ More action on climate change at a faster pace.

### Improve water quality

- ✓ Westernport Water will invest \$6M to deliver water quality improvements.
- ✓ Implement new water quality technologies, such as automatic flushing devices, enhanced real-time monitoring and water quality analysers.
- ✓ Develop master plans for the water purification plant and distribution systems.

### Maintain service levels

- ✓ Water and wastewater reliability will be maintained at current period levels.
- ✓ Our customer service and response times will be maintained to our current high standard.

## CUSTOMER COMMITMENTS

Westernport Water will invest \$42M in capital works to deliver the six key outcomes that customers identified as priority areas from 2023-28.



### SNAPSHOT

Visit our website to learn about key projects that address customer priorities for water quality improvements, environmentally responsible operations and sustainable services.



## THE ESC WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Essential Services Commission (ESC) is reviewing Westernport Water's proposed prices and key outcomes for 2023-28 and they want to hear what you think.

The ESC regulates water prices for Victorian consumers. Its consultation period for our proposal is open until 1 December 2022. Please visit [engage.vic.gov.au](http://engage.vic.gov.au) for more details.



**Julie Harwood, owner operator of Harwood Funerals, is committed to providing an affordable and personalised service for families in Korumburra and surrounds.** A12\_4222

## Supporting families when they need it most

**HARWOOD** Funerals is well-established in the Gippsland area, with the family-run business providing caring and individualised service at an affordable cost, and now part of the Korumburra community in which it employs local staff.

Owner operator Julie Harwood established her business in 2016, already having extensive experience in the industry.

She moved to Traralgon five years ago, servicing the Latrobe Valley, and also runs a Pakenham branch, with 13 staff over the three locations, predominantly female.

Being family run with a small number of staff ensures the same people are involved throughout the entire funeral process.

That enables clients to build rapport, ensuring continuity and a personal touch, with individual needs understood.

There is an acknowledgement that those needs vary greatly and a flexible approach is required, allowing people to determine the style of funeral and location they want.

"Funerals should be as unique as people are," Julie said.

Expert service and care will apply equally whether you choose a farm paddock service or a formal church funeral.

After 29 years involvement with running funerals, Julie continues to be passionate about the opportunity it provides.

"I feel privileged to have a job where I can say I make a

difference," she said.

Harwood Funerals is committed to transparency concerning its charges, with costings available on its website.

"Our mission is to not overcharge people," Julie said.

While the cost of funeral services and cremation can reach up to \$15,000, Harwood Funerals aims to keep that figure around \$6500.

The business offers pre-paid funeral services and pre-planning, with money invested with a fund manager.

While new to Korumburra, having opened there in August, the established commitment of the Harwoods to the region provides peace of mind that they are there for the long term.

Julie's son Robin is also part of the business, currently as a funeral director's assistant, and in charge of IT and audio-visual requirements.

Being part of the community, Harwood Funerals recognises the importance of supporting businesses in Korumburra and surrounds, whether that is through using local venues or arranging flowers from the florist.

The Harwoods feel fortunate to be with families at their most vulnerable.

With six children, and seven grandchildren aged under five years, Julie and husband Steve spend much of their time outside work engaged in family activities, particularly enjoying weekends at their property at Sandy Point.

"I feel privileged to have a job where I can say I make a

# Take the pledge – buy nothing new in October



**Take the pledge to buy nothing new this October and help the environment.** C01\_4122



**Books, shoes, shirt and tie there is something for everyone at Vinnies.** C03\_4122



**The old is new again this October.** C04\_4122

OCTOBER is Buy Nothing New Month at Vinnies Shops, so Vinnies Victoria has launched a challenge for their loyal supporters to do just that.

The organisation is urging the community to buy nothing new – for home, wardrobe and the biggest gift-buying season of the year, Christmas.

For just 31 days, Vinnies is inviting the public to take the #VBNN pledge – with the intention of opening their eyes to the thrill of shopping in places like Vinnies. A creative challenge, which promises unique finds, local community engagement, and sustainable alternatives to large retail centres.

"Vinnies' Buy Nothing New Month is designed as an annual circuit-breaker in our buying habits – a reminder that with a little extra time and care, buying pre-loved items can bring immeasurable joy to our lives and provide a meaningful connection to the circular economy too," said Vinnies Victoria Executive General Manager Commercial Services, Jeff Antcliff.

According to Charitable Recycling Australia (CRA), organisations like Vinnies Shops play an integral role in reducing the impact of surplus goods on the environment.

In the last financial year, across all Victorian charity shops, CRA measured 242,842 tonnes of donations processed; 214,368 tonnes of CO2 emissions saved; 455,505 MWh energy saved; 21,975 ML water saved; and all while contributing upwards of \$232M in revenue towards invaluable social causes.

Importantly too, every dollar spent with Vinnies Shops helps to support people in need of a hand up, all year round.

"What we want to see is local communities getting on board with all the seasonal and summer events coming up," Area Service Manager, Anne Pellicano said.

"Picnics, Christmas functions, Christmas dinners, KK presents – come in and don't buy anything new."

"We stock a very diverse range and have just changed over from Autumn/Winter to Spring/Summer."

So how can Victorians take the Vinnies Buy Nothing New pledge?

It's simple. Vinnies is encouraging shoppers to visit their local Vinnies Shop and commit to the pledge through the purchase of reused goods. Those on social media are also invited to spread the word, by sharing an image of their favourite Vinnies find alongside the hashtags #founditvinnies and #VBNN.

With the help of master creative and stylist of JAK Creative and Events, Kerryn Howell, Vinnies is encouraging creativity and will be showcasing event tips and tricks, including ways to use Vinnies finds to support and enhance table styling over the holiday season.

"With Christmas just around the corner, we are already being lured into a culture of 'buy, buy, buy' – and our mission as part of Buy Nothing New Month with Vinnies, is to inspire people to make considered choices about what they bring into their homes and importantly, how they make it shine," said Ms Howell.

A preview of what's to come as part of the #VBNN Table Styling Series – which will be shared on Vinnies' social media channels and via participating media outlets:

- Three table themes – Rustic Australian entertaining, Traditional Christmas, and Vintage kitchen tea.
- Shop and find – how to find and style one or two up-cycled feature items, as accent pieces, alongside other wares you already have at home.
- Achieving 'the look' – countless tips and tricks to achieve your desired colour scheme, textures, functionality, ambience, and more.

To learn more about Buy Nothing New Month – an initiative which started in Melbourne, Australia – visit [buynothingnew.com.au](http://buynothingnew.com.au)

Vinnies are also always on the lookout for volunteers and donations, head in store today for more information.



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## Aged Care survey underway

PROM Country Aged Care (PCAC), Foster's community owned and operated aged care facility, is seeking feedback from the community.

PCAC's chief executive officer Tracey Gibson and the board of directors have been instrumental in navigating the organisation through the COVID pandemic and implementing a range of tactical solutions supporting PCAC's residents, families, and staff.

PCAC are now able to focus on their future and identify strategic options to ensure the organisation's long-term sustainability.

PCAC engaged Ninety Mile Consulting (NMC) to lead the strategic planning initiative earlier this month.

NMC, a regional based management consulting firm, to coordinating community engagement and exploring opportunities in the South Gippsland region.

"Over the last couple of years, Victorian Aged Care sector has come under the spotlight with the Royal Commission involvement and ongoing Government regulatory changes", Sunny Singh NMC Senior Strategy Consultant.

"PCAC are well positioned to consider future proofing options with its strong connection to the community, modern facilities, and quality of services. But before ideating potential options we need to consider communities perception of PCAC and its services. We hope this survey will provide us with that critical information." Sunny said.

If any issues accessing the survey, please reach out to sunny@ninetymileconsulting.com

The survey is available online (<https://www.ninetymileconsulting.com/pcac/>)

## Tourism boost

THE Gippsland region is set to expand its epicurean offering and walking trail experiences, thanks to a \$3.9 million investment from the state government.

From Maffra to Toora and Woodside to Noojee, the four projects supported by the Regional Tourism Investment Fund will create new jobs in construction, drive visitation and create ongoing employment throughout Gippsland.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos announced the investment included a \$3 million redevelopment of the popular Rokeby to Noojee Trail.

The Red Pig Bakery in Toora will develop an adjoining 62 seat cafe and wine bar while the historic building and its 130-year-old scotch oven will be restored after a \$325,000 investment.

# Aussie pride in South Gippsland

SOUTH Gippsland Shire became a bit more Aussie, with a healthy contingent of its residents becoming Australian citizens recently.

Eighteen adults and a couple of youngsters made the commitment, with some such as India's Divya Voleti having to give up citizenship of their homeland to take on Aussie status.

While relinquishing citizenship of her country of birth made her a bit emotional, she is happy with the decision.

"I love it here," Divya said of both South Gippsland and Australia.

She made the move from India over five years ago, being captivated by the landscapes and coastline after growing up in a city environment surrounded by concrete.

The now passionate camper, partner Matt and dog Walter settled into Korumburra in 2021 after deciding a country lifestyle would suit them, and are enjoying South Gippsland's beaches, wineries and friendly people.

Mayor Mohya Davies and member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien relished the chance to be involved in the citizenship ceremony.

Cr Mohya led conferees through their pledge to Australia.

Interestingly, given current debate about the place of religion in our nation and the recent scrapping of a religious prayer to open South Gippsland council meetings, 13 of the adults adopting Australian citizenship opted to do so under oath.

"From this time forward under God, I pledge my loyalty to



Mary Ann Vriens from the Philippines holds her Australian citizenship certificate, with her husband Peter Vriens (crouching) and her son Jacky Lian on the far right; they are joined by a group of supportive Filipinos. A02\_4122

Australia and its people, whose democratic beliefs I share, whose rights and liberties I respect, and whose laws I will uphold and obey," conferees repeated after the mayor.

Others made their pledges by way of affirmation.

Danny handed out Australian native plants to the new Aussies.

After the ceremony, Ireland's Brian Corr passed his plant to partner Myrid Bartlett, not being renowned for having a green thumb, although Councillor Scott Rae reassured him his Aussie citizenship would remain intact regardless of the plant's health.

Brian originally came to Australia as a tourist but promptly returned and never left, living in Western Australia, Melbourne and Northern Victoria before settling in South Gippsland where he enjoys

being part of a supportive and engaging farming network.

"Although I've been a permanent resident, it solidifies that and it is nice to be able to tell people that you have become a citizen," Brian said.

He admitted his sporting allegiances will stay largely with Ireland, although said it may depend on the sport concerned.

American Stephanie Pettau was drawn to Australia after meeting partner and Fish Creek local David Thomson while both were on an overseas holiday, with the couple since having daughter Kelly.

Stephanie said her habits won't change now she's an Aussie, finding there isn't too much cultural difference from her homeland.

She won't be adopting Vegemite, having given it a go, but has made a compromise in

the form of Vegemite Shapes, with the Vegemite and cheese blend creating a milder flavour.

### South Gippsland's new Australian Citizens:

Brian Corr (Ireland), Montana Carew (America), James Gemmell (United Kingdom), Maria Solidarios and daughter Samantha Ponasdero (Philippines), Monica Venegas Barbosa (Colombia), Divya Voleti (India), Gwen Windsor (Philippines), Mary Ann Vriens (Philippines), Agnes Jose and Jose Shelton (India), Wendy George and daughter Xanthe Bruning (New Zealand), Monychantha Deering (Cambodia), Alison Bradtke (United Kingdom), Tharamika Kaewbutdee and son Junior Peerapat Powhro (Thailand), Lee Peacock (United Kingdom), Stephanie Pettau (America), Ruth Rogan (Ireland)

## Plenty of fun for senior citizens in Leongatha



Fay and Martin Sullivan of Gatha Rock show off their moves on the dance floor as attendees enjoy the display and high tea.

LEONGATHA seniors recently tucked into a scrumptious high tea, also enjoying dancing demonstrations as they celebrated Seniors Week.

The Senior Citizens Centre came alive with the presence of 'Gatha Rock', which normally runs Thursday night dance lessons there.

The New Vogue dancers performed, entertaining attendees with their moves.

Sponsorship from South Gippsland Shire Council and the generous support of local businesses enabled the high tea to be held, adding to the busy social calendar for Leongatha seniors.

Given recent weather, the venue's Monday afternoon indoor bias bowls sessions, commencing at 1.30pm, are a great option to keep people active, blending social activity with competition.

The cost is \$3 and includes a cuppa and biscuit.

At least 50 people usually attend Friday afternoon entertainment sessions, starting at 1pm and costing \$5, which includes afternoon tea.

"It's generally a Country and Western theme and features old time songs from the fifties, sixties and seventies," Leongatha Seniors secretary Ian Rasmussen said.

Thursday night dance lessons start about 7pm.

Ian said everyone is welcome at the Senior Citizens Centre regardless of age.

He is now in his 21st year on the Leongatha Senior Citizens Committee and still enjoys it greatly, being responsible for managing the centre and taking bookings.

"I get a lot of fun out of it," he said.

Leongatha Senior Citizens Centre is located at 23 Smith Street.

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From left, Georgia Symmons, Executive Officer of Penguin Foundation, Julie Burland, CEO of Penguin Random House ANZ and Andre Chiaradia, Marine Scientist at Phillip Island Nature Parks.

## PRH Australia partners with the Penguin Foundation

PENGUIN Random House will be providing funding to the Penguin Foundation that will be used for Little Penguin research projects that contributes to their protection, rescue and rehabilitation.

The Penguin Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that raises funds to protect and enhance Phillip Island's natural environment through research, conservation and education programs carried out by Phillip Island Nature Parks.

"At PRH, we have a strong focus on sustainability and green initiatives so we feel this partnership was a perfect fit for us. The work the Foundation does to look after the 40,000 Little Penguins is incredible and we are very proud to be a part of it. And of course, we just happen to be particularly fond of Penguins," said Julie Burland, CEO of Penguin Random House Australia and New Zealand.

To donate to the Penguin Foundation, visit [penguinfoundation.org.au/donate](https://penguinfoundation.org.au/donate)



## Spelling champs

James and Bailey of Meeniyan Primary won the South Gippsland heats of the Victorian spelling bee and travelled to Traralgon to compete in the state final against all of Gippsland. James was awarded second place in the Year 5 competition and Bailey in third place for the Year 6 competition. A wonderful achievement for a school of just 150 students.

# Next-gen fox detectors hot on the trail

A NEW generation of detection dogs have started their training on Phillip Island to ensure the island remains fox-free.

Four-and-a-half-month-old English Springer Spaniel puppy, Flash, and six-month-old English Springer Spaniel, Macey, are training daily with Phillip Island Nature Parks Senior vertebrate pest officer and dog handler Craig Bester.

Once their tracking training is complete at around 12 months of age, Macey and Flash will eventually take over from veteran detection dog Jazz.

Ten-year-old Jazz recently played a key role to locating evidence of a fox on the island - the first physical evidence in seven years. The fox was later captured and humanely euthanised after a two-month hunt. Regular monitoring continues to ensure the island remains fox-free.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Conservation Manager Jessica McKelson said detection dogs are valuable members of the

team helping to locate evidence of foxes and feral cats, which can severely impact wildlife populations and livestock, and allowing targeted control programs at key sites.

Foxes are the greatest land-based threat to penguins and Phillip Island was declared fox-free in 2017 after 25 years of extensive eradication programs by Phillip Island Nature Parks and the local community.

Once fully trained, Macey and Flash will also be used on other projects around Victoria to help eradicate foxes.

Phillip Island Nature Parks also has Marbee and Milly who are finalising their training to become feral cat detection dogs.

Please report any suspected sightings of foxes on Phillip Island to Phillip Island Nature Parks on 0419 369 365.

You can help grow the pack to support wildlife conservation on Phillip Island. To help these pups become penguin protectors, visit <https://penguinfoundation.org.au/>



Four-and-a-half-month-old English Springer Spaniel puppy, Flash, is training to detect foxes.

## Short-tailed shearwaters return to improved habitat

SHORT-TAILED shearwaters have begun arriving at Phillip Island to find newly improved nesting habitat for their breeding season this year.

About 1.4 million of the seabirds return to Phillip Island in late September each year from the waters around Alaska.

The timing of their return is usually quite predictable. While they concerningly arrived late for the 2019/20 breeding season, the birds are back to their usual schedule.

Their arrival this year comes as Phillip Island Nature Parks has completed significant habitat revegetation works at Cape Woolamai, which is home to around 540,000 burrows.

Nature Parks Senior Ranger Mark Merryfull said the focus was on removing and preventing weeds that threaten the birds' nesting environment - including treating 17 hectares of weeds and planting more than 6300 native plants.

"Weeds are a real threat to short-tailed shearwaters and other ground-nesting birds - they grow over the burrows and prevent the birds from coming back and refurbishing the burrows the birds use to



Come January chicks will hatch and fledglings will begin their first migration at the end of April.

breed in," he said.

"We've improved short-tailed shearwater habitat by treating more than 17 hectares of smothering grasses and by planting native species that are local to Cape Woolamai, which contribute to suppress weeds.

"Habitat restoration is one piece of the puzzle for ensuring the long-term survival of short-tailed shearwaters."

Another piece of that puzzle is research.

Nature Parks Deputy Research Director Dr Duncan Sutherland said geolocators were continuing to track the birds' return journey between the food rich waters around

Alaska and Phillip Island where they come to breed.

Tracking data from 2019/20, when the birds' return was delayed, showed that rather than migrating south as usual, they turned north and spent a few weeks in the Arctic Circle before starting their migration back toward Phillip Island. Another 25 geolocators were deployed last year and more from previous years could still be recovered, shedding more light on the birds' flight patterns.

"We're interested in the year-to-year variation in movement patterns as they will help us understand the influence of changing environmental

conditions on the persistence and breeding success of these trans-equatorial migrants," Dr Sutherland said.

"We are seeing significant changes in the sea temperature and extent of sea ice in the northern Bering and Chukchi Seas, near Alaska, driven by climate change.

"In seasons to come, climate change could see shearwaters pushed further north looking for food in the colder, more productive waters, and further delaying their return to breed, with the possibility of missing the breeding window."

Phillip Island Nature Parks has ramped up its efforts to protect short-tailed shearwaters with the help of a grant from wildlife advocacy group, WIRES. This includes the habitat restoration, a strengthened rescue capability, enhanced data collection and community education for the benefit of shearwaters.

"Local residents on Phillip Island are encouraged to continue playing their part in protecting these breeding birds and their habitat by ensuring they remain on walking tracks in areas where the shearwaters breed, so as not to disturb or destroy the burrows."



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# Spring at the Nature Parks



The sound of chirping chicks at the Penguin Parade will be heard by mid-October as eggs laid as we speak.



The nocturnal Eastern Barred Bandicoot marsupial is a small brown-grey with distinctive pale bars or stripes across its back, pointed ears and hind legs that look similar to a kangaroo's - you may spot one in your very own backyard.



Breeding season has begun, so don't be surprised to spot a koala and their joey in the coming months.

SPRING is an exciting time in nature with wildlife in breeding mode and migratory birds reaching our shores.

## In The Skies - Birdlife

### Hooded Plover

The Hooded Plovers of Phillip Island are heralding the start of Spring. Fledglings from last season abound and are seeking a foothold anywhere the territorial adults will tolerate them! Fledglings are, at least for the near future, easily distinguishable from their adult conspecifics by a head of mottled grey plumage. Otherwise, mature birds around the Island have formed their mating pairs, with some returning to old partners and others forming new relationships. Each pair will work tirelessly from now on to defend their lot until Autumn next year. Be mindful to give these threatened birds plenty of space during this time, as life on the edge of the land is stressful at the best of times!

### Short-tailed Shearwaters

The Short-tailed Shearwater breeding season is about to begin with their imminent arrival to our shores from waters around Alaska. About 1.4 million birds are expected to arrive on their breeding grounds after spending the last five months around the Bering Sea near Alaska. Their epic, annual trans-equatorial migration is truly one of the natural wonders of the world. This summer, Nature Parks researchers will monitor the return of birds to nest boxes and hope to recover tiny tracking devices fitted to some individuals. Our research aims to understand their breeding and foraging success, and how that is affected by climatic and environmental changes around the world.

So, keep an eye on the sky at sunset along the coast to see these incredible birds returning home after a day's fishing. Please also care for their homes by keeping to tracks in the dunes so you don't accidentally trample their sand dune burrows.

### Other Bird Life

Pacific Gulls bring their chicks from the islands off Wilsons Promontory to feed. These large gulls reach maturity at approximately four years of age and are listed as significant fauna in the Nature Parks because of their colonial nesting habits.

Migratory birds arrive on our shores including sandpipers, curlews, godwits, plovers, knots

and stints.

Grey Butcherbirds, Grey Fantails and Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes are nesting.

Raptors (birds of prey) actively hunt mice and insects and can be seen on power poles surveying their hunting grounds.

Ravens and magpies make large, stick nests.

## On The Ground

### Eastern Barred Bandicoot

Since the introduction of Eastern Barred Bandicoots to Phillip Island, they have spread across the Summerland Peninsula and beyond, with sightings as far as Wimbledon Heights, Pyramid Rock and Surf Beach. You may be lucky enough to spot one in your very own backyard!

This nocturnal marsupial is small brown-grey with distinctive pale bars or stripes across its back, pointed ears and hind legs that look similar to a kangaroo's. Grasslands and grassy woodlands provide the complex habitat preferred by these shy animals. They use their clawed forepaws to scrape out a depression which they line with grass. These nests tucked under tussocks of grass protect the bandicoots during the day while they sleep. While they are solitary creatures, mother bandicoots will share their nests with their young.

### Flora

There are wildflowers starting to come out everywhere. Along the coast, the Coast beard-heath are covered in tiny white flowers and the dunes are full of yellow Coast wattle. On the ground level, groundcovers in flower such as Coast groundsel and Coast Swainson-pea may be found.

In the woodland reserves the Blackwoods are starting to flower along with some of the smaller wattles such as Prickly Moses and Hedge wattles. The bell flowers of the Wonga vines and star-shaped flowers of the Clematis can be seen draping over canopy branches. The ground is covered in the yellow flowers of the Hop goodenia and in some of the damper areas there are patches of White

## In The Trees

### Koalas

As we move into Spring, koalas at the Koala Conservation Reserve become more active as the trees begin to produce new growth and the breeding season begins. In October, Rangers will be in the field with the aim of catching the koalas in the Reserve for a health check and to see if

they have any joeys (baby koalas) in their pouch.

## On Our Shores and In Our Waters

### Penguins

Spring has truly sprung for our Little Penguins. We are starting to see a lot of eggs in the colony, with more being laid every day. These eggs take five weeks to hatch, so we can expect to hear the sounds of chirping chicks at the Penguin Parade by mid-October. We are currently also seeing the last of our autumn breeding chicks fledge as well! It has certainly been a busy time of our penguins this year and we have our flippers crossed for another successful breeding season.

### Seal Rocks News

The females are getting bigger with developing pregnancies. They are having to work hard feeding the pup from last summer and growing the new one. They will start to wean their pup from last summer before the birth of their new pup.

Late October will mark the beginning of the breeding season with huge bull (male) seals arriving, bulked up and ready to fight to protect their territory and harem of females.

### Swooping birds

Some adult birds will protect their nest/chicks by swooping anyone who gets too close, keep clear of these areas wherever possible. Birds that may swoop include Magpies, Magpie Lark, Laughing Kookaburra, Red Wattle Bird, Grey Butcherbird, and Masked Lapwing.

### Echidnas

Keep an eye out for echidna trains during breeding season! If an echidna visits your backyard - keep your pets inside and give the echidna space and time to move on of its own accord. Give way to echidnas crossing the road, they have large territories, and may have puggles (young) stashed away nearby.

### Snakes in backyards

Do not attempt to capture or move. Keep pets inside and allow the snake time to move on. Call a qualified snake handler if required or DELWP for further information.

For more information, or if you find injured wildlife, you can call Phillip Island Nature Parks on 5951 2800 or Wildlife Victoria 8400 7300.

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### COMMENT

#### Go easy on coastal hysterics please

THE reports about the impact of coastal erosion at Inverloch have at last started to roll in.

And in general terms, it's no surprise to anyone that a serious response is needed.

But please, go easy on the climate change hysterics if you can.

The situation at Inverloch is as much a product of the shape of the coast and low-lying areas along Surf Parade, between Wreck Creek and Flat Rocks and up the other end of town, from the Inverloch Foreshore Holiday Park to Screw Creek as it is about any impending doom as a result of climate change.

In fact, the reports underline that the threat from permanent inundation by the sea, across the whole town, remains "low" through to 2100.

But, the impacts of erosion on the beach and the protective dune system is another matter, and there is also the threat of temporary inundation rising to "medium" along the Inverloch Foreshore area (Dog Beach) from 2040 onwards.

Extending the rock wall through to Flat Rocks appears to have merit, as do the addition of groyne structures along part of the surf beach to hold back the movement of sand and suggestions that the level of Cape Road (even Surf Parade) should be raised.

The idea of a breakwater, running parallel to the surf beach, impacting wave action, however, would have to be a last resort.

And the need for annual allocations of funding from the government, for dune "nourishment" and maintenance will also be needed.

The Mayor Cr Whelan's call for the State Government to fund the strategic planning work needed to address the issue into the future is also reasonable but this should not be an excuse for the early introduction of draconian planning measures.

And before there is any talk about a "planned retreat", there must be a clear and simple explanation of the situation to the community, again, without the hysterics.

#### Freemasons on show

That's right we had members of the public inside our lodge room to witness the installation ceremony of our new Master Don Roy.

This colourful ceremony was conducted by the acting Grand Master of Victorian Freemasons accompanied by his team of Grand Officers.

Family members and invited guests were first entertained by a very interesting talk on the history of Wonthaggi by the historical society whilst we were preparing for the entry of our guests and then the spectacle got underway.

On completion of this hour and a half ceremony, we repaired to the Workmens Club for a gala dinner.

Ceremonial aspects of being a freemason are very important to us but it only plays a small part of being a freemason.

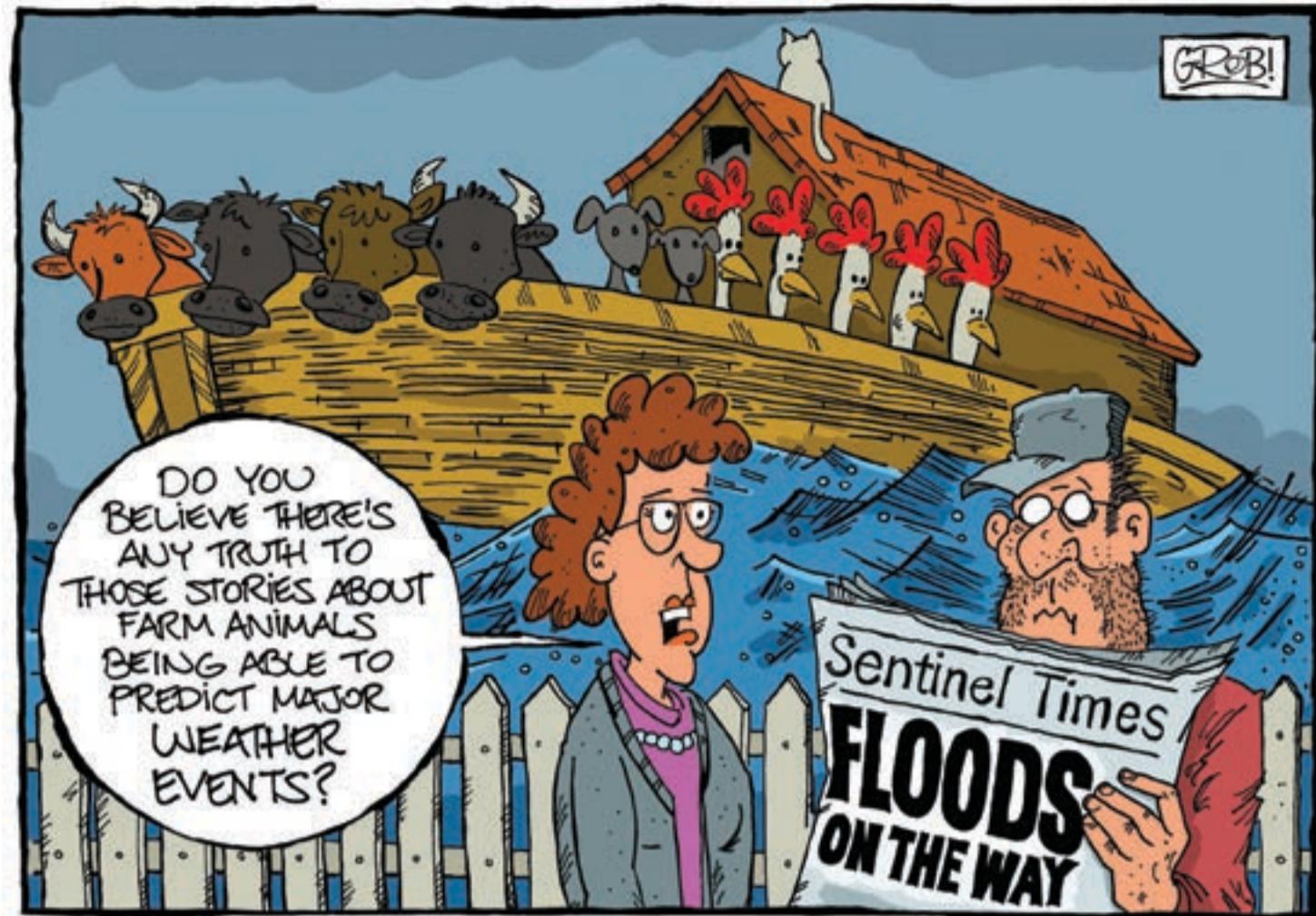
We support charitable organisations and our community in general and we aim to be the very best we can possibly be as individuals and as fellow Freemasons.

We aim to make good men better.

Naturally we are open to enquiries from potential members who are genuinely interested in our ancient and honorable order.

Contact can be made with our lodge Secretary, Mr David Kent on 0418 384 768 or myself as the Lodge Engagement Officer on 0403 218 830.

**Ken Barnes, Wonthaggi**



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

## Vox Pop

What are you doing to attract new staff? Have you had any trouble recruiting staff?



**Joan Ray**

"We advertise for new volunteers and attract retirees through general conversation. We haven't had any trouble recruiting this year."



**Mario Zinilli**

"I am advertising and signed up with recruitment agencies, but I can't get any new staff. It's as if no one wants to work anymore."



**Hannah Giliam**

"Ever since COVID there's been a lot of trouble attracting and retaining staff. We're doing a lot more social media advertising."



**Eden Michelle**

"We're advertising on Instagram and socials and have signs on the door but we're struggling to find staff and have been since COVID started."

is so inspirational and educational.

Healthy forests - Healthy us.

Surely, a daily dose of "nature basking" can open more hearts, keep our headspace more positive and keep our blues away.

Nature rescued me and gave me a positive life path.

My experience? - Embrace nature, it will enrich your imagination, spirit and your life journey.

TREESMENDUS  
**Dick Lester, Mardan**

#### Save our woodlands

It was great to see your detailed report of the Save Westernport Woodlands meeting at Corinella last weekend.

This is such an important issue for our shire - and indeed our state - and I dearly hope we can save this rare and precious forest before it is gone forever.

**Robyn Arianrhod, Wonthaggi**

#### Could it be gambling?

It seems barely a day goes by lately without disturbing media reports of record pokies losses or controversial casino practices, and children are continuously exposed to saturation levels of sports betting advertising.

These extremes are newsworthy stories about which we are right to be concerned, but the negative effects of gambling can be more subtle. So subtle, in fact, that those affected sometimes don't make the connection between how they are feeling or behaving and their gambling activities.

Are you feeling anxious or stressed? Do you have an underlying sense of regret about money lost or time spent gambling? Perhaps you're having difficulty concentrating or sleeping. Or maybe you're more irritable or short-tempered than usual.

While these signs of gambling harm may seem relatively minor, they can build up over time, which is why Victorians are being encouraged during this year's Gambling Harm Awareness Week (October 17-23) to pause and consider whether gambling could be affecting their wellbeing.

For more information, visit [effectsofgambling.com.au](http://effectsofgambling.com.au).

**Shane Lucas, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation**

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.

My need for nature connections was rekindled and nurtured - I was so scared but learning to trust and love and live my young life again.

Our native forests have always been unique and precious spaces to free our human spirits from the day-to-day issues of personal, family and community pressures and anxieties.

Our busy, anxious headspace can be transformed by watching trees grow, a warbling bird call, water babbling in a creek, waterfalls, a simply whiff of our lungs filled with fresh forest air, scents from many bush plants, beautiful flowers, berries, fungi, sighting wildlife, or importantly finding a refuge of silence, solitude, reflection and healing.

These are the precious jewels and magic of our native forests that often don't find a place in a busy work and business world.

A special thanks to my inspirational bush friend and mentor Ellen Lyndon OAM - I still feel her generous bush spirit.

As a nurseryman, tree lover and planter, all my adult life, I have experienced how my life and so many other lives can grow better, closely connected to nature.

The healing power of life balance, a clearer mind and positive thinking.

Mirboo North's native forests are much loved and a crucial, precious part of our community and personal prosperity and wellbeing.

Our combined, group forest Field Study

# Students learn the value of preserving our environment

THE SUN was out and the weather beautiful, as students from Powlett River Primary embarked on their Kids as Catalyst activity with partner West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) along Powlett River (Kugerungmome) recently.

Starting at the carpark and working their way through the estuary towards the open seas, students of all ages followed the lead of Young Leaders and Kids as Catalyst team members.

"We are very fortunate to be a part of the project with our community partners," Powlett River Primary Principal, Wendy Nicol said.

"People often undervalue primary school kids."

Kids as Catalysts is an award-winning creative learning program that equips children aged 8-12, with real world experience in leading positive community change by Kids Thrive.

And whilst the partnership between the school and WGCMA may be growing organically, as both work towards achieving and assisting in delivering each other's projects, WGCMA was initially interviewed by the students for the partnership.

"They had quite a few partners they interviewed, and we were selected as their cultural diversity community project partner," WGCMA Partnership and Engagement Manager, Deb smiled.

"This was a really good way to meet the kids and make a connection with the school."

Led by grade 5 and 6 students, the Kids as Catalyst leaders also opted to involve the junior school.

"They will help us deliver our 3-year Powlett River



Powlett River Primary School students were joined by partner West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority team members and Kids Thrive members as they took to Powlett River on Wednesday to collect rubbish. C65\_3822

(Kugerungmome) Partnerships project through funding from the Victorian Government's Our Catchments, Our Communities Program as well," Deb added.

"Learning about the Traditional Owners, the Bunurong, making connection between cleaning up rubbish and healing Country, and we've had a look at what the catchment might have looked like before there were European people here.

"Picking up rubbish is where they landed as something they could do today, but they are also keen in the future to look tree planting days and future partnerships as well.

Deb is passionate about partners and raising environmental awareness.

"Young people are great – they have all the answers when you start to talk through some of the challenges that are posed, and quite often they'll come up with a solution."

Working together has also been a highlight for young leader, Matilda.

"It's been fun," Matilda explained of their visit and rubbish collection.

"Cleaning the beach is a big issue – put your rubbish in the bin!"

Matilda's statement is echoed

throughout the community as microplastics are finding their way into every aspect of food, water and animals, ourselves included.

Lizzy Rich and Iris Gaillard from Kids Thrive were also on hand joining in and chatting with the students.

"It's really focused on kids being leaders in their community," Iris said.

"Giving them all the tools to enact change and become empowered – catalysts for change," Lizzy added.

The day not only saw biodegradable bags filled with plastics and glass, but provided the perfect opportunity for WGCMA

Cultural Heritage Officer, Mandy and Communications Lead (and ex-ranger) Sally O'Neill, to explain some of the treasures that can be found along the beach including birdlife.

"Learning about the environment and how to care for it," Mandy said.

"They are so enthusiastic and have done a great job."

After a snack, students loaded their plastics and collected waste into the jelly fish waste work-in-progress artwork, that will remain at their school as an ongoing reminder of their chosen message to reduce rubbish in the environment.



For cystic fibrosis research

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## PUBLIC MEETING

*The need for better performance from council*

Wonthaggi Workmens Club, Kirrak room.

**Saturday, October 29, 2022**

commencing at 1.45pm

### GUEST SPEAKERS:



Dean Hurlston  
**Ratepayers Victoria**



Cr Heather Wellington  
**Surf Coast Shire**



Richard Riordan  
**Shadow Minister for  
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**Tilly Rose Cooper was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on October 11, 2022, weighing 3.84kg. She is a daughter for Brad Cooper and Cobi Franklin-Foley of The Gurdies, and a sister for Blake 14, Keyah 9, and Dexen 6.**

Send your birthday, anniversary or baby photos to [news@sgst.com.au](mailto:news@sgst.com.au)

## • FAITH FACTOR

### Some people think...

By Karen Evans  
Wonthaggi Christian Life Centre

SOME people think that God is way up there in the sky.

Has nothing to do with our everyday life. He looks on with a smile or frown depending on how we are feeling.

Some people think that God was yesterday's religion and that it is no longer relevant for today; an outdated God that served its purpose in the past but is not beneficial for today.

Some people think that God is responsible for every bad thing that happens.

Whether it be a natural disaster, loss of a family member, a car crash, marriage breakdown or dire financial issues.

Some people have formed their opinion about God based on how the churches and its people have behaved.

All these things I have heard from various people over my life.

They tell me what they think about God and what he is like, and to be honest the God that they are talking about is not one that I would like to put my confidence in either.

For me, what I know about God is: He is consistent, he doesn't change his opinion about me even if the people around me do.

He rescues me from some of my really bad decisions and helps me work it out so that it has a good outcome.

He heals the pain in my heart caused by other people's insults, abuse and accusations.

He mends those wounds and gives me ways to not let them control my life.

When disaster comes, and they come in many forms, he gives me this peace that is so supernatural that it allows me to process what's going on and make right decisions that aren't based on emotions, which can change.

When I need help raising the children, with my finances, work, relatives, friends, God helps me in all these areas when I ask.

God is very relevant for today, he doesn't change depending on people's opinions, he is not how some people have represented Him.

What do you think about God? Have you considered how you formed your opinion of him?

If you want to know more about him and who he is, consider reading the book of Luke in the Bible.

If you haven't got one you can find it on Google, or go to any church and ask for one.

Finally, find out for yourself who God is and not base it on some other person's opinion.

## ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

### WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

WE'VE had a bit of a stretch of fine weather and now it's a case of "Rain rain come to play ... but don't get over excited."

It's all part of keeping things lush and being Spring. Overall, the weather's temperatures are rising and feeling good in health becomes more desirable so we can get out there and enjoy the sunshine.

Good nutrition and exercise will get us there. Have you heard that tossing and turning in bed when you have trouble getting to sleep can count towards your exercise regime?

We also have yoga, meditation and a weight management group to help you out and there is also the Free Community Lunch coming up next Wednesday, October 26, at 12noon.

Good food and good company with which to share it, bring a friend with you. Ring Mitchell House to book yourself in.

Staying connected to friends, family and community is also good for our wellbeing, at Mitchell House we have our multicultural Women's Group which meet on Thursdays 10am to 12 noon.

It is support for those who are socially and culturally isolated and culturally and linguistically diverse. Providing, among other things an improved awareness of cultural mores and expectations and provide opportunities for the development of practical life skills.

And just like we older people need connection with others, so do our little people.

We have two free Supported playgroups on Mondays and Fridays if you have a health care card or equivalent. They are provided by Bass Coast Health.

Monday's facilitator is Cath and you can ring her on 0427 729 695 to enrol your child.

Janine is on Fridays and her number is: 0457 834 960. Enjoy activities you and your child can do together and there is a 'Small Talk' program which also includes information on children's development and learning stages which is most helpful and reassuring.

Having a place to call home is essential to our wellbeing.

The housing crisis has a negative impact on our community and so 'Bass Coast Housing Matters: Affordable housing for all' group has come about under the auspices of the WNC. We believe housing needs to be considered by government and the community as a social asset rather than a financial one and our mission is to advocate for adequate secure, affordable and environmentally sustainable housing for the diverse needs of all in our Bass Coast community. The group work with and lobby Council and state government as well as having public meetings and an outreach program and are looking at more hands-on projects to directly help locals affected by the housing crisis. If you would like to find out more, look us up on Facebook, go to [www.housing-mattersbasscoast.weebly.com](http://www.housing-mattersbasscoast.weebly.com) or email us at [HousingMattersBC@gmail.com](mailto:HousingMattersBC@gmail.com).

Our Grapevine newsletter is out and if you become a member of the WNC, this will be delivered online or posted out to you.

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### BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THE disability care sector is seeking compassionate, respectful and reliable people who want to make a difference in people's lives.

BCAL is joining with Gippsland Disability Advocacy to present a newly developed course called Work for Yourself Care and Support – Being of support in the disability care community.

The course will give participants information about the NDIS and disability sector, how to set up a business, professional conduct, and the rights and responsibilities of both care workers and clients.

It's an excellent opportunity for individuals to start a business in a growing market. The course starts this Thursday. Places are limited.

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

The sky was grey and rain was falling but three volunteers gathered at the garden last week to plan for summer harvests.

And despite the gloomy weather, everywhere they looked there was vivid colour: mauve cabbages all in a row in Graham's plot, purple kale and lavender in the volunteers' beds, burgundy sweet peas and rhubarb, bright red pineapple sage, and the startling blue of the iris blooming in the children's plots.

Down the back, where volunteers hope to establish a pumpkin patch, the heritage apple was covered in soft pink blossom. And in all directions were shades of green, lime lettuces, emerald silver beets and grey green artichoke.

Perennial flowers and pollinators add to the garden's seasonal colour palette. Bright yellow calendula, deep pink cosmos, blue borage and poppies attract all manner of insects and pop up each spring rain hail or shine.

All are welcome at the garden. For more info contact [tgordon@westnet.com.au](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) or drop in and enjoy the springtime display on Thursdays between 10 and noon.

### ■ WONTAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodcrafters' workshops have all the tools and equipment any woodworker could wish for, but it's imperative that everyone knows how to use them safely.

Last Thursday was all about training as Woodies member Sid trained six other members in the use of the table saw and the jointer.

There will be further training sessions in coming weeks on other machinery including the drum sander, router, thicknesser, and bandsaw. This will ensure that anyone using the equipment will be fully aware of its capabilities and safe usage.

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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### INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HOUSE

THIS month we have two new events coming up.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1:30 – 3:30pm John Coulter from Gippsland Community Energy Hub and Jessica Harrison from the Cosy Homes Project come together to share tips and information about energy efficiency, saving money on bills and simple measures to making your home (or room) more efficiently over the summer months. Bookings required 5674 2444

The following week on Wednesday 26, 1:30 – 2:30pm, Elders Rights Advocacy will be hosting an information session in understanding your rights when accessing aged care.

An important session for family friends and those moving through the next chapter of life. Bookings required 5674 2444

Our regular Wednesday 12 – 1pm (also now on Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30pm) activities include the popular seated/chair yoga. Chair yoga is suitable for all abilities and postures can be varied for individuals. Improve your flexibility, concentration, and strength, while boosting your mood and reducing stress and joint strain. This form of yoga can be done seated and standing using a chair for support. Chair yoga is a great introduction if you are new to yoga or if you have a long-term health condition or are returning to yoga after having a break. Classes run for one hour with a mix of relaxation, breath techniques and physical postures. Bookings required 5674 2444

Book club takes place on the second Wednesday of the month 5:30 – 6:30pm. Book enthusiasts meet at Pearl restaurant to discuss and reflect on the monthly book. For information on the monthly book go to our website at [www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au](http://www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au).

Our website has all the information you need on our term activities, membership, special events as well as access to our Annual Reports, model rules and more.

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on this Wednesday, October 19, at 6pm – 6:45pm.

All members are invited to attend. To enable the maximum number of people to attend, the meeting will be held via Zoom. If you are unable to attend Proxy Forms are available from the House or via email.

To make it official, it is vital that we get a majority of members attending. All Committee positions will be declared vacant. The Committee is looking for new volunteers to join. Meetings are held monthly and not in December or January. We have access to Zoom, so even if you are not physically able to attend, you can still participate as a Committee Member. We are particularly looking for a new President. If you are interested, please contact Emily Physick at the House. If you will be attending the AGM, please RSVP to [heatherffraser@outlook.com](mailto:heatherffraser@outlook.com) or phone 0488 006 270 and include your email address.

A Zoom link will be sent to interested parties prior to AGM meeting.



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Yvonne and Irene were looking forward to the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band annual concert at the community arts centre on Saturday. nsSnap1\_4222



Vicki Piedrabuena couldn't wait to hear the sounds of the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band. nsSnap2\_4222



Malcolm, Gay and Frank enjoyed the return of the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band annual concert. nsSnap3\_4222



Jeni Jobe and mum Rhonda were waiting in anticipation to watch Jeni's daughter and husband perform in the Citizens' Band. nsSnap4\_4222



Eileen and Lorraine were stocking up on refreshments before the big performance. nsSnap5\_4222



Wonthaggi CFA Captain, Arnie Marion and firefighter Daryn Redman were all smiles on Saturday night. C10\_4222



Member for Eastern Region Melina Bath and Nationals Candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari danced, mingled and won in the silent auction on Saturday night. C12\_4222



Wonthaggi CFA Firefighter Tom and member Majentah helped set up a fantastic night of music, food and prizes at the Wonthaggi Workmen's. C15\_4222



Allan and Jacqueline listened to the music and enjoyed the atmosphere at the Workmen's on Saturday night. C17\_4222

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band annual concert, the Youth in Arts Exhibition Opening and Wonthaggi CFA Masquerade Gala.



Kelly and Bec enjoyed a spectacular night on Saturday as Wonthaggi CFA raised \$9,000 for new equipment. Bec Adams coordinated the successful event that saw many months of planning and huge support from local businesses and community members. C09\_4222



Jenn Pitts from the Salvation Army Thrift Store Wonthaggi and Kerry McGinnisken, Arts Educator at Wonthaggi North Primary School were all smiles at The Youth in Arts Exhibition launch on Friday.



Mylene and James of Wonthaggi enjoyed a night at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club to help raise monies for the local CFA. C11\_4222



The mystery of the mask, Brad and Sandra enjoyed dancing the night away to the Two Inch Monkeys. C14\_4222



Dennis Campbell (ex-Kilcunda Captain) and his special dance partner were all smiles and chatter as Wonthaggi Firefighter Jess caught up with them between songs. C16\_4222



Brett and Leanne Tessari turned up the dancefloor as they danced the night away together. C20\_4222



Arnie Marion and his partner Rochelle Street dressed to impress as they danced the night away on Saturday at the Gala. C13\_4222



Jess and Sheree of Wonthaggi were up on the dancefloor as the Two Inch Monkeys hit the right tone with the crowd on Saturday. C19\_4222

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Myli Inverloch Branch Manager, Jo, and volunteer, Marg are ready to bring the Home Library Service to you. C04\_3922

### Bringing the library to you

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The Home Library Service enables volunteers and staff to build and maintain connections with community members who may not be able to come into their local libraries.

As well as a wide array of books, magazines, DVD's and audiobooks, Myli also offers e-audiobooks, e-books and e-magazines alongside accessible online programs and events.

The Home Library Service delivers materials to people who may be physically unable to visit their library due to illness, injury or because you may be caring for someone else.

The service can be both temporary and ongoing.

To register your interest, talk to your nearest librarian and they will talk you through the process.

Volunteers are an integral part of the program and individuals who may be able to assist are also urged to make contact with their local branch.



ABOVE: Local artist Wendy Dene's vibrant painting was the People's Choice winner at the Karmai exhibition.

RIGHT: Shirley Arezia's artwork will take pride of place at Korumburra Secondary College.

### Karmai success

OVER 400 people enjoyed the colourful spectacle of Korumburra's 'A Historical and Artistic Perspective of Karmai' exhibition over its three-week duration.

"The general consensus has been that they loved the exhibition and would like Karmai to be celebrated in some shape or form," one of the event organisers George Mannis of Art Connect South Gippsland said.

He added that may take the form of an annual street parade celebrating Korumburra and its community, along with its celebrity giant Earthworm Karmai.

While a number of art prize winners were announced on the exhibition's opening night, the People's Choice Award winner was named at the show's end.

Wendy Dene received that honour, with the prize sponsored by Unlock Real Estate in Korumburra.

Wendy kindly donated her winning artwork, along with another, to the Korumburra Historical Society.

The winning bidder, on behalf of Korumburra Secondary College, paid \$500 for an art piece by Shirley Arezia, with the work to hang in the school's new building.

Funds raised by the sale are to be donated to The Karmai Children's Centre as requested by Shirley. Both Shirley and Wendy are local to the area.



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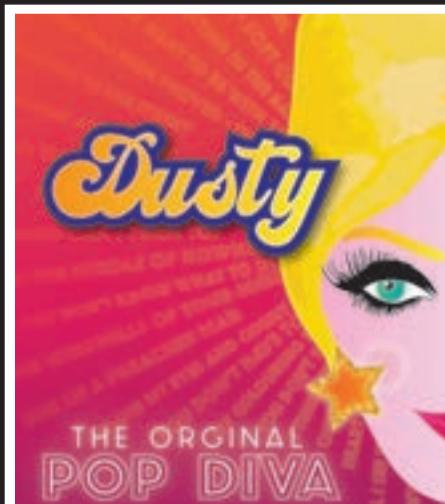
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## Help preserve our birds

BIRDLIFE Australia is calling on Aussies to have some feathered-fun by taking part in the Aussie Bird Count (October 17-23).

The annual event is designed to gather data to help the organisation track and protect native birds. By participating in this year's Count, Aussies can unveil their inner-birder and help BirdLife Australia uncover new information about native parrot species, with existing data indicating concerns for the much-loved, vibrant birds.

The Aussie Bird Count is the nation's largest conservation event and encourages people of all ages to spend just 20 minutes in their favourite outdoor space, counting birds sighted in that period.

It's a simple, fun activity that encourages people from all walks of life to take time out, get back to nature and make a difference for conservation efforts.

Taking part is easy, as it can be done from anywhere - a suburban backyard, a local park, a patch of forest, down by the beach, or the main street of town.

Yearly data collected since the onset of The Count in 2014 has given BirdLife Australia solid insight into how Australian parrots are faring.

However, existing data poses questions about the future of vibrant native parrot species, including the Eastern Rosella and the Australian Ringneck.

By participating in the Aussie Bird Count, you will not only help BirdLife Australia uncover information about native parrots, but also enable the peak body of birds to learn more about the common species that live where people live.

BirdLife Australia's National Public Affairs Manager Sean Dooley said there is an urgent need for new bird data due to inconsistent trends across the nation, particularly amongst parrots.

This year, the challenge is on for over 100,000 Australians to get involved and count more birds than ever before, gathering valuable data, and being involved in new research into native parrots.

Taking a count at the same time each year enables BirdLife Australia to have access to a snapshot of how Australian birds are faring, which helps to identify trends over time and gauge the overall health of the environment - think of birds as a barometer of nature.

There are also more than \$10,000 worth of prizes being given away as part of this year's count.

For more information on the Aussie Backyard Bird Count, go to [www.ausiebirdcount.org.au](http://www.ausiebirdcount.org.au).



**Tessa Hubble's Powerful Listening.** Excerpt from artist's statement: Olivia and Pepita, 'OhPep!' have a passionate dynamic and power in their original music of folk, country, bluegrass and pop. Their diverse range, quirks and twists in their music has captivated me immensely. This painting was submitted to the 2022 Archibald Prize.

## HIDDEN FACES - the online exhibition

HIDDEN FACES showcases portraits by Victorian artists, including a Wonthaggi local, which were originally submitted for a number of national portrait prizes.

Now well established in Melbourne's arts calendar, Hidden Faces reveals a broad spectrum of entertaining, challenging and insightful paintings.

Hidden Faces aims to provide Victorian artists with a platform to display their portraiture expertise.

Artists include: Tessa Hubble (Wonthaggi), Daisy Birtchnell, Ross Cockle, Andy Comisso, Julian De Lio, Jeremy Elkington, Peter Ferrier, Louise Folletta, Janine Good, Jaq Grantford, Andrew Greensmith, Kenneth S Hunt, Polly Ifould, Judy Mackintosh, John Mandich, Lana

McLean, Joanne Morris, Louise Otten, Chris Seater, Todd Simpson, Mia Stylianou, Liz Sullivan, Caroline Thew, Jim van Geet, and Victoria Watts.

Normally the exhibition is on display at one of the top hotels in Melbourne's CBD; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic affecting us all, once again, the show is mounted online as a virtual exhibition.

The Exhibition is presented by OzLink Entertainment.

Supporting sponsors are Seater Design and Peter Garnick Printmaker.

Hidden Faces follows in the long tradition of the French Impressionists of the 1860s who held a breakaway exhibition from the French Academy.

The inaugural Salon des Refusés, held in 1863 by

command of Napoleon III, included works by acclaimed artists Edmund Manet, Camille Pissarro and Paul Cezanne.

This 2022 show includes a diverse array of exciting, diverse, witty & experimental artworks by Victorian artists whose talent deserves to be seen and appreciated.

The People's Choice Award is a visitors' favourite with prizes. Voting form available on the OzLink website [www.ozlink.info](http://www.ozlink.info).

**What:** HIDDEN FACES - The 2022 Victorian Salon des Refusés Exhibition

**Where:** Full exhibition displayed [www.ozlink.info](http://www.ozlink.info) and on <https://instagram.com/hiddenfacesgallery?gshid=7gigdp4qrsvh>

**When:** September 12, 2022 - March 31, 2023

## WONTHAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

### What's On This Week?

#### Wonthaggi Cinema

10.30am **Tue 18 Oct** 2.00pm



10.00am **Wed 19 Oct** 12.15pm



2.30pm **2.15pm**



7.45pm **See all our cinema session times on our website.**  
[www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au](http://www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au)



**Bass Coast Fine Film Group Screening**

**Lost Illusions [Illusions Perdues]**

[M] 2h30m [French]

**Sun 23 Oct 10.45am**

[www.trybooking.com/CDCJD](http://www.trybooking.com/CDCJD)

1821. Handsome poet Lucien is poor, but highly ambitious. Failing to make a name for himself in his hometown, he naively follows his married patroness to the glamorous beau monde of Paris.

But Lucien has entered a society far more dangerous than he realised, and the venomous denizens of the salons conspire to keep him out of their ranks. Lucien is forced to abandon his principles and find work at a low-brow newspaper, where his scathing critiques soon cause a sensation and arouse the interest of admirers and publishers. But in a society where profit and status rule, what is really left for Lucien?

Director: Xavier Giannoli



**Embrace Kids [G] 1h19m**

**Tue 25 Oct 6.30pm**

[www.trybooking.com/CDCL1](http://www.trybooking.com/CDCL1)

\$5 Kids \$10 Adults

Body-image advocate Taryn Brumfitt is a best-selling author and speaker, and the film director behind break-out documentary **EMBRACE** (2016).

This time she's talking to school-aged kids and famous friends about body image, bullying, gender identity, advocacy, representation and more. Featuring Taryn's network of well-known celebrity friends including Celeste Barber, Jameela Jamil, Electric Fields, along with Chico the family dog.

**EMBRACE: KIDS** brings together a vibrant collection of stories and voices to entertain and inspire kids and parents alike, showing us that the first step in changing the world, is changing your own mind.

[wonthaggiartscentre.com.au](http://wonthaggiartscentre.com.au)

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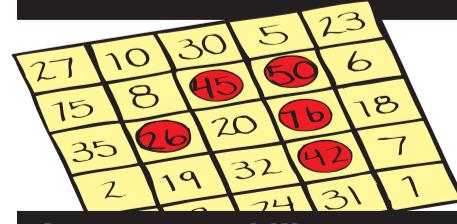


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## QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

### WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT UKRAINE?

- [\$100] What is the capital of Ukraine? A. Kyiv. B. Kharkiv. C. Donetsk. D. Odesa.
- [\$200] Who is the President of the Ukraine? A. Oleksandr Turchynov. B. Petro Poroshenko. C. Viktor Yanukovych. D. Volodymyr Zelenskyy.
- [\$300] The world's worst nuclear disaster happened at Chernobyl, Ukraine, with upwards of 5 million people unofficially impacted by radiation. But what is the official death toll? A. 31. B. 310. C. 3100. D. 31,000.
- [\$500] When did the Ukraine officially declare itself an independent country? A. 1971. B. 1981. C. 1991. D. 2001.
- [\$1000] Which of these countries does not have a border with the Ukraine? A. Poland. B. Bulgaria. C. Slovakia. Romania.
- [\$2000] What is Australia's highest value export to Ukraine? A. Coal. B. Electrical equipment. C. Oil seed, fruit, grain. D. Beverages.
- [\$4000] Of the rivers which flow through Ukraine, which has the longest total length? A. Danube. B. Dnieper. C. Dniester. D. Desna.
- [\$8000] The Ukraine national soccer team has only appeared in one World Cup. Who defeated them 4-0 in the quarter finals? A. England. B. Spain. C. Brazil. D. Cameroon.
- [\$16,000] What is the population of Ukraine? A. 24 million. B. 34 million. C. 44 million. D. 54 million.
- [\$32,000] McDonalds closed its restaurants in Ukraine on February 24 when Russia invaded but reopened how many stores last month? A. One in Kyiv. B. 40. C. 70. D. 100-plus.
- [\$64,000] Which of these is not a Ukraine sports hero? A. Sergey Bubka. B. Tatiana Lysenko. C. Lenny Krayzelburg. D. Svetlana Khorkina.
- [\$125,000] The 'Holocaust by Bullets' in the Ukraine is said to be the first phase of the Jewish Holocaust. How many Jews were killed in the Ukraine during WWII? A. ½ million. B. 1 million. C. 1.5 million. D. 2 million.
- [\$250,000] When did the Russo-Ukrainian War start? A. 2014. B. 2016. C. 2020. D. 2022.
- [\$500,000] Ukraine is the world's number one exporter of which of these products? A. Corn. B. Barley. C. Barley. D. Sunflower oil.
- [\$1,000,000] Who is the Prime Minister of the Ukraine? A. Volodymyr Zelenskyy. B. Denys Shmyhal. C. Oleksiy Honcharuk. D. Volodymyr Groysman.

Quiz answers: 1. A. Kyiv. 2. D. Volodymyr Zelenskyy. 3. A. 31. 4. C. 1991. 5. B. Bulgaria. 6. A. Coal (Minerals). 7. A. 2014. 8. Spain. 9. C. 44 million. 10. D. 100-plus. 11. D. Svetlana Khorkina (Russia). 12. C. 1.5 million. 13. A. 2014. 14. D. Sunflower oil. 15. B. Denys Shmyhal.

## SUDOKU

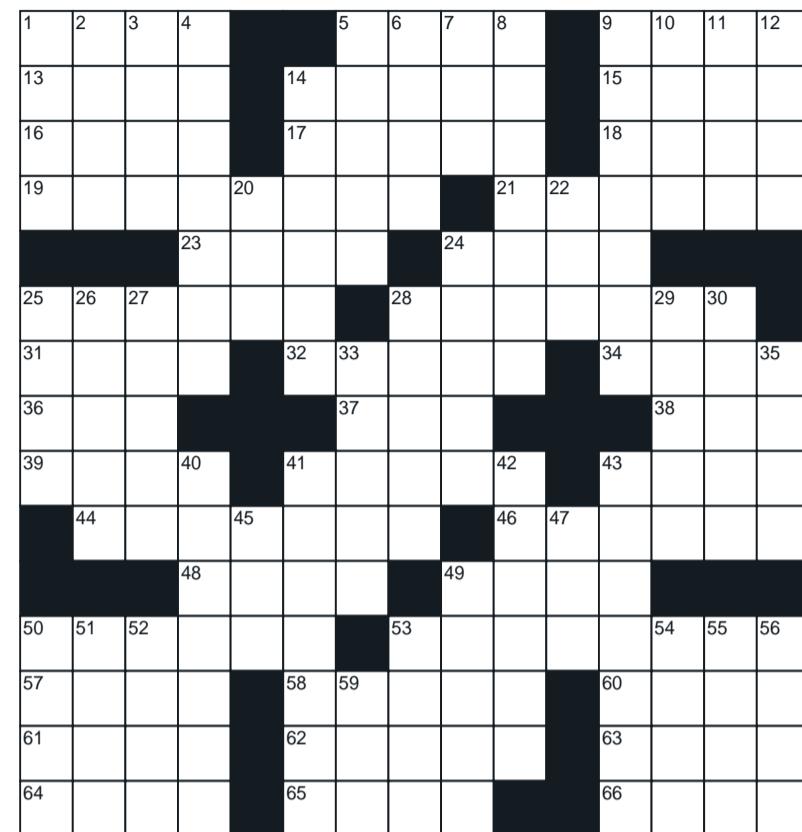
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#### Instructions:

Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

## CROSSWORD



## CALCUDOKU

LEVEL: Moderate

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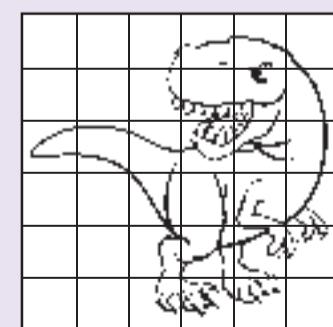
#### Instructions:

Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used.

**TIP: For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.**

Sourced from: [www.edu-games.org](http://www.edu-games.org)

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## MAGIC SQUARES

#### Instructions:

- You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 9 in the puzzle.
- You can only use the numbers once.
- The sum of the numbers in the rows, columns and the diagonal must be the same as the numbers that are printed around the puzzle

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SOLUTIONS: Oct. 11, 2022

#### Crossword:

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#### Sudoku #1:

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5	2	3	8	1	7	4	6	9
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3	6	1	7	5	8	9	4	2
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#### Sudoku #2:

4	6	1	9	2	3	8	5	7
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8	9	2	5	3	4	7	6	1
1	3	7	2	6	9	5	4	8
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# EVs slowly gaining popularity

ELECTRIC vehicles now represent 3.39 per cent of all vehicle sales, a 65 per cent increase on 2021, according to the Electric Vehicle Council's new State of EVs report released recently.

The ACT leads the nation on sales, with 9.5 per cent of all new vehicles sales being EVs.

It is followed by New South Wales (3.7%), Victoria (3.4%), Queensland (3.3%), Tasmania (3.3%), Western Australia (2.8%), South Australia (2.3%), and the Northern Territory (0.8%).

The State of EVs report once again grades Australia's jurisdictions on their approach to EVs, and while no single government leads on every policy area, the ACT and NSW lead overall (8/10); followed by federal (7/10); Queensland (6/10); Victoria (5/10); SA, NT and WA (4/10), and Tasmania (3/10).

There has been a 22% increase

in fast and ultra-fast charger locations since 2021, with around 350 chargers now available to the public.

Electric Vehicle Council Head of Policy Jake Whitehead said while the increased enthusiasm was welcome, Australia still needed a strong National EV Strategy to catch up to the rest of the world.

"It's great to see so much momentum behind EV sales in Australia, but to put our 3.4 per cent in context - Germany sits at 26 per cent, the UK at 19 per cent, and California at 13 per cent. The global average is 8.6 per cent so Australia has a long, long way to come," Dr Whitehead said.

"We know from all the research that Australians are keen to get behind the wheel of an EV, but they just aren't getting the access that other markets get. Because our governments have lagged the world

on EV policy, Australia is still something of an afterthought for global EV manufacturers. So Australian consumers have a smaller range of EVs to choose from and they are also being forced to wait for many months or even years to take delivery of new vehicles.

"The good news is the new federal government understands the opportunities of EVs and is working on a genuine EV strategy. Although that strategy will need to include a range of measures, high on the list must be fuel efficiency standards.

"If Australia does not introduce fuel efficiency standards on par with the EU and the US we will continue to lag the world by a huge margin. Given transport makes up 19 per cent of Australia's emissions we also can't say we're serious about achieving our 2030 emission reduction target without fuel efficiency standards."

## Plenty more motorcycle action coming up

WITH the Phillip Island MotoGP all wrapped up motorcycle enthusiasts can look forward to Biketoberfest Leongatha.

A fun packed day with live entertainment, stalls, memorabilia, classic bike display and much more. Family friendly day for all.

Bair Street Leongatha, 9am - 3pm, October 29, 2022.

Classic motorcycle display in Memorial Hall.

To enter your classic bike in the display (\$10 entry fee), Email: [biketoberfestleongatha@gmail.com](mailto:biketoberfestleongatha@gmail.com)

Proudly supported by Leongatha Business Association and Black Dog Ride.

Photo: Biketoberfest Leongatha



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## Responsible motorists to save

MOTORISTS who have incurred no demerit points or committed other road safety offences for three years prior to their renewal will be rewarded with a 25 per cent discount on their next licence renewal.

Launching Motorcyclist Awareness Month, Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll said road safety isn't just about penalising riders and drivers who do the wrong thing - it is also about rewarding those who do the right thing.

Under the discount, car, motorcycle, and heavy vehicle licence holders of all ages will benefit from the 25 per cent discount, saving up to \$73 on a new ten-year licence.

Aspiring L-platers are now saving up to \$51.40 in licence and online testing fees. While learner drivers going for their P-plates will save up to \$133.30 in licence and online hazard perception testing fees.

The renewed focus on motorcyclist safety comes as 42 riders have tragically lost their lives already in 2022 - an increase on the 30 lives

lost at this time last year. More than half of these crashes involved another vehicle, re-enforcing the importance of sharing the roads.

Spearheaded by Victoria's Motorcycling Community Engagement Panel (MCEP), the inaugural Motorcyclist Awareness Month begins as the weather warms up and more motorcyclists take to the road with drivers and riders urged to look out for each other and share the road safely.

Motorcyclist Awareness Month was developed in collaboration with the Transport Accident Commission, Department of Transport and Victoria Police and aims to remind motorists that road safety is a shared responsibility and that everyone has a role to play in keeping the roads safe.

The Safe Driver Discount will be automatically applied to eligible licence renewal notices issued from today. Due to the six-week lead time for renewals being sent out this means customers who have a licence expiring from November 13, onwards will see the discount applied.

## Huge boost for local motorcycle club

LEONGATHA Motorcycle Club has received \$13,000 in funding to help purchase first aid kits, upgrade its outdated membership systems and train volunteers.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence announced last week that 60 projects would share in more than \$456,000 from the State Government's Community Motorsport Program.

The grants help motorsport and motorcycling clubs to upgrade safety, train volunteers and officials, boost participation particularly for women and girls and host events.

The Community Motorsport Program is part of the Government's \$7.4 million Racing into a New Era for Motorsport initiative.

It's aimed at addressing gaps in motorsport infrastructure and equipment, training volunteers and officials, supporting young enthusiasts and women to get involved.

Motorsport in Victoria supports more than 4,000 jobs and contributes about \$700 million to the Victorian economy.

For more information about grant recipients and future funding opportunities visit [sport.vic.gov.au](http://sport.vic.gov.au).

# AUTOMOTIVE GUIDE



Owner of SG Offroad, Glenn Markley services the regional towns of Leongatha and Wonthaggi. A04\_4222

## Supporting Mental Health this October

SG OFF ROAD in Leongatha and Wonthaggi have delivered quality service to the South Gippsland and Bass Coast region for 20 years; selling a full range of ARB 4x4 accessories, camping equipment, maps and all the required gear for your next off-road adventure.

Owners Glenn and Jess said the business began operation in 2002 in Leongatha and expanded to the town of Wonthaggi in 2012 to provide complete vehicle maintenance on 4x4 vehicles, family cars, caravans and campers.

"As a business recruiting 33 locals in the regional area, we pride ourselves on supporting our staff and assisting in supporting our

local communities, and by doing so starting the conversation on strengthening and looking after mental health."

"Our team wear the Trade-Mutt work shirts as part of our uniform and in October we'll be wearing them every day to raise awareness in the community; to remove the stigma around starting a conversation about mental health. We're also donating \$10 from every showroom sale and every workshop job throughout October to TIACS," said Jess.

"We are long term supporters of TIACS and TradeMutt raising over \$30,000 in donations, we have also changed all of our logos for the month to a TradeMutt pattern – the

eye-catching colours alone are a conversation starter."

SG Off Road's generous donations have contributed to the free and confidential counselling support available via call or text; with a clinical team of experienced councillors and mental health professionals available Monday to Friday – 8am until 10pm AEST. For more information on TIACS visit [www.tiacs.org](http://www.tiacs.org)

For professional advice on your next adventure, custom build or standard vehicle maintenance visit the Leongatha or Wonthaggi workshops at 2-4 Tilson Court, Leongatha - 5662 5554 or 136 McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi - 5672 5899.

# Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast



Ray White

## Boutique holiday accommodation - investment opportunity

FISH CREEK is arguably one of the hardest nuts to crack when it comes to real estate opportunities so this property will certainly draw attention.

Located a short walk to the Fish Creek Hotel and shops this property has been purposely refurbished to cater for short term holiday accommodation.

Although having been refurbished with short term accommodation in mind the current owners were conscious that a new owner may want to convert the property back to a full time residence in the future, and made allowances for this to occur through clever internal planning.

Future expansion/further cabins may also be possible at the rear of the block (STCA)

Affectionately known as "Snapper" and "Bluefin" each Studio offers the following features:

- Sleep two guests
- Well equipped kitchenette
- Ensuite
- Queen bed
- RC/AC
- Flat screen TV
- Covered deck

• Independent access and parking area's Fish Creek, the gateway to Wilsons Promontory, is a comfortable 2.5hr drive from Melbourne, 20 minutes drive to the pristine beaches of Sandy Point/Waratah Bay, and 30 minutes drive to the "Prom" gate.

For more information, please contact listing agent Peter Bellingham - Ray White Foster.

Figures, occupancy rates etc for the past three financial years will be made available to interested parties, written offers to purchase via supplied document must be received no later than 4pm Friday, October 28, 2022.

The vendor reserves the right to sell/withdraw the property prior to deadline.

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9 Lorimer Street, Fish Creek

**Sale by Deadline** Fri, Oct. 28

**Agent** Ray White Foster

Peter Bellingham 0439 178 653



Ray White

For Sale

9 Lorimer Street, Fish Creek

**BOUTIQUE HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION - INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY**

- 2 x Studio apartments
- En suite
- RC/AC
- Covered deck
- Independent access & parking area
- Well equipped kitchenette
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- Flat screen TV

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## The perfect family home

LOCATED in the quaint village of Stony Creek is this three-year-old home.

If you're in the market for a new home, but not inclined to go through the stress of building, then this is for you!

Features include:

- Four generous bedrooms with built in robes, the master suite boasting a gorgeous resort style ensuite and a generous walk-in robe.
- Boasting three living areas, with one perhaps a designated office space, it could enable you to work from home
- Executive style kitchen, boasting stone benchtops, quality appliances and large breakfast bar
- A functional walk-in butler's pantry with loads of storage and bench space
- A massive open plan dining/living area with an adjoining family/rumpus room-central bathroom, separate toilet and laundry
- An undercover alfresco area overlooking the backyard
- Quality fixtures and fittings throughout, with beautiful floorcoverings and lovely window furnishings
- Double lock up garage with direct access to the house
- The block is approximately 1163m<sup>2</sup>, with backyard access and plenty of room for a shed.

This home boasts a fabulous floor plan for the growing family, with loads of options to create a fabulous garden, outdoor space.

Don't miss the opportunity to inspect this lovely property.

4 | 2 | 2 1163m<sup>2</sup>

41 Main Street, **Stony Creek**

**For Sale** \$790,000

**Agent** Nutrien Harcourts

Kellie Thomas 0438 647 449



**Nutrien Harcourts**

**Harcourts**

**FOR SALE**



**YINNAR**

Bluestone Brilliance!

- Architecturally designed 5BR, 3 Bathroom home.
- Master with ensuite & WIR.
- Set on 5 acres with gorgeous views.

**FOR SALE** \$1,120,000

**FOR SALE**



**INVERLOCH**

19.49 Acre Horse Property close to the coast!

- 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom Hardiplank home.
- Excellent horse facilities.
- 4 min drive from Inverloch.

**FOR SALE** \$1,100,000 - \$1,200,000

**FOR SALE**



**LEONGATHA**

Private, peaceful and all perfection!

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom brick veneer home.
- Amazing undercover alfresco area.
- Stunning resort style garden on 1.7 acres.

**FOR SALE** \$1,100,000

**FOR SALE**



**ARAWATA**

Charming Country Hamlet

- 3 BR, 1 Bathroom triple fronted brick home.
- Gorgeous mid century style home.
- Quiet & Peaceful location with stunning views.

**FOR SALE** \$595,000

*Barry Redmond*



**0477 622 292**

Director/Licensed Estate Agent

*Kellie Thomas*



**0438 647 449**

Licensed Estate Agent



**0418 357 341**

Licensed Estate Agent



**5662 2292**

Office Admin & Marketing Manager





## Country paradise, sustainable living

ALEX Scott and Staff are thrilled to present this approx. 2.44 acres of lifestyle property in a highly desirable rural area for those looking for a country property with a stunning well-appointed four-bedroom, two-bathroom home.

The home is well positioned with spectacular rural views. Features include: four bedrooms, two bathrooms, main bathroom with double vanities and a spa bath.

Two large living areas which are connected by a beautifully renovated large kitchen; complete with Smeg induction cooktop and Miele dishwasher, with a sunlit large dining area, there are rural views from every room in this house.

Enormous amount of cupboard storage throughout the home, large laundry, plus separate powder room.

Adjoining the house is a solid double car garage.

Plus large steel shed with concrete floor and power, dam paddock is fully fenced, plus additional paddocks for animals or horses.

There is a large netted orchard, extensive produce gardens and a large chicken coop to provide organic home grown produce for a healthy lifestyle.

Sustainable living at its best including:

- North and east facing dining room with outdoor areas
  - Wood fire heating and reverse cycle air conditioning.
  - North facing kitchen, lounge and bedrooms.
  - Home built on concrete slab.
  - Huge north facing roof for possible solar panels.
  - 20 plus fruit trees.
  - Established vegetable garden.
  - Great dam and large water supply.
- Inspections by appointment only. Contact Alex Scott - Grantville for your opportunity to purchase this lifestyle property.

4 | 2 | 2 2.44 acres

310 Korrine Road, **Glen Alvie**

**For Sale** \$1,050,000-\$1,150,000

**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff

Greg Kane 0477 020 267

Nathan Cleland 0497 114 568



## A great start

THIS relocated home is the perfect place for a first home buyer to get into the market.

Located next to McMahon Reserve and only a short walk to Wonthaggi Primary School, it is also a great home for a young family to reside.

Featuring three bedrooms, a large central open plan living/kitchen/meals space, rumpus room/fourth bedroom, front veranda and undercover deck at the back.

Call Cal Nation to book an inspection 0439 334 163

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88B Broome Cres, **Wonthaggi**  
**For Sale** \$565,000  
**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
Cal Nation 0439 334 163



**OUTTRIM**



**45 Ryeburn Road**

- Stunning home on 11 acres
- 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Massive shedding and more

**\$1,345,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**14 Isabella Boulevard**

- 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, approx. 1 yr old.
- Open plan kitchen, meals & living
- Handy to schools & shops

**\$639,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**KERNOT**



**1073 Loch Kernot Road**

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Charming home
- 1 acre block

**\$850,000-\$890,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**16 Wallace Street**

- Well constructed family brick home
- Sunny living zone, 3 BR plus study
- Full block, big garage, rear lane

**\$640,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**61 Roughead Street**

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Carport + lock up shed
- Great location near CBD

**\$575,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**6 Bourke Street**

- Walk to shops, 3 bedroom cottage
- Side access to back yard if shed required
- Good bones & huge potential

**\$393,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**GRANTVILLE**



**167 Grantville-Glen Alvie Road**

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- 3.3 acres
- Subdivision potential

**\$1,290,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

**ARCHIES CREEK**



**120 Archies Creek Road**

- King of the Hill
- Amazing views, elevated position
- Walk to pub!

**\$749,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**7 Callaway Crescent**

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Carport + shed
- Super neat home, great views

**\$585,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**BENA**



**57 Main Street**

- Delightful 3 bedroom home in elevated pos
- Updated kitchen, open plan dining/living
- Rear lane access to shed

**\$670,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**GRANTVILLE**



**34 Buttonwood Way**

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Like new home
- Close to the town centre

**\$660,000-\$690,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**3 Clear View**

- The best of the best
- Superb rural views, walk to town
- Huge family home

**\$910,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**42 Jeffrey Street**

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 3 car
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# HAY and SILAGE



## Guide for making silage

SILAGE, particularly wrapped in round or square bales, has increased in popularity over recent years.

The following rough guide to silage making is an extract from Making High Quality Silage for Sheep and Cattle Production, by Frank Mickan, Pasture and Fodder Conservation Specialist, DEDJTR, Ellinbank Centre.

When harvesting early to make high quality silage, temperature may be low (20- 22C), possibly overcast and the ground probably damp.

The following guidelines may need to vary according to changing circumstances such as unexpected rain and equipment breakdowns.

Accessing local knowledge when seeking to make silage is advisable if you have limited experience with the process.

### Day 1 - Mowing

Mow mid-to-late morning, after the dew has lifted, when the weather forecast or your own experience indicates 2-3 days of fine weather approaching. Mowing an early season crop (3-5 weeks before hay), or one which has a short shut up period (3-5 weeks), usually means that the crop is light (less than 3 t DM/ha). This crop will be about 25-30 cm in height. This ensures a quicker wilt at a time when the ground is still moist and drying weather is warm rather than hot.

### Spreading (Tedding)

Spread (ted) the crop immediately after mowing if you have access to a tedder or tedder rake. This will increase the rate of wilting by 30 to 60 per cent. Travel slowly (5-6 km/hour) for this first tedding to ensure all the mown pasture is spread evenly and to avoid lumps being formed. If mown

in late spring/early summer and the first day turns out hot, the grass will wilt very quickly and may enable you to begin harvesting on the same afternoon as mowing.

### Day 2 - Respreading

Early in the season a second spreading, after the dew has lifted, is often required as drying conditions at this time of year are not conducive to fast wilting. The plants will still be quite durable so that losses/damage of leaves will be negligible. This tedding can be carried out at a much faster speed than the first tedding (7-10 km/hour). Tedding can be safely carried out up to approximately 50 per cent DM content without too much leaf loss.

If you do not have access to tedder equipment, consider these options.

### Harvesting

If you plan to forage (loader wagon or precision chop) the crop, start when the dry matter percentage of the wilting pasture is approaching 28% to 30% DM. You may have to start harvesting before 28% DM if the forecast is for a hot day, bad weather is approaching or you have a lot of pasture on the ground. As the crop dries, you will be able to shift up 1 to 2 gears. You may be able to dispense with the second tedding if the crop is light, the crop had a good wilt the day before or the day of harvest is expected to be hot.

If you plan to bale (round or square), start when the dry matter content is approaching 40% DM. This should be about mid-day or mid-afternoon of Day 2. Occasionally you may need to respread the grass a third time and bale later on Day 2 or on Day 3. This might occur if the weather turns cloudy, misty and/or the crop is very heavy (>4,000 kg DM/ha).

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## More funds to safeguard livestock industry

THE State Government is investing more to safeguard the livestock sector and to ensure Victoria is prepared for any biosecurity risk from emergency animal disease (EAD).

The Government will deliver an additional \$23 million package to ensure we can rapidly respond to any emergency animal disease outbreak.

Funding will go towards the recruitment of biosecurity experts to undertake key planning, field-based operational roles and provide training to a workforce from across government and industry in the event of an outbreak.

It will also provide tailored industry engagement to build on industries' ability to manage biosecurity risks and contribute to a response.

The Government will also purchase automated diagnostic equipment that will fast-track foot-and-mouth disease sample testing, enhanced data management systems and essential tools such as livestock scanners and sensors at livestock accumulation points.

Funding will be provided to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to support a response and to reduce environmental risks associated with a possible outbreak.

This work will build on Agriculture Victoria's nation-leading biosecurity efforts such as the mandatory electronic National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) for sheep and goats that supports rapid traceability, which is critical in a livestock biosecurity response.

This \$23 million package builds on the \$10 million investment made in August for portable sample testing, mobile incident centres, IT system upgrades, specialist training materials, and the preparedness work of the Emergency Animal Disease Taskforce.

To learn more about foot-and-mouth disease and biosecurity preparedness, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/FMD](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/FMD).



Gavan Stewart and Tom Peters show off the versatile Valtra G Series tractor. A05\_4222

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The heavy-duty machine is one of the fastest balers on the market and can handle dense bales efficiently.

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The G Series won Best Utility Tractor of the Year in 2021.

Chapman Machinery sales team member Gavan Stewart outlined why a G Series tractor simplifies farm work.

"It provides extremely good visibility, is a highly capable and compact unit, is manoeuvrable, has a lot of features built into it and looks cool too," Gavan said.

He attributes the tremendous visibility from the cabin to the positioning of the driver, the tapered bonnet, a strategic location for the exhaust and a high vis roof designed to simplify stacking into sheds and trucks.

"You are sitting quite close to the back window, so looking through it you can see everything, and backing into implements is easy," Gavan said.

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Gavan attributes the G

Series' manoeuvrability to the shape of the chassis and the short wheelbase and the steering angle that can be achieved.

The tractor's good looks are due to its streamlined appearance and its eye-catching colours.

"Valtra is the king of different colours," Gavan said, describing it as "the most customisable tractor".

A snazzy metallic olive green stands out even on a dreary day, with white another option.

Another of the Chapman Machinery sales team, Tom Peters, said Valtra has doubled its Australian sales in the last two years.

"It is a sleeping giant no more," he said.

Tom said Chapman Machinery customers are delighted with their Valtra G Series tractors, with six already in the marketplace.

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## Silage tyre compromise a win for farmers

THE Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) says the move for farmers to no longer need an Environment Protection Authority (EPA) licence when using more than 5000 tyres to weigh down silage is a win for farmers.

VFF President Emma Germano said the move to registration is welcome and is reward for more than two years of consultation between Dairy Australia, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Environment (DELWP), the EPA and the VFF.

"This is a step in the right direction towards simplifying the process for farmers and avoiding costly and time-consuming red-tape."

"It was an absolute headache for farmers to obtain a licence or face eye-watering fines. The move to compromise and introduce a registration system is a workable solution," Ms Germano said.

VFF United Dairyfarmers of Victoria President Mark Billing said the decision is welcome news for dairy farmers throughout the State.

"Farmers helped provide invaluable information that was used to design these new regulations. We believe this move will streamline compliance and remove the need for a license."

"It's certainly a better outcome than the current licensing system and will benefit farmers who are storing large quantities of silage," Mr Billing said.

"The VFF thanks DELWP and EPA for the open and consultative process undertaken and looks forward to the new regulations being gazetted in the near future," Ms Germano said.

"The VFF will continue working with all stakeholders to provide clear industry guidance to farmers prior to registration requirement being introduced on 1 July 2023."

## Ensure your hay is safe from fire



CFA urges farmers to always exercise caution when cutting, baling and storing hay. Photo: CFA.



WHILE VICTORIAN farmers have enjoyed strong seasonal growth of pastures and crops, CFA has warned them to exercise caution when cutting, baling and storing hay.

Spontaneous combustion can occur when hay has either not properly dried before baling, or has been exposed to rain or damp conditions, meaning moisture content in the bales is higher than the recommended levels.

### Important Tips

- It is important to ensure hay is well cured before baling.
- Know the history of the hay you purchase.
- Keep haystacks to a limited size, and don't stack hay right to the top of a hay shed. Allow some air to circulate at the top - this helps to carry away moisture.
- Monitor moisture and temperature of your hay regularly.
- Watch for unusual odours such as pipe tobacco, caramel, burning or musty smells.
- Store hay in separate



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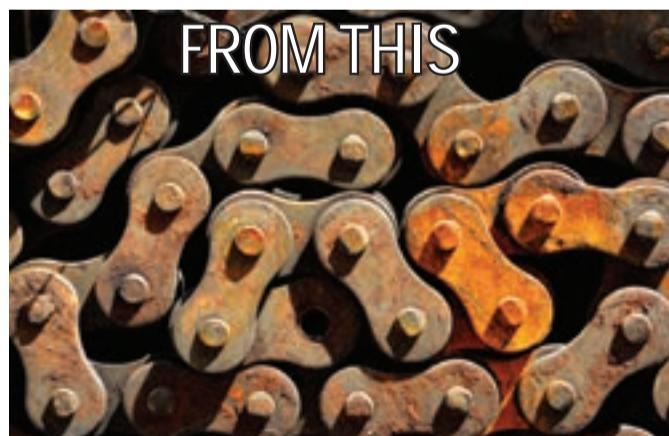
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### Bullocks

13 Ferguson CT Longford	609.3	541.6	3,299
3 Pocklington K F Mirboo South	590.0	536.6	3,165
1 Moore GC & MA Hedley	640.0	517.6	3,312
16 Boothby Brown Pty Ltd	669.7	515.6	3,452
8 Taylor PA & LJ Toora	666.9	515.6	3,438
8 Dowel CW & JJ Korumburra	671.3	514.6	3,454

### Steers

1 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	450.0	587.6	2,644
1 Tuckett GL & ML Leongatha	285.0	550.0	1,567
1 Moore GC & MA Hedley	495.0	543.2	2,688
5 Pocklington K F Mirboo South	535.0	536.6	2,870
1 Phillips B & S Grantville	320.0	520.0	1,664
1 Fullerton B Tyers	425.0	507.6	2,157

### Heifers

1 Tuckett GL & ML Leongatha	395.0	563.6	2,226
1 O'Halloran Thomas	395.0	549.6	2,170
1 Greaves SR & MK Nerrena	450.0	528.6	2,378
1 Halliday Farming D.J			
Narracan Sth	485.0	527.6	2,558
3 Phillips B & S Grantville	468.3	525.2	2,459
1 Tuffin J Toora	460.0	524.6	2,413

### Cows

1 Thomson PR, HM & MR	545.0	447.6	2,439
Fish Creek			
1 Fiddelaers JW & LG Kooroaman	675.0	440.0	2,970
4 Kuch DJ&KM Darriman	698.8	440.0	3,074
3 Wallenbeen Nerrena	740.0	440.0	3,256
10 Pukenui P/L Mirboo	726.5	437.6	3,179
1 Opray KD Hedley	470.0	437.6	2,056

### Bulls

1 Brain DL & Thorson BJ	890.0	427.6	3,805
Poowong East	775.0	425.6	3,298
1 Jenkin S Korumburra	880.0	409.6	3,604
1 Hayes BD Woodleigh			
1 Rowallan Lodge Pty Ltd	950.0	404.6	3,843
Unknown District	905.0	397.6	3,598
1 McCormack DB & ES Devon	1,030.0	397.6	4,095

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1 Webb P Bunyip	475.0	387.6	1,841
1 Grining LC & JF Cairnbrook	390.0	380.0	1,482
2 Webb JWG & NE Unknown Dist	420.0	349.2	1,466
1 Nepson JT & Webb W			
Carrajung Sth	275.0	299.6	823

## Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, October 10, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x	.....	\$18 to \$80
Friesian Bulls	.....	\$30 to \$112
Friesian Heifers	.....	\$200 to \$880
Beef Bulls	.....	\$80 to \$550
Beef Heifers	.....	\$100 to \$380

Number of Calves: 355

Number purchased to rear: 171



Herb Hotchkin and Julia Comrie find time to relax at Koonwarra's Store Sale at which they were keen to stock up on young Angus or Angus cross cattle. A09\_4222

Large numbers return

### Report by the SGSA

AGENTS yarded approximately 5300 cattle at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale which was about 1100 head less than original draw of 6400 as a few decided to hold off to the next sale.

The quality of the yarding was very good with some annual drafts straight bred grown and weaners on offer as well as the usual line ups of Xbreds and friesians.

The market shifted up a gear with extra heavy feeder steers making \$3150 to \$3660, with a couple of regular buyers slogging it out and the lighter and mid weighted grown steers making \$2800 to \$3100 with Charlton, JBS and local graziers bidding strongly.

The weaner steers were in hot demand with good gains on all breeds and weights with the top ends making \$2450 to \$2700 and \$2200 to \$2450 for the mid weighted calves and the rest making no less than \$2000.

Weaner heifers generally held firm being comparable to other recent sales as well as the Xbred types.

Xbred steers were firm to dearer as well as the heavier end of the Friesian steers but eased a little on the lighter and younger friesian steers with plenty on offer on the day.

Cows and calves remained solid with a few more better types on offer.

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**A/c High Voltage Consultancy, Flynn (NUTRIEN)**

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20 mixed sex Angus weaners  
Leewood blood

**A/c P & D Lodel, Willung Sth (NUTRIEN)**

14 H/Ford weaners

**A/c R & K Fleming, Willung (NUTRIEN)**

15 Limo X heifers, 12 mths

**A/c Annsfield, Rosedale (NUTRIEN)**

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**A/c Yeerung Past, Perry Bridge (NUTRIEN)**

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**A/c Hopfields P/L, Dutson (NUTRIEN)**

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300 Angus BB steers, 12-15 mths

**A/c Vuillermin Pastoral, Yanakie (NUTRIEN)**

20 Friesian steers, 10 mths

**A/c L Robertson, Kardella (NUTRIEN)**

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30 Angus steer, 2 yo

35 Angus steer, 14-15 mths

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East Gippsland Bred

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## Busy cattle sale in Koonwarra



KOONWARRA'S store sale sprang to life after a three-week absence, with people turning out in droves and about 5100 head of cattle auctioned.

The drawing power of the event ensured attendees needed to be a little more adventurous than usual to find a parking spot.

Buyers were keen to stock up, with the expectation the benefits of generous rain combined with anticipated sunshine will promote impressive grass growth, with that enthusiasm creating strong prices for sellers.

"Everyone buys in anticipation of what we call green fever," Alex Scott and Staff auctioneer Jason Fry said.

Herb Hotchkin and Julia Comrie of Childers were looking to buy some "little blacks", setting their sights on young Angus and Angus cross cattle.

"We've got lots of grass," Julia said.

While she's had plenty of recent rain, she said there is no concern it will be too much.

"It's hilly and we'll be fine," Julia said.

Peter Cashman of Stratford was in Koonwarra to sell steers and heifers.

He's also had abundant rain, including 17mm over the past couple of days leading up to the sale, but said that wasn't a factor in deciding to sell, describing it as a "normal week".

"We're wet but not flooding," Peter said.

Sisters Naomi and Chelsea Campbell of Mardan sold 21 Angus steers, weighing in at an average of 573 kilograms, with Naomi pleased with the price per head of \$3,100 which she said was at the expected level.

Thorpdale's Vito Castello sold close to 80 SimAngus steers, across four pens, describing the prices as "very good".

The heaviest of the cattle he sold averaged 520 kilograms a head, with that pen fetching \$2,980 each.

A couple of other pens came in at an average weight of 486 kilograms, with those cattle going for \$2,880 per head and the remaining pen went for \$2,700 each for livestock averaging 443 kilograms apiece.

#### Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022

##### Grown Steers

Est A Birrs 26 Ang	688kg	\$5.32	\$3660
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## Milk supply falling but prices still strong

THE latest RaboResearch Australia Agribusiness Monthly has noted that despite a strong footing, Australian milk supply started 2022/23 on a weak note.

National milk supply fell four per cent last season and is down more than 8 per cent to start the season (albeit on a low volume base).

Following ABC Country Hour who recently spoke with Lockington dairy farmer, Paul Weller, former United Dairy Farmers of Victoria President, who said the milk prices are the best they've ever been, on a par cost/income ratio with the best period in the 1980s.

The Sentinel-Times caught up with local Gippsland dairy farmer Benjamin Vagg to see if the hype is balancing the

reality, and whether this new level is sustainable going into the future.

"Milk prices are at a record high, as far as I can ever remember, but commodity prices are through the roof as well," Benjamin said.

"Grain prices are starting to reverse, and it all depends on what happens in the domestic market production and this rain – that's a recent development. Everything has moved up."

"There are a fair few people who held their production in August (affected by the wet). We're in that boat, a couple of people with free draining soil have fared better than us – but there was a lot of mud around (August) and it was not enjoyable."

With 450 head, the ground is drying out, but the hooves are still soft.

"Everything has started to dry off now, so it is really starting to affect us."

"We don't really need the rain we've had the last 24 hours and over the weekend – we need it in a fortnight's time."

And whilst silage may have started growing well the last 8-10 days, for Benjamin and his team getting the silage off the wet paddocks will be the next challenge to come at them.

"The last couple of years has been the October rush."

And with many young farmers having a shot at the industry, Benjamin also highlighted the decline.

"There is still progress (for us) in a declining milk pool. There seems to a lot of young fellas having a crack, but there are still a lot of exits. The next generation who were raring to go have had enough."

"There's an interesting piece in the labour market – I don't understand what everyone is doing because no-one is working but there are plenty of people around."

With four individuals including Benjamin, he could use another full timer.

"I could easily put another full timer in there to take some of the pressure off myself and another person, every business has those people who are willing to work a bit more, but it would be nice..."

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**A.F.D.A.****DEATHS****BATEMAN,****Judith Ann:**

Passed away at home, October 9, 2022.

Dearly loved sister to Neil and his wife Rhonda.

Much loved aunty to Jeaninne and Glen, great nephew Nate, and her cheeky boy "Zorro" her much loved cat.

AJ was a loving, happy, cheeky lady, who never let her deafness hold her back from living life to the full, her motto "HAVE FUN".

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**Rest in peace and have fun AJ.****DEATHS****CONNORS,****Phillip Adrian:**

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**Treasured memories.****SANDERSON, Lois Marion:**

Passed away peacefully on October 15, 2022, surrounded by family.

Aged 92 years.

Loved wife of Spence (dec.).

Loving Mum and Mother-in-law of Steven and Shirley, Virginia and Tom, Karen and Phil, Tracey and Ray, Craig and Vicki, Clynton and Brenda.

Adored Nan to Amanda, Bret, Tegan, Carl, Jacqueline, Joanne; Scott, Bianca, Natalie; Makayla, Nakkita; Brodie, Kiera, and Tori.

Loving Great Nan to 38 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

You were someone special, you will never be forgotten.

May the sunshine on you forever.

**Forever in our Hearts.****DEATHS****SANDERSON, Lois:**

Forever in our hearts.

Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law to Steven and Shirley.

Adored Nan to Amanda and Troy, Bret and Fiona, Tegan and Sean.

Cherished Great Nan to Elli and Levi, Zarleah and Indiana, Mason and Lacey.

Always so loving, thoughtful and kind, what beautiful memories you leave behind.

Close to our hearts you will always stay.

**Loved and remembered every day.****SANDERSON, Lois:**

Passed away peacefully.

Loving Mum and mother-in-law of Karen and Phil.

Adored Nan to Scott and Tanja, Bianca, Natalie and Jarryd.

Loving Great Nan to Sienna and Harper, Olivia and Lucinda, Zaviar and Jaxton.

In our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day.

What beautiful memories you leave behind.

You will be missed dearly every day.

**VEAL, Wayne:**

Dearly loved nephew of Doug and Jean (both dec.).

Loved cousin of Karen, 2nd cousin to Doug and Mel, Adam, Michael and Lucy and families.

**SANDERSON, Lois Marion:**

Mum, a truly beautiful woman who taught us to be strong. You will be forever missed and loved. You are the light shining on us.

Love you always.

Your darling daughter Tracey, Ray, Makayla, Nakkita, Wade, Matt, Lincoln, Darcy, Seth, James, Maddie, Riley, and Mila xxx

**SANDERSON, Lois:**

Though you have passed, and we can't see you every day, our love for you will never pass away.

Love you always.

-- Clynton, Brenda, Brodie, Kiera, and Tori.

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**DEATHS****SANDERSON, Lois (Aunty Lo):**

Special memories will always be held of days at Killy and watching netball with mum.

Loved and remembered always. -- Wayne and Jenny.

**TAYLOR, Margot:**

23.10.1940 - 14.10.2022.

Passed away peacefully with family by her side.

Loved wife of Neil (dec.) and mother of Cameron and Jacqueline.

Mother-in-law to Liz and Allan.

Grandmother to Amy, Chloe, Sarah, Harley, Matt and their partners Sean, Kevin, Ben, Cherrylee and Grace.

Great grandmother to Kai, Charlotte, Phoenix and Charli.

We have lost but Heaven has gained one of the best the world contained.

Reunited with your true love. Forever in our hearts.

Funeral to be advised.

**WATSON, Bill:****CFA A.F.S.M**

28.01.1950 - 12.10.2022.

Died in Caulfield Hospital on October 12, 2022.

Most loved and cherished husband of Gay.

Adored father of Lisa and mate to son-in-law Paul.

Precious Poppy to Millie, his superstar.

Treasured son of Bill (dec.) and Betty (dec.).

Beloved brother of Graham, Boyd, and Carol (dec.).

Brother-in-law to Debbie and Terry.

**To place a notice on this page please call 5672 1888****DEATHS****WATSON, William (Bill) AFSM**

A friend, colleague and advocate whose contribution to CFA and its members is insurmountable. Rest easy old friend -- we will take it from here.

Condolences to Gay, Lisa and all of Bill's family. The Group Management Team &amp; Member Brigades Bass Coast Group of Fire Brigades

**WICKES (Oliver), Valerie Anne:**

14.07.1935 - 08.10.2022.

Loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Karen and Greg.

Nanna to Rachel, Adam, and Michael.

Great Grandma to Aaliyah, Jack, Lachlan, and Layla.

God saw that you were weary, and he did what he thought best, he put his loving arms around you and took you home to rest.

At peace knitting and crocheting the Lords heavenly yarn.

**Rest in Peace Mum.****FUNERALS****BATEMAN:**

A Funeral Service to Celebrate the life of Judith Ann Bateman will be held at Milkins Funerals, Wonthaggi, TOMORROW, Wednesday October 19, 2022, at 11am.

**BENNETT:**

Family and friends of the Late Mrs. Margaret Lorna (Maggie) Bennett are invited to refreshments at the Korumburra Golf Club, 250 Korumburra-Warragul Rd., Korumburra TODAY Tuesday October 18, 2022 commencing 2.15pm.

A private Burial will precede the above Thanksgiving gathering.

**Handley**

Phone: (03) 5662 2717

**SANDERSON:**

The Funeral Service for Mrs. Lois Marion Sanderson will be held at Handley &amp; Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi

NEXT WEDNESDAY October 26, 2022, commencing at 11am. At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Kilmunda Cemetery.

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## FUNERALS

**WATSON:**  
The Funeral Service for Mr "Bill" William Murray Watson, CFA, A.F.S.M. will be held at the Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Friday, October 21, 2022, commencing at 11am. A Private Cremation will follow.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**ALCOCK, Darren Brian (Oobs):**  
15.07.1965 - 17.10.2021.  
A year has only passed, seems like a lifetime.  
Remembering and loving you always Darren.  
-- Andrew, Ben, and Errol.

**RICHARDS, John Colin:**  
21.10.2019.

You were a great mate who is sadly missed.  
-- Blandy.

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4/13 Hunter Street. Saturday 22nd October. 9am - 2pm. Plants and bits and pieces.

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**RICHARDS, John Colin:**  
21.10.2019.  
You were a great mate who is sadly missed.  
-- Blandy.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**INFORMATION NIGHT**  
Leongatha Community Preschools Inc. (Allora & Hassett). Location Hassett St Kindergarten. **Thursday, October 27, 2022** 7pm to 8pm

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A rewarding position at Venus Bay where you can make a real difference.

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For further information Contact Les on 0417 572 475 or email: admin@adamsupport.org.au.

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## SITUATIONS VACANT

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### Car Detailer/Cleaner

Our busy vehicle department is looking for an energetic person for vehicle cleaning & detailing. The successful person will need a keen eye for detail and have a strong work ethic. A current Victorian driver licence is essential.

#### Duties include:

- Cleaning and preparing new vehicles for delivery
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- Ability to cut & polish and use a Buff will be an advantage.
- Upholstery & carpet steam cleaning
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Please email your resume to service@edney.com.au or for further information please contact Nick McRae on 5662 2327.

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Direct your application addressing the criteria to Gayle by **Friday, October 28, 2022.**

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### CLEANING TENDER

Bass Coast College is inviting tender submissions for cleaning services at its San Remo, Dudley, FLOW and Wonthaggi Campuses.

**Expressions of Interest will close on Friday, October 21, 2022**

Expressions of Interest to be emailed to [ange.williams@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ange.williams@education.vic.gov.au)

For further information please contact Ange Williams – Business Manager on 5611 4000

## Chef / Cook Wait Staff

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### Medical Receptionist Part Time position

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Wonthaggi Medical Group are seeking enthusiastic people to expand our team.

For position description and selection criteria email or write to:

Gayle Bloch, Practice Manager  
Wonthaggi Medical Group  
42 Murray Street, Wonthaggi

Email: [gblock@wonthaggimedical.com.au](mailto:gblock@wonthaggimedical.com.au)

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Applications close: Wednesday, October 26, 2022

For further information please contact Emily O'Brien (College Wellbeing Leader) Bass Coast College - 5611 4000

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#### Our ideal candidate:

- Previous Sales experience
- Excellent communication skills
- Highly organised and give attention to detail
- Customer focused

#### Key Responsibilities:

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- Liaise with customer generating new and used sales
- Put together sales packages
- Maintain online advertisements
- Forward ordering

#### Benefits:

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We are currently looking for an experienced technician to join our growing multi-franchised dealership located in Leongatha

**Brands: Holden/Subaru/Isuzu Ute**  
**Full Time: 38hrs per week**

We are looking for a candidate who:

- Has experience with carrying out diagnostics.
- Is flexible in the types and makes of the vehicles to be worked on.
- Carry out standard book services on vehicles to manufacturer set times.
- Expanding business with several franchises on one site.
- We will offer ongoing factory training.
- A supportive and friendly work environment.

Leongatha Motors place a great emphasis on giving our customers the best experience. From sales to servicing, we specialise in all aspects of the motor industry and maintain a high level of personal service. We are looking for another important member of that team and process, if you feel you can contribute please apply.

Resumes to be sent to [Russell.hemming@leongathamotors.com.au](mailto:Russell.hemming@leongathamotors.com.au)



## Motor Mechanic

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## Bass Coast Health

### Current vacancies

**Emergency Department – Ward Clerk**  
Full Time, Part Time, Casual – Closes 25/10/2022

**Coding Educator/ Auditor**  
Permanent Part Time – Closes 04/11/2022

**Nurse Unit Manager – Women & Family Service**  
Permanent Full Time – Closes 04/11/2022

**Rapid Access Atrial Fibrillation CNC**  
Permanent Part Time – Closes 25/10/2022

**Health Promotion Officer**  
Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 31/10/2022

**Undergraduate Coordinator**  
Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 21/10/2022

**Clinical Governance & Quality Coordinator**  
Permanent Full Time – Closes 21/10/2022

**Clinical Development Physiotherapist**  
Permanent Full Time – Closes 25/10/2022

**Ward Clerk - Emergency**  
Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 24/10/2022

**IT Support – Desktop Support**  
Permanent Full Time – Closes 20/10/2022

**Midwifery Student**  
Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 21/10/2022

**Allied Health Assistant**  
Permanent Part Time – Closes 21/10/2022

**Dental Therapist**  
Permanent Full Time – Closes 31/10/2022

**Undergraduate Coordinator**  
Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 21/10/2022

**Registered Nurse/ Midwife – Acute/ Subacute/Emergency/Midwifery/UCC**  
Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual – Closing dates (please refer to website)

**Workforce Bureau Officer**  
Permanent Part Time – Closes 31/10/2022

**Physiotherapist**  
Permanent Full Time, Part Time – Close 23/10/2022

**Occupational Therapist**  
Permanent Full Time – Closes 23/10/2022

**Nurse Unit Manager Perioperative Service**  
Permanent Full Time – Closes 30/10/2022

**Surgical Liaison Nurse**  
Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 30/10/2022

**Social Worker**  
Permanent Full Time – Closes 23/10/2022

**Dentist**  
Permanent Full time, part time – Closes 21/10/2022

**Perioperative Services Manager**  
Permanent Full Time – Closes 30/10/2022

**Team Coordinator Referrals**  
Permanent Part Time – Closes 23/10/2022

To find out more about working at Bass Coast Health and to apply, visit the Careers page on our website or contact our HR team on [hr@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:hr@basscoasthealth.org.au) or 5671 3151



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### Car Detailer

Part Time (15 to 30 hours per week)

#### Tasks include:

- Detailing of new and used vehicles
  - Cleaning yard and showroom display vehicles
  - Cleaning company vehicles
- Experience in car detailing preferred but not essential.

Join the team at this state of the art multi-franchised dealership in Leongatha.

Please send resume to:  
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### Employment Opportunity



### Team Leader – Construction

- Band 4 + Industry Allowance: \$67,281 + 10.5% Super + Maintenance Allowance
- Fortnightly RDO

As a Team Leader - Construction your responsibilities will include leading the operations team in delivering a high standard of infrastructure construction and maintenance services across Council's road assets and associated infrastructure and organising, planning, implementing and supervising works.

Plant operating experience is required along with relevant experience as a Team Leader involved in the daily planning and management of outdoor staff undertaking allocated tasks.

The role is full time standard hours 7am to 4pm working a 9 day fortnight, however emergency response to events such as storms may be required after hours.

You must have a Certificate 3 or above in Civil Construction / Engineering or similar and relevant experience, current Drivers Licence, a Medium Rigid or Heavy Rigid Truck Licence, Worksite Traffic Management Certificate, Construction Industry White / Red Card and First Aid Level 2 Certificate.

**Enquiries to Nathan Kamalan, Operations Works Engineer, tel: 0436 850 717.**

**All applicants must submit their resume and answer the online selection criteria questions by midnight Sunday 30 October 2022. A copy of the Position Description is available on our website:**

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**Energy Innovation Co-op AGM Sunday, November 27, 2022**

**2.30pm - 4pm**

**Coal Creek, Korumburra**

Please note the date and

join us for an update on:

- Innovation in Community renewable energy projects
- Community buildings resilience
- Southern CORE Fund interest-free loans

Afternoon tea provided

Details will be available in the near future on our website at <https://eico-op.org.au/events/>

Please RSVP to [info@eico-op.org.au](mailto:info@eico-op.org.au) with subject line: 2022 AGM to assist with catering planning.

**We look forward to welcoming you.**

Visit our website:  
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### VACANCIES

The Nature Parks is seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our team. Positions available include:

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- **Cleaner/Maintenance**
- **Visitor Engagement Ranger**
- **Sales and Service - Retail & Ticketing**
- **Financial Accountant**
- **IT Support Technician**
- **Barista, F&B Attendants/Team Leader, Cooks & Chefs**

If you desire to join our dynamic and inclusive team please visit: <https://www.penguins.org.au/about/employment/our-people-our-work/> Employment for hospitality positions are via Create Catering.

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## Youth to have more say in South Gippsland

SOUTH Gippsland Youth Council is leaping back to life, providing opportunities for local youth to get involved in their community, meet other young people and get support to work on their ideas.

All young people in the region are invited to attend an information session in Leongatha to learn about the Youth Council and whether it sounds like a good fit for them.

Established in 2004, the Youth Council has had a few years off, with South Gippsland Shire Council delighted to relaunch it.

The South Gippsland Youth Council information session runs from 4.30pm until 6.30pm on Thursday October 20, at Leongatha's Memorial Hall, with food provided.

Transport can be arranged to get people to the event and home again.

Those wanting more information are encouraged to text Sophie Dixon on 0418 949 860, call her on 5662 9202 or email her at sophied@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Parents or other significant adults are welcome to attend.

# Seniors Month at the Warrawee Seniors' Club



Table Tennis brings out the competitive streak at Warrawee Seniors' Club.



Zumba participants enjoy keeping fit at Warrawee Seniors' Club.

INVERLOCH'S Warrawee Seniors' Club is celebrating Seniors Month with a variety of events until the start of November, including a movie afternoon, photo sessions, live music and singing, and Melbourne Cup Day entertainment.

Some of the sessions are free while others are modestly priced.

As well as all the fun, Ambulance Victoria will run a valuable session, training attendees to perform CPR and use a defibrillator.

Warrawee Seniors' Club is centrally located in A'Beckett Street, operating as a community centre for people who are over 50 years of age and has been established for nearly 60 years. Its usual activities include table tennis, exercise classes, indoor bowls, table games, tai chi, and ukulele.

All sessions are priced between \$2-5.

Annual club membership is \$5.

The club's members are happy, fun-loving people, ensuring a vibrant atmosphere.

### Seniors Month activities at Warrawee Seniors' Club

Where: 22 a'Beckett Street, Inverloch

Event details: Movie afternoon (Friday October 21) - The movie shown will be determined by an attendees' vote, with this free event including tea and coffee.

Photo sessions (Saturday October 22 and 29 from 9am until 12pm) - You may choose

to have photos taken to give to family and friends for Christmas or bring your grandchildren and children to have a photo taken with them.

Both sessions are free, and a digital image will be provided, with printing assistance available.

Live Music Monday (October 24, doors open 1pm for 1.30pm show) - Brendan Scott, singer, musician, entertainer and, at times, tap dancer will keep everyone entertained, with entry just \$5 for members and \$8 for others.

Entry includes two raffle tickets and afternoon tea following the show.

Ambulance Victoria CPR and defibrillator training session (October 28 at 2pm) - This important activity is expected to go for about 90 minutes, with afternoon tea included.

Melbourne Cup Day at Warrawee (Tuesday November 1)

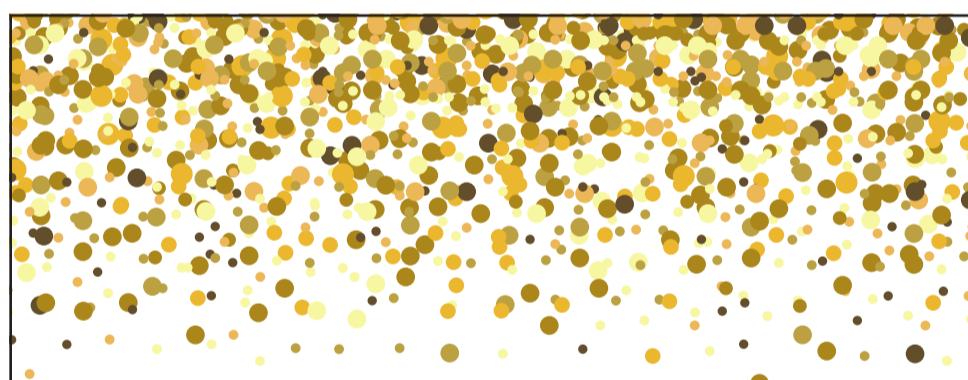
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Booking details: Please call the Warrawee office on 5672 5263 for bookings for all special events.

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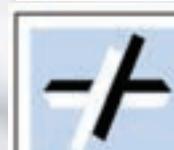


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## INVERLOCH

OUR club championships matches have begun and some matches have already been played with some fantastic bowling on display.

Pennant Season has begun. Midweek Pennant Teams had mixed success.

Division 1 defeated Korumburra 59 to 50. Ladder position 2nd.

Division 2 defeated Tarwin Lower 68 to 67. Ladder position 3rd.

Division 3 were defeated by Korumburra 35 to 41. Ladder position 6th.

Saturday Pennant also had mixed success.

Division 1 defeated Mirboo North 62 to 57. Ladder position 3rd.

Division 2 defeated by Loch 51 to 60. Ladder position 6th.

Division 3 defeated by Lang Lang 50 to 69. Ladder position 6th.

Division 4 defeated Korumburra 76 to 52. Ladder position 3rd.

Social Bowls was cancelled last week due to the continuous rain.

A reminder that play on Thursday starts at 12.30pm and names need to be registered by 11.30am.

Corporate Bowls will be starting up soon and we are looking forward to seeing regular faces and some new ones.

## KORUMBURRA

WHAT a busy week it has been around the club starting on Sunday with our pairs tournament with 22 teams competing some from the Melbourne area as well as locals and Trafalgar.

Winners on the day were Peter Spark and Mick Coram with two teams from Coatsville runners up and third.

Tuesday saw the opening of the midweek pennant season with both divisions travelling to Inverloch. In division one Joanna LoMagno got the closest going down by 1 shot Judith Nicholl went down by 2 shots while Jenny McVeigh had a 6-shot loss.

In Division 3 it was a different story. Both Katrina Evans and Vera Sund had 3 shot wins a great effort from both teams.

Friday night saw our monthly counter teas with some 78 in attendance.

Saturday saw the first day of Saturday pennant with a number of players unavailable the selectors had a difficult task.

Division 1 hosted Wonthaggi ala no one could manage to overcome the opposition.

Col Underwood went down by 4 shots Keith March went down by 13 shots and Rob Cosson went down by 27 shots.

Division 2 travelled to Won-

thaggi with much the same result Les Eastman got within 6 shots, George Hams went down by 8 shots and Robert Sund lost by 14 shots.

Division 4 travelled to Inverloch and followed the trend of the day Geoff Barber.

Allen Cherrett lost by 6 shots while Geoff Wood went down by 18 shots.

## LEONGATHA

MIDWEEK Pennant commenced last Tuesday, and Leongatha fielded a side in Division 1 who were successful against a side from Foster.

The overall score was 62 /45 shots with two rinks up and 1 down.

Division 3 Midweek Pennant were the victors by one shot which was very exciting towards the end of the game.

Midweek Pennant is not looking good because of unhealthy numbers and having to juggle the male player positions to conform to the Equal Opportunity Act...

On Saturday the opening of the Saturday Pennant season was launched, and the club fielded sides in Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3.

Division 2 was the only winning side.

Division 3 was belted by Foster with the main highlight of this game being Ian Parks contribution using the bowler's arm and ancient bowls which performed miraculously in difficult weather conditions.

Club pairs: First and second rounds to be played on October 23.

Final dates to be announced.

Entry forms are in match committee room.

Monthly triples will be played on Oct 26. Flyers have been sent out to neighbouring clubs and if you are chatting to other club members, please let them know.

## WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER excellent week at the club with the start of mid-week, as well as Saturday Pennant.

This year we have two teams playing Mid-Week being Div 1 and Div 2.

Div 1 played host to Meenyan and were locked in a tight battle all day as you would expect.

Two teams were able to record wins with the other team just going down at the end. The final scores Wonthaggi 60 Meenyan 54.

Div 2 also at home, played host to Mirboo North on a fine sunny day.

They got down to work early and were able to record a solid victory which is an excellent way to start the season. The final scores Wonthaggi 75 Mirboo North 37.

Wednesday social bowls

was washed out as the rain started around lunchtime and never stopped for two days.

Saturday Pennant started in fine sunny conditions with this year the club having teams in Div 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Div 1 travelled to Korumburra looking to start off on the front foot with a win.

As the match went on it was clear that Wonthaggi had the upper hand in two matches with the other having a tight battle but still able to record a victory.

This year the matches are 21 ends so there cannot be any slip ups.

The final scores Wonthaggi 76 Korumburra 32.

Div 2 played host to Korumburra at home on a fine sunny day. Wonthaggi got off to a good start in all matches and were able to record solid wins in all three games which is a good way to start the season. The final scores Wonthaggi 77 Korumburra 49.

Div 3 played host to Mirboo North at home and were keen to start their season off with a win.

The result was two wins and a narrow loss.

The final scores Wonthaggi 71 Mirboo North 49.

Div 4 played Loch at Korumburra as they are getting a new green and will play their home games at Korumburra until they are ready to go at Loch.

Wonthaggi were ready for a scrap after winning a flag last year and looking to start the season off on a winning note.

All three teams played well to record a solid win.

The final scores Wonthaggi 97 Loch 41. Good to see the six faces with smiles in the clubhouse.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Pennant, Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday Pennant.

## WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week saw a total of 46 people participate in our two days of bowling.

Tuesday had 22 players.

The winners with a fantastic plus 34 winning both games were Jan Milkins, Mary Spooner and John Stewart.

Runners up on plus 13 also winning 2 games were Jeanie Slocombe, Max Sweetnam, Jim Rodhi and Michael Geyle.

Friday had 24 players the winners on plus 18 winning both their games were Pat Novak, Wolfe Gilch and Helen Rook.

Coming second on plus 13 with one win only were Jan Milkins, Rossanna Toffolon, and Max Sweetnam.



Les Lambert from Nyora snapped this beauty while fishing at Corinella earlier this month. Great catch Les!

# Around the Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

snapper but be prepared to put in plenty of time for one good fish.

The bigger fish are all where you expect to find them, Elizabeth Island to Lang Lang and squid and pilchards the preferred baits. The better eating and bigger numbers of snapper/pinkies has come from further down and some of the jetties.

Although early we have already seen good numbers from in the shallows on the mud, Coronet Bay the best; the size around 40cm and plenty of them when they bite.

Several reports from across the corals of small pinkies, many bordering on undersize and tiny.

We have seen some quality from Cowes and Newhaven jetties, not all from night, a handful from the middle of the day.

Calamari is plentiful if you want to put in the time but both baited and artificial jigs will be needed; Cleeland Bight, Reef Island and Ventnor the best spots.

Whiting have probably been the best of all the reports. Numbers aren't massive but the quality means you don't need 20 for a good feed. Finding them has been a little tricky and those fishing have struggled to find them in the same spots on consecutive days. Head out to your favourite spot, spend half an hour and if nothing then move a bit.

# Ladies cast their lines



Paula Doody and Amanda Keilar holding their impressive catch.

THE Bass Coast Women in Recreational Fishing Network (WIRF) ladies took over the San Remo jetty on Wednesday, October 5, for a three-hour fishing session learning to catch squid.

Organised and Led by WIRF Ambassador Amanda Keilar (fishing nanna) the event was a great success with three Southern Calamari caught, two of which were huge.

An excited Jennifer Gough caught her first ever squid and a calm and collected Paula Doody caught two huge squid, walking them along the jetty under Amanda's guidance and up and onto the beach.

Each lady went home with free products from a sponsor and there were prizes as well as take home fishing information. There was also an informative squid cleaning demo by Amanda's partner Terry.

Amanda revels in her WIRF role, as it's a chance to share her fishing passion and assist other ladies to learn and enjoy the hobby.

## 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**

October 18  
6.17am 1.51m  
11.52am 0.66m  
5.58pm 1.35m

**WEDNESDAY**

October 19  
12.04am 0.39m  
6.57am 1.43m  
12.29pm 0.71m  
6.37pm 1.29m

**THURSDAY**

October 20  
12.41am 0.45m  
7.42am 1.36m  
1.08pm 0.75m  
7.23pm 1.22m

**FRIDAY**

October 21  
1.21am 0.53m  
8.36am 1.30m  
1.55pm 0.79m  
8.24pm 1.17m

**SATURDAY**

October 22  
2.11am 0.60m  
9.37am 1.26m  
2.55pm 0.79m  
9.43pm 1.15m

**SUNDAY**

October 23  
3.14am 0.67m  
10.39am 1.26m  
4.15pm 0.75m  
11.06pm 1.21m

**MONDAY**

October 24  
4.36am 0.72m  
11.35am 1.28m  
5.39pm 0.65m

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Korumburra Netball Association is hosting mixed netball this season with their team 'Wong'.

## Korumburra mixed netball is back

MIXED Netball has fired up in Korumburra this spring hosted by the Korumburra Netball Association (KNA).

Having missed the last two years due to lockdowns, the small committee who run the KNA have managed to get the Spring season up and running.

The competition is held this year at the Korumburra Secondary College and has seven fabulous teams signed up from the local area.

The first few rounds have seen a fast and fun paced comp with lots of laughs and friendly banter.

"It's great to see so many teams enter back into the competition this

year", said Jess Cook, the current president of the KNA.

"We have teachers from Loch, local Korumburra students and others from around the area. It's a great team building thing to do, and everyone chips in to explain the rules to those that need a bit of help."

With players as young as 14 through to those in their late 50s and beyond, the competition has injected a bit of fun and fitness into a Thursday night.

For further information, and for details regarding filling in for this season and 2023 competitions, check out the KNA Facebook page or contact Craig Swain via [craigswain@me.com](mailto:craigswain@me.com)

### SPORTING BRIEFS

#### ALLAMBEE MIRBOO AND DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

ROUND 2 results.

Inverloch are back on the winning list this week with a big win over Korumburra.

The team are quite different from years gone by and comprise mostly of players from Section 2.

Westernport had a win by 8 games over Leongatha North, but Leongatha North won the extra set.

A good close match, with a tie-breaker going the way of Leongatha North.

Leongatha Green won by 15 games over Korumburra. Both teams have a great mix of new and returning players, keeping the competition going for us all.

Leongatha Gold also had a win by 6 games over Baromi.

The men's sets went the way of Baromi and winning one of the ladies saw them leading by 5 games going into the mixed.

Gold's mixed pairings saw them win all three mixed and with it the match.

#### Section 1 results:

Inverloch 9.72 defeated Korumburra 0.18, Westernport 4.61 defeated Leongatha North 5.53, Koonwarra BYE

**Ladder:** Inverloch 15, Westernport 13, Koonwarra 12.5, Leongatha North 10.5, Korumburra 4

#### Section 2 results:

Leongatha Green 5.56 defeated Korumburra 4.41, Leongatha Gold 5.56 defeated Baromi 4.50, Outtrim BYE

**Ladder:** Outtrim 14.5, Leongatha Gold 12.5, Baromi 9.5, Korumburra 9.5, Leongatha Green 9

#### MIRBOO NORTH AND DISTRICT JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION

RESULTS and Ladders Round 2.

**A Grade:** Leongatha Kyrgios 4 sets and 26 defeated Fish Creek 2 sets and 25 games.

Leongatha Nadal 5 sets, 34 games defeated Mardan 1 set, 8 games.

Baromi 4 sets, 28 games defeated Leongatha Federer 2 sets, 27 games.

**A Grade Ladder:** Leongatha Nadal 11, Leongatha Kyrgios 10, Baromi 7, Fish Creek 5.5, Mardan 4.5, Leongatha Federer 4

**B Grade:** Baromi 3 sets 32 games defeated Leongatha 3 sets and 24 games. Fish Creek 5 set and 34 games defeated Mardan 5 sets and 14 games.

**C Grade:** Baromi 6 sets, 28 games defeated Leongatha Tomjanovic 2 sets, 19 games. Leongatha Swiatek 6 sets, 28 games defeated Fish Creek 2 sets, 16 games. Mardan 4 sets, 24 games defeated Leongatha Saville 4 sets, 21 games.

#### PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE RESULTS

ON MONDAY, October 11, the three pairs vying for honours were Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson, Neville Chapman and Lorrie Read, and Caroline Shaw and Monika Poole.

Caroline and Monika on 59.90% were just pipped for second place by Neville and Lorrie on 60.94%. Winners on the day were Deb and Greg on 63.54%.

On Wednesday 12, third place was a tie between Shirley and Bob Weaver and Ruth Stevenson and Penny Loughran on 53.57%.

Molly Downing and Diane Coleman jumped a percentage or so and came second on 54.76%.

Wendy and Graham McKergow didn't do as badly as they thought and finished first on 57.14%.



Korumburra's Roland Rees (men's captain) Barry Kerr A Grade Stableford winner.



Wonthaggi winners and runners up Mat and Marg Johnson, Ian Baker and Merryn Dear.

#### FOSTER

##### Ladies

A SMALL field for fronted for Wednesday's stableford competition.

Winner was Geraldine Sinclair, with Judy Bacon winning the 9-hole event.

Raffle winner was Val Williams.

Next week October 26, is a 9-hole par competition.

The ladies AGM will be held at 2.00PM, we hope to see as many as possible attend.

In addition to the meeting, we will have a preloved / new unwanted golf items and clothing sale, so ladies clean out those drawers.

Proceeds will go to Breast Cancer prevention.

#### KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's Competition.

Tuesday, October 11  
Stableford (33 Players)

A Grade: Greg Jones (15) 38 Points.

B Grade: Chris Corr (28) 33 C/B Points.

NTPs: 1st Barry Kerr, 7th Roy Fleming 10th Neal Spargo and 13th Greg Jones.

Saturday, October 15. Stableford (37 Players)

Sponsors: (Brian & Marg Clasby)

A Grade: Barry Kerr (13) 41 Points

B Grade: Jake Cochrane (19) 34 Points

NTPs: 1st Murray Webb, 7th Jake Cochrane, and 10th Ian Cash and 13th Malcolm Garnham.

##### Ladies

LAST Wednesday, the rain came in a little sooner than predicted. Sherrin Solly (24) and Jenny Blackmore (32) combined well to win the 4BBB event with 1 up.

Trudi Mantell (32) and Trudy Olden (42) were runners-up, with square and Lyn Perks (32) and Betty Thomson (41) scored a BDTL, finishing 2 down.

Marg Harper (40) won the nine-hole comp with 8 pts and Barb Walker (26) was runner-up following a c/b with Maree Wittingslow.

Kerri Besley (23) was the winner on Saturday with 29 pts.

Shelley Snooks (22) was runner-up after a c/b and was also NTP on the 1st and 13th greens. Jenny Blackmore (32) won a BDTL with 26 pts.

Heather Grist and Merrissa Cosson enjoyed competing at Southern GC last Friday in the final of the Doris Chambers Foursomes event.

#### LEONGATHA

##### Ladies

THE second round of the women's club Championships was thwarted again this week with persistent rain.

Only three of the 29 starters succumbed to the conditions.

Newly appointed Club President, Colleen Touzel warmly welcomed the members that attended the special monthly luncheon and encouraged all members to avail themselves of the club house facilities.

Robin Smith had a day out with a 108/36 72 nett. Runner up on the day was Dot Stubbs also finishing with a 72 nett.

Down the line balls were won by: Trish Owen 72 nett, Fay Quilford 73, Wendy Parker 76, Wendy Brown 77, Colleen Touzel and Nan Meagher 80, Deb Miller 81, Ashleigh Hutton, Marg Griffiths and Neryl Hopcraft 83 and Shirley Welsford and Lianne Adamson 85 nett.

The second round of the D Grade Stableford section of the Championships was won by Nicole Whiteside with 30 points.

Lianne Adamson was closest to the flag on the 14th and Wendy Parker on the 16th.

A large group of women competed in the 9-hole competition.

Glenys Day took the honours with 14 points with Libby Seebeck, Jill Moor and Cheryl Borg earning a ball down the line, also on 14 points.

#### MIRBOO NORTH

Saturday, October 15, Par.

A Grade: B Bradshaw (10) 5up.

B Grade: D Taylor (21) 3up.

DTL: S Mills, G Shandley, 2up, J Smeriglio 1up.

NTP: 4th, W Reynolds. 6th, T Bradshaw. 13th, M Payne. 16th, G Shandley.

Birdies: 4th, W Reynolds, 6th, Tom Traill, 16th, S Mills.

#### WOORAYL

##### Ladies

A GOOD-SIZED field arrived to play in our 4BBB sponsored by Fay Maynard.

We set out eager to beat the change in weather, however with the rain there were happy ladies with the shortened game.

The winners were Ann Poole and Pauline Lancaster with 22 points. Runners up Sharyn Rayson and Elly Berryman with 21 points.

BDL went to Janet Thompson and Inge Giliam with 19 points and Heather Sullivan with Jo Graeme with 19 points.

Congratulations to Elsie McBride with her NTP on the 8th.

It must have been a lucky hole because Pauline enjoyed a birdie at the same hole.

Next week is Captain and President's Day which means please bring a plate of something delicious to share.

#### WONTHAGGI

WONTHAGGI Golf Club Mixed Championships were played on Sunday.

The scratch winners were not decided until a 4-hole playoff was completed.

The final winners were Mat (2) and Marg Johnson (15) with 86 from Ian Baker (2) and Merryn Dear (16).

The Handicap event was the J and P Martin award, where the winners were Ian Baker 86(9) 77 net from Mat and Marg Johnson 86(8.5) 77.5 net.

NTP men 13th Paul Cornelius, 17th Andrew Hooten-Shandley.

BDL Michael Scott and Anne Walker 82, Geraldine Prentice and Andrew Hooten-Shandley 82.5, Paul Cornelius and Donna Van Veenendaal 83, Jim and Wendy Jordan 83.

Men's results October 15, S.R 71.

Competition type: Stableford

A Grade: Michael Scott 37, B Grade Alan McLean 36, C Grade Peter Davis 36.

Ball Sweep: Peter Dell 36, Ross Lovett 35, Ian Baker 34, Bill Howard 34, John Walsh 33, Brad Andrew 33, Peter Liddle 33, Phillip Dynes 33.

NTPs: Mark Tiziani 2nd, Robert Geyer 4th, Gary Lock pro pin 8th, Allan McLean 13th, Ross Lovett money hole 17th

#### WONTHAGGI

##### Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the second round of The Lorna Jeeves Rose Bowl, so our dedicated girls turned up for another round of stroke.

Although the weather forecast was disconcerting, we managed two holes then the steady rain set in.

A grade was won by Marg Johnson who kept up her good form from last week with a fine 87 (16) 71 net.

B grade was won by Dawn Judkins with 107 (30) 77 on c/b from Wendy Cross.

NTP: 8th and 17th Leesa Willmot.

BDL: Merryn Dear 75, Irene Walsh 77, Wendy Cross 77, Jan Beaumont 80.

The Lorna Jeeves was won by Marg Johnson with 74.71 total 145.

# Almost 200 swimmers make a splash in Leongatha

THE Summer Swim season spun into action recently at Leongatha Splash with South Gippsland Bass hosting the first GSI of the season.

Space around the pool was full, overflowing into the basketball courts, with 180 swimmers of all ages from right across Gippsland competing.

Events ranged from the under 8s in their first 25m event, to the teenagers swimming 200m events to qualify for Nationals and several adults qualifying for the Gippsland Championships.

The Gippsland Swimming Incorporation (GSI) events make up an important part of the calendar. Many swimmers are also trying to swim times to qualify at upcoming national, state and country events.

There was a lot of success on the day with several SGB competitors qualifying for these big events.

For many SGB swimmers who joined over winter, this



**There was no shortage of avid swimmers at Leongatha as the summer season ramps up.**

was their first chance to race and see the benefits of their training.

Dylan head coach was very pleased with the results.

"It is great to have the first GSI meet of the season in our area and have it so well supported by our club with 115 SGB swimmers competing."

he said.

"It is important for us to have meets in South Gippsland, as we want to minimise the travel for our families and make swimming an attractive sport for people in the community. The more accessible we can make meets to our families, the easier

and more plausible it is for them to get involved."

"There are 10 GSI meets in Gippsland this season, with three meets needed to qualify for the 3 day Gippsland Championships in February.

"We hope to have 140 plus swimmers qualified for the championship this year.

"A feat that would surpass our biggest team considerably, and possibly be the biggest team by any club in Gippsland Championship history."

"We also had a number of swimmers qualify for the Victorian Country Championships at Wangaratta, which is fantastic as the club hopes to continue to be in the top five regional clubs again."

Councillor Clare Williams came to visit the event and was amazed to see so many swimmers warming up in the pool and ready to compete.

Club officials spoke to her about the need for a heated 50m pool, as they had to cap numbers for the event due to capacity in the venue.



**A Reserve Club Champion Sven G.**

## LEONGATHA TABLE TENNIS RESULTS

A GRADE: POLLY WAFFLES 6-20 def Snakes 5-16. Fire Balls 8-27 def Frogs 3-12. Fantales 6-22 def Jaffas 5-18. Bye: Chupa Chups

After round 12 top three standings: Fantales 16/69/209, Polly Waffles 16/65/226 and Jaffas 12/62/218.

Top three leading players: Michael C 26, Case DeB 25 and Braden A 24. A Reserve 12/10/22

The A Reserve Club Championships were held on Wednesday night.

In the singles there were a few surprises in the first round as teammates who hadn't played each other all season battled it out. Sven G and Aiden H were the last players standing to fight it out in the final.

It was an epic battle with Aiden starting strong to take the lead with two rubbers to nil. Sven changed his game and surged back into the match to take the next three rubbers and take the match 3-2.

The doubles were interesting as players had to partner with players they hadn't partnered before. After some tense qualifying rounds, the final came down to a battle royale between Sven G/Robert C and Aiden H/Jesse P. The scores didn't really reflect the great rallies and pressure of the competition.

Sven and Robert eventually took the match in four sets.

## WONTHAGGI TABLE TENNIS RESULTS

BRADEN Andrighetto has ended the Spring comp at Wonthaggi Table Tennis with a final lead of one set from Sean Michael. Congratulations to both for an interesting and ongoing battle for leading player.

It was a close run for the team positions too, with Rhino's (Warren Wilson, Andy Chetcuti, Jason Mayer) making a last-minute dash for third position on the ladder. However, they lost out on percentage points to Meerkats (Charley Donohue, Brad Andrew, Paul McAsey).

The preliminary final this week will be fought out between Meerkats and Elephants (Fred deBono, Leanne Costello, Denis Donohue).

Grand final next Monday, commencing at 7pm at Wonthaggi Table Tennis Centre. Spectators and supporter's welcome.

Congratulations to 14-year-old Jack Aeschlimann for a strong effort in his first A1 match last week.

## MICK WRIGHT STARS AT AUSTRALIAN VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

WONTHAGGI Table Tennis veteran champion Mick Wright won yet another gold medal at the Australian Veteran Table Tennis Championships in Darwin last week. Mick and his doubles partner Harold Bligh from Queensland won the gold in the Over 75 Doubles Event. Well done, Mick.

What a stack of medals you have collected over the years in national events.

## Second meet for South Gippsland Bass Swim Club

SOUTH Gippsland Bass Swim Club moved onto Morwell for the second meet of the summer season, with 61 swimmers competing in another short course as part of the GSI season.

Juniors, enjoying the shorter pool meets, decided to compete again after enjoying last weekend's meet at Leongatha Splash.

Many of the swimmers, who have come through the development program, built up their confidence after their first meet and are ready to dive in again for another go.

Swimmers can always choose to either dive from the blocks or stand on the edge

till they are confident enough and have their coaches with them. It's a great way to see the youngsters enjoying their sport, as well as improving their water skills.

The swimmers enjoyed competing against a range of swimmers throughout Gippsland, with several SGB swimmers gaining ribbons.

Also in attendance, were some of the more experienced SGB swimmers who are qualifying for several upcoming swim meets where you must swim by a certain time. A number of extra events have been added to several swimmers' schedules at those meets.



**Coach Sam talks to the team before they race.**

## Junior netball underway

W&DNA has been sponsoring teams this year so the players can get some game experience. Recently on Sunday, October 9, the under 9 and 11 team participated at the Pakenham Tournament (no finals).

This finished off the free training sessions that ran all winter at the Wonthaggi outside courts.

The boys and girls have worked hard at trainings, had fun and have showed huge improvement. This was an excellent opportunity to put their skills into practice on the court against other teams.

W&DNA is keen to reboot junior netball in Wonthaggi and increase participants, so stay tuned in early 2023 for what will be on offer.

It is a great place for littlies to learn, play and improve.

Thanks to all those parents supporting W&DNA and their children, much appreciated.



**The 11 and unders Ruby Oxley (bottom), Abbey Beveridge, Jed Caddy, Sophie Gleeson, Zarah Wurt, (middle, from left) Alex Marotta, Paige Yann, Leah Gleeson and on top Shayla Munro.**



**The 15 and under best and fairest went to Millie Shaw and runners up went to Mia Wier.**



Peter Moule (#906) tackling the second jump with a Warrnambool rider.

## South Gippsland BMX battle it out against the best

SOUTH Gippsland was represented at the weekend's AusCycling BMX Victorian State Championships, with South Gippsland BMX Club sending four riders to Bendigo BMX Club to pit themselves against Victoria's best.

Charlie and Peter Moule (Wonthaggi), Issy Evans (Korumburra), and Chris Plumridge (Leongatha) all took to the track over the weekend, with Charlie, Pete and Chris competing in their first State Championships event and Issy looking to defend her third place ranking she achieved in Shepparton last year.

Both Issy and Chris managed fifth-place finishes, meaning they're eligible to race with the 5v plate on their handlebars for the next season.

Top-eight finishes at the State Championships are awarded a 'V' number plate, granting the rider the honour of racing under that number for the next 12 months.

This is an amazing achievement for the young club, which after forming in 2019 has now grown to over 30 riders.

The club is based at the BMX track in Horn St, Leongatha, and offers social riding and coaching opportunities, loan bikes, and guidance when it comes to getting started with racing.

Anyone wishing to find out more about getting into BMX racing can visit the club's website, [sgbmx.com.au](http://sgbmx.com.au), or search for South Gippsland BMX Club on Facebook.

### Race report

Heavy rains in Bendigo meant that scheduled practice on Friday was cancelled in order to preserve the track, with the riders getting their first laps of the weekend in morning warm-ups before racing got underway.

Saturday saw sunny weather for the 20-inch ("standard") classes with over 350 riders taking to the track across classes for eight-year-olds to those 50-plus.

In 9 Girls' class, Issy Evans was looking to defend her state number 3 plate she won in Shepparton last year.

Evans scored four fifth place finishes in her four races to lock in the state number 5 plate.

Competing in his first State Championships, Charlie Moule scored a 4th, 4th and 5th in his three motos to secure himself a place in an absolutely stacked semi-final.

Charlie will be looking to build on that result when he competes in his first National championships in Launceston next month.

Sunday brought a cold wind but more clear skies for the Cruiser (24") and participation classes including Mini-Wheelers, catering for kids as young as two years old.

Peter Moule enjoyed his first State Championships in the 50-54 Men's Cruiser category, completing all three motos in 7th place.

Unfortunately not enough for finals but a great effort considering Pete's been riding BMX for less than 12 months.

Chris Plumridge had four 5th place finishes in the 25-29 combined Men's Cruiser category, claiming the 5v plate at his first State Championships.



Scott Hawkins of the ACT looks to embrace his opponent Matt Hunter of Doveton after a tough fight. B01\_4222



Corner Inlet Boxing Club's Kinesha Anderson (right) poses with a young boxer who travelled all the way from Portland.

## Corner Inlet Cup a huge hit

By Aiden Box

AFTER training young athletes to compete at state and national events and a quartet of Kiribati talents to the Commonwealth Games, the Corner Inlet Boxing Club hosted their own event on the weekend.

The Corner Inlet Cup 4 was a Boxing Victoria Association event, and it featured an elite card, with 20 bouts across Sunday afternoon wowing the great crowd at the Leongatha Memorial Hall.

Coach Brad Anderson spoke on the event and what it means to his beloved club.

"It's a big fundraiser for us being a non-for-profit organisation, its promoting amateur boxing in the region and getting everyone in the community to see what it's about," he said.

"A few people I've spoken to today said it's the first time they'd ever been to anything like this."

He also touched on what it means for the athletes themselves, both young and old.

"It's a platform for some kids to reach other levels, we've got a couple in their first bout and they'll be able to say, 'hey I've



Boxers were treated to a healthy crowd at the Leongatha Memorial Hall on Sunday. B02\_4222

actually stepped in the ring', a lot of people can say they've played footy, netball and tennis but not everyone can say I've hopped in the ring."

"We try and really promote it; Scotty (Bindloss) has done a ton of work getting this card up and running, we've got a lot of guys from the ACT and Tassie and it's a quality card."

"Especially when you get into the elite there's some really good fighters it's really good to showcase some elite fights here in Leongatha, South Gippsland."

The club had six representatives take their respective parts in the day's proceedings, with Zane Lewis, Alex Jones, Jemima Geitz and Max Woodman making their debuts and Sebastian Saulwick and Eriu Tamaku taking to the ring as well.

Tamaku took the win in a very skilful fight, he was one of four Kiribati athletes who competed in June's Commonwealth Games, after training with Scott Bindloss at the Corner Inlet Boxing Club.

Tamaku returned to the club

to further his development and following his victory in Sunday's event, he is off to New Zealand in two weeks followed by a trip to Adelaide to compete in the Australian titles where he'll fight for Victoria.

The club itself is building nicely after a tough patch post COVID as Anderson explained.

"We feel like we're climbing up, COVID has really hurt us along with other sports, we are a minority sport, we've got a lot of kids both boys and girls," he said.

The event was a huge success and many of the club's young boys and girls Anderson mentioned were able to watch on and get a taste of what a major event is all about and also got to spar pre-event.

Anderson is also extremely grateful for the plethora of sponsors that have taken up partnership with, and supported, the club.

"We've got some really good sponsors, the community has been really generous, we've had people travel from Tassie, ACT and Melbourne of course thanks to everyone who turned up it was great to see so many people at the event," he said.

## Wonthaggi wins gold in Adelaide

WONTHAGGI'S own Sang-Rok Judo Club was among three Victorian Clubs represented at the 2022 Australian Kodokan Judo National Championships in Adelaide during October 7-9.

Club president and competitor Tahlia Blackman said, "The team fought well against competitors from all over Australia, with four of the team managing to receive eight medals, in several categories and weight divisions."

First time state representative Shay Campbell said, "I enjoyed the competition and meeting other judo players. I'm really looking forward to competing in Brisbane in 2023."

The club trains in Wonthaggi and has classes for juniors, seniors and women only.

For more information, the club contact details can be found on Facebook.

Coach: Mike Shields

Results: Roy Worner, Gold - Katame No Kata, Silver - Nage No Kata, Silver - Kime No Kata

Tahlia Blackman, Gold - Katame No Kata, Silver - Kime No Kata, Silver - over 78kgs Women

Jacob Singleton, Silver - Nage No Kata, Bronze - Men open, 5th Place - under 73kgs Men

Chad Emery, 4th Place - under 73kgs Men

Shay Campbell, Bronze - under 78kgs Women



Wonthaggi Sang-Rok Judo Club members took out a number of medals at the Kodokan Judo National Championships recently.



The inadvertent mistake by Warragul Industrials, putting them well over the player points cap in the West Gippsland finals last year will have officials on alert for player points and salary cap breaches ahead of the 2023 football season.

## Clubs accused of 'crazy' player payment offers

OFFICIALS at both the Wonthaggi Power and Leongatha football netball clubs have acknowledged district clubs making "crazy" offers to their players to coach or simply to play for their clubs in the 2023 season.

Neither would be quoted directly but confirmed that players from both clubs had received cash offers of first \$50,000, rising to \$60,000 to play and coach at nearby clubs in the coming year.

Reserves players, with limited senior experience, were being offered as much as \$800-a-game to transfer to minor league clubs in what they say is an escalation in country player payments as clubs feel the pressure to compete for limited talent and to stay competitive.

"How can they fit these payments inside their salary caps?" asked one local football netball club official.

It's a fair question.

Pakenham Football Club President Derrick Brown says it's a symptom of a wider malaise in country football, involving scarcity of players and lopsided leagues which he believes would be improved locally by a wider divisional competition.

"You've got a situation of the 'haves and have nots' in some of our local leagues at the moment where some of them feel under pressure to become more competitive," Mr Brown said.

"But the reality is, the smaller clubs simply can't stay up

all the time."

He said the issue of attracting and retaining underage players was now a critical issue for many country clubs and he challenged the AFL to do more for the grassroots.

Mr Brown favours a further restructure of the local leagues, especially in South and West Gippsland, involving the West Gippsland, Ellinbank, Mid Gippsland and even the Gippsland League, while not ruling out the idea of Pakenham re-joining the West Gippsland league from the Outer East.

The AFL's National Media Manager (Community Football) Nick Hulett confirmed this week that player payment caps for each country league would largely stay at 2022 levels: Gippsland League clubs at \$120,000, West Gippsland \$90,000 and minor league clubs including those in the Ellinbank and Mid Gippsland leagues at \$60,000.

"The AFL Victoria Community Club Sustainability Program Advisory Group has endorsed league caps for 2023 and informed leagues for the information of clubs," Mr Hulett said.

"For 2023, country leagues will remain constant with 2022 figures or less. Across the state, the highest Player Points Cap available to any club will remain at 46."

"Each metropolitan league has increased their premier divisions Allowable Player Payment Cap by a maximum

of 10% to \$110,000 maximum, noting metro leagues had driven the significant reduction during the pandemic and a 10% increase is considered reasonable.

"Lower metropolitan divisions will also increase but again, no more than 10%."

So, a West Gippsland club, for example, which offered a playing coach \$60,000 would be eligible to claim a \$20,000 exemption from its salary cap, but would still have to declare \$40,000, leaving \$50,000 to cover the remainder of the player payments.

If, for example, that club paid an average of \$100-a-week to 22 players over an 18-week season, not including finals, this would add almost another \$40,000 to the salary cap.

And that doesn't include the additional benefits paid to players such as supplying clothing and waiving social or registration fees, which must also be included in the cap.

Such things as providing a house, car, or a related job, and payments to an associate of the player or coach, should also be included in the salary cap but often aren't included.

Of course, there's also the story, doing the rounds of Gippsland football a few years ago, that one club gave their coach a share in a racehorse that wasn't declared – true story we're told.

And all this after West Gippsland club Warragul Industrials was fined \$3500

last month, with \$500 of this \$3,500 suspended until the end of 2023, for inadvertently breaching the AFL Victoria Player Points Policy (PPS), including during the recent final series.

When Dusties defeated Inverloch-Kongwak in the Elimination Final by 14 points on Saturday, August 20, it was later revealed that they had breached the points cap by six player points with 51 points, above the club's cap of 45.

On that day, Inverloch-Kongwak played 17 players on one point or less, in other words, almost all local players, for a points' total of 27 out of a possible 39.

Despite also breaching the rules against Cora-Lynn the following week, they were required to make an adjustment to playing personnel before losing to Phillip Island by two points in the preliminary final.

In the Gippsland League, when Wonthaggi played Leonagatha in the 2022 Qualifying Final, on Saturday, September 3, Leonagatha used 28 of its player points allocation of 44 and Wonthaggi 34/44. Combined, the clubs played 36 'one pointers' out of 44 players, meaning most were home-grown talent.

The Dusties' breach, inadvertent or otherwise, and reports of "crazy" coach and player payment offers during the "silly season" for recruitment will have AFL Victoria authorities on alert in the lead up to the 2023 season.



Darrel Cross was the men's half marathon winner, with Yani Cornthwaite taking out the women's event. Pictures: Annie Holland

## Fun as runners hit the Grand Ridge Rail Trail

THE GRAND Ridge Rail Trail Fun Run again proved popular, with 97 participants choosing between three distances in the third running of the annual event, which raises funds for the Mirboo North Football Netball Club.

Runners, who came from many parts of Victoria, were supported by an enthusiastic brigade of volunteers who brought the event together and ensured it ran smoothly.

Organisers were delighted to see so many people out on the picturesque Grand Ridge Rail Trail, many of whom supported local businesses while enjoying something to eat or drink in the main street of Mirboo North after their run.

There were smiles all round and some amazing results, particularly in the 21.1km (half marathon) event which was added to the line up for the first time this year.

Darrel Cross was the first man over the line in the new event, finishing in 01:35:19, with female winner Yani Cornthwaite next to finish in a time of 01:40:04.

Ian Cornthwaite took the men's honours in the 14km event, recording a time of 00:55:31, with Kate Lew Ton finishing in 1:05:38 to be the female winner and an impressive sixth across the line.

Nathan Giardina recorded the fastest time in the 7km run, finishing in 00:31:16, with female winner Kate Mayer next home in 00:35:00 in what was a predominantly female field.

## Upcoming level 1 cricket coaching program

IN ORDER to improve cricket in the South Gippsland region JDOC Charith Keerthisinghe plans to arrange another Level 1 Community Cricket Coaching Accreditation course to be conducted in late October or November 2022.

This course will be an important part of plans to continue to provide the best possible support for male and female cricketers on LDCA.

It will be central to the upcoming promotional programs for girls to engage in cricket and to enable them to enjoy the opportunities that are now available to female cricketers in Australia and across the world.

The course will be convened in conjunction with Guy McKenna, coaching and talent development specialist with Cricket Victoria.

Guy has a long background in both cricket and in the AFL, where he was an outstanding player and coach.

The course will focus on the key aspects of the game, including the use of cutting-edge coaching practices to assist players at all levels of the game.

No cost.

Please encourage your coaches, players, and parents and can register for this stimulating coaching course by contacting Charith on 0469 034 868 or charith77@gmail.com

Please provide your name, contact details (mobile/email) and any role that you play, or plan to play in helping to develop the programs.



Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Cricket Club has designed its player shirts to highlight the importance of the Bat, Bowl, Catch and Care program.

## Cricket Initiative for men's mental health

By Andrew Paloczi

WHILE Cricket Clubs and sporting clubs in general play an important well-being role within their communities, the Bat, Bowl, Catch and Care (BBC&C) program ensures there is a focus on men's mental health and that open discussion is promoted.

Imperials Cricket Club is one of those participating in the program, having recently appointed two player protection officers for season 2022/23 to help achieve those goals, with Lachie Wright and Gary Sauvarin assuming that responsibility.

"It's not weak to speak," is a key message the club is keen to deliver.

"The player protector's role is to generally oversee the welfare of each of the club's players," BBC&C founder Garry Knox said.

Each of the participating clubs will appoint at least one player protection officer.

Garry is strongly involved with Poowong-Loch Cricket Club, which was one of the four clubs to join the BBC&C program but has unfortunately gone into recess after being unable to find sufficient players for the 2022/23 season.

"The leaders of Poowong-Loch are committed to spreading the word regarding men's mental health and suicide prevention, and even though the club has gone into recess a match to highlight the cause may still eventuate," Garry said.

The side's scheduled round 3 clash with Koonwarra Leongatha RSL was to be dedicated to promoting the cause of player welfare and men's mental health.

BBC&C was sparked into life with Garry realising that keeping men safe and physically and mentally healthy is increasingly challenging for governments, health authorities and the general community, and seeing the opportunity to draw on cricket clubs' ability to engage with local men.

"BBC&C is an effort to match up the good work of the South Gippsland Shire's Local Men Local Communities with the local cricket community," Garry said.

Local Men Local Communities has invested \$6,500 into the program, initially to be split between Poowong-Loch, Imperials, Mirboo North and Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Cricket Clubs.

With Poowong-Loch unable to participate in this season's competition, Garry is keen to find a replacement club to join the men's health initiative.

Each participating club receives \$500 towards club shirts with the BBC&C logo, a new lyrebird cricket bat and \$500 as encouragement to appoint a player protection officer.

Mirboo North and Koonwarra Leongatha RSL will soon appoint player protection officers, with the former having developed an impressive shirt design incorporating the program's name, club logo and cricket stumps.

Participating clubs have freedom to choose how to spread the word on men's mental health.

Anyone keen to learn more is encouraged to call Garry Knox on 0419 207 594.



Callum Asbury bowls for Australia in their match against Bangladesh.

## Cal and Tom don the green and gold

By Aiden Box

A PAIR of talented Gippsland cricketers have recently returned home from the United Arab Emirates where they donned the green and gold for the country.

Inverloch Cricket Club's Callum Asbury and his great mate Thomas Robertson of Ellinbank Cricket Club and Poowong Footy Club represented Australia in the recent Deaf International Cricket Council (DICC) T20 Champions Trophy.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times on the weekend, Asbury opened up on what the trip was like for the Aussie squad and himself, while explaining the parameters of deaf cricket.

"The trip was amazing, it was a fantastic experience for everyone, the conditions were tough over there it was 40 degrees burning hot, but we acclimatised to the weather really quickly," he said.

"You have to have over 55 decibels of hearing loss, for me I'm profoundly deaf in both ears but I have a cochlear implant that helps me hear.

"When we play cricket, we have our implants and hearing aids off so its complete silence, it's funny because we bowl one and it looks like it snicks off the bat and everyone appeals," Asbury said.

"That's my favourite part about it, we have that competition with the umpires because we think it's come off the bat when realistically it hasn't, it switches on more focus."

For those wondering, 55 decibels is approximately the volume of a normal conversation.

The Australian squad were faced with tough conditions throughout the tournament, playing on the quick, dusty pitches in Ajman, north of Dubai providing a brand-new experience for many of the young guns.

Having debuted for Australia in India in 2018, the 2022



Gippsland duo Thomas Robertson and Callum Asbury represented Australia in the DICC T20 Champions Trophy in the UAE recently.

Champions Trophy was Asbury's second time donning the green and gold overseas and seeing his young teammates make their own debuts was a huge highlight for him.

"To see the young blokes debut, I knew what they were feeling but they were fantastic, I took a catch off one of them for his debut wicket it was great," he said.

"Probably the biggest highlight for all of us was that we were able to improve from our Ashes tour we had in Brisbane back in June."

The Stingrays quick didn't leave all the learning to the youngsters, he learned some valuable lessons himself.

"Having experienced India was probably step one of my career but UAE was fantastic, I knew what I was walking into, but it taught me the experience of sub-continent grounds - tough to bowl on," he said.

Despite being well established in the Australian Deaf Cricket setup, Asbury had to work quite hard for his selection to the recent series as did Robertson.

"The selection process starts off with, for me, the Deaf Cricket Victoria program, we have a squad of 15 and that squad play their best cricket in the NCIIC (National Cricket Inclusion Championships) and the Australian

coaches and selectors come down to those matches and select a squad of the best," he said.

"The NCIC has five states competing South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia, Victoria and Queensland, and they pick the best 20 from that and then do a very intimate training program and then they pick the squad of 14 or 15 depending on where we're playing."

Seeing the hardwork pay off with another Australian cap was an incredible feeling for the right armer.

"Being able to represent my country is a spine-tingling feeling, when you know you're one of the 15 best deaf cricketers in Australia, being able to represent your country with pride and joy, wear the green and gold and to be a role model for those younger generations coming through," Asbury said.

Asbury is a fast bowler and can often be seen opening the bowling for the Stingrays A1 side in the LDCA, he is no slouch with the bat though and had a strong Champions Trophy tournament, taking his first three international wickets from 15 overs opening the bowling and making 23 runs from four innings batting low down the order.

As for Robertson, he is a tall, thundering fast bowler with tons of talent, he claimed two wickets from his seven overs in the tournament and made two runs from his two innings also batting low in the Aussie line up.

"I've known Tom since 2016 when we played deaf footy together, I had the pleasure of presenting his debut cap to him, he's an allrounder he opens the bowling and he's got a bit of hard-hitting power to him," he said.

"He goes by the name 'lone wolf', he's fantastic I love him, he's a genuine all-rounder of a bloke, we were going to play for Victoria together but obviously COVID hit, it was good to represent Australia with him."

As a team, the Aussies won just the one game from their three in the pool stage of the tournament, defeating Bangladesh who ended up knocking them out in the Elimination Final as India claimed the title over South Africa.

Regardless of the results not falling his way, Asbury was hugely grateful for what the tournament has done for him and for deaf cricket.

"Deaf cricket has changed my life, it gives us an opportunity to showcase our talent and ability, it allows me to express myself as a cricketer and also create opportunities in the hearing world," he said.

"If it wasn't for my deaf cricket I wouldn't gone to where I am now playing for Inverloch, it always allows me to improve on my cricket and take back home what I've achieved, we're trying to promote deaf cricket as an important thing for those who can't showcase their abilities were trying to push it out there."

The Australian quick gave his thanks to those that've helped him on his journey and threw his encouragement behind anyone looking at getting involved in deaf cricket.



Celebrations continue in the rooms after Poowong-Loch Cricket Club's surprise B2 premiership last season.

# Poowong-Loch Cricket Club leaves the field

By Andrew Paloczi

LEONGATHA and District Cricket Association (LDCA) president John Schelling hopes Poowong-Loch Cricket Club can be revived for future seasons after its administration made the difficult decision to put the club into recess due to a lack of players.

That decision followed an opening round in which the club forfeited its scheduled clash with Imperials.

Poowong-Loch achieved a stunning result last season, claiming the B2 premiership and being promoted to B1 competition for the 2022/23 campaign.

"We surprised ourselves," then club manager Garry Knox said of that glorious achievement, adding that everything fell into place as the side won close matches in the semi final and the decider.

However, some of the side that achieved that success had been coaxed out of retirement by a new and enthusiastic committee to keep Poowong-Loch afloat, and never intended to continue on this season.

Association president Schelling feels greater support from younger local players would have been the key to ongoing sustainability of the club.

"It's disappointing from the LDCA's point of view that they haven't been supported by their local players," he said, adding some of those cricketers have chosen to play elsewhere.

However, Poowong-Loch coach and president Peter Miller views the situation differently, arguing there are few locals who could have made an impact in B Grade competition.

"There are maybe five at different clubs and a couple are struggling C Grade players," Miller said.

He pointed out that with no junior sides these days, Poowong-Loch lacks a breeding ground for emerging cricketers.

Miller also believes the absence



Last season's Poowong-Loch Cricket Club B2 premiership team. Back: Michael Buzasi, Sa'id Magnusson, Jesse Patullo, Jason Hibbs; middle, Mat Hancock, Alex Dixon (vc), Joel Dickson, Garry Knox, Ben Giles, Front: Anwar Magnusson (vc), Shannon Rozario, Peter Miller (captain) and Greg Miller. Photo: Doug Pell/Gippsland Lifestyle magazine.

of a high school in Poowong and Loch hurts sport in the local area, with young people choosing to join teams elsewhere to play alongside schoolmates.

The Monday night committee vote to put the club into recess was unanimous, with committee members having previously worked hard to try to secure enough players for the season.

Schelling said the loss of the club is magnified by the fact Poowong and Loch are showing promising signs in terms of population growth, making a local cricket team all the more important.

He feels for those who have worked to keep the club on the field.

"I'm disappointed mainly for the people who have worked their butts off to try and keep it alive," Schelling said.

He added that the association has done its utmost to help achieve that outcome, organising meetings to discuss the situation and identify opportunities for survival.

The LDCA president acknowledged it is getting tougher for volunteers in today's sporting environment.

Schelling hoped the addition of a couple of reasonable cricketers

last season, such as this year's chosen captain Shannon Rozario, would encourage others to jump on board at Poowong-Loch.

"We were hoping they'd get a groundswell," he said, stressing the association will continue to work with those at Poowong-Loch to try to revive the club for future seasons.

President and coach Miller doesn't believe the step up to a higher division influenced the decision of those Poowong-Loch players who chose not to continue this season.

While Miller was willing to fill in when required, he had elected to edge towards retirement as a player, and Knox was in a similar category having played most of last season as a fill in.

Knox considers that had Poowong-Loch managed to field a side this campaign, the crunch would have come in 2023/24 when the club would have been required to enter an A Grade side.

The club was previously granted special dispensation to play in B Grade without being required to have an A Grade team, having lost a number of players.

"The expectation was they would be an A2 side next year," Schelling acknowledged.

He argued that would have long-term benefits for the club.

"Everyone understands kids want to play A Grade cricket," Schelling said.

He pointed to Foster as an example of a club successfully making the move up to that level, having been required to take that step a few years ago.

"They played in a grand final last year in A2, so it's possible," Schelling said.

Knox believes the only way Poowong-Loch could have fielded a competitive side in A Grade competition would have been to buy in players, a road he said the club didn't want to go down.

With few businesses in its towns to provide sponsorship, Poowong-Loch would have needed to raise large sums of money through events such as sportsmen's nights, he argued.

Furthermore, Knox said that if players came for the money and played well enough at a small club like Poowong-Loch, they would then likely be offered more by bigger clubs to shift elsewhere.

Miller said with a shortage of cricketers at many clubs, those Poowong-Loch players wishing to continue will find other teams.

He started his cricket journey at Poowong over 50 years ago, when Loch was a separate club, and was happy to return to his roots last season when recruited by Knox and then club president Alex Dixon.

While Miller is sad to see the club go and believes many in the community will find it disappointing, he said lots of locals have moved to the area in recent times and won't feel the loss so acutely.

However, he believes cricket clubs play an important role in boosting mental health and forming bonds between those involved in playing for and running them.

While Miller is not confident Poowong-Loch will return to the field, he hasn't given up hope.

## Non-strikers on alert as new cricket rules reach LDCA

WITH a new Leongatha and District Cricket Association (LDCA) season underway, players and umpires have a few changed rules to adjust to, with most of them implemented by the Lord's based Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in its amended Laws of Cricket.

One new rule introduced directly by the LDCA extends an existing A Grade requirement for accurate bowling to B Grade, with bowlers at the lower level now also allowed only two balls an over down leg side, with a third resulting in an automatic call of 'wide'.

The old MCC rule that allowed a non-striker to assume the strike when a catch is taken, with the batsmen crossing while the ball is in the air, has been altered.

"When a batter is out caught, the new batter shall come in at the end the striker was at to face the next ball, unless it is the end of an over," the MCC's altered rule now states.

LDCA umpires executive Geoff Wyatt said the new rule is intended to give the bowler who makes a breakthrough the benefit of bowling to the new batsman.

A mode of dismissal long viewed as outside the spirit of cricket has undergone a dramatic shift, with the 'Mankad' now perceived as acceptable.

Law 41.16 running out of the non-striker has been moved from Law 41 (unfair play) to Law 38 (run out).

Mulvantrai 'Vinoo' Mankad infamously ran out Australia's Bill Brown during a 1940s Test match, breaking his delivery stride to dislodge the bails while Brown was backing up at the non-striker's end.

The Mankad name stuck for an act that has remained within the rules but outside the spirit of the game, but the mode of dismissal will now officially be considered fair.

Geoff outlined how the rule will be enforced by umpires and in what circumstance a bowler can achieve a run out of a non-striker who is backing up.

"He can be run out up until the point where the bowler puts his front foot down," Geoff said of the newly acceptable mode of dismissal.

The experienced umpire didn't notice any change to the approach of non-strikers when backing up during round 1 of the LDCA season.

He outlined a couple of other new MCC-made rules that are health and safety related.

"If you're batting with a helmet and it, or part of it, falls off and lands on the stumps and dislodges a bail you're not out, but if you're wearing a cap and it falls off, lands on the stumps and breaks the wicket you're out because they're wanting to encourage people to wear helmets," Geoff said.

A batsman is no longer permitted to completely leave the pitch to strike an errant delivery, with Geoff explaining those at the MCC were concerned about the potential for injury to a fieldsman.

The altered MCC Law now dictates that a delivery that would cause a batsman to completely leave the pitch to play a shot will now be classified as a no ball.

## Miller crashed on his corner

FACT is stranger than fiction they say and that certainly must ring true for Aussie MotoGP hope Jack Miller.

Miller was right in the mix in Sunday's big race at Phillip Island, initially dropping back to 12th from his P8 grid position but then surging up to as high as third as he swapped positions with the main contenders.

He settled into a rhythm in fifth, while saving his rear tyre for a later assault but just when his race was going swimmingly, he was taken out by Spanish Honda rider, Alex Marquez, who admitted his "horrendous" mistake on the brakes going into Turn Four – the newly named 'Jack Miller Corner'.

You couldn't script that outcome!

Miller admitted to being nervous going into his own GP, facing the same sort of home-town expectations that Casey Stoner always recalls but there'll be an added dimension now every time he leans into Turn Four at the spectacular Phillip Island circuit.

## MotoGP raises funds for local charity

PICAL is very pleased to say that its Official Charity Partnership with the Australian Grand Prix Corporation (AGPC) helped to raise over \$3000 during the three days of the event.

PICAL Chairman Jeff Floyd said, "We truly appreciate this association with CEO Andrew Westacott and his entire AGPC team, as well as the generosity of all the supporters and attendees at last weekend's event".

"Through a raffle and donations at our Display Stand, we were able to raise this money, and I also want to thank those Moto GP suppliers who donated raffle prizes".

PICAL manager Greg Thompson said, "We have helped in excess of 30,000 vulnerable people over the past two years of COVID and more recently due to escalating living-costs."

"Therefore, this \$3000 raised via our partnership with the AGPC, is just another way in which the annual Australian Moto GP event on Phillip Island helps our local community."

PICAL also received all leftover, but still very edible food produce from the event.

"We will commence distributing this food, from the afternoon of Tuesday, October 18, 2022, throughout the week, and I encourage anyone who is struggling, to collect some of this food from PICAL."

The AGPC will also be donating the floral arrangements used in the Hospitality marquees at the Moto GP.

"We also encourage anyone who may need these floral arrangements in that week following the MotoGP or anyone who simply wants to brighten up their homes, to contact PICAL on 5952 1131."



Photo: Snapshot Photography by Nici Cahill



Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre manager Greg Thompson was raising funds with Tim Anders and Graeme Turner at the MotoGP.

## Rins' rules at Island GP

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### Moto2 Lopez Streets Opposition

The supporting race was completely dominated by Alonso Lopez.

Such was his control of the race that Lopez did a mandatory long lap penalty and still went onto win the race by 3.5 seconds from Pedro Acosta and Englishman Jake Dixon.

Augusto Fernandez didn't do his title hopes any good as he threw the bike down the road at Southern Loop while comfortably holding down second place.

Japanese rider Ai Ogura holds a slender 3.5 points advantage over Fernandez going into the next round in Malaysia.

### Moto3 Guevara wins the championship

Izan Guevara sealed his world championship win by being first across the line at the Phillip Island round.

Guevara led an exciting race where a group of eight riders including Australia's Joel Kelso broke away from the remainder of the field.

By mid-race the leading group had been reduced to four who continually swapped places at the front of the pack.

At the chequered flag Denis Oncu was 0.345 seconds behind Guevara with Sergio Garcia a very close third.

Joel Kelso can be commended for his eighth placing beating home a number of better credentialed riders.



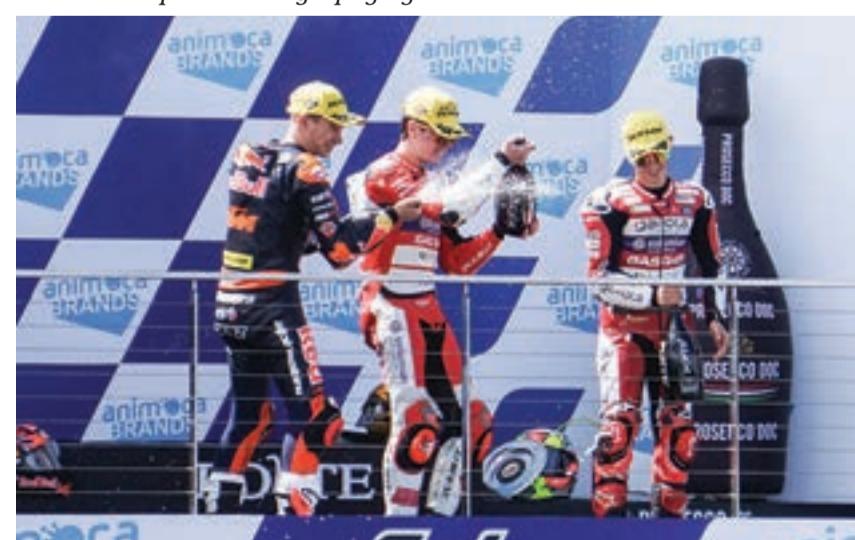
Alex Rins salutes the crowd of fans at Siberia after winning a nail biting Australian Grand Prix. Photo: Peter Cleeland



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Izan Guevara is seen celebrating after taking out Moto3 World Championship with Deniz Öncü (second place) and Sergio Garcia (third place).



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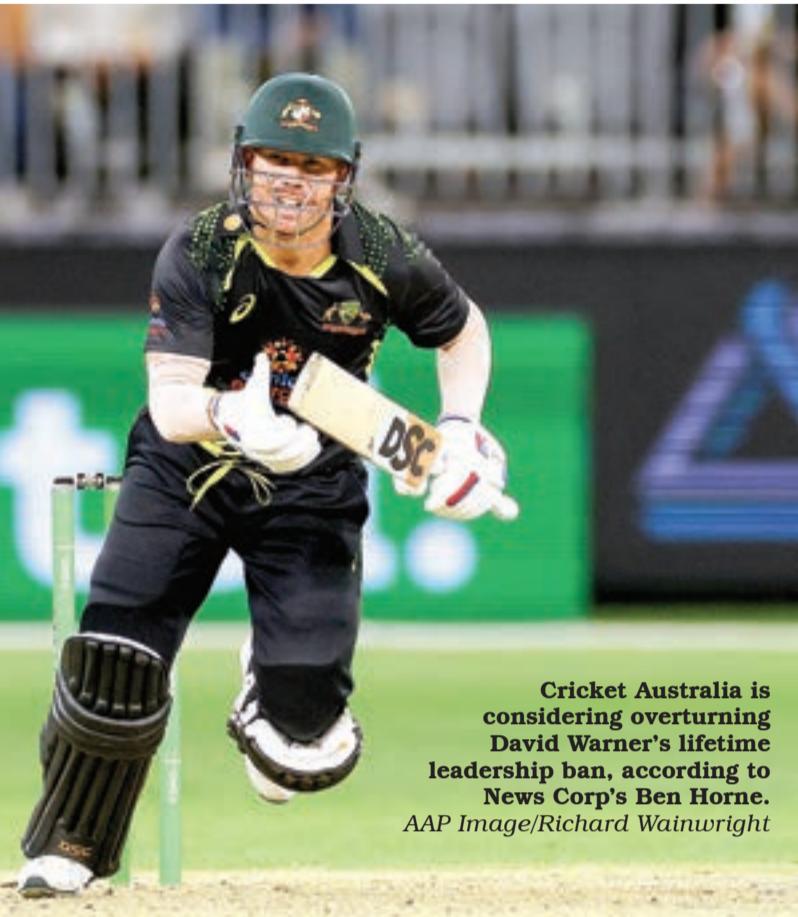
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**REPORT:**

# Cricket Australia to consider overturning Warner's leadership ban



Cricket Australia is considering overturning David Warner's lifetime leadership ban, according to News Corp's Ben Horne.

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CRICKET Australia is considering overturning David Warner's lifetime leadership ban, according to News Corp's Ben Horne.

While the ban is to be officially scrapped, Horne says it's considered a "distinct possibility" as Cricket Australia officials prepare to discuss

**By SEN**

the prospect of the 35-year-old returning to a prominent role.

Warner was originally handed the controversial lifetime ban after the 'Sandpapergate' scandal in 2018 during the infamous Cape Town Test.

The report suggests Test skipper Pat Cummins is pushing for Warner to be reinstated behind the scenes, arguing that the veteran deserves his chance at redemption.

If the ban was overturned, Warner could captain a Big Bash franchise or potentially Australia – who are in search of

a new ODI captain with Aaron Finch retiring from the format.

Horne also suggests that Finch has said Warner should be considered as his potential replacement.

Warner has captained Australia in three ODIs and nine T20s, holding an 11-1 record while in charge.

## The Dustin Martin-like prospect headlining 'very exciting' 2023 draft

**By Lachlan Geleit**

an unknown draft.

"We didn't see them (this year's crop) much at under 16s level, we barely saw them as well at under 17s level in a national form."

"So that's really difficult to get weight on and I think there's probably tax that's been associated with that as well in terms of that lack of development over the previous couple of years."

Twomey highlighted one teenager as the player to watch of 2023 draft-eligible players, with Bendigo Pioneers midfielder Harley Reid the cream

of the crop.

While it's a big reputation to live up to, Twomey dared to say Reid is Dustin Martin-like with the way he goes about his footy.

"Next year's very exciting, there's a guy called Harley Reid," Twomey said.

"If you haven't seen his highlights, go and find them because if he was in this year's pool, he'd be challenging Will Ashcroft as the number one outright pick, even as a 17-year-old."

"There's a lot of Dustin Martin about him and the way he plays, and clubs are going to go 'ga-ga' over him next year."

While Reid is the current

standout, Twomey mentioned multiple other names that could feature at the pointy end of the draft.

"But he's one of only a few that are very exciting," Twomey said.

"Zane Duursma, the younger brother of course of Xavier."

"The Wizard, we love Nick 'The Wizard' Watson, he's a star, Ashton Moir, so there's a lot of players in that basket."

While the 2023 crop will have to wait another 12 months, the 2022 group will hope to have their names read out shortly with this year's National Draft set for November 28 and 29.

## How Melbourne sold Grundy the Demons dream

**By Andrew Sleviston**

MELBOURNE list manager Tim Lamb has outlined how the club sold the dream to Brodie Grundy.

The star ruckman joined the Demons from Collingwood earlier this week in a trade which saw pick 27 go the other way.

The deal was in the works for a while and Lamb has given some insight into how the Dees were able to lure him next door from the AIA Centre to AAMI Park despite the presence of premiership captain Max Gawn as the number one ruckman.

He said the 2021 premiers were concerned they would lose Luke Jackson to Fremantle so opted to go chips-in given the Magpies were looking to cut Grundy's salary from their cap.

"There was significant interest from multiple clubs in Brodie," Lamb said on AFL Trade Radio.

"He didn't just meet with us, he met with a number of others."

"We were starting to get quite concerned about Luke, we're really wedded to the two-ruck option. The coach (Simon Goodwin) and the footy department think that's the way to go for us."

"When we meet with Brodie, our philosophy was not just to dip the toe in the water, let's have a proper crack."

"We rolled out the skipper (Gawn) as well, I think he was a fair bit more excited to meet him than me."

Lamb insists Gawn and the leadership group were always invested in recruiting Grundy.

"We're really cognisant of keeping our leaders aware of what's going on, we want them invested in our footy club," he added.

"We didn't just say, 'Hey Max, we want to get Brodie'. We had some good discussions with Max about how it would look and he was really onboard from the start, he was super excited and happy to be involved in it."

Two-time All-Australian and two-time Copeland Trophy winner Grundy will now partner up with six-time All-Australian ruckman and twice Demons best and fairest Gawn in what looms as a formidable one-two ruck punch in season 2023.

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## NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

ROUND 3 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

### A GRADE, Division 1

OMK v Nerrena  
OUTTRIM - Ian Thorn  
Town v Club  
SCORPION 1 - Glenn Plymin  
Imperials v Inverloch  
LEONGATHA TURF - Ashley Stride  
Koonwarra L/RSL v Phillip Island  
KOONWARRA - Greg Goss

### A Grade, Division 2

Glen Alvie v MDU  
WONTHAGGI FG - Michael Heenan  
Korumburra v Kilcunda-Bass  
KORUMBURRA - Steve McNamara  
Phillip Island v Foster  
COWES - Les White  
Nyora v Club  
NYORA - Graham Wightman

### B GRADE, Division 1

Nerrena v Korumburra  
NERRENA - Terry Rogers  
MDU v OMK  
Meeniyen - Neil Barnes  
Inverloch v Imperials  
INVERLOCH TURF - Neil Graham  
Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE

### B GRADE, Division 2

Kilcunda Bass v Town  
BASS 1 - TBA  
Club v OMK  
McMAHON - Geoff Parkinson  
Glen Alvie v Nerrena  
WONTHAGGI FG - Ian Thomas  
Foster v Phillip Island  
FOSTER - TBA

### C GRADE, Division 1

Inverloch v Korumburra  
INVERLOCH FG - TBA  
Phillip Island v Nyora  
REECE PARK, RHYLL - TBA  
Koonwarra L/RSL v MDU  
LG VELODROME - Geoff Wyatt  
Club - BYE

### C GRADE, Division 2

Koonwarra L/RSL v Kilcunda-Bass  
MARY MAC - TBA  
Phillip Island v Glen Alvie  
NEWHAVEN - TBA  
OMK v Town  
DIGGER PARK - TBA

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Wonthaggi captain Ryan Thomas dispatches the ball over the boundary line in his side's win over Inverloch. B06\_4222

## Thomas' ton puts Club on the board

### • A Grade, Division 1

FOLLOWING somewhat of an upset a week ago at the hands of last season's wooden spooners OMK, Wonthaggi looked to get themselves on the board in season 2022/23 when they hosted Inverloch at McMahon Reserve.

Club captain Ryan Thomas won the toss and chose to bat and what a decision that was.

Opening up with his teammate Ryan Birkett (27 from 41 balls) the Wonthaggi skipper took on the Stingrays openers from the outset as the pair put together a 62-run opening stand.

Young gun Jack Donohue finally broke through with the wicket of Birkett as the visitors made some decent inroads into the Club XI, with allrounder Tom McQualter claiming two poles of his own.

Ryan capped off a sensational first innings for his side with a magnificent unbeaten century, one that had to be applauded by all in attendance, but Mitchell Thomas chipped in too with an aggressive 52 not out from just 44 balls.

The Stingrays never quite found the same success in the second innings, losing early wickets and never recovering to finish 10/123, skipper David Newman was the standout with a gutsy half century.

It wasn't the debut young Stingray Harry Butcher was hoping for, his side going down by 108-runs, they'll get

a chance to bounce back next week in Leongatha where they'll face the Imps.

As for Wonthaggi, they make it 1-1 on the short season so far, they'll take on last season's runners up Town this Saturday on Scorpion Park.

### Koony capitulates as OMK go 2-0

COMING off an abandoned season opener, Koonwarra L/RSL welcomed OMK down to Meeniyen to battle it out for their first win of the season.

However, things didn't quite go as planned as Cougars captain Ben Walsh's decision to bat first upon winning the toss backfired on him.

The Diggers attack was on song from the get-go, taking 4/25 early to have Koony in all sorts of trouble, they recovered briefly as Walsh (42 from 92 balls) and Kasun Weeranga (13 from 21 balls) stuck together for a 25-run stand until Weeranga fell.

The Diggers then took over once again and never looked back, taking 5/60 to close out the Cougars innings and hold them to just 110, Walsh's effort to dig in and bat till the end a gracious one.

Chasing a low total, the Diggers got off to a shaky start losing Williams early and Round 1 star Ethan Lamers for just 13, however, gun recruit and captain Koby Brann (48\* from 68 balls) ensured there was no further slip ups, closing out OMK's second win on the

young season by 7-wickets.

Harry Hoekstra (1/7 from 5) the best with the ball for Koony, they face the reigning premiers Phillip Island at home in Round 3.

As for OMK they'll also play at home, against Nerrena.

### Town cruise to maiden victory

FOLLOWING their shock home loss at the hands of Nerrena in Round 1, last season's Grand Finalists Town were keen to get themselves running this season as they headed over to East Campus Oval to take on cross-town rivals the Imps.

The hosts won the toss and chose to bat in the Semi Final replay, however, they got themselves into a spot of bother early, losing Dimitri Perera with the score on just eight.

The Imps recovered briefly but lost another three crucial wickets to be 4/48 as Otunu Vimalarathna (2/15 from 8) showed class with the ball for Town.

Damon Ginnane (31 from 47 balls) and Gary Sauvarin (13 from 39 balls) were able to counter the onslaught and put on a 40-run stand, although Town would not be denied.

The second innings was much different to the first, as Town cruised to an impressive nine-wicket win despite losing Pandukabhaya Jayasinghe with the score on just two.

Sahan Perera (65\* from 63 balls) and Amila Ratnake (65\* from 56 balls) both compiled

unbeaten half centuries in what was a simple chase for Town, they'll host Wonthaggi.

As for the Imps, they'll hope to bounce back against Inverloch at home.

### Sharks hold off gallant Nerrena

AFTER taking care of the Imps on the road in Round 1, the reigning premiers Phillip Island hosted Nerrena in Newhaven as both teams looked to go 2-0.

The visitors won the toss and elected to bat and lost Luke Gilham before getting off the mark as Thomas Keily (3/22 from 8) got himself into the game early after missing Round 1.

Keily was the standout with the ball for the hosts, while Charith Keerthisinghe (2/23 from 8) also chipped in.

Despite chasing a relatively low total, the Island were made to work for the win in the second innings, losing stars Keily and Daniel Mock early to be 2/21.

Fortunately for last season's premiers, they were able to steady and shook off the loss of another four wickets along the way, to close out their second win of the season by 4-wickets.

Ryan Clark (2/15 from 4) was brilliant with the ball for Nerrena, and they'll hope to get back on the winner's list in Round 3 as they head to Outtrim.

As for Phillip Island, they will make the trek down to Koonwarra to face the Cougars.

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## A GRADE

## DIVISION 1

## OMK 3/111 d Koonwarra L/RSL 110

## Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS

BF Davison b RL Williams	2
I Wickramasinghe c J Cuman b RL Williams	8
S Hughes c A Rose b T Wyatt	3
B Walsh c A Rose b E Lamers	42
H Hoekstra c Z Lamers b N Auddino	5
K Weeranga c & b N Auddino	13
J Rushton c E Lamers b N Auddino	6
M Scrimshaw c K Brann b Z Lamers	3
J Hughes run out (N Auddino)	12
J Kennedy c A Rose b Z Lamers	2
N Arnup not out	0
Extras (nb 6, w 8, b 0, lb 0)	14
<b>Total 110 (39 overs)</b>	

Bowling: RL Williams 8-2-2-17 (2nb, 1w), T Wyatt 8-1-1-16 (4w), N Auddino 8-0-3-29 (1nb, 1w),

Z Lamers 7-1-2-24 (3nb, 2w), E Lamers 8-1-1-24

## OMK – 1st INNINGS

E Lamers c J Kennedy b H Hoekstra	13
RL Williams c J Hughes b N Arnup	2
K Brann not out	48
T Wyatt c J Hughes b K Weeranga	9
A Rose not out	16
Extras (nb 1, w 22, b 0, lb 0)	23
<b>Total 3/111 (27 overs)</b>	

Bowling: N Arnup 5-0-1-21 (3w), H Hoekstra 5-1-1-7 (1w), K Weeranga 5-0-1-20 (8w), J Kennedy 2-0-0-21 (9w), I Wickramasinghe 6-2-0-16 (1nb),

J Rushton 3-0-0-18 (1w), BF Davison 1-0-0-8

## Phillip Island 6/118 d Nerrena 117

## Nerrena – 1st INNINGS

M Clark c C Keerthisinghe b SL Rathnayake	58
LJ Giliam c SL Rathnayake b T Keily	0
H Funnell c J Black b M Baxter	8
T Wightman c J Black b T Keily	25
J Hoy c B Keerthisinghe	6
J Kelly run out (SL Rathnayake)	2
J Renden t Keily b C Keerthisinghe	0
R Clark c SL Rathnayake b T Keily	5
C Salmon c SL Rathnayake b S Kirton	2
J Trease c S Kirton b M Royal	4
T Harris not out	2
Extras (nb 0, w 4, b 1, lb 0)	5
<b>Total 117 (39.3 overs)</b>	

Bowling: S Kirton 6-4-1-8, T Keily 8-0-3-22 (2w), M Baxter 6-3-1-9, M Royal 3.3-0-1-25 (2w), SL Rathnayake 8-0-1-29, C Keerthisinghe 8-2-2-23

## Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS

J Black c J Renden b R Clark	13
T Keily c R Clark b J Hoy	16
DP Mock c M Clark b J Hoy	0
SL Rathnayake c T Harris b R Clark	22
S Kirton c C Salmon b J Trease	26
K Beaumont c J Hoy b T Wightman	14
M Baxter not out	16
JR Keating not out	6
Extras (nb 0, w 5, b 0, lb 0)	5
<b>Total 6/118 (30 overs)</b>	

Bowling: J Trease 8-0-1-35 (2w), J Hoy 6-1-2-25 (2w), M Clark 6-1-0-23, R Clark 4-0-2-15, T Wightman 6-0-1-20 (1w)

## Town 1/140 d Imperials 8/138

## Imperials – 1st INNINGS

D Perera c J Giardina b DL Polwatththa Gallage	5
RK McLennan c & b O Vimalarathna	19
S Sameera c SU Perera b L Gill	18
D Ginnane c J Giardina b P Jayasinghe	31
AR Williams c L Gill b O Vimalarathna	0
GA Sauvarin c SU Perera b R Abeyasinghe	13
L Wright not out	33
M Reidy b R Abeyasinghe	0
L Anderson c R Abeyasinghe	4
b DL Polwatththa Gallage	5
K McGrath not out	5
Extras (nb 0, w 9, b 0, lb 1)	10
<b>Total 8/138 (40 overs)</b>	

Bowling: DL Polwatththa Gallage 8-0-2-39 (4w), SU Perera 7-1-0-22, L Gill 7-0-1-31 (3w), O Vimalarathna 8-2-2-15 (1w), R Abeyasinghe 8-0-2-28 (1w), P Jayasinghe 2-1-1-2

## Town – 1st INNINGS

SU Perera not out	65
P Jayasinghe c L Anderson b M Reidy	0
A Ratnake not out	65
Extras (nb 0, w 6, b 2, lb 2)	10
<b>Total 1/140 (20.1 overs)</b>	

Bowling: M Reidy 4-0-1-13 (1w), L Anderson 4-0-0-30 (2w), L Wright 3-0-0-34, S Sameera 5-0-0-31 (3w), D Ginnane 2-0-0-10, I Bolge 1.1-0-0-11, K McGrath 1-0-0-7

## Club 3/231 d Inverloch 123

## Club – 1st INNINGS

R Birkett c & b J Donohue	27
RG Thomas not out	116
M Waller c W Taberner b T McQualter	9
J Brann c J Donohue b T McQualter	16
M Thomas not out	52
Extras (nb 0, w 11, b 0, lb 0)	11
<b>Total 3/231 (40 overs)</b>	

Bowling: CW Asbury 7-1-0-44 (2w), JB Dennerley 6-0-0-39 (3w), A Donohue 7-0-0-53, J Donohue 7-1-1-28 (2w), T McQualter 8-0-2-34 (3w), H Butcher 5-0-0-33 (1w)

## Inverloch – 1st INNINGS

J Strickland c A Geyer b J Brann	0
T McQualter c J Sheerin b J Brann	1
A Donohue b F West	13
D Newman c M McCall b M Waller	50
J Butcher c & b J Brann	19
W Taberner c RG Thomas b M McCall	1
JB Dennerley b F West	13
J Williams c RG Thomas b J Hull	1
CW Asbury c J Sheerin b J Hull	0
J Donohue c F West b J Hull	7
H Butcher not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 13, b 3, lb 2)	18
<b>Total 123 (39.4 overs)</b>	

Bowling: J Brann 8-2-3-20 (2w), J Hull 8-0-3-16 (5w), M McCall 6-1-1-18 (1w), F West 6-4-1-2-30 (3w), J Sheerin 7-2-0-16, M Waller 4-1-1-18 (2w)



Steve McIntyre squeezes the ball into the off side during his impressive innings for Phillip Island. A15\_4222

## Korumburra fielding decisive in beating Phillip Island

### • A Grade, Division 2

### Club too strong for MDU

PHILLIP Island skipper Steve McIntyre's entertaining batting gave his bowlers a solid total to defend, but Tom Crocker helped engineer a solid response from Korumburra as it comfortably overcame the Sharks' total to win by seven wickets.

While a number of Club batsmen made decent contributions, opener David Britt was the mainstay, notching a quickfire 70 off just 64 balls.

While MDU bowlers showed commendable discipline to avoid so much as a single no ball, their accuracy was less assured with 15 wides called.

Mitch Hoober was guilty of straying at times, but finished with the excellent figures of 3-27 off his full complement of overs to be best for MDU with the ball.

MDU made a solid start to its innings, with Steven Arnup and Colin Knox putting together a 60-run partnership, but Arnup's departure for 25 was rapidly followed by Knox who made 18 runs.

Heath Dobbie's 3-27 was the highlight of Wonthaggi's bowling figures, claiming the wickets of the MDU opening pair, but all seven bowlers used by Club performed strongly.

After recording the first win of its 2022/23 campaign, Club travels to Nyora for its next challenge, while winless sides MDU and Glen Alvie battle it out.

### Nyora comfortably chases down Glen Alvie target

A BLISTERING 75 from 61 balls from keeper Kade Arnup and Colin Knox helped Nyora make the required runs with six overs to spare, with the Glen Alvie bowlers taking only

three wickets.

Anderson's thrilling knock comprised a couple of sixes and seven fours, with more than half his runs coming in boundaries.

His skipper Henry Dolphin provided the steady presence required at the other end with a measured 35 off 57 balls, ensuring there were no wobbles after opening partner and previous Nyora captain Daniel Esler fell for just 3 runs.

Although not rewarded with a wicket, Nathan Findlay bowled admirably for Glen Alvie, with just 22 runs scored off his eight overs.

Nyora will look to build on its first win of the season when it hosts Wonthaggi in round 3, while Glen Alvie strives for a breakthrough win when it hosts MDU.

### Kilcunda Bass does enough against Foster

FOSTER'S bowlers gave their all to skittle Kilcunda Bass for less than the Tigers lowly 105 run total, but the Sharks batsmen got the job done with four wickets in hand.

After a strong Kilcunda Bass approached their batting after drinks in attacking fashion, adopting a mindset as if they were setting a total, having laid a solid platform at 1/60 by the drinks break.

However, after a few wickets fell young pair Harrison Berry and Tod Smith showed composure when it was needed.

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## A GRADE

## DIVISION 2

## Korumburra 3/173

## d Phillip Island 171

## Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS

S McIntyre st R Rangana b I Siriwardena	61
K Lane c T Crocker b J Whiteside	31
A Finlayson c J Beckwith b I Siriwardena	17
G Odgers lbw b M Young	0
D Womersley c J Whiteside b H McNeill	12
S Angelo c T Crocker b H McNeill	8
D McCausland b I Siriwardena	10
HW Womersley lbw b J Whiteside	2
C Wilson c S Christensen b I Siriwardena	8
GD McCausland c S Rangana b H McNeill	1
T Niven not out	0
Extras (nb 4, w 13, b 0, lb 4)	21
<b>Total 171 (39.2 overs)</b>	



## Rins' rules at Island GP

Australian rider Jack Miller had turned four at the famous Phillip Island Circuit named after him by Linfox chairman Peter Fox in recognition of his contribution to Australian motorcycle racing.

ALEX Rins pulled off a remarkable victory at the 18th round of the MotoGP championship at Phillip Island where 40,000 spectators were treated to some absolutely exhilarating motorsport.

The Island turned on some sunny clear blue skies on Sunday for the main event after an early morning heavy shower, which disrupted the MotoGP warm up session.

The lead into the event was marred by a torrential downpour on Thursday that had parts of the track submerged in large pools of water, hence track officials did a great job in preparing the circuit for free practice on Friday and qualifying on Saturday.

All teams were hampered by inclement weather when trying to set up their respective bikes on Friday, with Aussie Jack Miller and Johann Zarco both on Ducati's topping the timesheets in free practice one.

Zarco was again dominant in session two of free practice

**By Peter Cleeland**

where he whittled his lap time down to 1min 29.47seconds.

Marco Bezzecchi, Pol Espargaro and Fabio Quartararo filled the next three places. Ducati pair Pecco Bagnaia (8th) and Jack Miller (13th) were left with quite a lot of work to do to establish good starting positions on the grid.

With the qualifying one session on Saturday Johann Zarco (Ducati) and Alex Rins (Suzuki) progressed through to qualifying two to contest the shootout for the top 12 places on the starting grid.

Spanish rider Jorge Martin (Ducati) wound up the wick to record 354.4kmph down the main straight and claim not only pole position but the outright lap record which had stood for the previous nine years.

In fact, three other riders also went under lap record pace, one being Marc Marquez (Honda) which was truly remark-

able considering he had mid-season surgery and was out of the sport for six weeks.

So the starting grid was established with Martin, Marquez and Bagnaia on the front row, with other championship contenders Aleix Espargaro and Fabio Quartararo sitting on row two.

Aussies Jack Miller (Ducati) was eighth on the grid and Remy Gardner sat in 20th position.

When the lights went out Jorge Martin blasted away to take the lead from Marc Marquez and Pecco Bagnaia.

Martin led for four laps before Bagnaia took over at the front.

Local hope Jack Miller on his approach to turn four was trampled by Honda rider Alex Marquez who got his aims mixed up with his ability.

Miller who was taken out while running in the leading group was understandably disappointed as were the pro Aussie home crowd.

As the race progressed Bagnaia had a new challenger for the lead in Alex Rins (Suzuki), who had worked his way from tenth on the grid to fourth on the track.

With Marc Marquez running in second anything was possible. Rins made his move to the front overtaking Bagnaia and Marquez, but the Italian Bagnaia reclaimed the lead in a topsy turvy affair.

Moving into the last lap both Rins and Marquez got the better of the Ducati rider going through the long left hand sweeping bend that is Southern Loop.

The glory was now a race in two between Alex Rins and Marc Marquez with Marquez closing in on Rins at Lukey Heights.

In a sprint to the line Alex Rins was able to stave off his fellow Spanish rider, although Marquez had the advantage of the tow of the slipstream.

Rins prevailed in a stunning popular victory.

French rider and championship leader Fabio Quartararo, who had led the title by two points arriving in Australia, put in an error-prone performance where he had run off the track just four laps into the race, and he then low sided into the gravel at Southern Loop while running in 15th on lap 11.

He now sits 14 points behind Pecco Bagnaia, who is now surely the favourite to become world champion.

For Alex Rins this must surely go down as his most famous victory as he was simply magnificent dealing with the pressure being exerted by Marquez and Bagnaia.

It will be a great loss to MotoGP if Rins cannot find a ride to replace the Suzuki team, which is folding at the end of this season.

While Jack Miller got bulldozed Alex Rins more than gave the paying public satisfaction and entertainment for parting with their hard earned.

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